

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH

\*6:30 a.m. Elaine Underhill  
8:00 a.m. Joseph Brinker

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

\*6:30 a.m. Rita Buescher  
8:00 a.m. Pedro Hernandez

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7TH

\*6:30 a.m. Vitalis Wise  
8:00 a.m. John Leffers ALL MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8TH

\*6:30 a.m. Norbert Weins  
8:00 a.m. Helen Hanley

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9TH

8:00 a.m. Earl J. Houser

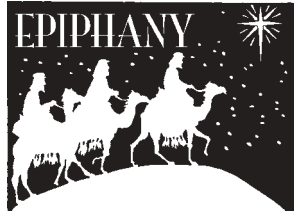
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

8:00 a.m. Joe Woenker  
5:00 p.m. Marvene Zuber

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH

7:15 a.m. Rose Ann Plasterer  
9:00 a.m. Steve Widdicomb  
11:00 a.m. Charles Gladieux  
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

\*CHAPEL



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Abby Maxwell, Nick DiRenzo  
5:00 p.m. Ashleigh Gutnecht, David Weigand  
Emily Weigand, Keighlea Martin

Sunday, January 11

7:15 a.m. Danny Schenkel, Josh Lallow  
Natasha Moeller, Mark DePrez  
9:00 a.m. Chelsea Markley, Wade Markley  
Ian Garner, Anna Garner  
11:00 a.m. Andrea Pelkington, Joey O'Daniel  
Sarah Gorman, Patrick Brunner

NURSERY – SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 a.m. Rob and Kim Craighead



COFFEE AND DONUTS – JANUARY 11

9:00 a.m. Eby and Volunteers

*"Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide this couple as they approach the sacrament of marriage."*

WEDDING BANS

II David Keister and Amanda Grashoff



WEDDING POLICY

Weddings in the parish should be scheduled at least six months in advance of the wedding day. This will allow us to do the necessary preparation as required by the diocese. Also, active membership in the parish is required for at least six months prior to setting a date for the wedding. The wedding date may be set only by contacting one of the parish priests.

LITTLE FLOWER HOLY HOUR SERIES

Fr. Joe Gaughan will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, January 6th, at 7:15 p.m. Please come and join in prayer with the special intention to pray for priests.

FROM THE PASTOR:

The Christmas season ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is next Sunday. The Lord's baptism in the Jordan River marks the inauguration of His public ministry. Today, on this feast of the Epiphany, may we join the Magi in bringing gifts to the newborn Savior. One of the best gifts we can bring is the gift of one's self, given in loving service to others.



Fathers Mark, Joe and I are privileged to serve you. Your wonderful support of our priestly ministry is greatly appreciated. The Church, which we dearly love, has been through some trying times lately, causing us much anguish. May the New Year be a time of purification, healing and renewal for all God's people. May you have a peace-filled, prosperous and blessed New Year.

Fr. John

WHY DO I HAVE TO BE REGISTERED IN MY PARISH?

It is necessary that you be registered in the Parish for a number of reasons...baptism of a child, marriage, letter of recommendation for sponsors for baptism or confirmation, death, etc. We wish to encourage all who have not done so to register. We want to remind the newlyweds to register, as they are no longer included on their parent's registrations. Also, if you are moving, please phone the church office and give us that information.

NEWCOMERS REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room next Sunday, January 11, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.



SNOW REMOVAL

The Saint Vincent's Knights of Columbus will again offer snow removal for the elderly and disabled. Please call Jim Cox II, 492-7705, for information and to register for this volunteer service.

ONLY ONE STAINED GLASS WINDOW AVAILABLE

We have only one story (second level) window remains to be purchased. The design complements the lower windows and the architecture of the building. Installation will be in sets of three. The cost of each window is \$3,500. If you are interested in donating a window, please call the church office.



BETHANY HOUSE BOOK SALE  
COMING TO ST. VINCENT'S

Our parish will host a spiritual reading book sale after the weekend Masses January 10-11. Spiritual reading is a long-standing Catholic practice which provides nourishment for one's faith and support for one's personal prayer. Sr. Joyce Diltz, PHJC, and volunteers will be here representing the bookstore from Bethany Retreat House, East Chicago, IN, and will be happy to help you find just the right book for your spiritual reading. The bookstore offers a wide selection of titles on prayer and meditation, spirituality, personal growth, journaling, scripture, loss and grieving, family life, and more, as well as titles for teens and children. Meditation music is also available. Be sure to stop by the East Meeting Room to see what is available.

## Meetings of the Week

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Monday, January 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge  
 LITURGY COMMITTEE – Monday, January 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 HASA MEETING – Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge  
 RCIA EPIPHANY PARTY – Tuesday, January 6th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space  
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, January 7th, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 WINGS – Wednesday, January 7th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 SCHOOL BOARD – Wednesday, January 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge  
 RELIGIOUS ED IN-SERVICE – Wednesday, January 7th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE – Wednesday, January 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nursery  
 WINGS TOO – Thursday, January 8th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, January 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, January 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 YOUNG ADULT LIFE – Thursday, January 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel  
 LITURGY REFLECTION PLANNING MEETING – Saturday, January 10th, at 8:30 a.m. in the Church Meeting Room

### CATHOLIC DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

Come join us on Thursday, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Mary Jo Todoran, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, will be our speaker and will be addressing the topic of Depression – both in adults and adolescents. Since this is a topic of interest to many, you DO NOT need to be a member of this group to attend this meeting. For more info, please call the church office at 489-3537.

### ATTENTION ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

There will be NO January meeting.  
 Hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas.



Adult Retreat

### WOMEN'S AND MEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKEND DATES

Are you looking for a way to revitalize your faith and make new friends? Sign up for the next women's and men's Christ Renews His Parish weekend, March 6 and 7 for the men and March 13 and 14 for the women. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Contact Tom Loogman 490-7158 for the men's weekend and Kathleen Makovic 490-9321 for the women's weekend.

### MOMS-MINISTRY OF MOTHERS SHARING

This ministry is taking registrations for the winter session. Open to all women who want to develop self-esteem relationship skills, and a more defined sense of their own spirituality while facing the challenges of raising a family. The session begins Tuesday, February 18 at 7 p.m. and will run for 8 weeks. Call Jenny Owens at 373-0022.



MOMS

## YOUNG ADULT LIFE (21-40)

### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATION FOR ALL YOUNG ADULTS



The Bishop is having a Mass on Friday, January 30 at 8:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. A social gathering in the Cathedral Center will follow the Eucharistic Celebration. Please bring a snack to share, as well as non-perishable food items to be donated to the Franciscan Center. Watch the bulletin for more info coming in the next few weeks.

### YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

The Bishop is hosting a retreat for all young adults in the diocese. It will be at the Oakwood Inn on Wawasee. It is scheduled for late March. Watch the bulletin for more info.

### MARDI GRAS "HAWAIIAN-STYLE"

Food, Fun, and Festivities on February 21 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. A hog roast provided by Sandy Seyfert and other fixings, gambling, door prizes and the band "Nostalgia" will all be a part of the fun-filled evening event. Tickets will go on sale January 17 with a presale incentive of 25 additional tokens. The cost this year is \$25.00 per person or \$45.00 for two. This fund-raiser will benefit the St. Vincent's LIFETEEN Program and the Franciscan Center.

### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

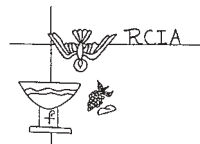
Attendance at two Baptismal Preparation Sessions is required before your child is baptized. They are Session I and Session II. You may attend Session II before Session I, if necessary. Each session will begin at 7:00 p.m. It is recommended that you attend before the birth of your child so that there will be no delay in setting a date for the baptism once the baby is born. Godparents, too, are welcome. Please call the church office to register for your sessions.

Session I (East Meeting Room)	January 8	February 12
Session II (Church Conference Room)	January 22	February 26
	January 15	February 19

## Advertisers of the Week

Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

### RCIA



If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, its teachings and traditions, you may want to consider the RCIA. For those who are unbaptized and are interested in becoming Catholic, the process is longer and should be begun soon. For more information, please call the church office at 489-3537, and ask for Judy.

### RE-MEMBERING CHURCH

To better assess how our St. Vincent parish "Re-Membering" ministry can respond to the needs of inactive Catholics, we are soliciting 'returned' Catholics to share their faith journey experience. If you were away from the church and have now returned, please share your experience with us. Call Tim Werling at 484-0067 or the church office at 489-3537. Please continue to be open to the call of the Holy Spirit in your life and help others come back to the church.

### MORE NEEDED TO PRAY AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Wednesday's, our parish is privileged to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the day until 4 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel. We are required to have at least two people praying as long as the Sacrament is on the altar for this type of adoration. We really need volunteer prayers between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p.m. Please contact Francie McComb at 489-6716 if you would like to do this and be scheduled for a specific hour. Drop-ins are welcome.



### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- January 4 Life Night: Peanuts
- January 5 JHL
- January 7 Ministry Hour
- January 8 Pray at Abortion Clinic, b-r-r-r
- January 11 Life Night: It's All About You

**XLT (exalt) – "COME WORSHIP THE KING" WAS AWESOME**  
 Our next XLT will be Friday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Gear up for Lent with praise and worship lead by Frankie and the LIFETEEN Band, and Adoration. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### JR. HIGH LIFE

An Evening of Jazz and Java! Jr. High Life will meet again on Monday, January 5th, 2004 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall (cafeteria). It's been awhile since we met, so come join in and have a fun evening with friends, jazz and Java!!



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 ★ For information about St. Vincent's Youth Ministry, ★  
 ★ contact Cindy Black at 489-3537 Ext. 228 or ★  
 ★ e-mail Cblack@SaintV.org. ★  
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## Holiday Schedule

**CHRISTMAS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACATION SCHEDULE**  
 No classes will be held during the Christmas holidays. Sunday classes for Pre-school and grades 1 – 8 will resume on January 11, and Wednesday classes on January 14.

### CATECHIST IN-SERVICE

All catechists grades 1 – 8 are required to meet on Wednesday, January 7, for Mass, a carry-in dinner, and an in-service meeting. Pre-school catechists are invited to attend this in-service.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION PREPARATION

Parents of those preparing to make their First Reconciliation in January are reminded to begin the prayer service, which includes the examination of conscience, and practice the Act of Contrition with the children. The dates for First Reconciliation are January 17 (A-L) and January 24 (M-Z).

### EXTRA HANDS AVAILABLE TO HELP YOU

Eighth grade students are preparing for Confirmation in the spring. One of their responsibilities is to complete service projects in which they give of their time to help someone else. Are you organizing an up coming event in the parish for which you could use extra help? Are you aware of possible opportunities for our eighth graders to assist others? If so, please call Beth 489-3537 ext. 204.



### 2004 MARCH FOR LIFE

In commemoration of the 31st anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade Decision of January 22, 1973, the March for Life Committee is planning their annual Rally and March for Life on January 17, 2004. The Rally will begin at 12:00 noon in the Scottish Rite Auditorium located at 431 West Berry Street. The featured speaker is Scott Klusendorf, a guest lecturer in bio-ethics, and a trainer of pro-life advocates. The March will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. We will march from the Scottish Rite to the Federal Building on Harrison Street. Plan now to attend and to bring your family and friends.

### SCHOOL PRE-REGISTRATION

Registration for new families who will be entering St. Vincent's first grade for the 2004-2005 school year will take place on Tuesday, February 10th, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. in the school building. This registration is also for students entering grades 2-8 who are not currently enrolled at St. Vincent School. There will be a non-refundable pre-registration fee of \$50.00 per child due on this day. If the child was not baptized at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, a copy of the baptismal certificate needs to be presented at pre-registration. If the child did not previously attend an Allen County School, a copy of proof of immunizations is also required on this day.



### COMMUNITY IN CHRIST: CARING

The Lifeskill for the month of January is "caring". Show you care by volunteering your time at a local food bank or soup kitchen.

### DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR SOUGHT FOR SCHOOL

We are looking for an experienced individual to lead development efforts at the school and to a lesser extent the parish. The part-time position will include alumni relations, annual and planned giving, marketing and grant writing. Requirements are a loyalty and enthusiasm for St. Vincent de Paul parish and school, good verbal and written communication skills, computer literacy and strong organizational skills. Marketing or development background is a plus. Send resume with cover letter to the church office.

### CELEBRATE CATHOLIC EDUCATION

We would like to present a Celebrate Catholic Education Award to an outstanding St. Vincent graduate. We are looking for a graduate who has made a significant contribution to the Catholic Church and to the United States and is deserving of this national recognition. We will make this presentation for Catholic Schools Week. If you would like to nominate someone, please send a letter to the school office with the name and the reasons they should be nominated.

### PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Saint Jude Catholic School will hold an open house for their preschool and kindergarten on Sunday, January 25, 2004 from noon to 2:00 p.m. Preschool and kindergarten teachers will be present for questions. The preschool and kindergarten registration will be Thursday, February 5, 2004 at 7 p.m.

### ST. VINCENT EMPLOYERS-UNEMPLOYED LINK

Realizing that many people in our parish and area have lost their jobs and are looking, we want to help. We are asking you, as owners and managers of businesses in the area to:

— Send by TUESDAY MORNING, IN WRITING OR E-MAIL (stvincentchurch@hotmail.com)

1. An open position you are aware of
  2. The name of the company and address
  3. The contact person and how to reach him or her
- God is in every part of our journey!

### NEEDED: NETWORK MARKETERS

For an all natural wellness company called Healing America, 426 Salem Drive, Owensboro, KY 42303. Change peoples lives physically and financially working out of your home. Contact Larry Taylor (260) 433-1804 or Mary Silva (260) 416-0507.

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SESSION

A Natural Family Planning Initial Session is scheduled for January 12, 2004 at St. Jude parish in Fort Wayne. The class runs from 7 – 9 p.m. This class is conducted by the diocesan Office of Family Life and is open to engaged and married couples. The fee for the session is \$25.00. Registration is required. To register, call (574) 234-0687.