MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH
*6:30 a.m. Al Kruk
8:00 a.m. For Faithful Departed
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH
*6:30 a.m. Clarence Murray
8:00 a.m. Willard & Wilma Lendendofer
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
*6:30 a.m. Gerry & Louise Martin
8:00 a.m. Philip Lutz ALL MASS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
*6:30 a.m. Donald Stapleton
8:00 a.m. Josephine Vazzana
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH
8:00 a.m. Brian Houlihan
*5:30 p.m. Helen Waikel
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
8:00 a.m. Leona Perry
5:00 p.m. Clifford Schlatter
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
7:15 a.m. Frank & Lillian Palisieski
9:00 a.m. Francis Saum
11:00 a.m Dalton O'Boyle
6:00 p.m For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)
*CHAPEL

Annual Stewardship Renewal

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)
Saturday, February 21
8:00 a.m. Nicole Martino, Catherine Stanley
5:00 p.m. Joe Voors, Patrick Morris
Sarah Vanderbosch, Becky Vanderbosch
Sunday, February 22
7:15 a.m. Christian Craney, Michael Heimann
Taylor Morken, Kelsey Weller
9:00 a.m. David Schwieterman, Justin Wyss
Brittany Reinhart, Olivia Lebamoff
11:00 a.m. Mallory Houlihan, Nathan Pagryzinski
Adam Pagryzinski, Becca Kleber

NURSERY – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

9:00 a.m. Kent and Love Phillips

"Let us pray for this son and daughter of St. Vincent's as they prepare for their wedding day."

WEDDING BANNS

III Eric Holsworth and Jacy Dahm

Nursing Ministry

HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY

You have seen this term in the last several months. On the weekend of Feb. 21-22, blood pressures will be taken after all Masses in the Reconciliation area. Come and see this ministry in action.

DO YOU AVOID CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THE CHURCH?

Blunt questions are buzzing now, fueled by TV panelists, radio talk shows and the secular press. Can the Faith be defended in spite of dishonored individuals and innocent victims? TODAY'S CATHOLIC has clear and concise answers. Renew your subscription, or become a new subscriber. Pick up a small envelope on the table by the church office and place your subscription in the collection basket, or call (260) 456-2824 and charge to your VISA or MasterCard.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

PRAYER BREAKFAST

If you would like to meet some of your fellow parishioners for some prayer, fellowship and food to begin your day off on the right foot, plan to join men of the parish at the Omega Family Restaurant on Coliseum Boulevard this Friday, February 20, at 6:00 a.m. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

FROM THE PASTOR:

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

At this time of the year, we have our annual stewardship of treasure renewal. This is an opportunity for all parish households to renew their commitment to financially support the work of the parish. What percentage of your income do you commit to the parish? Do you regularly use the parish Sunday collection envelopes? Do you give sacrificially and joyfully? Do you give out of gratitude to God for His many blessings? These are questions we can all ask ourselves as we reflect on the call to be good stewards of the gifts God has bestowed on us.

I am very grateful to Tom and Kathy Fean for giving the Stewardship of Treasure witness talk at all of our Masses today. Although humbled by the opportunity to address the entire parish on this sensitive topic, they willingly and lovingly embraced the task.

I thank you for your generous and loving support of our parish.
Fr. John

These last two Sundays were our Sign-Up Sundays for Disciples in Mission. Groups are being formed now. If you have not signed up, it is not too late. Stop by the East Meeting Room after Mass today or call Retha Loogman at 490-7158. EVERYONE is welcome! EVERYONE participating must fill out a registration card.

Please call Sister Kay at 489-3537 Ext. 207 if you would like to join a Disciples in Mission group to meet Thursday mornings after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

DISCIPLES IN MISSION PARTICIPANTS:

Please pick up your book in the East Meeting Room today after Mass.

LAST NEW LEADER TRAINING!

Thursday, Feb. 19th, from 7 – 9 p.m. in the Spiritual Center

SCC PF ALERT!

Dear SCCs who did not have a representative at the Feb. 7 PF Community Meeting, there is a folder with your SCC name containing two pieces of information waiting for you in the SCC drawer in the East Meeting Room (library). Please have someone pick up yours by Feb. 23rd and save parish postage. Thanks. S Kay Jarema, SSND

PALM BRANCHES

We will be burning palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday of last year. You may bring your blessed palm branches from home and place them in the basket located in the Gathering Space. The ashes from the burnt branches will be used in our Ash Wednesday ceremony. The LAST day palms will be received is February 22nd.

LENTEN RESOURCES

Ash Wednesday is almost here! There will be a table set up in the Gathering Space with Lenten materials on the weekend before Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21 and 22. There are booklets for individuals, families, children and teens. Look for daily devotionals, stations of the cross, prayer, daily Mass reading, sticker books and key tags. Suggested donations will be posted.

GOD'S LIBRARY

Make the most of Lent by becoming more familiar with the Bible. Learn the basics of Scripture from parishioner, Rae Huffman in a three-part study series: Mondays of March 1st, 8th, and 15th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Bring your Bible! Bring a friend! And get more out of Scripture than ever before.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

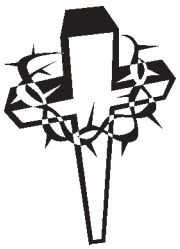
"I did the dishes and no one asked." Kelsey H.
My good deed was "when I help people." Peggy K.
"I shared my toys with my sitter." Courtney C.
"Watching my brother." Alexa W.
"Praying for the kitchen staff. Do puzzles with Grandma and didn't complain while furniture shopping in Ohio." Sarah K.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Monday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
HARVEST HOUSE – Monday, February 16, at 1:15 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY – Monday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Monday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Old Teachers Lounge
LITURGY COMMITTEE – Monday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, February 17, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room
SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
RCIA – Tuesday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
DISCIPLES IN MISSION TEAM – Tuesday, February 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Meeting Room
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, February 18, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
WINGS – Wednesday, February 18, at 9 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
FINANCE COMMITTEE – Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
LITURGY MINISTER TEAM – Wednesday, February 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
WINGS TOO – Thursday, February 19, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION II - Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
DISCIPLES IN MISSION NEW LEADER TRAINING – Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
DISABILITIES COMMITTEE – Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
RCIA (CHILDREN) PARENT & SPONSOR MEETING – Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Nursery
MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – Friday, February 20, at 6:00 a.m. at Omega Restaurant, Coliseum Boulevard
XLT – Friday, February 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church
LENTEN RETREAT – Saturday, February 21, at 8:30 a.m. in the Spiritual Center

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP

St. Vincent Harvest House will meet on Monday, February 16, 2004, at 1:15 p.m. at the Spiritual Center for cards, etc. (Weather permitting). Please bring a snack to share.



"HE CHOSE THE NAILS"

You are invited on a spiritual journey to the Cross - a Lenten Retreat entitled "He Chose the Nails". Given by Bob Deck, a Secular Franciscan, in the Spiritual Center February 21, 2004 from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be potluck style. There will be registration after Masses this weekend, Feb. 7 and 8th. Deadline for registration is February 17th. Call Bob Deck at 490-9571 or the church office.

YOUNG ADULT LIFE (21-40 Married/Single)

"WHAT ON EARTH ARE WE HERE FOR?"

The Bishop's Annual Young Adult Retreat at Oakwood Inn on Lake Wawasee scheduled for March 26-28th. Register by March 15th and the cost is $45. You can register at www.diocesefwsb.org/cyam/Retreat_information.htm

BREAKFAST AND TOBOGGANING

After the 9:00 Mass today everyone is welcome to go out to breakfast and go tobogganing at Pokagon State Park. We will meet in the Gathering Space after Mass.

XLT

Feb. 20th is the next XLT – Let's all sit together to the left of the Baptismal Font, afterwards we will adjourn to a local gathering spot.

RCIA NEWS!

Our catechumens and candidates are in the process of discernment as they are about to enter the period of Purification and Enlightenment. This takes place during Lent and begins with the Rite of Sending on the first Sunday of Lent. Please keep them in your prayers.

Advertisers of the Week

Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

BISHOP D'ARCY TO SPEAK ON EWTNews

Bishop John D'Arcy will be appearing on the program "An EWTNews Town Hall Meeting: The National Review Board Report on Clerical Sexual Abuse," on Friday, February 27, at 8:00 p.m. The EWTN Channel on Comcast Cable in the Fort Wayne area is No. 62.

VEHICLES NEEDED

The St. Vincent de Paul Store will accept donations of cars, trucks or vans. Please call Steve at 456-3561.

PRESCHOOL IN HUNTERTOWN

Huntertown United Methodist Preschool, 16021 Lima Road, Huntertown is open for registrations for the 2004-05 school year. For more information contact: Vicki Buwalda, Preschool Director at 637-3716 or preschool@huntertownchurch.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. VINCENT'S

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Vincent's on Saturday, February 28, 2004 in the Parish Hall (old gym). Donation hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Giving blood is safe, easy and extremely important! If you are at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and you are in good general health, you are most likely eligible to donate blood. It is recommended that you eat a light meal before you donate and drink plenty of fluids before and after. This will help those that feel light-headed after donating. If you've been deferred due to low iron, taking a multi-vitamin for a few days prior to the blood drive will ensure that you will be able to donate.

Blood donation takes less than one hour…the actual blood collection takes only 8-10 minutes. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will have priority. Also, childcare will be provided to make donating more convenient.

There is always a great need for all types of blood. Please help by donating this life-giving gift of blood!

Call Bruce Cadwell at 484-0078 to schedule your donation (or if you have any questions). Don't forget to make an appointment and mark this important date on your calendar! Thank you!

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

February 15 Life Night: What Are You Looking At?
February 16 JHL Planning Meeting
Core Training
February 18 Ministry Hour
February 19 Pray at Abortion Clinic
February 20 XLT - 7:30 p.m.
February 22 Life Night

LIFETEEN SPRING RETREAT DATE

Friday, March 19 – Sunday, March 21. Registration forms available at the back of church or on the website: www.saintv.org.

LIFETEEN LUNCH-BUNCH

Cindy would love to come have lunch with you at your school. I just need to know what time you eat and where to meet you, so get with me so we can set a day.

XLT (exalt) – "AMAZING LOVE"

Friday, February 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Join us for praise and worship led by Frankie and the LIFETEEN Band, and Adoration. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you have attended an XLT and have comments or suggestions, please call or e-mail them to Cindy.

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

TRANSPORTATION/CARPOOL HELP NEEDED

Looking for transportation/carpool help to and from St. Vincent's School for 6th and 8th graders. Hazelett Road, between Rothman Road and St. Joe Center Road. Please call Patti at 486-7045.

CHEERLEADING COACH NEEDED AT ST. VINCENT'S

The St. Vincent's Athletic Director is in need of a 5th grade cheerleading coach immediately for the March session. If you are interested, please contact Paul Cassabon at 489-3537.

Girl Scout Retreat

GIRL SCOUT LENTEN RETREAT

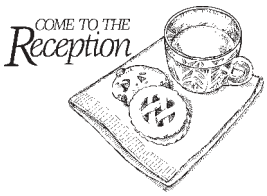
The Annual Girl Scout Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 6 in the St. Vincent's Scout Lodge. All Girl Scouts (K-12) who are members of St. Vincent's parish are invited to attend. "Light of the World" is this year's theme and activities (snacks, crafts, games, service project) will remind the girls that we are Christ's light for others. Registration forms can be obtained from your trip leader or by contacting Monica Gloudemans (627-3439). All registrations must be received by Thursday, Feb. 26.

WRESTLING CAMP OFFERED

The Bishop Dwenger Wrestling Camp for grade school students will run from March 1 through March 11. The camp runs daily from 6 – 8 p.m. Following the camp there will be a two-week CYO wrestling season for grades 5 – 8. Cost is $15 and sign-up forms are available in the school bulletins or you can register the first night of camp. For more information call Coach John Bennett at 486-5805.

GOODBYE PARTY FOR THE BROWN'S

Come bid Frank and Mary Anne Brown goodbye. The Brown's have been very active members of St. Vincent's Parish for 53 years. They will be moving to Texas February 28, 2004. A small party at the Spiritual Center will be held Sunday, February 22 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.



CONFIRMATION DATE SET

Confirmation will be on Thursday, April 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT RESCHEDULED

Any eighth graders who are to be confirmed in April who did not attend the Junior High Rally in North Manchester in the fall are REQUIRED to attend a retreat on Saturday, March 13th, here at the parish. Students are to arrive at 11:45 a.m. at the Spiritual Center. After the 5:00 p.m. Mass, Confirmation Candidates are free to leave.

WEATHER RELATED CANCELLATIONS

In case of weather which might make driving hazardous, Religious Education and Preschool classes may be cancelled. Religious Education does NOT follow any school or school system for cancellations. Please listen to WOWO 1190 AM or to the three local television channels WKJG, WPTA, and WANE for information. If no announcement is made on these stations, then classes will be held.

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR POSITION OFFERED

St. Vincent de Paul School is looking for an individual to assist with Development efforts at the School and to a lesser extent the parish. Candidate should possess good communication skills, be computer literate and well organized. While a marketing or development background is a plus, enthusiasm for the school is a necessity. The position offers flexible hours and salary/benefits will be commensurate with experience. Send resume with cover letter, if desired, to the St. Vincent Church Office, 1502 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

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!

COLLECTION TECHNICIAN II

Opening for someone to perform donor history and promote good donor care during the collection of safe blood units for American Red Cross. High school grad and Medical Assistant/Phlebotomy training or documented satisfactory performance as Collection Tech I required. Apply by sending a resume or completing an application at American Red Cross, Indiana-Ohio Region, 1212 E. California Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

NEEDED: IN-HOME SEWERS & CUTTERS

ALLERGY PALS® LLC toy company is looking for qualified sewers and cutters to work from their homes. Machines, equipment and supplies are provided. Because of allergy restrictions, homes must be free of pets, smoke and mold. If interested call 260-422-9161.

IT'S BALL SEASON!

The Wallen Baseball, Washington Twp. Softball, Tee Ball and Lob Ball registration will take place on Sat., Feb. 21 and 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Registration will be held at the Washington Twp. Firehouse on Wallen Road. (just west of Lima Road next to Washington Center School). Leagues are available for Boys ages 8-15, Girls ages 8 – 18 and Boys/Girls ages 4-7. If you need more information, please call Mary DePrez at 471-1113.