

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 8TH

*6:30 a.m. Joe Woenker
8:00 a.m. James Yarnell

TUESDAY, MARCH 9TH

*6:30 a.m. Tony Theriot
8:00 a.m. Homer Haag

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10TH

6:30 a.m. Kelly Jeanne Finton
8:00 a.m. Matthew Breman ALL MASS
6:00 p.m. Barbara Miller

THURSDAY, MARCH 11TH

*6:30 a.m. Bernice Schuller
8:00 a.m. Larry Barrand

FRIDAY, MARCH 12TH

8:00 a.m. Rosemary Koeller

SATURDAY, MARCH 13TH

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Muhn
5:00 p.m. Naomi Alles

SUNDAY, MARCH 14TH

7:15 a.m. Ralph Schimmele
9:00 a.m. Jacinto Co
11:00 a.m. Earl J. Houser
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

*CHAPEL

LENTEN WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The 6:30 a.m. Mass will be in the Spiritual Center chapel, except on Wednesdays when they will be in the church. On Wednesdays during Lent, we will be adding an extra Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Andrea Pelkington, Tyler Weilbacher
5:00 p.m. Leah Helmer, David Weigand
Emily Weigand, Ashley Gutnecht

Sunday, March 14

7:15 a.m. Alex Kraeutle, Natasha Moeller
Sarah Nixon, Chris Stump
9:00 a.m. Joe Richardville, Zach Richardville
Alexis Craghead, Maggie Heiny
11:00 a.m. Steven McIlwain, Chris Garcia
Annie Gaunt, Gabrielle Gaunt

NURSERY – SUNDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 a.m. Doug and Leah Kenna
Candidates: Alicia Waters and Chris LeBlanc

NEWCOMERS REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room next Sunday, March 14, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.



JOHN ANGOTTI IN CONCERT

Saint Vincent's will be hosting songwriter and pianist, John Angotti. John will perform at 2 p.m. in the main church on March 21st. He will share his gift of music that will enhance your Lenten experience.

WELCOME HOME – JEFF SCHAFER

We want to thank our friends and family who prayed for and supported us during Jeff's year in active duty in the service of his country. You are invited to an open house, March 20th, from 2 – 7 p.m. at the Schaffer's, 1631 Thorny Meadow (Beckett's Run Addition) All are welcome.



STEWARDSHIP

Thank you very much for returning your Stewardship of Treasure commitment form as well as your Time and Talent forms. May your sacrificial gift be pleasing to God, and may this parish continue to feed you spiritually.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This traditional Lenten devotion will be conducted on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. The church is open throughout the week for persons who wish to make the Stations privately.



NOTE CHANGE IN READINGS

FOR 9:00 AND 11:00 A.M. MASSES

For the next three Sundays, Cycle A of the lectionary will be used for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. "A" is recommended for the scrutinies involving the Elect (those to be baptized) as they prepare for the reception of the Easter sacraments. This information is of help to the Disciples in Mission groups as they study the Sunday readings.

RCIA

Next week, at both the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses, our Elect will be going through the First Scrutiny. They, and we, are challenged to look at our sins, in light of the gospel of the Woman at the Well.

DISABILITY MINISTRY
HOSTING A DAY RETREAT

St. Vincent's Disability Ministry facilitates a day retreat in the spring sponsored by Fort Wayne/South Bend Diocese, open to persons in the diocese with various disabilities. The 2004 retreat is scheduled for:

When: Saturday, March 27, 2004
Where: St. Vincent de Paul
Spiritual Center

Who: Adults (18 and over) with mental, physical, or emotional challenges who seek companionship as they grow in discipleship

What: Presentations by individuals who understand the challenges you are facing. A journey to deepen your relationship with Christ, and to share more fully in the ministry and life of the Church.

Prayer – Lunch – Friendship – Singing/Music

How: For more information, or to register call: Donna Macino, Office of Catechesis (260) 422-4611 Ext. 351 or dmacino@fw.diocesefwsb.org



Disability
Retreat

Why shouldn't Catholic couples live together before marriage?

Is the Church out of step on this issue?

How would you answer these questions? How does the Catholic Church answer them? You can find out by reading TODAY'S CATHOLIC. The newspaper read by Catholics today who welcome information about their faith and how it is taught and defended. TODAY'S CATHOLIC also includes articles of Spirituality, Culture, Books, sports, Medicine and more and covers diocesan events right down to the parish playground. To subscribe, use your collection envelope, or pick up off the table by the church office, or call 456-2824 to charge by phone to VISA or MasterCard.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Changed sister and brother get dressed." Savannah K.
 "I went to a lot of stores with my momma." Kennedy L.
 "I helped my sissy get her blanket." McKenzie L.
 "I played with my sister all day." Rachel B.
 "Swept the floor." Kara C.
 "Good at playing sports." Megan R.
 "I helped cook lunch." Leah T.
 "I babysat my baby brother." Maria P.
 "Cleaning the house. Doing stuff without being told." Lauren S.
 "Helped little cousin. I was patience with them." Sarah K.
 "I prayed for the poor. I did a decade for them." Chelsea S.
 "I helped my sister clean the bonus room." Zachary S.
 "Cleaning my room." Lauren S.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY REPORT

During the three-month period ending December 31, 2003, the St. Vincent's conference, through the generosity of you, our parishioners, has made the following disbursements to assist the needy:

Rent	2,045.12
Utilities	2,333.46
Food and Personal Items	3,758.69
Furniture & Appliances	135.00
Travel Aid/Automotive	420.00
Medical Expenses	135.00
Third World Disbursements	258.10
Administrative/Other	\$ 12,377.37
Total Disbursements	\$ 29,202.00

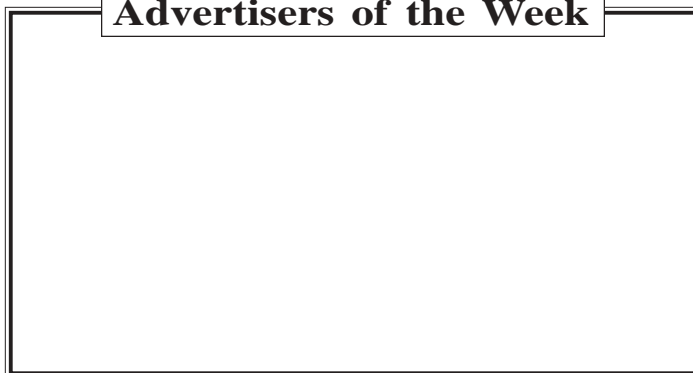


Approximately 92 individuals or families were helped during this period. We thank you.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

"GOD'S LIBRARY" – Monday, March 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, March 9, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, March 9, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RCIA – Tuesday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, March 10, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 WINGS – Wednesday, March 10, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 WINGS TOO – Thursday, March 11, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 MARKET DAY – Thursday, March 11, 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, March 11, 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
 DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 RE-MEMBERING CHURCH – Thursday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent Back Room
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Friday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
 WOMEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKEND – Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14
 CONFIRMATION RETREAT – Saturday, March 13, at 10 a.m. in the Church

Advertisers of the Week



Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

BAGS OF BLESSINGS' GIRL SCOUT PROJECT

Bags of Blessings and the St. Vincent's Girls Scouts are working together on a Lenten Project. The girls will be making by hand and preparing bags for over 100 local residents who are in need of some essential items. Please bring to the west vestibule and place in the marked box any of the following items to be used for this project: hotel-size shampoo, lotion, conditioner, mouthwash, toothpaste, etc. We are in SPECIAL need of feminine products and deodorant. Please make sure that the containers have not been opened. If you have any questions, or would like to have your items picked up, please call Terri at 637-1400 or Kellie at 637-6041.

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 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.

WOMEN'S CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR SOUGHT

Christ Renews His Parish is in the process of discerning a Women's Co-Spiritual Director. If you know of someone who should be considered that has gone through the Christ Renews process, please send us a letter and explain why that person should be considered. Send to: Laurie Grashoff, 11625 Trade Wind Cove, Fort Wayne, 46845. Please no self-nominations.

HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY

Didn't get your blood pressure checked in February? Blood pressures will be taken after all Masses on the weekend of March 20 and 21, 2004, in the Reconciliation Room.



Our Nursing Home Ministry

FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you have a family member who is homebound and would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion, please call the church office. Also, if a family member is admitted in the hospital through the emergency room, please call. We are only notified of scheduled admissions. Thank you. Call Deb Andrews at 489-3537.

CARING FOR YOUR AGING PARENTS

Are you dealing with an elderly parent and being forced to make difficult decisions regarding living arrangements and health care? A book has been written by Monica and Bill Dodds entitled "Caring For Your Aging Parent – A Guide For Catholic Families". The authors deal with these issues and more. If you are interested in a copy, please call Deb Andrews at 489-3537.

HARVEST HOUSE PLANNING MEETING

St. Vincent Harvest House will have a planning meeting on Monday, March 15, 2004, at 1:15 p.m. at the Spiritual Center. If you have any suggestions for summer activities, please bring them up at this meeting.

DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP

Please join us on Thursday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Dr. Randy Schroeder will be addressing the group on the topic of Forgiveness. What a timely topic for Lent!!! For more info, call the church office at 489-3537.

MEN'S CLUB INVITES DWENGER COACH AND PLAYERS

The St. Vincent's Men's Club would like to invite you to our meeting on Monday, March 8, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Scout Lodge. Our special guest for the evening will be Bishop Dwenger's head football coach and some of his players. They will talk about the past season and the future of Dwenger football. All are welcome – fathers, mothers, friends and students. If you are interested in Dwenger football, this is for you.

LIFETEEN REFLECTION

I saw Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" a week ago Friday, the first Friday of Lent. I had long anticipated this film and set my expectations to more fully understand the Passion and "feel" closer to Jesus. Because of that, I was let down by my experience. I found that for me, Gibson's view of the Passion was so brutal, that I could not get past the violence to connect with Jesus' suffering. However, I was able to more deeply identify with Mary, our Blessed Mother and what she suffered. So for that I am thankful. After leaving the movie feeling dissatisfied, I realized that I approached this all wrong. That morning I received the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. Then I went to see one artist's depiction of the Gospel wanting a spiritual experience. Twice that day I had already been with Jesus, in the Sacraments, as fully as we can on earth, so of course a movie fell short of my real encounter with our Lord.



I, in no way, want to demean those of you whose experience with the Passion of the Christ was deep and fulfilling; I am glad for you and hope that it also brings you a greater appreciation of and dependence on the Sacraments.

Each of us should seek to know Jesus more fully through reading the Gospel, frequenting the Sacraments, and by following Jesus' command, "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another" (Jn 13:34) and that "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:13) As we journey through Lent, may we all come to embrace our own crosses for the sake of love. May we all love each other as Jesus loves us: willingly suffering for the sake of others.

In His Love, Cindy

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- March 7 Life Night
- March 8 JHL, 7 p.m.
- March 10 Mass and Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.
Ministry Hour: Disciples in Mission, 7:15 p.m.
- March 11 Pray at Abortion Clinic
- March 13 Confirmation Retreat, 12 – 6 p.m.
- March 14 No Life Night: Retreat Prep

LENTEN MASS AND BREAKFAST

Teens, commit to coming to 6:30 a.m. Mass in the church and Breakfast at the Life House on Wednesdays during Lent. We will begin the week after Ash Wednesday. Adults, make this part of your Lenten almsgiving by providing food for our breakfasts one of the weeks. Contact Angie Harber if you would like to help, 486-9852.



LIFETEEN SPRING RETREAT DATE

Friday, March 19 – Sunday, March 21. It's not too late to sign up, but don't delay. 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. Thank you, Tasha Doster and Eddie Gervais; lunch at Leo was fun and JP loved the Lions all over.

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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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JUNIOR HIGH LIFE — "LET'S FACE IT"

The next JHL night: "Let's Face It" in the Gathering Space, Monday, March 8 at 7:00 – 8:30. Featuring, by popular demand, guest speaker, Reverend Whitfield.



Confirmation Retreat CONFIRMATION RETREAT



For eighth graders who did not attend the Junior High Rally in the fall, the parish Confirmation Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 13. Students are to arrive at 11:45 a.m. at the church and will be dismissed after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Dress is casual but appropriate, keeping in mind that we will be attending Mass.

CONFIRMATION DATE SET

Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Those to be confirmed will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, already received at Baptism. Now serving as a Helper and Guide, the Holy Spirit bestows upon the candidates the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Right judgment, Courage, Reverence and Wonder/awe in the presence of the Lord. Please pray for the Confirmation Candidates as well as all members of our parish community, that we may grow in the life of the Spirit.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- On Sunday, March 7, children in Religious Education grades 5-8 will attend Stations of the Cross in the church at 4:15 p.m.
 - On Sunday, March 14, children in Religious Education grades 1-4 will attend Stations of the Cross in the church at 4:15 p.m.
 - On Wednesday, March 17, we will have Stations of the Cross for Religious Education students grades 1-4 at 6:45 p.m. in the church.
 - On Wednesday, March 24, we will have Stations of the Cross for Religious Education students grades 5-8 at 6:45 p.m. in the church.
- All parents are invited to come and pray the Stations with us.

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST: COOPERATION

"Great discoveries and improvements invariably involve the cooperation of minds." — Alexander Graham Bell

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR

We are again using FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment to process and evaluate financial aid applications for the 2004-2005 school year. If you are interested in applying for Tuition Assistance, please call the church or school office. Deadline for Tuition Assistance applications is MARCH 26. Financial assistance is available to parents seeking a Catholic education for their child. However, it is necessary that the family demonstrate financial need.

COACHES NEEDED AT ST. VINCENT'S

The St. Vincent's Athletic Director is in need of a 7th & 8th grade girls softball coach, an 8th grade assistant soccer coach and a 5th grade cheerleading coach immediately for the March session. If you are interested, please contact Paul Cassabon at 489-3537.

TUITION ASSISTANCE ENVELOPES

When you use your Tuition Assistance envelope found in the monthly packet of collection envelopes, you help provide a Catholic school education for children whose parents need financial help. Tuition for one child in our grade school is \$1,710.00; for two children, \$2,700.00; and for three or more, \$3,555.00. This past year, we gave \$36,418.00 in financial assistance. Thank you very much for supporting our parish grade school.

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

"LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BISHOP D'ARCY"

Please come join Bishop D'Arcy on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 7:00 p.m. for Stations of the Cross.



CHECK IT OUT!

BOOK REVIEWS FROM THE COMMUNITIES

Small Christian Communities have been invited to review a resource they have used to share with parishioners and other SCCs. (See form in Feb. 7 Pastoral Facilitators' folder). We begin this week with the first of these reviews in hopes that these books will help

for post-Easter and Fall planning and many will be enriched.

Community: SCC – Time Out with Jesus

Writer of Review: Colleen Maier

Book Title: Sacraments Revisited: What Do They Mean Today?

Author: Fr. Liam Kelly

Date of Publication: 1998 – Published by Paulist Press

Available from SCC Resource Center and Cathedral Bookstore

"The subsequent chapters will deal with each of the sacraments individually, providing first an historical and theological background, and then an opportunity to examine how each sacrament can be a deeper part of our faith today" with reflection questions. It's a good source to learn about the Sacraments. *Summary quoted from author's explanation on "How This Book Might Be Used."

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH

at our St. Vincent parish is for inactive Catholics who are interested in exploring a return to active participation in the church, but it can also help active Catholics remember the roots of their faith. On the following Thursdays during Lent (March 11, 18, 25 & April 1), we will conduct Re-Membering sessions focusing on the Catholic Mass. No one who really understands the Mass would ever want to avoid full participation in the Mass. Come join us in the convent house meeting room at 7:00 p.m. each Thursday noted above. We will have a 30-minute presentation focused on a particular aspect of the Mass followed by time for discussion and questions about material presented. We will even have time to explore other questions you may have about the church and hear about the faith journey of a parishioner who was away from the church but has become an active Catholic again. Pray that the Holy Spirit will send a witness to touch the heart of each inactive Catholic. Pray for the courage to be the witness that will encourage an inactive Catholic to come back to the church. Call Tim Werling at 484-0067 or the church office at 489-3537 if you have questions about Re-Membering Church.

ATTENTION: ALL MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans and Ushers – mark your calendars for one of the following evenings of reflection: Monday, March 15, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 20, 9 a.m.; and Monday, April 26, 7 p.m. All reflections to be held in the Spiritual Center.

**Don't
Forget**

PARISHIONERS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

We, at St. Vincent's, would like to assist active, registered members in their search for employment in these difficult economic times. We ask employers who could use someone with the specific trades noted to give consideration to the following individuals:

Jeff Assistant Controller/Finance Manager (260) 489-6061

This is a service to assist and not an endorsement from St. Vincent de Paul Church. Submit to the church office in writing or by e-mail stvincentchurch@hotmail.com:

1. Position you are seeking (excluding qualifications)
2. Full name and phone number



"ND VISION"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

The Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne is sponsoring an event for high school teens in the Fort Wayne area on the afternoon of Sunday, March 28th, from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Church in Fort Wayne. The event will be conducted by the staff of

ND Vision, a summer program designed to reinforce and support high school students' commitment and understanding of their faith. Come, listen and celebrate your unique call with other teens and young adults. Envision the way you can change the world and build the kingdom of God. The program will include interactive presentations, contemporary music, and small-group faith sharing. It will be a great time. Be there!!!

MISS VIRGINIA'S MISSION HOUSE THANKS YOU

The staff here at the Mission House would like to extend a huge thank you for your generous monthly donations of food items during the year 2003. The numbers have been tabulated for the year 2003 and we show that we served a total of 13,533 families this year compared to 7,565 in the year 2002 through your generous donations of approx. 4,450 pounds of food items.

We continue to remain open on Tuesday & Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you ever wish to help out, (we are entirely volunteer) or just visit the Mission House, please feel free to stop in at 1312 S. Hanna Street and say hello. We look forward to your continued support. All the Staff here at the Mission would like to extend best wishes and blessings for the New Year.

The Staff of Inner City Hope Corp.
(Miss Virginia's Mission House)

TO ALL THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. VINCENT'S PARISH

Thank you to each and every one of you who have been so extremely generous with your continued donations of food, clothing, toy and books for the Franciscan Center, Inc. Your gifts and donations have made a big impact on the people we serve, and our mission of "Lending our Neighbors a Helping Hand". You have been very generous, and we could not operate the Center without your support. Your support has continued to be a mainstay in the resources of the center, and we are very grateful for all of your help.

May God bless each and every one of you today, and forever in appreciation for your kindness and stewardship.

Keith M. Burns
Executive Director

RADIO ROSARY – WGL 1250 RADIO

"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace in the world." –

Our Lady of Fatima

Radio Rosary has been on the radio for 23 years. Effective March 1, the airtime for the program has been changed to 8:30 a.m. Sundays.

