

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 5TH

*6:30 a.m. Ronald Sonnek
8:00 a.m. Ken Clough

TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH

*6:30 a.m. Dorothy Filipiak
8:00 a.m. John Campbell

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH

*6:30 a.m. Catherine Brink
8:00 a.m. Donald Balsler

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH

7:30 p.m. Clarence & Mary Francis Bechtel

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH

1:30 p.m. Solemn Commemoration of Our Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH

7:30 p.m. Lillian Billmeier

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH

7:15 a.m. Maureen Stevens
9:00 a.m. Josephine Vazzana
11:00 a.m. Clifford Schlatter
12:45 p.m. For The Parish

NO LIFE TEEN MASS

*CHAPEL



PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

Today's blessing of the palm branches combined with the proclamation of the Lord's Passion and Death, sets the keynote for the whole of Holy Week. May the blessed palms serve to remind us of what Christ endured for us.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

Mass schedule: *6:30 and 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

Mass schedule: *6:30 and 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Cathedral Chrim Mass at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Mass schedule: *6:30 and 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance at: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

* Chapel



ANNUAL CHRISM MASS

The annual Chrim Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, on Tuesday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. Bishop John M. D'Arcy has invited all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay people of the diocese to attend. The Bishop has indicated that this is one of the most important liturgical observances of the year and has urged all to attend. Refreshments and reception will follow.

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.



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

WEDDING BANNS

I Matthew Van Ryn and Sarah Pyle

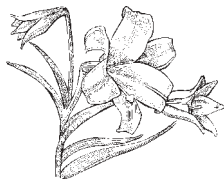


USHERS: SIGN UP FOR HOLY WEEK

Ushers are need for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday Services and Easter Sunday 12:45 p.m. Mass. Please find the sign-up sheets in the Ushers Room.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER SCHEDULES

Eucharistic Ministers are asked to please stop in the Minister's Sacristy to pick up the new schedules. Your prompt attention to this will assure that all Masses are covered properly.



EASTER FLOWERS

Once again we are offering you the opportunity to donate Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$10 per plant. We will remember the deceased at our Easter Masses. Place the money or check in an envelope along with the form below: *(Please print)*

Name of Loved One (s):

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Donations: _____

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 8 – SACRED TRIDUUM

The season of Lent ends in late afternoon. Morning prayer at 8:00 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. There is only one Mass scheduled, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. During this service, the feet of twelve persons will be washed, a reminder that we too must serve as Jesus did. A collection will be taken up for the poor by members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. After Communion, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken to the Altar of Repose in the Spiritual Center Chapel for adoration until 11:00 p.m. Come and spend time in prayer with our Savior as He enters into His passion.

Sacrament of Penance: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Morning prayer at 8:00 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion begins at 1:30 p.m. The service has three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. For persons 18 to 59, only one full meal, no snacks. For persons 14 and older, no meat.

Sacrament of Penance from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and following Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

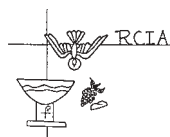
HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets in the Gathering Space at 9:00 a.m. Morning prayer at 10:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center Chapel. The Easter Vigil Service begins at 7:30 p.m. This is the only Mass of the day. All will be invited to gather outside the church for the blessing of the new fire, weather permitting. At this service we will give great support to the men, women and children who have been preparing for many months now to be received into the Catholic Church. Following the service there will be a reception for our new Catholic Christians in the Gathering Space.

No Confessions on Holy Saturday.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Mass schedule: 7:15, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and **12:45 p.m.** NO 6:00 p.m. Mass. (The adult choir will be singing at the Easter Vigil Mass only.) Baptismal promises will be renewed at each Mass followed by the sprinkling of the blessed Easter water. The Paschal Triduum ends Easter Sunday evening. The Easter season spans a period of fifty days ending with the feast of Pentecost.



RCIA

Come help us "ring the bells" in celebration at the Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m. Saturday night.

Meetings of the Week

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE SERIES – April 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, April 7, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Friday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

ATTENTION ROSARY SOCIETY MEMBERS

The April meeting will be on April 12th since the first Monday of April is during Holy Week. The Rosary will start at 7:00 p.m. in the church nursery.

MEN'S CLUB WRAP-UP PARTY

The St. Vincent Men's Club would like to invite the men that worked the Notre Dame Athletic Fundraiser to the Wrap-up Party on Monday, April 12, 2004 at 8:00 p.m. in the Scout Lodge. Thanks for all your help.

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)

No Sessions I in April
 May 13 May 27

Session II (Church Conference Room)

April 15 May 20

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

In a time of loss it is important to know that there is a place where you can be with others who understand your pain. This is a time when being with others who have walked their own path of grief may be of comfort and offer solace in a way our families and friends cannot give.



As a part of their service, St. Vincent de Paul Bereavement Ministry is holding a Bereavement Support Group Session which will meet for five weeks. It will be each Wednesday from 7 – 9 p.m.

The dates are April 21 and 28, May 5, 12 and 19, 2004. These sessions will be held in the Spiritual Center.

It is our hope to provide a comforting atmosphere in which to share the grief and bereavement process and to offer emotional support. These groups have proven helpful to many. You are not alone in your pain and there is much that can be done to help with the grieving process.

If this might be helpful to you, please call Therese at 489-6741.



Nursery Attendants

LOVE CHILDREN? NURSERY SUPERVISOR(S) WANTED

We are looking for two or more persons to supervise our parish nursery during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. The nursery is for children, ages 1 – 3 yrs., allowing their parents to attend Mass without distraction. If you have a love for children, whether you have little ones or not, you may want to prayerfully consider giving of your time and talents in supervising the nursery. Whether the nursery will be managed as a Co-op or whether we will ask a small payment by parishioners who use this service, has yet to be decided. If we decide on the latter, then there will be monetary compensation for the supervisors. If interested or if you have any suggestions on how to operate the nursery, please call Sister Kay in the church office. We have no plans at this time for a nursery during the 11:00 a.m. Mass, but, if help is available, we would give it serious consideration.

DISCIPLES IN MISSION

1. God is bringing us through another Lenten/Easter season awakening us to the deeper challenges of the Mission of Jesus. As we become more and more aware of this Evangelization value within ourselves and the potential in us as the wonderful Parish of St. Vincent's, let's keep praying that we are ready to take up all sorts of evangelization outreach beyond our parish and through our parish community. Jesus is Risen! Jesus lives in the Holy Spirit in us! Where is the Spirit taking us?

2. AND we will be hearing more after Easter as to what direction parishioners gave the parish with last year's thorough survey.

3. By now you have in hand your packet of materials for the 7th Session after Easter. – It would make your 7th session smoother if everyone brought their completed evaluations to that session; not waiting to do them at the session.

— Soon there will be a larger DM box near the parish office door for your evaluations. Hooray, no big, long "thing" any more!

— We used the Pink Census Sheet for two purposes; to know how many parishioners we actually have taking part in this evangelization experience and to give you the correct count of materials for the 7th session. So.....

— Please BRING in your Pink Census Sheet if you have not done so.



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.

Source: Buena Vista Ink

"Resources for SCC's" section

Book Title: 8 Spiritual Heroes:

Their Search for God

Author: Brennan Hill

Date of Publication: 2002

Copy from SCC Resource Center:

Yes (just added!)

Hill, a professor of theology at

Xavier University in Cincinnati,

writes of eight modern religious heroes: Mohandas Gandhi, Edith Stein, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dorothy Day, Oscar Romero, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Daniel Berrigan, and Mother Teresa.

With stories and historical and theological sources, Hill offers some responses to such questions as How does a person imagine God? How does that image change as the person matures spiritually? and What influences shape and change of a person's view of God?

A SCC could use any of these biographies as topics for a series of meetings. 344 pages, \$14.95 (Cheaper for us at St. V's of course!)



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RE-MEMBERING CHURCH

Want to explore the faith journey? Want to remember your Catholic heritage? Want to re-member with the Church? This Easter season, plan to attend Thursday evening sessions for catechesis and discussion about Catholicism. Father Joe and Marilyn Fech will host six Thursday evening sessions (April 22 – May 27) from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Convent meeting room. Session topics will include, but not be limited to: Jesus, the Bible, Church Tradition/History, Sacraments of the Church, the Mass, Morality. Your questions will direct the sessions too. Call Marilyn Fech at 489-9620 or the church office at 489-3537 if you have questions about these Re-Membering Church sessions.



SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS

Mike and Tricia Fridley would like to give their heartfelt thanks to the members and children of the parish for all the prayers given as well as help with their children during Mike's recent illness out of town.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

April 4 Palm Sunday, No Life Night
April 8 Pray at Abortion Clinic
Mass of the Lord's Supper
April 9 Good Friday
April 11 Easter Sunday
NO LIFE TEEN MASS

NOTRE DAME LEADERSHIP CAMP

Teens who will be juniors and seniors next year are encouraged to apply for the LIFETEEN Leadership Camp, June 28-July 2. Teens who have gone in past years agree that it was one of the best weeks of their life. See Cindy for an application.

Parishioners, if you would like to provide scholarship money for the teens attending the Notre Dame Leadership Camp, your donation would be greatly appreciated.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILY

A German foreign exchange student who has been attending our parish and Bishop Dwenger High School for the past year would like to stay here for another year. Because of this, he is in need of a new host family. If interested, please call feel free to ask Fr. Mark about him.

ST. VINCENT'S SCOUTS

HOLDING A 7-DAY GARAGE SALE

The St. Vincent Scouts will sponsor a 100-Family, 7-Day Garage Sale at the St. Vincent Scout Lodge, 8965 Auburn Road, starting on Thursday, April 15th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and continuing thru Sunday, April 18th, and then open again from Thursday April 22nd, thru Saturday, April 24th.

New bargains will arrive daily as merchandise is received and priced to sell! A \$1.00 bag sale and clearance on all items remaining will take place the last two days! Donations will be accepted each open day at the garage end of the Scout Lodge, and on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings after Easter. The Scouts will help unload your donations, and load up any purchases! Gently used furniture, clothing, household items, tools, toys, books, sporting gear, & lots of everything else will be on sale!

Please note that the St. Vincent School Garage Sale is not being held, this year only, due to scheduling problems. If you have previously donated to them, please continue doing so. The St. Vincent Scouts thank you for donations and purchases!

PASTORAL FACILITATOR TRAINING

(One-time Requirement for PF's)

For a solid beginning for anyone wanting to form a Small Christian Community in the next few months, a required one-time training for the leaders of communities (Pastoral Facilitators) will be held on April 17, 2004 in the church Meeting Room, Saturday from 8:45 - 11:30 a.m.. Please call Sister Kay to register by April 12 so that materials can be made for the session.

Clarification: This is an introduction and orientation to basics, as well as the sharing of Wisdom, (the Holy Spirit of God guiding us as "Little Church"). It is not the same as the ONGOING formation sessions for example held this year Nov. 11 and Feb. 7 where we explored further than the basic needs of the PF.

STATIONS OF LIFE

This contemporary Way of the Cross is decidedly different from Mel Gibson's version. In six reflections, John Shea connects our life journeys with the pain and grace of Jesus' final hours. Check out the April issues of U.S.CATHOLIC on your parish reading rack to find out about this and many other stories.

DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP

Note: There will be NO MEETING until April 22. The earlier meeting date falls during Holy Week. We suggest that everyone meet in the Gathering Space and attend the Holy Thursday Mass together

LARGE FAMILY DIOCESAN FUND FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

Is designed to provide financial assistance to families with three or more children in Catholic elementary and/or high schools. Information and application forms are available in the church and/or school office. Completed forms are due in the church office by May 24, 2004. There will be only one distribution date in 2004. However, it is necessary that the family demonstrate financial need.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR MARCH/APRIL

Classes will meet on Sunday, April 18
Sunday, April 25
Wednesday, April 14
Wednesday, April 21
Wednesday, April 28

Religious Education classes end in mid-May.

ARE YOU CALLED?

The number of students in the Religious Education program continues to increase as more and more families register in our parish. This growing enrollment will necessitate adding sections to many grade levels next year, requiring additional catechists. Might you consider teaching on your own, with your spouse, or with a friend?

If you are interested in observing the program first hand, for example, sitting in on a class or assisting a catechist, please call the Religious Ed office

489-3537 ext. 204 to schedule a visit.

Our catechists dedicate themselves to sharing their faith and love of God with the children. Most will tell you that the blessings they experience are beyond measure. I will tell you that their commitment is a tremendous blessing in the lives of the children. Come join us and observe a variety of grade levels to discover where your talents may best be put to use. Beth

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.

SCHOOL BOARD SEEKING CANDIDATES

The School Board serves as an advisory group to the Pastor and Principal. The Board meets the first Wednesday of each month August through June. Through prayer and the discernment of gifts, the Holy Spirit guides us in choosing parishioners who are called to this leadership position in our school community. If you are interested in serving a three-year term on the Board or can recommend someone, please call Ken Sorg 637-4023 on or before April 23 to submit your name or nomination.



TECHNOLOGY HELPERS NEEDED

We are in need of volunteers to assist in the maintenance and servicing of our technology equipment on the school campus during the weeknight evenings. No prior experience is required - just a willingness to learn and have fun sharing your time. Functions will vary from updating software to cleaning keyboards and mice to wiring new workstations to the network. If interested, please contact the school office and leave your name, phone number and e-mail address.

SCRIP SALES

There will be no Scrip sales on Palm Sunday, April 4 and Easter Sunday, April 11.

ROSARY SALE

We are again offering beautiful handmade rosaries for sale in the Gathering Space the weekend of April 18. The perfect gift idea for Confirmations, Holy Communion, Mother's Day, and Father's Day!!

WANT TO ATTEND A TV MASS?

Fr. Joe Gaughan will be celebrating the TV Mass at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 18. He is in need of a small congregation; so if you plan to attend that Mass, arrive around 10:00 a.m. at the University of St. Francis Chapel. If you need directions, call the church office.

Teachers
Needed!

