

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 31ST
MEMORIAL DAY
VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9:00 a.m. Jack Baumgartner
Homer Haag

TUESDAY, JUNE 1ST

*6:30 a.m. John Vorndran
8:00 a.m. Philip Lutz

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2ND

*6:30 a.m. Bob Eifert
8:00 a.m. Leona Perry ALL MASS

THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD

*6:30 a.m. Clarence Murray
8:00 a.m. Naomi Alles

FIRST FRIDAY, JUNE 4TH

8:00 a.m. Norbert Weins

SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH

8:00 a.m. Int. Rosary Society
5:00 p.m. Frank & Lillian Palisieski

SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH

7:15 a.m. Int. Nielson Family
9:00 a.m. Dolores Kleber
11:00 a.m. Felix Sun
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

*CHAPEL



YEARLY RECOMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Our active Extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist are re-commissioned to serve for one year at a time. All Eucharistic Ministers who have attended a yearly Eucharistic retreat experience and therefore are in good standing are asked to attend a Holy Mass in our parish on the weekend of June 5-6, 2004, during which you will be re-commissioned. Your parish is deeply grateful for your service as an Extraordinary Minister of Eucharist.

ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Please stop by the Ministers' Sacristy to pick up your new schedule as soon as possible. This will ensure that all positions will be fully staffed at each Mass.



ATTENTION: ALL ORGANIZATION HEADS

Please note that the date for the annual Calendar Scheduling Meeting is Thursday, June 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in the East Meeting Room.

CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY - JUNE 13TH

Volunteers are needed to pray for 1/2 hour intervals for Eucharistic Adoration from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Corpus Christi Sunday. Corpus Christi Sunday Eucharistic Adoration requires two participants for these 1/2 hour intervals; 24 people in all are needed. This includes men, women and families. Please call Francie McComb at 489-6716 to commit to a time.



Prayer Vigil

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

On Monday, Memorial Day, the Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. in the church. On this national holiday, we honor the men and women who gave their lives in the service of our country. May they rest in peace.

And we keep in our prayers those serving in Iraq. May no harm come to them and that they return home safely to their families.

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, June 5

8:00 a.m. Katie Hake, Billy Khorshid
5:00 p.m. Nick Brand, Nicole Martino
Becky Vanderbosch, MacKenzie Mentzer

Sunday, June 6

7:15 a.m. Phoebe Davis, Jenna Roy
Philip Gase, Cody Newport
9:00 a.m. Alyssa Arnold, Olivia Lebamoff
Andrew Wyckoff, Molly Workman
11:00 a.m. Catherine Stanley, Kristine Davis
Kelsey Giant, Mallory Houlihan

TRAINING SESSION FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS

A training session will be offered for any student who will be in the 6th grade next school year who wishes to be a server at Mass at St. Vincent's. The session will be held in the Church on Thursday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m. An additional training session will be planned in the near future. Watch the bulletin for the date.

There will be a review of the Servers Responsibilities and Procedures. This is a responsibility that should be taken seriously. Since this is not only the child's commitment but also the commitment of the family, parents are welcome.

WEDDING BANS

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

I Phillip Bogenschutz and Andrea York
I Andrew Finnegan and Sara Brockhoff



SUMMER MASS ATTIRE

How should one dress for Sunday Mass? With the warmer weather upon us, it is good to give thought to this question. Certainly we should dress appropriately. Let your Sunday attire reflect your respect for both the Eucharist and your fellow Christians with whom you worship the Lord. This is no ordinary social gathering. This is our sacred weekly gathering where as Christians we celebrate the Lord's death and resurrection. It is not appropriate to wear clothes you would wear, let's say, at a picnic or a backyard barbecue. And we should always dress modestly. Of course, the Sunday Mass should never turn into a kind of fashion parade where we draw attention to ourselves. Nor should it be a "come as you are" get-together where we make no effort to dress up, or at least to put on something nice. Because circumstances may prevent a person from wearing appropriate clothing at a Mass, e.g., persons going to or coming from work, we want to avoid standing in judgment of someone whose attire in our opinion is not appropriate. God, of course, sees into the heart and knows the worshiper's true disposition. But in society, clothes do make a difference, and we should keep this in mind when we attend Sunday Mass, which includes the Saturday evening celebration of the Lord's Supper.

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)

June 10 June 24

NO SESSIONS IN JULY

Session II (Church Conference Room)

June 17

NO SESSION IN JULY

MAY GOD GRANT ETERNAL LIGHT AND PEACE TO

Richard Brunner, father of Burt Brunner;
Iris Rauwerdink, mother of Jim Rauwerdink; Fred Couch, spouse of Margaret and father of Pamela Marx, Patricia Couch, Fred and Mark Couch; Edward Hiatt, spouse of Sue Hiatt; Gene Trammel, spouse of Patricia Trammel; and Dorothy Quinn, mother of James Quinn.



CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Praying, and being nice to class mates." Kaylee K.
 "I helped get my brother at school." Ali S.
 "When I listen to my dad." Ryan
 "Cleaned garage." Nicholas L.
 "Swiffered the floor." Allison B.
 "I cleaned my room." Justin R.
 "Sharing toys with my friends." Alison W.
 "I helped give my baby brother a bath." Emma G.
 "I prayed for the soldiers." Ryan S.
 "Helped my mom trim the grass." Page D.
 "Cleaned bathroom." Lauren L.
 "I visited my Great Grandma O. at the Nursing Home." Hannah F.



Meetings of the Week

SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 HASA – Tuesday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the Teachers' Lounge
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, June 2, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 HARVEST HOUSE COUNCIL – Wednesday, June 2, at 11:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 YOUNG ADULT LIFE – Thursday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Life House
 YOUTH DETENTION MINISTRY – Saturday, June 5, at 8:45 a.m. in the Conference Room #1

MOTOR COACH TRIP PLANNED BY HARVEST HOUSE

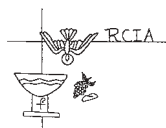
Harvest House seniors are sponsoring a motor coach trip November 3, 2004 thru November 6, 2004. This four-day trip thru southern Indiana and into Kentucky will include Caesars Casino in Elizabeth, IN; Bardstown, Stephen Foster's Home; dinner and entertainment at the Old Stable, Shaker Village; Carly Hurley at Renfro Valley, KY; Country Jamboree Show and many more sights and events. This trip is of good times, excellent food and great fun. For more information, please call Jane Smith at (260) 637-8889.

MEN WANTED

We want to issue an invitation to all eligible men of the parish to join the Knights of Columbus – St. Vincent's Council. The Knights is a service organization of Catholic men which is involved in both our church and our community by helping the less fortunate, supporting our youth programs, our seminarians, and the Right to Life effort. Knights work as volunteers when needed at St. Vincent's and on projects within our community. In addition, we relax and enjoy each other and ourselves at dances, hayrides, dinner theater and other such social events.

You can be as active in the Knights of Columbus as your time allows. You might choose to be an officer in our organization or limit your participation to flipping an occasional pancake at one of our Sunday parish breakfasts.

If you want to join us or want more information first, please call Ray Ohlman, membership director, at 637-5377. We look forward to welcoming you to our council.



RCIA

If you or someone you know would like to inquire about the Catholic faith, its teachings and traditions, please call the church office at 489-3537. RCIA is an on-going process and an Inquirer may begin at any time.

2ND SHIFT CUSTODIAN

Apply at the church office if interested in the following position: 2nd shift full time team leader position with benefits.



PART-TIME HANDYMAN

Daytime position for the church/school complex. Apply at church office.

HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY

Parkview Hospital has a new computer system. This affects all of their sites including the main hospital, Parkview North and the Orthopaedic Hospital. They are having problems trying to retrieve names of our parishioners for our priests and the parish nurse to visit. So please call the church office, 489-3537, for any admits, planned or emergency.

MEIJER/KROGER BAG RECYCLING TO END

The Meijer/Kroger bag recycling program will cease operation as of June 1, 2004 here at St. Vincent's. DO NOT BRING IN BAGS TO BE RECYCLED! We will re-evaluate the program in the fall. Thank you for your past support. To date we have earned over \$4,000!



YOUNG ADULT LIFE (21-40 Married/Single)

CORE TEAM MEETING

Come help and plan activities for Young Adult Life, 7:00 p.m. at the Cappuccino Connection on the corner of Lima and Dupont. For more information, contact youngadulthood@comcast.net.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Are you interested in delving into our Catholic faith with other adults? Would you like to understand how Scripture, Creed, Church History, Sacraments, Liturgy, Morality, Prayer are part of the organic whole of our living tradition? Consider applying for the Education for Ministry Program 2004-06 sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Catechesis. Classes follow an adapted school calendar, meet weekly for two years and are held at the Cathedral Center in Fort Wayne. For an application, or more information, call Donna Macino at (260) 422-4611 Ext. 351 or dmancino@fw.diocesefwsb.org.

WHAT IS SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST?

Shepherds of Christ is for anyone who wants to spend one hour in front of the tabernacle praying the rosary and other traditional prayers for OUR priests and priests throughout the world. We also pray for many religious vocations and our own vocation in life as well as for our families. We meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel. Please stop by and pray whenever you can.

The following is a quote from Father Robert Dombrowski: "I learned a long time ago that any success I've had as a priest was because someone was praying for me. If you have never thought to pray for your priest before, I encourage you to pray for them now. You may be blessed by this effort in unimaginable ways."

F.A.I.T.H. (FINDING ANSWERS IN THE HOLY SPIRIT)

This group is a resource and support for couples struggling with infertility. Resources are available regarding information on infertility treatments, the church's teaching on these treatments, and international and domestic adoption. Also this group can be a source of emotional and spiritual support for you and your spouse. Please contact Amy Bartee 497-8257 for more information.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING COURSE

Have you ever thought about what unnatural birth control methods REALLY do to your body? To your Marriage? The Couple to Couple League has the answers and more. Attend a short course and learn a natural method of family planning that is safe, effective and morally acceptable. Great for achieving as well as postponing pregnancy. For more information concerning NFP classes, call Jody and Susie Brinker at 486-3099. Classes start June 9, in our home near St. Charles, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Advertisers of the Week

<p>"Space with Style"</p> <p>Now serving a full range of new home buyers.</p> <p>(260) 338-0488</p>	<p>SCHULTHEIS AGENCY INC. INSURANCE</p> <p>Auto Home Life Health Commercial Umbrella</p> <p>L. Stephen Schultheis Susan M. Beauchot</p> <p>Parishioners 480-0208 1910 St. Joe Center Road, Suite #11</p>
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

June 1	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
June 1	6:30 p.m.	HASA Meeting
June 2	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
June 2	11:00 a.m.	Harvest House Council
June 3	7:00 p.m.	Young Adult Life
June 4	8:45 a.m.	Youth Detention Ministry
June 7	7:00 p.m.	Little Rock Scripture Series
June 7	7:00 p.m.	Development Committee
June 8	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
June 8	6:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
June 9	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
June 9	6:30 p.m.	Parish Council
June 10	5:15 p.m.	Market Day
June 10	6:30 p.m.	Annual Scheduling Meeting
June 10	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation I
June 14	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
June 15	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
June 15	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
June 15	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
June 16	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
June 16	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
June 17	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
June 17	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation II
June 18	9:00 a.m.	Vacation Bible School
June 21	7:00 p.m.	Building and Grounds
June 22	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
June 23	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
June 24	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation I
June 28	7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Society
June 29	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
June 29	7:00 p.m.	RCIA
June 30	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

BAPTIZED DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL

Alan Isaac Anaya, son of
Marco and Gabriela (Gonzalez) Anaya
Paige Elizabeth Aselage, daughter of
Scott and Jenifer (Hillman) Aselage
Matthew Lindsey Carrier, son of
Matthew and Ann (Duffek) Carrier
Joseph Daniel Partin, son of
Kevin and Michelle (Bradford) Partin
Kelly Nicole Scoles, daughter of
Richard and Jennifer (Schenkel) Scoles
Diego Eduardo Aguilera, son of
Jose and Teresa (Gamez) Aguilera
Tessa Elaine Druhot, daughter of
Scott and Leslie (Franck) Druhot
Jason William Rose, son of
Christopher and Kara (Rosswurm) Rose
Stella Louise Starosciak, daughter of
Matthew and Kaye (Pappas) Starosciak
Andrew Joseph Tamez Lion, son of
David Lion and Consuelo Tamez
Elise Evelyn Tesch, daughter of
Troy and Kristy (Bowen) Tesch
John Paul Stephen Lapas, son of
Vilius and Paulette (Meyer) Lapas



BAGS OF BLESSINGS

Please remember to save your personal size items from hotels and ships for our Bags of Blessings Project. Last year we delivered over 300 bags to our community. Call Kellie Stanley at 637-6041 for pickup or drop off information.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF ST. VINCENT'S PARISH

Jay and Liza Hamoy, 405 Ridgemoor Dr., Apt. 1
Steven Burris, 10024 Shadow Lake Lane
Cecelia Haefner, 445 E. Dupont Road, #49
Mary and Lynn Covey, 2036 Pembroke Pines Lane
Tom and Marie Woehlike, 10305 Monticello Boulevard
Samara and Zachary Yager, 13625 Split Rock Cove
Stephanie and Brandon Dickmeyer, 12202 Wandering Way
Bradly and Barbara Lomont, 14731 Greystone Court, Leo
Craig and Sheila Brojek, 13636 Hammerhill Way
B. Douglas and Patricia Wood, 2120 Forest Park Boulevard
Rosa and Gary Wheeler, 5401 W. Washington Center Road



HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY

The Fourth Annual Living Healthier Lecture Series is being offered to the public. The lectures will be held at the Kachmann Auditorium at the Lutheran Hospital campus, 7900 West Jefferson Boulevard. The series will be the 4th Wednesday of the month. These dates are June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, and October 27. The lecture will start at 6:30 p.m. and the cost of admission is a non-perishable food item.



CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF FT WAYNE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

The Fort Wayne Christ Child Society will sponsor its annual Garage Sale on Friday, June 11, 2004 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Saturday, June 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 Noon at Queen of Angels Activities Center located behind Queen of Angels Church/School, 1500 West State Blvd. Funds from this sale will be used to help needy children in our area. All items for sale have been donated solely by members of the Christ Child Society. We regret that donations from outside sources cannot be accepted. (No early sales.)

VOCATION RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Do you think you might have a vocation to be a Sister? You are invited to a weekend retreat for single women to discern if God is calling you to Religious Life. Learn about Religious Life with time to reflect and share with others. Friday night to Sunday noon. June 11, 12 and 13, 2004. Given by the Sisters of the Holy Cross at St. Mary's, Notre Dame, Indiana. Call (574) 284-5998 or e-mail at maryssongl@aol.com for information and/or reservations.

ANNUAL FATIMA APOSTOLATE MASS AND BREAKFAST

Saturday, June 5, 2004. Cathedral, Fort Wayne. Confessions and Meditation 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.; Rosary – 8:45; Mass – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast follows at St. Mary's. (Adults \$5.00), 5 and under, \$2.50). Guest Speaker: Msgr. William Lester. Reservations by May 30th – Call Jim Momper at 625-3281.

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!

FLEXIBLE HOURS

20 hrs. Payroll, Accounts Payable, Group Insurance, 401-K Administration, and light secretarial duties. \$8.50 p/hr. Call 637-0209 ext. 23 if interested.

DONATE YOUR VEHICLE TO ST. VINCENT de PAUL STORE

Donate your car, truck or van to St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store. Drive it in or call 456-3561 for a pick up. Help us help others, and a tax write-off for you.

LET ME DO YOUR "DIRTY" WORK

Housecleaning. Call Julie for estimate. 750-0988

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

May 30	Pentecost No Life Night, Memorial Weekend
June 1	College Meeting, 8:00 p.m. in the Life House
June 2	Ministry Training, 7:30 p.m.
June 3	Pray at Abortion Clinic
June 5 & 6	LIFETEEN Carwash during 5 p.m., 9 & 11 a.m. Masses Teens, come help and have fun
June 6	Life Night: Freshmen, please join us

8TH GRADERS, WELCOME TO LIFETEEN!

Sunday, June 6, for the Life Teen Mass and stick around afterward. We have a Life Night planned especially for you. Come see what it's ALL about as you prepare for high school. Bring your friends and meet some new ones.



ANYONE COLLEGE AGE

Join us at the Life House Tuesday, June 1 at 8 p.m. We'll catch up and make plans for the summer.

TEENS — GET INVOLVED WITH THE LIFETEEN MASS

As a lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (if you are 16 or over), or as a server, greeter or doing the collection (any age). All those already in ministry and those new to ministry must attend training on Wednesday, June 2, at 7:30 p.m.

SUMMER SERVICE TRIP

To Rockford, IL Catholic Heart Work Camp. July 18-24. Open from incoming 10th graders thru 20 yr. olds. Registration forms available next Sunday.



SUPPORT OUR TEEN LEADERS

If you would like to financially support our teen leaders week at LIFETEEN Camp at Notre Dame this summer by providing scholarship money for their trip, please contact Cindy. Any amount is helpful.

You may also help by having the teens wash your car for a donation during 5:00 Mass, June 5 and 9:00 and 11:00 Masses, June 6. Just park over by the new gym and while you are in church the teens will make your car clean and shiny.

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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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COLLECTING CANS FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Bishop Dwenger's Habitat for Humanity chapter will be collecting empty aluminum cans on Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. in the Dwenger parking lot. Proceeds will benefit Habitat for Humanity. Save those cans from your Memorial Day cookouts and graduation parties!

9TH ANNUAL SAINTS OPEN GOLF OUTING

Reservations are still being accepted for the 9th Annual Saints Open Golf Outing on June 17, 2004. Proceeds benefit the Bishop Dwenger endowment fund. Cost is \$100 per person/\$400 per team and includes range balls, lunch, cart, greens fees, dinner and beverages. Florida scramble begins with a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Call 496-4706 or e-mail dfech@bishopdwenger.com for more information. Deadline is June 11.

SAINTS SUMMER BAND CAMP

Bishop Dwenger High School is offering a Saints Summer Band Camp for students entering grades 5-8. The camp will be held on Thursday afternoons from June 10 - July 22. There is no cost to attend the camp. Call the B.D. Band Office at 496-4729 for more details and specific class times.

LOOKING FORWARD: FALL REGISTRATION

Children presently enrolled in Religious Education in grades 1-7 will automatically be advanced to the next grade level for the 2004-2005 catechetical year. New students in grades 2-8 may be registered by phone.

All first grade students and all Preschool children (ages 3, 4, and 5) must enroll for the next year. Classes will resume on Wednesday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m. (Note the earlier starting time.) and on Sunday, September 19 for both Preschool and Religious Education. Feel free to register by phone. Call 489-3537 ext 235.

NEEDED: A FEW GOOD CATECHISTS

Many of the Preschool catechists are going off to college in the fall. We will have some openings for instructors of 3, 4, and 5 year olds during the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses.

Catechists for Religious Education will be needed. Consider pairing up with someone to instruct our children.

Pray about your role in our parish Religious Education program. Call Beth with questions or to sign up. 489-3537 Ext. 204.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)

If your child is over the age of eight years old and not baptized or baptized in another faith and interested in the Catholic faith, please contact Lisa Harris at 489-3537. We welcome inquiries about the program year-round. If your child is over the age of eight and baptized Catholic but in need of the sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation, we are enrolling now for next year's program that will start in September.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for Vacation Bible School will be after the 9 and 11 a.m. Masses this Sunday, May 23. The registration fee is \$10.00 and will be limited to the first 200 children registered. VBS will be held June 14 – 17 and is for ages 4 years through 4th grade. If you are unable to register at Mass, please pick up a registration form in the church office anytime. There will be sign up sheets in the Gathering Space during registration if you would like to make a food donation or volunteer to help that week. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Harris at 489-7669.

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

"Common sense ain't common." — Will Rodgers

LIFESKILL: ORGANIZATION

"Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together." — Vincent Van Gogh

SUMMER TUTORING

If you are in need of a tutor for your student in the summer, call Jeanette Palmer 489-5437 or 438-7783. I am a senior at St. Mary's College-Education Major.

SUMMER PIANO LESSONS

Parishioner is offering beginner piano lessons for youth and adults in the Dupont/Coldwater Road area. Piano is not a necessity. Keyboard is sufficient for beginners. Call Nicole at 489-8386.

SUMMER CHILDCARE

Need some time away once a week? I will babysit every Tuesday from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at our home. We have one 5-year-old daughter. Lots of fun and a healthy lunch provided. Non-smoking, Christian environment. If interested, please call 637-9782.

SCRIP SALE NOTICE

No Scrip sales Memorial Weekend, May 30. Scrip will be available every Sunday (except July 4) during the summer from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. and after Lifeteen Mass. Thanks for your support!

GOOD NEWS

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 or Rom 8:8-17 / Jn 20:19-23 or
Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

Paige Byrne Shortal
sundaybulletins@liguori.org

Recently I heard that the primary straggle with faith in our time and culture is not doubt, but distraction. If that's true, then preachers and catechists have a different task. Rather than putting forth arguments to convince the doubter, we must first find a way to encourage people to ask the questions. Answers to questions that folks are too distracted to ask, no matter how compelling, will certainly fall on deaf ears.

And I wonder if we can compete on the same terms as the rest of the world. Even if we attempt to present our faith in PowerPoint presentations (what my husband calls the "hula-hoop of our time"), it is unlikely that we can hold the attention of those used to clicking to the next channel or surfing the net. What are we to do? On this Pentecost day, where is the Holy Spirit in all this?

I'm reminded of Elijah's encounter with the Lord (1 Kings 19:11-12). He looked for the Lord in the wind and in the earthquake and in the fire. But he found the Lord in the "tiny whispering sound."

My husband and I participated in a workshop where couples were asked to face each other and get the other to hear what each wanted. When the leader said "Go!" every couple in the room began to yell at each other. In the midst of that cacophony, my husband simply gazed into my eyes and whispered. I heard him clearly.

My friend teaches art. In her classes, the kids keep absolute silence. After the first shock, the kids themselves protect their newfound peace with warning looks to anyone who dares interrupt their silence.

Ours is a noisy, cacophonous world. There is piped-in music everywhere, televisions on everywhere. We are beset on every side by words and more words.

Perhaps we need our gatherings to include some gentle quiet. Just a few well-chosen words from the preacher that leads us into prayer for our world might be enough. Simple music that leads us into contemplation might be welcome. Even silence. At least sometimes.