

**MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, JULY 12TH

\*6:30 a.m. Ada Kammer  
8:00 a.m. George Repka

TUESDAY, JULY 13TH

\*6:30 a.m. Vern Bradley  
8:00 a.m. David Johnson

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14TH

8:00 a.m. Boyde Brown

THURSDAY, JULY 15TH

8:00 a.m. Int. John & Betty Wood

FRIDAY, JULY 16TH

8:00 a.m. Caroline Jordan

SATURDAY, JULY 17TH

8:00 a.m. Int. of Sally Osborn & David Mowery  
5:00 p.m. Int. Harris Family

SUNDAY, JULY 18TH

7:15 a.m. Rose Anne Plasterer-Dix  
9:00 a.m. Marvene Zuber  
11:00 a.m. Charles Gladieux  
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

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**WORK WITH THE NEEDY**

On the weekend of June 26/27 at all the Masses, you were invited to participate in the Faith-Based Family Mentoring Initiative program. We are pleased to inform you that 12 members of our parish signed up to be mentors. This local program, sponsored by Catholic and Lutheran Social Services, is a hands-on ministry helping persons who are trying to better themselves and get off welfare. With the addition of these 12 persons, we now have a total of 38 parishioners participating in the Faith-Based Initiative.



There will be a three-hour training session on Monday, July 19, in the Spiritual Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Food and refreshments will be provided. Brochures explaining the program may be found in the Gathering Space. If you did not sign up for the program but would like to be a mentor, please call the church office to register for the training program. Blessed, indeed, are those who serve the poor in this manner, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

**SERVERS' SCHEDULE**

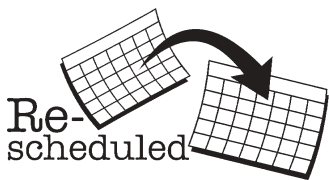
(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, July 17

8:00 a.m. Emily Koontz, Sally Gorman  
5:00 p.m. Ben Woenker, John Wood  
Natasha Moeller, Jordan Fawcett

Sunday, July 18

7:15 a.m. Chloe Anderson, Chris Stump  
Jake Brown, James Scully  
9:00 a.m. Mike Thill, Sarah Thill  
David Schwieterman, Allison Colligan  
11:00 a.m. Nicole Dent, Anna Garner  
Steven McIlwain, Nick DiRenzo



**DATE CHANGED FOR TRAINING SESSION FOR 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 next session will be

held in the Church on Thursday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m.

ANY ACTIVE ALTAR SERVER IS WELCOME TO COME FOR A 'REFRESHER' AT THE SAME TIME.

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."*

- III Sally Osborn and David Mowery
- III Timothy Receveur and Melissa Fauchier
- II Nicholas Richey and Abby Lemmon



**SUMMER TIME WITH THE KIDS HAS BEEN GREAT!**

But do you feel a need to get away "just for the two of you?" You deserve a weekend away – find more about the next Marriage Encounter Weekends to be held in Fort Wayne on September 24-26, 2004 or in South Bend on November 19-21, 2004. For more information, call Mike and Julia Roszkowski, (574) 243-0743 or visit our web site at [www.wmme-ni.org](http://www.wmme-ni.org).



**ROSARY SOCIETY'S ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW**

St. Vincent's Rosary Society is sponsoring a craft show on Oct. 30. Anyone wishing to rent a table, please call 637-8205 for any information.



**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED**

A food box for St. Vincent de Paul Society's pantry is located in the west wing of the Gathering Space. Our current needs are canned fruit, spaghetti, peanut butter, baby food, canned meat, and REM's (ready-to-eat meals). We wish to thank you for your support in helping us feed the poor of our community.

**HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY – WHAT IS IT?**

"Holistic Health Ministry" – these might be new words to some of you. What this ministry is about is to bring body, mind and spirit together for total physical, mental and spiritual care. This ministry will be headed up by the parish nurse, Deb Andrews. This ministry includes medical personnel, volunteers and homebound ministers. If there are any questions, call Deb Andrews at 489-3537.

**NOTICE: CARE VAN DRIVERS NEEDED**

If you are retired and would like to become involved in a ministry helping people in need of transportation to get to their destination, join us and become a Care Van driver. This request is for any man or woman who might be interested. We have women drivers currently in our group. If interested, please call Marlow Gump 489-4811 or Terry Coonan 489-4461 for details.



**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 the Church Office 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.

**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 TODAY, July 11, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

**CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP**

"I made coffee for my mom." Ashlyn L.  
 "I took a bucket of wood to my dad." Amanda W.  
 "Help make a funeral dinner." Chelsea S.  
 "Helped mom with laundry." Jenna P.  
 "I spent time with my family." Sarah W.  
 "I have been doing my chores." Paige P.  
 "Watched over my sister." Joey W.  
 "Sharing with my friend." Jake L.  
 "I dusted my room." Olivia M.  
 "I went to adoration with my mom." Sydney W.  
 "I helped my mom get a great birthday present." Kailey B.  
 "I picked up my toys without being asked." Zachary G.



**REVITALIZE YOUR FAITH**

The next Men's Christ Renews His Parish weekend will be held on September 11 and 12. This is an unbelievable way for you to renew your faith and make new friends. Please do not miss out on the wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. The weekend will fill up fast, so contact one of the invitations coordinators today: Mark Lapp (485-9540) or Trent Graber (693-1848).



**WOMEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH FOR SEPT. 25-26**

Are you looking for a way to revitalize your faith and make new friends? Sign up for the next Women's Christ Renews His Parish on the weekend of September 25-26, 2004. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Contact Peggy Nicola at 483-6576.

**Meetings of the Week**

**SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST** – Tuesday, July 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
**RCIA** – Tuesday, July 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** – Wednesday, July 14, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel

**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 Hurlley 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.

**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 IN JULY August 26  
 Session II (Church Conference Room)  
 NO SESSION IN JULY August 19

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**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.

**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.

**COLLECTION SCHEDULED FOR "HELP-A-NEIGHBOR PROJECT"**

Star 88.3 FM and the Franciscan Center, Inc. proudly present the 4th annual "Help-A-Neighbor Project" on Saturday, July 31, 2004 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. We will be collecting gently used toys, games, puzzles, books, etc. for the toy chest where the kids can get a free toy and book once a month. We will also be collecting non-perishable foods for the food pantry which serves over 1,200 families a month. We are in need of staples such as canned fruits and vegetables, pastas, rice, beans, etc. We will be collecting your donations at St. Vincent de Paul Church near the Auburn Road entrance.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR "HELP-A-NEIGHBOR PROJECT"**

The Franciscan Center, Inc. and STAR 88.3 FM are co-sponsoring the 4th annual Help-a-Neighbor Project and we need your help. This project is a multi-site collection point to benefit the Franciscan Center, Inc. We will have trucks at St. Vincent de Paul Church, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, (and possibly a third location yet to be determined) on Saturday July 31, 2004 for collection sites.

We need 2-4 people at each site to help collect the food, and toys dropped off. Then we need 20-25 people at the Franciscan Center, Inc. to help unload trucks, sort the toys, clothes, and food. There will be a considerable amount of stair climbing and lifting involved. Families are welcome to come as well.

Volunteers are needed for the following hours: 8:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. at the collection sites and 12:15 p.m. – approx. 5:00 p.m. at the Franciscan Center.

If you can help, please call the Franciscan Center, Inc. at 744-3977 and leave your name and phone number and we will contact you.



**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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

July 11 Life Night: Lifeteen Idol  
July 14 Ministry Hour  
July 15 Cedar Point Trip, 6 a.m.  
July 18 Life Night: Bowling Night

## IT'S A LIFETEEN FAMILY REUNION

For everyone who has been involved with St. Vincent's LIFETEEN through the years as Core members, musicians, teens, parents, prayer support, hospitality, etc. Join us at the Life House on Wednesday, August 11, at 6:30 p.m. Come celebrate with us!

## SUMMER SERVICE TRIP

To Rockford, IL Catholic Heart Work Camp. July 18-24. Open to incoming 10th graders thru 20 yr. olds. Visit [www.heartworkcamp.com](http://www.heartworkcamp.com) to see what it's all about. Registration forms available on the table by the church office. Sign up today.



Youth Mission Project

## WANT TO GO BOWLING?

Join us for bowling, July 18th, at Georgetown Bowl after Mass until 10 p.m. \$6 per person, includes shoes. Contact Cindy if you need transportation.

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For information about St. Vincent's Youth Ministry,  
I contact Cindy Black at 489-3537 Ext. 228 or I  
I e-mail [Cblack@SaintV.org](mailto:Cblack@SaintV.org). I  
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## OFFICE OF YOUTH MINISTRY

Need skills to lead like Jesus did? Then the Young Catholic Leadership Institute is for you. Held July 20-24, 2004, at Manchester College. Sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry. Leadership is Taught not Caught! For more information, log on to [www.diocesefwsb.org/Youth](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/Youth).

## "WE WANT TO SEE JESUS" – YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Young adults, ages 18 – 40, join Bishop D'Arcy for a Day of Pilgrimage to Notre Dame, "We Want to See Jesus", on Saturday, August 7, 2004. The day will begin with Opening Prayer at Sacred Heart Center and conclude with Mass at the Basilica and Rosary with the Bishop at the Grotto. Registration or questions: call Camps/Young Adult Ministry at (260) 483-3661 or (574) 259-5754. E-mail: [awinebrenner@fw.diocesefwsb.org](mailto:awinebrenner@fw.diocesefwsb.org).

## 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 \$1,830.00; for two children, \$3,034.00; and for three or more, \$3,953.00. This past year, we gave \$36,418.00 in financial assistance. Thank you very much for supporting our parish grade school.



## BASKETBALL CAMP FOR GRADES K THRU 8

Bishop Dwenger High School will again be sponsoring the Saint's Basketball Camp for students in grades K-8. Session II will be held from July 12-16. The session will be held in the Bishop Dwenger High School gym. Grades K-3 will meet from 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.; grades 4 –

8 will meet from 10:30 – 12:00 noon. Instructors are Dave Scudder, Girl's Basketball Coach, and Matt Kostoff, Boy's Basketball Coach. Cost of the 5-day session is \$40.00, which includes a t-shirt. Checks can be made payable to Dave Scudder and returned to Bishop Dwenger High School. Registration is also available at the door on the first day of camp

## ATTENTION: ST. VINCENT PARENTS

St. Charles School has openings in our Kindergarten Program for the 2004-2005 school year. Our kindergarten classes are held at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish. If you have questions or to register, please call 485-5289.

## CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Due to an increased number of students in the Religious Education program, more sections have been added to many grade levels in order to keep class sizes low. On Wednesday evenings we have several openings in grades 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 and one opening for Sunday in grade 2. How can you help? Team teach with your spouse, an older child, or a friend. Workshops are available to help you. You will find that the children in the program hunger for knowledge of God's goodness, loving presence, and infinite mercy in their lives. We have adopted a new text series, the same used by our parish grade school, William H. Sadlier's "We Believe" for grades K-6. Come join us for a year of sharing our Catholic heritage with those who are the future of the Church. Call Beth at 489-3537, Ext. 204.

## Catechists Needed



## PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR FALL

Children ages 3, 4, and 5 (by September 1) who will attend preschool Religious Education during the 9:00 or 11:00 Mass must be enrolled. Classes will begin on September 19. Please call 489-3537 ext. 204.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR FALL

First grade students or any new students in grades 1-8 who will attend Religious Education classes for the 2004-2005 catechetical year must be enrolled. Those who attended this past year in grades 1-7 will automatically be advanced to the next grade level. Classes begin on Sunday, September 19, at 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, September 22, at 6:00 p.m. Call 489-3537, Ext. 204.

Children in grades 1-8 who do not attend our parish grade school should be enrolled in Religious Education classes.

## FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES

First Communion pictures have arrived and are located in the East Meeting Room on the counter. Please be certain to take only the packet with your child's name on it.

## ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL HAS CLASS OPENINGS FOR THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR:

We are registering students in grades one (1) through eight (8) for the 2004-05 school year. Please call the school office at 489-3537, ext. 212, for more information.

## SCRIP SALE NOTICE

Scrip will be available every Sunday during the summer from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. and after Lifeteen Mass. Thanks for your support!

## SCRIP INFORMATION SUNDAY

Don't understand SCRIP? Don't know how SCRIP works? Be sure to check the insert in July 11th bulletin for more information and stop by the East Meeting Room after ALL Masses July 10th and 11th. Representatives from the Home and School Association will be on hand to answer any of your questions and for purchasing of SCRIP certificates. All parish families are welcome to check it out.

## BIG RETREAT: A FAMILY EXPERIENCE

A family retreat on the university of Notre Dame campus called the "Big Retreat: A Family Experience", will be held August 6-8, 2004. Some of the activities planned are the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, conferences and presentations to promote family and individual prayer, Stations of the Cross, a candle-light



## Family Retreat

procession from the Basilica to the Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes with Benediction. There will also be personal time to relax and enjoy the beautiful and peaceful campus. If interested, please contact Esther Niespodziany, Office Manager at (574) 631-8288.

## VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

At Children of Mary in Newark, Ohio, an emerging semi-contemplative community of Sisters. Women between the ages of 18 and 36 interested in religious life may register to attend by calling (740) 323-1977. Go to [www.childrenofmary.net](http://www.childrenofmary.net) for information about the community.

## 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.

## GIFT BEARING MINISTRY

We would like all parishioners to have the opportunity to carry the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the part of the Mass called the "Presentation of the Gifts." Before Mass, just pick up the "Last Supper" plaque from the gift table located in front of the Baptismal Font and take it to your pew. This is a great way to mark a special date such as an anniversary or birthday. As representatives of the church community, we ask that appropriate attire be worn. Hint: Early arrival could assure your family's or group's turn at this ministry and also a pew in the center aisle.

## HOSPITALIZED? WANT A PRIEST TO VISIT?

If you or a loved one is admitted to one of the local hospitals and would appreciate a visit from one of the priests and/or parish nurse, it is good to let us know, particularly if a person is admitted on an emergency basis. With the new privacy laws affecting hospitals and other health care institutions, we do not always receive the name of parishioners in the hospitals. Parishioners are admitted and even give the name of the church, but we are not notified; nor will the hospitals give us the name of the patient if we call inquiring as to whether or not a parishioner has been admitted. You may call the church office during the day and leave the name and room number of the parishioner who has been admitted.

## PROJECT SOLIDARITY

As good stewards of God's generous gifts, we pledge to commit 3% of our parish's income, off the top, to the poor and needy. This is money we could use for parish needs; however, we recognize that there are those whose needs are greater. What we give to the poor in the name of Christ will be returned to us a hundredfold. God will not be outdone in generosity. Mindful of our patron, St. Vincent de Paul, it is with joy that we help those in need.

## 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."

## 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 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.



## CENTRAL CATHOLIC ALUMNI 3RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

All Classes are invited to attend a Florida Scramble on Friday, August 6th, at Foster Park Golf course, Old Mill Rd., Fort Wayne. Shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Just come hit the ball and have fun with some fellow classmates.

The cost is \$50 per person, which includes: golf, cart, coffee and donuts, free drinks, and lunch. For non-golfers \$10 per lunch. Make checks payable to Bill Miller, Foster Park Pro. One check per foursome would be appreciated, otherwise we will pair you. Call Bill at 427-6735.

## CLASS REUNION PLANNING MTG.

Calling all Central Catholic High School alumni interested in helping plan an all-CCHS reunion. The second organizational meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2004, at 6 p.m. in the Bishop Dwenger library located at 1300 E. Washington Center Road in Fort Wayne. All classes are urged to send a representative. For more information contact Mary Lou (Thieme) Morris '65 at 485-6164 or Sylvia (Allen) Tjaden at 493-7479.

## CRAFT FAIR OPENINGS

St. Charles Parish (Fort Wayne) has a few spaces left for its Nov. 6th craft fair. With over 140 spaces, this fair offers vendors a high traffic environment to showcase their handcrafted items. Spaces are \$40 each. Hand-made items only. For application, call Jennifer at (260) 749-6077.

## DID YOU ATTEND ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL IN GARRETT?

St. Joseph Catholic School Alumni Reunion will be held on July 17th from 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Mass to follow at 5:00 p.m. The reunion will be held in Bennett Hall (church basement). We are seeking name, addresses and e-mail addresses of former students and graduates of St. Joseph Catholic School. If you have not received an invitation to the reunion, please call St. Joseph Parish Center at (260) 357-3122.

## TEC (TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST) REUNION

The TEC Reunion will be held Saturday, July 24, 2004. Please contact Tom and Anne (Richards) Sherbondy at (260) 438-6611 for information.

## PRESCHOOL TEACHER POSITION OPEN

Preschool Teacher needed at St. Joseph Catholic School - Garrett beginning in August. Preschool meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 8:00 to 11:00. Call (260) 357-5137 or (260) 235-0260.



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# GOOD NEWS

## Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10-14 / Col 1:15-20 / Lk 10:25-37

*Paige Byrne Shortal*  
*sundaybulletin@liguori.org*

I found myself humming as I sat down to consider today's gospel and it took me a while to figure out the name of the tune. It's the song Mr. Rogers always sang: "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood...." In this story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus suggests that our neighbor is the person on our path and that our neighborhood extends beyond the boundaries of our usual circle.

In his book, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*, Stephen Covey writes about the difference between our Circle of Interest and our Circle of Influence. Imagine two circles, one inside the other. For most people, the larger circle is our Circle of Interest. It might include the national economy, war in another country, city politics, the universal church, and so on. The smaller circle is our Circle of Influence. This is where we can make a difference. I may not be effective in national politics, but perhaps I can influence the availability of services to the poor of my town, or the recycling program of my office, or an after-school program at my children's school, or the care of the elderly in my parish.

Mr. Covey also describes the person whose Circle of Influence is larger than their Circle of Interest. They could be effective in areas they don't notice, or where they choose not to go, perhaps in situations where they are sorely needed. Mr. Covey suggests that this occurrence is potentially dangerous. How many leaders are the only ones who can make a difference and whose gaze is too local, too much on their own personal concerns or the problems of their nearest and dearest ones? How many people could be leaders who don't step out and take the risk?

Our neighborhood is wherever we can be effective as disciples, messengers of the Gospel, caretakers of those with Gospel privileges: the poor, victims of violence, the very old, the very young, those yet to be born, and all those whose lives are threatened. "It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood...."