

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD

- *6:30 a.m. Virgilio Tarona
- 8:00 a.m. Carol Wright

TUESDAY, AUGUST 24TH

- *6:30 a.m. Robert Soberalski
- 8:00 a.m. John C. Campbell

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH

- *6:30 a.m. Scott Sonnek
- 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Muhn ALL MASS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH

- *6:30 a.m. Lawrence Ohlman & Florence O'Reilly
- 8:00 a.m. Clarence Murray

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH

- 8:00 a.m. Richard Yeranko
- *5:30 p.m. Harold Smith

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH

- 8:00 a.m. Liv. & Dec. Wm. Maloney Family
- 5:00 p.m. Josephine Vazzana

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH

- 7:15 a.m. Edwin Ashby
- 9:00 a.m. Megan Sarrazine
- 11:00 a.m. Caroline Jordan
- 6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

*CHAPEL



FROM THE PASTOR:

After a summer break, the children of our parish return to school. May they have a good school year. We are blessed with good schools in northwest Allen County, and, as good citizens, we want to give them our full support.



Thank you very much for the support you give to our parish grade school. We have over 700 children in the school, grades one through eight. Operating a school is a lot of work, but it's well worth it. I am pleased to announce that a new heating, air conditioning and ventilation system has been installed in the school, improving greatly the quality of air in the school. Because everything went smoothly, the project was completed ahead of schedule. Our old heating system was failing and, in replacing it, we decided to add air conditioning, a wise decision. It is a very efficient system and should serve us well for many years to come. I am very grateful to Sherry Miller, our Business Manager, and Jay Hamrick, our Maintenance Supervisor, and the core team of parishioners who worked with them in overseeing this project. We will pay for the new HVAC system with funds realized from the Legacy of Faith campaign which you will be hearing more about. Also, we are now in the process of making some major improvements in our parish hall which serves as the school cafeteria. This renovation project will provide us with quality meeting space for large groups. Hopefully, this project will be completed early next year.

God has, indeed, blessed us.
Fr. John

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, August 28

- 8:00 a.m. Gabrielle Gaunt, Nicole Dent
- 5:00 p.m. Hilary Epple, Jordan Venderley
Grace Morken, Giovanna Lombardo

Sunday, August 29

- 7:15 a.m. Ryan Noll, Logan Noll
Emily Koontz, Keighlea Martin
- 9:00 a.m. Justin Martin, Isaac Evans
Molly Workman, Mallory Houlihan
- 11:00 a.m. Sarah Gorman, Drew Giant
Alyssa Heidenreich, Trevor Yerrick

WEDDING BANS

"Let us pray that our brother and sister in Christ, who are preparing for the sacrament of marriage, will be lead by the Holy Spirit."

II Douglas Rippe and Sarah Drabecki



USHERS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

Saturday

- 5:00 p.m. Mike Scheer, Craig Klinker, Brad Thompson and Mike Meehan

Sunday

- 7:15 a.m. Bill Poure, Dan Budzon, David Moran and Jim Sarasion
- 9:00 a.m. Roger Watercutter, Toni Ohlman, Ray Ohlman, John Klingenberg and Don Getts
- 11:00 a.m. Dave Watercutter, David Rosswurm, Ed Parent, John Tippmann and Jim Leazier



MISS VIRGINIA MISSION SUNDAY

Please remember this ministry to the needy of the inner city next Sunday, August 29. Bags of food or paper products may be left in the Gathering Space of the church. Whatever is collected is taken to Inner City Hope Mission House that very day, so please refrain from bringing items through the week.

PROJECT 25 COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND

Next Sunday at all the Masses, boxes will be placed near the columns in the church's Gathering Space to allow our parishioners to contribute to this project. These contributions will make it possible for our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need in our parish and community

BLOOD PRESSURES TAKEN BY HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY

Well, it sure was a short summer! For those that take advantage of the free blood pressure checks, it's time again. Blood pressures will be taken after all Masses this weekend of August 21-22, 2004. This will take place in the Reconciliation area. All parishioners welcomed.

VINCENTFEST!! VINCENTFEST!! VINCENTFEST!!

Yes! There is going to be a picnic this year! Our 9th annual parish picnic, Vincentfest 2004, is set for Sunday, September 19th, from 12 o'clock noon until 6 p.m. It will be located in the same area as last year's event, along the south side of the school. This year's event will once again have lots of family entertainment for all ages: 10+ small kids games, cake walk, youth games, bungee run, two moon walks, gladiator joust, bouncy boxing, free balloons plus much more! We are very pleased to be serving Ed Fox's well-known Broasted Chicken Dinner again this year. This complete dinner will be available as a 3-piece serving for just \$6 or a 2-piece serving for just \$5. Both include Ed's delicious broasted chicken, broasted potato or potato salad, side dish of coleslaw or applesauce, dinner roll, dessert and coffee or lemonade. Carryouts will be available too. We encourage you to purchase your Broasted Chicken Dinner tickets ahead of time to be sure enough food is available (last year we ran out!) Tickets will be available after all Masses beginning next weekend. We will also be serving hamburgers, hot dogs and smoked sausage with chips, popcorn, ice cream, lemonade, coffee and soft drinks. Entertainment scheduled for this year's event so far will once again include the "Knights on the Town" jazz band and the cantors and musicians from the Life Teen Mass (aka "The Life Teen Band). Look for more info on the rest of the entertainment line-up next week.



As with prior events, we rely on your support for another successful picnic. We will again be asking for donations of a "whole lotta" cakes for the Cake Walk event and desserts for the Chicken Dinner. We will also need many volunteers to help set-up, work events and tear down. An announcement about the picnic will be made after all Masses this weekend and you can then come to the East Meeting room and sign up to help and buy your chicken dinner tickets. Please help make this year's Vincentfest another huge success! Mark your calendars and "Come Celebrate Parish Community" with your friends and family!

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Helped mommy." Cain G.
 "Help clean." Elizabeth B.
 "I walked our neighbor's dog." Megan M.
 "I helped my mom make supper." Sammy M.
 "I helped clean my baby brother." Emma G.
 "I emptied the dishwasher." Mike G.
 "Did the dish by myself." Samantha T.
 "I vacuumed the house for my mom." Luke G.
 "Washed dishes and cleaned." Allison B.
 "I helped Grandma and Grandpa." Justin R.
 "Helping fold clothes." Marisa T.
 "I cleaned the bird's cages and the hamper." Page D.
 "I helped my sister" Branden
 "I cleaned my room." Amber B.

Meetings of the Week

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – Monday, August 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, August 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RCIA – Tuesday, August 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, August 25, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 PARISH NURSE – Wednesday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, August 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room

THE WORD TWO BY TWO

A women's bible study group will begin Tuesday, September 14th, from 8:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We will be studying The Book of John (Little Rock Scripture Series). Call Sue Ann at 483-1566 to order materials.

RENEW YOUR SPIRIT: SIGN UP FOR THE FALL M.O.M.S. SESSION



This is an opportunity for moms of all ages to learn to deal with stress, develop your everyday spirituality and to grow personally. Learn to

share with other moms the stress, concerns and positive experiences that influence you. Experience the support and friendship of other women as you discover the depth of your spirituality. The sessions will begin late September. It runs once a week for six weeks in the evening from 7 – 9 p.m. at the St. Vincent's Life House. Call Jeni Owens at 373-0022 if you have any questions or would like to sign up.

WINGS II

Wings II is a bible/religious study and faith sharing group focusing on the spiritual journey of the older woman.

During the fall/winter session we will be "Exploring the Sunday Readings" and studying the Holy Eucharist, using as a reference a book entitled, "The Healing Power of the Eucharist."

Our group meets each Thursday morning, through the school year, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Community Room located in the Spiritual Center. Our first meeting will be held on September 9th. If you are interested in joining us, please call Mona Kuehn at 637-3417 or Becky Manz at 403-2828. No day care provided.

ST. VINCENT'S ADULT CHOIR

Have you considered singing in the Choir? The Adult Choir will begin on Thursday, September 9th, at 7 p.m. No prior choir experience is necessary, and all are welcome.



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.



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.

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 Cyndi Wolf 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.

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)	
August 26	September 9
	September 23
Session II (Church Conference Room)	
September 16	October 21

SCC PASTORAL FACILITATORS' TRAINING

SEPT. 18, 2004

The next Small Christian Community Pastoral Facilitators' Training is Saturday, September 18, from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. in the Church Conference Room.

Pastoral Facilitators: Our parish requires you to attend one training session during the time of your service as leader of the Small Christian Community. You are welcome to send persons who are willing to serve in the next few years also.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

If you have a family member who is serving in Iraq/Afghanistan or anywhere in the military and would like prayers for their intention, let the church office know - 489-3537. Their names will be published in the bulletin weekly.



Keep in your prayers:

Travis Jaakkola, Iraq
 Scott Krieg, Air Guard
 Sfc Daniel McCrady
 Chad Killian
 Cpl. Brian Mockenhaupt

Sgt. Ryan Wenk, Afghanistan
 SRA Andrew Grashoff, Turkey
 Cpl Christopher Amstutz, Iraq
 Sgt Tom Mason

HELP US UPDATE OUR MILITARY SERVICE BULLETIN BOARD

We are asking for information for all our military service personnel. This will be used to update our military service bulletin board.

Please pick up one of the questionnaires located on the table by the church office.

CARING INDIVIDUAL NEEDED

Seeking nurturing individual to assist elderly couple with routine daily activities. Duties to include laundry, grocery shopping, light house work, and preparation and clean up of lunch. Pay, hours and days – all negotiable. Call 615-1000 for more details.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

August 22 LIFE TEEN OLYMPICS
August 25 Ministry Hour
August 26 Pray at Abortion Clinic
August 29 Life Night



GO FOR THE GOLD AT THE LIFE TEEN OLYMPICS

All teens in high school, stick around after the LIFE TEEN Mass August 22. Bring your friends and meet some new ones. We will head to the gym for food, fun, music, prizes and wacky photography. No need to sign up, just show up.

LIFE TEEN INSPIRATION

Tour in St. Louis Saturday, September 25. Trip to Six Flags and Hurricane Water Park then a night with Matt Smith, Mark Hart (aka: the Bible Geek), and music by Matt Maher. We plan to make a weekend of it. Check your calendars and ask your parents, because if we're going to do it, we need you to commit to it.

PARENTS OF TEENS

Do you want your teen to be involved? A great way is by you being involved. To see how you can be part of LIFE TEEN contact Cindy.

LIFE SUPPORT

Even if you aren't the parent of a teen, you can be part of LIFE TEEN with your time and talent. Contact Cindy for details or fill out a LIFE Support form next weekend.

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I contact Cindy Black at 489-3537 Ext. 228 or I
I e-mail Cblack@SaintV.org. I
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EMPLOYMENT OPENINGS AT SCHOOL

We have openings for teachers' assistants in the Junior High, cafeteria and playground. If you are interested, please send a resume to the school office.

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.

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST: ACTIVE LISTENING

"He who listens to salutary reproof; will abide among the wise."
Proverbs 15:31

COACHES – YOU ARE NEEDED!!

St. Vincent's still needs a cross-country coach. If you would like to coach this team, call Paul Cassabon at 750-3011 or call 489-3537 Ext. 218.

LET'S PLAY VOLLEYBALL

8th grade volleyball practice begins August 3, 4, and 5 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Any questions, contact Becky.Renner at 497-0199.

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!

NO MORE MEIJER/KROGER BAGS, PLEASE!!!

Just to remind you that the Meijer/Kroger bag recycling program was canceled as of June 1, 2004 here at St. Vincent's. Your participation in this program was very much appreciated.

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 \$44,061.69 in financial assistance. Thank you very much for supporting our parish grade school.

FALL REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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. 235.

FALL REGISTRATION FOR PRESCHOOL

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. 235.

CALL FOR CATECHISTS

We have had a slow but steady response to the call for catechists. While some openings remain for Wednesday, the Sunday positions have all been filled.

Due to increasing numbers, several sections have been added on Wednesday in order to keep the class sizes small. This, of course, means that we need additional volunteers. The commitment requires approximately 4 hours a week, i.e. 90 minutes of class time and 2 hours of preparation (in the comfort of your own home!) for each class. Please call Beth at 489-3537 Ext.204.



Workshops will be held in the fall to assist the newcomers or those who would like a refresher course. Along with using the newly adopted text, catechists are encouraged to supplement with material about the Blessed Mother and the saints. How can you be of help to us? Presently we have openings in grades 5, 7, and 8 on Wednesdays. Please pray about this important ministry. If you have questions, feel free to call, come in and look over the materials, and then make your decision.

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

DID YOU GET YOUR FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES?

First Communion pictures are available in the Religious Education office. Those not claimed will be handed out to the children during the first Religious Ed class in September.

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.

LET'S PROMOTE THE BEAUTY AND SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE

"American Catholics have long sought to assimilate into U.S. cultural life. But in assimilating, we have too often been digested. We have been changed by our culture too much, and we have changed it not enough. If we are leaven, we must bring to our culture the whole Gospel, which is a Gospel of life and joy. That is our vocation as believers. And there is not better place to start than promoting the beauty and sanctity of human life".

— US Bishops, 'Living the Gospel of Life' 1998, n.25

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:

Ron Manufacturing or custodian (260) 426-3308

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

WALK TO D'FEET ALS, LOU GEHRIG'S DISEASE

Our former Dwenger classmate, Michael Dawley '81, has been diagnosed with ALS, more commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease. It is a neuromuscular disease for which there is no cure nor treatment. The walk on August 29th is a fund-raising event to help finance research to find a cure for this fatal disease. Your help is needed. If interested, please contact Eloisa Cruz Herberger at 637-1251 or e-mail at me.herberger@verizon.net. Thank you!

IS THERE ROOM?

A woman in her early 60's, with multiple challenges (and also multiple gifts) is looking for a loving family to welcome her into their household, with the assistance of Easter Seals ARC's Adult Foster Care program. Might you be experiencing a nudge by God to open your home and heart to welcome a special new member. For more information, please call Rita at 424-4989.



WILL CLEAN HOUSE OR OFFICE

And, also will do laundry. Dependable. Call Sharon at 489-9448.

VOLUNTEER FOR THE "CLOTHES CLOSET"

The Franciscan Center, Inc. "Clothes Closet" is in need of volunteers. If interested, please call Doris Bermes at 744-3977.

PLANNING AN ALL-CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL REUNION

The next planning meeting for the all-Central Catholic High School reunion will be Monday, August 23, at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held 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 (260) 485-6164 or Sylvia (Allen) Tjaden at (260) 493-7479.



LET THE GAMES BEGIN!

That might be a good slogan for the upcoming Olympics, but not for a marriage! The Marriage Encounter Weekend shows couples how to be straightforward and honest in their communication, thus building a foundation for the kind of trust and love every marriage deserves. Fall weekends are filling up, but there are currently still spaces available. The next weekends are scheduled for September 24-

26, 2004 in Fort Wayne and November 19-21, 2004 in South Bend. For more information, call Mike & Julia Roszkowski (574) 243-0743 or visit our web site at www.wmme-ni.org.

RIGHT OF LIFE

At 11-12 weeks after conception the baby has eyelids, fingernails, fingerprints and can even grasp an object placed in her hand. The baby's sex can be visually determined and the baby's eyes, ears, and face begin to display distinctive characteristics...family resemblances may be apparent. From this point on there is only growth in the size and maturation of the organs already present. All body systems are in place and active. The baby has a skeletal structure, nerves, and circulation. In the US approximately 143,000 babies are killed a year by surgical abortions at 11-12 weeks.

WANT TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE?

The ABBA House has 5 Pilgrimage trips left this year. Please call the ABBA House at (260) 482-8299 for information and reservations.

PRO-LIFE UPDATES

"I am dedicated to spending the rest of my life undoing the law that bears my name. I would like nothing more than to have this law overturned." — Norma L. McCorvey ("Jane Roe" of Roe v. Wade)

RETROUVILLE...A CHRISTIAN PEER MINISTRY FOR MARRIAGES

Are you unhappy in your marriage?
Are you struggling in your marriage?
Are you no longer talking about your differences?
Are you thinking about separation or divorce?
Are you separated or in the process of divorce?

If you answered yes to any of the above, Retrouville can help. The next Retrouville Program begins with the weekend of September 10-12, 2004. For information, call (260) 485-1944 or (800) 470-2230. All inquiries are confidential.

ALLEN CO. JAIL CHAPLAINCY 4TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

This annual golf outing will be held September 10, 2004 at Cedar Creek Golf Course. Entry Fee: \$75 per player. Hole sponsors: \$200 per hole. Registration: 11:15 - 11:45 a.m. Shotgun start 12:00 noon. Prizes. Refreshments provided during play and dinner is served in the clubhouse following play. Entry deadline is September 3. No entries will be reserved without full payment. Session filled on a first come basis. All profits from the outing will go to and be for the benefit of the Allen County Jail Chaplaincy, Inc.

WBCL RADIO'S ROMANIA

'LIKEWISE' PROJECT

WBCL will be collecting new or gently used coats and brand new shoes and boots. They will be collecting and broadcasting live in the following locations from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.:

Tuesday, August 24 WBCL Studios
1025 W. Rudisill Blvd.
Thursday, August 26 Anchor Room
4530 Lahmeyer Road

Items may also be dropped off at the WBCL Studios any time between Aug. 24 and Aug. 26. (Just ring the doorbell if it is after business hours).



SEEKING PREVIOUS MEMBERS OF ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Former members of St. Joseph's Hospital Auxiliary are planning a reunion for the fall. Many of the names and addresses of previous members have been misplaced. If former members would like to be kept informed on forthcoming plans, they may call Mary Ann Mickelini at 458-3712 or Agnes McArdle at 456-3154 and leave your name, address and phone number. Information will be sent to them as it becomes available.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT AND BOUTIQUE AT PRECIOUS BLOOD

The Precious Blood Rosary Society is planning for their November 6, 2004 Christmas Craft and Boutique Show from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Door prizes are given throughout the day. Tables are \$20.00 each. For more information, call Jeannette at 422-5870, Millie at 422-8766 or Teresa at 385-4565.



CHICKEN BAR-B-Q & FESTIVAL

St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Avilla, IN, is hold their 38th annual Labor Day Chicken Bar-B-Q & Festival (also ham) on September 6, 2004. Serving will be from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Carry outs available. Come enjoy bingo, games and a raffle.

BOAT OR CAR STORAGE!

Space available in a newly constructed, secure pole barn with concrete floor. Located conveniently between Hwy 3 and Coldwater Road off Gump Road. Call parishioner, Pat Koehl at 637-0033.