

**MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

\*6:30 a.m. Gerard Theriot  
8:00 a.m. John Snider

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

\*6:30 a.m. Mary Beeler  
8:00 a.m. Lorine Sachleben

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

\*6:30 a.m. Maryann Oswald  
8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Laier **ALL MASS**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

\*6:30 a.m. Richard Carroll  
8:00 a.m. Kenneth Thieme

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

8:00 a.m. Fred & Mary Clements  
\*5:30 p.m. Clara Armbrust

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

8:00 a.m. Zoa Marie Pequignot  
5:00 p.m. Ursula Miller

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

7:15 a.m. Mary Guingrich  
9:00 a.m. John C. Campbell  
11:00 a.m. Meghan Sarrazine  
12:30 p.m. Russell Turner  
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

\*CHAPEL



**SERVERS' SCHEDULE**

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Jessica Viduya, Kelsey Giant  
5:00 p.m. Drew Thomas, Matt Thomas  
MacKenzie Mentzer, Spenser St. Louis

Sunday, December 19

7:15 a.m. Logan Noll, Ryan Noll  
Natasha Moeller, Sean Weigand  
9:00 a.m. Wade Markley, Sarah Nixon  
Robby Becker, Maryanne Oskey  
11:00 a.m. Catherine Stanley, Becca Kleber  
Wally Hogle, Alex Westrick  
12:30 p.m. Thomas Coonan, Elise Mayo

**NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE** - Beginning December 11th, we are changing the time that we hear confessions. We will be moving confessions from Saturday afternoon (3:30 - 4:30 p.m.) to Saturday morning (8:45 - 9:45 a.m.). We hope this change makes it more convenient for parishioners to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

**NEWCOMERS REGISTRATION**

Parish representatives will be in Church Conference Room TODAY, December 12, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

**MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

If you would like to meet some of your fellow parishioners for some prayer, fellowship and food to begin your day off on the right foot, plan to join men of the parish at the Omega Family Restaurant on Coliseum Boulevard this Friday, December 17, at 6:00 a.m. **ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!**

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

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

(Please print)

Name of Loved One: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES**

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Monday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m. About 12 priests will be present.

Other Penance Services in the area are:  
St. John the Baptist, New Haven - Monday, Dec. 13 - 7:00 p.m.  
Our Lady of Good Hope - Tuesday, Dec. 14 - 7:00 p.m.  
St. Charles Borromeo - Wednesday, Dec. 15 - 7:00 p.m.  
St. Jude's - Thursday, Dec. 16 - 7:00 p.m.

Confessions will also be offered at St. Vincent's on  
Tuesday, Dec. 21 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 22 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 23 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.  
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

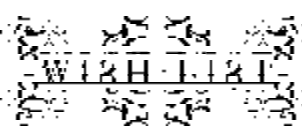
**ST. VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve 4:00 and 6:30 p.m.  
Our Mass at Midnight 11:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.



**THE GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree is an easy way for you to brighten the Christmas of someone less fortunate. Take an angel ornament off the evergreen tree in the Gathering Space of the Church. Purchase the gift request (written on the angel), wrap it securely, and attach the ornament to the outside of the gift. Then bring it to the church and place it under the tree by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, no later than 2 p.m. and we will be sure it gets delivered to the person in need before Christmas. If you cannot return the gift in time, please refrain from taking an ornament. An evergreen is used as a symbol of our need to be forever giving. If you have any questions, call Craig or Vicki Welch at 483-7257.



**GIVING TREE "BIG" WISH LIST**

A number of items requested by our giving tree recipients were too large to put on an angel. Perhaps you have the ability to purchase or donate a used item on the list and make someone's Christmas brighter. Here's the wish list: teen girl bikes (3), teen boy bikes (3), 6 year old boy bike, high chair (2), playpen (2), stroller (3), infant car seat, bassinet, crib, baby swing (2), silverware (2), pots and pans (2), dishes, vacuum cleaner, and money to buy a teen's senior pictures. If you can donate any of these items, please call Vicki Welch at 483-7257.

**ST. VINCENT PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST**

Sunday, December 12th, is the next Knights of Columbus Parish Family Breakfast. Serving times are from 8:15 to 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fruit serving and milk, juice or coffee. All this for only \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children ages 6 to 12 years. Children 5 years and under eat FREE. Family maximum is \$18. Don't forget...there is plenty of parking on the Wallen Road side of the Parish Hall. Thank you for supporting our parish activity!



**ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Eucharistic Ministers are asked to pick up their new schedules in the Ministers' Sacristy as soon as possible.

**MINISTRY FAIR 2004**

**WEEK4: PARISHIONER SUPPORT MINISTRIES II**

Talk to our parishioners dedicated to these wonderful works, and maybe you, too, will feel called to one!

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Parish Pastoral Council         | Bereavement Committee       |
| Divorced Catholic Support Group | Two Prayer Lines            |
| Eucharistic Adoration           | Knights of Columbus         |
| Harvest House                   | Shepherds of Christ         |
| Pamphlet Rack Committee         | Mardi Gras                  |
|                                 | St. Vincent de Paul Society |

**SAINT VINCENT'S NOVEMBER 2004 COLLECTIONS**

**FOUR WEEKS**

Total Collection in Envelopes	\$ 178,596
Total Collection Loose	11,041
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	\$ 189,637
Average Weekly Collection	\$ 47,409
Project Solidarity for the Poor	\$ 5,864
Capital Improvement Envelopes	\$ 2,367



*Meetings of the Week*

- BUILDING AND GROUNDS – Monday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge  
 WINGS 3 – Monday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 DISCIPLES IN MISSION TEAM – Tuesday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 RCIA– Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, December 15, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 WINGS – Wednesday, December 15, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE – Wednesday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 BEREAVEMENT SESSION 4 – Thursday, December 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room

**HARVEST HOUSE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK**

St. Vincent's Harvest House will have a Christmas Potluck on Monday, Dec. 20, 2004, with Mass at 11:15 a.m. and dinner to follow. Meat, beverages and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Also, please bring an inexpensive gift or a nice "white elephant" for a "steal drawing" after dinner. RSVP by Dec. 16 to 482-2085 or 483-7252. ALL SENIORS ARE WELCOME!

**WINGS 3**

Is a faith-sharing group for women of all ages. Our mission is to nurture Christian fellowship by providing opportunities for faith sharing, book study, prayer, speakers, and service. We meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. We are currently registering for a new session of WINGS 3 which will begin January 10, 2005. Please call Julie Fox at 489-0111 to register, or stop by after all Masses on December 11 and 12 to register in person. All women are welcome!

**HAVE FAITH II: EARTHLY OFFERING NEW CD AVAILABLE**

This CD was recorded and produced by Tony Andorfer with the talents of local musicians including: Jeanne Baker-Dick, Samantha Conrad, Jim Fitzpatrick, Alan Schipkowski, Ryan Schipkowski, Jamie Burnham, John Coupe, Scott Kruse, Keith Lytton, Pam Siela, Julianne Burt, Bob Delancey, Peggy Leffers, and Emilie Stanley. This CD is available at the Church office or through the SCRIP program for \$15.



**HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS:**

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS**

Free blood pressures will be taken after all Masses on the weekend of December 19th in the Reconciliation area.

**LAST WEEKEND FOR "SAVE LIDS TO SAVE LIVES"**

WINGS have been collecting the pink "Save Lids to Save Lives" lids located on Yoplait yogurts. Every lid collected will be a 10-cent donation by Yoplait towards the cure for breast cancer. The donation box is near the west entrance of the Gathering Space. Any questions, please call Kellie Stanley at 637-6041.

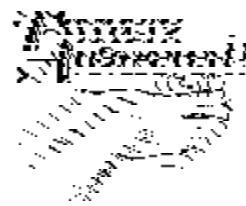
DEADLINE FOR COLLECTING IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19.

**THANK YOU!**

To our St. Vincent's family,

We thank you for your faithful prayers and support as our son, Greggy, fought his leukemia with three years and three months of chemotherapy. At the young age of five, just after our move to Fort Wayne from South Bend, Greg's fight began. You embraced us. And now Greg is nine years old and WE JOYFULLY ANNOUNCE THE END OF HIS CHEMOTHERAPY TODAY, DECEMBER 12. We give all the glory to God and praise Him for His healing love, so abundant in our lives. Never will we know why such a young child was asked to carry such a cross but we do know that our love for Christ deepened. Please continue to pray that our little Greg remains healed and that his little body can recover from his treatments as expected over the next year.

Again, in Christ's name, we thank you, Tom and Kathy Fean



**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 Thursday, January 20. 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.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS** – I am looking for these two books from our library:

- 1) Bruggeman, Walter, "The Bible Makes Sense"
  - 2) Witherup, Ronald D., "The Bible Companion, A Handbook for Beginners"
- If you have one or both, please give me a call S. Kay at 489-3537 Ext. 207.

**NEW BOOKS IN THE SCC RESOURCE CENTER**

We have added 76 new books to the library in the East Meeting Room. Most have come as donations from a publisher. Check the catalog for the blue appendix sheets listing the new additions in the different categories. This being the year of the Eucharist we have two new books on this sacrament.

**SAVE THIS DATE!**

Bishop Dwenger High School will host its 26th Annual 'Saints Alive!' Dinner Auction on Friday, February 25, 2005.

**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.

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| Keep in your prayers:    | PFC Matt Vincent, Jr. USMC     |
| Spc. Derrick C. McCann   | Staff Sgt. Steven Pittman, Jr. |
| Cpl Chad H. Pollitt      | SRA Matthew R. Stier           |
| Airman Sean Williams     | Staff Sgt. Thomas Pettit       |
| Staff Sgt. Thomas Putman | Adam Niemic                    |
| Pvt. Bradley Trowbridge  | Sgt. Jerum Madarang            |
| SR Donald Barge II       | Sgt. Levi P. Sorg              |
| Sgt. Aaron Barton        | Sgt. Michael Dixon             |
| Sgt. Joseph H. Sorg      | Travis Jaakkola, Iraq          |
| Cpl. Jason Day           | Scott Krieg, Air Guard         |
| Sgt. Ryan Wenk           | Sfc Daniel McCrady             |
| SRA Andrew Grashoff      | Sgt. Tom Mason                 |
| Cpl Christopher Amstutz  |                                |
| Sgt. Brian Mockenhaupt   |                                |

**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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

December 12 Life Night, Care Packages  
December 15 Ministry Hour, 7:15 p.m.  
December 17 XLT: Come Emmanuel, 7:30 p.m.  
December 19 No Life Night

## XLT: COME EMMANUEL!

Friday, December 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Come prepare your heart for Christmas. It's not just for teens...families, college students, Small Christian Communities, all are welcome. Spread the word!

## COLLEGE FRESHMAN CARE PACKAGES

It has become a LIFE TEEN tradition to send care packages to those newly away at college during finals before Christmas. We are in need of light weight snack items, gum and decks of cards. You may drop items off at the Life Teen Mass on Dec. 12.

## LIFE TEEN CLEAN

The Life House is in need of regular cleaning. The teens can do the work, but we need adults to instruct and supervise. Call or e-mail Cindy if you are willing to help on occasion.

## JHL SERVICE PROJECT

"Blessed are the servants of the Lord!" Come out on Wednesday, December 29th to Byron Health Center at the corner of Lima and Carroll Roads. We will play BINGO with the residents! Check with your 7th or 8th grade girl or guy for the list of prize donations needed. Drop off is at 6:45 p.m. at the front entrance of Byron Health Center which faces Lima Road with pick-up at 8:15 p.m. The phone number there is 637-3166. Mark your calendar and let's have FUN!

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I For information about St. Vincent's Youth Ministry, I  
I contact Cindy Black at 489-3537 Ext. 228 or I  
I e-mail Cblack@SaintV.org. I  
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## SEEKING PARISHIONER-OWNED BUSINESSES FOR PARISH REWARDS

St. Vincent de Paul School Development Committee will launch a fundraising program called Parish Rewards in early 2005. Many parishioner-owned businesses have already agreed to participate but there is still room for your business. Parish Rewards will run similarly to the current SCRIP program but it is aimed at higher ticket item purchases such as vehicles, real estate, builders, remodelers, orthodontics, etc. Businesses agree to donate a percentage of the sales amount to St. Vincent's in exchange for direct marketing to the parish's 2700 families. Parishioners who use the program will be able to designate 50% of the donation to either their own tuition incentive account, the school or the church. The school retains the other 50%. If you think your business would mesh well with this program, please contact Kim Pohovey, Development Director, at 489-3537, ext. 236.

## GIRL SCOUT CARNIVAL

Mark your calendar for Friday, May 6, 2005! It is never too soon to find a few raffle prizes during all the holiday sales. If you want to turn prizes over for storage, call 705-0584. Get ready for fun, games, food, & a great time for everyone in the family!



## GIRL SCOUT SHIRTS

Have you outgrown your blue Girl Scout Shirt or no longer need it? Please give it new life by turning it back in for reuse. Questions on who to give it to can be answered at 705-0584.

## THINK SCRIP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

To save you time and support St. Vincent School at the same time, please consider purchasing SCRIP gift certificates this holiday season. If you have a business and would like to give your employees an opportunity to choose from a variety of gift certificates, please call the SCRIP committee at 489-3537 ext. 234, and we will be happy to assist you. Scrip is available every Saturday after the 5 p.m. Mass, Sundays from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. and after Lifeteen Mass. The SCRIP order form can also be found on the website [www.saintv.org/school/home1.htm](http://www.saintv.org/school/home1.htm)

## PRESCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

During the 9:00 Mass, Steve and Stacy Barry, and Cindy Wagner, who have volunteered for a number of years, and three Bishop Dwenger students, Katie Schenkel, Laura Schmidt and Katelyn Springer teach the four year old classes. Michelle Nolan assisted by Catherine Stanley teaches during the 11:00 Mass. At this age level, the children learn to become thankful for God's gifts of nature and become aware of their responsibilities to pray, share, listen, wait, and help. They also celebrate special feasts and holidays such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, St. Valentine's Day and Easter.

## JESSE TREE PRAYER SERVICES SET FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

On Sunday, December 12 at 4:10 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 15, at 6:10 p.m., we will have the Jesse Prayer Service in the church for grades 1-8. This brief prayer/instructional service traces the lineage of the Christ Child from the Old Testament beginnings. Parents are invited to attend.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Sunday classes will meet on December 12. Wednesday classes will be held on December 15. In January classes resume on Wednesday, January 5 and Sunday, January 9.



## EIGHTH GRADERS CONTRIBUTE FOR SOLDIERS IN IRAQ

Under the direction of Teresa Norton, students wrote 40+ letters and collected a variety of items such as playing cards, stationery, candy, magazines, and homemade goodies, all of which were mailed to Brian Mockenhaupt who is stationed in Iraq and who will distribute the contents to those soldiers with whom he serves. Each eighth grader in the class also contributed \$1.00 to help cover postage. Blessings to these young people for their generosity and concern.

## COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

"The will to persevere is often the difference between failure and success."  
- David Sarnoff

## FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN

A gate has been installed near the playground and will be locked every school day until 7:50 a.m. and when children are at play.

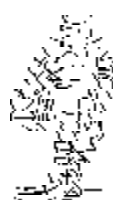
## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual St. Vincent School Christmas Concert will be Monday, December 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The concert will feature First Graders, Band Members, and Choir Members. Further information will be sent home with the students involved in the near future. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Proulx, Mrs. Humbert, or Mr. Andorfer.



## CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Babysat my cousins." Kelsey M.  
"I made a family ornament for Christmas." Sammy M.  
"I prayed to God." Sydney U.  
"Made my bed." Justin R.  
"I raked Grandma's leaves." Zachary G.  
"I cleaned the house for my mom." Samantha T.  
"I helped my mom put up the Christmas tree." Alison W.  
"Cleaning a room." Marisa T.  
"Gather garbage." Nicholas  
"Helped my sister." Branden W.  
"I made my bed." Nicholas H.  
"Helped my sisters on the computer." Madeline S.  
"Cleaned my room." Allison B.  
"Chores." Lizzie G.  
"I helped decorate the Christmas tree." Jacob U.



## BASKETBALL SCHOOL OFFERED FOR GRADES K - 8

Bishop Dwenger will hold its annual Saints Basketball School for students to grades K - 8 beginning on January 8, 2005. The school will run for five consecutive Saturdays. Session 1 for grades K - 3 runs from 9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. and Session 2 for grades 4 - 8 runs from 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon. Cost is \$40 and includes a t-shirt. Registration forms are available at the Dwenger school office. Call 496-4700 for more information.

## 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.

### NO SESSIONS IN DECEMBER

Session I (East Meeting Room)

January 13      January 27

Session II (Church Conference Room)

January 20

## 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.

## 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 us solace in a way that our families and friends cannot give.

St. Vincent's Bereavement Ministry is holding the last Bereavement Support Group Session at 7:00 p.m. on Dec.16. It will be held in the East Room.

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 the healing process.

If this is what you are looking for, call Therese 489-6741.



## LEGAL GUARDIANS NEEDED AT FW DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

Volunteers to act as legal guardians for some of the Fort Wayne State Developmental Center residents who have no one to advocate for them. There is no cost involved nor is their any legal or financial liability involved on the part of the guardian. We need volunteers who are kind, dependable, conscientious, and caring. This may require a hour or two a month of your time at the most. If interested, please call Carl Kahlenbeck at (260) 969-5904 for information regarding this needed service.

## WANTED: VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

To deliver hot meals weekly in Fort Wayne during the noontime hour to homebound clients. Flexible schedule to meet your needs. Call Judy Gregg at Homebound Meals, Inc. - 422-3296.

## VOLUNTEER COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS NEEDED

and appreciated for St. Anne Home & Retirement Community. One hour commitment of time 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on any day of the week (Sun-Sat) to bring communion to residents on one of three floors. Training and accompaniment provided by Pastoral Care Staff. If interested, please call 484-5555 and ask for John Offerle or Sister Loretta.

## RCIA

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, its teachings and traditions, you may want to consider the RCIA. For those who are unbaptized and are interested in becoming Catholic, the process is longer and should be begun soon. For more information, please call the church office at 489-3537, and ask for Judy.

## YOUNG ADULT LIFE (21-40 Married/Single)

"You will show me the Path to life, abounding joy in Your presence, the delights at Your right hand forever."

## Y.A.C.H.T. CLUB - DEC. 14TH AT 7:15 P.M. AT THE LIFE HOUSE

This club is designed for us to gather, share and learn about our Catholic Faith. For more information contact Jeff and Michelle at youngadulthoodlife@comcast.net or 490-9178.

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING - DEC. 18TH AT 6:45 P.M.

Meet at 6:45 p.m. at the entrance to Kingston Retirement Center on Washington Center Road. After caroling we will have dinner at Texas Road House. Please contact Jeff and Michelle at youngadulthoodlife@comcast.net for more information.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - DEC. 19TH

Come join us at the 9:00 Mass followed by brunch at Cebollas at Dupont.



## MEN'S CHRIST RENEWS

## HIS PARISH WEEKEND -

FEB. 19, 2005

Are you looking for a way to revitalize your faith and make new friends? Sign up today for the next

Men's Christ RENEWS His Parish weekend on February 19th. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Please contact Jim Pondel at 482-4944 for details and registration.

## CHRIST RENEWS NEEDS SHEETS!!!

The Christ RENEWS His Parish Continuation Committee is in need of sheets to cover the new mattresses that are used on the retreat weekends. Our goal is to collect 75 new or gently used queen or king flat sheets. Please call Dan or Kathy Coffin at 483-7395 if you are able to help.

## UPDATED LIST OF PANTRY ITEMS

A food box for St. Vincent de Paul Society's pantry is placed in the west wing of the Gathering Space. We will continue to regularly post items needed to supply the pantry. Our current needs are SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CEREAL, JELLY OR JAMS, AND PEANUT BUTTER although any donations are appreciated. We cannot accept perishable items, e.g. fresh vegetables. Again, we wish to thank you for your support in helping us feed the poor of our community. Your response has been GREAT!

## SNOW REMOVAL

The St. Vincent's Knights of Columbus will again offer snow removal to the elderly and those in need of help in clearing snow from drives and walkways. Please call Jim Cox II at 492-7705 for details and to get on our list. Please call before the snow flies. We are also looking for volunteers, Knights or parishioners.

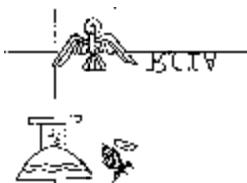


## MEN WANTED

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 Steve Lybrook, membership director, at 497-0427. We look forward to welcoming you to our council.



### CAREGIVERS NEEDED

Gentleman needs Caregiver Aide for his limited ability wife for two 5-hour days per week (selected days are open). She needs help with personal care, tube feeding, and therapy exercises. Must be a dependable person with at least a CNA or a QMA health care certificate. \$10 p/hr. If interested, please call Rhonda at 489-8705.

### CHILD CARE AVAILABLE

Full time openings for child care in my non-smoking home. Lots of fun, love and toys. I live in Manor Park off Wallen Road. About one mile from St. Vincent's. Call Laurie 416-0858.



### CHILD CARE NEEDED

Parish family seeking child care for three children two days per week. Children are 4, 2 and 2 months. This can be done in our house or yours. Please contact Scott or Tami if interested at 471-0982.

### HOUSE CLEANING AVAILABLE

Enjoy your free time and let me handle the housework! Stay-at-home mom will clean for less. Call Rose at 492-8264.

### WANT A BEAUTIFUL HOME?

Call Brenda at (260) 223-2388 for housecleaning services. References available.

### 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 (stvincchurch@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!

### ASSISTANT TEACHER

Kiddie Prep School is hiring full time and part time Christian assistant preschool teachers. Applications welcome daily between 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the school office. Contact Melanie for additional information at 485-7951.

### ENJOY THE SOUNDS OF THE SEASON!

Bishop Dwenger Music Department will conduct its annual Christmas Band and Choral Concert on Sunday, December 12, 2004 at 2 p.m. in the Dwenger gymnasium. Admission is free.



### SANTA'S VISITS

Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus would love to come and visit your Christmas Party. Mrs. Claus loves to tell stories and I might read from Santa's List. We will visit you at home or at an Office Party, but not on Christmas Eve. Santa and Mrs. have been spreading the Spirit of Christmas for over 25 years. For more information, call us at 489-2473.

### FORT WAYNE MAENNERCHOR/DAMENCHOR GERMAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Fort Wayne Mannerchor/Damenchor will present a German Christmas Concert featuring Franz Schubert's "Mass in F" and traditional German Christmas Carols, sung entirely in German. This is a unique opportunity to experience and appreciate the beautiful Christmas music of the German culture in this fantastic neo-Gothic setting of Saint Peter's Catholic Church on Sunday, December 19th at 4:00 p.m. Open to the public, free of charge.

### GIFT OF WARMTH

Catholic Charities will provide over \$30,000 in utility assistance through the Gift of Warmth program in Allen County during the 2004-2005 heating season. NIPSCO will match the dollar-for-dollar, the money will then be applied to the NIPSCO gas bills of customers whose financial situation qualifies them for assistance through the program. If you'd like to lend support, please send your donations to: Gift of Warmth, Catholic Charities, 315 East Washington Blvd., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802. St. Vincent's Parish will be sending Catholic Charities some money from our Project Solidarity fund.

### MATTHEW KELLY TO SPEAK AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON'S

Join St. Elizabeth Ann Seton on Thursday, December 16, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. as they welcome internationally renowned Catholic author and speaker, Matthew Kelly. In his talk, "How to Make Choices that Will Give You More Energy...and Help You Become the-Best-Version-of-Yourself," Matthew will discuss the wonderful opportunity Christmas presents each of us to reassess our priorities and dedicate ourselves to the things that deserve our dedication.

### RESPECT LIFE

"Here we are dealing with human beings, with our neighbors, brothers and sisters, the poor and invalids...unproductive – perhaps! But have they, therefore, lost the right to live? Have you or I the right to exist only because we are 'productive'?"

— Bishop Graf von Galen,

Bishop of Munster, Germany during the Nazi euthanasia campaign (1940-1945)

### PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL, SPAIN AND FRANCE

Join Father Daryl Rybicki, Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish, Fort Wayne, and others on a 14-day pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, and other shrines in Portugal, Spain, and France, April 8 – 21, 2005. Cost from Chicago is \$2,499 and includes travel expenses, accommodations in superior tourist class hotels (with private facilities), and two meals daily. Visit Santarem, Fatima, Avila, Zaragoza, Lourdes, Montserrat, Barcelona, and Madrid. For a tour brochure, please call 744-4393.

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Mike and Julia Roszkowski, your local Marriage Encounter representatives, wish you a holy and happy holiday this Christmas season. Please call us at (574) 243-0743 for more information about Marriage Encounter or visit our web site at [www.wwme-ni.org](http://www.wwme-ni.org). It could be the best gift you ever give to your spouse! The next two weekends are February 25-27, 2005 in Fort Wayne and April 22-24, 2005 in South Bend.

### CARING FOR YOUR AGING PARENTS

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

### FOR THE HOMEBOUND

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

### WINTER GUIDELINES FOR CEMETERY

Wreaths on a wire easel may decorate a grave from 11/15 to 3/1 ONLY. No grave blankets are permitted to decorate a grave because of the damage they do to the turf and equipment as well as disposal problems. No Christmas trees, glass ornaments, balloon or shepherd's hooks please. If you have any questions or want a copy of the cemetery guidelines, please call the church office.

