

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 3RD

- \*6:30 a.m. Jim Fox
- 8:00 a.m. Paul Partee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 4TH

- \*6:30 a.m. Fred J. Didomenico
- 8:00 a.m. Rosemary Koeller

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5TH

- \*6:30 a.m. Garet Byrd
- 8:00 a.m. Catherine Brink ALL MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6TH

- \*6:30 a.m. Justin Maroney
- 8:00 a.m. Matthew Pahovey

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 7TH

- 8:00 a.m. Int. John & Betty Wood
- \*5:30 a.m. Dolores Kleber

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8TH

- 8:00 a.m. Bernice Larson
- 5:00 p.m. Marvene Zuber

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9TH

- 7:15 a.m. Bernard Gase
- 9:00 a.m. John Campbell
- 11:00 a.m. Cardinal & Gloria Michelle
- 12:30 p.m. Joe Woehner
- 6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

\*CHAPEL



FROM THE PASTOR:

Today, on this feast of the Epiphany, may we join the Magi in bringing gifts to the newborn Savior. The gift of one's self is the best gift we can give, that is, a life poured out in loving service to God and neighbor. The Christmas season ends with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which is next Sunday. Baptized in the Jordan River, the Lord began His public ministry reaching out to all, particularly the poor and sinners.



Fathers Joe, Mark and I and the entire pastoral staff are privileged to serve you. Your wonderful support of our ministry is greatly appreciated. We have our faults, but with God's grace we are able to work effectively together to serve this parish community. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life.

May you have a New Year filled with peace and joy.

Fr. John



CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
HELPED BY YOUR GENEROSITY

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the annual Catholic Charities' Appeal. If you have not yet made your contribution, you may still do so. Your support means so much to the families served by this Agency.

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, January 8

- 8:00 a.m. Kristine Davis, Taylor Morken
- 5:00 p.m. Paul Stange, Hilary Fink  
Maggie Heiny, Trina Manalo

Sunday, January 9

- 7:15 a.m. Jenna Roy, Philip Gase  
Phoebe Davis, Andrew Wyckoff
- 9:00 a.m. Thomas Coonan, Carly Mirwaldt  
Natasha Moeller, David Schwieterman
- 11:00 a.m. Gabrielle Gaunt, Logan Noll  
Ryan Noll, Tyler Weillbaker
- 12:30 p.m. Sarah Nixon, John Wood

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 Church Conference Room next Sunday, January 9, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CHRIST  
RENEW'S HIS PARISH WEEKEND DATES

Are you looking for a way to revitalize your faith and make new friends? Sign up today for the next men's and women's Christ Renews His Parish weekend, February 19-20 for men and March 5-6 for women. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Contact Jim Pondel 482-4944 for the men's weekend and Cindy Parlin 489-9553 for the women's weekend for details and registration.



NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE

We have changed the time that confessions are heard on Saturdays 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.

COFFEE AND DONUTS - SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

- 9:00 a.m. Morr, Lotspeich and Pondel

WEDDING POLICY

Weddings in the parish should be scheduled at least six months in advance of the wedding day. This will allow us to do the necessary preparation as required by the diocese. Also, active membership in the parish is required for at least six months prior to setting a date for the wedding. The wedding date may be set only by contacting one of the parish priests.

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.



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.

DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP -  
SESSION OPEN TO ALL!!!

Come join us for our meeting on January 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. The speaker is Mary Jo Todoran, MSW, ACSW, LCSW. The topic is Depression. Since this is something that affects many lives and families, this meeting is open to the general public. Please come join us. For more information, please call the church office at 489-3537.



PART-TIME HANDYMAN

Daytime position for the school with repair knowledge of plumbing, carpentry, HVAC. Apply at church office.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Vacuumed for my mom." Austin S.  
"Helped watch my baby cousin." Melanie H.  
"Helping my sisters." Madeline S.  
"Helped mom get ready for Christmas." Kristen S.  
"I played piano at my mom's party." Elizabeth P.  
"Helped make a Christmas dessert." Kara C.  
"Cleaned the basement." Sydney U.  
"Helped clean the house for Christmas." Kailey B.  
"Shoveled snow." Alli B.  
"I cleaned the house with my sister." Camrey B.



YOUNG ADULT LIFE (21-40 Married/Single)

Our mission is to provide a social and spiritual setting for young adults (21-40, married and single) to meet others with similar interests and grow in our Catholic Faith through contemporary and engaging activities.

ANNUAL BISHOP'S RETREAT FOR YOUNG ADULTS

For ages 18-40. The retreat will be held on Feb. 11-13 at Oakwood Inn on Lake Wawasee. For registration information contact Michelle at 490-9178. or youngadultlife@comcast.net or www.diocesefwsb.org/cyam.



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.

Meetings of the Week

WINGS 3 - Monday, January 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
HASA - Tuesday, January 4, at 6:00 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge  
SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST - Tuesday, January 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
FINANCE COMMITTEE - Tuesday, January 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Conference Room  
RCIA - Tuesday, January 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Wednesday, January 5, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
WINGS - Wednesday, January 5, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
SCHOOL BOARD - Wednesday, January 5, at 5:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge  
MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE - Wednesday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room  
WINGS II - Thursday, January 6, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
DISCIPLES IN MISSION TEAM - Thursday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Conference Room  
CPR/AED TRAINING - Saturday, January 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
MARRIAGE PREPARATION - Saturday, January 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the East Meeting Room

DEAL ME IN!

St. Vincent Harvest House will meet Monday, January 17, 2005, at 1:15 p.m. at the Spiritual Center (WEATHER PERMITTING). We will play cards and games. Please bring a snack to share. All seniors are welcome. NO POSTCARD WILL BE SENT.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INITIAL SESSIONS

The class is conducted by the diocesan Office of Family Life and is open to engaged and married couples. The fee for the session is \$25.00. Registration is required. To register, call (574) 234-0687. Sessions will be held on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at St. Jude Parish (7-9 p.m.) and Monday, February 21, 2005 at Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (7-9 p.m.).

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

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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!

START GROWING YOUR HAIR NOW!

The 42nd annual Mardi Gras theme is the 60's and 70's, and it will be held Saturday, February 5. This year our proceeds will benefit St. Vincent School and Life Teen. Roast beef and au jus from New Haven Custom Meats, potatoes, and casseroles are only a portion of the meal. The price has been reduced to \$17.50 per person pre-sale and \$20.00 per person at the door. Please consider joining this social committee. The current members have served for five years and are stepping down next year. In order for a 43rd Mardi Gras we need new people. If you are interested in helping or for ticket information, please call Karen or Brett Lotspeich at 625-6395.

NOTRE DAME ATHLETIC FUNDRAISER AND CASINO NIGHT

On Saturday, January 29, 2005 from 6 p.m. til 11 p.m., the Men's Club will host this fun event. Notre Dame football players will be featured. Admission includes food by Casa's. Refreshments available. Ticket prices are \$20 for a single and \$30 for couples. Must be 21. No admittance until 5:30 p.m. In honor of our 30th anniversary of the Men's Club, advance tickets purchased at \$15 for a single and \$25 for couples will be eligible for two "2005" Notre Dame Football game tickets. Place your advance ticket orders by contacting the Men's Club at SVND@SAINTV.ORG.

RESPECT LIFE

"A single soul is a whole world in the sight of God. Jesus, Himself, stopped to preach to one woman." — St. John Eudes

**YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR**

January 2 Life Night  
January 5 Ministry Hour, 7:15 p.m.  
January 6 Pray at Abortion Clinic, 7 a.m.  
January 9 Life Night

THE SPRING RETREAT IS MARCH 11-13

**LIFE TEEN WEB SITE**

Check out our own Life Teen web site:  
www.saintvlife.com  
thanks to Drew Westrick, our webmaster.



**SUMMER MISSION TRIP**

We're going to Catholic Heart Work Camp in Atlanta on June 5-10. More details and registration forms coming soon.

**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.

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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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**CAN DRIVE TO BENEFIT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Bishop Dwenger High School's Habitat for Humanity Chapter will sponsor an aluminum can drive on Saturday, January 8, 2005. It will be held from 9 - 11 a.m. in the Dwenger parking lot. Proceeds will benefit construction of a Habitat home.



**SPANISH TEACHER NEEDED AT BISHOP DWENGER**

Bishop Dwenger High School is in need of a Spanish teacher who would be available from January 17 to February 18 due to a medical leave. You will be responsible for all Spanish III classes. Interested persons should contact Jason Schiffler at 496-4709 or via e-mail: jschiffler@bishopdwenger.com.

**STUDENTS: CONSIDER SAINT JOSEPH'S COLLEGE**

More and more students are looking at the advantages of a Saint Joseph's College education - an education that is centered around our Catholic tradition. For over 100 years our faculty has been preparing young men and women for meaningful careers in a wide variety of fields. Whether in the boardroom, courtroom, operating room or classroom - our graduates are found around the world in positions of great influence. Flyers can be found on table by the church office. For more information, contact Office of Admissions at 1(800) 447-8781; www.saintjoe.edu; or e-mail admissions@saintjoe.edu.

**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.

**CATHOLIC COMMITTEE ON SCOUTING MEETS IN JANUARY 2005**

(Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend)  
The General Meeting of the Catholic Committee on Scouting will take place at 7:30 p.m. on January 13, 2005 at St. Charles Catholic Church in Room "A" of the Hession Center (4916 Trier Road). Please plan to attend to learn more about upcoming events for the area youth, religious awards programs, diocese youth protection, volunteer opportunities and more. This meeting is open to any adult leaders of Girl Scouts or Boy Scouts and anyone interested in supporting the Catholic Committee on Scouting! Come and see the good work that is being done through Scouting! For more information, please contact Gary Weaver at gweaver55cc@yahoo.com.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION VACATION SCHEDULE**

In January classes resume on Wednesday, January 5 and Sunday, January 9.

**SEEKING EIGHTH GRADE CATECHIST**

Due to a job change, one of the catechists who has a class of 16 eighth graders, is unable to teach on Wednesday evenings. The class studies morality and the sacrament of Confirmation. Annotated teacher texts are provided for the catechist. If you are interested in joining the Religious Education program, please call Beth at 489-3537 ext. 204 or at home 489-9179.

**COMMUNITY IN CHRIST**

"Nothing is impossible, we just don't know how to do it yet."  
— L. L. Cudmore



**PRE-REGISTRATION**

Registration for children who will be entering St. Vincent's first grade for the 2005-2006 school year will take place on Tuesday, February 8th from 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in the school cafeteria. This registration is also for students entering grades 2-8 who are not currently enrolled at St. Vincent School.

There will be a non-refundable pre-registration fee of \$50.00 per child due on this day. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate. If the child was not baptized at St. Vincent de Paul Parish, a copy of the baptismal certificate needs to be presented at pre-registration. If the child did not previously attend an Allen County School, a copy of proof of immunizations is also required on this day.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPONSOR**

**FREE THROW CONTEST**

For boys and girls ages 10 - 14 (as of January 1st). Registration at 12:00 noon, competition immediately following at the St. Vincent Activity Center. Contestants shoot 15 free throws. All participants receive a certificate, winners receive a plaque and advance to district competition. Contact Chad Wyatt at 489-6528 for additional information.



**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!

**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.

**THINGS ARE LOOKING ROSIE!**

Join us in celebrating kitchen supervisor, Rose Munson's 25th anniversary of service to St. Vincent de Paul School at a reception in her honor on Sunday, January 30, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All parishioners, school families, staff members and alumni of the school are cordially invited. Mark your calendar NOW and plan to attend to let Rosie know how much she is appreciated for all her hard work, dedication and years of service to our community. For planning purposes, we ask that you please RSVP to the school office by calling 489-3537 Ext. 213.



**WHAT ARE SACRAMENTALS?**

How are they used and why? Tune in to 'Catholic Answers Live' on AM Radio 1450 at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4th. 'Catholic Answers Live' airs each weekday at 5:00 p.m.

**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.



**SHARE A SMILE!**

We share the love of Jesus when we smile and greet each other with a kind word. Do you have twenty minutes before Mass to welcome your fellow parishioners and visitors? The Ministry of Greeters needs you! We would like to provide greeters at all of the Masses each weekend to make sure

everyone feels welcome here at St. Vincent's. If you are interested in participating in this rewarding ministry, or if you have any questions, please call Kathy Roesler at 338-0476. I look forward to hearing from you.

**USHERS NEEDED**

Now thru April 2005 for the 12:30 p.m. Mass each Sunday, we are in need of ushers for this additional Mass. If you are interested in volunteering to participate in the usher ministry, please call Ray and Toni Ohlman at 637-5377 for more information.




**'ODDS AND ERRANDS'**

The right help at the right time, every time. Variety of services from errands and yard work to housekeeping and gift wrapping. Odds & Errands provides affordable personal assistants that can help you with all those tasks you just don't have the time to do!! St. Charles' parishioners. Call Elizabeth at 403-3556 or Susan at 413-5153 or e-mail: oddserrands@hotmail.com.

**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.



**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:

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

Donate your car, truck or van to St. Vincent de Paul Store before Dec. 31st for a tax write off. Call the store at 456-3561 or we'll pick up.



**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.

**"YES. NO. MAYBE. YES. NO. MAYBE. MAYBE. MAYBE."**

Is this how you are when it comes to thinking about religious life? If so, this Benedictine Life Weekend is for you. The weekend will be held January 14-16, 2005, at Monastery Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, Indiana. Open to single, Catholic women, ages 19-40, discerning religious life. Contact Sr. Anita Louise Lowe or Sr. Agnes Marie Dauby at 802 E. 10th Street, Ferdinand, IN, (800) 738-9999 or vocation@thedome.org.

**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.wvme-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.



**LINDENWOOD PROGRAMS AND RETREATS**

For more information about upcoming events, call (574) 935-1780 weekdays, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., e-mail: lw@lindenwood.org; or website is www.Lindenwood.org.

- January 7 - 9 12-Step Retreat - AA/Al-Anon
- January 15 Seeds of the Spirit
- January 17 Quiet Day of Reflection



**MUSTARD SEED FURNITURE BANK'S**

**"BEDS 4 KIDS" PROGRAM**

The Mustard Seed Furniture Bank has two pressing needs: twin sheets and blankets for our "BEDS 4 KIDS" program. With winter here our demand is great. And, a couple of ladies who would be willing to volunteer for 3-4 hours, one day every other week to go through the donated kitchen and linen items that come in and need to be organized. Even once a month would be greatly appreciated. Interested volunteers can call 471-5802.

**CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE**

Two cemetery spaces at Covington Memorial Garden "Garden of Last Supper" are for sale. Going price currently is \$825/per space. Any reasonable offer will be considered. Please contact Sherry Miller at the parish office - 489-3537 Ext. 209.



**CEMETERY PLOTS**

Two spaces in St. Vincent's Garden of Highland Park Cemetery, two top seal burial vaults and two openings/closings. Please phone (260) 897-3351 for information.

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Two cemetery lots at Highland Park - \$1,000 each. Two vaults - \$500 each. Negotiable. Phone 637-5796.

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Two cemetery plots at Highland Park - St. Vincent's section - Ask for Deborah - (260) 927-9892.

**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.