

Remembering Pope John Paul II

Karol Wojtyla

Born: May 18, 1920

Elected Pope: October 16, 1978

Died: April 2, 2005

Karol Jozef Wojtyla was born on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland. He experienced an overabundance of pain, tragedy and loneliness in his childhood and throughout his life. His mother died when Karol was only eight. His older brother, who shared his passion for theatre and soccer, died of scarlet fever when Karol was 12. After graduating from secondary school in 1938, he and his father moved to Krakow where he enrolled at Jagiellonian University to study literature and philosophy.

Wojtyla turned to the Polish Church by joining a secret, underground seminary in 1944. He was ordained in 1946 in Krakow, and spent much of the next few years studying – he earned two masters degrees and a doctorate – before taking up priestly duties as an assistant pastor in Krakow in 1949.

In 1968, Cardinal Wojtyla made an extremely unusual personal gesture by visiting the synagogue in the Jewish District of Krakow. For him, the visit was a gesture made in reference to the wave of anti-Semitism in 1968. For us, it was a rehearsal for his historic visit to the Roman synagogue in 1986. Indeed, Wojtyla became the first pope to visit a synagogue and the first to visit the memorial at Auschwitz to victims of the Holocaust. In ending the Catholic-Jewish estrangement, he called Jews “our elder brothers.”

On October 16, 1978, after the one-month reign of Pope John Paul I, the cardinals of the Church stunned the world by electing the first non-Italian to the papacy in over 400 years. Karol Wojtyla, the cardinal archbishop of Krakow, took the name John Paul II and began his ministry as universal Pastor of the Church.

Not only is he the most traveled pope in history, having made over 102 apostolic visits to 129 countries in the past 25 years; he spoke eight languages (learning Spanish after he became pope). He was also a proponent for innovation, using the media and technology to his advantage. In the course of his pontificate, he canonized 476 individuals and beatified another 1,330 including Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

In the course of his service to the Church, Pope John Paul II promulgated 14 Encyclicals along with numerous letters, messages and speeches. In 1985 he charted a new direction for the tradition of celebrating the Way of the Cross on Good Friday at the Coliseum. Each year he invited renowned authors or religious leaders to prepare the meditations for each station.

Not content with tending merely to Church affairs, John Paul has made the world's business his business – especially human rights and the needs of the poor. His support for the Solidarity movement in Poland was a key to the downfall of communism in Poland. During his visits to the United States, he warned about the dangers of materialism, selfishness and secularism, and suggested lowering the standard of living and sharing the wealth with the Third World. He believed that only prayer and faith could make a person happy and he demonstrated this by example. Indeed, he was so often in prayer, that it was said he made his decisions “on his knees.”

The third longest serving pope in history, the length of the John Paul pontificate was exceeded only by Pius IX in the 19th century and the Apostle Peter himself. John Paul II was not a pope who cared about public opinion polls; he said what he thought was right and wrong from conviction. He was an admirable man of integrity and prayer.

After bearing witness to Christ in his papacy, and through his own suffering in the later days of his life, Pope John Paul II laid down the burden of his office on April 2, 2005. May God count him among the flock of the blessed in the eternal kingdom!

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 11TH

*6:30 a.m. Ursula Miller

8:00 a.m. Elizabeth Duntley

TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH

*6:30 a.m. Josephine Vazzana

8:00 a.m. Raymond Yeranko

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH

*6:30 a.m. Joseph Brinker

8:00 a.m. David Cox

THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH

*6:30 a.m. Virginia Noll

8:00 a.m. Fred H. Couch

FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

8:00 a.m. Helen Waikel

*5:30 p.m. Frank Knight

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

8:00 a.m. Maureen Stevens

5:00 p.m. Jack Baumgartner

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH

7:15 a.m. Fred & Mary Clements

9:00 a.m. Donald Heidenreich

11:00 a.m. John Holubes

12:30 p.m. Anna M. Lambert

6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

*CHAPEL



12:30 PM MASS

Please note: the last 12:30 p.m. Mass will be on April 17th.

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, April 16

8:00 a.m. Nick DiRenzo, Isaac Evans

5:00 p.m. Jordan Fawcett, Hilary Epple

Nicole Dent, Greg Kaiser

Sunday, April 17

7:15 a.m. David Huneck, Joey O'Daniel

Jenna Roy, Cody Newport

9:00 a.m. Meredith Barbieri, Claire Barbieri

Katie Hake, Paul Stange

11:00 a.m. Drew Giant, Becca Kleber

Catherine Stanley, Alex Kraeutle

12:30 p.m. Rachel Morken, Abby Maxwell

“Please pray that the Lord will abundantly bless this couple as they prepare to take their marriage vows.”

WEDDING BANNS

I Todd Shively and Amanda Parent



NEWCOMERS REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room today, April 10, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

INVITATION TO PARISHIONERS AND OUR NEIGHBORS

In Jesus' spirit of evangelization, we welcome our own parishioners as well as our neighbors who are not of our Catholic faith into Small Christian Community. Are you interested in getting more information about Small Christian Communities? Is your Disciples in Mission group doing some searching about becoming an SCC? I would be very glad to help you or your group gain some understanding of the basics of parish life in a Small Christian Community. This is an introduction before any commitments are made. To set up a time, don't hesitate to call. kjarema@yahoo.com, 489-3537 ext. 207.

S. Kay

TO POTENTIAL SPECIAL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

We are now accepting the names of persons who would like to be a Special Minister of Holy Communion at the Sunday Eucharist or to the homebound. If you are interested in this liturgical ministry, or can recommend someone, you may call the church office. All candidates for this ministry must be present for a training session; however, attendance at this meeting is by invitation only, so we must have the names of potential candidates no later than April 18.



Special Ministers of Holy Communion must have been a registered member of the parish for at least six months, at least a junior in high school, a Catholic in good standing with the Church, and a person with a good reputation in the community. It is assumed, of course, that the candidate has a love for our Lord in the Eucharist and a desire to deepen this love through this beautiful ministry. We ask you to recommend a man or woman of the parish, or you may submit your own name.

SHARE THE WORD

(A daily Scripture reflection guide) and three styles of the CATHOLIC STUDY BIBLE are being sold for your convenience after all the Masses this weekend. Since this is a bulk price arrangement, we must send all orders in at the same time. August 24th is the final deadline to bring prepaid orders to S. Kay's office.

SCC: APRIL 23RD PASTORAL FACILITATOR TRAINING REGISTRATION

Twice a year this training is held to give information and support to our Small Christian Community leaders who are new to their role. Our communities are integrally connected to our parish and we require the leaders, "PFs", to attend one training session in the course of their time of service. The team (Tom Schuerman, Keston Smith, Karen Reinhart and S. Kay) would like to have enough materials ready for all attending. PLEASE REGISTER NOW by emailing kjarema@yahoo.com or calling S. Kay's office 489-3537 ext. 207.

PARISH COPYRIGHT GUIDELINES

Many parish groups want to use music and/or words for their small group prayer. The copyright laws do not allow use of any material for which a person has not bought a license or gotten written copyright permission from the writer or publisher. So it is our legal and moral duty (copying without permission is stealing revenue from the writer) to do our best to honor this and at the same time to provide our parishioners with music that feeds the soul.

For now you are welcome to pick up a copy (copies) of the last missalette for music use by your group. Multiple copies will be kept on the counter in the SCC library.

To complement this, we are working on a way to make available for duplication other music for which the parish has a copyright license. This will take us a bit to organize, but stay tuned!
S. Kay Jarema, SSND

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH

Re-Membering Church at our St. Vincent parish is for inactive Catholics who are interested in exploring a return to active participation in the church, but it can also help active Catholics remember the roots of their faith.

Consider attending Thursday evening sessions during this Easter Season for catechesis and discussion about Catholicism. Father Joe and Marilyn Fech will host six Thursday evening sessions (March 31 - May 5) from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Convent House meeting room. Session topics will include, but not be limited to: Jesus, Sacraments of the Church, Morality, the Bible, Church Tradition/History, and the Mass. Your questions will direct the sessions too. Call Tim Werling at 484-0067 or the church office at 489-3537 if you have questions about these Re-Membering Church sessions.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Feed my fish." Justin
"Cleaned the yard." Madeline S.
"I helped at Grandma's House." Zachary G.
"I took out 3 tons of trash." Nic D.
"I prayed for the Pope." Emily A.
"Being nice to everyone." Patrick M.
"Studied very hard for my spelling test." Charlie G.



MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

WINGS 3 - Monday, April 11, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room
SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST - Tuesday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
HASA - Tuesday, April 12, at 6 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
RCIA - Tuesday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Wednesday, April 13, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
WINGS - Wednesday, April 13, at 9 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
SCHOOL BOARD - Wednesday, April 13, at 5:30 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
PASTORAL COUNCIL - Wednesday, April 13, at 7 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
WINGS II - Thursday, April 14, at 9 a.m. in the Life House
MARKET DAY PICKUP - Thursday, April 14, at 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall
DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP - Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Community Room
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I - Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the East Room
RE-MEMBERING CHURCH - Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Convent Back Room

DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP

Come join us on Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. We're celebrating spring with a Potluck, games and planning session. The ham, condiments, paper goods and beverages will be provided. Please bring a vegetable, salad or dessert to share. For more info call the church office at 489-3537.

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Restaurant on Coliseum Boulevard this Friday, April 15, at 6:00 a.m. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

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

ST. VINCENT PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST

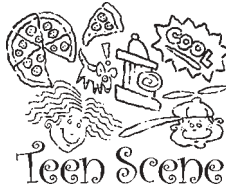
Sunday, April 17th, is the next Knights of Columbus Parish Family Breakfast. Serving times are from 8:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fruit serving and milk, juice or coffee. All this for only \$4 for adults and \$3 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!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS - LAST SESSION - APRIL 28

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Sacristans - mark your calendars for the last evening of reflection: Thursday, April 28 - in Church. The reflection will be held at 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

April 10 Life Night: Movie Night
April 11 JHL Planning Meeting
April 13 Ministry Hour, 7:15 p.m.
April 14 Pray at Abortion clinic
April 17 Life Night



FAITHFEST 2005

8TH grade through high school invited. Saturday, April 23, at Bishop Dwenger this year. With Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart and special guest Tony Melendez. Registration fee: \$25 (scholarship available). You may still register.

LIFE TEEN WEB SITE

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

For information about St. Vincent Youth Ministry, contact Cindy Black at 637-7445 or Cblack@SaintV.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CONFIRMATION DATE SET

Confirmation will be Monday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Letters to all sponsors for whom we have addresses were mailed this past week detailing time of arrival, procedures, and format for the Confirmation Mass.

CONFIRMATION MASS DRESS CODE

Boys are asked to wear a dress shirt and tie and dress pants. A jacket is optional. Girls are asked to wear a dress or skirt of modest length. No spaghetti straps, bare midriffs, bare shoulders or low necklines are permitted.

All eighth grade students are required to continue attending Religious Ed classes after Confirmation. We will be covering important material on morality. Our young people need to be armed with every advantage in facing the challenges our society presents them.

RELIGIOUS ED YEAR-END SCHEDULE

Sunday morning Preschool will meet for the last class on April 17.

Sunday afternoon Religious Ed 4:00 p.m. classes will meet on April 17 and 24, and May 1, 8 and 15 (last class).

Wednesday evening Religious Ed 6:00 p.m. classes will meet April 13, 20, 27, and May 4, and 11 (last class).

LARGE FAMILY DIOCESAN FUND FOR TUITION ASSISTANCE

Is designed to provide financial assistance to families with three or more children in Catholic elementary and/or high schools. Information and application forms are available in the church and/or school office. Completed forms are due in the church office by April 29. There will be only one distribution date in 2005. However, it is necessary that the family demonstrate financial need.



FLOWER SALE

Sponsored by Friends of the Girl Scouts. Pre-order yours now through April 20. Quality plants available from The Plant Center. The plants will be 4 to 5 inches tall and may be picked up May 5. Impatiens (48 per flat) \$18. Colors Mixed, Pink, Red, White, Orange, Violet. Geraniums (36 per flat) only \$21. Geraniums also \$14 per half flat and \$23 for a flat with two colors.

Color choices: Red, White, Salmon, and Violet. New this year: 11" hanging baskets available in a variety of flowers – call for details. To order call Melissa Nix 489-9801 or Maureen Yankowiak 637-5532.

ATTENTION: CONTRACTORS

St. Vincent's is in need of clean fill dirt. Contact Jay at 750-3129.

HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

Focus on Health is a community health fair program with two basic objectives: education of the public to make informed choices about health habits and lifestyles and detection of disease in pre-symptomatic stages. One will be held on Wednesday, April 13, at Huntertown United Methodist Church from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. Most all of the health checks will be free except for blood chemistry tests of \$26 and \$6 for the hemogram tests. To expedite your going through, pre-registration forms will be available at the Huntertown UMC Office. For questions or additional information, call the church office at 637-3798 or Bud Campbell at 637-5867.

Unused medications improperly disposed of can cause serious problems to you and your environment. Join your community in disposing of expired and unused prescriptions and non-prescription pills in a safe manner on April 22, 2005 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **ONLY PILLS CAN BE ACCEPTED.** For more information and to find the nearest disposal site, call 424-3505.

There will be a seminar on Advance Directives (Living Wills) on April 17 at St. Joe Parish on Brooklyn from 1 – 2:30 p.m. Please call 432-5113 if you plan to attend.

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.

As part of our service, St. Vincent's Bereavement Ministry is holding a Bereavement Support Group Session which will meet each Thursday for 5 weeks. The time and dates: 7:00 p.m. on April 21 and 28, May 5, 12, and 19. They will be held in the Spiritual Center.

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 at 489-6741.

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)

April 14 April 28

SESSION II (Church Conference Room)

April 21

ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE

Bishop Dwenger's Habitat for Humanity Chapter is sponsoring an aluminum can drive on Saturday, April 16, from 9 -11 a.m. in the Dwenger parking lot. Your donations will help build a Habitat house for some worthy family in the Fort Wayne area.

BISHOP DWENGER CARWASH

The Bishop Dwenger students selected to study abroad with the Indiana University Honors Program in Foreign Languages will be holding a carwash on Saturday, April 16, to help defray expenses associated with the trip. The carwash will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Dwenger parking lot. Advance tickets will be available at the school or just stop by on the 16th.

HOMEWARD BOUND

Is a statewide 5K fundraising walk-a-thon sponsored by homeless and affordable housing service providers. Fort Wayne will host walkers on Sunday, April 17, at 2 p.m. at Headwaters Park. Vincent House and Interfaith Hospitality Network are working together to help homeless families and will benefit from this walk. Please join us in our efforts to alleviate the problems of the homeless by becoming a sponsor, volunteer or participant in Homeward Bound. Additional walk details, maps, and other information can be found at www.homelesswalks.org or by calling 456-4172 or 458-9772.