

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

- \*6:30 a.m. Helen & Mick Ryan
- 8:00 a.m. Edward Hiatt

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

- 8:00 a.m. Int. Diana Chambers & Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

- 8:00 a.m. Bill Kalb **ALL MASS**

**VIGIL MASS**

- 6:30 p.m. Jimmy Nolan

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

- 6:30 a.m. For The Parish
- 8:00 a.m. Ronald L. Schmitz **ALL MASS**
- 12:30 p.m. William Palmer
- 6:30 p.m. Mary T. Steele

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

- 8:00 a.m. Joanne Prudlow
- 5:00 p.m. Robert M. Stier

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

- 7:15 a.m. Willard & Wilma Lenkendofer
- 9:00 a.m. Virgiline Rich
- 11:00 a.m. Cardinal & Gloria Michelle
- 12:30 p.m. For The Parish
- 6:00 p.m. Helen Coblentz (Life Teen Mass)

\*CHAPEL

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Thursday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. This is the patronal feast of the Diocese and of the Church in the United States. We honor our Blessed Mother who from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother was free of original sin, a special grace merited by her Son's redemptive death on the cross. Our holy day Mass schedule is: Wednesday, December 7, a Vigil Mass at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, December 8, at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**ATTENTION USHERS**

Ushers are needed for the December 7/8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses. Please volunteer on the sign-up sheet located in the ministers' sacristy. Thank you for serving.

**SERVERS' SCHEDULE**

**(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)**

Saturday, December 10

- 8:00 a.m. Maryanne Oskey, Giovanna Lombardo
- 5:00 p.m. John Reecer, Aaron Ceckowski  
Nicholas Brand, Tim Burns

Sunday, December 11

- 7:15 a.m. Sarah Kleber, Alex Kraeutle  
Trina Manalo, Dalton Parrish
- 9:00 a.m. Joe Voors, Will Voors  
Erin Boedeker, Marie Boedeker
- 11:00 a.m. Kelsey Giant, Zachary Richardville  
Rebecca Royal, Nicole Martino
- 12:30 p.m. Justin Wyss, Luke Welch

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

At all the Masses on the weekend of December 10 and 11, we will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick. Parishioners who are seriously ill or greatly weakened due to old age or facing major surgery are candidates for the sacrament. If you would like to be anointed, you are asked to sit at the end of the pew in either of the two sections along the main aisles or you may sit in one of the front seats designated for the disabled. Ushers will be of assistance to you. The priest will go to you for the anointing ritual which follows the homily. It would be helpful, if you plan to be anointed, to call the church office informing us of your intention or sign up in the Gathering Space before Mass.

**NURSING HOMES**

Mass is offered once a month at the nursing homes within parish boundaries, namely, Kingston, University Park, Towne House and Byron, as well as weekly Holy Communion Services. We would like the names of parishioners in other facilities so that we might visit them. Please call Deb Andrews at 489-3537.

**HOMEBOUND COMMUNION**

Parishioners who are confined to their homes due to illness or disability may receive Holy Communion at home. Please call Deb Andrews at 489-3537 to arrange for a visit from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

**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 LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH DETERGENT, PAPER PRODUCTS, SOUPS, JELLY, CRACKERS, BAKED BEANS, CATSUP, MUSTARD, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED PEAS/MIXED VEGETABLES/CARROTS, CANNED MEAT, CEREAL and DIAPERS (esp. size 2), 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!

**NEWCOMERS' REGISTRATION**

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room next Sunday, December 11, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.



**THE ANNUAL "CHRISTMAS IN THE CATHEDRAL" CONCERT**

will be held on Wednesday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne. The Advent/Christmas program will feature a brass ensemble, the Cathedral Choir and Guest Pianist, Dyne Pfeffenberger performing special holiday music and carols. Also on the program is Harpist Nancy Morse. The concert is free and open to the public.

**A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT**

You are invited to take a break from the holiday rush and refresh yourself by taking "A Journey Through Advent," an Advent day of recollection. This recollection is presented by Bob Deck, a Secular Franciscan, in the Spiritual Center on December 17, from 10 to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be potluck style. When you register, you may give your preference of what to bring for the meal. There will be a free will offering to cover the cost of the materials. Please bring your Bibles and a pen or pencil. To register, call Bob Deck at 490-9571. Dead-line for registration is December 15, 2005.

**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 18TH, 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.



**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 clearly)

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

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

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

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

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

**Meetings of the Week**

WINGS 3 – Monday, December 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room  
 TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, December 6, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Room  
 HASA – Tuesday, December 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Center Rm.  
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 RCIA – Tuesday, December 6, at 6:45 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 JESSE TREE PRESENTATION – Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room  
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, December 7, at 8 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 WINGS – Wednesday, December 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the Nursery, East Room and Community Room  
 SCHOOL BOARD – Wednesday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center Room  
 RELIGIOUS ED CATECHIST IN-SERVICE – Wednesday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room  
 WINGS II – Thursday, December 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room  
 BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT – Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel  
 DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room  
 MARDI GRAS COMMITTEE – Thursday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the East Room  
 K OF C FAMILY BREAKFAST – Sunday, December 11, at 8:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall  
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, December 11, at 12:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 REKINDLE THE FIRE – Sunday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

**ROSARY SOCIETY**

The December 5th Rosary Society meeting will be at "Latitudes" Flower & Café Shop on Dupont Road by the Public Library. We will start at 6:00 p.m. (new time!!). Please bring two dozen Christmas cookies with you for refreshments. Any questions, call Theresa at 484-7014 or Jane at 637-5263.

**DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP**

Come join us on Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center for our Christmas Potluck! Meat and beverages will be supplied. Please bring a side dish. We'll talk about holiday plans and events.

**ST. VINCENT PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST**

Sunday, December 11, is the next Knights of Columbus Parish Family Breakfast. Serving times are from 8:15 to 11:00 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!



**REKINDLE THE FIRE**

Men of the parish join us as we conclude our study of the Sacrament of Baptism, on Sunday, December 11, from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We will learn more about the Catholic apologetics for this sacrament.

**GUEST SPEAKER TO VISIT THE DIOCESE**

Fr. Benedict J. Groeschel, CFR, renowned Catholic author, host of Sunday Night Live on EWTN and renowned speaker, will visit the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend December 5-6, speaking at SS. Peter and Paul Church, 860 Cherry Street, in Huntington on Monday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. His topic will be social justice as found in Matthew 25.

On Tuesday, December 6, at 7:15 p.m. Father Groeschel will preside at the Little Flower Holy Hour at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. Started in 1994, the Little Flower Holy Hour is a regular devotion geared toward praying for religious vocations. Father Groeschel also will meet with diocesan priests during his stay for a Day of Recollection.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Dec. 4 Life Night  
 Dec. 5 JHL Planning  
 Dec. 7 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.  
 Dec. 8 Pray at Abortion clinic, 7 a.m.  
 Dec. 11 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Life Night



**A NOTE OF THANKSGIVING FROM CINDY**

My heart overflows with gratitude that God uses me as His instrument in youth ministry here at St. Vincent's. I am especially thankful for the core members (Life Teen and JHL) who lead teens closer to Christ by their prayers, humility, time, labor, example, commitment and love.

**ADVENT**

What can we do to prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior at Christmas? Commit to one (or more) of these ideas for Advent: praying more, reading scripture, spending time with someone who is lonely, doing random acts of kindness (the best are when we do things without revealing who did it), attending daily Mass, going to Reconciliation. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what you need to do most.

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



**MEN WANTED**

We want to issue an invitation to all eligible men of the parish to join the Knights of Columbus – St. Vincent's Council. The Knights is a service organization of Catholic men which is involved in both our church and our community by helping the less fortunate, supporting our youth programs, our seminarians, and the Right to Life effort. Knights work as volunteers when needed at St. Vincent's and on projects within our community. In addition, we relax and enjoy each other and ourselves at dances, hayrides, dinner theater and other such social events.

You can be as active in the Knights of Columbus as your time allows. You might choose to be an officer in our organization or limit your participation to flipping an occasional pancake at one of our Sunday parish breakfasts.

If you want to join us or want more information first, please call Ray Ohlman, membership director, at 637-5377. We look forward to welcoming you to our council.

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. VINCENTS**

**PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE!**

Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. In fact, there's a 97% chance that someone you know will require a blood transfusion in his or her lifetime. What greater gift can you give than the gift of life?

Please help by donating this life-giving gift of blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Vincent's on Saturday, December 17, 2005, in the Parish Hall (old gym). Donation hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

At this time there is a great need for all types of blood. Giving blood is safe, easy and extremely important! If you are at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and you are in good general health, you are most likely eligible to donate blood. It is recommended that you eat a light meal before you donate and drink plenty of fluids before and after. This will help those that feel light-headed after donating. If you've been deferred due to low iron, taking a multi-vitamin for a few days prior to the blood drive will ensure that you will be able to donate. Blood donation takes less than one hour - the actual blood collection takes only 8-10 minutes. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will have priority. Also, childcare will be provided to make donating more convenient.

Call Bruce Cadwell at 484-0078 to schedule your donation (or if you have any questions). Don't forget to make an appointment and mark this important date on your calendar! Thank You!



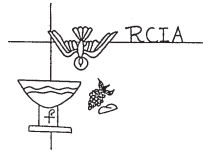
## CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I helped my dad all day to put up Christmas lights."  
Sam L.

"I prayed half of the rosary." Caroline E.

"Was patient with parents." Elizabeth P.

"I passed out Thanksgiving pictures at the nursing home." Hannah F.



## RCIA

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, its teachings and traditions, you may want to consider the RCIA. For more information, please call the church office at 489-3537, and ask for Judy.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



### A SERIOUS CALL FOR HELP

Two catechists are unable to finish the year with their classes. Each is willing to assist a newcomer for a few weeks. If you have a desire to teach Grade 1, a class of 10, who will be studying becoming followers of Jesus, God's love and living our faith or Grade 4, a class of 15, who study the Commandments and the call to holiness, please call the Religious Ed

office at 489-3537, ext. 204. Both positions are for Sunday from 4 – 5:30 p.m. Please give prayerful consideration to becoming an instructor of one of these classes.

### SCRIP AVAILABLE TO RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES

SCRIP can be purchased after the Masses until May 31, 2006, to earn fee reimbursement for the Religious Ed 2006-07 catechetical year. Stop by the table in the Gathering Space to purchase SCRIP or to have your questions answered.

### RELIGIOUS ED AND PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE

No Wednesday Religious Ed classes will be held on December 7, due to a Catechist In-service. December 14, the last Wednesday class prior to Christmas vacation, will include the Jesse Tree Prayer Service at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday classes resume on January 4. For preschool and Sunday Religious Ed, classes will be held on December 4 and 11. Reconciliation and the Jesse Tree Prayer Service will be held on those evenings at 4:15 p.m. Classes resume after Christmas break on January 8.

### KINDERGARTENERS LEARN ABOUT GOD'S CREATION

Catechists for 5 year olds are teaching the children about all the aspects of creation: water, light, land, animals and people. That study is followed up with learning about Jesus and the Church. Those who teach kindergarten are Carrie and Marie Boedeker, Nicole Dent, Tom and Linda Herber, Christina Kline-Quiroz, Katie Coonan and Melanie Wagner all at the 9:00 Mass. During the 11:00 Mass, Desiree and Danielle Kammer are catechists.

### TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS!

Rosie needs your help in the school cafeteria. Volunteers are needed to help lightly scrape trays, spray them off and load them into the dishwasher during lunch time at school. A few hours a month would greatly help. So grab a friend, enjoy some time with great people at St. Vincent's School, and have a free lunch on Rosie! For days and times, please call Tammy Wildey at 497-7626 or Ann Kraeutle at 627-2898.



### AFTER SCHOOL CARE HELP WANTED

St. Vincent's After School Care program is in need of help. Call Kathy Wolf at 750-3149 or 489-3537, ext. 516 for more information.

### SCRIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Plan ahead for holiday Scrip purchases. Scrip will be available every Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. and after Life Teen Mass. Scrip will not be sold December 24-25 and December 31-January 1. Thank you for your support.

### FRESH CUT IN INDIANA!

A huge selection of Christmas trees up to 14 feet tall are available at the St. Vincent Scout Lodge. Open 4 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, Noon on Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Close at 9 p.m. each day.

### 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.

### 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. Sessions will resume in January, 2006.

### MEN'S/WOMEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKENDS

Are you looking for a way to revitalize your faith and make new friends? Sign up for the next Men's/Women's Christ Renews His Parish weekends. Men's weekend: February 18 and 19. Women's weekend: March 4 and 5. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Contact Joe Witulski at 471-9260 for the Men's weekend and Barb Pobuk at 637-2668 for the Women's weekend.

### CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR DISCERNMENT

We will be discerning for a new men's co-spiritual director for Christ Renews His Parish in the coming months. The individual should be Catholic and have had participated in a past Christ Renews His Parish weekend and team and be of good standing in the church. Duties include participation in retreat weekends, team formation and monthly CRHP Continuation Committee meetings. Please send letters of nomination to: Stephen Minne, 1629 Coronado Court, Fort Wayne 46845 or e-mail to [sgminne@verizon.net](mailto:sgminne@verizon.net). No self-nominations, please!



### 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:

HM3 Nicole Frantz Brooks  
Tech Sgt. Andrew Frantz  
Lance Cpl. Brian Crooks  
Sgt. Andrew Christman  
Captain J. J. Ferguson  
Travis Davis  
Sgt. Manuel Gonzalez  
SRA Matthew R. Stier  
Staff Sgt. Thomas Pettit  
Adam Niemic  
Sgt. Jerum Madarang  
Sgt. Eric Derheimer  
Sgt. Michael Dixon  
Sgt. Keith Koch  
Scott Krieg, Air Guard

Ensign Brandon Brooks  
Lt. Teresa Frantz  
Spc. Tony Christman  
Cpl. Jon Till  
Anthony G. Schuckel  
Spc. Derrick C. McCann  
Cpl Chad H. Pollitt  
Staff Sgt. Thomas Putman  
Pvt. Bradley Trowbridge  
Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Puckett  
Sgt. Aaron Barton  
Sgt. Rob Niemeyer  
Cpl. Jason Day  
Lance Cpl. Matt Vincent, Jr.  
Lt. Col. Scott Gmitter

### CHRISTMAS CHEER

Santa and Mrs. Claus would love to come to your home and visit with your children or come to your business and talk with your employees. We just love Christmas parties. This is our 28th year of spreading Christmas Cheer. There are plenty of times still available. Call for more information, 489-2473.



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## **CHURCH DIRECTORY AND PORTRAITS**

- Portraits will be taken December 2-10.  
No other dates will be added.  
Monday thru Friday 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Log on to our website at <http://www.saintv.org>. Use the direct link to watch for cancellations.
- Pictures at other church locations may be done. If you are unable to make available times, call Lifetouch at 1-800-303-0054.
- Call 489-3537, ext. 515 and leave your name and number and we'll return your call if you have questions.
- No Sitting Fees. FREE 8x10 portrait and church directory
- Portraits will be taken in the Life Teen House/Youth Center
- If you submit your own portrait, there is a \$20 fee.
- If your portrait was taken at an alternate Lifetouch location, be sure to turn in your completed form to the Layout Coordinator in the Church Office.

## **DEDICATION OF DIOCESAN OFFICES**

The Blessing and Dedication of the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 South Clinton Street, will be held on Sunday, December 11. You are cordially invited to attend the ceremony and Open House of the new location of the offices of The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. Tours of the building will be conducted from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Blessing by Bishop D'Arcy at 3 p.m. Free parking on the garage levels of the building. Enter from Clinton or Washington Streets. Refreshments will be served. The Cathedral Bookstore (on the main floor of The Center) will be open, with book signings by local authors and recording artists.

## **DAYCARE OPENING**

Full-time opening. References. 5 years experience.  
Concordia Gardens. Call Selena at 470-9914.

## **CHRISTMAS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT FRANCIS**

You are invited to celebrate the Christmas season on the USF campus with three special events on the evening of December 4: Lighting of the Lake begins at 5:45 p.m. Vigil candles will encircle the segment of Mirror Lake closest to Spring Street for a shining symbol of Christmas. The Living Nativity begins at 6:30 p.m. Students and staff present a Living Nativity to renew our witness to the power of the presence of God's love incarnate in the world. The Star of Bethlehem at the Schouweiler Planetarium begins at 5, 6:30 and 8:15 p.m. Join us under the Mid-Eastern sky of 3 B.C. and follow the star of the Wise Men. Star of Bethlehem will also be shown Friday, December 9 and 16, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, December 10 and 17 at 4 and 6 p.m.; and Sunday, December 11 and 18 at 5 p.m.

## **BREAKFAST & LUNCH WITH SANTA**

St. Vincent Scouts present Breakfast with Santa and Lunch with Santa at the St. Vincent Scout Lodge on Saturday, December 10. Breakfast with Santa at 9:00 a.m., and Lunch with Santa at noon. Enjoy good food and fun, a talk with Santa, a prize raffle, a bag of goodies and some surprises!

Paid reservations are required. See [www.svscouts.org](http://www.svscouts.org) for a form and information, or stop by the Scout Lodge and pick one up. No telephone reservations accepted! You will be notified immediately if your reservation is not accepted—no tickets will be mailed. Only 150 people will be accommodated at each meal! All adults and children: \$4.00 each, and all children must be accompanied by a paying adult. Doors open 15 minutes prior to each event—no reserved seating.

## **CHRISTMAS TREE SALE AT PRECIOUS BLOOD**

Through December 10th. Monday thru Friday 3 – 7 p.m.; Saturday 10 -7 p.m.; and Sunday 11 – 4 p.m.

## **TWO HEARTS PIERCED**

Tom Didier's new CD is available through SCRIP. Portions of the proceeds will benefit the Music Department and SCRIP.

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