



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH
 *6:30 a.m. Larry Johnson
 8:00 a.m. Dorothy Till

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
 *6:30 a.m. Casimir Hurrle
 8:00 a.m. Chris Ellert

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST
 8:00 a.m. Weber/Nowlan Families **ALL MASS**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22ND
 *6:30 a.m. Harry Kohrman
 8:00 a.m. Velma Bobay-Scherschel

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23RD
 8:00 a.m. Ken Palmer

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE
 NO 8:00 a.m. MASS
 4:00 p.m. For The Parish
 6:30 p.m. Liv. & Dec. Malcolm Family
 11:00 p.m. John Holubes

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
CHRISTMAS DAY
 NO 7:15 a.m. MASS
 9:00 a.m. George & Mary McCarthy
 11:00 a.m. Ralph Schimmele
 12:30 p.m. Donald Heidenreich
 NO 6:00 p.m. LIFE TEEN MASS
 *CHAPEL

USHERS SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY

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

Sunday
 7:15 a.m. Bill Poure, David Moran,
 Robert Mikol, Mark Myers
 9:00 a.m. Roger Watercutter, Toni Ohlman, Ray Ohlman
 John Klingenberg, Don Getts
 11:00 a.m. Dave Watercutter, David Rosswurm, Ed Parent
 John Tippmann, Rick Bobilya
 12:30 p.m. Jim Coonan, Tim Helbing, Randy Thelen



Ushers Needed

USHERS NEEDED

Because of the expanded Mass schedule for Christmas Masses on December 24 and 25, we are in need of usher volunteers at these Masses. Please welcome the Christ Child by being of service to our parish community. To volunteer to usher at one of these Masses, please sign up in the ministers' sacristy or contact Toni or Ray Ohlman at 637-5377. Thank you for serving and have a blessed Christmas.

Also, we are in need of regular and substitute ushers for the 12:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. This is an important ministry of hospitality, and both men and women may contribute a little extra by serving our community as an usher. We have openings on the team ushering in December and March and the team responsible for January and April. Please call Ray or Toni Ohlman at 637-5377 for more information or to volunteer. Please give this ministry your consideration.

ATTENTION: EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

We are in need of a captain to serve at the 12:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day. If you are attending this Mass and can fill this role, please call the church office at 489-3537.

COME LET US ADORE HIM, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD AND SAVIOR!

There will be Eucharistic Adoration on Christmas and New Year's Day from 12 noon until 6:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel. You are invited to come and celebrate the Birthday of Our King. No gifts please—only the gift of your presence is necessary.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Monday, December 19th, at 7:00 p.m. About 14 priests will be present to hear confessions.

Confessions will also be offered at St. Vincent's on: ****REVISED****
 Wednesday, December 21 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, December 22 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, December 23 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 6:00 – 7:00 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 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF CHRISTMAS MASSES ON TELEVISION

- Christmas Midnight Mass – live from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Fort Wayne, with Bishop John D'Arcy presiding aired in Fort Wayne only on both WISE TV, Ch. 33 and WPTA TV, Ch. 21. (WNDU TV, South Bend, is carrying Midnight Mass from the Vatican with Pope Benedict XVI. The Pope's Mass will follow the local Midnight Mass in Fort Wayne on taped delay.)
- Christmas Morning Mass—live from the University of St. Francis Chapel, Fort Wayne, at 10:30 a.m., with Bishop D'Arcy presiding aired on both WISE TV, Fort Wayne and WNDU TV, South Bend.
- Octave of Christmas/Mother of God Mass (Jan. 1)—live from the University of St. Francis Chapel, Fort Wayne, at 10:30 a.m., with Msgr. Wm. Lester presiding aired on both WISE TV, Fort Wayne and WNDU TV, South Bend.



THE GIVING TREE – DEADLINE TODAY!

Bring your gift to the church and place it under the tree by TODAY, 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 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. The wish list includes: bike for 3 year old girl (2), high chair, vacuum cleaner, pots and pans. If you can donate any of these items, please call Vicki Welch at 483-7257.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Catholic Charities will have their annual Christmas collection this year to support services for children and their families. Last year, Catholic Charities served over 15,500 people, providing a range of services including adoption, pregnancy services, senior services, emergency assistance, child care, refugee resettlement, immigration, and counseling for families. Your financial contribution will help us continue the tradition of caring and service that has been the hallmark of Catholic Charities.

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

HARVEST HOUSE MASS & POTLUCK – Monday, December 19, at 11:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY – Monday, December 19, at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, December 21, at 8 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Wednesday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent Back Room
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, December 25, at 12:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel

HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY

Free blood pressures will be taken after all Masses this weekend, December 17 and 18, in the Reconciliation area.



GREAT HOLIDAY TREATS!

The 8th graders are having a bake sale this weekend, December 17, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass and December 18th, following the 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. All proceeds go to the 8th grade spring day trip. Thank you for your support!



ST. VINCENT HARVEST HOUSE

will have a Christmas potluck on Monday, December 19. Prayer service is at 11:15 a.m., with dinner to follow. Please bring a dish to share. Everything else will be furnished. We will have a "steal drawing" after dinner. Please bring an inexpensive gift or nice "white elephant" for the drawing. RSVP to 482-2085 or 483-7252 by December 15 if you did not sign up at the November meeting.

LITTLE FLOWER HOLY HOUR SERIES

Fr. Adam Schmitt will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, December 20, at 7:15 p.m. Father Schmitt is retired and in residence at St. Joseph Parish. Bring a friend this week and join us in prayer with the special intention to pray for priests and vocations. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

TIME TO REGISTER FOR A NEW SESSION OF WINGS 3

Join us on a retreat with C.S. Lewis, one of the most significant Christian apologists of the twentieth century. Using the text A Retreat with C.S. Lewis: Yielding to a Pursuing God, we will explore themes such as joy, conversion, truth and suffering. WINGS 3 is a faith sharing group for women of all ages. Our mission is to nurture Christian fellowship by providing the opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith through book discussion, 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 our new session which will begin January 9, 2006. Stop by the Gathering Space after all Masses this weekend, December 17/18, to register in person, or call Julie Fox at 489-0111 or Marilyn Fischer at 489-6917 to register by phone. All women are welcome!

"God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn... There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing."

—From Mere Christianity, by C. S. Lewis

A.D.O.P.T. (ALWAYS DEPENDING ON (GOD'S) PLAN TOGETHER)

... is a community of families that share in an adoption experience. This group will meet once a month to celebrate the gift of life through adoption. This group will provide an environment for parents and children to interact, share experiences and celebrate the families God has given us. This group will also be a resource and network to couples contemplating adoption. Our first meeting will be January 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room. Please contact Amy Barte at 338-1259 for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Dec. 18 Life Night: Christmas Movies
 Dec. 19 JHL: Best Christmas Gift EVER
 Dec. 20 H.O.M.E. Girls, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 22 Pray at Abortion clinic, 7 a.m.
 Dec. 25 No Life Teen Mass or Life Night
 Dec. 28 XLT, 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope
 Jan. 1 No Life Teen Mass or Life Night

H.O.M.E. GIRLS MEETING FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE YOUNG WOMEN

Come share stories with guest speaker, Kathy Fean. Tuesday, December 20, from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Life House.

JUNIOR HIGH LIFE

Monday, December 19, in the Parish Hall, from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Join us for fun and fellowship as we celebrate The Best Christmas Gift Ever. Bring a friend!

XLT: COME CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH JESUS

on Wednesday, December 28, at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope. EVERYONE is encouraged to spend this time in praise and worship and adoration of our Lord.



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

SAINTS BASKETBALL SCHOOL

The Bishop Dwenger Basketball Coaches will be offering a Saints Basketball School for Grades K-8 in the Bishop Dwenger Gym. The weekends of the camp will be January 7, 21 and February 4, 11. The cost will be \$40.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS

On behalf of the Pictorial Directory Committee, a sincere THANK YOU goes out to the over 1,000 parishioners who took the time to participate in the new directory. Also, thanks to the church office staff for their support. Publication is estimated for an April 2006 time frame. If you were a walk-in at another church, be sure to turn in your form to our church office. Submitted photos (indoor shots only) are due by December 23 along with your \$20 payment. Professional pictures must be accompanied with a waiver.

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	Ensign Brandon Brooks
Tech Sgt. Andrew Frantz	Lt. Teresa Frantz
Lance Cpl. Brian Crooks	Spc. Tony Christman
Sgt. Andrew Christman	Cpl. Jon Till
Captain J. J. Ferguson	Anthony G. Schuckel
Travis Davis	Spc. Derrick C. McCann
Sgt. Manuel Gonzalez	Cpl Chad H. Pollitt
SRA Matthew R. Stier	Staff Sgt. Thomas Putman
Staff Sgt. Thomas Pettit	Pvt. Bradley Trowbridge
Adam Niemic	Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Puckett
Sgt. Jerum Madarang	Sgt. Aaron Barton
Sgt. Eric Derheimer	Sgt. Rob Niemeyer
Sgt. Michael Dixon	Cpl. Jason Day
Sgt. Keith Koch	Lance Cpl. Matt Vincent, Jr.
Scott Krieg, Air Guard	Lt. Col. Scott Gmitter

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.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Making my sister's bed." Lucy
"I helped my mom bake cookies for our Christmas party." Page D.
"I shoveled the snow off the driveway." Sydney N.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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

Wednesday classes resume on January 4. Sunday Preschool and Religious Ed begin again on January 8.

THREE YEAR OLDS ATTEND SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

The youngest children in Religious Ed are those who are three year olds. At this age they work from Our Sunday Visitor publication called "I Am Special". Their units of study are called "Look At Me", "Look Around Me", and "Let's Celebrate". Teaching about God's gifts of creation are catechists Laura and Hailey Gardner, Whitney Soberalski, Sam Snyder, Nathan Smith, Catherine Stanley and Alyssa Cook.



KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

Hours are 9 – 2 p.m. Apply at the church office Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30 p.m.

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.

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.

TWO HEARTS PIERCED

Tom Didier's new CD will be available after Masses this weekend, December 17 and 18. The CD is also available through SCRIP. Portions of the proceeds will benefit the Music Department and SCRIP.

L.S. AYRES CHARITY DAY SALE UPDATE

A big thank you to all who purchased tickets from our 8th graders, SCRIP, and Life Teen for the first annual L.S. Ayres Charity Day Sale. St. Vincent's received 2nd place for tickets sold behind Carroll High School Swing Choir. Snider High School received first place for most in attendance and 2nd place went to Concordia High School. St. Vincent's will be receiving a check from Ayres that will be divided proportionately between our 3 groups from St. Vincent's. Thanks so much for supporting our 8th graders, SCRIP and Life Teen.



NEW VENTURING CREW

Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community is in the process of starting a new Scouting Venturing crew for service to the residents of Saint Anne's. If you are interested and are 14 and in high school or not yet 21, you are welcome to an Open House on Wednesday, December 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Anne's (1900 Randallia Drive—right behind Parkview Hospital) to learn more about this new venture.

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.

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.

Session I (East Meeting Room)

January 12, 26

Session II (East Meeting Room)

January 19

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 Renew's 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 Renew's His Parish in the coming months. The individual should be Catholic and have had participated in a past Christ Renew's 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. No self-nominations, please!

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.



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.



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!



HOUSE CLEANING AVAILABLE

Over 20 years of residential service. Large jobs OK – 2 person team available. Call 260-609-0743.

APRENDA ESPANOL

Spanish classes and tutoring for children, young and adults. For more information call Marbella Ponte at 415-6572.

SAINTS ALIVE! LIP SYNC

Looking for a fun night out? Come join us at Bishop Dwenger High School on January 7 from 6:30 p.m. until midnight. It's a night of good food, beverage, entertainment and dancing. Admission is \$50 per couple. Send checks to the Saints Alive! Office, 1300 E. Washington Center Road, 46825, or for further information call 483-7001. Hope to see you there. Inquire about reserve seating.



SAINT PHILOMENA BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Eric Genuis, world renowned concert pianist, will be performing with symphony violinist, William Merrimee, at the Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults (12 and under \$7.50) and are available at Coffee Sweets and More (2319 Spy Run and State St.) or Hilger's Farm Market (U.S. Hwy. 30) or call 422-7763.

TUNE IN TO CATHOLIC JUKEBOX

As part of our new full-time Catholic radio station starting January 1st, you can tune in to hear Catholic Jukebox at 4:30 p.m. for great music from contemporary Catholic singers and song writers on Redeemer Radio – Catholic Radio 1450 AM.