

**MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26TH  
8:00 a.m. Frank Knight  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH  
\*6:30 a.m. Mary Koch  
8:00 a.m. Int. Roger & Ella Mae Watercutter  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH  
8:00 a.m. Bob Kretler  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29TH  
8:00 a.m. Jean Ryan  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30TH  
8:00 a.m. Emily Wurst  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31ST  
8:00 a.m. Philomena Kim  
5:00 p.m. Denny Meadows  
SUNDAY, JANUARY 1ST  
7:15 a.m. Frank Brancho  
9:00 a.m. Donald Smith  
11:00 a.m. Rev. James Cis  
12:30 p.m. For The Parish  
NO 6:00 p.m. LIFE TEEN MASS  
\*CHAPEL



**SERVERS' SCHEDULE**

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

Saturday, December 31  
8:00 a.m. Allison Colligan, Andrea Pelkington  
5:00 p.m. Sarah Gorman, Jason Bobay  
Wallace Hogle, Sarah Nixon  
Sunday, January 1  
7:15 a.m. Christian Craney, Tyler Ransom  
Mallory Houlihan, Trina Manalo  
9:00 a.m. Aaron Ceckowski, Daniel Koehl  
Alyssa Arnold, Maddie Hunnicutt  
11:00 a.m. Justin Wyss, Kevin Stark  
Alex Kraeutle, John Reecer  
12:30 p.m. Landon Feichter, Michael Yoder

**Ushers Needed**



**USHERS NEEDED**

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.

**MAY GOD GRANT ETERNAL LIGHT AND PEACE**

to Marvin Gunkel, father of Jim Gunkel; Elisa Quiroz, mother of Amalia Quiroz-Kline; Robert Sorich, father of Mark Sorich; Dorene Richter; Steven Berghoff, father of Lisa Kemper and Julie Haff; Henry Hoevel, father of Sue Diefenbach; and Chris Gerdeman.



**ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

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

**PROJECT 25 COLLECTION – THIS WEEKEND**

This weekend at all the Masses, boxes will be placed near the columns in the church's Gathering Space to allow our parishioners to contribute to this project. These contributions will make it possible for our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need in our parish and community.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

Christmas is a family feast. "I'll be home for Christmas" is a line from one of the popular Christmas songs we hear at this time. The story of Jesus, Mary and Joseph stirs and warms our hearts, and helps us appreciate more the people in our lives whom we treasure as family members. The downside of Christmastime is that those who are lonely and without family feel that loneliness more keenly at a time like this. We must pray for them and give them comfort when the opportunity presents itself. A strong religious faith can help a person overcome the pain of loneliness, so sharing our Catholic faith with others is probably the best way we can spread the joy and peace of Christmas throughout the year. In this way, we become brothers and sisters in Christ. May you have a blessed Christmas. Fr. John



**FROM THE PASTOR**

**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.

**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 Birth of Our King. No gifts please—only the gift of your presence is necessary.

**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.

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!**

Our family wishes to thank the St. Vincent community for the overwhelming support, concern, cards, email messages, flowers, gift cards, meals, car pooling, babysitting, Christmas tree, Christmas caroling and other acts of kindness we have received during Mark's illness. Most especially, we thank you for remembering our family in your prayers—as we know first-hand the healing power of faith-filled people joined in prayer. Mark's prognosis is good, and he continues to improve everyday. We are truly humbled by the outpouring of love we have experienced. We pray that God blesses each of your families this Christmas as He has so abundantly blessed ours. In Christ's love, Mark & Kim Pohovey



**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 laundry the pantry. Our current needs are LAUNDRY SOAPS, CANNED MEAT, JELLY, SPAGHETTI & SAUCE, and CEREAL, 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!

**SAINT VINCENT'S NOVEMBER 2005 COLLECTIONS**

**FOUR WEEKS**

Total Collection in Envelopes	\$207,642
Total Collection in Loose	9,954
	\$217,596
Average Weekly Collection	\$ 54,399
(stock donations this month)	
Project Solidarity for the Poor	\$ 6,526
Capital Improvement Envelope	\$ 1,867



**PROJECT SOLIDARITY**

As good stewards of God's generous gifts, we pledge to commit 3% of our parish's income, off the top, to the poor and needy. This is money we could use for parish needs; however, we recognize that there are those whose needs are greater. What we give to the poor in the name of Christ will be returned to us a hundredfold. God will not be outdone in generosity. Mindful of our patron, St. Vincent de Paul, it is with joy that we help those in need.

**MEETINGS OF THE WEEK**

- SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, December 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, December 28, at 8 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- XLT – Wednesday, December 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church
- ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, January 1, at 12:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel

**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. 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 Bartee at 338-1259 for more information.

**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.

**DONATE YOUR VEHICLE TO HELP ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

Donate your car, truck or van for a good cause. Many people are in need of a good running vehicle. A tax write-off for you. Call the St. Vincent de Paul Store at 456-3561.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

- Dec. 25 No Life Teen Mass or Life Night
- Dec. 28 XLT, 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's
- Dec. 29 Pray at Abortion clinic, 9 a.m.  
Life Teen Tennis, 11-1 p.m.
- Jan. 1 No Life Teen Mass or Life Night

**XLT: COME**

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH JESUS** *Prayer & PRAISE*  
on Wednesday, December 28, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's. EVERYONE is encouraged to spend this time in praise and worship and adoration of our Lord.

**LIFE TEEN TENNIS**

on Thursday, December 29, from 11-1 p.m. at PINE RIDGE (no black soled shoes permitted). Let Cindy know if you plan to come play!

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.

**BISHOP DWENGER WINTER GUARD SHOW**

The Bishop Dwenger Music Boosters will play host to "Winter Fantasy" on Saturday, January 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the B.D. gymnasium. This winter guard show will feature schools from throughout Indiana in a fantastic festival of music and movement. Admission is only \$5 at the door.



**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:

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 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       |

**NOTRE DAME ATHLETIC FUND RAISER**

The St. Vincent's Men's Club is sponsoring their annual Notre Dame Athletic Fund Raiser on Saturday, January 28, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. in St. Vincent's Parish Hall. Notre Dame football players to be featured. Admission includes food by Casa's. Refreshments will be available. Ticket prices at the door are \$20 for a Single and \$30 for Couples. Must be 21. No admittance until 5:30 p.m. On the night of this event, prizes will be 2 Notre Dame 2006 Home Game Football tickets, 1 round of Golf for 4 at Pine Valley with a cart, 1 round of golf for 4 at Brookwood with a cart, ½ hour scenic flight of Fort Wayne from Smith Field Air Service for 3 plus many more.... The Men's Club tickets purchased in advance at \$15 for a Single and \$25 for Couples will be eligible for two "2006" Notre Dame Football Game Tickets. Place your advanced ticket sales by contacting the Men's Club at SVND@SAINTV.ORG.

## **CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP**

"I cleaned my room." Nicholas H.  
"Help with Christmas stuff." Tess H.  
"I set up my cousin's bed when she came to visit." Page D.  
"Help Mom bake." Haley  
"I prayed to God that my fever would go away, and now I don't have a fever." Olivia K.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

### **A CHRISTMAS BLESSING**

During this Christmas season, may the Christ Child, our Lord and Redeemer, bless all who are part of the Religious Ed program, the children who attend and their families. Surely our faith is our most precious gift this Christmas.

### **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.

### **NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**

#### **AT BISHOP DWENGER**

Bishop Dwenger High School announces registration dates for all incoming freshmen (Class of 2010): January 23, 24 and 25 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and again on Saturday, February 4, from 9 -11 a.m. Registration packets have been mailed to all 8th grade students in feeder schools and parishes. If you did not receive your packet or know of anyone interested in applying for admission, contact the school at 496-4700.



**High School  
News**

### **KITCHEN HELP NEEDED**

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

### **HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**



#### **SCRIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

SCRIP will not be sold December 24-25 and December 31-January 1. Thank you for your support.

### **NEW VENTURING CREW**

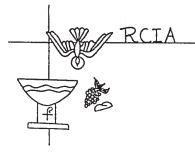
Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community is in the process of starting a new Scouting Venturing crew for service to the residents of Saint Anne's. If you are interested and are 14 and in high school or not yet 21, you are welcome to an Open House on Wednesday, December 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Anne's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

### **REWARDING YOURSELF AND ST. VINCENT'S**

Keep the Parish Rewards program in mind when considering large purchases. Nearly 30 local businesses participate in the Parish Rewards program and will make a donation to St. Vincent's when you patronize them. You can designate the donation to benefit a school family tuition account, the school's strategic plan fund or a church fund or organization. To qualify, you must take the official Parish Rewards form with you when you visit a participating vendor. Forms can be found at the church and school offices. For more information or a list of participating businesses, please call the development office at 489-3537, ext. 247.

### **APRENDA ESPANOL**

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



### **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.

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 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!

### **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.

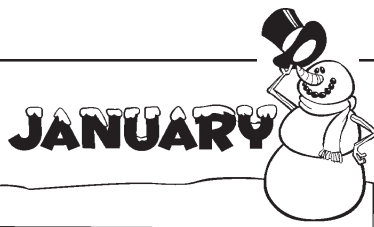
You can be as active in the Knights of Columbus as your time allows. You might choose to be an officer in our organization or limit your participation to flipping an occasional pancake at one of our Sunday parish breakfasts.

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.



### **FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLICS**

For nationwide Mass times and locations: Call Mass Times (1-410-676-6000) or Internet [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org). Also, (800) 627-7846 - need to find a church.



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS  
FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY**

January 1	12:00 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 3	6:30 p.m.	RCIA Epiphany Party
January 3	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 4	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 4	11:00 a.m.	Harvest House Council
January 5	9:00 a.m.	WINGS II
January 8	12:00 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 8	7:00 p.m.	Rekindle the Fire
January 9	7:00 p.m.	WINGS 3
January 10	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 10	6:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
January 10	6:45 p.m.	RCIA
January 10	7:00 p.m.	A.D.O.P.T.
January 11	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 11	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
January 11	5:30 p.m.	School Board
January 11	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council
January 11	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
January 12	9:00 a.m.	WINGS II
January 12	7:00 p.m.	Divorced Support Group
January 12	5:15 p.m.	Market Day Pickup
January 12	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation I
January 12	7:30 p.m.	Mardi Gras Committee
January 15	12:00 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 16	1:15 p.m.	Harvest House
January 16	7:00 p.m.	Buildings and Grounds
January 16	7:00 p.m.	WINGS 3
January 17	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 17	6:45 p.m.	RCIA
January 18	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 18	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
January 18	7:00 p.m.	CRHP Continuation Committee
January 18	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
January 18	7:00 p.m.	Marriage Preparation
January 19	9:00 a.m.	WINGS II
January 19	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation II
January 20	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast at Omega Restaurant
January 22	12:00 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 23	7:00 p.m.	Development Advisory Board
January 23	7:00 p.m.	WINGS 3
January 24	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 24	6:45 p.m.	RCIA
January 25	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 25	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
January 25	6:30 p.m.	Religious Ed Catechist In-Service
January 25	7:00 p.m.	Parish Nurse
January 26	9:00 a.m.	WINGS II
January 26	7:00 p.m.	Divorced Support Group
January 26	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation I
January 26	7:30 p.m.	Mardi Gras Committee
January 28	6:00 p.m.	Men's Club Notre Dame Fundraiser
January 29	12:00 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 29	7:00 p.m.	Rekindle the Fire
January 30	7:00 p.m.	WINGS 3
January 30	7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Society
January 31	8:30 a.m.	Two by Two Bible Study
January 31	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 31	6:45 p.m.	RCIA

**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. 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) were due by December 23 along with your \$20 payment. Professional pictures must be accompanied with a waiver.

**BAPTIZED DURING THE  
MONTH OF NOVEMBER**

Joseph Anthony Brita, Jr., son of Joseph M. and Seleena R. (Olivas) Brita  
 Alex Rodrigo Brita, son of Joseph M. and Seleena R. (Olivas) Brita  
 Ethan Jeremiah Greenway, son of Jeremy A. and Lisa A. (Conger) Greenway  
 Kendall Grace Baker, daughter of Donald P. and Randi E. (Rilling) Baker  
 Marie Joyce Beeber, daughter of Brian J. and Tabetha L. (Neuman) Beeber  
 Ian Christopher Gomez, son of Christopher E. and Ronda J. (Caswell) Gomez  
 Xan Jane Gomez, daughter of Christopher E. and Ronda J. (Caswell) Gomez  
 Magdalene Rose Hudson, daughter of Todd A. and Tarra D. (Neuman) Hudson  
 Taylor Nicole Hess, daughter of Matthew D. and Angela G. (Dee) Hess  
 Aydyn Michael Stoney, son of Derek G. and Amber Lee (Sauer) Stoney  
 Ashley Taylor Zent, daughter of David Matthew and Jennifer Lynn (Stenger) Zent  
 Ruth Virginia Simcox, daughter of Dana D. and Lisa A. (Stasell) Simcox



**WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS  
OF ST. VINCENT'S PARISH**

Lynn Stahl, 9830-2B Dupont Lakes Drive  
 Paula Adams, 11215 State Line Road  
 Abbie Patten, 1224 Bethany Lane  
 Deborah Whitacre, 429 Perry Avenue  
 Aaron and Dawn Case, 4933 Coventry Lane  
 Joseph and Brandee Lash, 10317 Tidewater Trail  
 Gregg and Linda Plough, 2110 Millennium Crossing  
 Francesco and Femy Baraquio, 8403 Bremen Way  
 George and Nancy Stone, 11416 Tillbury Cove



**WHAT IS SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST?**

Shepherds of Christ is for anyone who wants to spend one hour in front of the tabernacle praying the rosary and other traditional prayers for OUR priests and priests throughout the world. We also pray for many religious vocations and our own vocation in life as well as for our families. We meet every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Resurrection Chapel. Please stop by and pray whenever you can.

The following is a quote from Father Robert Dombrowski: "I learned a long time ago that any success I've had as a priest was because someone was praying for me. If you have never thought to pray for your priests before, I encourage you to pray for them now. You may be blessed by this effort in unimaginable ways."



**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.

**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.

**KRESTA IN THE AFTERNOON**

As part of our new full-time Catholic radio station, starting January 1st, you can tune in to hear Kresta in the Afternoon, a former Protestant pastor who creates a spiritually constructive Catholic talk show at 5:00 p.m. on Redeemer Radio—Catholic Radio 1450 AM WLYV.

# GOOD NEWS

## Christmas Day

Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 / Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

*Paige Byrne Shortal*  
*sundaybulletin@liguori.org*

Did you come to church today to please someone else? Perhaps your parents or grandparents or your spouse? Whether you came willingly or under pressure, I hope I'm not being presumptuous when I acknowledge your gift. Coming to church to make someone else happy is an act of love and you might be giving them their favorite Christmas present.

I'm a convert and so I'm fascinated by people who grew up in the Church and then stopped going to Mass. I tend to ask them a lot of personal questions, like...What takes the place of church for you? Who do you pray to? What do you use as a guide when you make moral choices? If you have children, how will you teach them right from wrong? Who (or what) will you turn to if you are suffering or someone you love is suffering?

What gives you meaning and purpose in this life?

I believe Paul Tillich who said there are no atheists; that we all make something or someone our god. We must just make sure our god is one who is worthy of the investment of our lives.

Today the Christian community celebrates the birth of the God who promises full return on our investment. I've learned that it's possible to grow up going to church and still not know much about God. A priest friend admitted he didn't really know Jesus until he was in the last years of preparing for ordination. He decided he'd better do something about it so he sat down and read the Gospel of Matthew straight through. He said he read it as something to be believed. I decided I wanted to do the same. Be warned! This is life-changing stuff.

On a lighter note, here's a true story from my husband's family. There were two older relatives who attended Midnight Mass after many years away from the Church. One remarked, "Hey, that's a woman reading up there." And the other said, "Yeah, and either that's English or my Latin is better than I thought."

Merry Christmas.

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