

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 3RD

- *6:30 a.m. Denny Meadows
- 8:00 a.m. Bernice Larson

TUESDAY, APRIL 4TH

- *6:30 a.m. Marea Caballero
- 8:00 a.m. Jack & Ada Kammer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5TH

- *6:30 a.m. Marcia McCrea
- 8:00 a.m. Laura Harter

THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH

- *6:30 a.m. Dorothy Filipiak
- 8:00 a.m. Matthew Pekel

FIRST FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH

- 8:00 a.m. Richard & Marjorie Morken (50th anniv.)
- *5:30 p.m. Harold Prell

SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

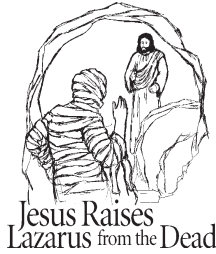
- 8:00 a.m. Ronald & Kathleen Schmitz
- 5:00 p.m. Lorraine Huhn

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

- 7:15 a.m. Jeffrey Hamrick
- 9:00 a.m. Int. Swindler Family
- 11:00 a.m. Margaret Mitchell
- 12:30 p.m. Special Intention
- 6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

*CHAPEL



FROM THE PASTOR

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Next Sunday is Passion (Palm) Sunday which is the first day of the week that the Church designates as "holy". Holy, indeed it is, because this is the week that the Church solemnly commemorates the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Within this week, the Lenten season comes to a close and the Easter celebration begins. As you enter the Gathering Space next Sunday, pick up a palm branch from the table and take it with you to your pew. At the 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Masses, there will be a blessing of the palm branches in the Gathering Space and a procession will follow. At all other Masses, there will be a simple blessing of the palm branches.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

We will be having a Lenten penance service on Monday, April 10, at 7:00 p.m. A good number of priests (about 13) will be hearing confessions. We hope many parishioners take advantage of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

Additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance:

- Tuesday, April 11 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 12 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Holy Thursday 9:30 -10:30 a.m.
- Good Friday 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (following the Good Friday service)
- 7:30 p.m. (following Stations of the Cross)

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

Lenten Penance Services are scheduled at the following area churches:
St. John the Baptist New Haven Monday, April 3, at 7 p.m.
St. Charles Wednesday, April 5, at 7 p.m.
Fathers John, Joe, and Christy will be helping out at these services.

MEDITATIONS ON THE LORD'S PASSION

A prayerful evening with meditations and reflections on different scenes of Christ's Passion. Put on by Seminarians Matt Coonan, Tink Coonan and Chris Lapp Wednesday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space of the Church.

BLESSING OF FOOD FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

Holy Saturday, 9:15 a.m., Gathering Space. Blessing symbolic foods for breaking the Lenten fast is an ancient custom in many Balkan countries. The foods prepared for the family basket are symbolic of Christ Himself. We are pleased to offer this blessing here at St. Vincent's once again. Telling the children about the meaning of the blessed food at Easter Breakfast is a wonderful way to help them celebrate Jesus-Risen. In the telling, we adults deepen our Easter faith. For directions to prepare a BASKET and symbol-explanations for each food suggested, see the flyer on the table near the parish office.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This traditional Lenten devotion will be conducted on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. The church is open throughout the week for persons who wish to make the Stations privately.

RCIA GOOD NEWS

On Saturday, March 4, our RCIA, recognizing their call to mission, painted 4 bathrooms at St. Patrick's Clothes Closet. A good time was had by all!!!

EASTER FLOWERS

Once again we are offering you the opportunity to donate Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$10 per plant. We will remember the deceased at our Easter Masses. Place the money or check in an envelope along with the form below: (Please Print)

Name of Loved One(s): _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Donation: \$ _____

EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

For Easter Sunday only, the 12:30 p.m. Mass will be changed to 12:45 p.m. Also note that there will be no 6:00 p.m. Life Teen Mass.

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, April 8

- 8:00 a.m. Sarah Kleber, Courtney Doehrman
- 5:00 p.m. Amy Nicola, Gregory Kaiser
John Lallow, Kaylee Kloer

Sunday, April 9

- 7:15 a.m. Stephen Bloom, Alex Kraeutle
Mallory Houlihan, Taylor Morken
- 9:00 a.m. Daniel Koehl, Olivia Norton
Maryanne Oskey, Cody Martin
- 11:00 a.m. Andrea Pelkington, Patrick Ryan
Joseph Schenkel, Tori Roser
- 12:30 p.m. Thomas Coonan, Albert Shoaff



WEDDING BANNES

"Please pray that the Lord will abundantly bless this couple as they prepare to take their marriage vows."
I Justin Libey and Kamie Lucas

ANNUAL CHRISM MASS TO BE CELEBRATED APRIL 11

The annual Chrim Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. Bishop John M. D'Arcy has invited all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay people of the diocese to attend this Mass. The Bishop has indicated that this is one of the most important liturgical observances of the year and has urged all to attend. Refreshments and reception will follow the Mass.

LENT AND THE RCIA

Next week, Palm Sunday, is the last day of Break the Word for our Elect and Candidates. After that, they will be with us for the entire Mass! Thank you so much for all of the support and love you have shown these special people. Come join us in the holy celebration at the Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m. on Holy Saturday, April 15.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

WINGS 3 – Monday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room
SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
RCIA – Tuesday, April 4, at 6:45 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, April 5, at 8:00 a.m. in the Chapel
RE-MEMBERING CHURCH – Thursday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent Back Room
STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Friday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
RCIA RETREAT – Saturday, April 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
PARISH NURSE – Saturday, April 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Conference Room
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, April 9, at 12:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel

REKINDLE THE FIRE

Men of the Parish – join us on Sunday, April 2, 7:00 – 9:30 p.m., in the parish hall. We will be studying scripture passages, and the Sacrament of Confirmation will be presented by Carl Spade and Ed Ort of our parish. Come and experience your faith in action.



ROSARY SOCIETY

The next Rosary meeting will be held Monday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room. Nancy Simmons will be talking on the Luminous

Mysteries of the Rosary. Everyone is welcome.

DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP

We will not have a formal meeting on Thursday, April 13. We will meet in the Gathering Space at 7:15 p.m. and attend the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper together.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS' TRAINING

We are now accepting 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 no later than Monday, April 10. All candidates for this ministry must be present for a training session; however, attendance at this meeting is by invitation only, so it is important that we have the names of potential candidates as soon as possible.

Special Minister of Holy Communion must be a registered member of the parish, 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.

ATTENTION: ALL MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Sacristans – mark your calendars for the remaining morning of reflection: April 29. This Saturday retreat is from 8:45 to noon. This will satisfy the required retreats that E.M. and Lectors need each year. Note: The correct telephone number for the Cathedral Bookstore is 422-4611.

Fall Trip for Seniors



HARVEST HOUSE TRIP TO MISSOURI

Harvest House Seniors are sponsoring a motor coach trip...it will be from September 11 to September 15, 2006. This five day trip is to Branson, Missouri. We will see Andy Williams and Petula Clark, along with other shows and sights. If you are interested in joining us, please call Jane Smith at 637-8889 for more information.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

On Ash Wednesday, our parish began Operation Rice Bowl. Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the six-week Lenten program combines Prayer, Fasting, Education and Almsgiving. Proceeds benefit the poor, both in our diocese and in the developing world. Please join this meaningful Lenten observance.

YOUTH MINISTRY

April 2 No Life Night
April 4 Mass & Breakfast, 8:00 a.m.
April 5 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.
April 6 Pray at Abortion clinic, 9:00 a.m.
April 9 Life Night: Movie—Passion of the Christ

SERIOUS PRAYER REQUEST

Spring Break worries me. Many young people spend the week unsupervised with the attitude that anything goes. Even teens who are usually very responsible see it as a time to "let loose". I think it is a BIG mistake for parents to condone this, but many do.

Please pray for all young people to make pure, moral decisions and to resist many temptations that come with the Spring Break culture, especially: drinking, sex, drugs and immodesty.

We must live our Catholic faith EVERYDAY, and we will answer to God for all we do even on vacation.

FAITHFEST '06 DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY

Saturday, April 22, Noon – 9:00 p.m.
Catholics: Believe it. Speak it. Live it. Mean it!
Featuring: Jesse Manibusan & Poppie
Where? Marian High School, Mishawaka
Cost: \$25 or \$30 at the door
Includes: T-shirt, Olive Garden dinner, Mass with the Bishop, Keynote, Concert
Forms at the back of church



PURE FASHION EVENT

Luncheon and Style Show for mothers and daughters. Saturday, May 6, at the Grand Wayne Center. \$35 per person. Contact Cindy for more details.

YOUNG WOMEN'S VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

May 6-7 in Ann Arbor with the Dominican Community of Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist. Contact Cindy if you're interested.



LENT MASS & BREAKFAST

Teens, during Lent, come to 8:00 a.m. Mass this Tuesday, and we'll have breakfast at the Life House. It's a great way to start the day. **ADULTS, if you can bring breakfast food or drinks on any Tuesday, please contact Cindy. This would be a tremendous blessing.**

BLESSED TERESA OF CALCUTTA LENTEN SERVICE TREE

"We cannot do great things, only small things with great love." In the Gathering Space there is a tree with ways to give of yourself during Lent. If you take a hand and complete the task, place a ribbon on the tree so we can see all the ways we are doing small things with great love.

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

SCHOOL BOARD SEEKING CANDIDATES

The School Board serves as an advisory group to the Pastor and Principal. The Board meets the first Wednesday of each month, August through June. Through prayer and the discernment of gifts, the Holy Spirit guides us in choosing parishioners who are called to this leadership position in our school community. If you are interested in serving a three year term on the Board or can recommend someone, please call Judy Roy at 637-8010 before April 19 to submit your name or nomination.



COMMUNITY IN CHRIST: ORGANIZATION

"Store up yourselves treasures in heaven, for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:20

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Giving money to the poor." Grace D.
"Reading a children's Bible." Mia D.
"Try to be strong when I am sick." Jacob K.
"I helped Uncle Rob care for his dog." Nic D.
"I got the mail for my mom." Cecilia P.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CONFIRMATION DATE SET

Confirmation is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

SPRING CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Saturday, April 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Registration forms were sent home with students via their teacher or catechist. Any questions, call Chris VanGessel at 241-5325.

SPRING BREAK FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

No classes will meet on Sunday, April 2, 9 or 16. Classes resume on April 23. Wednesday classes will not meet on April 5. Classes resume on April 12.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is coming to St. Vincent's June 12-16. Children will meet from 9:00 a.m. until noon each day. Open to 4 year olds through grade 5, the program will feature study of St. Patrick and the Holy Trinity. The cost is \$10 per child or \$30 maximum per family. T-shirts will be available again this year. Registration will be May 21 and 28, after all Masses. Volunteers are still needed to make this program possible. Please call Angie Harber, 486-9852 or email Angieharber@aol.com.

EASTER SCRIP SCHEDULE

There will be no SCRIP sales April 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 due to Spring Break and Easter Sunday. Church sales will resume April 22-23.

GARAGE SALE

Sale dates are April 7 and 8. If you need large items picked up for the sale, please call Theresa at 484-7014, Jane at 637-5263 or Mareta at 637-8205. Proceeds will be put toward new shelves for freezer and cooler. BROWN GROCERY BAGS ARE NEEDED.



ST. VINCENT'S SCHOOL CARNIVAL

Friday, April 21, from 5:30 – 9:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria and lower grade hallways, come join the fun. There will be games and prizes for all ages. The theme for the carnival is "Trick or Treat in April". Everyone is encouraged to participate in a cake decorating contest. The school will be competing in a classroom decorating contest as well. You

can win many prizes including gift certificates, a flat panel wall-mounted aquarium, table hockey game, bean bag chairs, a television and much much more. More information will be provided for how to purchase your game and raffle tickets in advance. GET IN THE SPIRIT and come enjoy the St. Vincent's School Carnival.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

And that means it's time for the friends of Girl Scouts annual FLOWER SALE. Preorder yours now through April 26. Geraniums (36 per flat) and Mixed or single color Impatiens (48 per flat) quality plants available from The Plant Center. Impatiens only \$20 per flat. Geranium prices \$24 per flat, \$16 per 1/2 flat, and \$27 for a flat with 2 colors. Geranium color choices: red, white, salmon, rose and violet. The plants will be 4 to 5 inches tall and may be picked up May 6. To order, call Melissa Nix 760-0384 or Maureen Yankowiak 637-5532. Thank you so much for supporting our girls. They are planning their final trip as Girl Scouts to the Girl Scout world center in London.



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 6 weeks. The time and dates: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on April 20 and 27, May 4, 11, 18 and 23. 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. Even if your death (loss) was quite a while ago, this could still be something you are looking for.



7 STEPS TO FINANCIAL FREEDOM: A CATHOLIC GUIDE TO MANAGING YOUR MONEY

Learn to manage your money with the help of your Catholic faith as part of a national pilot program from Our Sunday Visitor: Get out of debt, prepare for retirement, pay for Catholic school education and much more. There is no charge for this six-week pilot program, but it is limited to just eight couples or individuals. The six Tuesday evening sessions run from April 24 to May 30, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Vincent's. Call the church office to sign up today. Space is limited.



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.

Join Father Joe and Marilyn Fech on Thursday evenings during this Lenten season for five catechesis and discussion sessions (March 9 – April 6) 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; Church Tradition/History. 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.

Also consider attending Thursday evening sessions during the Easter Season which will focus on the Catholic Mass. We will have a 30-minute presentation focused on a particular aspect of the Mass followed by time for discussion and questions about the material presented. April 27 – An introduction to the Feast of Faith; May 4 – An exchange of love with Christ; May 11 – History of the Mass; May 18 – Participation in the Mass; May 25 – Finding Christ. We will even have time to explore other questions you may have about the church.

Note: Young adults in high school and other adults who want to be confirmed this Easter Season need to attend our Lenten Season Re-Membering Church catechesis sessions. Contact Fr. Joe at 489-3537 if you want to be confirmed this Easter Season.

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 27

Session II

April 20 (Church Conference Room)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday, 12 – 6 p.m. and Wednesday, 8:30 – 4:00 p.m.

"One day St. Teresa of Avila heard someone say: "If only I had lived at the time of Jesus...If only I had seen Jesus...If only I had talked with Jesus..." To this she responded: "But do we not have the Eucharist, the living, true and real Jesus present before us? Why look for more?"

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
Zachary Vandall, Air Guard
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
PO1 Jeremy Waldschmidt

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
Major Martin L. Fair
Sgt. Rob Niemeyer
Cpl. Jason Day
Lance Cpl. Matt Vincent, Jr.
Lt. Col. Scott Gmitter
Sgt. Joshua Wolfram



PLANNED GIVING WORKSHOP

Bishop Dwenger will host a Planned Giving Workshop on Tuesday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the school library/media center. There is no cost to attend. Topics include wills, bequests, life insurance and how you can plan your family's future. You will also learn about reducing the impact of estate taxes. Alyssa Smith, the planned giving director for the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, will lead the workshop along with a representative from USB. For reservations contact Dennis Fech at 497-4706 or email dfech@bishopdwenger.com.



HALL OF FAME BANQUET

Bishop Dwenger High School will host its third annual Hall of Fame Banquet on Friday, April 28, at Pine Valley Country Club. Cost is \$35 per person. This year's inductees in athletics include Joe Sweeney '69, Mike Weissert '77, Lia Oberstar '95 and former Coach Larry Bartolameoli. Fine Arts honorees are former band director Dick Brown and Nancy Kartholl '80. Tim Kearney '70 is the Alumnus of the Year and Dee Dee Dahm is being presented with the "Citizens of Two Worlds" Award. For reservations contact Mary Sturm at 496-4700, ext. 710 or e-mail msturm@bishopdwenger.com. Deadline is April 20.

LITTLE FLOWER HOLY HOUR

Fr. Robert D'Souza, Associate Pastor of St. Jude Parish, will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, April 4, at 7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

AN ALL-ALUMNI CLASS REUNION

for Central Catholic High School (CCHS) will be held Saturday, June 24, at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. For details, contact the CCHS Alumni Office at 471-7649. Individual class reunions scheduled include '46 on August 18 at Hall's Guest House, '51 on November 14 at Goeglein's Reception Hall, '56 on October 7 at Fort Wayne Country Club, '61 on September 23 at Grand Wayne Center and '71 on August 19 at Fort Wayne Marriott Inn.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC CLASS OF 1966

40th Class Reunion - We need your help! Our records went up in smoke. Please call Sue Beard 489-1837 or Mary Ann Roebel 436-1666. Or email bjones1048@comcast.net with your information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus Council 451 located at 601 Reed, is sponsoring their Monthly Fish Fry on Friday, April 7, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for 12 years of age and under. Fish, 2 sides and beverage are included. All are welcome to attend.

DATE CARE

St. Vincent parishioner and 3-4 teenage helpers will provide care and fun for your children, ages 12 to infant, on Friday/Saturday nights 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m., while you go out on a date. Call Lisa, 490-8426, to reserve a spot and for more details.

NANNY AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER

College student, responsible, experienced, flexible hours, former St. Vincent Sunday School teacher. References available. Contact Lindsay Davenport at 260-557-6082 or ldavenport@hillsdale.edu.

CHILDCARE NEEDED

Teacher needs childcare for infant during school year (2006-2007). Holidays, spring break, summers off. If interested please call Coleen at 497-7139.

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED

For small healthcare office. Would consider part-time or full-time. Requires computer entry, insurance billing, and scheduling. Beginning pay is \$9.00. If interested, please fax resume to 260-373-2479.

CATHOLIC ANSWERS HAS EXPANDED

The very popular Catholic Answers Live program has expanded to two hours. Tune in to Catholic Answers Live from 6 to 8 p.m., or listen to the encore the next morning from 6 to 8 a.m. on Redeemer Radio - Catholic Radio 1450 AM WLYV.

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 KETCHUP, MUSTARD, TOOTHBRUSHES, TOOTHPASTE, SHAMPOO, AND HAND SOAP, 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!



BAGS OF BLESSINGS

We are collecting hotel sized toiletries, emery boards, perfume samples, deodorant and toothbrushes. A box is conveniently located in the west vestibule at church. Thank you for your donations. Questions, call Kellie 637-6041 or Teri 637-1400.

WANTED: RIDE TO MASS

For someone living in Oak Creek Estates, off East Dupont Road. Call church office if able to help.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM

Lisa Everett of the diocesan Office of Family Life will lead a mother/daughter program called "Beyond the Birds and the Bees: Understanding the Language of the Body" for 7th and 8th grade girls and their mothers (or female guardians) on Sunday afternoon, April 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish (Oechtering Hall) in Fort Wayne. The program will include a witness talk by a high school girl and will address issues like understanding your body and your emotions, respecting the gift of sexuality as God designed it, and living chastity as a young woman in today's culture. Refreshments and a packet of materials for both mothers and daughters will be provided. The cost of the program is \$15. To register, please contact the Office of Family Life at 574-234-0687 or haustgen@fw.diocesefwsb.org.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

Father Daryl Rybicki will be the featured speaker at the Thursday, April 6, day time retreat on "reconciliation" to be held at Immaculate Conception Church, corner of Oak and Diamond Streets in Kendallville, beginning with the doors opening at 9:15 a.m. and the day starting with prayer at 9:50 a.m. The day includes lunch, prayer time, reconciliation with several priests available, and will end with the Holy Liturgy. Everyone in the diocese is invited and there is no charge but reservations need to be made by contacting the church office at 260-347-4045 morning or Rita at 260-347-4014. The day is co-sponsored by the Harvest House Organization and the Elkhart Deanery DCCW.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

will be offered at St. Jude Parish on Sunday, April 23, at 3:00 p.m. The devotions include Benediction, a reflection by Fr. David Ruppert, the Divine Mercy chaplet and novena prayers, and a procession. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for adoration, and priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 1 - 3 p.m.

FORT WAYNE WALKS ONE MILLION MILES

Eighty-one persons have registered in the St. Vincent de Paul Church group to participate in the program of counting their steps toward good health. The program begins the day after Easter—April 17th. Pedometers may be purchased for \$10 at the YMCA on Dawson Creek Blvd. Practice using them for a few days to get used to the idea of keeping them as your “constant companion” starting on April 17. Those of you who have signed up to log your steps on line please register now at www.onemillionmiles.org under the group name St. Vincent de Paul Church. Questions? Call Betty Phillips at 490-3366.

2006 HIGHER LEVEL FATHER-SON BASKETBALL CAMP

The purpose of the Higher Level Father-Son Basketball Camp is to provide fathers and guardians a time to spend with their sons in a setting that allows them quality time without the disruptions of home. The camp will provide for time on the courts, as well as “time-out” sessions for Bible study, guest speakers, chapel time for worship and free time. The mini-camp will be held April 13 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Spiece Fieldhouse. Summer dates are June 9-11 and July 21-23 at Goshen College. Brochures are available on the table outside the church office.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM 2006-2008

Education for Ministry is a two-year program offering a rich foundation in religious studies for parish lay ministers or for adults who wish to grow in knowledge of the Catholic faith. The Diocesan Office of Catechesis will again be starting the program in August on Tuesday evenings in both Fort Wayne and South Bend. For a brochure and application, call Becky Klotz at 422-4611, ext. 3359. The application deadline is April 28.

FREE MINISTRY TO TRAVELING CATHOLICS

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

ST. CHARLES KINDERGARTEN

has openings for the 2006-2007 school year. The kindergarten is located at Our Lady of Good Hope. We also offer a childcare/enrichment program for kindergarten children. Please call 485-5289 for more information.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN GARRETT – SCHOOL NEWS

Registration for the 2006-2007 school year continues for preschool and kindergarten. Kindergarten children need to be 5 years old and preschool students need to be 4 years old by August 1st. The current tuition for kindergarten is \$995.00 plus book fee. Current tuition for preschool is \$55.00 monthly or \$495.00 for the school year. Call St. Joseph School at (260) 357-5137 for more information and to arrange a tour. Garrett is a 15 minute drive north of Dupont Road.

Employment opportunity – bus driver needed for the morning and afternoon shuttle service between Immaculate Conception Church in Auburn and St. Joseph School in Garrett. This position begins August 2006 and requires a CDL and School Bus Driver Certification. Contact the school at 260-357-5137.

KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Bethel Preschool is now offering a 3 full day Kindergarten program beginning in the fall. Bethel is a Christian preschool located on Lima Road that has loved and cared for Fort Wayne children since 1963. Call Chris at 489-3651 for more information.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DISH!!!

If you brought food to any function and are missing a dish, please pick it up in the Spiritual Center in the room across from the kitchen. If you find the Spiritual Center locked, stop by the Church Office. Dishes for funeral luncheons at the Scout Lodge can be picked up at the Spiritual Center, also. Dishes will only be kept three months after the event. They will then be disposed of.