

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 15TH
 *6:30 a.m. Kathleen Schmit
 8:00 a.m. Thomas Colligan

TUESDAY, MAY 16TH
 *6:30 a.m. Marie McCall
 8:00 a.m. George & Mary McCarthy

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH
 *6:30 a.m. Robert Mosshammer
 8:00 a.m. Vern Bradley **ALL MASS**

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH
 *6:30 a.m. Phyllis Marqueling
 8:00 a.m. Jeffrey Hamrick

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH
 8:00 a.m. Jim Fox
 *5:30 p.m. Fred J. Didomenco

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH
 8:00 a.m. Ronald Schmitz
 5:00 p.m. Paul Till

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST
 7:15 a.m. Frank & Lillian Palisieski
 9:00 a.m. Gina Nino
 11:00 a.m. Kathryn Barbieri
 6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

*CHAPEL



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, May 20
 8:00 a.m. Kelsey Giant, Kendra Giant
 5:00 p.m. Alyssa Arnold, Timothy Burns
 Amy Nicola, Brian Downey

Sunday, May 21
 7:15 a.m. Lindsay Kemper, Andrea Pelkington
 Alexandra Schanbacher, Joseph Schenkel
 9:00 a.m. Molly Coffee, Trina Manalo
 Katie Manalo, Kylie Stevens
 11:00 a.m. Adam Beauchot, John Becker
 Kelsey Salkeld, Molly Thompson

WEDDING BANS

"Please pray that the Lord will abundantly bless these couples as they prepare to take their marriage vows."
 III Matthew Gladieux and Katie Morris
 III Luke Sullivan and Ann Henry
 II Ben Orr and Kelly Crandall
 I Mark Bonahoom and Jacqueline Fox

NEWCOMERS' REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room today, May 14, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISH MISSION TEAM

Please pray for the St. Vincent Good Samaritan mission team this week as they travel and serve the victims of Hurricane Katrina in Mississippi. The team consists of: Dana Achor, Becky Blevins, Rose Blevins, Ruth Ann Brinker, Paul Brinker, Tom Braun, Robert Cowan, Robert Gensheimer, Pat Minnich, and Vicki Welch.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the annual Catholic Charities' Appeal. If you have not yet made your contribution, you may still do so. Your support means so much to the families served by this Agency.

HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY

Free blood pressures will be taken after all Masses next weekend, May 20/21, in the Reconciliation area.



JUBILEE CROSS

Next year our Diocese celebrates its 150th Anniversary. As part of the celebration a Jubilee Cross is traveling to each parish and Catholic high school in the Diocese. After spending a week at each parish, the cross will end up at the University of Notre Dame where our Diocesan Jubilee Celebration will take place on August 18, 2007. The wooden cross is inscribed with the words "His steadfast love endures forever". This comes from Bishop D'Arcy's coat of arms and is a reminder of God's steadfast presence in our Diocese for 150 years.

St. Vincent's received the cross from Queen of Angels on Friday, May 12. It is present in the Gathering Space for all to see. On Tuesday, it will travel to Bishop Dwenger High School for a prayer service there and return in time for All Mass on Wednesday, May 17. On Saturday, May 20, various parish groups will walk the Cross approximately 14 miles to St. John Bosco in Churubusco. If you would like to join the walk, contact Cindy Black, cblack@saintv.org or 637-7445.

DON'T MISS CELEBRATE ST. VINCENT'S

Come join old and new friends to celebrate St. Vincent's School on Saturday, May 20. The evening includes cocktails, a catered sit down dinner, entertainment, the opportunity to participate in the Giving Tree, and concludes with a raffle drawing. Gather a table of your friends or allow us to seat you with new friends. Contact Mary Kinniry at 338-0055 with questions. It's an evening you don't want to miss! Send in your RSVP today!

Babysitting an issue? Life Teen will be hosting a Parent's Night Out at the Life House during Celebrate St. Vincent's. Contact Carrie Connolly at 417-2731 to reserve a fun filled evening for your children with their favorite Life Teens!



PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

If you have a family member who is serving or working 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 |
| Anthony G. Schuckel | Sgt. Ben Hermann |
| Travis Davis | Spc. Derrick C. McCann |
| PFC Justin Harber | 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 | Major Martin L. Fair |
| 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 |
| PO1 Jeremy Waldschmidt | Sgt. Joshua Wolfram |
| PFC Justin Harber | Len Heimann |

GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the church. The book contains the Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How of our church. The book is provided at no cost to our church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out how to advertise in our book, please call the church office.

Recent survey results by Guide Book Publishing show that 92.1% of families would rather patronize our Guide Book & Directory advertisers over a non-advertiser. It "does pay" to advertise in our Guide Book & Directory.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

"I encourage Christians regularly to visit Christ present in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar, for we are all called to abide in the presence of God."
—Pope John Paul the Great

Meetings of the Week

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Monday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS – Monday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RCIA – Tuesday, May 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 FINANCE COMMITTEE – Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
 FINANCIAL FREEDOM – Tuesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, May 17, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RELIGIOUS ED CATECHIST MASS & DINNER – Wednesday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH CONTINUATION – Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent Back Room
 MARRIAGE PREPARATION – Wednesday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION II – Thursday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
 BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT – Thursday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
 RE-MEMBERING CHURCH – Thursday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent Back Room
 MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – Friday, May 19, at 6:00 a.m. in the Life Teen House. **All men of the parish are invited!**
 CELEBRATE ST. VINCENT'S – Saturday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m.
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, May 21, at 12:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 REKINDLE THE FIRE - Sunday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

VOLUNTEER MEETING FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Volunteers for VBS will be meeting on Monday, May 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We are still in need of teen and adult volunteers. Call Cindy Parlin at 489-9553 if you have any questions.

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH

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

Come join us in the convent house meeting room at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays during this Easter Season for our Re-Membering sessions focusing 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. May 18 – Participation in the Mass and May 25 – Finding Christ. We will even have time to explore other questions you may have about the church. Call Tim Werling at 484-0067 or the church office at 489-3537 if you have questions about Re-Membering Church.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

If you would like to meet some of your fellow parishioners for prayer, fellowship and food to begin your day off on the right foot, plan to join men of the parish at the Life Teen House this Friday, May 19, at 6:00 a.m. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

REKINDLE THE FIRE

Men of the parish, please join us Sunday evening, May 21, from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m., in the parish hall. Parishioners Phil Reith and Craig Scherschel will begin a two-part presentation on the Sacrament of Matrimony. We will also have a special presentation on the Papal Succession given to Peter, our first pope, as well as sharing in Scripture reflection.

YOUTH MINISTRY

May 14 No Life Night
 May 17 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.
 May 18 Pray at Abortion clinic, 7:00 a.m.
 May 20 Kids' Night Out, 6:00 – 10:00 p.m.
 Coffee House, 10:30 p.m. - Midnight
 May 21 Life Night



LIFE TEEN COFFEE HOUSE

Everyone in high school is welcome to come hang out and enjoy coffee drinks, smoothies, music and friends at the Life House on Saturday, May 20, from 10:30 – Midnight.

THE BIG QUESTION IS...

When do 8th graders get to start coming to Life Teen? We officially welcome you to join us around the altar and stay for Life Night on Sunday, May 21.

JR. HIGH LIFE SUMMER BLAST OFF!

Tuesday, May 30, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Life House. For all 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Come play volleyball, hula-hoop, whiffle ball and other fun games.

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

PLEASE HELP WITH EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

David Elden, a parishioner and student at Bishop Dwenger, is collecting eyeglasses for his Eagle Scout project. This is in cooperation with the Lion's Club to benefit needy people in Comayagua, Honduras. They especially need children's eyeglasses, but any contributions will be appreciated. A collection box will be located in the west wing of the gathering space.



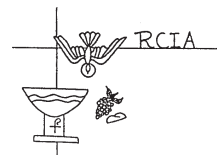
CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!

GOD wants YOU to be all you can be. Come join us for a weekend of reaching out and getting closer to God at the Women's or Men's Christ Renews His Parish retreat being held on September 23/24 and September 9/10. While renewing your faith and spirituality you will also enjoy fun, food and fellowship. Contact Tammy Barger at 341-3021 to make reservations for the Women's retreat and Tom Loogman at 490-7158 to make reservations for the Men's retreat.

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)
 May 25; June 8, 22
 Session II (Church Conference Room)
 May 18; June 15



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.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Doing what I was supposed to do." Katherine K.
"Giving 10% of my allowance to the church." Monica C.
"Tying my sister's shoes." Rachel
"I helped my mom clean." Kirstin K.
"Helped my neighbor put up the trampoline." Karsyn K.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RE YEAR'S CONCLUSION

Today is the last class for Religious Education for the year. We conclude with May Crowning, a prayerful ceremony in which we honor Mary as the Mother of our Savior and Queen of Heaven and Earth. Following the service the second graders will have their First Communion pictures taken.

Our deepest gratitude is extended to all the catechists who volunteered their time and energy and efforts to bring the children closer to Jesus by learning about prayer and His Church. What a blessing we have in these men and women who selflessly came each week and shared their love of faith with our young people!

Classes will resume again in September. Watch the bulletin for dates and meeting times. Remember to pray regularly with your family during the summer months.

CATECHISTS DINNER SCHEDULED

All catechists are invited to Mass on May 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center followed by an appreciation dinner. Please sign up in the RE office.



VBS SLATED FOR SUMMER

Coming June 12-16, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. St. Vincent's presents **St. Patrick and the Holy Trinity**. Parents, plan to enroll your children 4 years – grade 5 on the weekends of May 21 and 28 after the Masses. Please invite others. They need not be Catholic to attend.

New attractions will include visitors from the zoo and a visit from St. Patrick.

Once again we will have the ice cream social, family picnic, coin war and food collection for St. Patrick's pantry.

Fees are \$10 per child with a \$30 maximum per family. T-shirts may be ordered at registration. Contact Angie Harber at 486-9852 or email Angieharber@aol.com.

LAST CALL FOR ABC'S, BOXTOPS AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION

As of May 9th, we have almost \$425,000 in "ABC's for Education". The program only runs until the end of this month, so turn them in as soon as possible. After June 1st, Campbell's labels will no longer be accepted for redemption. They're developing a new collection process, but we won't find out what it is until August. We banked 26,273 points this year that can be used in the future for school supplies, such as a Sony digital still camera. Thank you for saving all those labels. Please turn in any more you might have before June 1 so we can bank some more points. Also, please turn in any Bxotops for Education or any bonus certificates you might have. These do have expiration dates and many will be expiring June 1, so don't waste them. The school received just over \$2,000 from your Bxotop donations this year. It was a great year! We even received a small check from Tyson Project A+ for the first time this year. Thanks to everyone who helped in any way. If you would like to help next year or have any questions, call Kathy Hazelett at 484-1662.

ST. VINCENT'S SPEED AND AGILITY TRAINING CAMP REGISTRATION

The St. Vincent's Speed and Agility Training Camp for St. Vincent's youth grades 5-8 begins on July 11th – July 27th. The camp runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for three weeks from 5:30 to 7:20 in the St. Vincent Activity Center. Early registration is \$40. Call Steve Fiacable at 385-6800 for more information. Registration forms are available in the school office and the weekly menu.



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 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.

INFERTILITY SPEAKER

Fort Wayne physician, Patrick Holly, MD, CNFPMC, will speak on "New Hope from NaPro Technology: An Ethical and Effective Treatment for Infertility" at St. Vincent Parish on Tuesday evening, May 23, from 7-9 p.m. The presentation will take place in the gathering space of the church, and is sponsored by the diocesan Office of Family Life.

K OF C GOLF OUTING

St. Vincent's Knights of Columbus annual golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, May 20. Proceeds from this event are used to support "A Hope Center" of Fort Wayne. The cost of this year's event is \$65 per player which includes lunch, golf w/ cart, range balls, beverages and prizes. For more information and to register your team or yourself, please call Greg Carlston at 492-7570 (W) or 490-4508 (H).

LITTLE FLOWER HOLY HOUR

Deacon Tony Steinacker will celebrate the Little Flower Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, May 16, at 7:15 p.m. The speaker for the evening will be Seminarian, Matt Coonan. Bring a friend this week and join us in prayer or priests and vocations. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

THE DA VINCI CODE: DISCOVERING ITS ERRORS

Catholic author Amy Welborn will discuss the errors of The Da Vinci Code on Tuesday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. at the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, 915 S. Calhoun Street, in downtown Fort Wayne. The event is free and open to the public. After her presentation, Welborn will answer questions from the audience and sign her books De-Coding Da Vinci: The Facts Behind the Fiction and De-Coding Mary Magdalene: Truth, Legend and Lies.



WAS JESUS MARRIED TO MARY MAGDALENE?

Did the Catholic Church suppress "the real truth" about Jesus and the early Church? To help separate Catholic belief from modern fiction, the Catholic Communications Campaign presents *Jesus Decoded*, an hour-long documentary that provides accurate information about the person of Jesus, His followers, their belief in His divinity, the formation of the New Testament, and the important role women played in His ministry and the spread of the Gospel message. Watch *Jesus Decoded* on WISE TV, Ch. 33, from noon – 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21.

THE 2006 NATIONAL MEDJUGORJE CONFERENCE

will be held at the Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame on May 26, 27 and 28. The conference begins Friday at 7 p.m. and includes a candlelight procession to the Lourdes Grotto. Several speakers, including Msgr. Ben Franzineli, Eduardo Verastegui, Brother Jason Lewis, MIC, Dr. Theresa Karminiski Burke, David Leatherby, Father Anthony Bus, CR and musician Tony Melendez will share their personal testimonies and relate how their lives have been changed by the messages of Medjugorje. The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will also be present at the conference. For more information contact Queen of Peace Ministries at 574-288-8777 or visit our website at www.QueenofPeaceMinistries.com. Email: maryconference@sbcglobal.net.

FULL TIME POSITION OPEN

The Marriage Tribunal is seeking someone to work as full-time case-worker (auditor) in the Fort Wayne office. Persons seeking this position should possess the following qualifications: a Catholic in good standing with the Church; a desire to help persons be reconciled with the Church; at ease with talking and listening to others; organizational and time management skills. While not required, the ability to speak and read Spanish is a plus. Training will be provided. Starting salary is suitable as a second income. Health insurance is available. For more information, or for an application, please contact Jan Brell 422-4611, ext. 3343, between 8:30 – 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH

Will be holding its annual parish "Funfest" May 19 and 20. On Friday, there will be a hamburger and hotdog picnic from 5-7:30 p.m. with live music from 6-10 p.m. On Saturday, there will be carnival games, hands-on crafts, bingo, craft booth, silent auction and beer tent from 11-10 p.m. Hog roast is open from 5-7:30 p.m. Raffle tickets with first prize \$2,500. The band Loose Change will perform 8-11 p.m. Bring the whole family for a day of fun, rain or shine!

ST. PETER'S GARAGE SALE

Will be held in St. Peter's Pavilion, 500 E. DeWald Street, on May 19 and 20 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SENIORS



OLDER AMERICANS' DAY

Fort Wayne Harvest House Older Americans' Day is Wednesday, May 24, at Immaculate Conception Church, Diamond and Oak Streets, Kendallville. Mass is at 11:00 a.m., followed by dinner and entertainment. RSVP by May 19 to 482-2085 or 483-7252. We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and carpool.

THE INDIANA ARCH CONFRATERNITY OF SAINT PHILOMENA

invite you to join them for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at Saint Peter's Church in Fort Wayne on Thursday, May 25, at 5:30 p.m. Following the Mass, Mark Miravalle, professor of theology and Marianology at Franciscan University at Steubenville, Ohio, will share the beautiful story of Saint Philomena's life, death and numerous graces showered on her devotees. Afterward, all are invited to the Window Garden Café, where cafeteria meals will be available for purchase.

RETROUVAILLE...A CHRISTIAN PEER MINISTRY FOR MARRIAGES

Are you unhappy in your marriage? Are you struggling in your marriage? Are you no longer talking about your differences? Are you thinking about separation or divorce? Are you separated or in the process of divorce? RETROUVAILLE can help. The next Retrouvaille Program begins with the weekend of June 2 - 4. For information, call 485-1944 or (800)-470-2230. All inquires are confidential.

MASS AND SPEAKER AT WARSAW CHURCH

The World Apostolate of Fatima First Saturday Mass of Reparation followed by breakfast with speaker Father Seruius Wroblewski, OFM, will be held in Warsaw at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine on June 3 beginning at 8:00 a.m. Transportation available from the Cathedral. For further information or reservations (by May 15th) please contact Emma at 260-625-3281 or Rosie at Rlah497@msn.com. Breakfast cost: \$5.00, transportation cost \$5.00. All are welcome.



FISH FRY AND TENDERLOIN DINNER

Covenant United Methodist Church, 10001 Coldwater Road, is sponsoring a Fish and Tenderloin Dinner, May 17, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity. Adult price is \$7.00, kids 6 thru 12 is \$4.50, and kids 5 and under free. Carryout is available.

FR. JOHN CORAPI

Become more informed about our Faith as Father John Corapi thoroughly explains the most important aspects of our Catholic Faith every weekday at 8:00 a.m. on Redeemer Radio—Catholic Radio 1450 AM

GOOD NEWS

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)

Acts 9: 26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8

Paige Byrne Shortal
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Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit" (John 15:5).

This is the essential message of today's gospel. I've been thinking about what this message means to me as a mother. A mother's children are her most obvious "fruit." There are other significant relationships, perhaps other important work, but children are consuming of her energy. Alongside everything else a mother thinks or does, she is also thinking about and doing for her children. A mother of young children is tempted to feel like this time will never end. It can seem interminable - bottles and diapers; messes and tears; the constant neediness of small children.

This time does end, and we find ourselves the mother of adolescents. Their neediness is greater because they are now in the throes of becoming fruit-bearers themselves. Our job is to help them. Sometimes to water and nurture; sometimes to weed and prune. If toddler-time seems endless, the teenage years are an eternity, for teens are not always appreciative little branches. They talk back and stomp around and pout and point out our every flaw.

Eventually we become mothers of grown children who rediscover our fine points amidst the flaws. While we may think about our children several times a day, they are no longer our primary fruit. It is to no one's advantage to stay overlong in this part of the vineyard. It can be traumatic when we realize our work of active motherhood is finished and we might be tempted to think our fruit-bearing years are over.

They are never over.

We are allowing the gospels of the Easter season to suggest our Easter "treat" - the complement to the Lenten fast. Perhaps this week our treat might be to embrace whatever stage of life we are in just as it is, trusting that it is in this time and in this place and among these particular people that God will use us. We may feel the prick of the pruning shears from time to time, but the fruit we bear will be all the better for it.

Happy Mother's Day.

JOHN XXIII RETREATS

Book Discussion Retreat – “The Seven Levels of Intimacy” by Matthew Kelly, May 19-21. Join Fr. Keith Hosey and Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, exploring the popular book of Matthew Kelly’s which explores better ways of relating to others. The cost of this weekend is \$125.

Music & the Spirituality of the Mystics, June 23-25; June 23-28; or June 25-28. Enjoy the spiritual insights of Hildegard of Bingen, Julian of Norwich, Francis of Assisi, Meister Eckhart and other mystics of the Christian tradition. Let music be the tour guide on this spiritual journey. Sr. Rosel Feder, SSND, is the presenter. The cost ranges from \$135 - \$350.

Each of the above retreats takes place at John XXIII Retreat Center in Hartford City, IN. For more information call 765-348-4008, or email john23rd@sbcglobal.net. The cost of the retreats covers meals, overnight accommodations, presenter fees, and continual upkeep of the Retreat Center. Commuter fees will vary.

EVENING HELP NEEDED

Help needed evenings to assist elderly lady parishioner at bedtime. Approximately two hours (7:30 to 9:30 p.m., flexible). Pine Valley area. Call 637-4600.

SUMMER CHILDCARE

Available in my home or yours starting May 15th. The opening is for full or part-time children of any age. If interested, please call Kristina at 486-0558.

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.

WHOEVER REMAINS IN ME AND I IN HIM WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT

Jesus tells us in today’s gospel to be centered on Him. Let Marriage Encounter/Holy Orders remain Christ-centered and fruitful. Upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are September 22-24 in South Bend and November 17-19 in Fort Wayne. For more information call Mike & Julia Roszkowski at 574-243-0743 or visit our web site at www.wvme-ni.org.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Join Father Daryl Rybicki and others on a 10-day pilgrimage to Medjugorje September 26-October 5. Cost is \$1,595.00 from/to Chicago, which includes round-trip airfare, taxes, and two meals daily. \$200 deposit is due by May 26, with balance due June 26. Information brochures are available from St. John the Baptist Parish Office, 744-4393, or from St. Joseph Pilgrimages, 312-602-5373 or 800-360-3617 (fax). You can also visit the website, www.gosaintjoe.com.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

The 2006-2007 kindergarten students will attend school every Friday. Classes will meet all day Monday, Wednesday and Friday or Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The tuition remains the same at \$995 for the year. Call 357-5137 for more information. Garrett is a 15 minute drive north of Dupont Road.

CLASS REUNION

The second annual Central Catholic High School All-Alumni Class Reunion will be held June 24. The event includes all who attended CCHS, St. Augustine’s or St. Catherine’s Academy. The reunion is being held at the Memorial Coliseum beginning at 4:00 p.m. with Mass at 5:00 p.m.; a buffet at 6:30 p.m. followed by musical entertainment ending at 11:00 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. Call the Alumni Office for more information at 471-7649.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul Store is looking for volunteers to cashier Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Call 456-3561.

