

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JUNE 26TH

- 6:30 a.m. Frances Wall
- 8:00 a.m. Norman Johnson

TUESDAY, JUNE 27TH

- 6:30 a.m. Special Intention
- 8:00 a.m. Vern Bradley

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH

- 8:00 a.m. Don Smith

THURSDAY, JUNE 29TH

- 6:30 a.m. For Victims of Terrorist Attacks
- 8:00 a.m. Virginia Herek

FRIDAY, JUNE 30TH

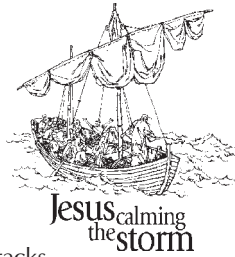
- 8:00 a.m. Mary Koch

SATURDAY, JULY 1ST

- 8:00 a.m. Int. of Rosary Society
- 5:00 p.m. Anthony & Martha Steininger

SUNDAY, JULY 2ND

- 7:15 a.m. Sid & Betty Arnold
- 9:00 a.m. Donald Balsler
- 11:00 a.m. John Campbell
- 6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)



PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES ARE IN!

If you had your picture taken last fall, please pick up your pictorial directory in the Church Conference Room. They will be available after all Masses this weekend. You may also pick it up throughout the week during office hours, 8:30 – 4:30 p.m. This is the last weekend the directories will be available after Mass. Directories will be available for sale at a later date.



BIBLE BASICS

It's Vacation Bible School for Adults! Join us in the Gathering Space of the church for any or all three sessions on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 through 8:30 p.m. to learn or expand your insights on ...

- How the Bible Came To Be – July 5th
- What's in the Old Testament – July 12th
- What's in the New Testament – July 19th

Bring a Bible if you wish (but it's not required). All three sessions will be presented by Marilyn Fech.

NO 6:30 A.M. MASSES IN THE CHAPEL

Please note that the 6:30 a.m. Masses this week will be held in the Church.

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, July 1

- 8:00 a.m. Hannah Rapp, Sarah Thill
- 5:00 p.m. Luke Welch, Brian Downey
Colleen McCann, Connor McCann

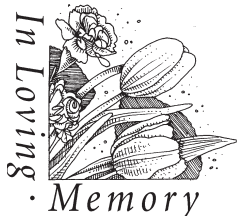
Sunday, July 2

- 7:15 a.m. Emily Kammer, Alixandra Ball
Kenneth Gase, Erin Grutsch
- 9:00 a.m. Madelyn Ehlerding, Connor Graham
Meredith Didier, Joseph Fox
- 11:00 a.m. Summer Barton, Molly Brunner
Cody Martin, Daniel Nixon

WEDDING BANS

"Please pray that the Lord will abundantly bless these couples as they prepare to take their marriage vows."

- III James Nichter and Carolyn Klima
- I Kevin Marler and Michelle Emerson



MAY GOD GRANT ETERNAL LIGHT AND PEACE

to Genevieve Warner, sister of James Pulver and Phyllis Fitch; Jean Crites, sister of David Crites; Nancy Irvin Resak, mother of Chuck Irvin; Sarah Lynn Atkinson, daughter of Richard and Susan Atkinson; Karen Cassabon, sister of Paul Cassabon; Dick

Maloney, father of Mary Lou Arnold and brother of Jean Gump; Joseph Krick, brother of Peggy Krick; Norman Loney, spouse of Mary Loney; Eugene Augustyniak, father of Sandra Clark, Sue Neuman, Lisa Jenkins and Dave Augustyniak; Dick Frantz, brother of Linda Christie and Bill Frantz; Elmer Wunderlin, father of Teresa Swaim and John Wunderlin; and Frank Barry, father of Claudia Thomas.

FAREWELL RECEPTIONS SCHEDULED

The party for Cindy Black, our youth director who has accepted a position with the diocesan youth office, will be held on Sunday, July 9, following the Life Teen Mass. All are invited.

The farewell reception for Father Joe is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, with a Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a reception in the Gathering Space and outside, weather permitting.



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.

MISS VIRGINIA MISSION SUNDAY

Please remember this ministry to the needy of the inner city this weekend, June 24/25. Bags of food or paper products may be left in the Gathering Space of the church. Whatever is collected is taken to Inner City Hope Mission House that very day, so please refrain from bringing items through the week.

SUMMER MASS ATTIRE

How should one dress for Sunday Mass? With the warmer weather upon us, it is good to give thought to this question. Certainly we should dress appropriately. Let your Sunday attire reflect your respect for both the Eucharist and your fellow Christians with whom you worship the Lord. This is no ordinary social gathering. This is our sacred weekly gathering where as Christians we celebrate the Lord's death and resurrection. Because circumstances may prevent a person from wearing appropriate clothing at a Mass, e.g., persons going to or coming from work, we want to avoid standing in judgment of someone whose attire in our opinion is not appropriate. God, of course, sees into the heart and knows the worshiper's true disposition. But in society, clothes do make a difference, and we should keep this in mind when we attend Mass.

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.

WHY GIVE BLOOD?

The American Red Cross supplies nearly half of the nation's blood supply. Traditionally during the summer months, the Red Cross operates with a shortage of blood because people do not fit blood donation into their busy schedules. With family vacations, summer camp, activities and more, people often don't find the time to give the gift of life.



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.

Meetings of the Week

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Monday, June 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, June 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 FINANCIAL FREEDOM – Tuesday, June 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, June 28, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, July 2, at 12:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

The Annual musical celebration of Independence will take place on Wednesday, June 28, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne. The Cathedral Choir invites all to this free, one-hour concert of all patriotic music and singing. Complimentary ice cream will be served afterward. Early seating advised.



ALL FAMILY ROSARY

Plan on attending the First Sunday Rosary for All Families from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the MacDougal Chapel on Sunday, July 2nd. All are welcome.



ST. VINCENT MEN'S SOFTBALL CHARITY GAME

The St. Vincent Men's Softball team is enjoying a much improved year in the Associated Churches Softball League, and for the second year will have a participating member in the charity all star game. The game will be used to raise money for A Hope Center. A Hope Center is a wonderful organization that presents alternatives to abortion for pregnant couples. To learn more about A Hope Center go to the web link <http://ahopecenter.org/>. We would like to request parishioners attend the charity softball game on Monday, July 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. The game will be held at Kreager Park off of River Road and would take about 60-90 minutes. It's a great way to spend a family oriented time with many Christians of other Churches! Donations for A Hope Center can also be dropped off at the St. Vincent church office. Please make checks payable to "A Hope Center" care of St. Vincent's Mens Softball. Thank you for your help and we look forward to seeing you at Kreager!

FISH & TENDERLOIN DINNER

St. Joseph Parish is having an Ed Fox fish and tenderloin dinner on Friday, June 30, from 5 – 8 p.m. It is all you can eat, with pricing of \$6.50 for adults and \$4.50 for children (6-8), and under 5 free. Carry out is available. The location is St. Joseph School cafeteria, 2211 Brooklyn Avenue. The proceeds will benefit the St. Joseph youth group.

FISH FRY

The Knights of Columbus Council 451 located at 601 Reed, is sponsoring their monthly All You Can Eat Fish Fry on Friday, July 7, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for 12 years of age and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included. All are welcome to attend.

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. Due to the renovation, please pick up as soon as possible.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday, 12 - 6 p.m. and Wednesday, 8:30 - 4:00 p.m.
"Inexhaustible treasures of grace are opened to you through the Eucharist."

— St. Bernadette Soubirous



YOUTH MINISTRY

June 25 Life Night: Crazy Kickball
 June 28 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.
 June 29 Pray at Abortion Clinic, 9:00 a.m.
 July 2 NO LIFE NIGHT

Make Summer Plans

THE FRANCISCAN CENTER NEEDS OUR HELP TO FEED THE POOR IN SOUTHEAST FORT WAYNE

We'll meet Tuesday, June 27, for 8:00 a.m. Mass and leave after that to head down to work. We may be carrying groceries, stocking pantry shelves, making sack lunches or whatever else they need. Contact Cindy Black if you plan to go and if you need transportation.



COMMIT TO SERVE OTHERS

Schedule time to give yourself to those in need. One great way is to pray in front of the abortion clinic each Thursday morning for the conversion of all involved in abortion to preserve the lives of the unborn.

CYX (CATHOLIC YOUTH EXPERIENCE)

July 28-30, Valparaiso Retreat and Concert with John Angotti. Registration forms available.

AMARE VITAM ROCK-N-SOUL FEST

Saturday, August 19, Michigan City. Fr. Stan Fortuna, Crispin and more. It will rock, so be there or be square!

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

HIGH SCHOOL OPENINGS

Bishop Luers High School needs a school nurse (days and times are flexible) and a development director for the 2006-2007 school year. Please send resume to Principal Mary Keefer, Bishop Luers High School, 333 East Paulding Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46816 or email to mkeefe@bishopluers.org.

Our Members in the Military



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:

- HM3 Nicole Frantz Brooks
- Tech Sgt. Andrew Frantz
- Lance Cpl. Brian Crooks
- Sgt. Andrew Christman
- Anthony G. Schuckel
- Travis Davis
- PFC Justin Harber
- 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
- PFC Justin Harber

- Ensign Brandon Brooks
- Lt. Teresa Frantz
- Spc. Tony Christman
- Cpl. Jon Till
- Sgt. Ben Hermann
- 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
- Lance Cpl. Jason Day
- Lance Cpl. Matt Vincent, Jr.
- Lt. Col. Scott Gmitter
- Sgt. Joshua Wolfram
- Len Heimann



CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Help my aunt cook breakfast." Bianca
"I helped out at Vacation Bible School." Megan M.
"I made breakfast in bed for my dad." Nicholas H.
"Helped with the block party." Jacqueline & Tracy T.
"Not fighting." Conlan M.
"Weekly chores." Morgan R.
"Helping my dad put together my new bike." Danielle S.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SUMMER VACATION

Religious Education classes will resume in September. Watch the bulletin for dates and meeting times in the fall. Attend Mass and pray regularly with your family during the summer months.

SEEKING NEW CATECHISTS

Now that the catechetical year is finished, we begin looking ahead to the fall when classes resume. Several catechists who have shared their love of our Catholic faith for a number of years are retiring or taking a well-deserved respite from Religious Education. Replacements are needed. Please begin to pray about and consider teaching a class. Sunday classes meet from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Call Beth at 489-3537 ext. 204.

FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES

The pictures of the First Communicants taken by Lifetouch photographers have arrived. They are in the East Room off the Gathering Space on the counter. Read the labels carefully and take only the envelope belonging to you. The photos are separated according to attendance on Wednesday or Sunday Religious Ed.

FALL COACHES NEEDED

St. Vincent Athletics' will need coaches for the fall. We need volleyball and cross country coaches. Call Paul Cassabon at 260-750-3011 or at the school, 489-3537, ext. 218, if you have any questions about coaching or if you can help.

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 (morning hours during the summer).



2006 LADY COUGAR PEAK PERFORMANCE VOLLEYBALL CAMPS

Volleyball camps will be held at the Hutzell Athletic Center on the campus of the University of Saint Francis on July 10 – 13. Students entering grades 5-8 attend 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.; students entering grade 9 attend 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.; students entering grades 7-12 attend 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. and

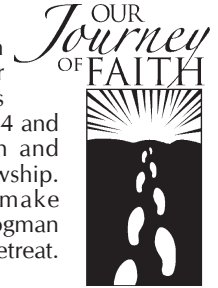
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$75 which includes Adidas Camp t-shirt. Additional information about our camp and download registration forms at www.sf.edu/athletics/camps.shtm.

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.

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

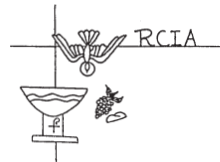
Attendance at two Baptismal Preparation Sessions is required before your child is baptized. They are Session I and Session II. You may attend Session II before Session I, if necessary. Each session will begin at 7:00 p.m. It is recommended that you attend before the birth of your child so that there 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. NO SESSIONS IN JULY.

Session I (East Meeting Room)

August 23

Session II (Church Conference Room)

August 17



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.



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 JELLY, CRACKERS, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, CANNED FRUIT, and CANNED MEATS, 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.

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.

TRIP TO THE HOLY LAND

Fr. Glenn Kehrman is traveling to the Holy Land November 13-22. The cost is \$2,099 if you confirm before August 5. After this date it is an additional \$100. Locations include Caesarea, Tiberias Upper Galilee, Jerusalem and more. Contact Pentecost Tours for more information and the arrangements: 1-800-713-9800 or travel@pentecosttours.com. We will be departing from Chicago.





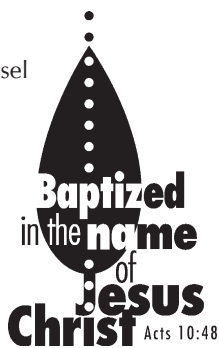
JULY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY

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| July 2 | 12:00 p.m. | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| July 4 | 6:30 p.m. | Shepherds of Christ |
| July 5 | 8:00 a.m. | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| July 5 | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Basics |
| July 9 | 12:00 p.m. | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| July 9 | 7:30 p.m. | Farewell party for Cindy Black |
| July 10 | 7:00 p.m. | Buildings and Grounds |
| July 11 | 6:30 p.m. | Shepherds of Christ |
| July 11 | 7:00 p.m. | A.D.O.P.T. |
| July 12 | 8:00 a.m. | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| July 12 | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Basics |
| July 16 | 12:00 p.m. | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| July 18 | 6:30 p.m. | Shepherds of Christ |
| July 18 | 6:30 p.m. | Mass & Farewell reception for Father Joe |
| July 19 | 8:00 a.m. | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| July 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Bible Basics |
| July 21 | 6:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Breakfast |
| July 22 | 10:00 a.m. | Marriage Preparation |
| July 23 | 12:00 p.m. | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| July 25 | 6:30 p.m. | Shepherds of Christ |
| July 26 | 8:00 a.m. | Adoration of Blessed Sacrament |
| July 30 | 7:00 p.m. | Rekindle the Fire |
| July 31 | 7:00 p.m. | St. Vincent de Paul Society |

BAPTIZED DURING THE MONTH OF MAY

Marybeth Theresa Roussel, daughter of Benjamin J. and Kathleen S. (Shields) Roussel
 Charles Steven Dietrick, son of Luke E. and Michelle M. (Elward) Dietrick
 Grace Marie Henry, daughter of Michael P. and Jessica L. (Lacy) Henry
 Evan Joseph Holt, son of Ryan E. and Nicole L. (Johns) Holt
 Anthony George Nicklow, son of George A. and Lisa M. (Falapata) Nicklow
 Carter Joseph Parrish, son of Brian S. and Kelly M. (Stoller) Parrish
 Theresa Elizabeth Sarrazine, daughter of Ronald L. and Amy E. (Schlotterer) Sarrazine
 Reshelle Renee Bihasa, daughter of Renato C. and Cielito T. (Dumala) Bihasa
 Jillian Christine Brita, daughter of John M. and Amanda E. (Mullins) Brita
 Zachery Robert Camarata, son of Brian S. and Brigette L. (Przybyla) Camarata
 Mary Carol Maier, daughter of Brian A. and Colleen A. (McCabe) Maier
 Benjamin Mathew Pressler, son of Joseph K. and Julie A. (Wurmel) Pressler
 Aidan James Tio, son of Alan C. and Laura A. (Martin) Tio
 Lucas Forrest Anthony, son of Jason F. and Sarah M. (Smith) Anthony
 Conner James Cashman, son of Steven J. and Ryan E. (Conrad) Cashman
 Brenden David Cashman, son of Steven J. and Ryan E. (Conrad) Cashman
 Fernando Salvador Flores, son of Eric R. and Veronica (Mendoza) Flores
 Trey Adam Guthier, son of Troy M. and Roxanne (Madrigal) Guthier
 Justin Stanley Richardson, son of Brian T. and Stacy A. (Gephart) Richardson
 Rylan John Roth, son of John S. and Anastacia (VonRohr) Roth
 Ryan Michael Winger, son of James A. and Sandra M. (Johnson) Winger



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF ST. VINCENT'S PARISH

Eric and Evelyn Manalis, 11104 Knollton Run
 Sean and Sheri McBride, 4721 Janet Drive
 Tom and Monica Szymanski, 4317 Willapa Way
 Jeff and Julie Herr, 12504 Saddle View Ct.
 Eric and Jacqueline Derheimer, 3632 Astoria Way
 Tadd and Jean Garshwiler, 16722 Amethyst Pkwy.
 Brendon and Roya Kelly, 10917 Patrician Place
 James and Carrie Yolevich, 5512 Hartford Dr.
 Pawel and Jolanta Chudzinski, 3331 Water Wheel Run
 Gregory and Elizabeth Griffin, 1511 Burning Tree Ct.



BIG RETREAT

Join us August 4-6 at University of Notre Dame for a weekend of prayer, sponsored by Holy Cross Family Ministries. For more information call 1-800-299-7729.

CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT - "SILENCE THE LANGUAGE OF LOVE"

August 11-13. Come away to be with God and experience the support of praying in silence – with others and alone. This weekend will be lead by Sr. Coletta Wrasman, PHJC, who is a core member of Cordiafonte House of Prayer in Indianapolis. For more information or for registration call John XXIII Center in Hartford City, (765) 348-4008.

MARRIED COUPLES

Give your marriage a well deserved vacation. Plan to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy. The next 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.me-ni.org.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PAINTER?

Unemployed parishioner looking for work. Am an experienced painter and able to do minor repair work. Have references. Please call 484-3502.

CARPENTERS FOR HIRE

Need a new roof, siding, deck or room addition? Experienced father and son team. Reasonable rates. Call Bob at 489-8397 or 416-4014.

SUMMER TUTOR AVAILABLE

Does your child need help with reading, spelling, penmanship or math? Experienced. Call Maurine at 489-8397.

CLASS OF '71 REUNION

Central Catholic High School Class of '71 reunion is August 19. Contact Sam & Sue Ann Till, 482-9623.

BISHOP DWENGER CLASS OF 1986 20TH REUNION

Committee is now planning events for class of '86 reunion, scheduled for the weekend of **August 12, 2006** (revised date). We need current addresses/email of graduates! Please email your updated information to us at Kmb5119@gmail.com. Please pass this information on to any family members or friends from the class of '86!

REDEEMER RADIO LAUNCHES FIRST LOCAL PROGRAM

Starting June 26, at 11:45 a.m., tune in each weekday to Catholic Radio AM 1450 to hear our priests reflect on the day's Mass readings. Msgr. William Lester of Most Precious Blood Parish will host the first week.



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.



How can I be a better Catholic?

I made a retreat not long ago and I think it really changed my life. I feel like I should do more than I've been doing. If I wanted to be a really good Catholic, what should I do?

Chris E.

Dear Chris,

Everybody is going to think I made up this letter, but I can't resist answering it. I think you should start with the basics. That means Mass, Communion, and confession. This will form the core of your spiritual life. Mass is the worship you do with other believers. You need the strength of their faith and they need yours. Communion is you joining yourself to Jesus and to the community. You will need the strength that sacrament gives you. You should go to Mass and Communion every Sunday and holy day. Confession is your way to

keep track of your life and deny sin any power over you. Pick a regular schedule for confession that is helpful to you, perhaps once a month.

You will have to keep studying your faith. Ask your priest for books to read, and join a class in adult faith formation from time to time. You also need to put your faith into practice. Try to pick one thing in your parish where you can make a contribution to serving others. Also, try to pick one thing in your community that will help others. And, of course, pray and find a spiritual guide.

Father Joseph Nolen, C.Ss.R.

Read *The Catholic Virtues: Seven Pillars of a Good Life* (II-33014). For more information, please contact our Customer Service Department, 1-800-325-9521.

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