



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

- *6:30 a.m. LaFonda Morgan
- 8:00 a.m. Rosemary Koeller

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

- *6:30 a.m. Edward Hiatt
- 8:00 a.m. Alfred Nix

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

- *6:30 a.m. Jason Norris
- 8:00 a.m. Jerome Thelen

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

- *6:30 a.m. Kelly Jeanne Finton
- 8:00 a.m. Matthew Pekel

VIGIL MASS

- 6:30 p.m. Lynn Neat

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 6:30 a.m. For The Parish
- 8:00 a.m. Maureen Stevens ALL MASS
- 12:30 p.m. Gertrude Coty
- 6:30 p.m. Ronald Schmitz & Anna Kintz

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

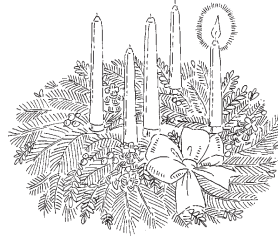
- 8:00 a.m. LeRoy & Mary Alice Smith
- 5:00 p.m. Weber/Nowlan Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

- 7:15 a.m. Martin & Margaret Braun
- 9:00 a.m. Virgiline Rich
- 11:00 a.m. Joanne Prudlow
- 12:45 p.m. For The Parish
- 6:00 p.m. Marvin Gunkel (Life Teen Mass)

*CHAPEL

First Sunday of Advent



SERVERS SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement, especially during the holidays)

Saturday, December 9

- 8:00 a.m. TEAM 4:
Joey Houlihan, Lindsay Kemper
Erin Grutsch, Summer Barton
- 5:00 p.m. TEAM 8:
Max Roesler, Monica Thomas
Zach Tippmann, Michael Deprez

Sunday, December 10

- 7:15 a.m. TEAM 16:
Sarah Kleber, Lindsey Freimuth
Jessica Heise, Erin Coblantz
- 9:00 a.m. TEAM 1:
Adam Beauchot, Myles Bobay
Elizabeth Parlin, Molly Khorshid
- 11:00 a.m. TEAM 3:
Sam Gray, Madelyn Ehlerding
Meredith Didier, Eddie Black
- 12:45 p.m. TEAM 9:
Ali Schanbacher, Robert Nicola
Mitchell Schanbacher, Olivia Fawcett

COFFEE & DONUTS

- December 3 Cuellar Family
- December 10 Buescher Family
- December 17 – January 7 No C&D

NEWCOMERS REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room next Sunday, December 10, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

Ushers Needed



USHERS NEEDED

We have openings for ushers for most weekend Masses. Ushers are assigned to teams and each team serves for three months during the year. Both men and women are welcome to serve in this ministry of hospitality. Please call Ray and

Toni Ohlman at 637-5377 to volunteer or for more information.

FROM THE PASTOR:

In a world filled with violence, division and hatred, there is within us a deep longing or hunger for truth, justice and wholeness. The root meaning of the word "diabolical" is to tear asunder. This is the work of Satan. It is Christ who heals and brings things back together, and so we cry out to Him "Come, Lord Jesus, Come". In this season of Advent, we watch and wait as we prepare for the birthday of the Savior and His final coming. Advent sets the tone for the entire Church year. It is a busy time for all of us, one filled with much activity, and so it is important that we make quality time for ourselves, whether alone or with others – time that will feed our spirits. A new Church Year brings new beginnings which allow us to start afresh, letting go of past hurts and failures, as we journey together, filled with much hope, toward our heavenly home. Happy Advent!
Fr. John

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. This is the patronal feast of the Diocese and of the Church in the United States. We honor our Blessed Mother, who from the moment of her conception in the womb of her mother was free of original sin, a special grace merited by her Son's redemptive death on the cross. Our holy day Mass schedule is: Thursday, December 7, a Vigil Mass at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, December 8, at 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

CATHOLICISM REVEALED

Legend tells us that St. Nicholas (feast day Dec. 6) was born into a wealthy family. He shared his wealth with others by anonymously giving gold and gifts away. When people were sleeping, Nicholas would toss gold through windows or place it in stockings that were hanging on the mantle to dry. Legend also tells us St. Nicholas became a bishop and was imprisoned for a lengthy time.

What can we do that would carry on his tradition? Are you willing to give away everything which is unnecessary in your life to someone who doesn't have enough? Would you be willing to spread the good news of Christ even if it meant imprisonment?

ADVENT MATERIALS

Look for Advent pamphlet materials this weekend, the first Sunday of Advent. There will be devotionals, daily meditations, The Magnificat, evening prayers, novenas, key tags, children's Advent calendars and more. These will be available on tables in the Gathering Space. Donations accepted.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH

JOHN ANGOTTI AND HIS MEMPHIS BAND

See another side of John by kicking off 2007 in style, dancing to the secular music performed live by John Angotti and his band on Sunday, December 31, 2006. The event will be held at St. Vincent's cafeteria from 8:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Tickets available after Masses. See Tony.

CARE SACRISTAN MINISTRY

Would you like to assist in the ministry of Care Sacristan? This ministry involves taking care of our Church and, while not a demanding ministry, is a very worthwhile one. For more information, call Mary Schafer at 489-1965.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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



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Name of Loved One: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Donation: \$ _____

Meetings of the Week

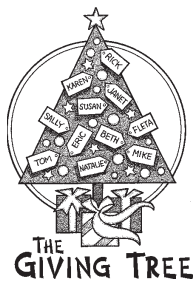
SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, December 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RCIA – Tuesday, December 5, at 6:45 p.m. in the Gathering Space
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, December 6, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 WINGS – Wednesday, December 6, at 9:00 a.m. in the Scout Lodge
 LIGHT WEIGH - Wednesday, December 6, at 9:00 a.m. in the Convent Back Room
 SCHOOL BOARD – Wednesday, December 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center Room
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ADMISSION – Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 WINGS II – Thursday, December 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the East Room
 MARKET DAY PICKUP – Thursday, December 7, at 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 WINGS 3 – Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Life House
 BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nursery
 GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY – Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE – Saturday, December 9, at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY – Saturday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, December 10, at 12:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel

REKINDLE THE FIRE

Purgatory, what do Catholics believe about it? Parishioners Chad Watson and Phil Reith will present the church's teaching about this topic. Join us in prayer, catechesis and faith sharing on Sunday, December 3, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are welcome.

ROSARY MEETING

will be at Armstrong Flowers on December 4 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring two dozen cookies to share.



THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is an easy way for you to brighten the Christmas of someone less fortunate. Take an angel ornament off the evergreen tree in the Gathering Space of the Church. Purchase the gift request (written on the angel), wrap it securely, and attach the ornament to the outside of the gift. Then bring it to the church and place it under the tree by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, no later than 2 p.m. and we will be sure it gets delivered to the person in need before Christmas. If you cannot return the gift in time, please refrain from taking an ornament. An evergreen is used as a symbol of our need to be forever giving. If you have any questions, call Craig or Vicki Welch at 483-7257.

GIVING TREE "BIG" WISHLIST

A number of items requested by our giving tree recipients were too large to put on an angel. Perhaps you have the ability to purchase or donate a used item on the list and make someone's Christmas brighter. The wish list includes: 12 bikes of varying sizes, women's black suit size 12, high chair (1), playpen (1), booster seat, crib, twin bed and mattress, pots and pans (2), vacuum cleaner (4), microwave (4), sewing machine (2), computer (3), TV (3), table lamps (2) and many winter coats of varying sizes for boys, girls, women and men. If you can donate any of these items, please call Vicki Welch 483-7257.

ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The Byron Health Center Sunday Volunteer ministry is in need of two additional Eucharistic Ministers. Service in this ministry involves taking Communion to residents who are confined to their rooms. This is done every Sunday and takes about one hour in the morning. Ministers are assigned every four to five weeks. If interested, call Dolly Passino, 489-5956, or Bob Swindler, 489-8150.



Eucharistic Ministers

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

December 3 Life Night – "Meet the Real Madonna?"
 December 5 Mass @ 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast
 December 6 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.
 December 7 Pray at Abortion clinic – 7:00 a.m.
 December 10 Life Night – Advent Prayer Night

CAN YOU HELP??

We are looking for help with breakfast for the teens on the Tuesday mornings of Advent after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. If you can help make a breakfast casserole, bring donuts or OJ, etc., it would be a great help! Please contact Tracy. The first Tuesday will be December 5.



COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES

We are currently sending out Care packages to our current college freshmen. If you know of someone in the parish that may need a mid term pick-me-up, please get us their address ASAP.

For information about St. Vincent Youth Ministry, contact Tracy Sines at 338-1263 or Tracy 1892@aol.com.



KOFC MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The family Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 9, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center. Dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Santa will arrive at 7:00 p.m. In keeping with the spirit of the holiday season, we will be collecting canned goods for the Franciscan Center.

ST. VINCENT HARVEST HOUSE

will have a Christmas potluck on Monday, December 18, at the Spiritual Center. Prayer service is at 11:15 a.m. with dinner to follow. Please bring a dish to share. Everything else will be furnished. We will have a "steal drawing" after dinner. Please bring an inexpensive gift or a nice "white elephant" for the drawing. RSVP to 482-2085 or 483-7252 by December 15 if you did not sign up at the November meeting.

UPDATED LIST OF ITEMS

A food box for St. Vincent de Paul Society's pantry is placed in the west wing of the Gathering Space. We will continue to regularly post items needed to supply the pantry. Our current needs are LAUNDRY DETERGENTS, JELLY AND CRACKERS, 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!

MEN'S BASKETBALL ON SUNDAYS HAS BEGUN

Men of the parish (age 18 and older) are invited to play basketball, 12 noon – 2 p.m. on most Sundays (November – March) in the St. Vincent Gym. It is an open gym, pick-up basketball format for men of all ages. Join us for friendly competition and Christian sportsmanship. For information, call Mike Richardville 489-0014.



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

The National Catholic Order of Foresters Court, 870 St. Antionette, will hold their annual Christmas Potluck Dinner on December 10, 2006, from 12:00 until 4:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart School Basement, 4643 Gaywood Drive. Please bring a covered dish to share with all. Any questions, contact Pete Heredia 447-2357.

MARKET DAY - DECEMBER

It's not too late to order for Market Day December, but there will be extras available at pick-up time for those who forgot to get their order in. We have an extra Free Throw Pass for the 1/12/07 Pacers game that will be raffled off to customers at the Market Day pickup on December 7. Coming for extras will get you in on the raffle, too! Pickup is from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Thank you for your support. Any questions, please call Eva 490-9329.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I helped my dad clean and store our boat for the winter." Carson B.
"I did my sister's hair so we would be ready for church on time."

Courtney C.

"I made a card for my nanny's birthday." Erin J.
"Praying every night." Rachel S.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



DECEMBER/JANUARY SCHEDULE FOR RE

*Holiday
Schedule*

Sunday classes will meet on December 3, 10, and 17. Wednesday sessions are scheduled for December 6, 13, and 20. Following Christmas break, classes will resume on Wednesday, January 10 and Sunday, January 14.

JESSE TREE PRAYER SERVICES PLANNED

For the parish grade school, the service will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 7, in the church. For Religious Education, the services will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 4:15 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 13, at 6:15 p.m., both in the church. All parishioners are invited to attend.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULED

Grades 3-8 will have Reconciliation in the church on Sunday, December 3, at 4:15 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 6, at 6:15 p.m.

GRADE 6 CATECHISTS

Teaching the Old Testament are catechists Nancy Snyder, who comes to instruct on both Sunday and Wednesday, and Anne Marie Riechmann, Jennifer Wilson, Ed Waldschmidt and Janet Beattie, all catechists new to Sunday RE. Barbara Cumberland and Ashleigh Tippmann, also newcomers, each teach a class on Wednesday. Creation, Divine Revelation, the Patriarchs, Moses, Samson, Ruth, Samuel and Solomon, to name a few, are topics and people studied by sixth graders.

FAMILY SERVICE DAY PROJECTS

A Family Service Day, sponsored by St. Vincent School, is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2007. The goal is to have St. Vincent school families giving service to fellow parishioners in need of a helping hand. A strong list of service projects will inspire and encourage everyone's participation.

Do you, or someone you know in our parish community, anticipate some spring projects that may be too overwhelming? Examples: raking leaves, cleaning out gutters, simple home repairs, trimming or pulling bushes, landscaping assistance, spring cleaning, window washing, a new coat of paint on the porch?

Please, let us experience the joy of "BEING OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER" and make our first Family Service Day a great success. We should complete our project list in early December in order to organize the rest of service day. St. Vincent's School Board is responsible for the project list portion of Family Service Day, so please contact Cathy McLeish 485-6481 or any present school board member with your project. We want to be of service!



COMMUNITY IN CHRIST: RESPONSIBILITY

"Thou shall not be a victim; thou shall not be a perpetrator. Above all, thou shall not be a bystander." —Holocaust Museum, Washington, DC

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTION

is an automatic transfer program which allows you to make regular contributions to the Church without writing checks or giving cash. It saves you time, work and simplifies your life. However, persons who give electronically are urged to continue to drop the empty collection envelopes in the Sunday basket as a sign of their commitment to stewardship. If you would like more information on Electronic Giving, please call the church office.

NEW CHOIR CD

A new choir/cantor CD is now ready. Come to the church office to purchase.

ATTENTION: WOMEN OF THE PARISH

You are invited to attend the next Christ Renews His Parish Weekend on March 3 and 4, 2007. This is a wonderful renewal weekend where you can strengthen your relationship with Christ through prayer, scripture, and listening to others share their faith. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship with other women. If you are interested or have questions, contact Molly Schreck at 484-5303 or meschreck@netzero.net.



CRHP MANUALS NEEDED

We are in need of CRHP Manuals for the upcoming weekends. If you have a CRHP manual and are not currently in formation, please drop it off at the church office. Thank you.

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH CONTINUATION COMMITTEE

We will be discerning individuals for the Committee's service position of Kitchen Coordinator. If you have been on a past Christ Renews team and feel called to serve in this ministry, which includes attending Continuation monthly meetings and coordinating the meals for both the Men's and Women's weekends twice a year, please send a letter to the Church Office, Attention: Barry Lomont. In this letter, answer the following questions: How did you hear this call? What is your previous team experience and ministry? How do you feel you could best serve the committee, teams and invitees? For more information regarding this ministry, call Barry Lomont at 490-1396.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS

Attendance at two Baptismal Preparation Sessions is required before your child is baptized. They are Session I and Session II. You may attend Session II before Session I, if necessary. Each session will begin at 7:00 p.m. It is recommended that you attend before the birth of your child so that there will be no delay in setting a date for the baptism once the baby is born. Godparents, too, are welcome. Please call the church office to register for your sessions.

NO SESSIONS IN DECEMBER.

Session I (East Meeting Room)

January 11, 25

Session II (Church Conference Room)

January 18

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. VINCENTS

Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. In fact, there's a 97% chance that someone you know will require a blood transfusion in his or her lifetime. What greater gift can you give than the gift of life?

Please help by donating this life-giving gift of blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Vincent's on Saturday, December 9, 2006, in the Parish Hall (old gym). Donation hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

There is always a great need for all types of blood. Giving blood is safe, easy and extremely important! If you are at least 17 years old, weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, and you are in good general health, you are most likely eligible to donate blood. It is recommended that you eat a light meal before you donate and drink plenty of fluids before and after. This will help those that feel light-headed after donating. If you've been deferred due to low iron, taking a multi-vitamin for a few days prior to the blood drive will ensure that you will be able to donate. Blood donation takes less than one hour - the actual blood collection takes only 8-10 minutes. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments will have priority. Also, childcare will be provided to make donating more convenient.

Call Bruce Cadwell at 484-0078 to schedule your donation (or if you have any questions). Don't forget to make an appointment and mark this important date on your calendar! Thank You!

CHRIST CHILD FESTIVAL

Please attend the Christ Child Festival at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Expo Center Friday, December 15, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 16, 12:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 17, 12:00 - 6:00 p.m. Everything is free except parking. We'll have food, drinks, entertainment, live Nativity Set and animals, music and crafts. Come celebrate Jesus' birth!



CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be the scene of a one-hour concert to be presented by the Snyder High School Wind Ensemble on Sunday, December 10, at 2:00 p.m. Under the direction of Kevin Klee, a Cathedral parishioner, the program will consist of Advent and Christmas music. The concert is free and open to the public.

The public also is invited to attend the Annual "Christmas in the Cathedral" Concert on Wednesday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. The free Advent/Christmas program will feature a brass quartet, Harpist Nancy Morse, Pianist Dyne Pfeffenberger and the Cathedral Choir under the direction of Judy Throm. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to sing along on many of their favorite carols.

ST. NICHOLAS SALE AT CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

Cathedral Books and Gifts, located at 915 S. Clinton in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, will hold its annual St. Nicholas Sale beginning Saturday, December 2 through Friday, December 22. The store will be open on the following Saturdays of December: the 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Hours for the three Saturdays are from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Hours for Monday – Friday are the regular times of 8:30 – 5:00 p.m. There is free parking in the Archbishop Noll Parking Garage. Books, bibles, rosaries, medals, crucifixes and gift items are discounted at 20% during the sale. All FONTANINI is also included. Any items that we may not have in stock may be ordered during the sale and they will also receive the 20% discount.

ADVENT VESPERS

The Catholic/Lutheran Dialogue Committee would like to invite you to the fifth annual Catholic/Lutheran Advent Vespers Service on Sunday, December 3, at 5:00 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Road. Pre-service music will begin at 4:45 p.m. Following the service, there will be refreshments and fellowship in the church hall. What better way to start Advent and prepare ourselves for Christ's birth than worshipping with our brothers and sisters of faith.

FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw, Indiana, with 870 families and Pre-K through 6th grade school, seeks a full-time Director of Liturgy and Music for our parish and school. Degree in music or equivalent experience preferred. Position opens January 1, 2007. Direct inquiries to Sacred Heart Church, 125 N. Harrison Street, Warsaw, IN 46580, 574-267-5842, email laura-gillis@kconline.com

SEX IN THE CITY OF GOD

An overview of Pope John Paul II's "theology of the body", will be given by Lisa Marino, RCIA director at St. Matthew Cathedral, South Bend, on Thursday evening, December 7, at 7:00 p.m. at the University of St. Francis in the Doermer Center, Room 156. The talk is being sponsored by the diocesan Office of Family Life, the University of St. Francis, and the New Eve Project. Free literature and refreshments will be served.

ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Enjoy breakfast and take some time to deepen the understanding of some of the Advent Scriptures on December 12 from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. at John XXIII Retreat Center in Hartford City, IN, lead by Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC. Feel free to stay for more quiet space for yourself for the rest of the day. Call 765-348-4008 for reservations.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF WAITING

Advent is a time to experience waiting. Take some time to look at different Scripture personalities as we wait during this season of expectation. Also look at waiting in your own life and how that impacts your spirituality. This afternoon will be lead by Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, on Wednesday, December 13, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. It includes lunch and dinner. For reservations call John XXIII Center in Hartford City, IN, 765-348-4008.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

at St. Vincent de Paul Store to help build chest of drawers. Choose your hours and days, Monday through Friday. Call 456-3561 or come to the Store at 1600 South Calhoun Street.