

**MASS INTENTIONS**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH  
8:00 a.m. Mary Koch

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH  
\*6:30 a.m. Clarence & Concetta Egts  
8:00 a.m. Casimir Hurrle

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH  
\*6:30 a.m. Harry Kohrman  
8:00 a.m. Denny Meadows ALL MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21ST  
\*6:30 a.m. Obdulio Mendez  
8:00 a.m. John (Jack) Merkler

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22ND  
8:00 a.m. Velma Bobay Scherschel  
\*5:30 p.m. Int. Evans Family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23RD  
8:00 a.m. David Cox  
5:00 p.m. Int. Josephine An  
7:00 p.m. Charles Hill

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH  
7:15 a.m. Betty Arnold  
9:00 a.m. Brian Houlihan  
11:00 a.m. For The Parish

CHRISTMAS EVE  
4:00 p.m. Donald Balsler  
6:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Malcolm Family  
11:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH  
CHRISTMAS DAY  
9:00 a.m. For The Parish  
11:00 a.m. Ralph Schimmele

\*CHAPEL

*Third Sunday of Advent*



**SERVERS' SCHEDULE**

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

Saturday, December 23  
8:00 a.m. TEAM 8:  
Max Roesler, Monica Thomas  
Zach Tippmann, Michael Deprez

5:00 p.m. TEAM 11:  
Tori Roser, Hannah Molinaro  
Jeremy Gladieux, Hannah Rapp

7:00 p.m. TEAM 14:  
Will Voors, Lindsay Ellenwood  
Allison Coffin, Kenny Gase

Sunday, December 24  
7:15 a.m. TEAM 19:  
Brandon Herber, Emily Kammer  
Allison Bloom, Amy Royal

9:00 a.m. TEAM 1:  
Adam Beauchot, Myles Bobay  
Elizabeth Parlin, Molly Khorshid

11:00 a.m. TEAM 15:  
Anthony Springmann, Alexandra Ball  
Luke Mlakar, Luke Garrison

4:00 p.m. TEAM 17:  
Quentin Lepper, Conner McCann  
Andrew Smith, Liz Newbauer

6:30 p.m. TEAM 7:  
Kathryn Manalo, Justin Thelen  
Katie Martino, Colleen McCann

11:00 p.m. TEAM 2:  
Spenser St. Louis, Aaron Ceckowski  
Andrew Ceckowski, Justin Dials

Monday, December 25  
9:00 a.m. TEAM 10:  
Hannah and Erinn Wright  
Sam Anderson, Katherine Tierney

11:00 a.m. TEAM 3:  
Sam Gray, Madelyn Ehlerding  
Meredith Didier, Eddie Black

**AREA ADVENT Penance SERVICES**

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Monday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. About 14 priests will be present to hear confessions. Precious Blood will have their Penance Service on Tuesday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Confessions will also be offered at St. Vincent's on:  
Wednesday, December 20 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday, December 21 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Friday, December 22 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Christmas this year falls on Monday following the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Please know that you cannot attend one Mass to fulfill both obligations. Our schedule is as follows:

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday, December 23 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, December 24 7:15, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

**ST. VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve 4:00 and 6:30 p.m.  
Our Mass at Midnight 11:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.



**THE GIVING TREE – DEADLINE TODAY**

Bring your gift to the church and place it under the tree by TODAY, DECEMBER 17, NO LATER THAN 2:00 P.M. and we will be sure it gets delivered to the person in need before Christmas. If you have any questions, call Craig or Vicki Welch 483-7257.



**GIVING TREE "BIG" WISH LIST**

A number of items requested by our Giving Tree recipients were too large to put on an angel. 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.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

Catholic Charities will have their annual Christmas collection this year to support services for children and their families. Last year, Catholic Charities served over 14,000 people, providing a range of services including adoption, pregnancy services, senior services, emergency assistance, child care, refugee resettlement, immigration, and counseling for families. Your financial contribution will help us continue the tradition of caring and service that has been the hallmark of Catholic Charities.

**WEDDING BANS**

"Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and enlighten this couple as they prepare to take their marriage vows."  
|| Matthew Till and Auralea Picciano

**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)



**POINSETTIAS**

Name of Loved One: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Meetings of the Week

HARVEST HOUSE – Monday, December 18, at 11:15 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Monday, December 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel  
 PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE – Monday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church  
 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS – Monday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room  
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 RCIA – Tuesday, December 19, at 6:45 p.m. in the Gathering Space  
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, December 20, from 8:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Church  
 LIGHT WEIGH - Wednesday, December 20, at 9:00 a.m. in the Convent Back Room  
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Wednesday, December 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall  
 GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY – Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room  
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, December 24, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel

### COFFEE & DONUTS

December 17 – January 7 No C&D



### ST. VINCENT PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST

Today, December 17, is the next Knights of Columbus Parish Family Breakfast. Serving times are from 8:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fruit serving and milk, juice or coffee. For this breakfast, we will be accepting free-will donations instead of a set price. The proceeds from this breakfast will be given to Redeemer Radio. Don't forget...there is plenty of parking on the Wallen Road side of the Parish Hall. Thank you for supporting our parish activity!

### TO ALL SERVERS

Final RSVP for attending servers Christmas party on Thursday, December 28 is requested. The party will be in the parish hall from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

### THE LIGHTWEIGH

The Light Weigh series is beginning again at St. Vincent's. Are you tired of constantly struggling with your weight? Tired of following strict diets? Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart, your life and your eating. A Light Weigh orientation will be held Tuesday, January 2, 2007, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the back room of the Convent. Come and find out about The Light Weigh Bible study and video series, and how this program has been a blessing to others. For further information contact parishioner Nancy Simmonds at [njsimmonds@verizon.net](mailto:njsimmonds@verizon.net).

### 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.

### USHERS SCHEDULE - FOR JANUARY

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Mike Scheer, Craig Klinker Brad Thompson, Mike Meehan
Sunday	7:15 a.m.	Bill Poure, David Moran, Mark Myers
	9:00 a.m.	Roger Watercutter, Toni Ohlman, Ray Ohlman John Klingenberg, Don Getts
	11:00 a.m.	Dave Watercutter David Rosswurm, Ed Parent John Tippmann, Rick Bobilya
	12:45 p.m.	Jim Coonan, Tim Helbing, Randy Thelen



### YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

December 17 Life Night – Coffee House Social  
 December 19 Mass @ 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast  
 December 20 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.  
 December 21 Pray at Abortion clinic – 7:00 a.m.  
 December 24 NO LIFE TEEN MASS OR LIFE NIGHT

### ADVENT MASS AND BREAKFAST

Teens, please join us for Mass and breakfast on Tuesday morning at 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel (adjoining the Spiritual Center). This is a great way to prepare your hearts for Jesus. Give Him one Extra Mass during Advent.

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

### ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE DIOCESAN 150TH ANNIVERSARY, THE SESQUICENTENNIAL JUBILEE?

On January 7, 2007, the Feast of the Epiphany, *Today's Catholic* newspaper will be delivered to all registered Catholic homes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. *Today's Catholic* will be packed with information about the jubilee year and will provide you with a calendar of activities. For information about *Today's Catholic* or to subscribe visit [www.diocesefwsb.org](http://www.diocesefwsb.org) or call 456-2824.



### 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, BAR SOAP, CANNED MEAT, JELLY, and PAPER PRODUCTS

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!

### HOLIDAY THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who made the Bags of Blessings special project such a success. Your generosity filled 250 Christmas stockings for the Mental Health Association. God bless you all for our loving kindness.

### FRESH CUT CHRISTMAS TREES

are for sale sponsored by St. Vincent Boy Scouts. All sizes and varieties up to 15 feet tall. Trees bagged and loaded for you. Open Monday thru Friday 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the St. Vincent Scout Lodge, 489-1763.



### 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.

### MARKET DAY - DISNEY PROMO

In January, Market Day is teaming up with Disney and having a Disney Vacation give away. Five Walt Disney World vacations for four will be given away, as well as 100 iPods and 1,000 \$25 Best Buy Gift Cards. You have to order on line or mail in an entry. No purchase is necessary. Entries entered by bringing in your order forms DO NOT QUALIFY. Place your orders on line to qualify for the drawing or mail in an entry! Only one entry per household will be permitted. Entries will be drawn daily beginning January 3, 2007. Forms can be found at the table by the church office and completed forms can be returned to the church or school offices by January 10 or filed on the internet by January 13 at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). The next pickup date is January 18. Any questions, call Eva Vandeputte 490-9329. Good luck!

## CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I've been raising my grades." Nic D.  
"I helped clean the house to get ready for company." Nicholas H.  
"Behaving." Benjamin K.  
"I prayed for Baby Haley." Alex S.  
"I was nice when my mom was gone." Grace G.  
"I'm helping with the Christmas Adoption." Gabrielle H.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

### DECEMBER/JANUARY SCHEDULE FOR RE

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

### GRADE 8 CATECHISTS

Theresa Herman, a new catechist this year, teaches along with Les Williams and Steve Shoda on Sundays. On Wednesday evenings, Cindy Rauwerdink and Tammy Wolfe work as a team in the classroom. Steve Weigand and Ellen Gephart teach the other two sections of Grade 8. The eighth graders are preparing for Confirmation next fall and studying morality. Please pray for the second graders, who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation after the first of the year, and the eighth graders who will be confirmed next fall.



### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars to attend the open house commemorating St. Vincent de Paul School's 50th anniversary on Sunday, January 28, 2007, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. More information will be

forthcoming. We are looking for school mementos such as old photos, yearbooks, sports jerseys, awards, etc. for a memorabilia display. Please call Chris Hursh in the Development Office at 489-3537 ext. 247 if you have any items to loan to the school for this celebration.

### FRANCISCAN CENTER COLLECTION SITE CLOSED

We have been informed by the Franciscan Center that they are closing their Clothes Closet. Therefore, we will no longer be accepting any donations of clothing, household items, toys, etc. You can share those donations with other agencies.

### FRANCISCAN CENTER TO CLOSE CLOTHES CLOSET AND TOY CHEST

The Franciscan Center has announced that it will close its Clothes Closet and Toy Chest. "This is one of our longest-running programs," explains Sally Ley, Founder and CEO of The Franciscan Center, "but we have found demand steadily declining over the past several years. The Franciscan Center has always based its programs and activities on the needs of the community, and we see the current and future need elsewhere.

Closing the program will allow the organizations to focus on its existing and growing programs: the Food Pantry, Medicine Cabinet and Sack Lunch programs. "These programs, especially our Medicine Cabinet where we distribute such non-food items as over-the-counter medicine, vitamins, band-aids, toothpaste and toilet paper, are growing every week," explains Ley.

Starting now until December 21, all remaining clothes and toy inventories will be distributed free of charge and without limit. Contact The Franciscan Center at 744-3977 for more information or visit the facility at 4643 Gaywood Drive.

### 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.



### 2001 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX

For Sale! S. Kay's old car.  
Call Jay 489-3537 ext 217.

## MEN WANTED

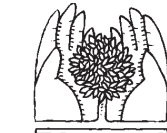
We want to issue an invitation to all eligible men of the parish to join the Knights of Columbus - St. Vincent's Council. The Knights is a service organization of Catholic men which is involved in both our church and our community by helping the less fortunate, supporting our youth programs, our seminarians, and the Right to Life effort. Knights work as volunteers when needed at St. Vincent's and on projects within our community. In addition, we relax and enjoy each other and ourselves at dances, hayrides, dinner theater and other such social events.

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

If you want to join us or want more information first, please call Ray Ohlman, membership director, at 637-5377. We look forward to welcoming you to our council.

## 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.



Spiritual Growth

### ATTENTION:

### MEN AND WOMEN OF THE PARISH

You are invited to attend the next Christ Renews His Parish Weekend. The men's weekend is February 24-25 and the women's weekend is March 3-4. 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. Contact Molly Schreck 484-5303 or [meschreck@netzero.net](mailto:meschreck@netzero.net) for your reservation on the women's weekend and Ed Smith 433-7831 or [esmith@illumination-solutions.com](mailto:esmith@illumination-solutions.com) for your reservation on the men's weekend.

## 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

## 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](mailto:laura-gillis@kconline.com)

## LIFT CHAIR NEEDED

Disabled parishioner is in need of a lift chair and tub transfer bench (must accommodate 350 lbs.). Call 490-4108.

## HELP NEEDED

Reliable woman to assist elderly lady at bedtime 4-5 nights/week (flexible). Approximately one hour (9:00-10:00 p.m.). Pine Valley area. \$12/hour Call 637-4600.