

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH  
 \*6:30 a.m. Anne Marie McSweeney  
 8:00 a.m. Loretta Nash

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH  
 \*6:30 a.m. Johnny Chase  
 8:00 a.m. Timothy Morken

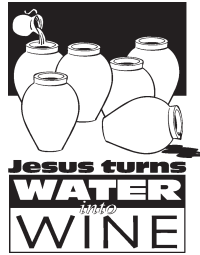
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH  
 \*6:30 a.m. Everett Guffey  
 8:00 a.m. Flavia Cabral ALL MASS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH  
 \*6:30 a.m. Int. Richard Shinn  
 8:00 a.m. Donald Evans

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH  
 8:00 a.m. Norma Dowd

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH  
 8:00 a.m. Elaine Underhill  
 5:00 p.m. Ken & Ann Gray

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST  
 7:15 a.m. Clarence & Concetta Egts  
 9:00 a.m. Int. Swindler Family  
 11:00 a.m. For The Parish  
 12:45 p.m. Merrill Trischler  
 6:00 p.m. Margaret Kendig (Life Teen Mass)



\*CHAPEL

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, January 20  
 8:00 a.m. TEAM 6: Alexa Litchfield, Tony Armstrong  
 Matthew Melchi, Ben Evans  
 5:00 p.m. TEAM 13: Sean Meehan, Brittney Giant  
 Madeline Pollifrone, Kylie Stevens

Sunday, January 21  
 7:15 a.m. TEAM 7: Kathryn Manalo, Justin Thelen  
 Katie Martino, Colleen McCann  
 9:00 a.m. TEAM 2: Spenser St. Louis, Aaron Ceckowski  
 Andrew Ceckowski, Justin Dials  
 11:00 a.m. TEAM 4: Joey Houlihan, Lindsay Kemper  
 Erin Grutsch, Summer Barton  
 12:45 p.m. TEAM 8: Max Roesler, Monica Thomas  
 Zach Tippmann, Michael Deprez

COFFEE & DONUTS

January 14 Buescher Family  
 January 21 Penisten Family  
 January 28 Huffman & Cuellar Families

NEWCOMERS' REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room today, January 14, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Schedules are ready and can be picked up in the Ministers' Sacristy.

ATTENTION ALL EUCHARIST MINISTERS, LECTORS, SACRISTANS, AND MINISTERS TO THE HOMEBOUND

Please mark your calendars for one of the following evenings of Reflection: Thursday, February 15; Monday, March 5; Thursday, March 22; and Saturday morning, April 21. All reflections will be held in the Spiritual Center.



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, January 19, at 6:00 a.m. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!



FROM THE PASTOR

Father Pius Ilechukwu has been appointed by Bishop D'Arcy to serve as an Associate Pastor in our parish. A diocesan priest, he just arrived in the United States from Nigeria, Africa, and he comes to us with good pastoral experience. He was pastor of a large parish in Nigeria, rector of the seminary for several years and studied in Rome where he earned a master's degree in spirituality.

This is his first weekend in our parish, having arrived this past Tuesday, and we warmly welcome him. He knows this is an active parish, and is looking upon his stay here as a working sabbatical. May we give him our loving support. Fr. John

CATHOLICISM REVEALED

What does God expect of us in our vocation of married life, priesthood or the single life? The Catholicism Revealed session this Monday evening, January 15, will focus on this issue, as Father Michael Heintz discusses the topic "Made in His Image". Father Heintz is currently the Rector of St. Matthew Cathedral in South Bend, and teaches at Marian High School and the Notre Dame Theology Department. Come join us!



AN AFTERNOON WITH DR. SCOTT HAHN

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, February 10, at 1:30 p.m. as Dr. Scott Hahn will be in the Church to speak on "Letter and Spirit". This is a thoughtful exploration of the relationship between the Bible and the Catholic Church. Dr. Hahn will offer insights into what the Bible teaches us about living the spiritual life and describes how the liturgy brings about the "actualization" of the saving truths of Scripture. Dr. Hahn is a former protestant minister that converted to the Catholic faith and has become a preeminent Catholic apologist, author and world renowned speaker. This is open to all members of the parish and the diocese. This is open seating, and we will ask for a free will offering. This event is sponsored by Rekindle the Fire men's group, St. Vincent's, and Redeemer Radio.

PARISH RETREAT WITH DR. SCOTT HAHN

Saturday, February 10. Open to Women and Men of the parish, 18 years and older.

Women will meet in the Spiritual Center:

8:30 a.m. - Registration and Continental Breakfast  
 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Prayer, Reflection and Marilyn Fech speaking on "Lectio Divino, Interpreting Scripture"  
 11:00 a.m. - Dr. Scott Hahn speaks on "The Lamb's Supper" (Parish Hall)  
 12:00 Noon - Box Lunch

Men will meet in the Parish Hall:

8:30 a.m. - Registration and Continental Breakfast  
 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - Prayer, Reflection and Fr. Tom Shoemaker speaking on "Deeper Into the Mass"  
 11:00 a.m. - Dr. Scott Hahn speaks on "The Lamb's Supper"  
 12:00 Noon - Box Lunch

Tickets will go on sale after all the Masses this weekend, January 13/14. Tickets are \$20 and are limited to two per St. Vincent parishioner. This event is sponsored by Rekindle the Fire men's group, WINGS, and St. Vincent's.

VIGIL FOR LIFE MASS

On January 21, there will be a Mass for Life at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. The Most Reverend John M. D'Arcy will be the main celebrant. The Mass is at 5:00 p.m., with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following. Benediction will be at 7:00 p.m. This will mark the 34<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade which legalized abortion in our country. Please come and pray for a renewed respect for human life in our nation.



**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**ST. VINCENT'S DECEMBER 2006 COLLECTION**



Five Weeks	
Total Collection in Envelopes	\$ 329,613
Total Collection in Loose	18,523
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	\$ 348,136
Average Weekly Collection	\$ 69,627
Project Solidarity for the Poor	\$ 10,444
Capital Improvement Envelope	\$ 4,881

**Meetings of the Week**

- HARVEST HOUSE – Monday, January 15, at 1:15 p.m. in the Community Room
- CATHOLICISM REVEALED – Monday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Monday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
- TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, January 16, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Room
- LIGHT WEIGH – Tuesday, January 16, at 9:00 a.m. in Community Room B
- SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- RCIA – Tuesday, January 16, at 6:45 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
- ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, January 17, from 8:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- WINGS – Wednesday, January 17, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center, East Room and Nursery
- SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PARENT MTG. – Wednesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
- CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH CONTINUATION – Wednesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG. – Wednesday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent Back Room
- WINGS II – Thursday, January 18, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room
- MARKET DAY PICK UP – Thursday, January 18, at 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- BAPTISMAL PREPARATION II – Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
- WINGS 3 – Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Life House
- GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY – Thursday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nursery
- MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – Friday, January 19, at 6:00 a.m. in the Life House
- ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, January 21, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- REKINDLE THE FIRE – Sunday, January 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

**ST. VINCENT HARVEST HOUSE**

Will meet on Monday, January 15, at 1:15 p.m. at the Spiritual Center, weather permitting. We will play cards, etc. Please bring a snack to share. NO POSTCARDS WILL BE SENT. At our meeting on April 16, our guest will be artist, Bruce Summerfield. He will display his art and give a short talk. His art will be available for purchase. ALL ARE WELCOME!



**WINGS (WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE)**

is starting our spring semester on Thursday, January 17, at 9:00 a.m. We will be meeting in the Spiritual Center. If you would like to join us, call Carrie Adams at 627-3208.

**WINGS 3**

It's time to spread our wings again! WINGS 3 is a faith sharing group for women of all ages. Sessions begin Thursday, January 18. We are studying St. Vincent de Paul and always welcome new participants. Join us on Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the Life Teen House. Call Marilyn Fischer 489-6917 or Carol Miller 627-2456 to register.

**YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR**

- January 14 LIFE NIGHT – "Super Size Sacrifice"
- January 17 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.
- January 18 Pray at Abortion clinic, 7:00 a.m.
- January 21 LIFE NIGHT – Social

**RETREAT NEWS**

Teens, please prayerfully discern if you would like to be on the planning team for the upcoming retreat. It is a great opportunity to serve the Lord and make new friends. Please see any core member after Mass for an application.

**IMPORTANT LIFE NIGHT AHEAD**

Please note on January 28 Life Teen will be presenting a Life Night on the topic of Depression. Many teens struggle with Depression, and we are hoping many teens will attend so we can help them recognize and deal with this issue. If you know of anyone who might be struggling with Depression, please encourage them to attend. It will take place after the Life Teen Mass in the Gathering Space.

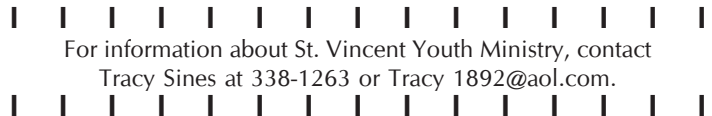


**IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO OUR TEENS**

Please know that we on Core care about all of you and are very happy that you come to the Life Teen Mass. However, please make sure that your behavior during Mass is respectful to the others around you and most importantly to Our Lord and Savior present in the Eucharist.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Spring Retreat is scheduled for March 23-25. Mark your calendars!



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

**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 for prayer, catechesis and faith sharing on Sunday, January 21, from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are welcome.

**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)  
January 25; February 8 and 22
- Session II (Church Conference Room)  
January 18; February 15

**MARKET DAY TEAMS UP WITH 8TH GRADE**

The February cookie dough promotion increases the regular 10% return to the school to 10% for regular items and to \$2.20 (20%) per container of cookie dough ordered. The 8th graders are using this as a fundraiser for their school trip. They are selling cookie dough, and they will get all extra profit on their sales above the 10% that we usually receive. If cookie dough sales get to 250, the return would be \$3.30 per container (\$4.40 if we get to 500!) So please find those 8th graders and buy some!! There are nine great flavors to choose from and your hungry tummies would benefit not only the school but those students selling. The next Market Day pick-up is February 15 or the student will deliver your cookie dough after the 15th. Market Day is open to all and having a student at the school is not necessary. Any questions, call Eva Vandeputte 490-9329.

**"KNIGHT LIFE" ON REDEEMER RADIO**

Join host Greg Diss Saturday, January 20, at 9:00 a.m. as he speaks with Fr. Dave Ruppert of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish discussing vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. It's a program you'll hear only on Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio, 1450 AM.

## CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I had fun with my grandparents." Nic D  
"Let my sister wear my Colts shirt for the game Saturday." Andrew K.  
"Feeding the dog and emptying the dishwasher." Jack B.  
"Giving money to the church." Gabrielle H.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

### SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY RELIGIOUS ED

Wednesday classes meet on January 17, 24 and 31. Sunday classes resume on January 14, and will also meet on January 21 and 28.

### PARENTS OF 2ND GRADE STUDENTS

The parent information meeting for sacramental preparation will be held on Sunday, January 14, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center or Wednesday, January 17, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. PLEASE NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE. Attendance at ONE of these meetings is required. A pink flyer with more information was sent home with your child the week of December 17. If you did not receive one of these flyers, please contact Chris Van Gessel at 241-5325.

### CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

Candidate information sheets are now past due. Please return completed forms (given to parents at October meeting) to the Religious Ed Office. If a second copy is needed, contact Tami Peters in the Religious Ed Office 489-3537 ext. 235.

### NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

New student registration for the 2007-2008 school year will take place on January 28 from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. and February 13 from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. This is for students who will be entering grades 1-8 who are currently not enrolled at St. Vincent de Paul School. There will be a \$50 registration fee per child. Please provide a copy of proof in immunizations for each student and if your child was not baptized at St. Vincent de Paul Church we will need a copy of the baptismal certificate. If you have questions feel free to contact Kathy Palmer 489-3537, ext. 212.



### 50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendar 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. Alumni are invited to attend the 12:45 p.m. Mass prior to the Open

House. And, 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.

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Have you resolved to buy or build a new house this year, or perhaps do some remodeling of your existing home? If so, please check out the Parish Rewards program first. We have several excellent builders participating in the program this year. We also have several outstanding realtors and mortgage companies, who could assist you with the process of buying or selling your home. If you're thinking about remodeling or redecorating, we have companies that offer kitchen/bathroom cabinets, furniture, carpet/flooring, and windows/sunrooms. Each of these companies will make a donation to the school in your name, half of which you can designate to be applied to your tuition (St. Vincent's or Bishop Dwenger) or to be donated to the church. More information is available at the church and/or school office, or go to [www.saintv.org](http://www.saintv.org) and click on School Web Site-School Links-Parish Rewards. Please call the School Development Office with any questions 489-3537, ext. 247.

### BEDS NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul Store, 1600 S. Calhoun Street, is in need of twin, full and queen size beds. Call 456-3561 for pick up.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL FREETHROW CONTEST

Are you the Alpha and Omega of basketball? Can you slam and dunk your competition in free throws? If you answered yes (or were close to answering yes) to these two questions, then we have a competition for you! It's the Saint

Vincent Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest being held January 21st. If you are ten through fourteen years old we invite you to come out and show what you are made of. The contest begins at 12:00 and ends at 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions please call Curtis Smith 704-7874. See you then!

### 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 January 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!

### NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

#### AT BISHOP DWENGER

Bishop Dwenger High School announces registration dates for all incoming freshmen:

January 22 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Vincent & Precious Blood  
January 23 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Charles & St. John New Haven  
January 24 6:30-8:30 p.m. St. Jude, Queen of Angels, Other Schools  
February 3 9:00-11:00 a.m. Open Registration (Library)

If for some reason you are unable to come on your assigned day, you may select any of the other dates and times. Registration will take place in the cafeteria unless specified otherwise.



### 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 CANNED MEAT, CEREAL, JELLY, SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, SOAP, and TOILET PAPER, 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!

### CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP

Attention Catholic homeschoolers, or those considering homeschooling: The Catholic Homeschool support group, NICHE, is hosting its annual Curriculum Share on Saturday, January 20, from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. at the University of St. Francis Doermer Center, Room 156. This is a FREE event with snacks and door prizes, and is open to all. Childcare and lunch will be available for a reasonable fee. Please call 485-8828 with any questions.

### SPRING MUSICAL

Most Precious Blood School is in need of a director for the Spring Musical. It is a 6-week commitment of rehearsals after school or early evening that culminates in April with the performances. This is a paid position. If you know anyone who might be interested or if you can suggest any names of possible directors, please call the school at 424-4832. A Broadway Jr. musical will be chosen. The web site is [www.BroadwayJr.com](http://www.BroadwayJr.com) for information on the choices of musicals.

## 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 for your reservation on the women's weekend and Ed Smith 433-7831 or esmith@illumination-solutions.com for your reservation on the men's weekend.



## CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH CONTINUATION COMMITTEE

We will be discerning individuals or Husband/Wife teams 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.

## CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH CONTINUATION COMMITTEE

We will be discerning individuals for the Committee's service position of Newsletter 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 writing a newsletter for the Spring and Fall Men's/Women's weekends 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.

## 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.

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INITIAL SESSION

for Fort Wayne is Thursday, January 25, at St. Jude Parish, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The class is conducted by the diocesan Office of Family Life and is open to engaged and married couples. The fee for the session is \$25. Registration is required - call 574-234-0687

## MYSTERY DINNER THEATRE

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Bower-North's Production: "Dead in the Water" on Saturday, January 20. For reservations please call 493-1914. The cash bar is 6:00 p.m., dinner at 7:00 p.m. and show time is 8:00 p.m. Limited seating is available at \$40/couple. Dinner selections are prime rib or chicken breast, plus oven roasted herbed potatoes, vegetable and dessert.

## KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Bethel Preschool offers a 3 full-day Kindergarten program and various preschool classes for ages 2-5. Tours are available. Bethel is a Christian preschool located on Lima Road that has loved and cared for Fort Wayne children since 1963. Call Chris at 489-3651 for more information.

## CHILDCARE NEEDED

Seeking responsible adult female with own transportation for babysitting/childcare for a 13 month old in my home. Pays well. If interested or for more information please call Jaelyn Baughman 637-1971.

## CHILDCARE NEEDED

Full-time, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., for approximately three months. Three children, ages 5, 2, and 1. Please call Amy at 338-1259.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF WORSHIP

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend is seeking a Director for the Office of Worship. The Office of Worship is responsible for preparing diocesan liturgies for the Cathedral and the Co-Cathedral. The office advises parishes, diocesan departments, schools, groups, and organizations in preparing liturgies at which the Bishop presides. The Office of Worship is also responsible for Workshops on topics related to liturgy and music that are held throughout the year.

The Director of the Office of Worship also acts as an advisor to the Bishop concerning liturgy and works in consultation with The Diocesan Liturgical Commission and the Master of Episcopal Ceremonies to advise the Bishop, Clergy and Laity. In addition, the Director will supervise and administrate a departmental budget and a staff of one and a half full-time people as well as various other ad-hoc personnel.

The interested candidate must be a practicing Catholic and possess high energy, interpersonal skills, and organization. A Bachelor's degree in Liturgy or related field is preferred. A strong track record of personal experience in the field of liturgy will also be considered. The compensation for this position will be considered based on previous experience.

Interested applicants should send their resume and other pertinent information as follows: Search Committee, c/o Carol Flora, 52553 Fir Road, Granger, IN 46530. The deadline for response is March 1, 2007.

## LIGHT OF CHRIST AWARD

The "Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award" committee has extended the dateline for submitting entries to noon on Friday, January 19. The committee is seeking nominations of persons of faith, high-school age or older, whose activities serve as an example and encouragement to youth in the areas of Peace and Justice, Nonviolent Resolution of Conflict, Racial Reconciliation, Education, Food for the Hungry, or Shelter for the Homeless. One category will be designated by the committee each year for nominations, and only one nominee in a designated category will be selected to receive the award to be given on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. In 2007 the category is Peace and Justice. Application guidelines are available online at [www.diocese.fwsb.org](http://www.diocese.fwsb.org), and from the St. Mary church office, Fort Wayne, 424-8231.

## SEEKING PRINCIPAL

The Catholic Schools Office is seeking applicants for principal of Sacred Heart School in Warsaw. Candidates must be practicing Catholics and hold, or be pursuing, a valid Indiana state license in administration and supervision. Applications can be downloaded at [www.diocesefwsb.org/cso/teacheropenings.shtml](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/cso/teacheropenings.shtml) or contact Rhonda Scher, Personnel Manager, 260-399-1425.



## SINGLES

Beat the winter blahs and come join the "GAP", a social group for single Catholic men and women in the 40-60ish age range. Come for an evening of fun as we investigate the latest craze on Friday, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish hall. Bring a finger snack or drink to share. For more information call 432-7346 or email [gap4565@msn.com](mailto:gap4565@msn.com).

## LITTLE FLOWER HOLY HOUR

Fr. Robert Schulte will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, January 16, at 7:15 p.m. Fr. Bob is Rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Bring a friend this week and join us in prayer with the special intention to pray for priests and vocations. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

## MARRIED COUPLES—

### IT'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TIME

Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another. Call Mike & Julia Roszkowski at 574-243-0743 for more information or visit our website at [www.wmme.org](http://www.wmme.org). Upcoming weekends are February 9-11 in South Bend and April 27-29 in Fort Wayne.



## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 62:1-5 / 1 Cor 12:4-11 / Jn 2:1-11

*Paige Byrne Shortal - [sundaybulletins@liguori.org](mailto:sundaybulletins@liguori.org)*

Do whatever he tells you.” These words, spoken in today’s gospel by Mary to the servers at the wedding, are the words that resonate in my heart this weekend. They echo the words that came from beyond the clouds as Jesus was transfigured, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

How does God choose those who become our great ones? Throughout the Bible - both Old and New Testaments - it seems that God chooses the lowly, the small, often the seriously imperfect.

God works with our imperfections. Even when we sin, God can create greatness. Why does God choose these people to be prophets and saints? Not because they were great, not because they were perfect, but because they listened to God’s voice within them.

If I wanted to establish a movement to change the world, I’m pretty sure I wouldn’t choose Saint Peter or Saint Paul as the leaders. For that matter, I wouldn’t choose Palestine as my headquarters. I wouldn’t choose most of the folks God chooses. I wouldn’t choose a little Maria Goretti to teach the world about forgiveness. Or a rich man’s son like Francis of Assisi to teach the world about simplicity. Or a naive, cloistered nun like Teresa of Calcutta to care for the indigent of India.

And while I’m playing God, I wouldn’t limit the gifts I receive. I’d like a heaping portion of all of them, please. In today’s second reading, Saint Paul tells us how the Holy Spirit works. The Spirit chooses the gifts we are to receive and who is to receive them. And always - always ! - they are for the common good.

This weekend we celebrate the work of a man who listened to Jesus, one who was given the Spirit’s gifts of prophecy and mighty deeds. He was not a perfect man. If I had wanted to found a movement to change the world, I may not have chosen him, but God did. Today I thank God for the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I also thank God that I am not God.