

Meetings of the Week

CATHOLICISM REVEALED – Monday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
 TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, February 6, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Room
 LIGHT WEIGH – Tuesday, February 6, at 9:00 a.m. in Community Room B
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RCIA – Tuesday, February 6, at 6:45 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, February 7, from 8:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 WINGS – Wednesday, February 7, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center, East Room and Nursery
 SCHOOL BOARD – Wednesday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Center Room
 WINGS II – Thursday, February 8, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room
 WINGS 3 – Thursday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Community Room B
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. in Community Room A
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PARISH BREAKFAST – Sunday, February 11, at 8:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, February 11, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel

DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP

Come join us for our meeting on Thursday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. We will be having our sixth annual White Elephant. Bring a "treasure" to swap in a brown paper sack. We'll order pizza and have lots of laughs! For more information about our group, call the church office at 489-3537.



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.

ST. VINCENT PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 11, 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 A Hope Center. Don't forget...there is plenty of parking on the Wallen Road side of the Parish Hall. Thank you for supporting our parish activity!



CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR DISCERNMENT

We will be discerning for a new women's co-spiritual director for Christ Renews His Parish in the coming months. The individual should be Catholic and have had participated in a past Christ Renews His Parish weekend and team and be of good standing in the church. Duties include participation in retreat weekends, team formation and monthly CRHP Continuation Committee meetings. Please send letters of nomination to: Laurie Grashoff, 11625 Trade Wind Cove, Fort Wayne, IN 46845-9503. No self-nominations, please!

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

February 4 NO LIFE NIGHT – Super Bowl
 February 7 Ministry Hour, 7:00 p.m.
 February 8 Pray at Abortion clinic, 7:00 a.m.
 February 11 LIFE NIGHT – "You Gotta Hear This"

WINTER FUN

Teens, please pick up a permission slip for our sledding trip. It is Saturday, February 24, from 8:00 – 6:30 p.m. at Echo Valley in Kalamazoo, MI. The cost is \$30. Come join us for tons of fun on the hills. Ice skating will also be available.



ATTENTION: TEENS

About a month ago we had a young man from Notre Dame come talk about a summer conference being held on the ND campus this summer called ND Vision. I would like to find out how many teens are interested because we get a discount for a group rate and if we register by March 19. Please let a core member know if you are interested.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Spring Retreat is scheduled for March 23-25. Mark your calendars! Forms will be available soon!

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

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 NEEDS YOUR HELP

We will be discerning individuals or Husband/Wife teams for the Committee's service position of Kitchen Coordinator. We will also be discerning individuals for the service position of Newsletter Coordinator. If you have been on a past Christ Renews team and feel called to serve in either ministry, which includes attending Continuation monthly meetings, coordinating the meals for both the Men's and Women's weekends twice a year, and writing a newsletter for the Spring and Fall Men's/Women's weekends, 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 these ministries, call Barry Lomont at 490-1396.

SPECIAL THANKS!

Our heartfelt thanks to Father John, Tom Didier, Beth Amick and Tony Andorfer for their parts in making our wife and mother's funeral so beautiful. Thank you, also, to the parish staff and those who provided the luncheon after the funeral. Your kindness and compassion was truly appreciated during this very difficult time.

The Family of Glenda Casey

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Please accept my sincere thanks for all the wonderful donations given to the Christ Child Society and the Women's Care Center. We are very grateful for your generosity and kindness. Looking back on 2006 we welcomed 158 new babies, and we are looking forward to the arrival of 236 in the next few months. With 300-400 clients shopping for their children every month through our Crib Club program, you can be sure that your gifts will be put to use very quickly!

God Bless, Anne Koehl, R.N.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I went to confession." Samantha

"Fold laundry." Amelia S.

"I marched against abortion." Megan M.

"I listened to my teacher." Lanon C.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SCHEDULE FOR RELIGIOUS ED

Wednesday classes meet February 7 and 21. Sunday classes meet February 4, 11 and 18.

The catechist appreciation pizza party and in-service will be on Monday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. No Wednesday RE on February 14. No Preschool classes will meet on Sunday, February 18.

Winter break is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28 and Sunday, February 25 for all Religious Ed and Preschool classes.

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.

REFRIGERATOR NEEDED

The teacher's lounge at school is in need of a refrigerator. Contact Jay at 489-3537 ext. 217.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

New student registration for the 2007-2008 school year will take place on 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 of 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.



SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The Booster Club will hold registration and collect fees for spring sports for 5th – 8th grade students on Tuesday, February 20th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and again on Thursday, February 22, from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. The registration will be held in the meeting room next to the concession stand (enter Door #7). See the school menu for more information. If you have questions prior to registration, please call Mary DePrez at 471-1113.

MIKE'S CAR WASH COUPONS ARE HERE!!

The St. Vincent 8th grade class is selling Mike's Carwash coupons through the month of February. The proceeds will be used by the students to fund their class day trip this spring. Each coupon sells for \$7 and entitles the bearer to one Express Wash. If you would like to purchase coupons for this worthwhile cause, please contact a St. Vincent 8th grader, Margee Tippmann 627-0707 or Tami Peters 627-0730. Your support of this fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



YOU CAN LEND A HAND!

The Burger King "You Can Lend a Hand" coupon book sale began Friday, February 2, and will continue through February 23. This is an important fundraiser that raised over \$17,000 for our school last year. Coupon books will be available for purchase after each Mass or from any St. Vincent student. If you would like to sign up to sell coupon books after Mass on February 10/11 or February 17/18, call Geri Boyden 637-1326.

GARAGE SALE NOTICE

The HASA sponsored Garage Sale is scheduled for the week of June 4-9. Please start saving your gently used clothing, toys and furniture. All donations are greatly appreciated by the kitchen staff. The garage sale itself will be June 8 from 8:00 – 1:00 p.m. and June 9 from 8:00 – 12:00 p.m.

GIRL SCOUTS COLLECTING BABY ITEMS

The St. Vincent Girl Scout Troop #3 (6th grade students) are working on their bronze award project. These girls have chosen to help the Women's Care Center by collecting donations of baby wipes and diapers. The Women's Care Center is an organization whose mission is to assist young women in pregnancy crisis (giving them an alternative to abortion). Anyone that would like to donate items may do so on the weekends of February 3/4 or 10/11. Items may be placed in the box labeled Women's Care Center, by the west entrance to church. Questions may be directed to Cheryl Heise 490-7833 or caheise@msn.com. Thank you for your generosity.

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)

February 8 and 22

Session II (Church Conference Room)

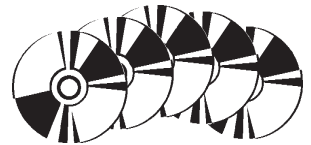
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CARE SACRISTAN MINISTRY

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.

NEW CD'S AVAILABLE!

Check out the new CD's available from Lighthouse Media, located in the Gathering Space. Theology of the Body, Tough Questions on Family Issues, What Every Couple Should Know about Marriage and Prayer and Calling All Teens are just some of the topics available. These CDs are great to listen while driving, working around the house, anytime! A donation of \$3 is requested when you take copies.



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 CRACKERS, CANNED MEAT, CEREAL, LAUNDRY AND HAND SOAP, SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, JELLY, PAPER TOWELS 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!

MARKET DAY TEAMS UP WITH 8TH GRADE

Thanks to all who supported the 8th graders in their cookie dough sales. Although it's too late to get cookie dough from them, you have one more week to get your Market Day orders in and cookie dough can be a part of it! February begins the frequent buyer promo. To qualify for a free large insulated Market Day bag, you have to purchase at least \$35 in two of three months (February, March, April) and an additional \$35 in May. Forms can be found at the table by the church office, and completed forms can be returned to the church or school offices by February 7 or you can order on the internet by February 10. The next Market Day pick-up is February 15 or the student will deliver your cookie dough after the 15th. Any questions, call Eva Vandeputte 490-9329.



**Benefit
Dinner**

SAINTS ALIVE! NEWS

The Bishop Dwenger Saints Alive! office is taking reservations for the 28th annual Saints Alive! Dinner and Auction being held on Friday, February 23. Please call the Saints Alive! office at 483-7001.

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.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Sales Representative for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time, professional level earnings potential position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, please contact John J. Stackowicz, General Agent at 574-282-1082, fax your resume to 574-282-1083, or email John.stackowicz@kofc.org.

ED FOX FISH FRY

St. Jude Church (across from Parkview Hospital) is sponsoring an All You Can Eat Fish Fry Friday, February 23, from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Adults \$7, Children (6-8) \$5, Children 5 and under FREE.

ALL FAMILY ROSARY

The Rosary will be recited 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Sunday, February 4, in the MacDougal Chapel. The intention is for all families, especially families with difficulties. Fr. Steve Kempinger and Sr. Adele Mann, SP, will be attending. All are welcome.

LITTLE FLOWER HOLY HOUR

Fr. Daryl Rybicki will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, February 6, at 7:15 p.m. Fr. Daryl is Pastor of St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Wayne. 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.

JANET SMITH ON THE EMBRYONIC STEM CELL CONTROVERSY

Well-known Catholic author, speaker and teacher, Janet Smith is coming to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church to talk about "What the Church Teaches about Embryonic Stem Cells and Why." Janet will sort out the ethical issues associated with stem cell research from the Catholic perspective, as well as answer audience questions regarding other life issues. Her talk will be from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 13. Her talk is sponsored by Our Sunday Visitor, the University of St. Francis and the Young Adult Group of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Her talk will also be broadcast by Redeemer Radio 1450 AM at a later date.

ST. JOSEPH HESSEN CASSEL FUNDRAISER

On February 25, St. Joseph Hessen Cassel will be sponsoring the 11th annual Notre Dame Football Smoker to be held in the Activity Center at 12:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$15 or may be purchased in advanced to become eligible to win a pair of tickets to a game this upcoming season. This is a stag event with food and beverages provided. To purchase tickets in advance please contact Gary at 639-3259 or Chuck at 639-3352. They may also be purchased at Nine Mile Restaurant, one and a half miles south of I-469 on US 27S.