

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

*6:30 a.m. Gertrude Coty
8:00 a.m. Sarah Atkinson

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

8:00 a.m. Nora Root

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

6:30 a.m. John (Jack) Merkler
8:00 a.m. Harrold Wall ALL MASS
12:30 p.m. Maria D'Souza
7:00 p.m. Georgiana Halte

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

*6:30 a.m. Joseph Brinker
8:00 a.m. Mary Beeler

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

8:00 a.m. Liv. & Dec. Jarema Family
*5:30 p.m. John Koorsen

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

8:00 a.m. Maxine Stritmatter
5:00 p.m. Ken Rudolph

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

7:15 a.m. Special Int. for Nielson Family
9:00 a.m. Paul Maloney
11:00 a.m. Kenneth Kienlen
12:45 p.m. Bill Kalb
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

*CHAPEL



Pastor's Message For Lent

Ash Wed-nesday when blessed ashes are imposed on our foreheads with the words "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel". Conversion of mind and heart is asked of all of us, and the Lenten discipline of fasting, prayer and almsgiving is the means by which we, with God's grace, achieve growth in holiness. Perhaps your schedule will permit you to attend weekday Mass. Or consider the Stations of the Cross on Friday's. Visit the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and do some good spiritual reading. In addition to fasting from food, consider fasting from television, the computer or any other form of entertainment that is keeping you from growing spiritually.

Lent is not meant to depress us or make life more difficult than it already is; rather, it is a season designed to help us discover our true selves—who we are as we stand before God. This journey of self-discovery brings inner healing resulting in an explosion of joy which we name "Easter".

If you are participating in Disciples in Reflection, enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners. Keep in your prayers our catechumens and candidates as they prepare to receive the Easter sacraments. Fr. John

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Catholics, 14 and older, are obliged to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Friday's during the season of Lent. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended. Catholics, 18 to 59 years old, are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday of Lent. Fasting means one full meal a day, but does not forbid taking some food at the other meal times. A person is excused from fasting for dietary or health reasons.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Thank you very much for returning your stewardship of treasure commitment form. By returning your pledge, you express the desire that your gift of treasure is a sacrificial gift to God. Thank you, too, for using the Sunday collection envelopes. You may also want to consider using the electronic contribution program for your contribution. Give your gift with gratitude to God and know that God will not be outdone in generosity.

ST. VINCENT'S LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

We are very blessed at St. Vincent's to have a strong Life Teen program—a program that helps our teens embrace their Catholic Faith and deal with a lot of the world's issues. Countless teens have attended and benefited from the two annual Life Teen retreats. These retreats are open to all and the fee of \$90 is far less than the actual cost of the retreat, and no teen is ever turned away because of cost. We are asking if anyone would like to sponsor a teen on retreat to please put your donation in an envelope marked Life Teen and put it in the Sunday collection basket. Thank you very much for your continued support of our Youth Programs. - Tracy Sines

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Beginning Ash Wednesday, our parish will again participate in Operation Rice Bowl. Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, this six-week Lenten program helps us to be one with our brothers and sisters in our own diocese as well as other countries in the world through prayer, fasting, activities and almsgiving. Please take home a Rice Bowl and participate during this Lenten Season.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This traditional Lenten devotion will be conducted on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. The church is open throughout the week for persons who wish to make the Stations privately.

LENTEN MATERIALS

Enrich your Lenten season with the Magnificat, Stations of the Cross, daily reflections, children's activities and more. Available this weekend, February 17 and 18, in the Gathering Space. Suggested donations will be posted.



PALM BRANCHES

We will be burning palm branches blessed on Palm Sunday of last year. You may bring your blessed palm branches from home and place them in the basket located in the Gathering Space. The ashes from the burnt branches will be used in our Ash Wednesday ceremony. THE LAST DAY PALMS WILL BE RECEIVED IS FEBRUARY 18.

RE-MEMBERING CHURCH

Re-membering Church, at our St. Vincent parish, is for inactive Catholics who are interested in exploring a return to active participation in the church; but it can also help active Catholics remember the roots of their faith. On five Thursdays during Lent (March 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29) we will conduct Re-membering sessions focusing on the

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

We will have four Masses on Ash Wednesday: 6:30 and 8:00 a.m., 12:30 and 7:00 p.m., all in the church. For the 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses, please enter the parking lot from Wallen Road. On Ash Wednesday, a collection will be taken up for the Church of Central and Eastern Europe which was decimated by Communism.

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, February 24

8:00 a.m. **TEAM 14:** Allison Coffin, Kenny Gase
5:00 p.m. **TEAM 13:** Sean Meehan, Dillon Oswald
Madeline Pollifrone, Kylie Stevens

Sunday, February 25

7:15 a.m. **TEAM 19:** Brandon Herber, Emily Kammer
Allison Bloom
9:00 a.m. **TEAM 10:** Hannah and Erinn Wright
Sam Anderson, Katherine Tierney
11:00 a.m. **TEAM 7:** Kathryn Manalo, Justin Thelen
Katie Martino, Molly Khorshid
12:45 p.m. **TEAM 11:** Tori Roser, Hannah Molinaro
Jeremy Gladieux, Brianna Parent

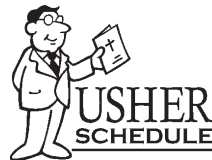
USHERS SCHEDULE – FOR MARCH

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Dan Bireley, Kevin Stopher
Larry Eberle, Matt Brady

Sunday

7:15 a.m. Bill Frantz, Bernie Niezer
Bill Grant, Richard Cuellar
9:00 a.m. Paul Freson, Joe Siman, Jeff Sorg
Tim Leffers, Scott Wilder
11:00 a.m. Greg Pac, Mike Thomas, Mike McCarthy
Andy Tomatore, James Conmey
12:45 p.m. Terry Neuhaus, Luchino Rama



USHERS NEEDED

Usher volunteers are needed to assist with hospitality at our Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 21. Could you please volunteer? You can sign up on the sheet posted in the ministers' sacristy. You can also volunteer by calling Ray or Toni Ohlman at 637-5377. Both men and women are welcome to serve as an usher. Thank you for your willingness to serve.

LOST AND FOUND

If you lost your purse, please call the church office 489-3537.

FROM THE PASTOR

May you have a spiritually rewarding Lent. This penitential season begins with

Catholic Mass. No one who really understands the Mass would ever want to avoid full participation in the Mass. Come join us in the church nursery room at 7:00 p.m. each Thursday noted above. We will have a 30-minute presentation focused on a particular aspect of the Mass followed by time for discussion and questions about the material presented. We will even have time to explore other questions you may have about the church. Pray that the Holy Spirit will send a witness to touch the heart of all inactive Catholics. Pray for the courage to be the witness that will encourage an inactive Catholic to come back to the church. Call Tim Werling 484-0067 or the church office 489-3537 if you have questions about Re-membering Church.



Adult Classes

be given your preference of what to bring for the meal. There will be a freewill offering to cover the cost of materials. Deadline for registration is March 9. To register, call Bob Deck 490-9571. Please bring your Bible and a pen or pencil.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

You are invited on a spiritual journey to the Cross—a Lenten Day of Recollection entitled, “The Seven Last Words of Christ”, will be presented by Bob Deck, a secular Franciscan, in the Spiritual Center at St. Vincent’s on March 10, from 10:00 to 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be potluck style. When you register, you will

HAVE YOU SEEN THE JUBILEE CROSS?

Created as a symbol for Jubilee Year celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the diocese, the cross began its journey August 20, 2005, at World Youth Day at the University of Notre Dame. It then went to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne. After visiting every parish in the diocese, it will return to Notre Dame this August at a Eucharistic Congress. The route of the cross is followed in Today’s Catholic along with other events of this special year.

“What happens if you drink holy water?” Our readers have all kinds of questions for a panel of priests who provide answers in a weekly feature called “That’s a Good Question” which is informative and entertaining.

Planning a wedding? Today’s Catholic gives the full treatment to this sacrament that blends lives and spiritual destinies as well as offering tips on wedding fashions, food and festivities.

The Sunday Gospel – and what’s between the lines, by Msgr. Owen Campion, associate publisher of Our Sunday Visitor, in Huntington, offers thoughtful insight on Sunday readings.

Enjoy these new features as well as your regular favorites, with current world, diocesan, and parish news by renewing your present subscription or placing an order for a new one by using the envelope in your monthly packet. Or call 456-2824 and charge to MasterCard or Visa.

SUPPORT UNITED STATES BLACK, INDIAN, ESKIMO AND ALEUTE MISSIONS

The annual appeal is a vital part of the Church for the Year 2007. The Funds are needed to continue present Evangelization programs; even more, to continue to assist those parishes devastated by hurricanes to totally rebuild their programs. Many places lost everything and how soon we forget the rebuilding that needs to be done cannot be done overnight. The evangelization programs torn apart by the devastation need to be woven back together. Many new evangelization efforts are being made in these areas as well as the other Black, Indian, Eskimo and Aleute communities assisted by the Church’s National Black and Indian Collection...together we are the Church and we help each other. Will you try to help by using the special envelope in your monthly packet of envelopes.

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

- HARVEST HOUSE – Monday, February 19, at 1:15 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
- BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Monday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
- TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, February 20, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Room
- LIGHT WEIGH – Tuesday, February 20, at 9:00 a.m. in Community Room B
- SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- DISABILITY RETREAT MTG. – Tuesday, February 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
- ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, February 21, from 8:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
- WINGS – Wednesday, February 21, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center, East Room and Nursery
- RCIA – Wednesday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MTG. – Wednesday, February 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent
- CUB SCOUTS – Thursday, February 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
- WINGS II – Thursday, February 22, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room
- WINGS 3 – Thursday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. in Community Room B



- BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I– Thursday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
- MEN’S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKEND – Saturday and Sunday, February 24 and 25
- ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, February 25, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel

HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY

Free blood pressures will be taken after all Masses this weekend, February 17/18, in the Reconciliation area.

HARVEST HOUSE

St. Vincent Harvest House will meet on Monday, February 19, 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 work will be available for purchase. All are welcome!

7 STEPS TO BECOMING FINANCIALLY FREE: A CATHOLIC GUIDE TO MANAGING YOUR MONEY

Learn to manage your money with the help of your Catholic Faith in a brand new small-group study from Our Sunday Visitor. Get out of debt, prepare for retirement, pay for Catholic school education and much more—all the while growing closer to God and improving family relationships! St. Vincent’s is offering this study on two different evenings starting this Lent. Space is limited for this 6 week program. Call the church office 489-3537 to register. Cost for the materials is \$34.95 per person or \$46.95 per couple. The orientation meeting is set for Thursday, February 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room, with subsequent meetings taking place on Tuesdays or Thursdays, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Call today! All are welcome.

MISS VIRGINIA MISSION SUNDAY

Please remember this ministry to the needy of the inner city next week and February 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.



PROJECT 25 COLLECTION – NEXT WEEKEND

Next 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.



YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

- February 18 LIFE NIGHT – “For Entertainment Purposes Only”
- February 21 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.
- February 22 Pray at Abortion clinic, 7:00 a.m.
- February 25 LIFE NIGHT – “We Can Do Without”

LENT, MASS AND BREAKFAST

We are in need of help with breakfast items for the Tuesday morning Masses during Lent. We encourage the teens to attend Mass in the Chapel at 6:30 a.m. and then serve them breakfast at the Life House before school. If you or your Small Christian Community would like to help, please let Tracy know 338-1263.

WINTER FUN

Last call for permission slips for the sledding trip. Please join us for this fun trip. Take advantage and enjoy all this wonderful snow!! Please turn forms in by tonight to any core member.

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.

SPRING RETREAT

Our Spring Retreat this year is called “God is Forever”. It will take place March 23-25. Forms are now available after Mass tonight. Invite all of your friends on what we know will be another incredible, faith-building experience!

MOTHER-DAUGHTER DINNER & GATHERING

Sunday, March 18, 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Open to all young ladies from 5th grade and older, as well as their mothers or another female guardian (grandmother, aunt, godmother, etc.). The registration cost is \$20 per mother-daughter couple and \$5 for each additional daughter. This includes a sit-down dinner (served by some of the Life Teen young men), a speaker and other activities. Please register with Jackie Oberhausen by March 12 at 486-2302 or jotkc@aol.com.

For information about St. Vincent Youth Ministry, contact
Tracy Sines at 338-1263 or Tracy1892@aol.com.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The University of Saint Francis has announced a brand new scholarship for students who will be attending the university in the 2007-2008 academic year. A scholarship of up to \$3,500 per year is available to students who have attended Catholic school in Allen County (students must be full-time undergraduates without a prior bachelor's degree). Please contact the University of Saint Francis Office of Financial Aid 434-3283 or visit www.sf.edu/financialaid/ for your scholarship application.



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, SALTINE CRACKERS, PAPER TOWELS, CEREAL, LAUNDRY AND HAND SOAP, SPAGHETTI, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, 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!

SCRIP SALE NOTICE

Scrip will be available every Saturday at the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. and after the Life Teen Mass. Thanks for your support!

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I apologized to a friend." Olivia K.
"Making my grandma laugh." Joe H.
"Praying." Dean S.
"Take the dog outside." Samantha R.

CLASS SCHEDULES FOR RE

Wednesday RE meets February 21. No Wednesday classes February 28. No Preschool classes February 18 or February 25. Sunday RE meets February 18. No Sunday classes February 25.

ASH WEDNESDAY

A prayer service along with distribution of Ashes will be Wednesday, February 21, in the Parish Hall at 6:15 p.m. for RE classes.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION RESCHEDULED

The 2007-2008 Open Registration has been rescheduled for Monday, February 19, from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Please bring immunization forms and baptismal certificates. Enter through doors 1, 2 or 10 of the school. If you are unable to attend that day stop by the school office Monday through Friday from 8:00 to 3:00 p.m. to register.



YOU CAN LEND A HAND!

The Burger King "You Can Lend a Hand" coupon book sale 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.

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 Tracy Peters 627-2400. Your support of this fundraiser is greatly appreciated.



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. in the meeting room next to the conference room. For more information. If you have questions prior to registration, please call Mary DePrez at 471-1113.

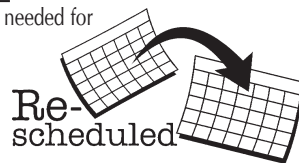
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SPRING COACHES NEEDED

St. Vincent Athletics' will need coaches for the spring. We need a 5th grade girls soccer coach, 6th grade boys soccer coach and we may need an 8th grade girls soccer coach. If you can help or if you have any questions, call Paul Cassabon at 750-3011 or the school 489-3537, ext. 218. The spring coaches meeting is February 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Paul Cassabon's office.

CHEERLEADING COACHES NEEDED

5th and 6th grade cheerleading coaches will be needed for next school year. The try-outs are on March 21, 2007. If you could be at the try-outs, that would help you and the girls for next year. If you can help or if you have any questions, call Paul Cassabon at 750-3011 or the school 489-3537, ext. 218.



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.



BISHOP DWENGER WRESTLING CAMP

The Bishop Dwenger Wrestling Camp for boys in grades 1-8 starts on February 26 and runs through March 8. Cost is \$15 and no special equipment is needed. 1st – 4th grade boys will wrestle from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. and the 5th – 8th graders from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Make checks payable to John Bennett. For more information, call Coach Bennett at 496-4700 or email jbennett@bishopdwenger.com.

THANK YOU FROM ALEXANDRA YODER

After a completion of the on-line voting, the top five entries were chosen. Thanks to all who voted. Alexandra has been selected to be an Event Finalist in the Jif Most Creative Peanut Butter Sandwich Contest. Alex and her family will be flown to New York (all expenses paid) for the final round of the Contest. The Grand Prize Winner will receive a \$25,000 scholarship, while four Runner-up Prize Winners will receive a \$2,500 scholarship. Thanks again to all who voted! We will keep you posted.

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 22; March 8 and 22
Session II (Church Conference Room)
March 15

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.

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!

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 Renewals 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.

FR. JIM SHAFER LENTEN SERIES ON REDEEMER RADIO

Fr. Jim will be hosting Redeemer Radio's "Readings and Reflections" series throughout Lent this year, beginning Ash Wednesday, February 21. Tune in each weekday morning at 11:55 as Fr. Jim guides our Lenten journey, on listener supported Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB STARTING UP AGAIN!

We will begin meeting on Monday, February 19, at 7:30 p.m. We normally meet twice a month. We will be reading "Acts: The Good News of the Holy Spirit, Catholic Perspectives" by Kevin Perrotta. Please contact Mindy Heidenreich at mindmay@hotmail.com for more information. Now is a great time to join and get to know other young women of the parish!

MEN'S SOFTBALL

We would like to thank the support of the parish and parishioners in our first two years of softball in the "Associated Churches Softball League". We went from a 1-14 record in our first year to an 8-8 record last summer and finished with a 10-4 record in the fall league by winning our last seven games. I have been informed that there may be room for a second team from our church in this league for this summer. This is a Men's league and starts in May and ends in August. There would need to be someone who would be willing to coach this team. While there is no guarantee of a second team I would like to gauge the interest for this possibility. If there is interest in either coaching or playing for a second St. Vincent's team please call Keith Lytton 403-1285. Thanks and remember spring is on the way!



MARKET DAY – THANK YOU AND FREE PANCAKES

Thanks to all who ordered for the February cookie dough promotion and Market Day sale. Just over \$700 was earned and \$143 of it went to thirteen 8th graders for their trip. Our total earnings since September is just over \$3,100 and a freezer for the Spiritual Center, too! An amazing THANK YOU to all who have supported the program so well this year. Market Day will be giving away a box of mini banana pancakes free with any size order in March. In addition, March continues 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. The next Market Day pick-up is March 15. Any questions, call Eva Vandeputte 490-9329.

SOUP'S ON!

Come begin Lent simply. Bring a friend for lunch of soup and bread on Ash Wednesday, February 21, from 11:30 – 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Lafayette Street and Jefferson Blvd. in downtown Fort Wayne. Your donation will help support St. Mary's Soup Kitchen, which serves 1,500 free bowls of soup to hungry people every day.

ADDITIONAL LENTEN RESOURCES FROM THE DIOCESE

The Diocesan Office of Spiritual Development is providing two different Faith Sharing series for Lent. Living Christ Today is a six week series on discovering the meaning of being Christ's disciples in today's world. An additional eight week reflection series on the Sacraments of the Catholic Church is also available. The reflections are available on the Diocesan website www.diocesefwsb.org by clicking on the "Lenten Faith Sharing Materials" button located on the home page.

LENTEN SERIES

St. Mary's Parish in Van Wert, Ohio, welcomes Dr. Steve Adelman for a Lenten Series entitled "True Devotion". Each week during Lent, Dr. Adelman will present the meaning of true devotion based on the teachings of St. Francis de Sales. This series will begin on February 25 and continue through March 25 and begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory basement. St. Mary's is located at 601 Jennings Road in Van Wert. For more info or directions, please call the Rectory 419-238-3979.

QUEEN OF ANGELS LENTEN BREAKFAST



Queen of Angels, 1600 W. State, will sponsor All You Can Eat Lenten Breakfast from 8:00 till noon on February 25, March 4 and 11. French toast or pancakes, sausage, applesauce, hash browns, eggs, milk, juice and coffee. Cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for 3-12 years, free for 2 and under.

SUPPORT A HOPE CENTER – FREE PANCAKES!

On February 20, from 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., IHOPs across the country will celebrate National Pancake Day (also known as Shrove Tuesday) by offering our guests a free short stack of pancakes. All we ask is that you consider making a donation to our local charity, A Hope Center of Fort Wayne.

PRINCIPAL OPENINGS

The Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese is seeking qualified candidates to fill four open principal positions in the South Bend area for the 2007-2008 school year. Candidates must be a practicing Catholic and hold an Indiana administrator's license or demonstrate the ability to receive license. Prospective candidates will have a minimum of 5 years of classroom teaching, high level thinking skills, be physically qualified to supervise staff and students, and have strong written, verbal, presentation, and interpersonal skills. Applications can be downloaded at our website: www.diocese.org/cso/teacheropenings.shtml or by contacting the personnel manager, Rhonda Scher 260-399-1425.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: POPE JOHN PAUL II'S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

A 4-week introductory course on Theology of the Body will be offered at Our Lady of Good Hope Parish. This scripturally-based teaching, comprised of a series of Pope John Paul II's general audiences, provides deeper insight into all Catholic teaching. It answers questions regarding marriage, celibacy, the Eucharist, the meaning of life and more. We will study creation and redemption, why we are created male and female, what part our bodies play in attaining fulfillment in this life, and the richness of God's plan for sexuality.

All single and married adults are welcome! Classes will be held for four weeks: Tuesdays, February 27, March 6, 13 and 20, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Hope Catholic Church, 7215 St. Joe Road. Each class will include a 1-hour video presentation by Christopher West and a question/answer/discussion time. Study guides are available for \$4. For registration, call Vince or Becky Barry 486-1718.

LITTLE FLOWER HOLY HOUR

Due to the cancellation of the previous Holy Hour, Fr. Daryl Rybicki will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, February 20, 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.



TOWARD INTEGRAL HEALING FOR WOMEN AND CULTURE

is this year's Edith Stein Project conference on February 23 and 24 at the University of Notre Dame. All are welcome to attend. For more information and to register, visit their website at www.edithsteinproject.org.

BENEDICTINE LIFE WEEKEND

Are you asking where God is leading you? Do you wonder if monastic life could be the right fit? Would you like the chance to check it out? If so, we invite you to visit our community for a Benedictine Life Weekend March 16-18, at Monastery Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, IN. Open to single Catholic women, ages 19-40, discerning religious life. Contact Sr. Anita Louise Lowe or Sr. Agnes Marie Dauby at 802 E. 10th Street, Ferdinand, IN, 800-738-9999, or vocation@thedome.org.

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How do you rate your marriage? If you've checked any of the above, you're a great candidate for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It's a beautiful weekend experience designed for couples of all ages and backgrounds. It will take you from where you are to another level! Make this year special by devoting one weekend to the most important relationship in your life. Upcoming weekends are April 27-29 in Fort Wayne and September 14-16 in South Bend. Call Mike & Julia at 574-243-0743 for more information or visit our web site at www.wvme-ni.org.

GATHERING OF WOMEN – MARCH 9-11

Join other women as they address the topic: "Journey Through Mid-Life". There will be presentations, sharing and time for quiet. Sterling Cole is the facilitator from Indianapolis. The retreat will be held at John XXIII Retreat Center in Hartford City. Call 765-348-4008. This retreat continues with another session on June 1-3.



SHROVE TUESDAY

