

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 12TH

- *6:30 a.m. Fred Didomenico
- 8:00 a.m. Special Intention

TUESDAY, MARCH 13TH

- *6:30 a.m. Marvin Gunkel
- 8:00 a.m. Denis Koziol

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14TH

- *6:30 a.m. Gene Moreau
- 8:00 a.m. Donald Smith ALL MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 15TH

- *6:30 a.m. Rita A. Miller
- 8:00 a.m. Tom Wolf

FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH

- 8:00 a.m. Clarence & Concetta Egts
- *5:30 p.m. Gerald Gavin

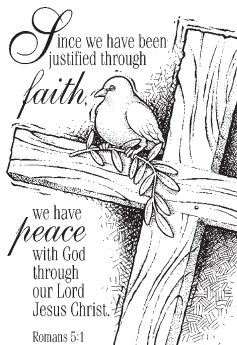
SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH

- 8:00 a.m. James & Irene Swihart
- 5:00 p.m. Jack Baumgartner

SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH

- 7:15 a.m. Otto A. Miller
- 9:00 a.m. Virgiline Rich
- 11:00 a.m. Delores Connors
- 12:45 p.m. Margo Smythe
- 6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

*CHAPEL



SERVERS SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, March 17

- 8:00 a.m. **TEAM 18:** Molly Brunner, Kristen Buenconsejo
- 5:00 p.m. **TEAM 15:** Anthony Springmann, Erin Coblentz, Luke Mlakar, Luke Garrison

Sunday, March 18

- 7:15 a.m. **TEAM 18:** Logan Noll, Victor Okendu, Molly Brunner, Kristen Buenconsejo
- 9:00 a.m. **TEAM 7:** Kathryn Manalo, Justin Thelen, Katie Martino, Molly Khorshid
- 11:00 a.m. **TEAM 16:** Sarah Kleber, Lindsey Freimuth, Jessica Heise, Liz Newbauer
- 12:45 p.m. **TEAM 17:** Quintin Lepper, Elizabeth Parlin, Andrew Smith, Amy Royal

COFFEE & DONUTS

- March 18 Volunteers Needed
- March 25 Volunteers Needed

NEWCOMERS REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room today, March 11, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Your new schedule is ready and can be picked up in the Ministers' Sacristy.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

On Wednesday, March 14, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and concluding at 7:00 p.m. The grade school children and the Religious Education children will be present for periods of adoration until the closing of their school day.

THE RCIA AND LENT

At next week's 9:00 a.m. Mass, our Elect will be going through the Second Scrutiny. The gospel is that of the Man Born Blind. They, and we, are challenged to scrutinize our lives so that we might see our shortcomings and sins and seek God's forgiveness and mercy.

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.



FROM THE PASTOR

Fr. Falzon, pastor of the parish in Honduras with which we twin, is asking for help. His letter to me is published in this bulletin, and, as you read it, you are touched by his sincerity and the depth of his love for his people. Fr. Falzon is a missionary priest from Malta and is now serving the poorest of the poor. We will pay for the cost of this project by drawing on our Project Solidarity funds. Fr. John

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

St. Vincent de Paul School welcomes you and your family to join our school community. Together it is our mission... "to enable all the students to live their Catholic faith and to achieve academic success". Please join us on March 13 between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. to register students in grades 1 - 8 for the 2007-2008 school year. Enter the school building at Door #2 off Wallen Road. For questions contact Kathy Palmer 489-3537 ext. 212.

WELLS OF HOPE PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH

- For those parishioners called to make home visits, that they would let the Holy Spirit guide them to be the human face of Christ to those who are searching.
- For fallen away Catholics, that their hearts would be open to listen and to respond to God's call.

MERCY DAY

is scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, and invites Catholics to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation. Priests of all parishes across the diocese will be available from 10:00 - 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. to hear confessions in their area churches.



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

2007 CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. The theme for 2007 is "Jesus in Disguise". This Collection makes possible the American Catholic Church's global mission to combat poverty, provide relief and development, assist refugees and immigrants, and advocate for justice and peace in situations of conflict and neglect of basic human rights. Please help by giving to the Collection next Sunday by using the envelope in your monthly packet.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

On Ash Wednesday, our parish began 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.

EASTER FLOWERS

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



Name of Loved One: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Donation: \$ _____

Meetings of the Week

MEN'S CLUB – Monday, March 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the Scout Lodge
 ROSARY SOCIETY – Monday, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, March 13, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Room
 LIGHT WEIGH – Tuesday, March 13, at 9:00 a.m. in Community Room B
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RCIA – Tuesday, March 13, at 6:45 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 HASA – Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
 DISABILITY RETREAT MEETING – Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, March 14, from 8:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Church
 WINGS – Wednesday, March 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center, East Room and Nursery
 PASTORAL COUNCIL – Wednesday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Wednesday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 WINGS II – Thursday, March 15, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room
 WINGS 3 – Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in Community Room B
 MARKET DAY PICK UP – Thursday, March 15, at 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION II – Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 RE-MEMBERING CHURCH – Thursday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nursery
 MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – Friday, March 16, at 6:00 a.m. in the Life House
 SCOUT FISH FRY – Friday, March 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE – Saturday, March 17, at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, March 18, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 MOTHER-DAUGHTER DINNER – Sunday, March 18, at 3:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center



Men's Prayer Breakfast

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, March 16, at 6:00 a.m. John Martin and Corbin Berkshire will lead the discussion "Stumbling Blocks to our Faith". Breakfast provided. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

REDCROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. VINCENTS

Please help by donating the life-giving gift of blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Vincent's on Saturday, March 17, 2007, in the Parish Hall. Donation hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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

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

ST. VINCENT HARVEST HOUSE

will have a planning meeting on Monday, March 19, at 1:15 p.m. at the Spiritual Center. Please bring a snack to share.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

March 11 LIFE NIGHT – "Lectio Divinia" (Matt Coonan)
 March 14 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.
 March 15 Pray at Abortion clinic, 7:00 a.m.
 March 18 No Life Night – Retreat Run Through

MINISTRY HOUR

Just a note about Ministry Hour: It is not a special club, but is open to all the high school teens of our parish. It is at the Life House on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. It is a very casual atmosphere where the teens learn and share about their Catholic Faith. Please join us!!

LENT, MASS AND BREAKFAST

We've had great turnouts for Mass and breakfast on the Tuesday mornings of Lent so far. If you haven't made it yet, please join us this Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel. It's a great way to start your day.



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

There has been a great response already to our upcoming Spring Retreat! It is called "God is Forever" and will take place March 23-25. Forms are available after Mass tonight. Pick up your form and reserve your spot.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER DINNER & GATHERING



Mother-Daughter Dinner

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 joakc@aol.com.

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

DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Young adults, (ages 18-40), join us for the Bishop's Retreat for college students and young adults March 23-25, at Oakwood Inn, Syracuse, IN. Theme: "Behold the Face of Christ; Live in the Heart of Christ". Presenters: Fr. Larry Kramer and Fr. Manual Evangelista. All meals/lodging: \$65 until March 10; \$85 after March 10. Registration or questions, call Campus/Young Adult Ministry at 483-3661 or email cyonkman@fw.diocesefwsb.org.

"UNLESS YOU BECOME LIKE CHILDREN"

A SPRING RETREAT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Adults with physical, mental or emotional challenges are invited and encouraged to participate in the Spring Retreat to be held at the St. Vincent Spiritual Center on Saturday, April 14, with doors opening at 9:30 a.m. For more information or to register, contact Kathy Yoder 387-6707 or the church office 489-3537. Registration forms may also be picked up at the table by the church office. If you know of someone who would benefit from having some special time to grow in our love of the Lord, please invite them to attend or contact the church office so a special invitation can be extended to each person.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS NEEDED

The school band is in need of gently used instruments. Drop them off at the church office.



CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I thanked God for giving me the best life I could ever have." Abby L.
"I watched our neighbor's pet." Monica C.
"Raised money for the poor." Tracy T.
"I played catch with my brother." Wesley G.
"Praying more often." Isabelle S.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

MARCH SCHEDULE

Wednesday classes meet March 14, 21, 28. Sunday Preschool and RE classes meet March 11, 18 and 25. Spring Break: No classes Sunday, April 1 or 8. No classes Wednesday, April 4.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sunday, March 11, Stations for Grades 7-8, 4:15 p.m.
Sunday, March 18, Stations for Grades 4-5-6, 4:15 p.m.
Sunday, March 25, Stations for Grades 1-2-3, 4:15 p.m.
Wednesday, March 14, Stations for Grades 7-8, 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday, March 21, Stations for Grades 4-5-6, 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday, March 28, Stations for Grades 1-2-3, 6:15 p.m.

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Vacation Bible School program has been quite successful for the past few years because we have had many volunteers. VBS is scheduled for June 18-22, and we will need help each morning of that week. Please sign up to assist. We need you! Call Angie Harber at 486-9852 or email her AngieHarber@aol.com to offer your talents. Assistance as teachers, story tellers, skit director, coordinators, craft instructors, etc. will be needed. We will be studying the lives of such saints as Juan Diego, Martin de Porres, Brigid of Ireland, Kateri Tekawitha, and Nicholas. How will you help these holy men and women come alive for our children this summer? (Watch the bulletin for registration information at a future date.)



TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

We are again using FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment to process and evaluate financial aid application for the 2007-2008 school year. If you are interested in applying for Tuition Assistance, please pick up an application from the church or school office. Deadline for Tuition Assistance applications is April 13. Financial assistance is available to parents seeking a Catholic education for their child. However, it is necessary that the family demonstrate financial need.

2007 ST. VINCENT GIRL SCOUT LENTEN RETREAT

The St. Vincent Girl Scout Lenten Retreat is on Saturday, March 17, at the St. Vincent Scout Lodge. Any registered girl scout that is a part of our parish is invited. The theme for this year's retreat is God's House of Comfort. The activities we have planned for the day will benefit the Ronald McDonald House. The retreat will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday and conclude after attending 5:00 p.m. Mass. Girls attending the retreat who are in third grade or older are invited back to the scout lodge after Mass for dinner, dancing and a sleepover. Girls who are sleeping over will need to be picked up by 8:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Look to the St. Vincent Girl Scout website at www.svgirlscouts.com or contact Michelle Diffendarfer 637-7470 for more information.

BISHOP DWENGER SAINTS ALIVE!

MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER

Mothers and daughters, 7th grade and older, please join us on Wednesday, March 28, for "Beyond the Fork" Etiquette for the 21st Century, including I-pods, cell phones and more. Presented by Karen Hickman, a professional courtesy keynote speaker. The evening will be emceed by Melissa Long, with the latest prom fashions modeled by Bishop Dwenger students, plus free makeovers, door prizes, food and raffle. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per student and \$20 per adult. Call the Saints Alive! office for reservations 483-7001. Come and get beautiful for the Prom!

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. Join Marilyn Fech and Tim Werling during this Lenten season for catechesis sessions covering the Mass. Sessions are on Thursday evenings during Lent (March 15, 22 and 29) from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in the nursery. Session topics are: March 15 – History of the Mass; March 22 – Participation in the Mass; March 29 – Finding Christ. Your questions will direct the sessions, too. Also consider attending Thursday evening sessions during the Easter Season for catechesis and discussion about Catholicism. Call Tim Werling 484-0067 or the church office 489-3537 if you have questions about these Re-membering Church sessions.

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 Renew 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.

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)
March 22
Session II (East Meeting Room)
March 15

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!



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.

1-800-MERCY4U (1-800-637-2948)

is in service now, throughout Lent until Monday, March 19, for spiritual counseling and answers to questions about the Catholic faith. The lines are being manned by priests or trained lay or religious persons and operate from 2:00 – 10:00 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays and on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. Monday's are for the Spanish speaking.



RIDE NEEDED

Parishioner living by West Washington Center Road needs a ride to church. Call 482-2632.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

If you have a family member who is serving or working in Iraq/Afghanistan or anywhere in the military and would like prayers for their intention, let the church office know - 489-3537. Their names will be published in the bulletin weekly. Keep in your prayers:

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| Sgt. Amanda Smith | Ensign Brandon Brooks |
| Tech Sgt. Andrew Frantz | Lt. Teresa Frantz |
| Lance Cpl. Brian Crooks | Spc. Tony Christman |
| Sgt. Andrew Christman | Cpl. Jon Till |
| PSC Anthony G. Schuckel | 1st Lt. James Mijatovich |
| Travis Davis | PFC Benjamin Caccamo |
| PFC Justin Harber | Cpl. Chad H. Pollitt |
| Staff Sgt. Matthew R. Stier | Staff Sgt. Thomas Putman |
| Staff Sgt. Thomas Pettit | Cpt. Mark Knarr |
| Master Sgt. Andreas Starling | Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Puckett |
| PFC Matthew Clarke | Major Martin L. Fair |
| Sgt. Eric Derheimer | Sgt. Rob Niemeyer |
| Sgt. Michael Dixon | Sgt. Jason Day |
| Sgt. Keith Koch | Lance Cpl. Matt Vincent, Jr. |
| Scott Krieg, Air Guard | Kori Melvin |
| PO1 Jeremy Waldschmidt | Pvt. Dane R. Buuck |
| PFC Justin Harber | 1st Lt. (LTJG) Spencer Seufert |
| LTJG Brandon Flores | LTJG Melissa Flores |
| PFC Nicholas DeDario | Staff Sgt. Nick Conner |
| Lance Cpl. Daniel Gloy | Pvt. Marcus Michael |
| PFC Jacob Frelin | PFC Logan Forbing |
| Sgt. Allen Callendar | |

SINGLES

The GAP, a social group for single Catholics in the 40-60ish age range, will meet Friday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m., at the Aboite Fire Station Community Room for an evening of fun and cards. Please bring a snack to share. For information call 432-7346 or email gap4565@msn.com.

MARKET DAY

Thanks to all who ordered in the March Market Day. Easter and Spring Break will arrive before the next Market Day. For those who didn't get their order in on time, we've ordered lots of delicious extras and all are welcome to come in and shop. The extras cannot be returned, so we need those last minute shoppers! Market Day pick-up this Thursday, March 15, in the parish hall, from 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Any questions, call Eva Vandeputte 490-9329. If pick-up time is a problem, just call me. We'll work it out!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING INITIAL SESSION

for Fort Wayne in March is Saturday, March 17, from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. 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. To register, call 574-234-0687.

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD FISH FRY

All you can eat fish fry at Most Precious Blood gymnasium on March 16, from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. Adults \$7, Children 6-12 \$4, Children 5 and under \$1. Carry-out available.

FATHER & SON CARPENTERS AVAILABLE

Need a deck, room addition, roof or home remodeling? Call Bob 489-8397 or 416-4014 or Patt 410-1888.

FOOD DRIVE

Steven Ellinwood, DDS, 5725 Maplecrest Road, Ste. #1, 492-2640, is organizing a food drive to put smiles on the faces of needy families. Food donations (non-perishable only) can be dropped off at the address listed above. Donations and proceeds will be given to the Love Church food pantry. Drop off dates: Now through March 29, Monday, 7:30 – 2:00 p.m., Tuesday – Thursday, 8:30 – 5:00 p.m.