



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 2ND

*6:30 a.m. Dorothy Strebig
8:00 a.m. Donald Balsler

TUESDAY, APRIL 3RD

*6:30 a.m. Nolan Gerardot
8:00 a.m. Bernice Larson

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH

*6:30 a.m. Living/Deceased Jarema Family
8:00 a.m. Jack & Ada Kammer

THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:30 p.m. Anna Markesich
John & Louise Palmer

FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH

1:30 p.m. SOLEMN COMMEMORATION
OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH

EASTER VIGIL

8:00 p.m. For The Parish

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

7:15 a.m. Jeffrey Hamrick
9:00 a.m. Paul Maloney
11:00 a.m. Ronald & Kathleen Schmitz
12:45 p.m. Int. Dian Sullivan Family

*CHAPEL

SERVERS SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Sunday, April 8

7:15 a.m. **TEAM 16:** Sarah Kleber, Lindsay Freimuth
Jessica Heise, Liz Newbauer
9:00 a.m. **TEAM 15:** Anthony Springmann, Erin Coblentz
Luke Mlkar, Luke Garrison
11:00 a.m. **TEAM 12:** Jessica Viduya, Alixandra Ball
Jonathon Hake, Brittney Giant
12:45 p.m. **TEAM 20:** Robert Nicola, Hannah Rapp
Brian Downey, MacKenzie Helmer

WEDDING BANNERS

(8/05, P. 3, LN. 2, COL. 2 PICTURE ONLY)

"Please pray that the Lord will abundantly bless this couple as they prepare to take their marriage vows."

I Jorge A. Portillo and Marisol Munoz

COFFEE AND DONUTS

April 8 – No coffee & donuts

April 15 – Penisten Family

April 22 – No coffee & donuts

April 29 – Last coffee & donut day of the season.

Cuellar/Penisten families and Bob Murphy

USHERS NEEDED

Usher volunteers are needed for some of the liturgies during Holy Week. This includes the 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass, the 1:30 p.m. liturgy on Good Friday and the 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday evening. Both men and women are encouraged to fill the usher role. Please sign up on the sheet posted in the ministers' sacristy. Thank you for volunteering.

CHRISM MASS

The annual Chrism Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Fort Wayne, on Tuesday, April 3, at 7:30 p.m. Bishop John M. D'Arcy has invited all priests, sisters, brothers, deacons and lay people of the diocese to attend this Mass. The Bishop has indicated that this is one of the most important liturgical observances of the year and has urged all to attend. Refreshments and reception will follow the Mass.



CEMETERY NOTICE

All seasonal (winter) grave decorations must be removed by April 15. The Maintenance Department will throw any remaining decorations away. As a reminder, balloons are not allowed in the cemetery.

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Today's blessing of the palm branches, combined with the proclamation of the Lord's Passion and Death, sets the keynote for the whole of Holy Week. May the blessed palms serve to remind us of what Christ endured for us.

MONDAY, APRIL 2

Mass schedule: *6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Mass schedule: *6:30 and 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Cathedral Chrism Mass at 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Mass schedule: *6:30 and 8:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance at: 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

*Chapel

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Morning prayer at 8:00 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The season of Lent ends in late afternoon. There is only one Mass scheduled, the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, at 7:30 p.m. During this service, the feet of twelve persons will be washed, a reminder that we, too, must serve as Jesus did. A collection will be taken up for the poor by members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. After Communion, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken to the Altar of Repose in the Spiritual Center Chapel for adoration until 11:00 p.m. Come and spend time in prayer with our Savior as He enters into His passion.

Sacrament of Penance: 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Morning prayer at 8:00 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion begins at 1:30 p.m. The service has three parts: the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. For person 18 to 59, only one full meal, no snacks. For persons 14 and older, no meat.

Sacrament of Penance from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. and following Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets in the Gathering Space at 9:15 a.m. Morning prayer at 10:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center Chapel. The Easter Vigil Service begins at 8:00 p.m. This is the only Mass of the day; there is no 5:00 p.m. Mass. The Vigil Service begins with the blessing of the new fire, followed by the liturgy of the Word, liturgy of Baptism, and the liturgy of the Eucharist. We rejoice with the Elect who will be baptized, and the candidates who will enter into full communion with the church.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Mass schedule: 7:15, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. No 6:00 p.m. Mass. (The adult choir will be singing at the Easter Vigil Mass only.) Baptismal promises will be renewed at each Mass followed by the sprinkling of the blessed Easter water. The Paschal Triduum ends Easter Sunday evening. The Easter season spans a period of fifty days, ending with the feast of Pentecost.

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: \$ _____

DIVINE MERCY

Catholicism Revealed of our parish is sponsoring Divine Mercy prayer services. Please join us for nine consecutive days at 3:15 p.m. in the Spiritual Center Chapel beginning Good Friday (April 6) through Saturday, April 14, the day before Divine Mercy Sunday. For details about this devotion and these brief prayer services, please consult the flyer located on the bulletin tables. You can contact Ann (489-1526) or Kathy (496-8240) if you have any other questions. ALL ARE WELCOME. Please feel free to come as often as your schedule allows.

Divine Mercy devotions will be held at St. Jude on Sunday afternoon, April 15, at 3:00 p.m. The devotions include Benediction, a homily, a procession with the Blessed Sacrament, and the litany of Divine Mercy. While a confession anytime during Lent fulfills the novena guidelines, a priest will be available for reconciliation from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

HOLY LAND GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines. Please be generous.



BLESSING OF FOOD FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

Holy Saturday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Gathering Space. Blessing symbolic foods for breaking the Lenten fast is an ancient custom in many Balkan countries. The foods prepared for the family basket are symbolic of Christ Himself. For directions to prepare a Basket and symbol explanation for each food suggested, see the flyer on the table near the parish office.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

On Ash Wednesday, our parish began Operation Rice Bowl. Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, this six-week Lenten program combines prayer, fasting, education and almsgiving. Proceeds benefit the poor, both in our diocese and in the developing world. Please join this meaningful Lenten observance. At the conclusion of Lent, please remember to drop your rice bowl in the basket, located at the table near the parish office.

LITTLE FLOWER HOLY HOUR

There will be NO Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, April 3, due to the Chrism Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend this event at the Cathedral.

FROM THE BISHOP

This year marks my 50th year as a priest. I was ordained on February 2, 1957, but will celebrate with a Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on April 15 at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome. After the Mass, there will be a reception at the Grand Wayne Center, and everyone is invited to that as well. I am grateful to God for these 50 years and am grateful that I am able to celebrate it as Bishop of this diocese.



Bishop John M. D'Arcy

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE

It remains important for our Church to protect children and young persons from the evils of abuse. To abuse a child is a sin. The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend remains committed to upholding and following its guidelines, policies and procedures that were implemented for the Protection of Children and Young People. These can be reviewed on the Diocese's website, www.diocesefwsb.org.

If you have reason to believe that a child may be a victim of child abuse or neglect, Indiana law requires that you report this to civil authorities. If you or someone you know was abused as a child or young person by an adult, you are encouraged to notify appropriate civil authorities of that abuse. In addition, if the alleged abuser is or was a priest or deacon of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to contact Father Robert Schulte, Vicar General of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, at P. O. Box 390, Fort Wayne, IN 46801, or at 260-422-4611. The Diocese is committed to helping prevent the abuse or neglect of children and young people and to assist those who claim to have suffered harm as a result of such abuse.

Meetings of the Week

LIGHT WEIGH – Tuesday, April 3, at 9:00 a.m. in Community Room B
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, April 4, from 8:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, April 8, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel

ROSARY SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be Monday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room.

TRAINING FOR NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND HOMEBOUND

We are now accepting names of persons who would like to be an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist either during Mass time or to the homebound. If you are interested in this liturgical ministry or can recommend someone, you may call the church office no later than Monday, April 9. All candidates for this ministry must be present for a training session; however, attendance at this meeting is by invitation only, so it is important that we have the names of potential candidates as soon as possible.



Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist must be registered members of the parish, at least a junior in high school, a Catholic in good standing with the Church, and a person with a good reputation in the community. It is assumed, of course, that the candidate has a love for our Lord in the Eucharist and a desire to deepen this love through this beautiful ministry. We ask you to recommend a man or woman of the parish, or you may submit your own name.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

In a time of loss it is important to know that there is a place where you can be with others who understand your pain. This is a time when being with others who have walked their own path of grief may be of comfort and offer us solace in a way that our families and friends cannot give.

As part of our service, St. Vincent's Bereavement Ministry is holding a Bereavement Support Group Session which will meet each Thursday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10 and 17 in the Nursery.

It is our hope to provide a comforting atmosphere in which to share the grief and bereavement process and to offer emotional support. These groups have proven helpful to many. You are not alone in your pain and there is much that can be done to help the healing process.

If this is something you are looking for, call Therese at 489-6741. Even if your death (loss) was quite a while ago, this could still be something you are looking for.

"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.



NEWCOMERS' REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room on Sunday, April 15, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

HARVEST HOUSE

St. Vincent's Harvest House will meet on Monday, April 16, at 1:15 p.m., at the Spiritual Center. Our guest will be Bruce Summerfield, Artist. He will display his work and give a short talk. You may purchase his work if you so desire.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

April 1 No Life Night –Spring Break
 April 4 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.
 April 5 Pray at Abortion clinic, 9:00 a.m.
 April 8 No Life Teen Mass or Life Night – Easter Sunday



JASONEVERT

Nationally acclaimed chastity speaker, Jason Evert, will speak at the gym of Bishop Dwenger High School on Tuesday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. This event is open to all junior high and high school students and adults.

7TH GRADE RETREAT

Teens needed to help with the 7th grade retreat on Thursday, April 19, from 7:30 – 1:45 p.m. See Tracy for more information.

Please pray that our teens on Spring Break will resist any temptations that might come their way and stay on the path to Christ.

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

★ EXTRA! EXTRA! ★ **Men's News**

LEARN ABOUT THE KNIGHTS

Are you interested in learning more about the Knights of Columbus? Men of our parish and their spouses are invited to

attend a one hour Overview of the Knights on April 25 at 7:00 p.m. The session will be held in the Spiritual Center and refreshments will be available. We hope to see you there. Contact Ray Ohlman at 637-5377 to reserve your spot.

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)

April 12 and 26

Session II (East Meeting Room)

April 19

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. Consider attending Thursday evening sessions during the Easter Season beginning April 12 in the Church Conference Room. The session topic is "The Bible" lead by Marilyn Fech. Call Tim Werling 484-0067 or the church office 489-3537 if you have questions about these Re-membering Church sessions.

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, PAPER PRODUCTS, PANCAKE MIX, SYRUP, DISHWASHING SOAP, CLEANING SUPPLIES, and BLEACH, 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!

LOCAL GROUPS ON SHARATHON

Don't miss these and many other local guests during Redeemer Radio's on-air appeal, April 11-13, on Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450: Dr. Andrew Landrigan and Ann Koehl, Women's Care Center, Wednesday, 7:00 a.m.; Nick Gray and Tom Kaough, Serra Club Thursday, 2:00 p.m.; Fred & Ursula Rost, Allen County Right to Life, Thursday, 3:00 p.m.; Greg Diss, Knights of Columbus, Friday, 1:00 p.m.; Doug Snowball, Opus Dei, Friday, 2:00 p.m.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Held door open for elders." Richie T.
 "Helped pick up after swimming class." Joe H.
 "Going somewhere I didn't want to." Tess H.
 "I fed the birds." Alejandro F. & Mariano

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

YEAR-ENDSCHEDULE

Sunday Preschool and RE April 15, 22 and 22. Preschool concludes April 29. Sunday RE May 6, 13 and 20. Wednesday RE April 11, 18 and 25 and May 2, 9 and 16.

CALLING CATECHISTS FOR 2007-2008

As the year for RE begins its final weeks, the search for catechists for next year begins, because a few current catechists are unable to return. We will need volunteers for Preschool (held during the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses), Sunday RE (4:00 – 5:30 p.m.), and Wednesday (6:00 – 7:30 p.m.). If you are interested in teaching Preschool, ages 3, 4 or 5 or grades 1-8 on either Wednesday or Sunday, call Beth in the RE office, 489-3537 ext. 204.



VBS SLATED FOR JUNE

Each morning (June 18-22) from 9:00 – 12:00 noon we will meet in the school to learn about various saints: Brigid of Ireland, Kateri Tekawitha, Juan Diego, Martin de Porres and Nicholas. MANY VOLUNTEERS are needed to make the week a fruitful one. Please call Angie Harber 486-9852 or email AngieHarber@aol.com to volunteer as a catechist, skit director, story teller, craft instructor, coordinator, etc.

VBS REGISTRATION DATES SET

Registration will be May 19-20 and May 26-27 after the Masses. Children who are age 4 by June 1 through those entering grade 4 are eligible to enroll. The fee is \$10 per child with a \$30 maximum per family. Enrollment will be limited to 250 this year.

SPRING CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Saturday, April 28, registration at 10:00 a.m. Concludes after the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass. Presented by Notre Dame Campus Ministry Team. This retreat is open to any 8th grade student preparing for Confirmation. Students who attended the Youth Rally in the fall are welcome to attend as well. Registration forms went home via religious education classes and the parish grade school last week. For more information, please contact Chris Van Gessel 241-5325 or email mjbcvg@verizon.net.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

We are again using FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment to process and evaluate financial aid applications 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.

If you need financial assistance and qualify for the Diocesan Large Family Fund (having three or more children currently attending a Catholic elementary and/or high school in the Diocese), you MUST file with FACTS by April 13, 2007, to be considered for any tuition assistance from this fund.

SCRIP NEWS

Stock up on gas, restaurants, hotels and groceries for Spring Break. We can get many out-of-town vendors. See www.glscrip.com/retailerlist/index.aspx for a complete list.

There will be NO SCRIP SALES Palm Sunday March 31/April 1 or Easter Sunday, April 7/8.

AHELPINGHAND

Do you know a family with children at St. Vincent's or Bishop Dwenger? If you knew that they could use a little help paying their tuition, would you be willing to help them? If so, please consider participating in our Parish Rewards program. By making purchases through this program, you can designate your portion of the profit to be credited to next year's tuition for any student enrolled at St. Vincent's or Dwenger. Or you can donate your profit to our Tuition Assistance Fund, which is used to help St. Vincent school families in need...these are families who believe strongly in the value of a Catholic education, yet are unable to afford the tuition. If you are interested or have any questions about how to participate, please contact the Development Office at 489-3537 ext. 247. Information is also available outside the church office or on the website www.saintv.org/school.

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

And that means that once again it is time for the Friends of Girl Scouts annual FLOWER SALE. This year we will feature the ever popular geraniums in six colors (red, white, salmon, pink, rose and violet). We will also have impatiens in any color imaginable. Both feature 32 plants per flat and will sell for \$22/flat. Mixed flats (\$24/flat) as well as partial flats (\$13/half flat) will also be available. To place your order, please call Kay at 637-8455 or email your order to Books4JC@aol.com. Orders will be taken through April 18. Delivery will be May 3, 4 and 5.

MARKET DAY - SPRING BONUS DAYS

Don't forget to check the coupons in your product guide! The April promotion is extra earnings on all pies and cheesecakes sold. The earnings are \$1.75 for up to 249 and \$2.75 for all if 250 or more are sold. Forms can be found at the table by the church office and completed forms can be returned to the church or school offices by April 11 or filed on the internet by April 14 at www.marketday.com. The next pickup date is April 19. Any questions, call Eva Vandeputte 490-9329.

FATHER & SON CARPENTERS AVAILABLE

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

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTION

is an automatic transfer program which allows you to make regular contributions to the Church without writing checks or giving cash. It saves you time, work and simplifies your life. However, persons who give electronically are urged to continue to drop the empty collection envelopes in the Sunday basket as a sign of their commitment to stewardship. If you would like more information on Electronic Giving, please call the church office.

AN EVENING WITH THE CROSIERS

The Crosier Fathers & Brothers invite you for an evening of renewing friendships over dinner, followed by a brief presentation on April 21, beginning at 6:00 p.m. To learn more or to make a dinner reservation, call Susan at 320-532-3103 or email swolff@crosier.org. The dinner will be held at Knights of Columbus Council 451 Reception Hall, 601 Reed Road. Cost for the dinner is \$25 per person.

BISHOP LUERS CLASS OF 1977 -

30TH YEAR CLASS REUNION

August 11, 2007, Corvette Museum.
Family, friends and alumni. Details to follow.
Contacts: Pat Sullivan 969-3950 pat.sullivan@hylant.com or
Mike Westrick 489-5149 mike.westrick@comcast.net.

DRIVER NEEDED

Parishioner facing surgery in Chicago needs someone to drive her for pre-op appointment on April 19. Parishioner has car, needs driver. Call 925-6412 or cell 557-9449.

CHILD CARE NEEDED

Childcare needed in our home for three children, ages 6, 5, and infant. Part time or full time. Please call Kristie 637-1986 (evenings).

NEW FIRST COMMUNION DRESS

Size 10, \$60, 637-9782