

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 14TH
8:00 a.m. Richard Olah

TUESDAY, MAY 15TH
*6:30 a.m. Oscar Hoffman
8:00 a.m. Thomas Colligan

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH
*6:30 a.m. Mary Alice Kleber
8:00 a.m. Jim Fox **ALL MASS**

THURSDAY, MAY 17TH
*6:30 a.m. James Patterson
8:00 a.m. Vern Bradley

FRIDAY, MAY 18TH
8:00 a.m. Ronald Schmitz
*5:30 p.m. Int. Charlie & Joan Colligan (50th anniv.)

SATURDAY, MAY 19TH
8:00 a.m. Robert Sorich
5:00 p.m. Joan Bobay

SUNDAY, MAY 20TH
7:15 a.m. Mary Weigand
9:00 a.m. John Schall
11:00 a.m. Jim LaBrosse
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

*CHAPEL



FROM THE PASTOR

This is a reminder that the Feast of the Ascension is no longer celebrated on Thursday in the dioceses of Indiana. It is now moved to the seventh Sunday of Easter, which this year is May 20th.



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Congratulations to all mothers of our parish as we celebrate Mother's Day. Someone once said "If one wants to see genuine beauty, he will find it in the tender lines that sacrificial love has drawn upon a mother's face." God bless our mothers and grant eternal peace to all mothers who have died.

Fr. John

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the annual Catholic Charities Appeal. If you have not yet made your contribution, you may still do so. Your support means so much to the families served by this Agency.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

The entire Diocese will come together Saturday, August 18, on the Notre Dame campus for a day of pilgrimage. The day will begin with an ecumenical prayer service at 10:00 a.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart and will be followed by presentations, workshops, time for reconciliation and prayer. The day will end with the celebration of the Eucharist at 4:30 p.m. and a birthday reception for Bishop D'Arcy immediately following. St. Vincent parish has reserved some buses for those who are interested in attending the day-long event. If interested, bus reservations are \$10 and can be made by contacting the church office.

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, May 19
8:00 a.m. **TEAM 7:** Katie Martino, Molly Khorshid
5:00 p.m. **TEAM 13:** Sean Meehan, Dillon Oswald
Madeline Pollifrone, Kylie Stevens

Sunday, May 20
7:15 a.m. **TEAM 10:** Hannah and Erinn Wright
Sam Anderson, Katherine Tierney
9:00 a.m. **TEAM 5:** Dan Koehl, Matthew Melchi
Joe Fox, Sarah Coffee
11:00 a.m. **TEAM 17:** Quintin Lepper, Elizabeth Parlin
Andrew Smith, Amy Royal

ATTENTION: EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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

NEWCOMERS' REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room today, May 13, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

WHAT IS A PARISH MISSION?

A Parish Mission is...

- An opportunity to grow in our faith, re-focus and re-charge our batteries!
- An invitation to come back to the Church or come to Church for the first time!
- An opportunity to be healed of our sins!
- A challenge to Catholic Christians to live out our faith, joyfully and without reservation!
- A wonderful way to connect with fellow parishioners!

We need help with planning liturgies for the evenings of the Mission, reaching out to people who may benefit from attending the Mission, helping with hospitality, visiting homebound and insuring that our children are involved. Please call the church office 489-3537 ext. 207 if you can help.



COMMITTED PRAY-ERS NEEDED

On Wednesday's, our parish is privileged to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the day until 7:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel. We are required to have at least two people praying as long as the Sacrament is on the altar for this type of adoration.

We are looking for volunteer pray-ers to commit to an hour especially between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please contact Beverly Lowery at 348-6833 or 489-2638 (evenings) if you would like to do this and be scheduled for a specific hour. Drop-ins are welcome.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

is a two-year adult formation program studying the richness of Catholicism. This program is intended for those participating in various ministries in the diocese: Directors of Religious Education, Youth Ministers, Catholic School teachers, parish catechists and RCIA team members. It is also intended for adults who are interested in growing in their knowledge of the Catholic faith. The Diocesan Office of Catechesis will again be starting the program in August on

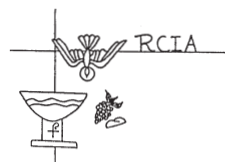
Wednesday nights in both Fort Wayne and South Bend. For a brochure and application call Jenny Murray 260-399-1439 in Fort Wayne or Joseph Caro 574-259-9994 ext. 230 in South Bend.

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 DISHWASHING SOAP, PAPER PRODUCTS, CAKE MIX, LAUNDRY SOAP, BEANS, and PEAS, 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!

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.



RCIA

If you or someone you know would like to inquire about the Catholic faith, its teachings and traditions, please call the church office at 489-3537. RCIA is an on-going process and an Inquirer may begin at any time. We want to

remind you that, for those who are unbaptized, the process is longer and needs to begin soon.

LOST AND FOUND

Call the church office if you have lost a canvas purse. Also, if you found a blue purse, call the church office.

Meetings of the Week

MEN'S CLUB – Monday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Lodge
 LIGHT WEIGH – Tuesday, May 15, at 9:00 a.m. in Community Room B
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, May 16, from 8:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 WINGS – Wednesday, May 16, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center, East Room and Nursery
 CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH CONTINUATION – Wednesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - Wednesday, May 16, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent
 WINGS II – Thursday, May 17, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room
 MARKET DAY PICKUP – Thursday, May 17, at 5:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION II – Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nursery
 RE-MEMBERING CHURCH – Thursday, May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
 MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – Friday, May 18, at 6:00 a.m. in the Life House
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE- Saturday, May 19, at 7:30 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, May 20, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 REKINDLE THE FIRE - Sunday, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

ATTENTION MEN'S CLUB MEMBERS

Our last meeting of the year is on Monday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Scout Lodge. Please note the time change that night. Please plan on attending. We will have elections that night and also go over dates for events throughout the next school year. There will also be a euchre tournament at the end of the meeting.

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, May 18, at 6:00 a.m. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!



Blood Drive

Donation hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. **Please note new location for this blood drive only.** Please enter through the North entrance (playground side).

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!

RED CROSS 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, May 19, 2007, in the **Spiritual Center.**

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

May 13 No LIFE NIGHT – Mother's Day (Plant Sale/Religious Jewelry Sale)
 May 16 No Ministry Hour (Meet at Life House 6:30 p.m. to go to Precious Blood to see "Tatiana")
 May 17 Pray at Abortion clinic, 7:00 a.m.
 May 20 LIFE NIGHT "Summer Circus" Incoming Freshmen welcome!!!

PLANT SALE/RELIGIOUS JEWELRY SALE

Life Teen will be sponsoring a plant sale and religious jewelry sale after all the Masses on Mother's Day, May 13. Please pick up something nice for your mom and help send teens to ND Vision and a Catholic Work Camp this summer—two awesome opportunities!

LIFE TEEN KICKOFF

All incoming freshmen!! Please join us next Sunday, May 20, for the Life Teen Mass. Join us around the altar and afterward come celebrate our kick off to summer at "Summer Circus". Bring all your friends!



TATIANA

I have heard awesome things about this night! Teens, we will take a group to Precious Blood this Wednesday, May 16, in place of Ministry Hour. Concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Anyone needing a ride please meet at the Life House at 6:30 p.m. sharp!

CEDAR POINT TRIP

We are planning a trip to Cedar Point on Tuesday, June 26. We have room for approximately 50 teens. Please pick up a form tonight and reserve your spot. Cost is \$55 and includes bus, admission ticket, donut breakfast and snack on the way home.

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

YOUNG ADULT LIFE (21-40)

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The St. Vincent's Young Adult Group is an opportunity for young adults (21-40, married or single) to explore and strengthen their Catholic faith through a variety of faith sharing and social activities. Please email yal.stvincent@verizon.net or call 489-3537 ext. 555 with questions about joining or for details about any events.

COOKOUT & MOVIE NIGHT

Mark your calendars! The Young Adult group will be having a cookout and movie night on May 18 at the Life House at 7:00 p.m. This will be for all young adults from St. Vincent's and neighboring parishes. The meal will be potluck style, and the movie will be outdoors if the weather permits. Please bring a dish to share and your lawn chair or blanket. This will be a great chance to catch up with old friends and meet some new ones! All guests are welcome.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Women's book club will meet on Monday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Life House. We are currently reading the book Acts: The Good News of the Holy Spirit.

YACHT CLUB

May 22, 7:30 p.m. at the Life House.

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, June 1 – 3. More information can be found at www.franciscanconferences.com.



CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Feeding a baby rabbit carrots." Joe H.
"I made my First Communion on Sunday." Samantha R.
"I rooted my friend on for the race." Sam L.
"I drew a picture for my mommy because I love her." Joel S.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

FALL 2007 RE SCHEDULE SET

September 9 is the opening day for both Preschool classes (during the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses) and Sunday afternoon RE (4:00 – 5:30 p.m.) Wednesday classes begin on September 12 (6:00 -7:30 p.m.).

MAY SCHEDULE

Sunday RE meets May 13 and 20. Wednesday classes meet May 16.

MAY CROWNING AND GRADE 2 PHOTOS

Sunday, May 13, is our prayer service for May Crowning in the church at 4:15 p.m. After the prayer service, the second graders will have their pictures taken in their First Communion attire.

A CALL FOR CATECHISTS

We have openings for catechists for Preschool, Sunday afternoon, and Wednesday evening Religious Ed for next fall. Preschool classes are for 3, 4, and 5 year olds. Grades 1-8 attend Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening classes. Call 489-3537 ext. 204 with questions or to volunteer.

FALL RE REGISTRATION

If you have a new student to enroll in grades 1-8 or a first grader who will attend RE classes, please call the church office 489-3537 ext. 235. Children who are enrolled in public schools and do not receive instruction in the Catholic faith should attend RE classes.

VBS SEARCH FOR CHAIRPERSON UNDERWAY

Angie Harber, who has taken charge of VBS for the past two years, is moving to Tennessee to be with her husband, Keith. She will not be here to continue her work of organizing the VBS program for June. If you would like to undertake this role, please call 489-3537, ext. 204. We thank Angie who has worked countless hours to make the previous two years' programs so successful. We wish her and her family well.



VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Vacation Bible School will not be held this summer unless we have a sufficient number of volunteers. At this time, we have no teachers, no one to plan and organize games, no one to assist the volunteers in music, snacks, etc. Since only a few junior high students have signed up, we need about 40 more. (Helping with VBS for the week counts as 4 Service Projects for Confirmation.) Please call Beth 489-3537 ext. 204 to volunteer.

VBS REGISTRATION

Provided that numerous volunteers step forward, we will have registration after the Masses on May 19-20 and May 26-27. 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.

MARKET DAY

Thanks to all who ordered in the May Market Day. Memorial Day weekend is coming and for those who didn't get their order in on time, we've ordered some delicious extras and all are welcome to come in and shop. The extras cannot be returned, so we need those last minute shoppers! Come and check us out. Market Day pickup is this Thursday, May 17, in the parish hall 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. Any questions, please call Eva Vandeputte 490-9329. If pickup time is a problem, just call me.

FAMILY SERVICE DAY

Many thanks to all who participated in St. Vincent de Paul School's first annual Family Service Day on April 21. We're glad to report that it was a great success. Over 200 people, including parents and their children, were divided into teams and worked at 18 different work sites throughout the community. Their tasks included painting, window washing, yard work, carpentry and general maintenance. The recipients of the work were pleased, but the workers probably enjoyed the day even more...it was such a wonderful way for our school to put our faith into action. Special thanks go to all of those who allowed us to serve them that day.

We have had additional requests from several of those we served. Our clients from Turnstone, for example, are in need of ongoing lawn care throughout the summer months. If any family or Small Christian Community would like to continue helping those who cannot help themselves with these physical tasks, please contact Cathy McLeish 485-6481.

PARISH REWARDS

Thanks to you and the generous businesses participating in Parish Rewards, the program is growing every day! At last count, we've received 68 separate donations from participating vendors. A large part of their donations—almost \$8,000—has been applied to the tuition bills of St. Vincent's and Dwenger families. If you've never used the program before, please consider giving it a try this spring. By making a purchase through Parish Rewards, you can reduce your own tuition for next year, help another family with their tuition, reduce your Religious Ed fees, or make a donation to the church. For more information, flyers are available on the table outside the church office and also in the school office. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Development Office at any time 489-3537, ext. 247.

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)	Session II (East Meeting Room)
May 24, June 14 and 28	May 17, June 21

WOMEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH

Are you looking for a way to revitalize your faith and make new friends? Sign up for the next Women's Christ Renews His Parish Weekend on September 8-9. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Contact Sarah Madden 637-7780 or 602-6464.

COMING IN MAY.... "TATIANA" IN CONCERT

A Croatian POP Star who grew up in Communist Yugoslavia and gave her life to Christ. Come hear her story and listen to her powerful vocal and instrumental talents. She lives in the US and has performed in over 1000 Catholic churches throughout the U.S. and other countries. She will be performing at three local parishes at 7:00 p.m.:

May 16	Most Precious Blood – 424-5535
May 17	St. Joseph, Garrett – 357-3122
May 18	St. Charles Borromeo – 482-2186

Mark your calendars. Entrance will be a free will offering. For information, call the parishes above.

WASHERS & DRYERS NEEDED

St. Vincent de Paul Store is always in need of washers and dryers. Call 456-3561 for pickup, according to zip code.

TUTOR AVAILABLE

Experienced tutor available for your elementary age child. Help given in reading, spelling, math or writing. Call Maurine 489-8397.

BABYSITTERS NEEDED

The Women's Care Center is in need of babysitters for this spring and summer. We offer classes in parenting for our clients on Tuesday and Wednesday evening 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. plus Thursday 10:00 – noon and Friday 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Night classes are located at 2112 Inwood, and daytime classes at 823 Webster. If you could lend a hand we would be most grateful. Please call Nancy at 417-1791.



LITURGICAL PLANNER NEEDED

Our Lady of Victory Missionary Sisters seeks a person capable of planning liturgies for Eucharist and seasonal celebrations. Person must be proficient in organ or piano, good music skills. Person must be a team player and adaptable; music degree or equivalent experience, computer skills, and organizational ability. Knowledge of Catholic liturgy is required along with experience and education in liturgical ministry. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Please send your resume to Liturgy Search Committee, P. O. Box 109, Huntington, IN 46750 or email victorynoll@olvm.org.

HEAR IT ON REDEEMER RADIO'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR!

Send news of your Catholic group or organization to production@wlyv.com or mail to Redeemer Radio at 4705 Illinois Road, Suite 104, Ft. Wayne, IN 46804. Our Community Calendar airs six times daily, and it's FREE. Submit information two weeks in advance of the event. Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio AM 1450 is privileged to share your good news throughout the greater Fort Wayne area.

2007 NATIONAL MEDJUGORJE CONFERENCE

will be held at the Joyce Center at the University of Notre Dame on May 25, 26 and 27. The conference begins Friday at 7:00 p.m. and includes a candlelight procession to the Lourdes Grotto. Several speakers will share their personal testimonies and relate how their lives have been changed by the messages of Medjugorje. For more information contact www.QueenofPeaceMinistries.com or email maryconference@sbcglobal.net.

RETROUVAILLE...A CHRISTIAN PEER MINISTRY FOR MARRIAGES

RETROUVAILLE is a program designed to help, heal and renew troubled marriages. The word "Retrouvaille" simply means "Rediscovery". The Retrouvaille Programs offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. If your marriage has become unloving and uncaring, if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if there is little or no meaningful communication, or if you feel disappointment – even despair – we believe Retrouvaille can help. The next Retrouvaille Program begins with the weekend of June 8-10. For information, call 485-1944 or 800-470-2230. All inquires are confidential.

ATTENTION SINGLES

The GAP, a social group for Catholic singles in the 40-60ish range, will meet on Friday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish hall for fun and fellowship. For more information, please call 432-7346 or email gap4565@msn.com.

CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

Coming soon ... "Reasons to Believe: How to Understand, Explain and Defend the Catholic Faith" by Scott Hahn. On sale now, hardcover, 240 pages. \$21.95 less 20% discount on this title until the end of May. Also coming ... "Jesus of Nazareth" by Pope Benedict XVI. To be released for sale to the public on May 15. Hardcover, 400 pages. Price: \$24.95 less 25% discount on this book through June 30. The Bookstore is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 – 5:00 p.m. Free parking in the parking garage of Archbishop Noll Center. For more information, call 422-4611 ext. 3356, 3357 or 3358.



ARE YOU A SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMAN, AGES 19-35?

Is God calling you to "something more" in your life? The Adrian Dominican Sisters invite you to "Come and See" June 1-3 at Weber Retreat and Conference Center, Adrian, MI. For more information contact Sister Carleen Maly, OP, at 866-744-0005 or vocations@adriandominicans.org. Registration deadline is May 18.

GOOD NEWS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15 / Eph 1:3-14 / Mk 6:7-13

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"Take nothing for the journey."

This is not the advice I give my children when they are leaving home. Take a jacket, warm socks, a map, cell phone, our phone numbers. We're not a traveling light sort of people. In a favorite book by C. S. Lewis, *Out of the Silent Planet*, a character from another world remarks on the degree to which stuff preoccupies us - the problems of lifting and transporting seem interminable. It's true, isn't it? Think about how much time and energy are dedicated to dealing with stuff: earning the money for it, acquiring it, cleaning it, storing it, moving it about, disposing of it. We make enemies of our brothers and sisters over the issue of who gets Mom's dining room table or Dad's golf clubs. We fight wars over stuff. Sacrifice the lives of our sons and daughters for stuff. We equate life with stuff.

Jesus says, "Take nothing for the journey."

We say, "Yes, but you...but you...but you..." What can we do? What does last? We do not only imagine. Faith, hope, and love are for always.

God's promise is that we are chosen; that we are held for a purpose. God chose Amos, the shepherd, to go and prophesy to Israel. I made a retreat not long ago and I think it are told that we were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world. I really changed my life. I feel like I should do more than God "destined" us for adoption as his children through faith in Jesus. Jesus instructs disciples to trust in the promise and to hold on to anything that can hold you up. We're supposed to travel light. We're supposed to travel off the dust of rejection, the emotional baggage that hampers us. Every step is going to be a step of faith, hope, and love. Remember the story of Saint Christopher carrying the child across the water? What we carry becomes our god. We do with other believers. You need the strength of their faith and they need yours. Communion is you joining yourself to Jesus and to the community. You will need the strength of their faith and they need yours. You should go to Mass and Communion every Sunday and holy day. Confession is your way to

(Mother's Day)

Acts 9: 26-31 / 1 Jn 3:18-24 / Jn 15:1-8

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"Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit" (John 15:5).

This is the essential message of today's gospel. I've been thinking about what this message means to me as a mother. A mother's children are her most obvious "fruit." There are other significant relationships, perhaps other important work, but children are consuming of her energy. Alongside everything else a mother thinks or does, she is also thinking about and doing for her children. A mother of young children is tempted to feel like this time will never end. It can seem interminable. Bottles and diapers; messes and needs, the constant neediness of small children. This, storing it, cleaning it, moving it, and we find ourselves the brothers and sisters. Their neediness is greater because they are now in the throes of becoming fruit-bearers themselves. Our job is to help them. Sometimes to water and nurture; sometimes to weed and

prune. If toddler-time seems endless, the teenage years are an eternity, for teens are not always appreciative of the little things. They talk back and stomp on our every flaw. We do not only imagine. Faith, hope, and love are for always. Mothers of grown children, hold for a purpose over our fine points amidst the

flaw. While we may think about our children several times a day, they are no longer our primary fruit. It is over you. Pick a regular schedule for confession and to no one's advantage to stay overlong in this part of the vineyard. It can be traumatic when we realize our work of active motherhood is finished, and we might be tempted to think our fruit-bearing years are over. They are never over. We are allowing the gospels of the Easter season to suggest our Easter "treat" - the complement to the traditional fast, perhaps this week our treat might be to contribute to serving others. Also, try to pick one thing in your community that will help others. And, whatever your stage of life, we are in just as it is, trusting that it is in this time and in this place and among these particular people that God will use us.

Father Joseph Nolen, C.Ss.R.
we may feel the prick of the pruning shears from time to time, but the fruit we bear will be all the better for it. *The Catholic Virtues: Seven Pillars of a Good Life* (II-330149). For more information, please contact our Customer Service Department at 321.



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