

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

\*6:30 a.m. Elaine Underhill  
8:00 a.m. Mary Beeler

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH

\*6:30 a.m. Michael Schimmele  
8:00 a.m. Rosemary Koeller

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH

ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30 a.m. John C. Campbell  
8:00 a.m. Heather Reed ALL MASS  
6:00 p.m. Lorraine Showell

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

\*6:30 a.m. Pamela Beeler  
8:00 a.m. Mark Schirmeyer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

8:00 a.m. Peter Cerutti, Jr.  
\*5:30 p.m. Mary McCarthy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

8:00 a.m. Polly Coutinho  
5:00 p.m. Bernadette Thieme

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

7:15 a.m. Alice Heibeck  
9:00 a.m. John Dennison  
11:00 a.m. Gloria & Cardinal Michelle  
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

\*CHAPEL

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, February 28

8:00 a.m. Nicole Mullins, Lauren Wilson  
5:00 p.m. Colleen Witte, Landon Feichter  
Katie Schipkowski, Meredith Barbieri

Sunday, February 29

7:15 a.m. Mary Anne Oskey, Andrew Wyckoff  
Ashley Reed, Kevin Stark  
9:00 a.m. Andrew Blackburn, Jenna Voirol  
Molly Workman, Sean Weigand  
11:00 a.m. Stephen Fiacable, Alex Westrick  
MacKensie Mentzer, Abby Maxwell

USHERS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Saturday

5:00 p.m. Tom Davis, Dan Bireley,  
Larry Eberle, Nick Bobay

Sunday

7:15 a.m. Bill Frantz, Bernie Niezer, Bill Grant, Joe Schuldt  
9:00 a.m. Paul Freson, Joe Siman, Jeff Sorg, Tim Leffers,  
Scott Wilder, Tom Schanbacher  
11:00 a.m. Greg Pac, Mike Thomas, Mike McCarthy,  
Andy Tomatore, James Conmey

NURSERY – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29

9:00 a.m. Rob and Kim Craighead

OPERATION RICE BOWL

On Ash Wednesday, our parish will begin Operation Rice Bowl. Sponsored by Catholic Relief Services, the 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.

RCIA UPDATE

At the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses next weekend, our candidates and catechumens will be going through the Rite of Sending. Please keep them in your prayers as they enter this most holy season of Lent.

FROM THE PASTOR:

At this time of the year we have our annual stewardship of treasure renewal. The past two weekends were devoted to this subject, and, once again, I am very grateful to Tom and Kathy Fean for their thoughtful witness talk on stewardship. May God bless them and their children.



Thank you for returning your stewardship of time, talent and treasure commitment forms which you received through the mail. Once you have completed the forms, please return them to the church, placing them in the box located in the Gathering Space. For two consecutive weekends, these commitment forms will be brought up to the altar at Mass during the procession of gifts. By returning the commitment forms, you indicate your intention to be a full and active member of our parish community. Thank you very much for your financial support of the parish and for using your Sunday collection envelopes on a regular basis.

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May you have a fruitful Lent. May our fasting, prayer and almsgiving be pleasing to God. Look on Lent as a 40-day retreat, a time to rediscover your baptismal call. Perhaps your schedule will permit you to attend weekday Mass. Or consider participating in our Stations of the Cross, a traditional Lenten devotion. Stop in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for prayer, particularly on Wednesday when we have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Chapel opens early in the morning and closes at 9:00 p.m. If you are participating in Disciples in Mission, enjoy the company of your fellow parishioners and Christ who is in your midst. Check out our pamphlet rack and do some good spiritual reading. Close to our hearts are the catechumens and candidates as they prepare to receive the Easter sacraments.

Fr. John



ASH WEDNESDAY

We will have three Masses on Ash Wednesday: 6:30 and 8:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m., all in the church. A blessing and distribution of ashes Liturgy of the Word service (not a Mass) will be at 12:30 p.m. On Ash Wednesday, a collection will be taken up for the Church of Central and Eastern Europe which was decimated by Communism.

LENTEN WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The 6:30 a.m. Mass is in the spiritual Center chapel. The 8:00 a.m. Mass is in the Church. On the Wednesdays of Lent we will be adding another Mass. It will be at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Catholics, 14 and older, are obliged to abstain from the eating of meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays 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.

LENTEN RESOURCES

Ash Wednesday is almost here! There will be a table set up in the Gathering Space with Lenten materials this weekend before Ash Wednesday, Feb. 21 and 22. There are booklets for individuals, families, children and teens. Look for daily devotionals, stations of the cross, prayer, daily Mass reading, sticker books and key tags. Suggested donations will be posted.



USHERS



## Meetings of the Week

MINISTERS REFLECTION – Monday, February 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, February 24, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, February 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, February 25, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel  
 WINGS – Wednesday, February 25, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 PASTORAL COUNCIL – Wednesday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 RCIA – Wednesday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room  
 WINGS TOO – Thursday, February 26, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center  
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I - Thursday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room  
 DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center

### ATTENTION: ALL MINISTERS

The first evening of reflection is Monday, February 23, at 7 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Other dates: Monday, March 15, 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 20, 9 a.m.; and Monday, April 26, 7 p.m. All reflections to be held in the Spiritual Center.

### “ASK FATHER”

Will the priest baptize our son if we name him Elvis? Such inquiries are answered in the “Ask Father” column by Father Richard Hire, Pastor of Queen of Peace, Mishawaka, who writes this popular feature which appears in TODAY'S CATHOLIC 47 times a year. You may send your own questions or read those of others by subscribing to the official publication of the diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend by using the Special Subscription Envelope sent to you, or by picking one up on the table by the church office, or by calling (260) 456-2824 to charge by phone to VISA or MasterCard.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. VINCENT'S

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Vincent's on Saturday, February 28, 2004 in the Parish Hall (old gym). Donation hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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.

There is always a great need for all types of blood. Please help by donating this life-giving gift of blood!

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!



**Blood  
DRIVE**



Thank you for your participation. Approximately 60 groups are now formed as well as 24 families participating. The numbers do not include teens and children that are participating. Please check the Disciples in Mission bulletin board in the Gathering Space today for your group roster. Meetings start today, Sunday, February 22nd. If you have not heard from your leader, please call them for meeting location and time.

Everyone must pick up their participant book at the DM table in the Gathering Space today after all Masses. Core team members will be available to answer any questions.

There is a group meeting Sundays during Religious Ed from 4 – 5:30 p.m. If interested, please call Retha Loogman 490-7158.

For those who were unable to join a group, please watch the bulletin during Lent for a weekly insert so that you may be able to share in this spiritual journey.

### 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 5 Thursdays during Lent (March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1), we will conduct Re-Membering sessions focusing on the Catholic Mass. No one who really understands the Mass would ever want to avoid full participation in the Mass. Come join us in the convent house

meeting 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 material presented. We will even have time to explore other questions you may have about the church and hear about the faith journey of a parishioner who was away from the church but has become an active Catholic again. Pray that the Holy Spirit will send a witness to touch the heart of each inactive Catholic. Pray for the courage to be the witness that will encourage an inactive Catholic to

come back to the church. Call Tim Werling at 484-0067 or the church office at 489-3537 if you have questions about Re-Membering Church.

### GOD'S LIBRARY

Make the most of Lent by becoming more familiar with the Bible. Learn the basics of Scripture from parishioner, Rae Huffman in a three-part study series: Mondays of March 1st, 8th, and 15th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Bring your Bible! Bring a friend! And get more out of Scripture than ever before.

### DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP

Come join us on Thursday, February 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. Marcia Grant, LCSW, will be addressing the group on the topic of “Anger”. For more information, call the church office at 489-3537.



**PIZZA  
PARTY**

### PIZZA (AND MORE) PARTY

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Pizza Party at Uno's Chicago Grill. Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, 20% of your check will be donated to the K of C here at St. Vincent's. The proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to support the Youth Ministry of St. Vincent's. So, stop by the K of C table in the Gathering Space and pick up a coupon, and just present this coupon to your waiter/waitress at Uno's, 4820 N. Clinton on Monday, Feb. 23. Invite your family and friends, grab some coupons for them, and we shall see you Monday at Uno's.

## Advertisers of the Week

Please patronize the companies that support our bulletin.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Feb. 22 Life Night: Social  
Feb. 23 JHL  
Core Training – 8:30 p.m.  
Feb. 25 Ash Wednesday  
Ministry Hour  
Feb. 26 Pray at Abortion Clinic  
Feb. 29 Life Night: The Passion



## MEL GIBSON'S "PASSION OF THE CHRIST"

I have had many teens and parents ask me about LIFETEEN's plans for this movie. Because it is difficult to find a time when everyone can see it and because of it being R-rated (based on graphic violence), we will not be seeing it as a group. I encourage families to experience it together and we will discuss it with the teens during our Life Night in Lent.

## LENTEN MASS AND BREAKFAST

Teens, commit to coming to 6:30 a.m. Mass and Breakfast at the Life House on Wednesdays during Lent. We will begin the week after Ash Wednesday. Adults, make this part of your almsgiving by providing food for our breakfasts one of the weeks. Contact Angie Harber if you would like to help, 486-9852.

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT – DATE CHANGE: MARCH 13

Our 8th graders are preparing for their Confirmation and we need high school teens to help out on a retreat for them. Please contact Cindy Black at 637-7445 or Cblack@SaintV.org if you're interested in being part of the team to put on the retreat.

## LIFETEEN SPRING RETREAT DATE

Friday, March 19 – Sunday, March 21. Registration forms available at the back of church or on the website: [www.saintv.org](http://www.saintv.org).

## LIFETEEN LUNCH-BUNCH

Cindy would love to come have lunch with you at your school. I just need to know what time you eat and where to meet you, so get with me so we can set a day.

## JUNIOR HIGH LIFE - "WHATCHA DOIN'?"

Monday, February 23, 2004 from 7 – 8:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space at Church. Come and see Whatcha Doin',

## YOUNG ADULT LIFE (21-40 Married/Single)

### "WHAT ON EARTH ARE WE HERE FOR?"

The Bishop's Annual Young Adult Retreat at Oakwood Inn on Lake Wawasee scheduled for March 26-28th. Register by March 15th and the cost is \$45. You can register at [www.diocesefwsb.org/cyam/Retreat\\_information.htm](http://www.diocesefwsb.org/cyam/Retreat_information.htm)

## BREAKFAST AND TOBOGGANING

After the 9:00 Mass today everyone is welcome to go out to breakfast and go tobogganing at Pokagon State Park. We will meet in the Gathering Space after Mass.

## 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 26

March 11

March 25

Session II (Church Conference Room)

March 18

## NO SUNDAY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There are no Preschool or Religious Education classes on Sunday, February 22. Both programs resume next Sunday, February 28.

## CONFIRMATION DATE SET

Confirmation will be on Thursday, April 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the church.



Any eighth graders who are to be confirmed in April who did not attend the Junior High Rally in North Manchester in the fall are REQUIRED to attend a retreat on Saturday, March 13th, here at the parish. Students are to arrive at 11:45 a.m. at the church. After the 5:00 p.m. Mass, Confirmation Candidates are free to leave.

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT DATE AND PLACE CHANGED

## CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Helped Mom get ready for company." Kara C.  
"I made my Mom dinner." Caroline V.  
"Clean the house." Lauren S. and Erin V.  
"Playing with my sister." Taylor I.  
"I helped my sis do her homework." Leah T.  
"Cleaning the house." Kristina P.  
"I told the truth about something I did wrong." Trevor B.  
"I helped my Aunt Mely crack a lot of peanut shells." Maria P.  
"I opened the door for my grandma." Kelsey H.



## COMMUNITY IN CHRIST: ORGANIZATION

The day will come when, after harnessing space, the winds, the tides and gravitation, we shall harness for God the energies of love. And on that day, for the second time in the history of the world, we shall have discovered fire." Pierre Tellhard de Chardin

## TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR THE 2004-2005 SCHOOL YEAR

We are again using FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment to process and evaluate financial aid applications for the 2004-2005 school year. If you are interested in applying for Tuition Assistance, please call the church or school office. Deadline for Tuition Assistance applications is MARCH 26. Financial assistance is available to parents seeking a Catholic education for their child. However, it is necessary that the family demonstrate financial need.

## COACHES NEEDED AT ST. VINCENT'S

The St. Vincent's Athletic Director is in need of a 7th & 8th grade boys golf coach, a 5th grade girls soccer coach, and a 5th grade cheerleading coach immediately for the March session. If you are interested, please contact Paul Cassabon at 489-3537.



## Girl Scout Retreat

## GIRL SCOUT LENTEN RETREAT

The Annual Girl Scout Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 6 in the St. Vincent's Scout Lodge. All Girl Scouts (K-12) who are members of St. Vincent's parish are invited to attend. "Light of the World" is this year's theme and activities (snacks, crafts, games, service project) will remind the girls that we are Christ's light for others. Registration forms can be obtained from your troop leader or by contacting Monica Gloudemans (627-3439). All registrations must be received by Thursday, Feb. 26.