

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 22ND

*6:30 a.m. Mary Gremaux
8:00 a.m. Betty Heck

TUESDAY, MARCH 23RD

*6:30 a.m. Julie Hatch
8:00 a.m. Ken Palmer

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24TH

6:30 a.m. David Johnson
8:00 a.m. Rose Jacikas
6:00 p.m. Joan Braun

THURSDAY, MARCH 25TH

*6:30 a.m. Vitalis Wise
8:00 a.m. Ed DeVirgilio ALL MASS

FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH

8:00 a.m. Bernice Larson
*5:30 p.m. John Strobel

SATURDAY, MARCH 27TH

8:00 a.m. George Repka
5:00 p.m. Cathy Hattendorf

SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH

7:15 a.m. Rose Ann Plasterer Dix
9:00 a.m. Boyde Brown
11:00 a.m. Jim Fox
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (LifeTeen Mass)

*CHAPEL

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Jacob Tippmann, Sarah VanAntwerp
5:00 p.m. Andrew Bolinger, Anna Garner
Ian Garner, Keighlea Martin

Sunday, March 28

7:15 a.m. Ashley Reed, Joe O'Daniel
Ryan Nielson, John Wood
9:00 a.m. Chelsea Markley, Wade Markley
Tina Hollis, Rob Kleber
11:00 a.m. Sarah Gorman, Jon Carter
Heather Daly, Mark DePrez

NURSERY – SUNDAY, MARCH 28

9:00 a.m. Brian and Amy Dumford
Confirmation Candidates: Mark Hopper

COFFEE AND DONUTS – MARCH 28

9:00 a.m. Morr and Own Volunteers

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.

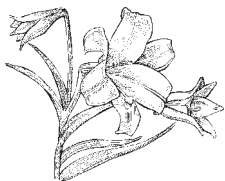
CEMETERY NOTICE

All seasonal (winter) grave decorations are to be removed by March 28. The Maintenance Department will throw any remaining decorations away.



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 per 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)*



Name of Loved One (s):

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Donations: _____



JOHN ANGOTTI IN CONCERT

Saint Vincent's will be hosting songwriter and pianist, John Angotti. John will perform at 2 p.m. in the main church on March 21st. He will share his gift of music that will enhance your Lenten experience.



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

We will be having a Lenten penance service on Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. A good number of priests (about 10) will be hearing confessions. We hope many parishioners take advantage of this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance. On Saturday, March 27 and Saturday, April 3, we will be having penance services at 3:00 p.m. with 4 priests for confessions.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

Lenten Penance Services are scheduled at the following area churches.

Our Lady of Good Hope	Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m.
St. Charles	Wednesday, March 31 at 7 p.m.
St. Jude's	Thursday, April 1 at 7 p.m.

Fathers John, Mark and Joe will be helping out at these services.

WHO IS JESUS IN DISGUISE?

Jesus in Disguise can be:

- One of the 43,000 people who die of hunger and its consequences every day
- One of the 4.4 billion people living in developing countries where basic sanitation is often lacking
- safe drinking water is scarce
- adequate housing is a challenge
- modern health services are almost non-existent
- education beyond a fifth-grade level is rarely available for the majority of people

Please help by giving to the American Bishops' Overseas Appeal this weekend. Your support will go to Catholic organizations working to bring relief and hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

TEN TIPS FOR COMMUNICATING

WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE DISABILITIES

March is Disabilities Awareness Month, so it's a good time to get a refresher on these common-sense guidelines for interacting with individuals with disabilities:

1. When talking with a person with a disability, speak directly to that person.
2. When introduced to a person with a disability, offer to shake hands.
3. When meeting a person who is visually impaired, always identify yourself and others.
4. If you offer assistance, wait until the offer is accepted.
5. Treat adults as adults.
6. Leaning or hanging on a person's wheelchair is similar to leaning or hanging on the person.
7. Listen attentively when you're talking with a person who has difficulty speaking.
8. When speaking with a person who has a wheelchair or a person who uses crutches, place yourself at eye level in front of the person.
9. To get the attention of a person who is deaf, tap the person on the shoulder or wave your hand.
10. Relax. Don't be afraid to ask questions when you're unsure of what to do.

PROJECT 25 COLLECTION –

NEXT WEEKEND

Next Sunday 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 St. Vincent de Paul Society to help those in need in our parish and community.



Meetings of the Week

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – Monday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the School Library
 LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE SERIES – Monday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, March 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE – Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
 RCIA – Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, March 24, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 WINGS – Wednesday, March 24, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 FINANCE COMMITTEE – Wednesday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
 PARISH NURSE MEETING – Wednesday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Meeting Room
 K OF C ADMISSION DEGREE – Wednesday, March 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 WINGS TOO – Thursday, March 25, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION I – Thursday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
 DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 RE-MEMBERING CHURCH – Thursday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent Back Room
 STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Friday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church
 XLT – Friday, March 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Church
 DISABILITIES RETREAT – Saturday, March 27, at 9:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center

CATHOLIC DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP

Come join us on Thursday, March 25, at 7:00 in the Spiritual Center, as Mary Jo Todoran, MSW, ACSW, LCSW, talks with the group, exploring a method to better understand ourselves and others.

RCIA AND LENT

At the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses next week, our Elect will be going through the Third Scrutiny, the Raising of Lazarus. We see Jesus' liberating power to free humanity from every kind of bondage.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE SERIES ON THE GOSPEL OF MARK
 Marilyn Fech will lead a study of the Gospel of Mark each Monday evening from 7:00 until 8:30 p.m. beginning March 29th. Call 489-9620 to register and get more information. Hope to see you there!

DISABILITY MINISTRY HOSTING A DAY RETREAT

St. Vincent's Disability Ministry facilitates a day retreat in the spring sponsored by Fort Wayne/South Bend Diocese, open to persons in the diocese with various disabilities. The 2004 retreat is scheduled for:

When: Saturday, March 27, 2004
 Where: St. Vincent de Paul Spiritual Center
 Who: Adults (18 and over) with mental, physical, or emotional challenges who seek companionship as they grow in discipleship
 What: Presentations by individuals who understand the challenges you are facing. A journey to deepen your relationship with Christ, and to share more fully in the ministry and life of the Church.
 Prayer – Lunch – Friendship – Singing/Music
 How: For more information, or to register call: Donna Macino, Office of Catechesis (260) 422-4611 Ext. 351 or dmacino@fw.diocesefwsb.org



Disability Retreat

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Yes, we will once again have the blessing of Easter food baskets on Holy Saturday. (See accompanying article on history, food directions, etc.)

If you know this custom and would be willing to prepare a sample basket, which would be put in the Gathering Space after the Masses March 27-28, please call me by Friday, March 19th. S Kay Jarema SSND 489-3537 x 207 or e-mail kjarema@yahoo.com. We do this to introduce parishioners to this beautiful sacred family custom. Last year word had "gotten around" and many people from Poland visiting Fort Wayne came with their families. It was a joy to give our visitors a "taste of home" with this blessing.

BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS FOR EASTER BREAKFAST

9:00 a.m. Holy Saturday in the Gathering Space

The custom of bringing food to church to be blessed for Easter is an age-old tradition in many European countries. It stems from the desire of the Christian community to ask God's blessing on the foods that will break the Great Fast (Lent). This has been a tradition of the Polish, Slovak, Ukrainian and many other people for centuries. The food is blessed on Holy Saturday to be eaten Easter Sunday. The religious significance attached to the foods eaten is symbolic of Christ Himself, our true Passover.

We invite you to join us in sharing this meaningful tradition: It is customary to bring food for Easter breakfast or a "taste" of each food for all at the table. It should be noted that if you have abstained from these foods during Lent and especially Holy Week, they will taste better on Easter Sunday.

EASTER BREAD – symbolic of Christ Himself who is our true Bread.

A sweet yeast bread, usually round, sometimes a cross of dough is placed on top.

HAM – symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter

SAUSAGE OR KIELBASA (POLISH SAUSAGE) – symbolic of God's favor and generosity

EGGS – indicative of new life and resurrection, hard-boiled and brightly decorated

HORSERADISH – symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection

BUTTER – This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have towards all things. Can be in the shape of a lamb or a pound with

a cross etched on top with a knife.

BACON – symbolic of the over-abundance of God's mercy to us (a piece or slab of bacon cooked with the kielbasa).

SALT – a condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his/her duty to others.

CHEESE – indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. If desired it can be homemade: 1 qt milk, 15 eggs slightly beaten, pinch of salt, pinch of white pepper, 1 tsp sugar. Bring milk to a boil in pan. Gradually stir in eggs. Cook over low heat until mixture starts to thicken and form curds, about 7 minutes. Add seasonings and sugar, stirring constantly to avoid scorching. Pour mixture into a cloth bag, squeeze and tie the opening tightly (can use a pillowcase). Hang and let drain about 3 hours or until set. Refrigerate until ready to take to church for blessing.

RELIGIOUSLY DECORATED CANDLE – is placed in the basket; Christ is our Light!

All is covered with a cloth and then brought to church for the blessing.

Advertisers of the Week

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USHERS SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Tom Wood, Jay Leonard, Mark Eifert, Brian Fleming
Sunday	7:15 a.m.	Larry Franck, Ken Eubank, Keith Amstutz, Tom Jones
	9:00 a.m.	Jack Baumgartner, Marc Junk, Don Miller, Dennis Thelen, Kevin Sorg
	11:00 a.m.	Paul Moreau, Roger Byers, Tom Osborn, Mike Mathews, Jesus Viduya



YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

March 21 Retreat Closing, No Life Night
 March 22 JHL: Going Out With, 7 p.m.
 March 24 Mass and Breakfast, 6:30 a.m.
 Ministry Hour: Disciples in Mission, 7:15 p.m.
 March 25 Pray at Abortion Clinic
 March 28 ND VISION before Mass
 No Life Night

XLT — FRIDAY, MARCH 26

Following Stations of the Cross at 7:00, stay for XLT. We'll spend time doing Praise and Worship with the Life Teen Band and in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Just think of the Lenten blessings as you bring your family and friends. All are welcome.

NOTRE DAME CLUB OF FORT WAYNE HOSTS "ND VISION"



A program designed to reinforce and support high school students' commitment and understanding of their faith. All teens and young adults are welcome on Sunday, March 28th, 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. here at St. Vincent's. Then stay for the LIFETEEN Mass at 6.

LENTEN MASS AND BREAKFAST

Teens, commit to coming to 6:30 a.m. Mass in the church and Breakfast at the Life House on Wednesdays during Lent. Adults, make this part of your Lenten sacrifice by providing food for our breakfasts one of the weeks. Contact Angie Harber if you would like to help, 486-9852.

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.

Melanie Delancey is home schooled, so we were able to go out for lunch. Thanks, Mel.

JUNIOR HIGH LIFE

The next JHL night will be Monday, March 22, at 7 – 8:30 p.m. The topic: "Going out with" guys and girls can be good friends. Before you start dating what qualities will you look for in a person?



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 ★ For information about St. Vincent's Youth Ministry, ★
 ★ contact Cindy Black at 489-3537 Ext. 228 or ★
 ★ e-mail Cblack@SaintV.org. ★
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CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I read books." Andrea B.
 "When my friend cut his knee, I helped him." Chandler R.
 "Help some person on her test." Matt Y.
 "Cleaning my room." Molly T.
 "I made lunch." Leah T.
 "Help my Mom cook. I helped someone play Frisbee." Anna Y.
 "Feed and water puppy." Amanda F.
 "I made my bed." Aaron C.
 "Cleaning the house." Kristina P.
 "Help fold clothes." Sarah K.
 "Cleaned out my drawers." Kara C.
 "I prayed for Miss Beeber." Abigail L.



BAGS OF BLESSINGS' GIRL SCOUT PROJECT

Bags of Blessings and the St. Vincent's Girls Scouts are working together on a Lenten Project. The girls will be making by hand and preparing bags for over 100 local residents who are in need of some essential items. Please bring to the west vestibule and place in the marked box any of the following items to be used for this project: hotel-size shampoo, lotion, conditioner, mouthwash, toothpaste, etc. We are in SPECIAL need of feminine products and deodorant. Please make sure that the containers have not been opened. If you have any questions, or would like to have your items picked up, please call Terri at 637-1400 or Kellie at 637-6041.

Teachers Needed!



ARE YOU CALLED?

The number of students in the Religious Education program continues to increase as more and more families register in our parish. This growing enrollment will necessitate adding sections to many grade levels next year, requiring additional catechists. Might you consider teaching on your own, with your spouse, or with a friend?

If you are interested in observing the program first hand, for example, sitting in on a class or assisting a catechist, please call the Religious Ed office 489-3537 ext. 204 to schedule a visit.

Our catechists dedicate themselves to sharing their faith and love of God with the children. Most will tell you that the blessings they experience are beyond measure. I will tell you that their commitment is a tremendous blessing in the lives of the children. Come join us and observe a variety of grade levels to discover where your talents may best be put to use. Beth

CONFIRMATION DATE SET

Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred Thursday, April 22, at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Those to be confirmed will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit, already received at Baptism. Now serving as a Helper and Guide, the Holy Spirit bestows upon the candidates the gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Right judgment, Courage, Reverence and Wonder/awe in the presence of the Lord. Please pray for the Confirmation Candidates as well as all members of our parish community, that we may grow in the life of the Spirit.

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.

SCHOOL BOARD SEEKING CANDIDATES

The School Board serves as an advisory group to the Pastor and Principal. The Board meets the first Wednesday of each month August through June. Through prayer and the discernment of gifts, the Holy Spirit guides us in choosing parishioners who are called to this leadership position in our school community. If you are interested in serving a three-year term on the Board or can recommend someone, please call Ken Sorg 637-4023 on or before April 23 to submit your name or nomination.



SCRIP SALES

There will be no Scrip sales on Palm Sunday, April 4 and Easter Sunday, April 11.

MEIJER/KROGRER BAG RECYCLING REMINDER

We ONLY recycle Meijer and Kroger plastic bags! Any other store's bags are thrown away, so please don't bring them to church. Also, please remember to bring in the Meijer/Kroger bags flattened (NOT wrinkled, wadded or folded). We are getting lots of bags and need your cooperation to continue the recycling program. Thank you!

SPRING IS IN THE AIR

And that means it's time for the friends of Girl Scouts annual FLOWER SALE. Pre-order yours now through April 18th. Geraniums (36 per flat) and Mixed Impatiens (48 per flat) quality plants available from The Plant Center. Impatiens only \$18 per flat. Geraniums prices \$21.00 per flat, \$14.00 per 1/2 flat, and \$23.00 for a flat with 2 colors. Color choices: Red, White, Salmon, Rose and Violet. The plants will be 4 to 5 inches tall and may be picked up May 6. To order, call Melissa Nix 489-9801, Maureen Yankowiak 637-5532, and Denise Ewing 489-1352.

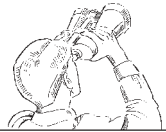


ATTENTION: DISCIPLES IN MISSION GROUP LEADERS!

If you returned the (pink) Disciples in Mission census sheets by Thursday morning of last week, you can pick up an envelope this weekend on the counter to the left as you enter the East Meeting Room. It will contain the following:

- Text for the 7th session for each participant
- One-page leader evaluation
- One-page participant evaluation for each person
- Cover letter

If you have not returned your census sheet, you and your group will need the packet for the 6th Session (week of March 29-April 3). Return your PINK group Census Sheet as soon as possible by putting it in the Disciples in Mission box near the office. You can pick up your group's envelope in the East Meeting Room any weekend.



CHECK IT OUT!

BOOK REVIEWS FROM THE COMMUNITIES

Small Christian Communities have been invited to review a resource they have used to share with parishioners and other SCCs. (See form in Feb. 7 Pastoral Facilitators' folder). We begin this week with the first of these reviews in hopes that these books will help for post-Easter and Fall planning and many will be enriched.

Community: WINGSTOO
Writer of Review: Mona Kuehn
Book Title: "This Is Our Faith"
Author: Michael Francis Pennock
Date of Publication: 1989

"This Is Our Faith" was very well received. This book is a Catholic Catechism for adults. It gave all of us the opportunity to learn more about our faith. It was a journey of faith-sharing, understanding, prayer and reflection that was very rewarding."

WOMEN'S CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR SOUGHT

Christ Renews His Parish is in the process of discerning a Women's Co-Spiritual Director. If you know of someone who should be considered that has gone through the Christ Renews process, please send us a letter and explain why that person should be considered. Send to: Laurie Grashoff, 11625 Trade Wind Cove, Fort Wayne, 46845. Please no self-nominations.

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. Come join us in the Convent meeting room at 7:00 p.m. each Thursday during this Lenten Season for our Re-membering sessions focusing on the Catholic Mass. 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 (March 18 – History of the Mass; March 25 – Participation in the Mass; April 1 – Finding Christ.) 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. Call Tim Werling at 484-0067 or the church office at 489-3537 if you have questions about Re-membering Church.



F.A.I.T.H. (FINDING ANSWERS IN THE HOLY SPIRIT)

This group is a resource and support for couples struggling with infertility. Resources are available regarding information on infertility treatments, the church's teaching on these treatments, and international and domestic adoption. Also this group can be a source of emotional and spiritual support for you and your spouse. Please contact Amy Barteel 497-8257 for more information.



MISSING ANY DISHES????

If you brought food to any function and are missing a dish, please pick it up in the Spiritual Center in the room across from the kitchen.

YOUNG ADULT LIFE (21-40 Married/Single)

MASS AND BREAKFAST

After the 9:00 Mass on this weekend join the Young Adult Life group for breakfast at Bob Evans – don't forget to buy Scrip!

XLT

For anyone not going to the retreat, please join us at XLT on March 26th. Let's all sit together on the left side of the Baptismal font, and afterwards we will adjourn to a local gathering spot.

ATTENTION: ALL MINISTERS

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Sacristans and Ushers – mark your calendars for the last evening of reflection: Monday, April 26, 7 p.m. The reflection will be held in the Spiritual Center.

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 25

No Sessions I in April

May 13 May 27

Session II (Church Conference Room)

April 15 May 20

MORNING OF REFLECTION

The Rosary Society of St. Jude Church cordially invites all ladies of the parish to a Morning of Reflection on Monday, March 22, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Mass, inspirational talks by Father Tom Shoemaker, rosary recitation, and a light lunch will be provided. For more information, please call Luanne 422-2607.

NEED A SUMMER BABYSITTER?

Bishop Dwenger freshman is seeking a summer babysitting job. Part-time preferred, but would consider full-time. Lives close to corner of Tonkel and Vandolah. If interested, please call Alyssa at 637-8010.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Most Precious Blood Preschool is currently enrolling for the 2004-2005 school year. Full and part time openings in the 3 and 4 year old classes. Please call 424-4832 or stop by the school for more information.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

St. Joseph School in Garrett is registering students in kindergarten and preschool for the 2004-2005 school year. Each kindergarten group attends two full days a week plus alternating Fridays. Preschool students must be four years old by July 1. The class meets three mornings a week for three hours. Please call 357-5137 for more information.

PRESCHOOL IN HUNTERTOWN

Huntertown United Methodist Preschool, 16021 Lima Road, Huntertown is open for registrations for the 2004-05 school year. For more information contact: Vicki Buwalda, Preschool Director at 637-3716 or preschool@huntertownchurch.org.

KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

St. Joseph Methodist Church on Reed Road is now accepting registrations for fall classes. Programs available include half-day Kindergarten, preschool for ages 2-1/2 through 5, and extended day care for these children. Accredited by NAEVC and recognized by Paths to Quality. Call 485-4022 for more information or to set up a time to visit.



COMMITTED PRAY-ERS NEEDED

On Wednesday's, our parish is privileged to have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the day until 4 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 prayers to commit to an hour especially between the hours of 12 noon and 3 p.m. Please contact Francie

McComb at 489-6716 if you would like to do this and be scheduled for a specific hour. Drop-ins are welcome.

BENEDICTINE LIFE WEEKEND

"I want to be a nun. I don't want to be a nun. I want to be a nun. I don't want to be a nun..." Sound familiar? If so, this Benedictine Life Weekend is for you. The weekend will be held March 26-28, 2004, at Monastery Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, Indiana. Open to single Catholic women, ages 19-40, discerning religious life. Contact Sr. Anita Louise Lowe or Sr. Tess Duenas at 802 E. 10th Street, Ferdinand, Indiana, 1-800-738-9999 or vocation@thedome.org.

INVITATION TO FATIMA AND ITALY

Do you ever feel as though you need a break from your schedule...to remove yourself from the hustle and bustle of your turbulent world to a place set apart? Matthew Kelly invites you to join him for the retreat experience of a lifetime. Each year "The Matthew Kelly Foundation" hosts two international retreat experiences. These trips are designed to give a small group of people the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of the message Matthew has shared with millions of individuals from around the world while providing a chance to discover "foreign lands" and "sacred places". Spaces still remain for the retreat in Fatima, Portugal (August 3 - 11) and Rome/Assisi/Florence (November 1 - 9) for more information, registration materials, or to reserve your space, please contact Julie Gomez at "The Matthew Kelly Foundation" at (513) 221-7700 or via e-mail at julie@matthewkelly.org.

VEHICLES NEEDED

The St. Vincent de Paul Store will accept donations of cars, trucks or vans. Please call Steve at 456-3561.

MEN WANTED

We want to issue an invitation to all eligible men of the parish to join the Knights of Columbus - St. Vincent's Council. The Knights is a service organization of Catholic men which is involved in both our church and our community by helping the less fortunate, supporting our youth programs, our seminarians, and the Right to Life effort. Knights work as volunteers when needed at St. Vincent's and on projects within our community. In addition, we relax and enjoy each other and ourselves at dances, hayrides, dinner theater and other such social events.



You can be as active in the Knights of Columbus as your time allows. You might choose to be an officer in our organization or limit your participation to flipping an occasional pancake at one of our Sunday parish breakfasts.

If you want to join us or want more information first, please call Ray Ohlman, membership director, at 637-5377. We look forward to welcoming you to our council.

HOSPITALIZED? WANT A PRIEST TO VISIT?

If you or a loved one is admitted to one of the local hospitals and would appreciate a visit from one of the priests and/or parish nurse, it is good to let us know, particularly if a person is admitted on an emergency basis. With the new privacy laws affecting hospitals and other health care institutions, we do not always receive the name of parishioners in the hospitals. Parishioners are admitted and even give the name of the church, but we are not notified; nor will the hospitals give us the name of the patient if we call inquiring as to whether or not a parishioner has been admitted. You may call the church office during the day and leave the name and room number of the parishioner who has been admitted.

PARISHIONERS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

We, at St. Vincent's, would like to assist active, registered members in their search for employment in these difficult economic times. We ask employers who could use someone with the specific trades noted to give consideration to the following individuals:

Jeff Assistant Controller/Finance Manager (260) 489-6061

This is a service to assist and not an endorsement from St. Vincent de Paul Church. Submit to the church office in writing or by e-mail stvincentchurch@hotmail.com:

1. Position you are seeking (excluding qualifications)
2. Full name and phone number

SEEKING LEGAL ASSISTANCE

Financially challenged parishioner seeking legal assistance for child support issues. Please call Julie at 418-4557.



RADIO ROSARY - WGL 1250 RADIO

"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace in the world." -

Our Lady of Fatima

Radio Rosary has been on the radio for 23 years. Effective March 1, the airtime for the program has been changed to 8:30 a.m. Sundays.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Life rolls on...your jobs, kids, and activities keep you busy. Plan now to take a weekend off just for the two of you to attend the next Marriage encounter weekend. The next weekend is April 23-25 in South Bend. Early registration is encouraged. For more information or to register, call Mike & Julie Roszkowski at (574) 243-0743.

Many couples avoid learning more about the Marriage Encounter Weekend because they believe that it is intended for troubled marriages. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The weekend is a romantic, faith-filled weekend with the purpose of enriching already strong marriages.

BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES

40TH ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Dwenger High School will conclude its 40th anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 17, 2004. The school will be open for tours at 3:00 p.m. Bishop John D'Arcy will concelebrate Mass at 4:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Following Mass there will be a Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony at the Fort Wayne Marriott Hotel. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person with a cash bar. For reservations call 496-4700 or e-mail dfech@bishopdwenger.com. Deadline for dinner reservations is April 5, 2004.



CEMETERY LOTS AVAILABLE

Two cemetery spaces at Covington Memorial Garden "Garden of Last Supper" are for sale. Going price currently is \$825/per space. Any reasonable offer will be considered. Please contact Sherry Miller at the parish office - 489-3537 Ext. 209.

CEMETERY PLOTS

Two spaces in St. Vincent's Garden of Highland Park Cemetery, two top seal burial vaults and two openings/closings. Please phone 637-9010 for information.

Two cemetery lots at Highland Park - \$1,000 each. Two vaults - \$500 each. Negotiable. Phone 637-5796.