



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
 *6:30 a.m. Gerard Theriot
 8:00 a.m. Elaine Underhill
 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
 *6:30 a.m. Joseph Brinker
 8:00 a.m. Maureen Stevens
 WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
 *6:30 a.m. Mary Beeler
 8:00 a.m. Marcella Greter **ALL MASS**
 THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
 *6:30 a.m. Maryann Oswald
 8:00 a.m. George Pratt
 FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
 8:00 a.m. Timothy & Coleen Sizer
 SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
 8:00 a.m. John Phillips
 5:00 p.m. Kathlene Bireley
 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
 7:15 a.m. Martin & Margaret Braun
 9:00 a.m. Katie Rennecker
 11:00 a.m. Dalton O'Boyle
 12:30 p.m. Denny Meadows
 6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)
 *CHAPEL

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)
 Saturday, December 17
 8:00 a.m. Chris Craney, Steve McIlwain
 5:00 p.m. Anthony Springmann, Jordan Venderley
 Maggie Badders, Hilary Epple
 Sunday, December 18
 7:15 a.m. Mike Yoder, Sarah Thill
 Logan Noll, Ryan Noll
 9:00 a.m. John Lallow, Josh Lallow
 Sarah Gorman, Joseph Schenkel
 11:00 a.m. Tyler Weilbaker, Isaac Evans
 Stephen Bloom, James Fox
 12:30 p.m. Russell Coonan, Riley Coonan

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

At all the Masses this weekend, December 10 and 11, we will be administering the Sacrament of the Sick. Parishioners who are seriously ill or greatly weakened due to old age or facing major surgery are candidates for the sacrament. If you would like to be anointed, you are asked to sit at the end of the pew in either of the two sections along the main aisles or you may sit in one of the front seats designated for the disabled. Ushers will be of assistance to you. The priest will go to you for the anointing ritual which follows the homily. If you plan to be anointed, sign up in the Gathering Space before Mass.

USHERS NEEDED

We are in need of regular and substitute ushers for the 12:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. This is an important ministry of hospitality, and both men and women may contribute a little extra by serving our community as an usher. We have openings on the team ushering in December and March and the team responsible for January and April. Please call Ray or Toni Ohlman at 637-5377 for more information or to volunteer. Please give this ministry your consideration.

NEWCOMERS' REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room this Sunday, December 11, after the 9 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

DID YOU KNOW....

that the Small Christian Community, Prayer Basket, has been handling the parish Giving (Angel) Tree project for 15 years?!!
 — SKJ

AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Monday, December 19th, at 7:00 p.m. About 14 priests will be present to hear confessions.

Other Penance Services in the area are:

Our Lady of Good Hope – Monday, December 12 – 7:00 p.m.
 St. John the Baptist, New Haven – Tuesday, Dec. 13 – 7:00 p.m.
 St. Charles Borromeo – Wednesday, December 14 – 7:00 p.m.
 St. Jude's - Thursday, December 15 – 7:00 p.m.

Confessions will also be offered at St. Vincent's on:

Wednesday, December 21 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday, December 22 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, December 23 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

ST. VINCENT'S CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve 4:00 and 6:30 p.m.
 Our Mass at Midnight 11:00 p.m.
 Christmas Day 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is an easy way for you to brighten the Christmas of someone less fortunate. Take an angel ornament off the evergreen tree in the Gathering Space of the Church. Purchase the gift request (written on the angel), wrap it securely, and attach the ornament to the outside of the gift. Then bring it to the church and place it under the tree by SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH, no later than 2 p.m. and we will be sure it gets delivered to the person in need before Christmas. If you cannot return the gift in time, please refrain from taking an ornament. An evergreen is used as a symbol of our need to be forever giving. If you have any questions, call Craig or Vicki Welch at 483-7257.



GIVING TREE BIG WISH LIST

A number of items requested by our giving tree recipients were too large to put on an angel. Perhaps you have the ability to purchase or donate a used item on the list and make someone's Christmas brighter. The wish list includes: bikes for 12 year old girl (2), 13 year old boy (6), 3 year old girl (2), 17 year old boy (1), stroller (2), high chair, 15 lb. bowling ball and bag, TV (4), VCR (3), vacuum cleaner (1), radio (1), used computer (2), kitchen table set (1), sofa (1), pots and pans (3). If you can donate any of these items, please call Vicki Welch at 483-7257.

A JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

You are invited to take a break from the holiday rush and refresh yourself by taking "A Journey Through Advent," an Advent day of recollection. This recollection is presented by Bob Deck, a Secular Franciscan, in the Spiritual Center on December 17, from 10 to 2:30 p.m. Lunch will be potluck style. When you register, you may give your preference of what to bring for the meal. There will be a free will offering to cover the cost of the materials. Please bring your Bibles and a pen or pencil. To register, call Bob Deck at 490-9571. Deadline for registration is December 15, 2005.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

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



Name of Loved One: _____
 Your Name: _____
 Your Address: _____
 Your Phone Number: _____
 Donation: \$ _____

Meetings of the Week

WINGS 3 – Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room
 BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 MEN'S CLUB - Monday, December 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the Scout Lodge
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RCIA – Tuesday, December 13, at 6:45 p.m. in the Spiritual Center
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, December 14, at 8 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 WINGS – Wednesday, December 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the Nursery, East Room and Community Room
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Wednesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent Back Room
 CUB SCOUTS PACK 3009 – Thursday, December 15, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT – Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel
 MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – Friday, December 16, at 6:00 a.m. at Omega Family Restaurant on Coliseum Blvd.
 K OF C BLOOD DRIVE – Saturday, December 17, at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
 ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION – Saturday, December 17, at 10:00 a.m. in the Spiritual Center
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, December 18, at 12:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 REKINDLE THE FIRE – Sunday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

ST. VINCENT PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST

Today, December 11, is the next Knights of Columbus Parish Family Breakfast. Serving times are from 8:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Bring your friends and family and enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fruit serving and milk, juice or coffee. All this for only \$4 for adults and \$3 for children ages 6 to 12 years. Children 5 years and under eat FREE. Family maximum is \$18. Don't forget...there is plenty of parking on the Wallen Road side of the Parish Hall. Thank you for supporting our parish activity!

REKINDLE THE FIRE

Men of the parish join us as we conclude our study of the Sacrament of Baptism, on Sunday, December 11, from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We will learn more about the Catholic apologetics for this sacrament.

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 Omega Family Restaurant on Coliseum Boulevard this Friday, December 16, at 6:00 a.m. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!



HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY

Free blood pressures will be taken after all Masses next weekend, December 17 and 18, in the Reconciliation area.

GREAT HOLIDAY TREATS!

The 8th graders are having a bake sale December 17, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass and December 18th, following the 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. All proceeds go to the 8th grade spring day trip. Thank you!



ST. VINCENT HARVEST HOUSE

will have a Christmas potluck on Monday, December 19. Prayer service is at 11:15 a.m., with dinner to follow. Please bring a dish to share. Everything else will be furnished. We will have a "steal drawing" after dinner. Please bring an inexpensive gift or nice "white elephant" for the drawing. RSVP to 482-2085 or 483-7252 by December 15 if you did not sign up at the November meeting.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Dec. 11 Life Night: 24/7
 Dec. 14 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 15 Pray at Abortion clinic, 7 a.m.
 Dec. 18 No Life Night
 Dec. 19 JHL: Best Christmas Gift EVER

H.O.M.E. GIRLS MEETING FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE YOUNG WOMEN

Come share stories with guest speaker, Kathy Fean. Tuesday, December 20, from 7-9:30 p.m. at the Life House.

For information about St. Vincent Youth Ministry, contact Cindy Black at 637-7445 or Cblack@SaintV.org.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

On Wednesday, December 14, we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and concluding at 4:00 p.m. The grade school children will be present for periods of adoration until the closing of their school day. The regularly scheduled adorers are expected to honor their scheduled time. All parishioners are invited to spend time in our Lord's presence, especially this year which Pope John Paul II has designated as the Year of the Eucharist.

TIME TO REGISTER FOR A NEW SESSION OF WINGS 3

Join us on a retreat with C.S. Lewis, one of the most significant Christian apologists of the twentieth century. Using the text A Retreat with C.S. Lewis: Yielding to a Pursuing God, we will explore themes such as joy, conversion, truth and suffering. WINGS 3 is a faith sharing group for women of all ages. Our mission is to nurture Christian fellowship by providing the opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith through book discussion, prayer, speakers and service. We meet on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Spiritual Center. We are currently registering for our new session which will begin January 9, 2006. Stop by the Gathering Space after all Masses the weekend of December 17/18 to register in person, or call Julie Fox at 489-0111 or Marilyn Fischer at 489-6917 to register by phone. All women are welcome!

"God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn... There is no other. That is why it is just no good asking God to make us happy in our own way without bothering about religion. God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing." — From Mere Christianity, by C. S. Lewis



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY – THANK YOU

On behalf of the Pictorial Directory Committee, a sincere THANK YOU goes out to all our volunteers. You have made the 44 days of portrait taking a success! Without your generous time donation, we could not have accomplished this project. Also, thanks to Cindy Black of the Life Teen program, the Knights of Columbus and our maintenance staff for use of the Life Teen House. May God Bless all of you!

THE ANNUAL "CHRISTMAS IN THE CATHEDRAL" CONCERT

will be held on Wednesday, December 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Fort Wayne. The Advent/Christmas program will feature a brass ensemble, the Cathedral Choir and Guest Pianist, Dyne Pfeffenberger performing special holiday music and carols. Also on the program is Harpist Nancy Morse. The concert is free and open to the public.

54TH CHRIST CHILD FESTIVAL

Friday, December 16, from 6 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, December 17, from 12 noon until 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 18, from 12 noon until 6 p.m. Kids Day is December 18. Frankie and the Holy Rollers will perform on Saturday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Live Nativity Scene and Entertainment. Come celebrate Jesus' birthday!



CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I brought in a blanket for the poor." Gabby
"I read John 8:12 out of the Bible." Abby L.
"Kept my team motivated." Elizabeth P.
"Helped dad when mom was gone." Tracy T.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SCRIP AVAILABLE TO RELIGIOUS ED FAMILIES

SCRIP can be purchased after the Masses until May 31, 2006, to earn fee reimbursement for the Religious Ed 2006-07 catechetical year. Stop by the table in the Gathering Space to purchase SCRIP or to have your questions answered.

RELIGIOUS ED AND PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE

December 14, the last class prior to Christmas vacation, will include the Jesse Tree Prayer Service at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday classes will resume on January 4.

For Preschool and Sunday Religious Ed, classes will be held on December 11. The Jesse Tree Prayer Service will be held at 4:15 p.m. Classes resume after Christmas break on January 8.

FOUR YEAR OLDS MEET SUNDAY MORNINGS

Three classes of 4 year old children meet in the parish grade school during the 9:00 Mass. Bishop Dwenger students Katie Schenkel, Laura Schmidt and Katelyn Springer teach one section, while Cindy Wagner and Susan Halley teach the other two classes. During the 11:00 Mass, Michelle Nolan is the catechist. Children at this age work from an activity book called I AM SPECIAL, published by Our Sunday Visitor. They learn about God as Creator and Giver of gifts, and discuss how they can help, share, wait, listen and pray.

KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

Hours are 9 – 2 p.m. Apply at the church office Monday-Friday, 8:30-4:30 p.m.



TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS!

Rosie needs your help in the school cafeteria. Volunteers are needed to help lightly scrape trays, spray them off and load them into the dishwasher during lunch time at school. A few hours a month would greatly help. So grab a friend, enjoy some time with great people at St. Vincent's School, and have a free lunch on Rosie! For days and times, please call Tammy Wildey at 497-7626 or Ann Kraeutle at 627-2898.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE HELP WANTED

St. Vincent's After School Care program is in need of help. Call Kathy Wolf at 750-3149 or 489-3537, ext. 516 for more information.

SCRIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Plan ahead for holiday Scrip purchases. Scrip will be available every Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. and after Life Teen Mass. Scrip will not be sold December 24-25 and December 31-January 1. Thank you for your support.

TWO HEARTS PIERCED

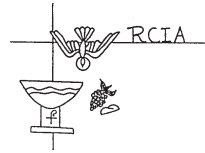
Tom Didier's new CD will be available after Masses next weekend, December 17 and 18. The CD is also available through SCRIP. Portions of the proceeds will benefit the Music Department and SCRIP.

NEW VENTURING CREW

Saint Anne Home and Retirement Community is in the process of starting a new Scouting Venturing crew for service to the residents of Saint Anne's. If you are interested and are 14 and in high school or not yet 21, you are welcome to an Open House on Wednesday, December 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Saint Anne's (1900 Randallia Drive—right behind Parkview Hospital) to learn more about this new venture.

SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Reservation Chapel from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. every Sunday. You are invited to take a moment from your day to spend time with Jesus in this sacrament of love.



RCIA

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, its teachings and traditions, you may want to consider the RCIA. For more information, please call the church office at 489-3537, and ask for Judy.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)

If your child is over the age of eight years old and not baptized or baptized in another faith and interested in the Catholic faith, please contact Cyndi Wolf at 489-3537. We welcome inquiries about the program year-round. If your child is over the age of eight and baptized Catholic but in need of the sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation, we are enrolling now for next year's program.

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.

NO SESSIONS IN DECEMBER.

Session I (East Meeting Room)

January 12, 26

Session II (East Meeting Room)

January 19

MEN'S/WOMEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKENDS

Are you looking for a way to revitalize your faith and make new friends? Sign up for the next Men's/Women's Christ Renews His Parish weekends. Men's weekend: February 18 and 19. Women's weekend: March 4 and 5. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship. Contact Joe Witulski at 471-9260 for the Men's weekend and Barb Pobuk at 637-2668 for the Women's weekend.

CO-SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR DISCERNMENT

We will be discerning for a new men's co-spiritual director for Christ Renews His Parish in the coming months. The individual should be Catholic and have had participated in a past Christ Renews His Parish weekend and team and be of good standing in the church. Duties include participation in retreat weekends, team formation and monthly CRHP Continuation Committee meetings. Please send letters of nomination to: Stephen Minne, 1629 Coronado Court, Fort Wayne 46845 or e-mail to sgminne@verizon.net. No self-nominations, please!



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP



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.



**PRAYERS FOR THOSE
SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

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

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| HM3 Nicole Frantz Brooks | Ensign Brandon Brooks |
| Tech Sgt. Andrew Frantz | Lt. Teresa Frantz |
| Lance Cpl. Brian Crooks | Spc. Tony Christman |
| Sgt. Andrew Christman | Cpl. Jon Till |
| Captain J. J. Ferguson | Anthony G. Schuckel |
| Travis Davis | Spc. Derrick C. McCann |
| Sgt. Manuel Gonzalez | Cpl Chad H. Pollitt |
| SRA Matthew R. Stier | Staff Sgt. Thomas Putman |
| Staff Sgt. Thomas Pettit | Pvt. Bradley Trowbridge |
| Adam Niemic | Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Puckett |
| Sgt. Jerum Madarang | Sgt. Aaron Barton |
| Sgt. Eric Derheimer | Sgt. Rob Niemeyer |
| Sgt. Michael Dixon | Cpl. Jason Day |
| Sgt. Keith Koch | Lance Cpl. Matt Vincent, Jr. |
| Scott Krieg, Air Guard | Lt. Col. Scott Gmitter |

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. VINCENTS
PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE!**

Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. In fact, there's a 97% chance that someone you know will require a blood transfusion in his or her lifetime. What greater gift can you give than the gift of life?

Please help by donating this life-giving gift of blood at the American Red Cross Blood Drive here at St. Vincent's on Saturday, December 17, 2005, in the Parish Hall (old gym). Donation hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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!

UPDATED LIST OF PANTRY 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 LAUNDRY DETERGENT, DISH DETERGENT, PAPER PRODUCTS, SOUPS, JELLY, CRACKERS, BAKED BEANS, CATSUP, MUSTARD, CANNED FRUIT, CANNED PEAS/MIXED VEGETABLES/CARROTS, CANNED MEAT, CEREAL and DIAPERS (esp. size 2), 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!



**DONATE YOUR VEHICLE
TO HELP ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

Donate your car, truck or van for a good cause. Many people are in need of a good running vehicle. A tax write-off for you. Call the St. Vincent de Paul Store at 456-3561.

FRESH CUT IN INDIANA!

A huge selection of Christmas trees up to 14 feet tall are available at the St. Vincent Scout Lodge. Open 4 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, Noon on Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Close at 9 p.m. each day.

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Santa and Mrs. Claus would love to come to your home and visit with your children or come to your business and talk with your employees. We just love Christmas parties. This is our 28th year of spreading Christmas Cheer. There are plenty of times still available. Call for more information, 489-2473.

GOOD NEWS

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2a,10-11 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8,19-28

Paige Byrne Shortal
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Gaudete in Domino semper! "Rejoice in the Lord always!" This is the entrance antiphon for today and it is why this Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday.

For some rejoicing comes as easy as lighting a rose candle. For others this is a difficult time of year...if we are lonely or anxious or depressed or ill...if the people with whom we must spend Christmas are difficult for us to be with...if we long for past Christmases when we were children, or when our children were little...if we miss a dear loved one who has died.

Christmastime seems to magnify our emotional state. The burden of grief we carry day to day becomes unbearable when all around us is tinsel and lights and greetings of "Merry Christmas."

So we come to church and hear, "Rejoice always? Be assured, Saint Paul is not calling us to cheer up and shout "Happy Holidays." The rejoicing he is talking about is a deep down thing and the context is the proclamation from the prophet Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners"

This Christ whose birth we prepare to celebrate is Emmanuel, God-with-us, who knows our pain and whose promise is not to take that pain away or distract us from it or numb us so we don't feel it. His promise is that our suffering is the very stuff of which the kingdom is made. Remember, "Blessed are those who mourn"

To rejoice, we don't just "endure the holidays." We enter into them in a way that only the suffering can. The readings, the music, the prayers all take on a deeper meaning. With your eyes opened to suffering, you will notice others who are hurting too, and you can pray for them. You are not alone.

NURSING HOMES

Mass is offered once a month at the nursing homes within parish boundaries, namely, Kingston, University Park, Towne House and Byron, as well as weekly Holy Communion Services. We would like the names of parishioners in other facilities so that we might visit them. Please call Deb Andrews at 489-3537.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

Parishioners who are confined to their homes due to illness or disability may receive Holy Communion at home. Please call Deb Andrews at 489-3537 to arrange for a visit from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

MEDICARE PRESCRIPTION INFO.

If you are a Medicare beneficiary with limited income and resources, you may be able to get extra help paying for prescription drugs. Beginning January 1, 2006, a new program will provide prescription drug coverage under Medicare. If you have limited income and resources, you may be able to get help paying for your monthly premiums, deductibles and co-payments under this prescription drug program.

Medicare beneficiaries with annual income below \$14,355 for an individual (\$19,245 for a married couple living together) may not have to pay monthly premiums or deductibles, and could pay as little as \$2 for prescription co-payments. Savings must be limited to \$10,000 for an individual (\$20,000 for a married couple living together).

People can apply for this "extra help" by calling Social Security at 1-800-772-1213. You can also apply on-line at www.socialsecurity.gov.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Due to the HIPPA (privacy) laws, Parkview's computer system will not let us know who is in the hospital. Unless you specifically tell them at registration that it is okay to call your church, the priests and parish nurse will not know you are there. So, you either need to answer that question **YES** or you or a family member needs to call the church office, 489-3537.

DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED HELP

PAYING FOR PRESCRIPTION DRUGS?

The state of Indiana's Hoosier Rx Drug Card is available to Indiana residents age 65 and older who do not have prescription drug insurance and are not receiving drug assistance through the state Medicaid program. Certain income requirements also apply. The card can save eligible seniors 75 percent off the cost of prescriptions. You can get a Hoosier Rx application at your pharmacy or by calling toll free 1-866-267-4679. You also may visit the website at www.IN.gov/HoosierRx.

CARING FOR YOUR AGING PARENTS

Are you dealing with an elderly parent and being forced to make difficult decisions regarding living arrangements and health care? A book has been written by Monica and Bill Dodds entitled "Caring For Your Aging Parent – A Guide For Catholic Families". The authors deal with these issues and more. If you are interested in a copy, please call Deb Andrews at 489-3537.

DAYCARE OPENING

Full-time opening. References. 5 years experience. Concordia Gardens. Call Selena at 470-9914.

HOUSE CLEANING AVAILABLE

Over 20 years of residential service. Large jobs OK – 2 person team available. Call 260-609-0743.

SAINTS ALIVE! LIP SYNC

Looking for a fun night out? Come join us at Bishop Dwenger High School on January 7 from 6:30 p.m. until midnight. It's a night of good food, beverage, entertainment and dancing. Admission is \$50 per couple. Send checks to the Saints Alive! Office, 1300 E. Washington Center Road, 46825, or for further information call 483-7001. Hope to see you there. Inquire about reserve seating.
