

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

- *6:30 a.m. J & M Thanksgiving
- 8:00 a.m. Kathryn Barbieri ALL MASS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

- *6:30 a.m. Fred J. Didomenico
- 8:00 a.m. Vern Bradley

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

- *6:30 a.m. Dave Westrick
- 8:00 a.m. Int. Brian & Mona Smith (30th anniv)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

- *6:30 a.m. Brian Houlihan
- 8:00 a.m. Int. Sally & Don Stone (56th anniv)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

- 8:00 a.m. Bernard Gase
- *5:30 p.m. Matthew Pekel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

- 8:00 a.m. Phyllis Marqueling
- 5:00 p.m. Art Witucki

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

- 7:15 a.m. John Koorsen
- 9:00 a.m. Escolastica Magno
- 11:00 a.m. Gertrude Coty
- 12:45 p.m. Nora Root
- 6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

*CHAPEL



SERVERS SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, September 23

- 8:00 a.m. Aaron and Andrew Ceckowski
- 5:00 p.m. Thomas Coonan, Jeremy Gladieux
Monica Thomas, Victoria Rosse

Sunday, September 24

- 7:15 a.m. Anthony Springmann, Sean Meehan
Madeline Hunnicutt, Ken Gase
- 9:00 a.m. Mackenzie Helmer, Quinton Lepper
Abigail Markley, John Reecer
- 11:00 a.m. Erin Boedeker, Justin Thelen
Bronson Hillman, Erin Grutsch

WEDDING BANNIS

"Let us pray for these sons and daughters of St. Vincent's as they prepare for their wedding day."

- III Scott Arnold and Elizabeth Steininger
- II Nick Rorick and Shannon Alger
- II Jeffrey Shellhorn and Molly Cooper
- I Peter Williams and Carrie Przbysin
- I Andy Baker and Christina Straub



THIS MONTH USHERS

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Saturday

- 5:00 p.m. Dan Roherty, Ron Abbott
Clayton Buttles, Cortney Kitchen

Sunday

- 7:15 a.m. Gary Weaver, Dave Barrett
Ron James, Bruce Cadwell
- 9:00 a.m. Tony Turner, Glen Wynn, Donald Bobay,
Rudi Siela Judy Andorfer
- 11:00 a.m. Ron Tirpak, Andy Bobay, David Kinniry
Joshua Burkhardt, Mark Herberger
- 12:45 p.m. Jim Coonan, Tim Helbing, Randy Thelen

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH NEWSLETTER

Copies of the Fall Christ Renews His Parish Newsletter are available in the back of church. The newsletter lists times, places and ideas for parish support of the upcoming Women's CRHP weekend.

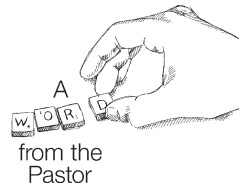
PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

will be available in the East Meeting Room through November 25th for those families whose portraits were taken last fall.

FROM THE PASTOR

Enjoy the parish picnic today. Vincentfest is always a nice occasion for parishioners to get together for fun and laughter. I am grateful to Bruce Cadwell and all the volunteers who assisted him for all of their good work.

Fr. John



RCIA GOOD NEWS!

At this weekend's 9:00 and 11:00 Masses, we will have the Rite of Acceptance. 16 adults and 5 children will come into the Catechumenate. At Vincentfest this afternoon, our new adult candidates and catechumens will be serving Lemonade, donated to the parish by them. Please stop by and meet our new friends!

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY ANNUAL PARISH APPEAL

The mission of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is to serve Christ by serving those in need as stated in Matt: 25, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Our members make home visits throughout our large parish boundaries to provide food and financial assistance for the payment of rent, utilities, medications, and other necessities. We also offer counseling, provide references, and share prayer with those we serve. The needs are great, and our responsibility to answer the call of Christ to help those in need is greater. Approximately 35-40 calls are responded to each month.

There will be a second collection taken at all Masses next weekend, September 23 and 24, to provide urgently needed funds for us to carry out our mission for Christ. Please help us through your generous donations to serve those in need, to serve Christ, and to serve you, our parishioners. Thank you, and God bless you.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society

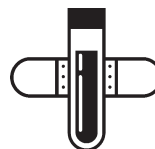


Reach out to those in need

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

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

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



BLOOD DRIVE

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. VINCENTS

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, September 30, 2006, in the Parish Hall (old gym). Donation hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Saint Vincent's August 2006 Collections – Four Weeks
 Total Collection in Envelopes \$ 186,905
 Total Collection in Loose 9,893
 \$ 196,798

Average Weekly Collection \$ 49,200
 Project Solidarity for the Poor \$ 6,080
 Capital Improvement Envelope \$ 1,761



Meetings of the Week

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS – Monday, September 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 TWO BY TWO BIBLE STUDY – Tuesday, September 19, at 8:30 a.m. in the East Room
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RCIA – Tuesday, September 19, at 6:45 p.m. in the Gathering Space
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, September 20, at 8:00 a.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 WINGS – Wednesday, September 20, at 9:00 a.m. in the Life Teen House
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – Wednesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Convent
 CUB SCOUTS – Thursday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 WINGS II – Thursday, September 21, at 9:00 a.m. in the Life House
 WINGS 3 – Thursday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Life House
 BAPTISMAL PREPARATION II – Thursday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Conference Room
 GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY – Thursday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 WOMEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKEND – Saturday and Sunday, September 23 and 24
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, September 24, at 12:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel

HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY

Free blood pressures will be taken after all Masses TODAY in the Reconciliation area.

CUB SCOUTS

The St. Vincent Cub Scout Roundup, Grades 1 through 5 meeting, will be held Thursday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. New and current Cub Scouts are invited.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING WITH YOUR WEIGHT?

Be a servant of God rather than a slave to food. The Light Weigh, a 12-week Catholic weight loss program, will have an orientation meeting in the back room of the Convent Wednesday, September 27, from 9 – 11 a.m. Come and see how this can grace you. For further information email Nancy Simmonds at njsimmonds@verizon.net.

CPR/AED TRAINING

A session on this life saving technique will be offered on Saturday, September 30, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. To sign up, please call Deb Andrews 489-3537. There will be a small nominal fee.



ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

will be held October 2, in the East Room at 7:00 p.m. Nancy Jo Simmonds will do a presentation on the icons of St. Vincent's. All women of the parish are invited.

HARVEST HOUSE FESTIVAL

Ft. Wayne Harvest House Fall Festival is Wednesday, September 27, at Immaculate Conception Church, Diamond and Oak Streets, Kendallville. Mass is at 11:00 a.m., with dinner and entertainment to follow. Cost is \$10 per person. All reservations are final and must be paid. RSVP today to 483-7252. We will meet at the church parking lot at 9:45 a.m. and carpool.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

September 17 LIFE NIGHT – "Secret Handshake"
 September 20 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.
 September 21 Pray at Abortion clinic, 7:00 a.m.
 September 24 LIFE NIGHT – "Formerly Known As"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 17-19 Fall Retreat: "Be A Hero". Teens, if you would like to be on the planning team for the retreat, please see Tracy for an application.

OUR TEENS LOVE TO EAT!

We need Parents and Others who are willing to be on teams to provide food for LIFE NIGHTS. If you can help about every 5 weeks, please contact Tracy.



XLT FOR THE DIOCESE

"The Real Thing", Thursday, September 28, 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's downtown. It's the same XLT that we do at St. Vincent's...with Frankie and the Holy Rollers playing your favorite Praise and Worship music with adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Teens, we need you to be an example to all who have never experienced XLT. Everyone is welcome!!

WE NEED LECTORS AND

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

We are looking for teens who would like to be a Lector or an EMHC at the Life Teen Mass. If you are interested, please see Tracy or any core member.

For information about St. Vincent Youth Ministry, contact Tracy Sines at 338-1263 or [Tracy 1892@aol.com](mailto:Tracy1892@aol.com).



FATHER-SON MEN'S DINNER

Saints Alive! proudly presents St. Francis' football coach, Kevin Donley, at this year's Father-Son/Men's Dinner at Bishop Dwenger High School on Wednesday, October 11, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The event is open to future Dwenger freshmen (7th and 8th graders) and Dwenger young men, dads, uncles, grandpas, etc. Admission is \$15 for students and \$20 for adults. Mail dinner reservations to

Saints Alive!, 118 Collins Drive, Fort Wayne, 46825. Please contact Mark Herberger 637-1251 or the Saints Alive! office 483-7001 with any questions. We are also looking for sponsors to help underwrite the cost of admission for those who could not normally afford to attend.

MOM'S NEEDED FOR BISHOP DWENGER'S

SAINTS ALIVE! FATHER-SON MEN'S DINNER

We are in need of moms to help serve dinner for the upcoming Saints Alive! Father-Son/Men's Dinner on Wednesday, October 11, at Bishop Dwenger High School. If you are available and would like to help, please contact Eloisa Herberger 637-1251 or Shelley Schaefer 471-0780.

ST. VINCENT'S YOUNG ADULT GROUP WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

We will begin reading in October "Secrets of the Eucharist" by Michael Brown. Now is a great time to join and meet other young women in the parish. For this particular book we will meet two Thursdays a month beginning on October 12. Please contact Mindy Heidenreich for more information, 414-4472 or mindymay@hotmail.com.

ATTENTION NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS

Families who have registered as parishioners of St. Vincent's after June 13th are welcome to stop by the church office and pick up a 2006 Guide Book and Directory. This book lists all parishioners' names, addresses and phone numbers as well as information about the organizations and committees of the parish.

NOTRE DAME VS. MICHIGAN STATE

Don't miss the continuing rivalry between these two dynamic institutions on Saturday, September 23, on Redeemer Radio. Catholic radio 1450 AM – your source for Catholic sports! Where you will find Luers/Dwenger home games broadcast every Friday at 6:55 p.m.

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"Got a tooth." Zoe H.

"I made cookies for a school bake sale." Megan M.

"Going to church to learn about God and praying." Danielle S.

"I helped my sister ride a two wheeler." Kirstin K.

"Practiced spelling words." Andrew K.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

All children who will be in grade 1 and new students to the Religious Ed program must be registered by calling the RE office at 489-3537 ext. 235. Please do not delay in registering your child. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 20 and Sunday, September 24. Those students previously enrolled are automatically advanced to the next grade level.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

During the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses, children who are 3, 4 and 5 years of age are eligible to attend preschool classes in the school if they reached the appropriate age by September 1. All preschool children must be registered. Call Tami at 489-3537 ext. 235.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS NEEDED

All present eighth graders in our parish are prepared for Confirmation this year. Our Wednesday evening eighth grade RE classes must be staffed with two more catechists who are willing to work with our students to assist them in their preparation. Please pray about this important ministry and call Beth 489-3537 ext. 204 to volunteer.

On Sunday we are in need of a first grade catechist. Classes are held from 4:00-5:30 p.m. Please call Beth 489-3537 ext. 204 to volunteer.

SACRAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS

The diocese requires that before children can make their First Communion (grade 2) and be confirmed (grade 8), they must be enrolled in the grade prior to those sacramental years. This means that children must complete grade one prior to First Communion and seventh grade prior to Confirmation.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

Registration forms for the October 7 Jr. High Rally in North Manchester are due Monday, September 18.



Girl Scout Camp

GIRL SCOUT FALL CAMP-OUT

All Girl Scouts, please come and join us this Friday for lots of fun and friendship! The annual Girl Scout fall camp-out will be held Friday, September 22, 6:00 p.m. through Saturday, September 23, 10:00 a.m. The cost is \$5 (cash or check made payable to SV Girl Scouts) plus a donation

of sealable sandwich size baggies or brown lunch sacks for the Franciscan Center (to be brought the night of the camp-out). Permission slips and additional information are available on the St. Vincent's Girl Scout website at www.svgirlscouts.com. Permission slips and payments are due by Monday, September 18, and may be placed in the SV Girl Scouts envelope in the school office. If you have any questions, need assistance with the website, cannot make it into the school office to drop off the permission slip and payment, etc., please call Sherri McDonald in the evenings at 627-8057.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Wanted: Part-time kitchen help. Apply at the church office.

PLAYGROUND ASSISTANT NEEDED

The school is in need of a playground supervisor to work each day from 10:30 to 12:30 monitoring the students at recess. If you are interested contact the school office at 489-3537 ext. 213.

CHANGES FOR ABC'S AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION

With your help, we were able to get six computers and a DVD player for the school from Scott's ABC program. We came in 6th place with over \$600,000 in receipts. This year, the receipts will expire each month. Please try to turn them in weekly, if possible, in the red and white Campbell's containers in front of the school office or inside the west entrance to the church Gathering Space.

Another major change concerns the Campbell's program. They no longer accept front labels as proofs. In most cases now, proofs are the UPC codes (bar codes) or lids from V8 bottles or Prego jars. We will keep a laminated list of the required Campbell's proofs at each collection site. Last year, we saved over 32,000 labels for the school, which can be exchanged for school supplies or equipment.

Continue saving Boxtops for Education found on General Mills products including Kleenex and Ziploc. Please cut them out on the dotted line, if possible. It saves a lot of time in processing them. We gave the school over \$3,000 last year from the program at 10 cents per boxtop.

There are special promotions going on now at all grocery stores for either Boxtops or Campbells for bonus points with the required purchases. Watch for them on your receipts and don't let them or your boxtops expire. We are also participating in Tyson Children Project A+ this year. The proofs say "1, 2, 3, Support Your School, Tyson Project A+ ". They are worth 24 cents each.

Thanks for all your help for our school. If you can help or if you have any questions, call Kathy Hazelett at 484-1662.

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)

September 28; October 12 and 26

Session II (Church Conference Room)

September 21; October 19



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.

MARCH FOR LIFE

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Every day in the United States, 4,400 children are killed by surgical abortion. If the chemical abortions are included, it is estimated that up to 35,000 pre-born boys and girls are murdered each day nationally. On Sunday, October 1, the March for Life Committee will hold its 14th annual Memorial Service commemorating the death of the 699 babies killed by abortion in Fort Wayne this past year. These are the little boys and girls killed each Thursday at the Women's Health Organization located at 827 Webster Street and 2210 Inwood Drive. Each of the babies has been given a name and will be remembered during the service. The Memorial Service begins at 2:00 p.m. in the Catholic Cemetery, 3500 Lake Avenue. Our service is non-denominational and all are invited to attend. In each of the past years several hundred people have attended. It is a beautiful and meaningful service and it will last one hour. Please come and bring your friends.



SERVICE OF Remembrance

PRAY FOR OUR ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ MILITARY

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY

If you have a family member who is serving or working 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:

Sgt. Amanda Smith
Tech Sgt. Andrew Frantz
Lance Cpl. Brian Crooks
Sgt. Andrew Christman
PSC Anthony G. Schuckel
Travis Davis
PFC Justin Harber
Staff Sgt. Matthew R. Stier
Staff Sgt. Thomas Pettit
Adam Niemic
PFC Matthew Clarke
Sgt. Eric Derheimer
Sgt. Michael Dixon
Sgt. Keith Koch
Scott Krieg, Air Guard
PO1 Jeremy Waldschmidt
PFC Justin Harber
LTJG Brandon Flores
PFC Nicholas DeDario
Pvt. Dane R. Buuck

Ensign Brandon Brooks
Lt. Teresa Frantz
Spc. Tony Christman
Cpl. Jon Till
Sgt. Ben Hermann
Spc. Derrick C. McCann
Cpl. Chad H. Pollitt
Staff Sgt. Thomas Putman
Pvt. Bradley Trowbridge
Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Puckett
Major Martin L. Fair
Sgt. Rob Niemeyer
Lance Cpl. Jason Day
Lance Cpl. Matt Vincent, Jr.
Lt. Col. Scott Gmitter
Sgt. Joshua Wolfgram
1st Lt. (LTJG) Spencer Seufert
LTJG Melissa Flores
PFC Benjamin Caccamo

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 SPAGHETTI, LAUNDRY SOAP, JELLY, PORK 'N BEANS, PAPER PRODUCTS, PANCAKE MIX, MAPLE SYRUP, LAUNDRY SOAP, MACARONI & CHEESE, CEREAL, and CANNED MEATS, 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!



WINTER WEAR AVAILABLE AT THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL STORE

Visit St. Vincent de Paul Store for great selection of fall and winter clothing. Sweaters, jackets shirts and much much more. Store hours are 9 – 5 p.m.

ST. JUDE ADULT EDUCATION

We are pleased to present Mr. Sabah Al-Saud from the Fort Wayne Islamic Center. He will be speaking on the Basic Tenants of the Islamic Faith. Mr. Saud is also the Director of the Fort Wayne Islamic Council. The presentation will be held on September 25. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the South Hall of St. Jude Parish.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

A 4-week introductory course is being offered on Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body – his reflections on scripture in light of our being created male and female. The classes will be held on Monday, October 2, 9, 16 and 23, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in rooms 1 and 2 at Our Lady of Good Hope. Each session will include a video by Christopher West, an internationally acclaimed speaker, and group discussion questions. Workbooks will be provided free-of-charge for parishioners; non-parishioners are requested to make a small donation. For more information, call Vince or Becky Barry 486-1718.

CARDINAL FEST

at St. Charles Church, Sunday, September 23, 3:00 – 11:00 p.m. Bingo, indoor kid's carnival games and outdoor activities, 3 point basketball contest, food vendors, entertainment by "The Joe Five" band and Saturday evening Mass will be at 4:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR

Fr. Ron Rieder, OFM, Cap. will celebrate the Holy Hour at MacDougal Chapel on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:15 p.m. Fr. Rieder is Pastor of St. Peter and Paul Parish, Huntington. Bring a friend this week and join us in prayer with the special intention to pray for priests and vocations. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.



ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF PRAYER

St. Joseph United Methodist Church invites you to an Ecumenical Service of Prayer on September 24, at 4:00 p.m., 6004 Reed Road. Come pray as one body of Christ for our respective churches, denominations, the church overall, peace in the world, and for the whole body of Christ. Call 485-9681 ext. 26 for more information.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1956

is having its 50th reunion on Saturday, October 7, with Mass at 5:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Fort Wayne Country Club. Anyone wanting to make reservations or needing more information should contact Sally (Becker) Noll at 436-5295 or salnoll@yahoo.com.

VICTORY NOLL WORKSHOP

Victory Noll Ministry Center will be offering a workshop for the public on Saturday, October 7, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., entitled "Walk in Beauty, Walk in Balance". The workshop will be presented by Sr. Mary Baird, PHJC, from Donaldson, IN. She is an environmentalist, naturalist and artist, and will help participants explore some of the critical challenges that face us and the efforts we need to take to help sustain the beauty of creation. An offering of \$10 includes snacks, refreshments and handouts. For reservations call Jan Parker at Victory Noll Ministry Center at 260-356-0628 ext. 128 or email to ministryctr@olvm.org by September 29.

BENEDICTINE LIFE WEEKEND

Wondering where God is leading you in life? Curious if monastic life might be a "fit" for you? Feeling a need to simply check it out? If so, we offer you a Benedictine Life Weekend, an opportunity for single Catholic women 19-40 to experience the Benedictine way of life. October 13-15, 7:00 p.m. Friday through 1:00 p.m. Sunday. For more information, contact Sister Agnes Marie Dauby or Sister Anita Louise Lowe at 800-738-9999 or vocation@thedome.org.

SUCCESSFUL STEPFAMILIES CONFERENCE

"Building a Successful Stepfamily" is an upcoming Christian conference to help couples learn how to blend households, children and deal with unique problems of remarriage. Ron Deal, founder of Successful Families, will guide adults, pre-marriage couples, newly married couples in a remarriage, single parents, clergy, laity and mental health providers in developing skills to have a flourishing stepfamily. The conference will be Saturday, October 21, at The Chapel, 2505 W. Hamilton Road. The cost is \$70 per couple, \$55 per single adult. If you register online (fwymca.org) the fee is reduced. For more information contact Laura Harmon at laura@pathwayscommunity.org or call Scott McAlister at 471-3500.

OUR LADY OF GOOD HOPE FISH FRY

Knights of Columbus Annual Ed Fox Fish Fry is September 29 at Our Lady of Good Hope from 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. Adults \$7; children \$4.50; under 5 free. Carry out available.



QUEEN OF ANGELS DANCE

Spike & the Bulldogs will play at Queen of Angels Activities Center, 1600 W. State Street, on Saturday, October 7. Doors open 7:00 p.m., dance 8:00- 11:00 p.m. Cost is \$15/person. Tickets available at door. Call 432-5431 for information. Beer, snacks, soft drinks provided. Costume optional; prize for best costume.

PART-TIME ACCOUNTANT

Approximately 20 hours a week to help with accounts payable, reconciliation of bank accounts, and preparation of financial statements. If interested, please call Karen at 705-4123.

GOOD NEWS

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 50:5-9a / Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35

Paige Byrne Shortal - sundaybulletins@liguori.org

Today we hear more from the Letter of James and his exploration of the controversial issue of faith and works, or that relationship between what we believe and what we do. The connection seems obvious, doesn't it? Why the apparent controversy?

Saint Paul teaches that we are saved by faith and faith alone. It's important to understand the context for this teaching. There was a conflict that developed in the early Church about the requirements for reception into the Church. Remember that Christianity began as a Jewish sect. The first Christians were Jewish and followed Jewish religious practices. Some of them thought that the first non-Jewish Christians had to essentially become Jews first and take on Jewish customs-notably that of circumcision and fasting from certain food items. Saint Paul, formerly Saul the Pharisee and zealous persecutor of Christians, argued that faith in Christ Jesus is all that's important, not outward acts of piety. At the Council of Jerusalem in the year 50 AD, the conclusion came down in Saint Paul's favor - such practices were not required for Gentile Christians; their faith in Jesus was enough.

As so often happens, this teaching became exaggerated. Some claimed that "saved by faith alone" meant that as long as a Christian called on the Lord Jesus, the behavior of that Christian was of little consequence. James responds in today's reading that faith without (good) works is a dead faith.

I'm reminded of the words of Edward Abbey: "Sentiment without action is the ruin of the soul." (Faith without works is dead.)

Faith and works: for the individual Christian and the Christian community, it's an issue of balance. Our faith in Christ Jesus and our reading of the gospel prompts us to good works. Our good works build the kingdom only if they are rooted in the gospel and in a relationship with Jesus and the community of his disciples we call the Church. Such a relationship needs nurturing - learning about our faith, reading the Scriptures, quiet time for prayer, common prayer with the community (liturgy), and yes, doing good works, too.