

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
8:00 a.m. Gerard Theriot

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
*6:30 a.m. John & Louise Palmer
8:00 a.m. Donald Smith

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
*6:30 a.m. Ellen Lindeman-Stalf
8:00 a.m. Elaine Underhill ALL MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
*6:30 a.m. Raymond York
8:00 a.m. Mary Beeler

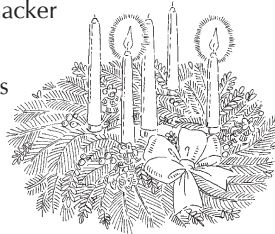
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
8:00 a.m. Ray & Catherine Steinacker
*5:30 p.m. Maryann Oswald

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
8:00 a.m. Fred & Mary Clements
5:00 p.m. Dave Westrick

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
7:15 a.m. Melba Jean Ryan
9:00 a.m. Robert Carstens
11:00 a.m. Joel Strausborger
12:45 p.m. Edward Brown
6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

*CHAPEL

Second Sunday of Advent



SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement, especially during the holidays)

Saturday, December 16
8:00 a.m. TEAM 5:
Dan Koehl, Melanie Heiny
Joe Fox, Sarah Coffee

5:00 p.m. TEAM 12:
Jessica Viduya, McKenzie Helmer
Jonathon Hake, Dillon Oswald

Sunday, December 17
7:15 a.m. TEAM 17:
Quentin Lepper, Conner McCann
Andrew Smith, Liz Newbauer

9:00 a.m. TEAM 11:
Tori Roser, Hannah Molinaro
Jeremy Gladieux, Hannah Rapp

11:00 a.m. TEAM 13:
Sean Meehan, Brittney Giant
Madelyn Pollifrone, Kylie Stevens

12:45 p.m. TEAM 18:
Logan Noll, Matt Woodrum
Molly Brunner, K. Buenconsejo



WEDDING BANS

"Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide this couple as they approach the sacrament of marriage."
I Matthew Till and Auralea Picciano

COFFEE & DONUTS

December 10 Buescher Family
December 17 – January 7 No C&D

NEWCOMERS' REGISTRATION

Parish representatives will be in the Church Conference Room today, December 10, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass to welcome and register new members to St. Vincent's.

USHERS NEEDED

We have openings for ushers for most weekend Masses. Ushers are assigned to teams and each team serves for three months during the year. Both men and women are welcome to serve in this ministry of hospitality. Please call Ray and Toni Ohlman at 637-5377 to volunteer or for more information.

AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Our Advent Penance Service will be on Monday, December 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. About 14 priests will be present to hear confessions.

Other Penance Services in the area are:
St. John the Baptist, New Haven – Monday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m.
St. Charles – Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m.
St. Jude – Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m.
Precious Blood – Tuesday, December 19, at 7:00 p.m.

Confessions will also be offered at St. Vincent's on:
Wednesday, December 20 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, December 21 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, December 22 3:30 – 4:30 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 and 11:00 a.m.



FRANCISCAN CENTER COLLECTIONS SITE CLOSED

We have been informed by the Franciscan Center that they are closing their Clothes Closet. Therefore, we will no longer be accepting any donations of clothing, household items, toys, etc. You can share those donations with other agencies.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

On Wednesday, December 13, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sunday, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 8:30 – 7:00 p.m.
During this holy season of Advent let us pray for the grace to truly desire Jesus to be a part of our lives. Prepare your hearts to receive Our King through prayer before the powerful presence of Our Eucharistic Lord. Come, let us adore Him!

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTION

is an automatic transfer program which allows you to make regular contributions to the Church without writing checks or giving cash. It saves you time, work and simplifies your life. However, persons who give electronically are urged to continue to drop the empty collection envelopes in the Sunday basket as a sign of their commitment to stewardship. If you would like more information on Electronic Giving, please call the church office.

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)



POINSETTIAS

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

MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

MEN'S CLUB – Monday, December 11, at 8:00 p.m. in the Scout Lodge
 SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 RCIA – Tuesday, December 12, at 6:45 p.m. in the Gathering Space
 HASA – Tuesday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Teachers Lounge
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, December 13, at 8:00 a.m. in the Church
 WINGS – Wednesday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the Scout Lodge
 LIGHT WEIGH - Wednesday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the Convent Back Room
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 WINGS II – Thursday, December 14, at 9:00 a.m. in the East Room
 CUB SCOUTS – Thursday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall
 WINGS 3 – Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Life House
 BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nursery
 DIVORCED CATHOLIC SUPPORT GROUP – Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room
 MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST – Friday, December 15, at 6:00 a.m. in the Life Teen House
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, December 17, at 12:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel

DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP HOLIDAY POTLUCK

Come join us for our holiday potluck on Thursday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. We will be back in the SPIRITUAL CENTER! Chicken, beverages and paper goods will be provided. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share. For more information call the church office at 489-3537.



MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

If you would like to meet some of your fellow parishioners for prayer, fellowship and food to begin your day off on the right foot, plan to join men of the parish at the Life Teen House this Friday, December 15, at 6:00 a.m. ALL MEN ARE WELCOME!

HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY

Free blood pressures will be taken after all Masses next weekend, December 16/17, in the Reconciliation area.

ST. VINCENT PARISH FAMILY BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 17, 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. For this breakfast, we will be accepting free-will donations instead of a set price. The proceeds from this breakfast will be given to Redeemer Radio. Don't forget...there is plenty of parking on the Wallen Road side of the Parish Hall. Thank you for supporting our parish activity!

ST. VINCENT HARVEST HOUSE

will have a Christmas potluck on Monday, December 18, at the Spiritual Center. 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 a 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.

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH

JOHN ANGOTTI AND HIS MEMPHIS BAND

See another side of John by kicking off 2007 in style, dancing to the secular music performed live by John Angotti and his band on Sunday, December 31, 2006. The event will be held at St. Vincent's cafeteria from 9:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Tickets available after Masses and in the church office. See Tony.



YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

Dec. 10 Life Night – "As We Wait in Joyful Hope"
 Dec. 12 Mass @ 6:30 a.m. followed by breakfast
 Dec. 13 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.
 Dec. 14 Pray at Abortion clinic – 7:00 a.m.
 Dec. 17 Life Night – Coffee House Social



YOUTH WEEK

ADVENT MASS AND BREAKFAST

Teens, please join us for Mass and breakfast on Tuesday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel (adjoining the Spiritual Center). This is a great way to prepare your hearts for Jesus. Give Him one Extra Mass during Advent.

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

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 17TH, 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: 12 bikes of varying sizes, women's black suit size 12, high chair (1), playpen (1), booster seat, crib, twin bed and mattress, pots and pans (2), vacuum cleaner (4), microwave (4), sewing machine (2), computer (3), TV (3), table lamps (2) and many winter coats of varying sizes for boys, girls, women and men. If you can donate any of these items, please call Vicki Welch 483-7257.

"EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS"

ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The Byron Health Center Sunday Volunteer ministry is in need of two additional Eucharistic Ministers. Service in this ministry involves taking Communion to residents who are confined to their rooms. This is done every Sunday and takes about one hour in the morning. Ministers are assigned every four to five weeks. If interested, call Dolly Passino, 489-5956, or Bob Swindler, 489-8150.

CARE SACRISTAN MINISTRY

Would you like to assist in the ministry of Care Sacristan? This ministry involves taking care of our Church and, while not a demanding ministry, is a very worthwhile one. For more information, call Mary Schafer at 489-1965.

MARKET DAY – DISNEY PROMO

Thanks to all who ordered for the December sale. Over \$500 was earned and our total since September is just over \$2,000. In January, Market Day is teaming up with Disney and having a Disney Vacation give away. Five Walt Disney World vacations for four will be given away, as well as 100 iPods and 1,000 \$25 Best Buy Gift Cards. You have to order on line or mail in an entry. No purchase is necessary. Entries entered by bringing in your order forms DO NOT QUALIFY. Place your orders on line to qualify for the drawing or mail in an entry! Only one entry per household will be permitted. Entries will be drawn daily beginning January 3, 2007. Forms can be found at the table by the church office and completed forms can be returned to the church or school offices by January 10 or filed on the internet by January 13 at www.marketday.com. The next pickup date is January 18. Again, Market Day is open to all and having a student at the school is not necessary. Any questions, call Eva Vandeputte 490-9329. Good luck!

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

"I gave baby items to the needy." Nicholas T.

"I wrote a letter to Grandma." Rachel T.

"Made prayer bundle to pray for my family." Edward D.

"Helped Tony put boxes in his attic." Josh D.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

DECEMBER/JANUARY SCHEDULE FOR RE

Sunday classes will meet on December 10 and 17. Wednesday sessions are scheduled for December 13 and 20. Following Christmas break, classes will resume on Wednesday, January 10 and Sunday, January 14.

JESSE TREE PRAYER SERVICES PLANNED

Religious Ed classes will attend the services on Sunday, December 10 at 4:15 p.m. and on Wednesday, December 13, at 6:15 p.m., both in the church. This prayer service is open to any parishioners who would like to attend.

GRADE 7 CATECHISTS

On Sunday Christopher Lower, new to the program, along with "returnees" Cathy McLeish and John and Patty Becker, instruct our teens. Topics include the New Testament, morality, and safe environment discussions based on the Boundaries book, which encourages young people to examine their lives and relationships with regard to their own personal space. On Wednesdays, grade 7 classes are taught by catechists Karen Brockman, Gerre Conrad, Julie Harter and Sandy Seyfert.



50TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars to attend the open house commemorating St. Vincent de Paul School's 50th anniversary on Sunday, January 28, 2007, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. More information will be forthcoming. We are looking for school

mementos such as old photos, yearbooks, sports jerseys, awards, etc. for a memorabilia display. Please call Chris Hursh in the Development Office at 489-3537 ext. 247 if you have any items to loan to the school for this celebration.

PARISH REWARDS IS GROWING

We receive more questions every day: How does the program work? Can I use it to donate money to the church? Is it possible to reduce our St. Vincent's or Bishop Dwenger tuition through Parish Rewards? Can my Parish Reward be applied to my grandchild's tuition? So far this year, the vendors participating in the program have made 27 donations to Parish Rewards. Help us to keep it growing by supporting the local businesses who are enrolled this year: orthodontists, car dealers (new and used), homebuilders, realtors, mortgage companies, carpet/flooring companies, cell phone companies, and more. For more details, or a full listing of this year's vendors, please pick up information from the table outside the church office. Information is also available in the school office or at www.saintsv.org (click on school - links). For details on how to participate in Parish Rewards, please call the Development Office at 489-3537 ext. 247.

MEN'S BASKETBALL ON SUNDAYS HAS BEGUN

Men of the parish (age 18 and older) are invited to play basketball, 12 noon - 2 p.m. on most Sundays (November - March) in the St. Vincent Gym. It is an open gym, pick-up basketball format for men of all ages. Join us for friendly competition and Christian sportsmanship. For information, call Mike Richardville 489-0014.

FRESH CUT CHRISTMASTREES

are for sale sponsored by St. Vincent Boy Scouts. All sizes and varieties up to 15 feet tall. Trees bagged and loaded for you. Open Monday thru Friday 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the St. Vincent Scout Lodge, 489-1763.



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH CONTINUATION COMMITTEE

We will be discerning individuals for the Committee's service position of Kitchen Coordinator. If you have been on a past Christ Renews team and feel called to serve in this ministry, which includes attending Continuation monthly meetings and coordinating the meals for both the Men's and Women's weekends twice a year, please send a letter to the Church Office, Attention: Barry Lomont. In this letter, answer the following questions: How did you hear this call? What is your previous team experience and ministry? How do you feel you could best serve the committee, teams and invitees? For more information regarding this ministry, call Barry Lomont at 490-1396.

ATTENTION: WOMEN OF THE PARISH

You are invited to attend the next Christ Renews His Parish Weekend on March 3 and 4, 2007. This is a wonderful renewal weekend where you can strengthen your relationship with Christ through prayer, scripture, and listening to others share their faith. Don't miss out on this great opportunity for spiritual growth and fellowship with other women. If you are interested or have questions, contact Molly Schreck at 484-5303 or meschreck@netzero.net.



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 11, 25

Session II (Church Conference Room)

January 18



SINGLES

The GAP, a social group for single Catholics in the 40s - 60s age range, will host a Christmas party on Friday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the fire station community room on Aboite Center Road. Please bring a side dish

for the carry-in and a white elephant gift for an exchange. For more information call 432-7346 or email gap4565@msn.com.

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 LAUNDRY DETERGENTS, JELLY AND CRACKERS, 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!

LIFT CHAIR NEEDED

Disabled parishioner is in need of a lift chair and tub transfer bench (must accommodate 350 lbs.). Call 490-4108.

HELP NEEDED

Reliable woman to assist elderly lady at bedtime 4-5 nights/week (flexible). Approximately one hour (9:00-10:00 p.m.). Pine Valley area. \$12/hour Call 637-4600.

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED

St. Vincent de Paul Store needs volunteers to help sort clothes for the store. Also, men needed to help build chest of drawers. Choose your own hours and days to help. Call 456-3561 or stop in at the store at 1600 S. Calhoun Street.

2001 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX

For Sale! S. Kay's old car. Call Jay 489-3537 ext 217.



BISHOP DWENGER CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Bishop Dwenger Music Department will hold its Christmas concert on Sunday, December 10, at 2:00 p.m. in the Gymnasium. Enjoy performances from the band, orchestra, choir and show choir. Admission is free.

CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception will be the scene of a one-hour concert to be presented by the Snider High School Wind Ensemble on Sunday, December 10, at 2:00 p.m. Under the direction of Kevin Klee, a Cathedral parishioner, the program will consist of Advent and Christmas music. The concert is free and open to the public.

The public also is invited to attend the Annual "Christmas in the Cathedral" Concert on Wednesday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. The free Advent/Christmas program will feature a brass quartet, Harpist Nancy Morse, Pianist Dyne Pfeffenberger and the Cathedral Choir under the direction of Judy Throm. Those in attendance will have the opportunity to sing along on many of their favorite carols.

ST. NICHOLAS SALE AT CATHEDRAL BOOKSTORE

Cathedral Books and Gifts, located at 915 S. Clinton in the Archbishop Noll Catholic Center, will hold its annual St. Nicholas Sale through Friday, December 22. The store will be open on the following Saturdays of December: the 9th and 16th. Saturday hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Hours for Monday – Friday are the regular times of 8:30 – 5:00 p.m. There is free parking in the Archbishop Noll Parking Garage. Books, bibles, rosaries, medals, crucifixes and gift items are discounted at 20% during the sale. All FONTANINI is also included. Any items that we may not have in stock may be ordered during the sale and they will also receive the 20% discount.

CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

The National Catholic Order of Foresters Court, 870 St. Antionette, will hold their annual Christmas Potluck Dinner on December 10 from 12:00 until 4:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart School Basement, 4643 Gaywood Drive. Please bring a covered dish to share with all. Any questions, contact Pete Heredia 447-2357.

CHRIST CHILD FESTIVAL

Please attend the Christ Child Festival at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Expo Center Friday, December 15, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 16, 12:00 – 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, December 17, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Everything is free except parking. We'll have food, drinks, entertainment, live Nativity Set and animals, music and crafts. Come celebrate Jesus' birth!

FORTWAYNE MANNER CHOR/DOMEN CHOR

invites you to its annual Christmas Concert featuring traditional German Christmas music with a special tribute to Johann Sebastian Bach on Sunday, December 17, at 4:00 p.m., at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 518 East DeWald Street.

BACH COLLEGIUM

The Bach Collegium, a non profit singing group in Northeast Indiana, is hosting a community Wide Open Sing of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 17, at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Fairfield Avenue. This presentation will be directed by Thomas Remenschneider, and has opportunities for soloists and chorus members alike. This gives you a chance to brush up on your singing or to try your hand at a solo that you may have only sung in the privacy of your living room! All are encouraged to bring their own Messiah scores, or we will try to have some available to rent or borrow. Holiday cookies and coffee will be served after the event. Admission is \$8 for adults; \$5 for students and all chorus members. For further information, call Karen Fraser 452-1189 or Thomas Remenschneider 482-9412.

FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Sacred Heart Parish in Warsaw, Indiana, with 870 families and Pre-K through 6th grade school, seeks a full-time Director of Liturgy and Music for our parish and school. Degree in music or equivalent experience preferred. Position opens January 1, 2007. Direct inquiries to Sacred Heart Church, 125 N. Harrison Street, Warsaw, IN 46580, 574-267-5842, email laura-gillis@kconline.com



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	Ensign Brandon Brooks
Tech Sgt. Andrew Frantz	Lt. Teresa Frantz
Lance Cpl. Brian Crooks	Spc. Tony Christman
Sgt. Andrew Christman	Cpl. Jon Till
PSC Anthony G. Schuckel	1st Lt. James Mijatovich
Travis Davis	PFC Benjamin Caccamo
PFC Justin Harber	Cpl. Chad H. Pollitt
Staff Sgt. Matthew R. Stier	Staff Sgt. Thomas Putman
Staff Sgt. Thomas Pettit	Cpt. Mark Knarr
Adam Niemic	Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Puckett
PFC Matthew Clarke	Major Martin L. Fair
Sgt. Eric Derheimer	Sgt. Rob Niemeyer
Sgt. Michael Dixon	Sgt. Jason Day
Sgt. Keith Koch	Lance Cpl. Matt Vincent, Jr.
Scott Krieg, Air Guard	Kori Melvin
PO1 Jeremy Waldschmidt	Pvt. Dane R. Buuck
PFC Justin Harber	1st Lt. (LTJG) Spencer Seufert
LTJG Brandon Flores	LTJG Melissa Flores
PFC Nicholas DeDario	Staff Sgt. Nick Conner
Lance Cpl. Daniel Gloy	



ADVENT PRAYER BREAKFAST

Enjoy breakfast and take some time to deepen the understanding of some of the Advent Scriptures on December 12 from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. at John XXIII Retreat Center in Hartford City, IN, lead by Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC. Feel free to stay for more quiet space for yourself for the rest of the day. Call 765-348-4008 for reservations.

THE SPIRITUALITY OF WAITING

Advent is a time to experience waiting. Take some time to look at different Scripture personalities as we wait during this season of expectation. Also look at waiting in your own life and how that impacts your spirituality. This afternoon will be lead by Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, on Wednesday, December 13, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. It includes lunch and dinner. For reservations call John XXIII Center in Hartford City, IN, 765-348-4008.

HEALING WITH ANGELS

Get in touch with the angels of the energy field. Meet and work with Ariel, Raphael, Gabriel and others. Anne Ehinger, a wife, mother, grandmother and trained Spiritual Director will conduct this day on Saturday, December 16, from 10:30 – 5:00 p.m. Call John XXIII Retreat Center in Hartford City for reservations 765-348-4008.

CHRISTMAS DIRECTED RETREAT

Spend some quiet time in prayer with direction on a one to one basis. Choose from 3 to 5 days from December 27 to January 1. Directors are Fr. Al Naseman, c.pp, from the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, OH, and Sr. Joetta Huelsmann, PHJC, director of John XXIII Center. Call 765-348-4008 for more information. This retreat starts on the evening of December 27, or later if coming for three days of your choice.

NEW PROGRAMS ON REDEEMER RADIO

Redeemer Radio has added two new locally produced programs: "God, is that really You?" hosted by Michelle Donaghey and "Knight Life" hosted by Greg Diss. Donaghey speaks with Priests of the Fort Wayne/South Bend Diocese about their path to the Priesthood; Diss, a Fourth Degree Knight, will cover Knights of Columbus activities, issues and personalities in the news. Tune into 1450 AM. Thanks so much for supporting your Catholic Radio Station.



NEWCHOIRCD

A new choir/cantor CD is now ready. Come to the church office to purchase.

SAINTS ALIVE! DINNER AND AUCTION

Mark your calendars now and make plans to join the Bishop Dwenger community for the 28th Annual Saints Alive! Dinner and Auction. This year's event is scheduled for Friday, February 23, with a preview party on February 22. The preview party gets underway at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. Saints Alive! will go "California Dreamin'" as they look to the West Coast for inspiration. For more information call the Saints Alive! office at 483-7001.

Saints Alive! syndicate raffle tickets are now on sale. This is your chance to win a grand prize of \$20,000. A total of \$30,000 in cash prizes will be awarded. Tickets are available through the Saints Alive! office at 483-7001 or stop by Bishop Dwenger High School during normal school hours. Tickets are \$100 each and only a limited number will be sold.

SAINTS ALIVE! PRODUCTION WORK BEGINS

The Saints Alive! Production Committee will be starting to work on building the actual set for the "California Dreamin'" theme for the dinner/auction this year in the next week or two. If you would like to help be a part of building of the set, painting the set, in general, just helping to build the set over the next several months, please contact the Saints Alive! office at 483-7001. We need lots of people to help get the set built for this incredible fundraising project. Thank you so much.

BISHOP DWENGER LIP SYNC PARTY

The annual lip sync party sponsored by Bishop Dwenger High School's Saints Alive! will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2007, at the Bishop Dwenger Gym. If you are interested in performing for Lip Sync, please contact Bob Tomlinson at 489-9672. We are lining up acts now. Lip Sync is a casual evening filled with friends, entertainment, food, drinks and lots of fun! Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Prepaid admission will be \$45 per couple if RSVP by

January 12. Pay at door \$50 per couple. Anyone who wants to attend after the basketball game, no food included \$30 per couple. If you have any questions, contact Saints Alive! at 483-7001.

LIGHT OF CHRIST AWARD

The "Father Tom O'Connor Light of Christ Award" committee is seeking nominations of persons of faith, high school age or older, whose activities serve as an example and encouragement to youth in the areas of Peace and Justice, Nonviolent Resolution of Conflict, Racial Education, Food for the Hungry, or Shelter for the Homeless. One category will be designated by the committee each year for nominations, and only one nominee in a designated category will be selected to receive the award to be given on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. In 2007 the category is Peace and Justice. Application guidelines were available in the November 12 issue of Today's Catholic, online at www.diocese.fwsb.org, and from the St. Mary church office, Fort Wayne, 424-8231. The deadline for nominations is January 7, 2007.

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. January 5 - 7, 2007, 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.

GERMANY EXCHANGE STUDENTS

The German Heritage Society, in conjunction with Fort Wayne Sister Cities, is looking for host families for the 2007-2008 school year. Each year Fort Wayne's sister city in Germany, Gera, sends 3-4 exchange students to Fort Wayne. The exchange students are provided room and board by their host family, attend their family's local public high school, and become involved in their host family's lives and activities as well as various school functions. If your family would be interested in finding out more about this wonderful cultural exchange between Gera and Fort Wayne, please contact Phil Suelzer at 486-1745 or email tri_kerl@yahoo.com.