

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST
NEW YEARS DAY

9:00 a.m. Arthur Edelman

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

*6:30 a.m. Larry Givens

8:00 a.m. Stephen G. Beck

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

*6:30 a.m. Jordan Allen

8:00 a.m. Jim Fox

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH

*6:30 a.m. Francis Tosoit

8:00 a.m. Marie Graff

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH

8:00 a.m. Margaret Mattes

*5:30 p.m. Kenneth Kuszmaul

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH

8:00 a.m. Int. Rosary Society

5:00 p.m. Howard Prell

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH

7:15 a.m. Dan & Jim Farrell

9:00 a.m. Int. Jill Stark

11:00 a.m. Ronald P. Clark

12:45 p.m. Robert Taylor

6:00 p.m. For The Parish (Life Teen Mass)

*CHAPEL



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1st, is the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Because this feast falls on a Monday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted. It is, however, a day of celebration as we honor our Blessed Mother who brought the Divine Savior into the world. Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

(It is YOUR responsibility to find a replacement)

Saturday, January 6

8:00 a.m. **TEAM 1:** Adam Beauchot, Myles Bobay
Elizabeth Parlin, Molly Khorshid
5:00 p.m. **TEAM 13:** Sean Meehan, Brittney Giant
Madeline Pollifrone, Kylie Stevens

Sunday, January 7

7:15 a.m. **TEAM 3:** Sam Gray, Madelyn Ehlerding
Meredith Didier, Eddie Black
9:00 a.m. **TEAM 10:** Hannah and Erinn Wright
Sam Anderson, Katherine Tierney
11:00 a.m. **TEAM 12:** Jessica Viduya, McKenzie Helmer
Jonathon Hake, Dillon Oswald
12:45 p.m. **TEAM 1:** Adam Beauchot, Myles Bobay
Elizabeth Parlin, Molly Khorshid

COFFEE & DONUTS

Now - January 7 No C&D
January 14 Buescher Family
January 21 Penisten Family
January 28 Huffman Family

COFFEE AND DONUTS HELP NEEDED

Wanted: Volunteers to help with the ministry of Coffee and Donuts after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We split up the C&D weekends and need volunteers to help with the ministry. For more information, please call Cristina Cuellar 489-8160.



**MAY GOD GRANT ETERNAL
LIGHT AND PEACE**

to Shirley Piekarski, mother of Timothy Piekarski; Grace Carr, mother of John Carr; Marianne Becker, mother of John Becker; Donald Galuoppo, spouse of Doris Galuoppo; and Roger Burkholder, father of Kyle Burkholder.

FROM THE PASTOR:

Today the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend begins a jubilee year celebrating its 150th anniversary. We join Bishop D'Arcy and all Catholics throughout the diocese in celebrating this Sesquicentennial Jubilee. May our prayers today and throughout the year gratefully acknowledge the many blessings God has bestowed on our diocese throughout its long and glorious history.



Catholicism Revealed will resume after a short break. The enclosed insert gives the schedule of dates and speakers. We look forward to seeing you at these enlightening talks on the truths of the Catholic faith. Bring a friend.

On New Year's Day, when we gather to worship the Lord, may we pray for peace throughout the world, our nation, our community, our homes and peace in our hearts. We invoke the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, she who is the Queen of Peace. Next Sunday our Christmas celebration continues with the Feast of the Epiphany. On Monday the 8th, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas season comes to a close. I wish you a blessed and happy New Year!

Fr. John

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the annual Catholic Charities Appeal. If you have not yet made your contribution, you may still do so. Your support means so much to the families served by this Agency.



**RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE
BOY SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT**

Five mile radius of church. Suggested donation of \$10 with all proceeds going to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Pick up dates are Saturday, January 6 or Saturday, January 13. Place your tree at the end of your drive by 8:00 a.m. Your tree will be picked up by 4:00 p.m. Place a check made payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society with your name, address, phone number, subdivision name and pick-up date and return to the St. Vincent Scout Lodge, 8965 Auburn Road, 46825

**ARE YOU PREPARED FOR THE DIOCESAN 150TH
ANNIVERSARY, THE SESQUICENTENNIAL JUBILEE?**

On January 7, 2007, the Feast of the Epiphany, *Today's Catholic* newspaper will be delivered to all registered Catholic homes in the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. *Today's Catholic* will be packed with information about the jubilee year and will provide you with a calendar of activities. For information about *Today's Catholic* or to subscribe visit www.diocesefwsb.org or call 456-2824.



A NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

Have you noticed anything new and different in the parish gathering space? The Adult Education Committee of our parish is sponsoring an additional opportunity for adults in the parish to increase their knowledge and understanding of the faith. Wherever you have a CD player available to you, in the car or at home, you can deepen your understanding and love for the faith. Topics such as "How to Bring Fallen Away Catholics Back to the Church", "The Joy of Stewardship", "The Holy Eucharist", "How to Keep Your Kids Catholic", and others are available for a modest donation. Every few months the topics will change. We encourage you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and check it out!

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.

Meetings of the Week

SHEPHERDS OF CHRIST – Tuesday, January 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Wednesday, January 3, from 8:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel
 WINGS II – Thursday, January 4, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room
 GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY – Thursday, January 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the East Room
 ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – Sunday, January 7, from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Reservation Chapel

FISHFRY

The Knights of Columbus Council 451 located at 601 Reed, is sponsoring their monthly All You Can Eat Fish Fry on Friday, January 5, from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for 12 years of age and under. Fish, two sides and beverage are included. All are welcome to attend.



THE LIGHTWEIGH

The Light Weigh series is beginning again at St. Vincent's. Are you tired of constantly struggling with your weight? Tired of following strict diets? Consider giving God a chance to touch your heart, your life and your eating. A Light Weigh orientation will be held Tuesday, January 2, 2007, from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. in the back room of the Convent. Come and find out about The Light Weigh Bible study and video series, and how this program has been a blessing to others. For further information contact parishioner Nancy Simmonds at njsimmonds@verizon.net.

REKINDLE THE FIRE

Purgatory, what do Catholics believe about it? Parishioners Chad Watson and Phil Reith will present the church's teaching about this topic. Join us for prayer, catechesis and faith sharing on Sunday, January 7, from 7:00 – 9:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All men of the parish are welcome.

NOTRE DAME ATHLETIC FUNDRAISER

Notre Dame Athletic Fundraiser and Casino Night on Saturday, January 27, from 6:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at St. Vincent's Parish Hall. Notre Dame football players to be featured. Admission includes food by Casa's. Refreshments available. Ticket prices are \$15 pre-sale or \$20 at the door. Adults only – 21 years of age and older. No admittance until 5:30 p.m. The Men's Club contact for ticket sales is Todd Martin at toddm@cse-nh.com.



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: 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDAR

December 31 NO LIFE NIGHT - New Year's Eve
 January 3 Ministry Hour, 7:30 p.m.
 January 4 Pray at Abortion clinic after 8:00 a.m. Mass
 January 7 LIFE NIGHT – "Family Feud"

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- XLT Please plan to REJOICE with us at XLT on Tuesday, January 2, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Vincent's for Joy, Praise and Adoration in the spirit of Emmanuel.
- A Home Girls meeting is scheduled for January 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Life House.



For information about St. Vincent Youth Ministry, contact Tracy Sines at 338-1263 or Tracy1892@aol.com.

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)
 January 11, 25
 Session II (Church Conference Room)
 January 18



ATTENTION: MEN AND WOMEN OF THE PARISH

You are invited to attend the next Christ Renews His Parish Weekend. The men's weekend is February 24-25 and the women's weekend is March 3-4. 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. Contact Molly Schreck 484-5303 or meschreck@netzero.net for your reservation on the women's weekend and Ed Smith 433-7831 or esmith@illumination-solutions.com for your reservation on the men's weekend.

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.

MARKET DAY – DISNEY PROMO

A very Happy and Prosperous New Year to all from the Market Day staff. 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. Orders 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. Pickup date is January 18. Any questions, call Eva Vandeputte 490-9329. Good luck!

CHILDREN'S STEWARDSHIP

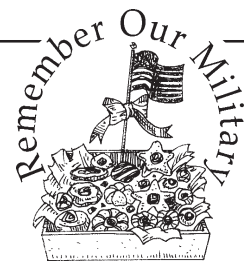
"I was thankful for my gifts." Tess H.
"I help my brother with reading." Kendra B.
"I gave to a project." Rachel
"Sharing with my family." Olivia B.
"Praying to God, Mary and Jesus." Mia D.
"Getting along with my sister." Caleb K.



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	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

JANUARY SCHEDULE FOR RELIGIOUS ED

Wednesday classes resume on January 10, and will meet also on January 17, 24 and 31. Sunday classes resume on January 14, and will also meet on January 21 and 28.

PARENTS OF 2ND GRADE STUDENTS

The parent information meeting for sacramental preparation will be held on Sunday, January 14 from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall or Wednesday, January 17, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please enter through Door 10 off of the playground. Attendance at ONE of these meetings is required. A pink flyer with more information was sent home with your child the week of December 17. If you did not receive one of these flyers, please contact Chris Van Gessel at 241-5325.

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. And, 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 36 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, remodelers, furniture stores, insurance agencies, cell phone companies, marinas, motorcycle/motor sports stores 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.saintv.org (click on school – links). For details on how to participate in Parish Rewards, please call the Development Office at 489-3537 ext. 247.

SCRIP HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Scrip will not be sold over the holiday weekends. Next church scrip sales are January 6 and 7. Thank you for your support and have a joyful New Year.

MARRIED COUPLES—IT'S NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION TIME

Resolve to start a new love affair with your spouse that's beyond your wildest dreams. It can happen on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Sign up soon so you can renew your love for one another. Call Mike & Julia Roszkowski at 574-243-0743 for more information or visit our website at www.wme-ni.org. Upcoming weekends are February 9-11 in South Bend and April 27-29 in Fort Wayne.

LIFT CHAIR NEEDED

Disabled parishioner is in need of a lift chair and tub transfer bench (must accommodate 350 lbs.). Also needed is a 24" wheelchair. Call 490-4108.

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.



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

CANNED MEAT, CEREAL, JELLY, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, SOAP, TOILET PAPER, and COFFEE 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!

MUSTARD SEED FURNITURE BANK

As the blessings of the season are shared, the Mustard Seed Furniture Bank of Fort Wayne, Inc. is accepting gently used furniture, dressers, chairs, dining room sets, pots, pans, utensils, kitchen items, towels, linens and bedding. These items are given on a referral basis to area individuals and families who have experienced catastrophic situations. Items should be free of rips, holes, stains and animal hair. Please call 471-5802 between 10:00 – 4:00 p.m. to make arrangements to drop off items or to schedule a pick up of large items.

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.

JANUARY

CALENDAR OF EVENTS--FOR JANUARY

January 2	9:00 a.m.	Light Weigh
January 2	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 3	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 4	9:00 a.m.	WINGS II
January 4	7:00 p.m.	Great Adventure Bible Study
January 7	12:00 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 8	7:00 p.m.	Catholicism Revealed
January 9	9:00 a.m.	Light Weigh
January 9	5:30 p.m.	Finance Committee
January 9	6:30 p.m.	RCIA Epiphany Party
January 9	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 9	7:00 p.m.	HASA
January 10	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 10	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
January 10	6:30 p.m.	School Board
January 10	7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council
January 10	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting
January 11	9:00 a.m.	WINGS II
January 11	7:00 p.m.	Divorced Catholic Support Group
January 11	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation I
January 14	12:00 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 14	4:00 p.m.	Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting
January 15	7:00 p.m.	Catholicism Revealed
January 15	7:00 p.m.	Buildings & Grounds
January 16	8:30 a.m.	Two by Two Bible Study
January 16	9:00 a.m.	Light Weigh
January 16	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 16	6:45 p.m.	RCIA
January 17	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 17	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
January 17	7:00 p.m.	Christ Renews His Parish Continuation Comm.
January 17	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
January 17	6:00 p.m.	Sacrament Preparation Parent Meeting
January 18	9:00 a.m.	WINGS II
January 18	5:15 p.m.	Market Day Pickup
January 18	7:00 p.m.	WINGS 3
January 18	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation II
January 18	7:00 p.m.	Great Adventure Bible Study
January 19	6:00 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast
January 21	12:00 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 22	7:00 p.m.	Catholicism Revealed
January 23	9:00 a.m.	Light Weigh
January 23	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 23	6:45 p.m.	RCIA
January 24	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 24	9:00 a.m.	WINGS
January 25	9:00 a.m.	WINGS II
January 25	7:00 p.m.	Baptismal Preparation I
January 25	7:00 p.m.	WINGS 3
January 27	6:00 p.m.	Notre Dame Fundraiser
January 28	12:00 p.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 28	2:00 p.m.	School Open House
January 29	7:00 p.m.	Catholicism Revealed
January 29	7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Society
January 30	8:30 a.m.	Two by Two Bible Study
January 30	9:00 a.m.	Light Weigh
January 30	6:30 p.m.	Shepherds of Christ
January 30	6:45 p.m.	RCIA
January 30	7:00 p.m.	Disabilities Committee
January 31	8:00 a.m.	Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
January 31	9:00 a.m.	WINGS

FR. MARKON REDEEMER RADIO

Tune in to Redeemer Radio, Catholic Radio 1450AM, Monday through Friday this week at 11:45 a.m. to hear Fr. Mark Gurtner host "Readings and Reflections".

BAPTIZED DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Garrison Daniel Gavin, son of
Kimberly Boyer

Hayden James Gavin, son of
Kimberly Boyer

Emma Kathryn Scheer, daughter of
Matthew E. and Autumn M. (White) Scheer

Brandon David Shultz, son of
Bradley D. and Elizabeth J. (Aigner) Shultz

Jayden David Somsavath, son of
Lee D. and Kanitha M. (Poulima) Somsavath

Zoey Nicole Sturm, daughter of
Andrew R. and Melissa K. (Wolfe) Sturm

Mary Catherine O'Brien, daughter of
Daniel P. and Gina M. (Amick) O'Brien

Isadora Rosemarie Binns, daughter of
Robert W. and Christine M. (Knight) Binns

Vincent Cooper Bottoms, son of
Dwayne A. and Michelle N. (Hughes) Bottoms

Chloe Marie Kinder, daughter of
Christopher P. Kinder and Laura A. Keefer

Tristan Isaiah-Lee Roberts, son of
Darrin L. and Sarah A. (Mijatovich) Roberts

Abigail Kaitlyn Shoaff, daughter of
Thomas W. and Janice M. (Cronin) Shoaff

Jolie Jane Winling, daughter of
Kyle and Sarah K. (Mueller) Winling

Kimberly Ann Bireley, daughter of
Ryan C. and Ericka Y. (Leyton) Bireley

Will Thomas Delagrange, son of
Christopher G. and Anne M. (Ward) Delagrange

Mason Killian Henderson, son of
Timothy E. and Alyson K. (Smith) Henderson

Tyler Joseph Slusser, son of
Brian D. and Stephanie A. (Schaefer) Slusser

Nina Marie Witte, daughter of
Zachary A. and Emily M. (Locke) Witte

Emmalyn Grace Watson, daughter of
Chad and Audra (Coonan) Watson

Lillian Lucy Sorg, daughter of
Kenneth W. and Traci S. (Ennis) Sorg

Alyssa Grace Talluto, daughter of
Matthew T. and Therese M. (Guerrieri) Talluto

Luke C. Holly, son of
Patrick and Liara (Dillon) Holly

Keegan Marie Ball, daughter of
Mark A. and Tina M. (Kretler) Ball

Mary Elizabeth Busch, daughter of
Nicholas L. and Susan R. (From) Busch



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF ST. VINCENT'S PARISH

Pamela Tipsord, 3234 Cilantro Cove
Tammy Barger, 5412 Evard Road
James and Georgia Lemberg, 8120 Moss Grove Pl.
Charles and Rosemary Whitaker, 3619 Shadow Creek Dr.
Andrew and Cathy Tauzin, 2223 Point Wood Road
Ryan and Brandy Mizik, 8011 Grayfield Ct.
David Luetzelschwab, 1227 Pion Road
Joseph and Debra Ventura 1805 Kelley's Landing
Grant and Kelly Schimmele, 336 Barouche Pl.
Brian Gaffney, 10033 Monticello Blvd.
David and Lori Repovich, 10538 Brandywine Dr.
Carolyn Stroud, 9915 Oak Trail Road
Gerald and Agnes Tippmann, 117 Eldorado Trail West
Monica Yonteff, 10127 Jefferson Way
Edward Munandar, 436 Wallen Hills Dr., #3
Brandon Smith, 11214 Pine Orchard Cove
Howard and Julie Schneider, 1826 Linville Pass
James and Rebecca Rodgers, 9412 Bobcat Tr.
John and Hope Snyder, 2824 Cliffwood Lane
Matthew and Amanda Brzozowski, 8029 Silver Springs Pl.



GOOD NEWS

Holy Family/New Year's Eve Sir 3:2-7; 12-14 or Sn 1:20-22, 24-28 / Col 3:12-21 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 / Lk 2: 41-52

Paige Byrne Shortal - sundaybulletins@liguori.org

Even while secular Christmas is all wrapped up - so to speak—our Catholic Christmas season continues with today's feast of the Holy Family. We've been considering those unexpected places where we may find grace. Certainly Nazareth was an unlikely place for the savior of the world to come from. The Son of God lived in a backwater town like that? Nor did Joseph and Mary expect to find twelve-year-old Jesus in the Temple teaching the elders after he had gone missing for three days. Three days! A bitter foretaste as his parents must have been tempted to give him up for lost, just as his followers despaired when he was later placed in the tomb.

Grace is always found in the tomb. Perhaps the only place it is found is in those little tombs of our lives - the disappointments, the less than perfect, the weaknesses, the sin.

Today is also New Year's Eve, and many of us still make New Year's resolutions of the self-improvement variety. We want to be perfect - on our terms. Only on our terms. We want our families to be perfect. We want safety and plenty and unconditional love, expressed exactly as we want it. No chicken soup when we want flowers. No flowers when we want the dishes done and the garbage taken out. We definitely don't want our children running off for three days without telling us where they are.

Where can we find grace on this day we honor the Holy Family and look forward to the new year? Could we not look at the very conditions we so want to be different? It is in these places where we are most needy, and it is where we are most needy that God moves in. Where we are weak, God provides the strength. Where we lack willpower, God provides the power. When we find it difficult to love those placed on our path, God provides the love. Three days in the temple or in the tomb, and God steps in and raises us to new life. But on God's terms - not ours.

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