

Around the Parish

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church
In service of our Lord in Shelby County since 1837
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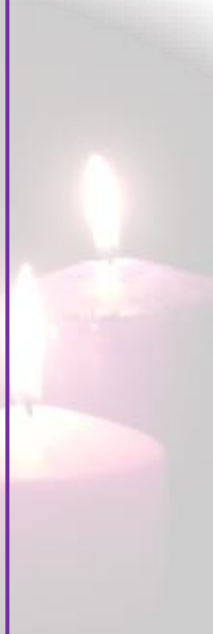
QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“Whenever we yearn for meaning, feel tired and overwhelmed, become uncertain about the direction of our lives, or simply need to feel loved ... we know just where to turn. God awaits us always in the Eucharist. As long as we never tire of seeing Him there, we will find exactly what our souls need.”

~ Bobby Angel, Beautiful Eucharist.

ADVENT PRAYER:

Lord, another year has passed, and it is time for us to take stock of our spiritual strengths and weaknesses, our faith and where we have lacked it, the times we loved You fully and the times we lacked this focus and dependence on You. Advent is a double expectation. While we are preparing to commemorate Your Blessed Incarnation so many years ago, we are also preparing for when you come again. We ask You, sanctify this Advent so that by Christmas, You may find us more worthy of Your mercy and Your love. Amen



BAPTISM:

Stephanie Michelle Nieman was baptized on Sunday, November 26 here at St. Vincent by Deacon Charles Giesting. Parents: John and Debbie Nieman, Godmother Stephanie Lynn Roberts, Godfather Neil Wisker. Grandparents: Paul Nieman, Mary Jo Nieman, John and Linda Wisker. God Bless this new member of the family.



REST IN PEACE:

Kylie Maher 38, passed away on Tuesday, October 17, 2023. Kylie is survived by her parents Carol Mauer and Tim Mauer, husband Zach Maher, her children and many family and friends, including her aunt Mary Jo Nieman. Kylie was laid to rest on October 23 in St. Dominic Cemetery following a Mass of Christian burial at St. Augustine Catholic Church, officiated by Fr. Eugene Radosevich. God Rest Her Soul.



St. Vincent De Paul
Purpose Statement
“We joyfully share our
gifts to nourish the
community.”

Happy Anniversary

12/28 Earl and Judy Weaver



Grant and Erika (Huntsman) were united in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, November 11, 2023, here at St. Vincent. Fr. James Kent, uncle and Godfather of Grant officiated the ceremony. Parents: Jerry and Janice Huntsman and Rob and Bev Kent. Congratulations and Best Wishes for a long and happy life together.



WORLD HELPING SQUAD:

For several years now these young ladies have been going out of their way to help members of our community. Cressa Kohrman and Malarie Shoettmer are truly an example for all of us. This year their End of Harvest Celebration included Live music, corn hole and euchre tournaments. The proceeds are going to benefit children in foster care and area schools and art programs. Quite an undertaking for such young ladies. If you were unable to attend, you may make arrangements for a donation by calling 812-222-9247 or 812-593-7232.

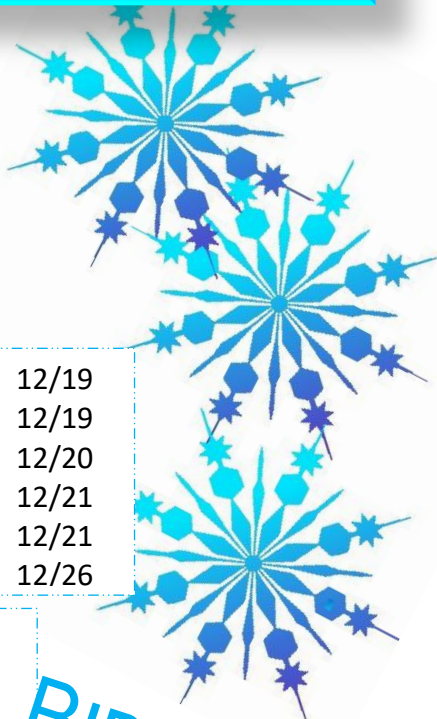
HAPPY

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| Bob Dalley | 12/04 |
| Jerald Doddridge | 12/04 |
| Mary Huntsman | 12/04 |
| Emma Higdon | 12/06 |
| Ted Hodson | 12/08 |
| Fr. Mike Keucher | 12/09 |
| Kristin Schoettmer | 12/09 |
| Rex Fischer | 12/12 |
| Kaylin Higdon | 12/13 |
| Rylan Huntsman | 12/13 |
| Sr. Joan Miller | 12/13 |

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| Jan Alexander | 12/14 |
| Deborah Doddridge | 12/15 |
| Jackie Runnebohm | 12/15 |
| Carla Beyer | 12/17 |
| Beth Ann Garrett | 12/17 |
| Susan Wettrick | 12/17 |
| Tyler Moorhead | 12/18 |

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| Barbara Harcourt | 12/19 |
| John Kinser | 12/19 |
| Jonathan Huntsman | 12/20 |
| Beverly Claridge | 12/21 |
| Lynn Eversole | 12/21 |
| Jim Bever | 12/26 |

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| Earlene Rosenfeld | 12/26 |
| Erika Huntsman | 12/27 |
| Henry Rahe | 12/28 |
| Owen Rinzel | 12/29 |
| Joyce Ford | 12/30 |
| Rita Wertz | 12/30 |



BIRTHDAY!

QUITE A HIKE: Several local students, including Henry Rife, were among those selected to travel to the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont. The Institute allows students and adults to explore the wonders of nature and learn about the importance of preserving the land and animals for generations to come. The weekend trip was quite a learning experience for all involved.



WALDRON FFA:

The Waldron FFA soil judging team, for the second year in a row, participated in the Indiana State FFA judging contest. The four-man team, including Keith Settles, was the only Shelby County team to participate. They placed 14 out of 50. Great Job.



WALDRON BASKETBALL:

The Boys team has been preparing with several successful scrimmage games and will be ready to take on their opponents. Good Luck for the season especially to Jack Fischer and Keith Settles. The Junior varsity is also well prepared. Good Luck, especially to Charlie Fischer.



The Lady Mohawks are equally ready for a season on the hardwood. The Ladies lost their opener to Shelbyville but with the help of players like Alivia Fischer and Grace Fischer and the rest of the team, many victories will be achieved. Good Luck for the season.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Katie Nieman was a member of the 8U Soccer championship team.



HONOR ROLL

- Madeline Huntsman
- Bella Matney
- Daniel Vazquez
- Alexa Wettrick

CONGRATULATIONS

Emelyn Rinzel was awarded 2nd place in the 6th grade Shelbyville Middle School Anti-Drug Calendar Contest.

If your child or grandchild is on the honor roll at his or her school, please let us know so that we can recognize their accomplishments. The local paper only has this information on rare occasions.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:



Snowman Building

Contest:

The contest begins on December 20 and will be judged on March 1. To enter, submit a photo of the snowman, builders name and category of entry to parcs@cityofshelbyville.com.

Categories: Best Traditional Snowman, Best Snow Creature, Tallest Snowman, and Most Creative use of Accessories. Four prizes will be awarded. Multiple submissions can be entered.

Photos and first names will be shared on Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Facebook page.

Good Luck. Let it Snow.

Breakfast With Santa:

The Shelbyville Parks and Recreation will again have breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9 at 945 S. Tompkins St. Serving times are 8:00 am and 9:30am. Breakfast will be catered by Mel's Catering. Tickets are \$7.00 and may be purchased online at shelbyparks.com or at 945 S. Tompkins.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



CHRISTMAS EVE
(SUNDAY DECEMBER 24)

4:00 PM CHILDREN'S MASS AT ST. JOSEPH
5:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT ST. VINCENT
7:00 PM SPANISH CHRISTMAS EVE MASS AT ST. JOSEPH



CHRISTMAS DAY
(MONDAY DECEMBER 25)

MIDNIGHT MASS AT ST. JOSEPH
9:00 AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS AT ST. JOSEPH

O COME LET US ADORE HIM!





PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE:
The Parish Council met on
Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 7:00pm



FINANCE: Overall accounts are in good shape. Sunday collections are down \$7,639.14. Expenses are normal with the exception of the cost for tree service and ramp but are still under budget. The St. Vicent Endowment Fund balance is \$230,720.26. The St. Vincent Cemetery Endowment is \$278,681.66 and the St. Paul Cemetery Endowment is \$49,227.60.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: David Adams reported that Greg Esslinger and several others removed the concrete from behind the schoolhouse and the area will be repaired and grass seed sown.

David received the estimate from J.R. Wortman for both the electrical upgrade and for a heat pump/AC. The cost for the A/C was deemed too expensive. David will investigate other estimates for the upgrade of the electrical system.

David relayed information from Brian Haehl that Patrick Schaub with the K of C would like to advance the LED lighting on the grounds to enhance the beauty of the church. The council gave tentative approval on the condition that they receive a detailed explanation of the work to be done.

EVANGELIZATION: Joan Knight reported that Kim Knight and Fr. Mike have agreed on a temporary wall in the garage.

The new booklets of the stained-glass windows are nearly complete, and she and Tammy Jones plan to have them available for everyone at Mass on the first Sunday of Advent.

Salvation Army Dinner: A replacement for Joyce Ford as coordinator is still needed. This only requires 3-4 dinners per year. A notice will also be placed in the bulletin.

FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS ED/YOUTH: Kathy Lampton reported that NCYC was well attended, and our students participated in the procession on Friday. Over 13,000 people were in attendance. There is an opportunity to attend a Pacers game on February 2. 36 people are needed to participate and will receive a hot dog, chips and drink and can interact with the team at half time.

There will also be a liturgical conference at St. Meinrad open to high school students in June.

ST. ANN ALTAR SOCIETY: Amy Higdon reported that the Treasurer of the Society recorded expenses for music books for 2024 and for candles. The annual Christmas Party will be at noon on December 3.

Baskets will be provided for the shut-ins. Margaret Haehl will take care of ordering Poinsettias this year.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Margaret Haehl reported for Brian Haehl that \$500.00 proceeds from the recent breakfast went to provide gifts for the children at Gibault and \$400.00 toward scholarships. The next breakfast will be January 14 and will go to support local seminarian Antonio Harbert.

OLD BUSINESS: Greg Esslinger discussed the fence around the rectory and Fr. Mike reported that the placement of the fence will be along the side of the house with a gate to allow access for mowing. Carolyn Disser will pay St. Vincent and we will pay the company.

NEW BUSINESS: Margaret Haehl will compile a list of Who Does what and phone numbers for parishioners to contact in the bulletin.

Anyone making a purchase for the parish that requires reimbursement must get prior approval.

Margaret Haehl reported that there are 10 new families in the parish since last year. New families will be contacted, given a welcome packet and a loaf of bread. We are happy you are breaking bread with us. Greg Esslinger noted that he would like to sponsor a fishing tournament for the youth at his lake and provide awards for different sizes.

Fr. Mike will put Mass times for Advent and Christmas in the bulletin.

The youth group will go caroling to shut ins. If you know someone, please contact Fr. Mike

The Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage in July will stop at St. Mary in Greensburg for Mass, at St. Vincent for a prayer service and St. Joseph to rest and have Mass and then to Greenfield.

Fr. Mike discussed the placement of the Tabernacle in the center of the church.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.

Have a Blessed Advent and Christmas. Thank you to everyone who has provided information for the newsletter. A special thank you to Tammy Jones and her skills, I couldn't do it without you. God Bless ~Pat Barley

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <h1>December 2023</h1> | | | | | 1 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph | 2 Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph |
| 3 Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent 10:00 am 12:15 pm St. Joseph (Sp.) Confirmation Class 4pm Youth Grp 6 pm | 4 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession RCIA 7pm | 5 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph | 6 Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent R.E. Class 6:30 Penance Service & 2nd Grade 1st Confession | 7 Vigil Mass 6:30 pm St. Vincent | 8 Immaculate Conception Mass 7:15 am 8:15 am 7:00 pm (Bilingual) St. Joseph | 9 Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph |
| 10 Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent Mass 10:00 am 12:15 pm St. Joseph (Sp.) Youth Group 6 pm | 11 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession RCIA 7pm | 12 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph | 13 Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent R.E. Class 6:30 | 14 | 15 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph | 16 Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph |
| 17 Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent Food Drive Mass 10:00 am 12:15 pm St. Joseph (Sp.) Youth Group 6 pm | 18 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession RCIA 7pm | 19 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph | 20 Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent R.E. Class 6:30 | 21 | 22 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph | 23 Mass 4:00 pm Vigil St. Vincent 5:00 pm St. Joe (Bilingual) |
| 24 Sunday Obligation Mass 8:30 am St Vincent 10:00am St. Joe Childrens Mass 4pm St. Joe Christmas Eve Mass 5:30 pm St. Vincent Spanish Mass 7pm St. Joe | 25 Midnight Mass St. Joseph 9.00 am Christmas Mass St. Joseph | 26 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph | 27 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph NO R.E. Class | 28 | 29 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph | 30 Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph |
| 31 Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent Mass 10:00 am 12:15 pm St. Joseph (Sp.) Mary, Mother of God 5pm Vigil St. Joe |  | | | | | |