

Around the Parish

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church

In service of our Lord in Shelby County since 1837

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*Remember man that you
are dust, and unto dust
you shall return.*

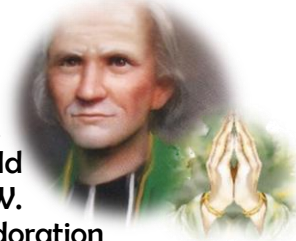


QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"The courage and strength that are in me are not of me, but Him who lives in me - it is the Eucharist." ~St. Faustina

DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTS:

Friday, February 9, 2024, there will be a Day of Prayer with St. John Vianney. This day of prayer for priests will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church, 126 W. Georgia St. Indianapolis. Eucharistic Adoration will start at 7:00am until 12:00 noon. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 11:00am until 12:00 noon. Benediction will be at 12:00 noon. Fr. Mike Keucher will be the principal celebrant of the Mass celebrated at 12:10 pm.



PARISH PENANCE SERVICE:
Wednesday, February 28,
6:30pm at St. Vincent.



LENT 2024:

PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR LENT
Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent are just a few days away. This year there will be some exciting opportunities to make this a Lent to bring all closer to God. There will be Mass here at St. Vincent on Ash Wednesday, February 14 at 6:00pm. Stations of the Cross will be back here at St. Vincent this year beginning Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00pm. Each Wednesday during Lent there will be the usual daily Mass at 8:00am followed by Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30am to 6:00pm. **This will only be possible if there are enough people who sign up so that there will always be at least one person in church at all times,** just as in the Adoration Chapel. This will make it possible for anyone to stop and spend time with Jesus during the day. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church, or you may contact Mary Giesting at 317-698-2191 to volunteer. The Wednesday Rosary will be prayed in the church at 5:30pm. There will be Benediction and the repose of the Eucharist following the Rosary. This will be a good way to start the season of prayer, fasting and giving that are the hallmarks of Lent and will prepare your heart for Easter Joy!

LENTEN PRAYER:

Ashes remind us, Lord, of our mortality.
O Lord, throughout the 40 days of this Holy Lent, help me give up my stubbornness, my pride, my envy, and my ego – Everything that keeps me from You!
Let me fast from arguments and anger.
Help me to be mindful of others' needs more than my own.
And then fill my hunger with Your peace and quench my thirst with Your mercy.
So that at length when Lent and life alike shall end, I may find You, Lord, waiting to welcome me home with open arms. Amen.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Fr. Seger Council of the Knights of Columbus will have a breakfast following the 8:30 Mass on Sunday, February 18. Proceeds will split between Clarity Pregnancy Services of Shelby County and the Fr. Seger Council to support other charitable endeavors.



Erin Abel	2/01
Mike Runnebohm	2/01
Kathryn Marshall	2/02
Sylvia Turner	2/02
Sandra Leffler	2/05
Joseph Runnebohm	2/05
Kenneth Thompson	2/05
Bailey Rinzel	2/06
Denise Thompson	2/08
Jack Fischer	2/09
Sophia Cunningham	2/11
Anne Fansler	2/12
Katherine Ross	2/12
Kathy Land	2/13



Glenn Rodgers	2/14
Brianna Saxon	2/14
Greg Esslinger	2/15
Donald Muller	2/15

Henry Rife	2/13
Stephen Kuhn	2/14
Melody Lux	2/16
Peggy McCracken	2/16
Paul Pavey	2/16
Charlie Rife	2/16
Mary Giesting	2/17
Jean Tungate	2/17
James Smith	2/18
David Adams	2/23
Eileen Beyer	2/23
Randy McQueen	2/25
James George	2/26

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER
RETIRING:**

Long time County Commissioner Kevin Nigh recently announced that he will not seek another term. After 23 plus years of service Kevin has decided to pass the torch to the next generation of dedicated public servants. Surely helping Teresa run her wedding business and spending time with their 11 grandchildren will keep him busy. Thank you for your years of service. Enjoy your retirement.

**LETTERS ABOUT
LITERATURE 2023:**

Several award-winning students were published in the recent Letters About Literature 2023 which included letters written to authors. One of these outstanding students is our own **Madeline Huntsman**. Congratulations.



FALL FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT: Waldron Elementary School and fifth grade teacher Kim Benson were recognized for their outstanding efforts to improve literacy and a love for reading. 320 students and parents took part in these activities. Attendees received a book and a literacy packet to set goals and help students achieve their goals. The school raised \$1,150.00 from a raffle to help purchase more books for distribution at the next Literacy Night in the Spring.

CHILI COOKOFF:

The 3rd Annual Chili Cookoff to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Saturday, February 10 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm



at the Shelbyville Knights of Columbus Hall. Entry fee is \$25.00. Dinner tickets are \$10.00. For complete information go to www.shelbycatholic.org or call 317-398-8227. Great Food! Lots of Fun! Great Organization!

**St. Vincent DePaul
Mission Statement**
“We joyfully share
our gifts to nourish
the community.”



Brad and Brooke Fischer 2/25

Happy Anniversary



CLARITY

After 20 years of fundraising banquets and golf outings the board of Clarity has decided that the time and money spent on these events could be spent assisting clients and more personal contact with their supporters. These events required months of preparation and many dollars to achieve the level of quality that is expected. The Board of Directors has decided that there will be no such events in the foreseeable future. The partners who have donated in the past did not give their money because of the banquets but because of their dedication to making certain that the needs of mothers and their unborn children will be met. The individuals who also donated share the same dedication to assist those in need. Clarity still needs the support of their partners and individual donors. To make a donation, contact Clarity at 2410 IN 44, Shelbyville or call 317-398-4567. Volunteers are always needed as are diapers, baby clothes and prayers for clients and staff. Continue the support of this wonderful organization!



BOTTLE CAPS FOR BENCHES:

Waldron Elementary School and Deb Dalley are collecting bottle caps to help have two benches crafted for two Rush County Seniors who passed away this year. The students and Mrs. Dalley want to “let kindness ripple.” Please give this project your bottle caps and show your care for our Rush County friends.

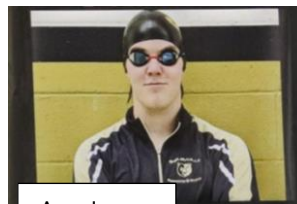


Honor Roll

Isabella Cunningham Olivia Cunningham
Leah Haehl Jenna Huntsman
Nora Rife
Bella Matney Daniel Vazquez
Addysyn Wettrick Alexa Wettrick

SHELBYVILLE SENIOR SWIMMERS HONORED

Three Shelbyville High School swimmers were recently honored for their years of dedication to the program and their excellent records. The three teammates started swimming together in sixth grade. They all still have some goals to achieve before their last swim and some words of wisdom for those students who will follow them. These Senior swimmers are: Will Rife, Miriam Garringer and Andrew Duffy. Great Job.



Andrew
Duffy



Will Rife



Miriam Garringer



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE:
The Parish Council met on
Tuesday, January 16, 2024



FINANCE: Margaret Haehl reported that income was good for November and December. Sunday collections were up for both months and expenses were below budget. Total income for the year was also up. \$40,000.00 was transferred to the ADLF fund in December.

The United Catholic appeal is currently at 84% of the \$26,524.00 goal.

Endowment for 2023: St. Paul Cemetery \$55,842.12, St. Vincent Cemetery \$321,655.95, St. Vincent Parish \$261,706.84.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: David Adams reported that the fence around Fr's house is complete, a wire to the well pump was damaged. H&R Water restored power and water supply. Ron Browning had 2 parking bumpers installed to prevent damage to the fence. A&B Overhead Door installed a new drive gear on the garage door. H&R Water repaired the first-floor toilet. David will continue to check information on the upgrade of the electric in the church.

FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS ED/YOUTH:

Mary Giesting reported that Lenten preparation is going well. February 7 there will be a Family Night, including dinner, Stations of the Cross and families will make Lenten altars for their home. Deacon Charlie will do Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evening during Lent. There are also plans to have Adoration on Wednesday from 8:30am – 6:00pm.

Cathy Lampton reported that all classes are going well. Students participated in Posadas and there are plans to make it an annual event. She is working on bringing a speaker to present a program for the Junior High students on purity and being proper people for others.

ST. ANN ALTAR SOCIETY: Amy Higdon reported that she discussed the purchase of a St. Vincent de Paul Statue with Eileen Settles, and Karen Kuhn. The Altar Society will consider the purchase at the next meeting. Fr. Mike advised that he is also considering the placement of a Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues on each side of the front of the church.

NEW BUSINESS: Greg Esslinger indicated that a parishioner suggested there is a need for several more handicapped parking spaces. Ron Browning will contact Brooks to check spaces in the school lot near the ramp leading to the church.

Brian Haehl will reinstall the library unit in the grassy area when the weather permits.

Fr. Mike announced that 30 college students from Thomas Moore University in Kentucky will be here March 3 to perform a 1 ½ hour free concert. We are being asked to provide overnight housing and possibly a meal in the hall.

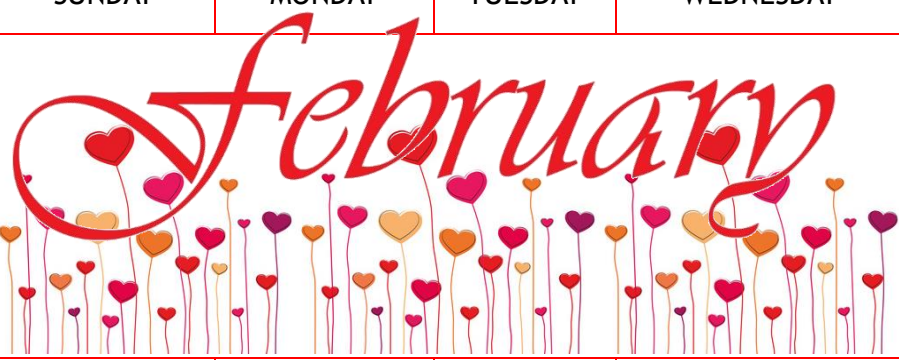



Fr. Mike asked for continued prayers for Fr. Paul who will celebrate his 96th birthday on January 28 and will celebrate his 70th anniversary as a priest in May.

The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

LOOKING AHEAD:

The St. Ann Altar Society Spring Rummage Sale is just around the corner. The Sale is scheduled for Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6. Please bring your clean usable rummage to Fr.'s garage starting March 18. Please put your items in the bay farthest from the house in a neat fashion since we only have one section for our use. Please note the next meeting of the Altar Society will be Monday, March 18 at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph 7 th -12 th Grade-Pacer Game High School Lock-in St. Joe Gym	3 Mass at 5:00 pm St. Joseph
4 Mass 8:30 am Anointing of Sick St. Vincent 10:00 am 12:15 pm (Sp) St. Joseph Youth Group 6 pm	5 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession Bible Study 10am SV RCIA 7 PM SV	6 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph Finance Mtg 7pm	7 Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent RE Class Family & Friends Night in the hall 6:30 pm	8 K of C Business Meeting 6:30 pm	9 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph	10 Mass at 5:00 pm St. Joseph
11 Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent 10:00 am 12:15 pm (Sp) St. Joseph Confirmation Class 4pm SV Youth Group 6 pm	12 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession Bible Study 10am SV RCIA 7 PM SV	13	14 Ash Wednesday Mass 6 pm SV 	15	16 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph	17 Mass at 5:00 pm St. Joseph
18 Mass 8:30 am K of C Breakfast following Mass St. Vincent 10:00 am 12:15 pm Spanish St. Joseph Youth Group 6 pm	19 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession Bible Study 10am SV RCIA 7 PM SV St. Ann Altar Society Mtg 7pm SV Hall	20 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph Parish Council Mtg 7pm Hall	21 Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent Eucharistic Adoration 8:30-6:00 Rosary at 5:30 followed by Benediction Stations of the Cross 7pm  RE Class 6:15pm	22	23 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph	24 Mass at 5:00 pm St. Joseph
25 Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent after mass 10:00 am 12:15 pm Spanish St. Joseph Confirmation Class 4pm SV Youth Group 6 pm	26 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession Bible Study 10am SV SVDP Society 6:30pm SV Hall RCIA 7 pm SV	27 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph	28 Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent Eucharistic Adoration 8:30-6:00 Rosary at 5:30 followed by Benediction Penance Service 6:30 Stations of the Cross 7pm  RE Class 6:15pm	29	