

# Around the Parish

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church

In service of our Lord in Shelby County since 1837

4218 E Michigan Rd, Shelbyville, IN 46176

Fr. Mike Keucher, V F, Pastor Office PH 317-398-8227



**"We joyfully share our gifts to nourish the community."**

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

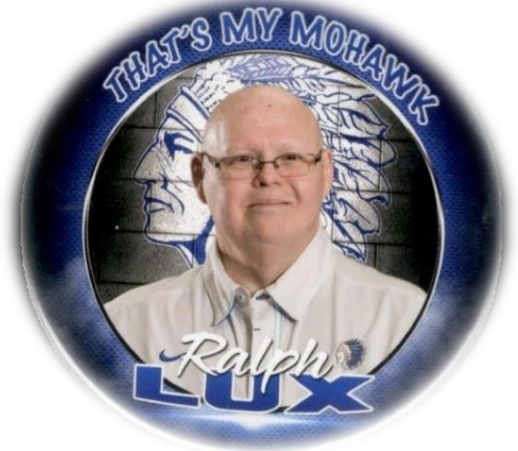
*"No matter who you are in this life, it will end in death. The only life that matters is the next." ~St. Francis Borgia*

**EVERY LIFE IS WORTH LIVING:** The recent March for Life held in Indiana and nationally and the passing of our beloved Ralph Lux seemed to give reason to consider lives worth living. Ralph was much loved by his family and his St. Vincent family. At his funeral Mass his cousin spoke well about the beauty and the value of the life he lived. She mentioned that when he was born the doctor didn't tell his parents that he had Down's Syndrome because he wasn't expected to live. How wrong he was. Ralph lived a life of service to his community by working at Shares for 39 years, serving as student manager of his beloved Waldron Mohawk Basketball team for 37 years. He participated in Special Olympics for many years and won numerous medals. Ralph was a lifelong member of our St. Vincent Parish, which he served as an usher for many years. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #822. Ralph loved his God, his family and his life. He always had a smile on his face. Thank God that Ralph was born into a loving family. All the members of the Lux family deserve credit for helping Ralph to believe that he was loved and could do great things in this world. The family was with Ralph 24 -7 in his final days, never leaving him alone. A final testament to a life well lived was that the viewing for Ralph was moved to the Waldron Jr. Sr. High School so that there would be ample space for all who came to say goodbye to a life very well lived.



## REST IN PEACE:

Ralph Edward Lux, 67, passed away on Thursday, January 9, 2025. Ralph is survived by his brothers, Jerry J. (Martha) Lux, Thomas L. (Patricia) Lux, Max M. (Jan) Lix, Nick C. (Pat) Lux, Gregory P. (Melody) Lux, Frank D. Lux, and Mark A. (Jean Ann) Lux, sisters Linda K. (Jerry) Stewart, Janette (Jim) Alexander and Beth Ann (Jerry) Garrett and many nieces and nephews as well as several great-nieces and great-nephews. Ralph was laid to rest on Monday, January 13, 2025, here at St. Vincent Cemetery following a Mass of Christian Burial officiated by Fr. Mike Keucher and assisted by Fr. Paul Landwerlen. God Rest His Soul.



## AMERICAN LEGION ESSAY CONTEST:

CONGRATULATIONS TO LEO WELLS, SON OF JASON AND JENNIFER WELLS AND GRANDSON OF KIM AND JOAN KNIGHT FOR HIS WINNING ESSAY. LEO IS IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AT FORTVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. THE SCHOOL IN COOPERATION WITH THE FORTVILLE AMERICAN LEGION POST 391 SPONSORED AN ESSAY CONTEST ALONG WITH A TEST OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE AMERICAN FLAG. LEO WAS ONE OF SEVERAL STUDENTS WHO SCORED WELL AND PRESENTED THEIR ESSAY AT A PROGRAM ON JANUARY 23. THE PRIZE WAS \$25.00 AND A PIZZA AND ICE CREAM PARTY FOR ALL IN ATTENDANCE. GREAT JOB!

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

## Knights of Columbus

Mark your calendar; Sunday, February 16, 2025, the Father Seger Council chef knights will be serving up their famous sausage gravy breakfast following the 8:30am Mass, in the St. Vincent



The January 19 famous Sausage gravy breakfast was well attended. 14 Chef Knights served 100 parishioners and guest speaker Melissa Reed, director of Children' Services at Gibault. Thanks to the generosity of the diners the Fr. Seger Council raised \$900.00 for Gibault Services!



The Family of the Month for January is Kenny and Gail Zauss. Congratulations.



On Sunday, January 5, 2025, following the 8:30 am Mass, Seminarian Lance Tony joined the Fr. Seger council of the Knights of Columbus.



## CHILI COOKOFF:

The 4th Annual Chili Cookoff to support the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Saturday, February 8 from 5:00pm – 8:00pm



at the Shelbyville Knights of Columbus Hall. Entry fee is \$25.00. Dinner tickets are \$10.00 and may be purchased at the door. For complete information go to the svdpshelby.org website. Great Food! Lots of Fun! Great Organization!



Please keep our youths in your prayers as they prepare for their confirmation on March 1<sup>st</sup>.



Corinne Bossingham  
Sophia Cunningham  
Lincoln Fischer  
Allie Garrett  
Jackson Garrett  
Landen Rinzel



CONGRATULATIONS TO RAY WAGNER, WHO WAS CROWNED HOMECOMING KING AT THE JANUARY 17 WALDRON VARSITY BASKETBALL GAME!



Chad Williams photo  
Ray Wagner and Brooklyn Hudnall were crowned Homecoming King and queen at Waldron High School's boys' basketball game against Eminence.



## SHELBY COUNTY BASKETBALL TOURNEY:

The Waldron Lady Mohawks defeated the Southwestern Lady Spartans, and the Triton Central Lady Tigers defeated the Morristown Lady Yellow Jackets to advance to the Shelby County Tournament. Congratulations to **Jackie Corlette** who scored 12 points and **Alivia and Grace Fischer** who also played well. Congratulations for a good season!



Chad Williams Photo

WALDRON BOYS' BASKETBALL: The Waldron Boys Basketball team including **Ray Wagner** and **Jack Fischer** had a good weekend of play on January 17 – 18. Thanks to a great team effort they defeated Eminence 50-20 and Jac-Cen-Del 41-40. Congratulations!

SHELBY COUNTY BOYS' BASKETBALL TOURNEY: The Morristown Yellow Jackets, including **Colton Cavaletto** and the Triton Central Tigers played well and advanced to the Shelby County Tournament. Congratulations to Triton for their win.



## Honor Roll

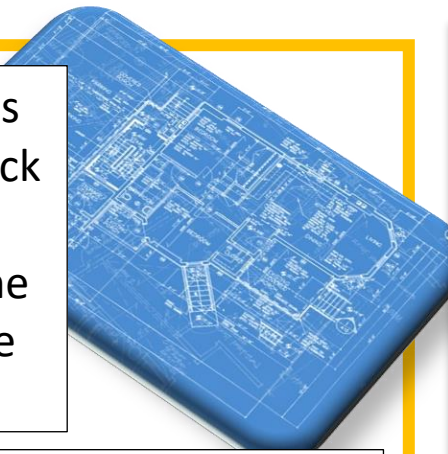
Isabella Cunningham	Kye DeWitt
Olivia Cunningham	Olivia Haehl
Sophia Meriwether	Jessica Nieman
Katherine Nieman	Nora Rife

### Thank You:

*The family of Marjorie Kuhn would like to thank everyone for their prayers, good thoughts and kindness to Mom during her illness. Your kindness has been especially meaningful after her death.*



**Congratulations to Tyler Comstock for being appointed as the new Shelbyville City Engineer!**



Jason Abel was elected president of the Shelby County Commissioners at the first meeting of the new year, January 13. The Commissioners made several important appointments including Dave Adams as County Inspector.

*Congratulations!*

**WELCOME HOME:**

Matt and Marla Comstock were thrilled when their oldest son Tyler Comstock and his family returned to Shelbyville and St. Vincent. Tyler was recently selected to be the new Shelbyville City Engineer. Tyler is a 2007 graduate of Shelbyville High School and a 2011 graduate of Purdue University. He has worked for the last 11 years for American Structurepoint in their civil engineering and surveying departments. This job allowed him to work on a wide range of projects including Zaxby's here in Shelbyville as well as industrial, commercial, multi-family, the Department of Defense and a \$400 million dollar project for IU hospital in Bloomington. His parents and the St. Vincent Parish family are glad to have Tyler, his wife Ashley and children Lawson, Lincoln and Amelia back home in Shelbyville, hopefully for many years to come.



Our next gathering will be on February 20 at the St. Vincent Hall

and will include a wine and canvas experience hosted by Tammy Jones. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join in the fun on the third Thursday of the month. If you will be attending, please let Mary Giesting (317-698-2191) know in advance so that we will be able to have enough canvases and paint supplies for everyone. There is no cost to attend.



After celebrating Mass on Tuesday Jan 28, Fr. Paul was treated to cake and donuts for his 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday in the St. Joseph gym surrounded by all the children at school.



**Church Envelopes:** Friendly reminder, please pick up your envelopes at the church office. The office needs to know if you want to keep your number active before marking it inactive. Questions, call or contact Margaret Haehl at 317-402-3991.





## PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE:

The Parish Council met on Tuesday, January 21, 2025

**FINANCE:** Margaret Haehl reported on the October, November and December financials. As of December 31, the Month to date income was up \$21,129.03 and the Year-to-date income \$53,902.54. Net income after expenses for electrical, landscape and building for Nativity Scene was \$95,375.01. Endowment totals: St. Paul Cemetery \$58,943.04, St. Vincent Cemetery \$358,441.81 and St. Vincent \$291,375.01.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** Dave Adams reported that he had not made any recent repairs. Margaret reported that the baseboard heaters in the rectory aren't working. Dave advised her to contact Hicks Heating and AC. Mike Dooley resolved the mouse problem in the Hall. It was mentioned that the thermostats in the Hall were not working but batteries need replaced. Nick Meriwether installed a new storm door on the rectory. Kenny Zauss advised that Burgess Boiler did their annual inspection and repaired two pipes. Fr. Mike noted that the washer in the rectory was not filling up properly. Doug Rodgers and Dave found rust in the water and believe that the water softener will need to be checked. Margaret Haehl will get two estimates on the cost to repair or replace.

**EVANGELIZATION:** Tammy Jones reported that there has been positive feedback on the Advent Calendars and hopes to have them again this year.

**FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS ED/YOUTH:** Cathy Lampton reported that 35 teens are preparing for Confirmation and the retreat in December was well attended. The students will be confirmed at Mass on March 1. Religious Ed classes, especially the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, have been well attended. Classes participated in a variety of Advent activities and are planning a Lenten soup and prayer evening. The Youth Group had 35 teens attend the Blue River Bowl night. The Bible Study group is studying the Book of James. 3 teens are attending the "March for Life." 20 teens helped take down the Christmas decorations. There are plans for VBS and other activities for the summer. Debbie Nieman mentioned several parents had concerns about class size, getting to know Catechists, language barriers with helpers. Fr. Mike, Cathy and

Mary Giesting will meet and report back at the February meeting.

**ST. ANN ALTAR SOCIETY:** The Spring Rummage sale is scheduled for April 4 and 5. Rummage can be placed in the garage beginning March 1. There will be no meeting in February. The next meeting will be March 17.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Seminarian Lance joined the Council. The Knights help take down the Christmas decorations. The January 19 breakfast raised \$900.00 for Gibault.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The repair of the stained glass and door will be postponed for better weather. Greg Esslinger noted that the light in the foyer is broken. Marvin Peters reported that parts are on order.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Election: Ryan Haehl, Janice Huntsman and Jake Leffler will finish their terms this year and anyone interested in running should contact Margaret Haehl or a member of the council. The election will be in April.

Budget: Committees need to prepare their 2025-2026 budgets and get them to Margaret soon.


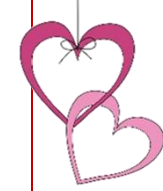
Transportation: Fr. Mike reported he is looking into purchasing a minibus from another parish that no longer needs the 15–20-year-old, 14 passenger bus. He is hopeful the purchase price will be \$2,000.00, based on a good mechanical report.

Lent: There will be a church tour at St. Joe and perhaps at St. Vincent. Deacon Charlie will do Stations of the Cross on Wednesday evenings along with Adoration. Feed My Starving Children: Several churches in Shelby Co. will be helping to prepare over 100,000 meals at the Fairgrounds to be distributed around the world in June.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00pm. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Ash Wednesday 2025 will be March 5.

St. Ann Spring Rummage Sale is just around the corner. Rummage and assistance are always needed. Please start planning now.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> Mass at 5:00 pm <b>St. Joseph</b>
<b>2</b> Mass 8:30 am Anointing of Sick <b>St. Vincent</b> 10:00 am 12:15 pm (Sp) <b>St. Joseph</b> Confirmation Class Youth Group 6 pm	<b>3</b> Mass 5:00 pm <b>St. Vincent</b> Adoration & Confession RCIA 7 PM SV	<b>4</b> Mass at 8:15 am <b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>5</b> Mass at 8:00 am <b>St. Vincent</b> SCRE Class 6:30p	<b>6</b> K of C Business Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>7</b> Mass at 8:15 am <b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>8</b> Mass at 5:00 pm <b>St. Joseph</b> SVDP Chili Cookoff 5-8pm at K of C
<b>9</b> Mass 8:30 am <b>St. Vincent</b> 10:00 am 12:15 pm (Sp) <b>St. Joseph</b> Youth Group 6 pm	<b>10</b> Mass 5:00 pm <b>St. Vincent</b> Adoration & Confession SVDP Society 6:30pm SV Hall RCIA 7 PM SV	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Mass at 8:00 am <b>St. Vincent</b> SCRE Class 6:30p 1 <sup>st</sup> reconciliation (2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade)	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Mass at 8:15 am <b>St. Joseph</b> 	<b>15</b> Mass at 5:00 pm <b>St. Joseph</b>
<b>16</b> Mass 8:30 am <b>St. Vincent</b> <b>Food Drive</b> K of C Brkfst 9:30 10:00 am 12:15 pm <b>St. Joseph (Sp)</b> Confirmation Class Youth Group 6 pm	<b>17</b> Mass 5:00 pm <b>St. Vincent</b> Adoration & Confession RCIA 7 PM SV	<b>18</b> Mass at 8:15 am <b>St. Joseph</b> Parish Council Mtg 7pm Hall	<b>19</b> Mass at 8:00 am <b>St. Vincent</b> SCRE Class 6:30p	<b>20</b> <b>Sisters in the Spirit</b> gathering 6pm	<b>21</b> Mass at 8:15 am <b>St. Joseph</b> <b>Sacred Hour of Mercy</b> 3pm	<b>22</b> Mass at 5:00 pm <b>St. Joseph</b>
<b>23</b> Mass 8:30 am <b>St. Vincent</b> <b>after mass</b> 10:00 am 12:15 pm <b>St. Joseph (Sp)</b> Confirmation Class Youth Group 6 pm	<b>24</b> Mass 5:00 pm <b>St. Vincent</b> Adoration & Confession SVDP Society 6:30pm SV Hall RCIA 7 pm SV	<b>25</b> Mass at 8:15 am <b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>26</b> Mass at 8:00 am <b>St. Vincent</b> SCRE Class 6:30p	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Mass at 8:15 am <b>St. Joseph</b>	<b>1</b> Mass at 5:00 pm <b>St. Joseph</b> <b>Confirmation</b>