

Around the Parish

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church
In service of our Lord in Shelby County since 1837
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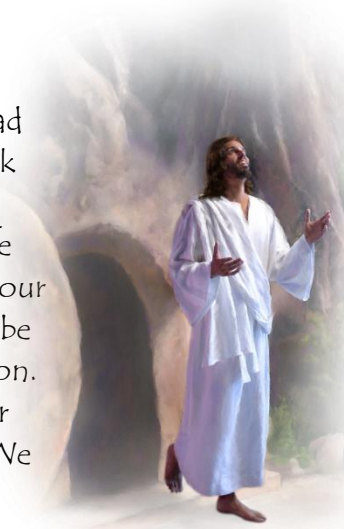


QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

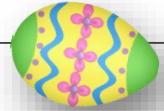
"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to those who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18

EASTER PRAYER:

"Lord Jesus, You have risen from the dead and are gloriously triumphant! We thank you for loving us so much that we have been invited to participate in the new life won by You. Draw us in, dear Lord, to Your suffering and death so that we may also be drawn into the glory of Your Resurrection. May Your mercy be poured out into our lives and the lives of all Your children. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen"



COMMUNITY NEWS:



Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 12 at Kennedy Park, 201 Minster Dr. Shelbyville. The Bunny will arrive at noon. The event is free to children 10 and under. Bring your own Easter basket.

WINDY SATURDAY DAMAGE:

Thank the good Lord no one was injured by the high winds that damaged our campus. The high winds were strong enough to push the SVDPS truck across the parking lot, remove shingles from the Parish Hall roof so that the rain leaked into the hall and left quite a puddle on the floor. Several large limbs damaged the cemetery fence and a few monuments, brought down our beautiful pine tree and took out the flagpole in front of the schoolhouse. Thanks to the quick work of parishioners who came to the campus, the water and debris were removed and Mass and Knights of Columbus breakfast proceeded without interruption. God Bless all the helpers!



FRIENDS BECOME FAMILY:

Ten years ago on April 15, 2015, I was fortunate enough to receive a kidney from my dear friend Deb Dalley. She sacrificed one of her kidneys to help me survive. I truly believe that there are angels on this earth that walk among us, and she must surely be one. She will always be a part of me, and I will always be a part of her. Her father, Jim Fischer, after the surgery said to me "I just got another daughter." I will never forget him saying that to me. Thank you, Deb, for what you did for me and my family. You are and will be in my thoughts and prayers every day for the rest of my life.

Love and hugs,
Marcia Adams



WALK TO END EPILEPSY:

Heather Beyer and the David JBT team will again be participating in the annual Walk to End Epilepsy. The date for the Walk is Saturday, May 17 and will be held at the Butler University Campus from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Heather and her team will be walking in memory of David Beyer. Proceeds from the Walk will be used to provide funding to the Epilepsy Foundation for research, education and assistance to people who are suffering from this disease. The Foundation is also working to end SUDEP (Sudden Unexpected Death Due to Epilepsy) which took David from us at such a young age.

If you would like to participate in the Walk or make a contribution, please contact
Heather Beyer
317-642-8045.



EPILEPSY
FOUNDATION

Sisters in the Spirit



SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT: The Sisters in the Spirit gathered on Thursday, March 20 in our beautiful St. Vincent Church. Everyone received an updated Stained-Glass Booklet and we talked about each and every stained-glass window and the meaning behind each symbol depicted in the windows. We had a wonderful turnout, and we are so thankful for everyone who came. The Sisters in the Spirit will not be meeting in April as we will be observing Holy Week. Our next gathering will be in May. More information will be forthcoming. Be sure to keep an eye out in the bulletin for more information.



Parish Council Election will be held on Sunday, April 6. We will be electing one three-year term female, and one three-year term male over the age of 35. Also, one two-year term male under the age of 35. The council meetings are every third Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the hall. If you are interested in running, please contact Margaret Haehl, #317-402-3991, by Sunday, March 30th.

RURAL PRESERVATION AWARD:

Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Farm Bureau are taking nominations for the 2025 John Arnold Award. This award honors historic farms and farmers who have worked to preserve and use their Indiana farms for the day-to-day work for which they were intended.

The award will be presented during the Celebration of Agriculture at the Indiana State Fair in August. Winners receive an outdoor marker and will be featured in Indiana Preservation magazine. John Arnold, late brother of Barb Harcourt, was chosen as the namesake for this award because of his dedication to the preservation of rural Indiana. To submit a nomination, go to indianalandmars.org/john-arnold-award-rural-preservation. Deadline for submission is April 15, 2025.



SHELBY COUNTY AGRICULTURE BANQUET:

This year's banquet was well attended and included many dignitaries including Governor Mike Braun and Lt. Governor Micah Beckwith who praised several local companies, including Fischers Inc.

CEMETERY REMINDER:

Headstones must be in accordance with the solemnity of the cemetery. Decorations, epitaphs and symbols should be in the spirit of the Catholic Church. Only one marker is allowed per grave with the exception of additional appropriate Veterans Markers. Installers must have approval of the Cemetery Manager, markers and headstones remain the property of the family.

Flowers and Decorations: All effort must be given to maintain the dignity of the cemetery. Floral arrangements, fresh or artificial, are permitted if placed in containers that are secured to the headstone or monument. Flowers and decorations must be disposed of within 2 weeks. Church personnel retain the right to dispose of flowers and decorations as needed. The cemetery is not responsible for any mementos left on gravesites. There are no permanent plantings in the cemetery. American flags may be permitted on Veterans graves from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. No glass containers permitted.

Happy Anniversary

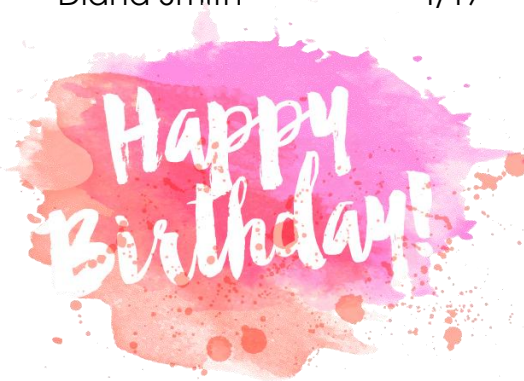
4/16 *Tim and Sandy Leffler*

4/24 *Chris and Susan Runnebohm*

4/29 *Mike and Patty Bogemann*



Sarah Haehl	4/01	Zola Ernstes	4/14	Isabella Cunningham	4/18
Nora Rife	4/01	Ethan Apsley	4/16	Paul Kiefer	4/18
Laura Bossingham	4/02	Henry Nieman	4/16	Katie Kuhn	4/18
Andrew Strehle	4/05	Katelyn Long	4/16	Max Lux	4/18
Brooke Thompson	4/07	Janet Brewer	4/17	Joey Wettrick	4/18
Barbara Gahimer	4/08	Penny Poe	4/17	Jared Eads	4/19
Steve Runnebohm	4/08	Diana Smith	4/17	Daniel Oyerbides	4/20
Wyatt Cavaletto	4/09			Abigail Saxon	4/21
Sydney Abel	4/10			Gregg Kuhn	4/22
Christopher Brinson	4/10			Ron Browning	4/23
Jerry Stewart	4/10			Ray Bush	4/23
Donald Gahimer	4/11			Zoey Eliana Pettigrew	4/23
Marvin Peters	4/11			Sadie Poe	4/23
John Saxon	4/11			Debbie Buschokoetter	4/24
Donna Dolan	4/12			Joan Knight	4/26
Frances Adams	4/14				



Happy Belated Birthday!!!

Rebecca Wagner	1/10	Lonnie Pettigrew	3/11
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Knights of Columbus

March Breakfast: Thanks to everyone's generosity the March 16 breakfast generated \$818.00 after expenses, to divide between the Knights of Columbus Christian Refugee Fund and to support other Father Seger Council charitable causes. After the storm damage to the parish hall on Saturday morning we were thankful that we were able to serve breakfast and that we had such a great turnout! Thanks so much everyone!

The April breakfast will be Sunday, April 27 and will be 100%, less expenses, for our local SCUFFY to support the numerous local programs funded by this fine organization.



Family of The Month: Congratulations to Paul Pollman, Father Seger Council's March Family of the Month.

The Father Seger Council Knights of Columbus will again award a \$500.00 cash scholarship. The successful candidate must be a Catholic in good standing, attending seminary or an accredited college or trade school. Beginning Sunday, March 29, 2025, hard copies of the application will be available at the front doors of St. Vincent and St. Joseph churches and at the combined parish office. You may also contact Ryan Haehl at 317-439-1789 or email ryanhaehl@yahoo.com or Brian Haehl at 317-512-7932 or email Bhaehl@earthlink.net for an electronic copy. Application deadline in is June 1, 2025.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:

SVDPS: Meetings are 2nd and 4th Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall.



St. Ann Altar Society Rummage Sale:

The St. Ann Spring Rummage Sale will be Friday April 4 and Saturday April 5. Volunteers are needed on Saturday, March 29 to help set up tables, Sunday, March 30 after Mass to move the rummage to the Parish Hall and Monday, March 31 any time after 8:00am to sort and place rummage for sale. Help will also be needed to assist customers on Friday and Saturday from 7:00am – 2:00pm. If you can help or have any questions, contact Eileen Settles 317-512-5632, Amy Higdon 317-509-9285. Baked goods are also needed and may be brought to the Parish Hall on Thursday, April 3.



D OF I - SCHOLARSHIP The Daughters of Isabella/Knights of Columbus scholarship applications will be available in the parish office. This scholarship is for \$1500. Any graduating CATHOLIC senior can apply. Applications need to be turned into your guidance counselor or to the parish office NO LATER THAN APRIL 25TH.

DEANS LIST:

Addysyn Wettrick, Manchester University

SHELBYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL FFA

Congratulations to Maddie Huntsman who finished second in the FFA District meet in the Extemporaneous Speaking competition!



SHELBYVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL SWIMMING:

Congratulations to Henry Rife who recently broke the record for the 50 butterfly, which had stood for 25 years!



WALDRON LADIES MOHAWKS: The Waldron Girls Basketball team had a good season; Three Lady Mohawks made the 2024-2025 MHC All-Conference Girls Team. The team included our own Alivia Fischer who received Honorable Mention. Congratulations!

On Friday, Feb. 28, 2025, the Waldron Mohawks Basketball team honored four senior players including St Vincent's Ray Wagner. Congratulations Ray on a season well played!



Chad Williams Photo
The Mohawks honored four seniors on senior night. Parker Douglas, Ray Wagner, Max Jones, and Lucas Shaw will graduate in the summer, leaving behind some important roles to fill.

WALDRON MOHAWK BASKETBALL:

Congratulations to the Waldron Mohawks Men's Basketball team for a great season. The team worked well together and won quite a few games. The team made it to the Sectional tournament and competed well. A special congratulations to our own Ray Wagner and Lincoln Fischer who contributed to the success of the team.



COUNTY TOURNAMENT:

The Waldron 6th Grade Boys Basketball team won the Shelby County Tournament. Harrison Fischer contributed to the win with great defensive play and his remarkable 22 points in the final game. The team also won the Hope Invitational this year. Great Job!



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE:

The Parish Council met on
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

FINANCE: Margaret Haehl reported February Sunday donations were down \$1,330.43 and year-to-date were up \$22,097.16. Total income month-to-date is down \$1,496.26, and year-to-date is up \$78,358.76. Expenses month to date are under \$3,418.03 and year to date under \$33,207.12. Endowment totals: St. Paul Cemetery \$59,902.92, St. Vincent Cemetery \$373,103.05 and St. Vincent Church \$296,495.04

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: David Adams advised that Chardon Lab performed their routine boiler water treatment checkup.

The Storm damage on Saturday, March 15 included shingles blown off the roof of the Hall and Rectory. The cleanup of water in the Hall was underway and Ryan Haehl contacted Shane Pike to get tarps to cover the roof. Mike Cord was contacted for a price for roof repair. A pine tree and Bradford pear tree were uprooted and damaged. TIE Tree Service was contacted for an estimate for removal, work took place on Monday. Dave reported that the Archdiocese has a resource to help with these situations and they have been contacted. Dave thanked Karen Kuhn and Margaret Haehl for their help.

EVANGELIZATION: Tammy Jones reported that decorations in the church are completed and that she and Joan Knight are considering candy bars for Easter as they were well received last year.

SISTERS IN SPIRIT: Karen Kuhn reported that the February get together for a painting class led by Tammy Jones was attended by 28 and that the March 20 meeting will be in the church to discuss the stained-glass windows and their significance. There will be no meeting in April.

FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS ED/YOUTH: Cathy Lampton reported that there are 6 more weeks of Religious Ed and thanked the Catechists for a great year. 32 youths were confirmed on March 14.

The High School youth group meets weekly, and the donut fundraisers have been successful. Vacation Bible School will be June 2-9. She and Lexi Kennedy are working on the curriculum. Volunteers are needed. There are 5 youth registered for OBOC summer camp so far. The group will be attending a Pacers game on April 4. Watch the bulletin for summer events.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Ryan Haehl reported that \$818.00 from the March breakfast will be divided with the K of C Christian Refugee Relief Fund and the Fr. Seger Council.

ST. ANN ALTAR SOCIETY: Amy Higdon reported that the Altar Society had \$16,558.32. After expenses the balance is \$15,149.41.

The rummage sale set up needs help beginning Saturday, March 29 & March 30 to move rummage and March 31 to begin sorting rummage.

The Altar Society would like to purchase bells to signal the start of Mass for use during the weekday and Sunday Mass. Anita Peters suggested a 3-bell set from Krieg's in Indianapolis. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Margaret Haehl reported that the stained-glass windows have been repaired with the exception of one. Jules will repair that one as soon as possible. Anita Peters will contact Weberding to obtain an estimate for repairing the doors.

The Parish Council elections will be April 6; nominations are needed.

Anita Peters reported that the church tour went well, and one visitor asked if it might be done again. The fall will be considered.

NEW BUSINESS: Margaret Haehl thanked Karen Kuhn and Ryan Haehl for their efforts in the cleanup of the storm damage and the Archdiocese will be contacted. Karen Kuhn will check into the fence repair. Seminarian Lance noted that the lights at Our Lady of the Fields are not working, and a light is dangling.




Several parishioners have received a second United Catholic Appeal letter, Margaret will check into the situation. Margaret suggested that the April meeting be canceled, motion approved.

Fr. Mike distributed bookmarks with QR codes for joining either parish and for on-line giving. The reverse side has the St. Michael prayer, the Memorare, and a QR code for additional prayers. The council voted to have some printed for St. Vincent.




Margaret suggested that since St. Joseph asked for a 10% increase in the fundraising pledge that St. Vincent increase their pledge by \$1,000.00. Motion passed.

Fr. Mike asked for prayers regarding the Code of Canon Law that states that churches are to be open all day for people to stop and pray. Several suggestions were made and will be discussed at the May meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. All members of the parish are welcome to attend.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <i>April</i>		1 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph	2 Mass 8 am St. Vincent Rel. Ed 6:30 pm Mass	3	4 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;"> St. Ann's Rummage Sale </div>	5 Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph
		6 Mass 8:30am St. Vincent Mass 10am SJ Mass 1pm (Sp) 3rd Scrutiny Youth Group 6p	7 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession RCIA 7:00pm	8 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph Finance Mtg 7:00 pm	9 Mass 8 am St. Vincent Penance Service 6:00pm St. Vincent Rel. Ed 6:30 pm	10 K of C Business Meeting 6:30 pm
13 PALM SUNDAY  <i>Hosanna!</i> Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent Mass 10am SJ Mass 1pm (Sp) Youth Group 6p	14 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession 5:30 – 6:00 St Ann Altar Society 6:30pm School Bldg SVDP Society 6:30pm	15 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph Chrim Mass 2pm, Cathedral SS Peter and Paul in Indy Parish Council 7:00pm Hall	16 Mass 8:00 am St. Vincent Rel. Ed 6:30 pm	17 Holy Thursday Mass 7pm SJ , Altar of Repose following until 11 pm	18 No 8:15 Mass Good Friday Service 3pm SJ , Living Stations of the Cross following 	19 Mass 5pm St. Joseph RCIA Retreat & Practice St. Joseph Cafeteria & Church 9:00 am Easter Vigil SJ 9:00 pm

Holy Week

NO RCIA						
20 EASTER SUNDAY  He is RISEN Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent Mass 10am SJ Mass 1pm (Sp)	21 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession No RCIA	22 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph 	23 Mass 8:00 am St. Vincent Rel. Ed 6:30 pm	24	25 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph	26 Mass 5pm St. Joseph
27 Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent K of C Brkfst 9:30 Divine Mercy Sunday Service 3pm SV Mass 10am SJ Mass 1pm (Sp) Youth Group 6p	28 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession SVDP Society 6:30pm RCIA Party 7:00pm	29 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph	30 Mass 8:00 am St. Vincent Rel. Ed 6:30 pm May Crowning	31	 <i>Christ Risen!</i>	