

Around the Parish

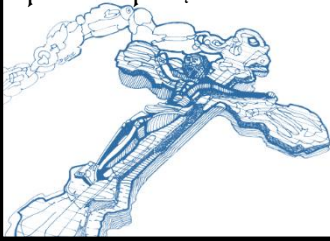
St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

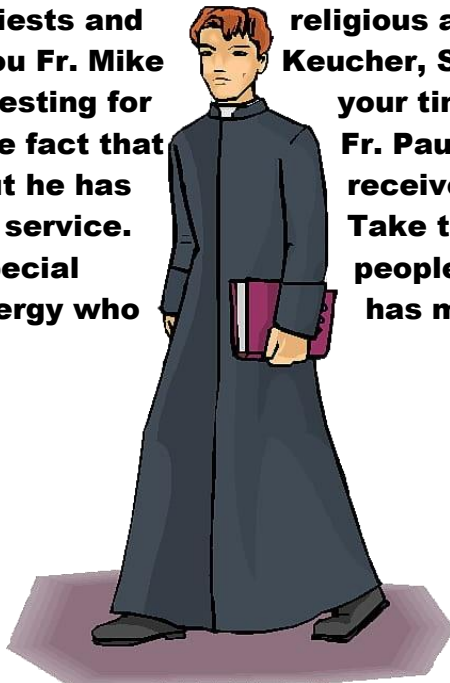
“Any time you have an opportunity to make a difference in the world, and you don’t, then you are wasting your time on earth.” ~Roberto Clemente, Hall of Fame Pittsburgh Pirate.

October is Dedicated to Mary: We honor the Blessed Mother in October with a special effort to pray the Rosary. Many people pray the Rosary daily. If you do not, this might be a good time to begin that devotion. The St. Vincent Rosary group meets each Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the church and all are welcome to join them. Come early to Mass on Sunday and participate in this devotion. Jesus gave the Blessed Mother to us as he died on the cross so that we could share in the love she gave to Him. Honor your spiritual mother this month and pray the Rosary.



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CLERGY APPRECIATION: This month is also a good time to honor the dedicated men and women who have given their lives to the service of God and His Church. Our St. Vincent Parish has been blessed for nearly 200 years to have had so many holy priests and religious as members of our family. Thank You Fr. Mike Giesting for the fact that but he has of service. special clergy who religious as members of our family. Thank Fr. Mike Keucher, Sr. Joan Miller and Deacon Charlie your time here with us. We also mourn Fr. Paul Landwerlen is no longer with us, received his reward for his many years Take the time to say thank you to these people and any other member of the has made a difference in your life.



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

RESPECT LIFE MONTH: The Church sets aside the month of October to honor all life. Sunday, October 5 is Respect Life Sunday and the 33rd Annual Life Chain will be along Broadway from Noble to Harrison from 2:30 – 3:30. This annual event shows our dedication to the respect for ALL life from conception to natural death. Please attend if possible or take some time to pray at home. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops theme for this year is Life: Our Sign of Hope. There is always hope that each individual, child, adult, healthy or frail is seen as having value. We are all unique and have a God given purpose for being in this world. Pray that every person will have the opportunity to fulfill God’s plan.



TREBUCHET PUMPKIN CHUNKIN:

Joan and Kim Knight are preparing for their annual Fall Fun Day of Pumpkin Chunkin. Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 25, 2025, at 2:00 pm until dark or they run out of ammunition and join the fun. Bring your appetite and enjoy Angie's Potato Soup, a pot of Chicken and Sausage Gumbo and Shane's Chili. Feel free to bring your favorite dish to share. There will be a free will offering to help support the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All members of the parish and their children are welcome. Address of event is 9344 S 750 W, Milroy,

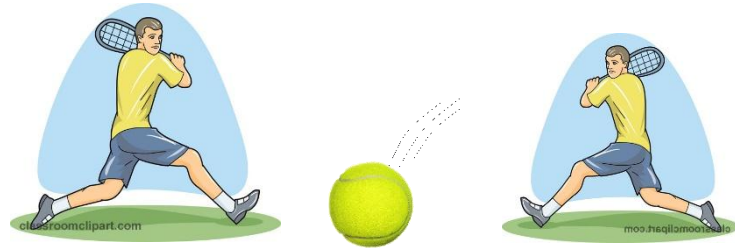
The Youth Group will also have an opportunity to join in the fun on Sunday October 26 at about 5:45 pm. Watch the bulletin for any changes.

This is always a highlight of the Fall season.



SHELBYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' TENNIS:

The boy's tennis team is having a successful year and have defeated Beech Grove, Franklin Community, Columbus East and East Central to name a few. Congratulations to all and our own **Henry Rife**. Keep up the good work.



BEST OF THE BEST

The Shelbyville News "Readers' Choice "

Awards 2025: Congratulations

Pastor: Fr. Mike Keucher

Civic Volunteer: Deb Dalley

Elected Official: Jason Abel

Mascot: Waldron Mohawk

Mortgage Lender: Annette Rayburn

Thrift Shop: St. Vincent de Paul Society

Construction Co.: Runnebohm Construction



WALDRON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' TENNIS:

The Mohawks have been playing well this season thanks to the consistent play of all the members of the team including our own **Charlie and Lincoln Fischer**. The team recently won the Shelby County Boys Tennis Championship by defeating Triton Central in a hard-fought battle. The dramatic final gave the Mohawks their first County title since 2019. This win assures the team of a Section 24 battle in a few weeks. Good Luck.



FACES IN THE NEWS: Fr. Mike was recently pictured in the Addison Times with former U.S. Senator Joe Donnelly. Sen. Donnelly served for years as the Ambassador to the Holy See.

October Breakfast:

October Breakfast: The October Breakfast will be Sunday, October 19 immediately following Mass. Proceeds will be divided between the Christian Refugee Fund and St. Vincent.

September was a busy month for the Fr. Seger Council. The September breakfast proceeds of \$900.00 was split between the Knights of Columbus and Special Olympics, with the Special Olympics receiving \$500.00 and the Fr. Seger Council retaining \$400.00 to support other charitable causes. The Council is very grateful for the continued support of the parish family.

Amy Higdon, St. Ann Altar Society President, Mike Lewis, Grand Knight and Brian Haehl were pleased to present Deacon Charlie with his new Dalmatic and stole. This particular Dalmatic carries the Knights of Columbus emblem which will allow Deacon Charlie to don his Dalmatic when Fr. Mike wears his Chasuble with the same emblem. Deacon Charlie noted that Deacons wear a long-sleeved Dalmatic, while Priests wear a short-sleeved Chasuble.



Knights of Columbus



Family of the month:

Ron Browning family was selected as the September Family of the Month.



DIOCESAN ANNIVERSARY MASS:
Andy and Heather Beyer attended the annual Anniversary Mass this year.

REST IN PEACE:

Shirley Anne Miller, 88 passed away on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. Shirley is survived by her daughters Kristy Porfidio, Tammy (Brian) Jones and son-in-law Steve Mooney, grandchildren Sarah Porfidio, Christina (Craig) Paul, Stuart (Blayr) Jones, Tony Duncan, Andrea (Ben) Arroyo, Jason (Blerina) Mooney, Courtney Mooney and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Martin Miller, daughter, Kelly Mooney, Granddaughter Emily Porfidio and Son-in-law, Joseph Porfidio. Shirley was a member of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Richmond, IN. Shirley was laid to rest on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, in St. Andrew Cemetery following a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Andrew Church. God Rest Her Soul.



CLARITY: Did you know that October is Respect Life Month? This annual event is always a great way to help this excellent organization help families in need of help. One easy way to participate is to pick up a baby bottle at church, take it home, and fill it up with change, cash, or a check. There is even a QR code inside the bottles if you would like to donate online!

Clarity assists mothers, babies and families in Shelby County and offers programs to aid young people to make important decisions about their chastity. Please start saving your change and green backs for this worthy cause. Volunteers and prayers are always needed as well.

Please return your bottle to church on the weekend of November 1st and 2nd.... (although we will still accept it a little later if you happen to forget that weekend!)

All proceeds benefit our local Clarity. Clarity provides free pregnancy test, ultrasounds, counseling, and material assistance. Thank you!



Happy Anniversary!

10/01 Gary and Kathy Hewitt
 10/02 Tom and Norma Zobel
 10/08 Matt and Marla Comstock
 10/11 Brian and Tammy Jones
 10/28 Ryan and Sarah Haehl
 10/28 Kenny and Peggy Roell
 Happy Belated Anniversary
 09/04 John and Debbie Nieman
 09/10 Tom and Janet Wheeler

DIRECTORY and PARISH RESOURCE BOOKLET

If you do not want your address, phone number and/or email included in the St. V directory please contact Tammy Jones, (tamara79sj@hotmail.com) Margaret Haehl (mehaehl@gmail.com) or Paula Perry (perry.paula@sjsshelbyville.org) by October 31. If we do not hear from you, we will assume that you are okay with the above information being included in the directory.

If your address, phone number, email address has changed since the last directory was created, please let us know that as well.

Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Sarah McKee 10/01
 Kristi Platt 10/01
 Linda Weintraut 10/01
 Linda Winkler 10/01
 Janet Schoentrup 10/02
 Joseph Dransfield 10/03
 Lyle Long 10/03
 Lucy Long 10/03
 Judy Weaver 10/07
 Brooke Fischer 10/09

John Nieman 10/10
 Paul Pollman 10/11
 Jeff Grimme 10/13
 Liam Long 10/14
 Annette Rayburn 10/15
 Josh Weintraut 10/15
 Reese Haehl 10/19
 Phillip Beyer 10/21
 Janet Comstock 10/23
 Karen Runnebohm 10/23
 Charles Fischer 10/24
 Kevin Fox 10/25
 Charles Rehn 10/28





Sisters in the Spirit



Eighteen ladies journeyed to Terre Haute, Indiana to visit St. Mary of the Woods, a designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Site for 2025. We toured the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Blessed Sacrament Chapel, National Shrine of Our Lady of Providence, the Lourdes Grotto, Saint Anne Shell Chapel, The White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, the Alpaca Barn and learned about the history of Saint Mother Theodore Guern and the Sisters of Providence.



Sisters in the Spirit October gathering will be at the home of Gaye McKinney where we will enjoy a bonfire, a wiener roast, and tour the trails through her wooded area. All food and drink will be provided; it will be a wonderful fall gathering. Be advised that this outing may be challenging for those who have difficulties walking on uneven terrain. We will meet on Thursday, October 23rd from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Gaye lives at 1357 East Meiks Road, Shelbyville, Indiana. Please let Mary Giesting (317-698-2191) know if you plan to attend. All ladies from St. Joseph and St. Vincent are welcome!





PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE:
The Parish Council met on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2025

FINANCE: Margaret Haehl reported that the August Sunday collection Month-To-Date was up \$7,969.69, Year-To-Date was up \$9,947.72. Total income Month-To-Date up \$11,370.86 and YTD is \$14,028.02. Expenses Month-To-Date are over \$11,094.31 and Year-To-Date over \$15,128.44. Total income under \$1,100.42

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Dave Adams reported that the main doors should be repaired and replaced soon. He and Nicky Meriwether picked up 4 truckloads of limbs for the burn pile. Work has begun on the cleaning and coating of the bricks of the church and rectory. Several headstones in the cemetery are off their base and are too heavy to move without professional help. Ryan Haehl will contact Cody Schneider who does this kind of work.

A parishioner asked Dave to look into removing walnut and hickory trees from the Pollinator area and advised him that there is an exposed well pipe in the wooded area that needs capped. After discussion it was decided that the trees will remain. Kenny Zauss will mark the mulberry trees for removal this winter.

EVANGELIZATION: Margaret Haehl reported that Tammy Jones has ordered St. Michael the Archangel prayer cards.

SISTERS IN SPIRIT: Karen Kuhn reported that 45 people attended the trip to Jim and Carol Fischer farm. The next event will be a trip to St. Mary of the Woods. Twenty-five people are registered. There have been many blessings for the women gathered together.

FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS ED/YOUTH: Cathy Lampton reported SCRE and Confirmation classes are underway. Seven girls from St. Joe attended the Graced Retreat. The Sunday night youth group has increased in attendance. Six high school boys have registered to attend Castle Night at Simon Brute. The first Jr. High group will meet on September 26. The doughnut fundraiser has been very successful. Five teens

(more are needed) have registered to participate in the Brute Soccer Tournament on October 4.

ST. ANN ALTAR SOCIETY: Amy Higdon reported that the September meeting was successful in planning for the Rummage Sale. Rummage will be moved to the parish hall on September 28 following Mass. An Armstrong Maple tree was ordered. The Altar Society will give \$3000.00 to help cover the cost of the church door repair and pay for a new AED machine. A \$5.00 pre-sale charge for parishioners was suggested with proceeds going to NCCY.







KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Ryan Haehl reported that the next Breakfast will be split between Special Olympics and the Fr. Seger Council.

OLD BUSINESS: Margaret Haehl reported Bench for Fr. Paul: It was suggested that the bench in front of the church be used and have a plaque installed. If this is not acceptable Deacon Charlie may consider collecting bottle caps for a new bench.

Renaming the Hall: Fr. Mike reported that Archbishop Thompson advised that this is reserved for Saints.

NEW BUSINESS: Margaret Haehl reported that several of the stained-glass windows experienced some leaking when the bricks were power washed. These need to be checked to determine damage and what action needs to be taken. The A/C in the Parish Hall is not working properly and repair needed is being investigated. The draft of the Annual Report will be checked prior to mailing.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent Rosary 5:30 SCORE 6:15-7:30	2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> St. Ann's Rummage Pre-Sale Event 3-7 pm </div>	3 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> St. Ann's Rummage Sale </div>	4 Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph
			5 Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent 10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) St. Joseph Life Chain 2:30-3:30 Conf. Class 4:30-5:30 Animal Blessing 6 pm Yth Grp 6 pm	6 Mass 9:00 am St. Vincent Adoration & Confession No OCIA Fall Break 	7 Communion Service at 8:15 am St. Joseph	8 Communion Service at 8:00 am St. Vincent Rosary 5:30 No SCORE Fall Break
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12 Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent 10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) St. Joseph	13 Communion Service at 5:00 pm SVDP Society 6:30 pm Hall	14 Communion Service at 8:15 am St. Joseph	15 Communion Service at 8:00 am St. Vincent Rosary 5:30	16 	17 Mass, 8:15 am 9 am-9 pm Confessions, St. Joseph Sacred Hr. of Mercy 3 PM	18 Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph Oktoberfest St. Joe Greenspace 5-9 pm
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No Youth Group Fall Break	OCIA 7-8 pm St V Schoolhouse		SCORE 6:15-7:30			
19 Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent Food Drive 10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) St. Joseph Youth Grp 6 pm	20 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession St. Ann Society mtg 6:30 pm OCIA 7-8 pm St V School	21 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph Parish Council 7 pm Hall	22 Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent Rosary 5:30 SCORE 6:15-7:30	23 Sisters in the Spirit 6:00 pm @ home of Gaye McKinney	24 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph 	25 Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph Pumpkin' Chunkin' 2 pm at Joan and Kim Knight's
26 Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent 10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) St. Joseph Confirmation Class 4:30-5:30 Youth Group 6 pm	27 Mass 5:00 pm St. Vincent Adoration & Confession OCIA 7-8 pm St V School SVDP Society 6:30 pm Hall Sem. Antonio's Birthday 	28 Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph	29 Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent SCORE 6:15-7:30	30	31 Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph 5 pm Mass and Trunk-or-Treat St Joe 	Nov 1 All Saints Day 8:15 am Mass St. Vincent and Ministry Day of Reflection, and 5 pm Mass