

# Around the Parish

St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church  
In service of our Lord in Shelby County since 1837  
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**St. Vincent DePaul  
Mission Statement**  
"We joyfully share our  
gifts to nourish the  
community."

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"AND SUDDENLY THERE WAS A MULTITUDE OF THE HEAVENLY HOSTS WITH THE ANGEL PRAISING GOD AND SAYING, 'GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST!' AND ON EARTH PEACE TO THOSE ON WHOM HIS FAVOR RESTS."  
LUKE 2: 13-14

#### ADVENT PRAYER:

*Give us patience, O God, to wait in a world busy with movement and to listen in silence, Lord, in a world drowning in noise.*

*O Come to us, Emmanuel!*

*Make us ever mindful of the children who suffer each day and hunger and thirst for love, peace and happiness.*

*Remind us how You entered into history through the Blessed Virgin Mary and by Your humble birth as a helpless babe in Bethlehem You brought endless joy to the world!*

*In Your Name we pray. Amen.*

#### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE



Immaculate Conception  
Holy Day of Obligation  
Monday, December 8:

- 7:15 am St. Joseph, ½ hour
- 8:15 am St. Joseph School Mass
- 5:00 pm St. Vincent
- 7:00 pm St. Joseph Bilingual

#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



Wednesday,  
December 24

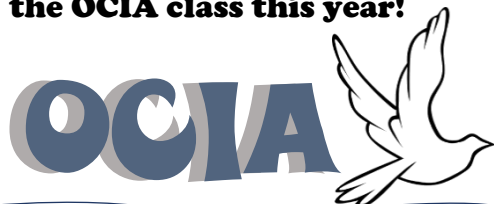
- 4:00 pm Children's Mass St. Joe
- 5:30 pm Christmas Eve St. Vincent
- 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Spanish St. Joe

Thursday December 25:

- Midnight Mass St. Joe
- 9:00 am Christmas Day St. Joe



**OCIA: Praise God. There are 40 people participating in the OCIA class this year!**



#### MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31:

- 5:00 pm Vigil St. Vincent
- 7:00 pm Vigil St. Joe Spanish

Thursday, January 1:  
New Year's Day

- 9:00 am St. Joseph



REST IN PEACE:

Virginia "Gingi" Crosby passed away Saturday, November 15, 2025. Virginia is survived by her children Carrie (Jason) Gray, Andrew (Carmen) Fansler, stepchildren Todd (Jean) Crosby. Trisha (David) Tackett, Tracey (Vince) Tucker, grandchildren Warren and Tanner Gray, Anne Marie and Mollie Fansler, Alexis and Jaidyn Tackett, Molly and Hannah Crosby, Austin and Abby Tucker and sister Trish Cromwell and former mother-in-law Imogene Fansler. Virginia was laid to rest in Forest Hill Cemetery on Friday, November 21 following the funeral at First Christian Church, Shelbyville with Rev. Ralph Botte and Rev. Bill Horner officiating. God Rest Her Soul.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY:

Congratulations to Madeline Huntsman who was recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Shelbyville High School.



**HONOR ROLL:**



- Charlie Fischer
- Harrison Fischer
- Rex Fisher
- Hannah Huntsman
- Katherine Nieman
- Henry Nieman
- Sophia Meriwether

REST IN PEACE:

Patricia J. Weisheit, 87 passed away Wednesday, October 29, 2025. Patricia is survived by her daughters, Debbie Buschkoetter, Kathy (Ted) Bierma, Tina (Kent) Heim, Tonia Weisheit, son-in-law, Jerry Gehlhausen, 11 grandchildren, 8 Great Grandchildren, sister-in-law, Lila Buechler and many nieces and nephews. Patricia was laid to rest on Monday November 3 in Fairview Cemetery, Jasper Indiana following a Mass of Christian Burial at Precious Blood Catholic Church. God Rest Her Soul.



CLARITY:

If you have not returned your baby bottle for the Clarity fund raising campaign, please do so as soon as possible. If you did not take a baby bottle, it's not too late. Clarity, 2410 E. St. Rd. 44, Shelbyville will accept donations anytime. Volunteers are also needed. You may also contact them at 317-398-4567. Prayers for this organization and their clients are always appreciated.



Waldron Football: Congratulations to the Waldron Mohawks Football team who won the 8-man State Football Championship with a decisive 34-6 score over the Tri-State Crusaders on Saturday, November 1. This is Championship number 1. Hopefully there will be many more! Great job.

Lady Mohawks Basketball: The team is looking forward to a successful season and has started the year with a good record. One player that has returned this year, after missing last season due to an injury, is Grace Fischer. She is more determined than ever to help the Lady Mohawks achieve success. Jackie Corlett is another returning leader who is expected to have a great season. She is especially anxious to help the younger players understand that it takes hard work and determination to develop the skills needed to succeed. Good Luck Ladies!

## Knights of Columbus

The 12 chef Knights would like to thank the 85 hungry parishioners who donated \$503.00 at the November 16 breakfast. The proceeds were divided between the Indiana K of C disaster relief fund and the Fr. Seger Council. The Council would like to thank everyone for their support this past year and wish all a Blessed Christmas.

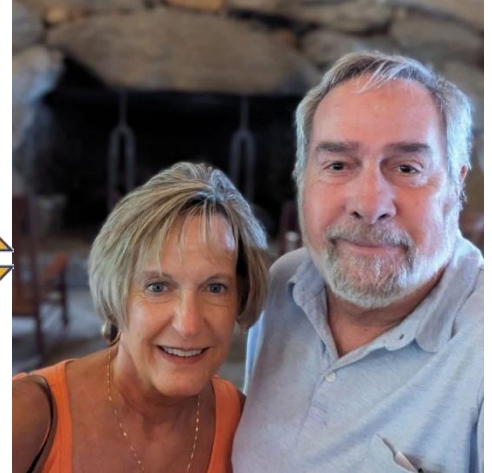
There will be no meeting or breakfast in December. The next breakfast will be Sunday, January 18.



## Family of the month:

Fr. Seger Council November family of the month:

Congratulations to Tom and Janet Wheeler.



## St. Ann Altar Society

The Altar Society recently had Gregg Kuhn purchase and install an Armstrong Maple tree in memory of Fr. Paul.



**PASSING THE TORCH:  
RUNNEBOHM CONSTRUCTION:**

Runnebohm Construction has been a company known for integrity and quality workmanship for over 57 years. Nick and Judy started this outstanding company in 1968, and Mike joined the company a bit later and his wife Marcie also became an important addition more recently. The company has been an integral part of the Shelbyville, Shelby County community since the beginning. Their employees have always been the most qualified and experienced people. The family recently announced that Mike will officially retire on February 1, 2026 and longtime employee Chris King, who has been with the company for nearly 20 years will take on the challenge of continuing the Runnebohm legacy. Congratulations to the Runnebohm family and to Chris King for taking the torch.



**FESTIVAL OF TREES RETURNS TO STREETS OF OLD SHELBY**



The Streets of Old Shelby exhibit at the Grover Center are once again adorned with holiday lights and decor as the annual Festival of Trees returned this week. The Festival of Trees kicked off Thursday evening with an open house and will run until Dec. 27. This year's theme is superheroes. See additional photos on A5. Hannah Gunnell / TSN photo



**GROVER MUSEUM FESTIVAL OF TREES:**

The annual display of Christmas trees at the Grover Museum is open for business. The St. Joseph-St. Vincent de Paul St. Nicholas Tree Committee recently completed the decoration of the soda shop. The committee includes Joan Knight, Tammy Jones, Gaye McKenney, Della Pavey, Sherry Staehler, Alice Brown and Margaret Smith. The theme for this year is "Superheroes" and will be open through December 27 during regular hours. Stop in and enjoy the creative efforts of our ladies and that of the other organizations participating.





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| Rose Sheedy   | 12/01 |
| Bob Dalley    | 12/04 |
| Mary Huntsman | 12/04 |
| Ronald McKee  | 12/05 |
| Emma Higdon   | 12/06 |
| Ted Hodson    | 12/08 |
| Terry Dicken  | 12/09 |

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|--------------------|-------|
| Fr. Mike Keucher   | 12/09 |
| Kristin Schoettmer | 12/09 |
| Rex Fischer        | 12/12 |
| Rylan Huntsman     | 12/13 |
| Sr. Joan Miller    | 12/13 |
| Jan Alexander      | 12/14 |

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|-------------------|-------|
| Jonathan Huntsman | 12/20 |
| Beverly Claridge  | 12/21 |
| Lynn Eversole     | 12/21 |
| Earlene Rosenfeld | 12/26 |
| Owen Rinzel       | 12/29 |
| Joyce Ford        | 12/30 |
| Rita Wertz        | 12/30 |

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| Jackie Runnebohm | 12/15 |
| Carla Beyer      | 12/17 |
| Beth Ann Garrett | 12/17 |
| Susan Wetrick    | 12/17 |
| Barbara Harcourt | 12/19 |
| John Kinser      | 12/19 |

We'd love for you to attend our December Sisters in the Spirit gathering on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at St. Vincent Hall.

We are hosting a Christmas pitch-in beginning at 6:00 P.M. Meat, drinks and tableware will be provided. Bring your favorite Christmas dish if you have time, but no worries if you do not. There is no cost to attend and ALL women from St. Vincent and St. Joseph are welcome. This would be a wonderful first time to join us and please consider inviting a friend.

Medjugorje Pilgrims will share their experience with a slide show and beautiful stories that will make your heart sing. We truly hope to see you there.



**150<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:**

The Liberty Township Schoolhouse #2 recently celebrated its 150th anniversary. The schoolhouse is now the Little Free Library at the intersection of State Rt 244 and County Rd. 600 E. The building was originally constructed by the Meltzer family and was reopened by 6th generation member of the family, Vanessa Armstrong as the Little Free Library and started the Hoosier Landmarks for Learning. The property adjoins the beautiful Meltzer Woods, and both are a tribute to the dedication of the family to preserve the heritage of the original farm and Shelby County treasure. For more information check their website. [hoosierlandmarksforlearning.org](http://hoosierlandmarksforlearning.org)





**Christmas Poinsettias:** If you would like to purchase a poinsettia in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one, please indicate the person that you are remembering. On an envelope write: "In honor of (living loved one's name) by (your name)"...OR..." in memory of (deceased person) by (your name)." Poinsettias are \$20 each. Money and information can be dropped in the collection or dropped off at the office no later than December 14th to be published in the Christmas bulletin



**St. Vincent Angel Tree:**

The tags are now available! Take a tag(s) from the trees at the front of church and help those in need to have a merry Christmas. Gifts should be brought to church (and placed behind the altar partition) no later than Sunday, Dec 14th



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OF INDIANAPOLIS

**2026 UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL**

**Please remember to submit your UCA Form. The annual appeal supports 6 Formation of seminarians Youth ministry and young adult outreach Catholic education Campus ministry Care for those in need Support for our retired priests Go to [acrossthearch.org/uca/home](https://acrossthearch.org/uca/home)**



**FINAL THOUGHTS:**

*I would like to wish all the members of the St. Vincent Parish Family an Advent full of quiet time to reflect and prepare for the blessings and joy of Christmas and a Happy New Year. This holy season is always a time of great joy and some sadness for me, as I imagine it is for everyone. However, the anticipation of the celebration of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ always gives me peace.*

*I would like to thank my co-author and friend Tammy Jones for making this monthly newsletter the best it can be, I couldn't do it alone. Thank you to everyone who provided information and articles that added greatly to its content.*

*Finally, I pray that the New Year will bring our St. Vincent Family many blessing.*

*God Bless All, Pat Barley*



PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE:  
The Parish Council met on Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025

**FINANCE:** Margaret Haehl reported that Sunday collections MTD are under \$78.57. YTD over \$8,251.71. total MTD over \$7,127.90, YTD over \$21,191.36. Expenses MTD over \$30,334.48, YTD over \$37,915.36. Net Income YTD is short \$16,723.40. Endowments: St. Paul Cemetery \$66,762.42, St. Vincent Cemetery \$411,452.73 and St. Vincent Endowment \$327,524.16.

Greg Esslinger moved that the parish make an additional donation to the St. Joseph Campaign and the parish will match additional parishioners' donations up to \$1,000.00.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** Dave Adams reported that 25 bags of ice melt were purchased for the winter. Repair of the damaged monuments has been delayed because the gentleman doing the work had surgery. He will complete the work at the very reasonable cost of \$2,500.00 as soon as possible.

**EVANGELIZATION:** Tammy Jones reported that Advent calendars have been ordered. The K of C has been contacted to help bring the Christmas trees from the basement on December 2 at 9:00 am and set them up.

**SISTERS IN SPIRIT:** Karen Kuhn reported that the Oct. mtg was held in St. Vincent's Hall with several different soups provided and games played. The December get together is planned for December 18 at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. The Medjugorje Pilgrims will share their experience. The Daughters of Isabelle have been invited to attend. Ladies are asked to bring a favorite dish to share.

**FAITH FORMATION/RELIGIOUS ED/YOUTH:** Cathy Lampton reported that the Jr. High School Youth Group met with 5 students attending and all said they planned to return next week. Three teens attended Castle Night at Simon Brute. SCRE will host a family craft Advent night on December 3. Fr. Mike and Cathy will be taking 44 teens and 6 adults to NCYC (Nov. 20-22). Thank you to everyone who supported this event, as they raised \$10,000.00 from the sale of socks, donuts and donations from the K of C and the D of I and parents.

**ST. ANN ALTAR SOCIETY:** Amy Higdon reported that the Society purchased an Armstrong Maple tree through Gregg Kuhn in memory of Fr. Paul. Gregg planted the tree, and a memorial plaque will be placed on the tree. The next meeting of the Altar Society will be Monday, March 16, to prepare for the March Rummage sale. Set up is scheduled to begin

March 21.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Ryan Haehl reported that the November breakfast proceeds were divided between the K of C Disaster Relief Fund and the Councils general fund. There will be no meeting or breakfast in December. Anyone who can help set up the Christmas trees is welcome. No date has been selected for the set-up of the Nativity.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Fr. Mike reported that Mary McQueen is making progress restoring the statues and advises that it will be another month or two to complete. Committee to suggest placement is Fr. Mike, Greg Esslinger, Jake Leffler and Deb Dalley and Deb Stroup will be asked to participate as well. Several options will be presented to the parish.

**Photo Directory:** Fr. Mike reported that the directory should be going to the printers before Thanksgiving. Cost will be determined by the quantity purchased; order forms will be available soon.

**Sound and Electrical:** Ryan Haehl has contacted two additional contractors for estimates and hopes to have them for the January meeting.

**Fans:** Fans will be installed in the second week of December

Marvin Peters reported he received a maintenance contract from ERCO for sound and security and gave it to Margaret Haehl and Dave Adams for review.

**Advent Wreath:** Greg Esslinger crafted a new stand for the Advent Wreath.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Margaret Haehl reported that Shona advised that St. Vincent received a thank you note and \$100.00 donation from the Roger Bacon football team and fans who were hosted to a box lunch in the parish hall recently.

**Pollinator Habitat:** Margaret thanked Trevor Poe for inquiring about the care of the area and was advised that a plan is in place to care for the area.

**OCIA:** Fr. Mike reported that a member of the OCIA group gave him a metal door piece that her grandmother had from the church after the 1924 fire. It will be placed in the archive area in the parish hall.



The next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|
|   | <b>1</b><br>Mass 5:00 pm<br><b>St. Vincent</b><br>Adoration &<br>Confession<br><br>Bible Study<br>10am<br><br>OCIA<br>7pm St V   | <b>2</b><br>Mass at<br>8:15 am<br><b>St. Joseph</b>                                     | <b>3</b><br>Mass 8:00 am<br><b>St. Vincent</b><br>Rosary<br>5:30<br><br>SCRE<br>Advent Family<br>Prep<br>6:15pm                    | <b>4</b><br>   | <b>5</b><br><b>No Mass</b>  | <b>6</b><br>Mass<br>8:15 pm<br><b>St. Joseph</b><br><br>St Joe PTO<br>Vendor Fair<br>10-3 |
|   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <b>Men's Retreat-St. Meinrad</b> </div>  |   |  |   |   |   |
| <b>7</b><br>Mass 8:30 am<br><b>St. Vincent</b><br><br>St Ann's<br>Christmas Prty<br>12:00 pm<br><br>10:00 am<br>12:15 pm (SP)<br><b>St. Joseph</b><br><br>Yth Grp 6 pm<br>Caroling                              | <b>8</b><br>Immaculate<br>Conception<br>Mass<br>7:15am SJ<br>8:15am SJ<br>5:00pm St. V<br>7:00pm SJ<br><br>Bible Study<br>Christmas Prty<br>10am<br><br><b>SVDP Society</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b><br><br>OCIA 7pm St V | <b>9</b><br>Mass at<br>8:15 am<br><b>St. Joseph</b>                                     | <b>10</b><br>Mass at<br>8:00 am<br><b>St. Vincent</b><br><br>Rosary<br>5:30<br>Penance Service<br>6:30 pm SV<br><br>SCRE<br>6:15pm | <b>11</b><br> | <b>12</b><br>Mass 8:15 am<br><b>St. Joseph</b>  | <b>13</b><br>Mass<br>5:00 pm<br><b>St. Joseph</b>   |
| <b>14</b><br>Mass 8:30 am<br><b>St. Vincent</b><br><b>Angel Tree Gifts</b><br><b>Due</b><br>10:00 am<br>12:15 pm (SP)<br><b>St. Joseph</b><br><br><b>Conf Class</b><br><b>Caroling 4:30</b><br><br>Yth Grp 6 pm | <b>15</b><br>Mass 5:00 pm<br><b>St. Vincent</b><br>Adoration &<br>Confession<br><br>OCIA<br>7pm St V   | <b>16</b><br>Mass at<br>8:15 am<br><b>St. Joseph</b><br><br>Cradle Chase<br>School Play | <b>17</b><br>Mass at<br>8:00 am<br><b>St. Vincent</b><br><br>Rosary 5:30<br><br>SCRE<br>6:15pm                                     | <b>18</b><br>Sisters in the<br>Spirit Christmas<br>Pitch-in/Party<br>6-8 St. V Hall             | <b>19</b><br>Mass, 8:15 am<br><br>12 Hours of<br>Mercy<br>Sacred Hr. of<br>Mercy SJ<br>3 PM | <b>20</b><br>Mass<br>5:00 pm<br><b>St. Joseph</b>   |
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| <b>21</b><br>Mass 8:30 am<br><b>St. Vincent</b><br><b>Food Drive</b><br><br>10:00 am<br>12:15 pm (SP)<br><b>St. Joseph</b>  | <b>22</b><br>Mass 5:00 pm<br><b>St. Vincent</b><br>Adoration &<br>Confession<br><b>SVDP Society</b><br><b>6:30 pm</b><br><br>OCIA<br>7pm St. V   | <b>23</b><br>Mass at<br>8:15 am<br><b>St. Joseph</b>                                    | <b>24</b><br>Christmas Mass<br>4pm Children's<br>Mass SJ<br>5:30 pm SV<br>7pm Sp SJ<br>Midnight Mass<br>SJ                         | <b>25</b><br>Christmas Day<br>Mass 9:00am<br><b>St Joseph</b>                                   | <b>26</b><br>Mass 8:15 am<br><b>St. Joseph</b>  | <b>27</b><br>Mass<br>5:00 pm<br><b>St. Joseph</b><br>St. John<br>Wine<br>Tradition        |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">           POSADAS 6:30 PM SJ            </div>   |  |     |  |   |   |   |
| <b>28</b><br>Mass 8:30 am<br><b>St. Vincent</b><br><br>10:00 am<br>12:15 pm (SP)<br><b>St. Joseph</b><br><br>Yth Grp 6 pm   | <b>29</b><br>Mass 5:00 pm<br><b>St. Vincent</b><br>Adoration &<br>Confession<br><br>OCIA<br>7pm St V   | <b>30</b><br>Mass at<br>8:15 am<br><b>St. Joseph</b>                                    | <b>31</b><br>Mass 8am SV<br><br><b>Mary, Mother of</b><br><b>God</b><br>5pm Vigil SV<br>7pm Vigil SJ (sp)                          |             |   |   |