

# 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:

“When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will find peace.” ~Jimi Hendrix

**New Year's Resolution**

My resolution is: \_\_\_\_\_

It's important to me because: \_\_\_\_\_

Step 1: \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS:** Each year most of us resolve to make some positive changes to make the new year better than the last. Question: how often do you keep those resolutions? If you are anything like me, not too often. This year let us all resolve to make at least one or two of those resolutions' permanent ones. The resolutions I plan to keep are one for my physical wellbeing and one for my spiritual health. I am going to start with small steps. I have learned that I too often try to do too much and then become discouraged when I can't accomplish my goal. I might suggest a few things that are on my list; get a little more rest each night, eat more healthy foods, don't spend more than my budget allows, and for my spiritual health; spend 10-15 minutes more in quiet prayer each day, listen more attentively at Mass, join the Rosary group or prayer line. The ideas are as diverse as each individual. Pray that each member of the St. Vincent family will have a Blessed and Healthy New Year.

## Prayer For Christian Unity

Prayer for Christian unity is needed to bring peace and harmony to our world. This year the Prayer for Christian Unity service will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 7:00 pm at Lawrence United Methodist Church, 5200 N Shadeland Ave. Indianapolis. Archbishop Thompson and leaders of other Christian traditions will come together for an evening of prayer and fellowship. There will be a reception following. All are welcome to attend. No reservation is needed. For additional information, contact the Archdiocese Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

# Blessings

## NEW YEAR PRAYER:

**Heavenly Father, as we step into the new year, we come before You with grateful hearts. Guide us with Your wisdom and strengthen us with Your love. Open our eyes to the needs of those less fortunate around us. Give us compassionate hearts to pray for them and willing hands to help them. May we use the blessings You have given us to be a blessing to others. Help us grow in faith and serve You by serving those in need. Let Your light shine through our actions as we seek to do Your will. In Jesus name we pray. Amen**

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Fr. Seger Council had a busy December although they had no meeting and fixed no sausage gravy and biscuit breakfast.

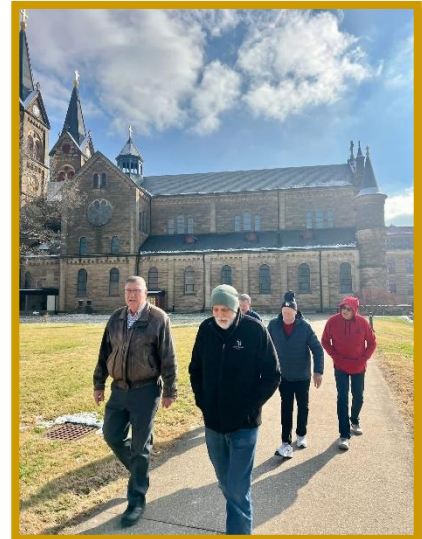
Mike Lewis, Fr. Seger Council Grand Knight, delivered a check with the proceeds from the November breakfast to the Indiana Knights of Columbus Special Olympics representative.



The January breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, January 18, 2026.



Several of the Knights attended the annual 3-day men's retreat with Fr. Mike at St. Meinrad. It was a wonderful opportunity for prayer and fellowship.



Thanks to Kim Knight, Nicky Meriwether, Tom Wheeler, Brian Haehl, Larry Haurert and Steve Woods for constructing and illuminating the creche in front of Father's house.



A thanks to all those who helped bring the Christmas trees and decorations from storage and helped deck the altar for the Yule season.





**ST. ANN ALTAR SOCIETY:** Thank you to everyone who attended the annual Christmas party. A good time was enjoyed by all. The food was delicious and the company was great. A special thank you to Deacon Charlie and Mary Giesting and all the husbands who attended. 20 Christmas baskets were prepared and delivered to home bound parishioners and friends.

President Amy Higdon mentioned that she has been collecting some personal care items for the sisters at Oldenburg. If you would like to help the sisters, please contact Amy 317-509-9285 or bring your donations to church on Sunday, January 25.



**CLARITY:** The recent Baby Bottle Campaign was a great success. Thanks to the generosity of the St. Vincent and St. Joseph Parishes, Clarity received a donation of approximately \$3,000.00. These funds help to support families in need, expectant mothers and fathers in crisis as well as newborn babies who otherwise may have been aborted. Please pray for all those helped by this organization and all those who volunteer at their several central Indiana locations. Volunteers are always needed.



**ORIGINAL PRODUCTION:** Fr. Mike has done it again. This year his annual Christmas play was a great success. "Cradle Chase" had the fifth-grade class on a global wide quest to find the cradle of Jesus. After heading to Egypt, Whoville and Bethlehem the students learned that they were the cradle themselves. Fr. Mike and the class were joined by Mrs. Carolyn Dissler who organized the production and was their accompanist again this year. Everyone will be looking forward a new production next year.



**VOCATIONS:**

Please consider attending the Family Day for Vocations at the Catholic Center in Indianapolis if you feel you might have a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life.

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**FAMILY DAY FOR VOCATIONS**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2026**  
**9:00AM - 12:00PM**  
**CATHOLIC CENTER**



Join us for a day of prayer, learning, and FUN! Here's what you can expect:

- ✓ Eucharistic Adoration & Mass
- ✓ Crafts & Activities for ALL ages
- ✓ Meet seminarians, priests, & religious

**Noon: Special Lunch for High School Students**

**REGISTRATION: [HTTPS://HEARGODSCALL.COM/FAMILY-DAY-FOR-VOCATIONS](https://heargodscall.com/family-day-for-vocations)**





Marica Adams 1/03  
 Hadlie Ross 1/03  
 Hallie Ross 1/03  
 Kyron Schoettmer 1/03  
 Brianna Wettrick 1/03  
 Eamonn Esslinger 1/04

Kye Dewitt 1/05  
 Maxmilian Dransfield 1/06  
 David Wheeler 1/06  
 Isabella Matney 1/13  
 Teresa Nigh 1/15



Amanda Dransfield 1/15  
 Barbara Bullard 1/16  
 Donna Muckerheide 1/17  
 Cameron Rodgers 1/17  
 Mark Weintraut 1/18  
 Thomas Bogemann 1/22  
 Mallory Wessel 1/22  
 Jessica Doddridge 1/23  
 Jenna Eads 1/23  
 Nicky Meriwether 1/25  
 William Rife 1/25  
 Eric Wessel 1/26  
 Eileen Settles 1/28

**2026 YOUTH MARCH FOR LIFE:**

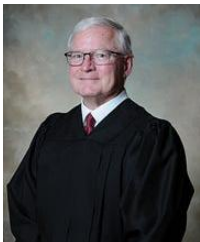


**This year the Youth Rally for Life will be held Thursday, January 22, 2026, at the Sagamore Ballroom of the Indianapolis Convention Center from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. The Rally is open to all 8th -12th students and their adult chaperones. There will be music by Nico Cabrera. The keynote speaker will be Mother Olga. Mass will be celebrated by the Bishops of Indiana at 11:30 am.**

**MARCH FOR LIFE: The March for Life follows the Youth Rally and Mass at 1:45 pm at Georgia St. & Illinois St. and ends at 2:30 pm with a Rally at the south steps of the Capitol Building. All events are free. To register email Cathy Lampton at clampton@sjsshelbyville.org**



Stella Kent, daughter of Grant & Erika (Huntsman) Kent, granddaughter of Jerry and Janice Huntsman and great-granddaughter of Joyce True was baptized on December 20, 2025, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church by Fr. James Kent, Uncle and Godfather of Grant. Godparents are Jonathan and Kay Huntsman. May God bless Stella and her family.



**RE-ELECTION BID:**

Judge Kent Apsley recently made it official. He will be seeking re-election as judge of the Shelby Superior Court. He has been a Superior Court judge since 2014 and served many years as a Shelby County prosecutor prior to his election. Kent has served our community and parish well for many years. Thank you for your service and good luck for the future.

Sisters in the Spirit along with St. Joe Alter Society and Daughters of Isabella met in December for a wonderful Christmas pitch-in and presentation regarding the Pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Rome. Many of the pilgrims shared stories about the journey and how the pilgrimage impacted their faith. There are no words to describe the strength of the presence of Our Lady in Medjugorje.

Sisters  
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Spirit



Sisters in the Spirit will gather on Thursday, January 15th at the St. Vincent Hall at 6:00 P.M. We are planning an exciting game night for all women of St. Joe and St. Vincent to enjoy. We hope you come to get to know the extraordinary ladies who you worship with throughout the year. Fun games, appetizers, and fellowship will warm your soul on this night. We hope to see you there.

Bible Study group celebrated Father Mike's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday at the annual Christmas Party hosted by Karen & Gregg Kuhn. Happy 40<sup>th</sup> Fr. Mikell!!



**Thank you to Greg Esslinger for his amazing craftsmanship in making a new Advent stand and for the beautiful wreath!!**

