

# 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

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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

“What the world needs now is love, sweet love it’s the only thing there is just too little of. What the world needs now is love, sweet love. No not just for some but for everyone.” ~Hal David, lyricist 1965

## HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY:

Remember always to forget the troubles that have passed away. But remember to remember the Blessings of each day.

Old Irish Proverb



## LENTEN WEDNESDAY:

St. Vincent Parish Services: 8:00 am Mass

8:30 am – 5:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration  
(change on the half hour 8:30-9:30 etc.)

5:30 pm Rosary

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

## PARISH PENANCE SERVICE:

Wednesday, March 25 following the Stations of the Cross there will be the Lenten Parish Penance Service at St. Vincent de Paul Church.



Sisters in the Spirit will gather on Tuesday, March 10th for a prayerful experience at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greensburg, IN. Anita Navarra will provide a tour of this beautiful church, explaining how it was built with many features from the original church built in 1884. After the tour we will pray the Stations of the Cross using *Mary's Way of the Cross* written by Richard Furey. We will have an opportunity for silent prayer at the statue prayer areas, the Mary prayer chapel and the Adoration Chapel. This outing offers a meaningful opportunity to enrich your Lenten journey. Sisters from St. Joseph and St. Vincent will carpool from St. Vincent Hall at 9:00 AM. Please let Mary Giesting know if you plan to attend. (317-698-2191)



On Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> Sisters in the Spirit gathered for a "Faith on Canvas" evening. Tammy Jones led the group in painting an Easter themed painting and now we have 30 budding artists among us! Mary Geisting led us in prayer to kick off the evening. Appetizers were generously provided by several of the "Sisters". And an evening of painting commenced. Many thanks to Rich Perry for setting up the video camera to make the paint experience easy to see & follow along. And Thank you to all who came and shared a fun evening together.



Linda Kuhn	3/01
Lauren Strehle	3/01
William Cavaletto	3/03
Shane Poe	3/03
Cheryl Rosenfeld	3/03
Marilyn Adams	3/04
Veronica Bossingham	3/05
Omer Cord	3/05
Amanda Hardin-Morton	3/05
Matt Comstock	3/06
Declan Esslinger	3/06
Logan Perry	3/06
Susan Veerkamp	3/06
Sylvia Favors	3/09
Hailey Rodgers	3/09
Penny Bush	3/11
Brian Jones	3/11
Patricia Barley	3/12
Victoria Brennan	3/12
Karen Kuhn	3/12
Cru Poe	3/12
Gerry Adams	3/14
Shirlee Meriwether	3/16
Nathaniel Prichard	3/16
Anthony Thomas	3/17
Lincoln Fischer	3/19
Jack Stockrahm	3/19
Heather Thomas	3/19
Teddy Schuman	3/20
Carl Harcourt	3/21
Dan Roell	3/22
Jon Fischer	3/23
Charles Haque	3/23
Linda Imel	3/27
Michael Miller	3/27
Rosemarie Beyer	3/31
Ryan Haehl	3/31

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**BIRTH:**

**Joseph Michael Esslinger was born on February 2, 2026. Proud parents are Gregory and Jessica Esslinger, loving brothers are Declan and Eamonn. Congratulations to the new member of the family.**



You Are Invited To

*Beloved*

*Lenten Retreat for Women*

Saturday, March 21, 2026  
8:15 AM - 1:00PM

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
4218 E. Michigan Road  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

Retreat begins with Mass at 8:15  
Breakfast and all materials included  
\$20 Registration Fee

Kindly RSVP by March 16  
Elizabeth Carney  
317.345.8476

Retreat led by Fr. Dean Stasell, LC and  
Women of Regnum Christi, Indianapolis

**SPRING RUMMAGE SALE:**

The annual St. Ann Altar Society Spring Rummage sale will be a little early this year. Please note: The Date is MARCH 27 & 28. Please bring your clean usable rummage to Fr. Mike's garage any time through the 21<sup>st</sup> and put it in the third bay, neatly. We need many hands to make this a success! If you can help please come on **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> to help arrange the tables in the hall**, and on **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> after Mass please go to the garage and carry a bag or two or three to the parish hall**. On **Monday through Thursday**, we need help **sorting the rummage** and at the sale on Friday and Saturday the **27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 am - 2:00 pm the customers will need assistance**. If you can help on any of those days, we need you! Please contact Amy Higdon at 317-509-9285. Baked goods of all kinds are also needed and may be brought to the parish hall on Thursday, March 26. Please pray for good weather.



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

As usual the Knights have been busy. The February 15 breakfast had 13 brother Knight chefs working to feed about 100 hungry parishioners with their famous sausage gravy and biscuits. It is nice to give families time to visit and catch up. Thanks to the generosity of the hungry \$870.00 was divided between the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Salvation Army. The Knights also shared their delicious breakfast with the Firefighters at Station #2. It was a great day of charity and fellowship (photos use what you can)

The next breakfast will be on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> following Mass. Proceeds will be used for the annual Senior scholarship of \$500.00 with the balance to the Fr. Seger Council general fund.

The Fr. Seger Council, at their February meeting, agreed to provide 110 sausage gravy and egg meals to the Salvation Army at least twice annually.



## CONGRATULATIONS:

**Henry Nieman** was recently named Waldron Junior High basketball Player of the week. Great Job!



## CONGRATULATIONS:

The Shelbyville High School girls swim team performed well at the recent sectional preliminaries including **Anne Marie Fansler** who finished in the top ten. She set a personal record in the 200 free style. Anne Marie finished in tenth place in the finals in the 200-meter free style. Great job!



## LADY MOHAWKS BASKETBALL:

The Waldron Lady Mohawks basketball team played with resilience and heart this season. Senior night was an example of their desire to honor the players and the community. They defeated Milan 61-28 to finish the regular season with style. Seniors honored at the game were Jackie Corlett, granddaughter of Eileen Settles, and Emerson Lindsey. Both ladies played a big part in the team's success. Junior Grace Fischer also had a great game, scoring 16 points including three triples.

They advanced to the Sectionals and played with heart but lost to Tri, to end their season. One of the bright spots of the game was the play of Grace Fischer who battled valiantly and scored multiple three-pointers. Congratulations for the successes of the season.



Waldron's Grace Fischer (#25) hit multiple three-pointers against Tri on Wednesday. Chad Williams Photo

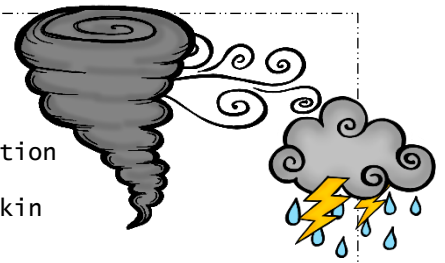


Chad Williams Photo  
Waldron junior Grace Fischer looks for an opening against Milan on Friday in the Mohawks' regular-season finale at Waldron.



**WEATHER SPOTTERS:**

The Shelby County Emergency Management is offering a weather spotter course on March 26 at 6:00 pm at the Fraternal Order of Police facility at 1237 N Knightstown Rd., Shelbyville. Preregistration is required to attend. Please visit EMA's Facebook page to register or contact EMA Director Denis Ratekin at 317-392-6308 extension 1.



**St. Vincent de Paul Parish Council Elections**

The Council meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. 3 positions will need to be filled on June 1, 2026.

- Young adult female (ages 16-36) – 2-year term
- Adult male (age 37+) – 3-year term
- Adult female (age 37+) – 3-year term

If you are interested, or if you would like to recommend at St. Vincent parishioner, complete the information below and drop this form in the collection.

I am interested!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

A good addition to the Parish Council would be:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parish Council will contact this individual)

In lieu of this form you may either text or email Paula Perry [perry.paula@sjsshelbyville.org](mailto:perry.paula@sjsshelbyville.org) or Margaret Haehl [mehaehl@gmail.com](mailto:mehaehl@gmail.com)

“Service is what prayer looks like when it gets up off its knees and walks around in the world.” – *Michael J. Graham, S.J.*



**You're invited to a Life Line Screening event!**



**Where: St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church**  
4218 E Michigan Rd  
Shelbyville, IN 46176

**When: Friday, April 10, 2026**  
April is Stress Awareness Month

Life Line Screening is the nation's leader in Stroke and Cardiovascular Disease Risk Screenings.

*Trusted by over 11 million customers.*

Screenings are simple and painless. Get peace of mind or early detection.

**Who should attend: Anyone age of 40+**

**Special Pricing for \$129**

- Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

**4 ways to book your appointment...**

Scan here:



Call 800-324-9458 and use promo code: HABC001

Visit [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://llsa.social/habc)

Text the word "circle" to 216-279-1607

These tests cannot detect all risk factors for all conditions, such as and including the presence of coronary artery disease.

Those with abnormal results should discuss possible next steps with their family healthcare provider and ensure they understand the risk and benefits of any additional testing or procedures.

**“We joyfully share our gifts to nourish the community.”**



**ART COMPETITION:** Congressman Jefferson Shreve announced his office is accepting submissions for the 2026 Congressional Art Competition. High School students, grades 9-12 who reside in Congressional District 6 are eligible to participate.

Students may submit artwork on any theme but with the 250th anniversary of our nation approaching, it might be a good subject. Each District selects one winner, whose art will be displayed at the U.S. Capitol for one year.

The deadline for entry is April 6, 2026. Students must submit their artwork with a completed competition release form. Forms are available on Congressman Shreve's website or contact his Greenwood office 317-399-3333.



**PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE:**

The Parish Council met on Tuesday,  
February 17, 2026.

**FINANCE:** Margaret Haehl updated the finances for the last several months. January Sunday collections MTD: under budget \$5,563.95, YTD; up \$34,904.06, expenses MTD under budget \$12,174.15, YTD over budget \$50,262.18, Net Income is over budget \$4,476.73. Endowments as of January: St. Paul Cemetery \$69,604.03. St. Vincent Cemetery \$435,237.27, St. Vincent \$342,238.82.

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS:** Dave Adams reported that Nicky Meriwether replaced the smoke detectors in the schoolhouse and Rectory. Dave repaired some laminate on the Hall kitchen island cabinet and tightened 4 stools in the hall.

**EVANGELIZATION:** Tammy Jones reported that Gaye McKenney along with input from Mary Giesting worked on booklets containing daily reflections for Fasting, Almsgiving & Prayer, distributed at both St Joseph and St. Vincent for use during Lent. Tammy put up the Lenten cross in church.

**SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT:** Karen Kuhn reported that the recent game night was well attended and all had a great time. Tammy Jones will lead a canvas painting on February 24.

**FAITH FORMATION:** Fr. Mike reported that the Youth Groups "Coffee and Donuts" Sales has been profitable. There are 8 middle schoolers registered to attend Holy Fire retreat in Indianapolis on February 28. A group of women will attend the St. Meinrad Women's Retreat. Confirmation students have two more classes. 45 teens will be confirmed on Saturday, April 11 at 11:00 am at St. Mary Church in Greensburg, First Communion will be April 12 at St. Vincent Church.

**ST. ANN ALTAR SOCIETY:** Amy Higdon reported that the next meeting will be Monday, March 16 at 6:30 pm in the hall to set new guidelines and ideas for the rummage sale. Table setup will be on Saturday, 3/21. On Sunday 3/22 items will be brought to the hall after Mass. Any help will be appreciated Monday through Thursday to sort and arrange rummage. The sale will be on Friday 3/27 and Saturday 3/28.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Ryan Haehl reported that the 2/15 Sunday breakfast raised \$870.00 to be divided between The St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Salvation Army. The K of C has agreed to help provide sausage gravy and biscuit meals for the Salvation Army. The next breakfast will be Sunday, March 15.

**OLD BUSINESS:** A representative from ERNCO attended the meeting to discuss the bid for new camera and sound equipment for live streaming the Mass. They will provide assistance with the setup and 6-month checkup of the system. Setup will take several days. Quote is \$29,320.00. The Archdiocese will provide a grant of \$11,054.00 with the balance of \$18,266.00 due upon completion of the work. The bid was accepted.

**STATUE UPDATE:** Several options were discussed. Platforms to match the woodwork & would be at the height of the Tabernacle were suggested and moving the baptismal font. Design options will be drawn up and put on the bulletin board and in the newsletter. Completion time would be sometime in June.









**FAN REPLACEMENT:** The work is estimated to be completed by the end of February.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There are a number of keys for the church and hall that need to be accounted for & reserved for essential personnel.

**ELECTION:** Janice Huntsman, Debbie Nieman and Ron Browning will complete their terms in June. Elections will be held on April 19. Nomination forms will be in the pews for anyone wishing to run for the Council. Those elected will attend the May meeting prior to their first official meeting in June.

Fr. Mike advised that there is a new Parish Plan from the Archdiocese that has 5 Domains: 1. Parish Life and Worship 2. Evangelization 3. Stewardship 4. Vocations 5. Outreach Ministry. As soon as the document is available, action steps and objectives will be put in place.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, March 17th at 7:00 pm.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent</p> <p>10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) St. Joseph</p> <p>OCIA-Rite of Sending -2pm Rite of Election at Cathedral</p> <p>Youth Group 6 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mass 5pm SV Adoration &amp; Confession</p> <p>Bible Study 10am SV Hall</p> <p>OCIA 7pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent Adoration St. V 8:30-5:30 pm Rosary 5:30</p> <p>R.E. Class 6:15</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Revelation Study 7pm St Joe Café.</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph</p>	<p>7</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph</p> <p>Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent</p> <p>10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) St. Joseph</p> <p>OCIA-1<sup>st</sup> Scrutiny</p> <p>Confirmation Class 4:30</p> <p>Yth Grp 6 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Mass 5pm SV Adoration &amp; Confession</p> <p>Bible Study 10am SV Hall</p> <p>SVDP Society 6:30 pm</p> <p>OCIA 7pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph</p> <p>Sisters in the Spirit-Trip to Greensburg</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent Adoration St. V 8:30-5:30 pm</p> <p>Rosary 5:30</p> <p>R.E. Class 6:15</p>	<p>12</p> <p>K of C Business Meeting 6:30 pm</p> <p>Revelation Study 7pm St Joe Café.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph</p> 	<p>14</p> <p>Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent</p> <p>10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) St. Joseph</p> <p>OCIA-2<sup>nd</sup> Scrutiny</p> <p>Youth Group 6 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Mass 5pm SV Adoration &amp; Confession</p> <p>Bible Study 10am SV Hall</p> <p>St. Ann Society 6:30</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mass at 8:15 am SJ</p> <p>Parish Council mtg 7 pm Hall</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent Adoration St. V 8:30-5:30 pm Stations of the Cross 5:30</p> <p>No R.E. Class</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Feast of St. Joseph</p> <p>Revelation Study 7pm St Joe Café.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph</p> <p>No 12 hr Mercy-No Sacred Hr of Mercy</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph</p> <p>Beloved Lenten Retreat for Women 8:15-1:00 St V</p>
<p>SPRING BREAK – FR MIKE IN ROME</p>						
<p>22</p> <p>Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent</p> <p>10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) St. Joseph</p> <p>OCIA-3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny</p> <p>Confirmation Class</p> <p>Yth Grp 6 pm</p> <p>Move Rummage to the Hall</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Mass 5pm SV Adoration &amp; Confession</p> <p>Bible Study 10 am SV Hall</p> <p>SVDP Society 6:30 pm</p> <p>7:00 pm OCIA</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Mass 8:00 am St. Vincent Adoration ST. V 8:30-5:30 Stations of the Cross 5:30 Followed by Lenten Parish Penance Service</p> <p>R.E. Class 6:15</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Revelation Study 7pm St Joe Café.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph</p> <p>Middle School Youth Group 5:30-7:00pm St. Joe Gym</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph</p> <p>St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration at St Joe</p>
<p>Organize tables and items for St. Ann's Rummage Sale</p>		<p>RUMMAGE SALE</p>				
<p>29</p> <p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p> <p>Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent</p> <p>10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) St. Joseph</p> <p>Youth Group 6 pm</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>HOLY MONDAY</p> <p>Mass 5pm SV Adoration &amp; Confession</p> <p>Bible Study 10 am SV Hall</p> <p>SVDP Society 6:30 pm</p> <p>HOLY WEEK</p>	<p>31</p> <p>HOLY TUESDAY</p> <p>Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph</p>	 <h1 style="font-family: cursive;">March</h1>			



Jesus dies on the cross.  
XII



Jesus is condemned to death.  
I



Jesus takes up His cross.  
II



Jesus falls the first time.  
III



Jesus is nailed to the cross.  
XI

*Lord, Jesus Christ, You carried the cross for love of me. As I walk this sacred path with You, open my heart to the mystery of Your suffering. Let me not turn away from Your Passion, but enter into it with gratitude, sorrow, and love. By Your wounds, heal me.*

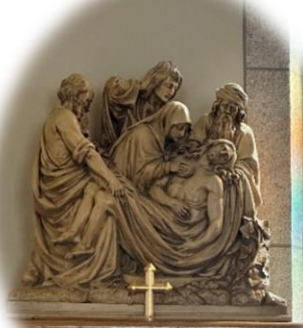
*By Your sacrifice, save me. Amen*



Jesus is stripped of His garments.  
X



Jesus is laid in the arms of His Blessed Mother.  
XIII



Jesus is Laid in the tomb.  
XIV



Jesus is met by His Blessed Mother.  
IV

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*



Jesus falls the third time  
IX



Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry the cross.  
V



Jesus consoles the women of Jerusalem.  
VIII



Jesus falls a second time.  
VII



The Face of Jesus is wiped by Veronica.  
VI