

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:

“Thanks be to thee my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults thou hast born for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother; may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen”
St. Richard of Chichester

Easter Prayer:

On this day, loving and gracious God, we once again sing Alleluia. We praise You and bless You for raising Your Son Jesus, up from the dead. We praise You for all the times You have raised us up through Your loving grace.

When we are weak and unable to make good decisions, when we are stubborn and refuse to forgive others, when we are afraid or uncertain and forget that it is You who strengthen us, raise us up, loving God, raise us up.

Thank You for giving us new life in Your Son and for His presence among us this Eastertime and always. Amen.



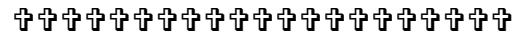
LENTEN WEDNESDAY SERVICES:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Wednesday Lenten Services here at St. Vincent. Those who spent time in Adoration, Deacon Charlie for leading the Stations of the Cross and the Rosary Group. Hopefully we will be able to have these services again next year.



FIRST COMMUNION:

Please pray for Ethan Pettigrew, and for all the young people who will make their First Communion on Sunday, April 12, At St. Vincent. God Bless!



Please pray for all teens who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 11 at 11:00 am at St. Mary Church in Greensburg, Henry Rife and Lorelli Wagner, St. Vincent. Come Holy Spirit Come!



PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Voting for new Parish Council members will be Sunday, April 19.



THANK

You

Margaret Haehl would like to thank her parish family for all the cards, get well wishes and prayers during her stint in rehab after her surgery.

Sisters in the Spirit had a glorious February outing at St. Mary's Church in Greensburg. It was the perfect Lenten outing. We had a wonderful tour of the church, time for peaceful prayer, and a lovely lunch together.

Sisters
in the Spirit



Mark your calendars for Tuesday, April 28th: we will tour the Wortman Family Civic Theatre in Shelbyville, Sister Joan will take the stage and share stories of her faith journey, and then we will have lunch at the Burger Poet which is owned and operated by one of our families that attend St. Joe. This will be a special gathering as we celebrate Sister Joan and the many blessings she has brought to our lives. We will meet at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at the Wortman Family Civic Theatre located at 1416 Miller Avenue in Shelbyville. RSVP to Mary Giesting at 317-698-2191 if you plan to attend.



The ladies of Regnum Christi- Indianapolis recently held a meaningful retreat, "Beloved," at St. Vincent's Hall. Beth Carney, a member of Regnum Christi and a parishioner of St. Joe, explained that the group wanted to do this for us as a sort of "thank you" to Fr. Mike and to the two churches for allowing them to have monthly Mass and meetings here.

"Beloved" began with Mass, followed by a delicious breakfast provided by Beth's mom, Juanita. We listened and learned from not only Fr. Dean Stassell but also from Judi Phillips, a Catholic family counselor, who is also a member of Regnum Christi. We were encouraged to spend most of our time in silence, giving God the opportunity to speak to us; and so, Benediction and Adoration were naturally part of our time together. The theme of 'Belovedness' emphasized that each of us have been lovingly created just as we are and that our goal is to use our gifts and talents to grow the Kingdom of Christ.

Regnum Christi "is a community of apostles, living our lives in collaboration with Christ so that others can meet him and personally experience his invincible, transforming love." If you would like more information about Regnum Christi-Indianapolis, you may contact Beth Carney at 317-345-8476., or you may visit www.regnumchristi.com.



Blessed



Eucharistic
Adoration



Joseph L. Stagge, 87, passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2026. Joseph is survived by his wife Barbara, several children and

grandchildren, sisters Norma (Tom) Zobel, Marilyn (Bill) Nies and Diana (Richard) Hoeing. Joseph was laid to rest on Thursday, February 12, 2026, in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery in Greensburg. God Rest His Soul.



Marjorie M. Matney, 94, passed away on Thursday, March 12, 2026. Marjorie is survived by her husband Chester 'Chet' Matney, daughter Joan (Kimball) Knight, son Steve (Angela) Matney, grandchildren Jason (Jenn) Wells, Ashley (Dustin) Landry, Brandy (Andrew) Huffman, Maria (Liam) Foran, Evan Matney, Bella Matney, 10 great-grandchildren and sister Marlene Copenhaver. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Marjorie will be laid to rest in Moscow Cemetery. God Rest Her Soul.



MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE: We have been collecting food, paper and personal care products for those in need in our community for over 20 years. It is certainly time that I thanked all the people who deliver the donations to the Salvation Army. The Brad and Brooke Fischer family have been doing this for a number of years and are much appreciated. The Andy and Amy Rinzel family, Marvin and Anita Peters, Larry and Amy Higdon and several other parishioners have helped when needed. Thank you to all who donate items each month. I thank you all. Pat Barley

DINNER BEFORE BEDTIME:
As we wrap up the St. Vincent commitment to deliver Dinner before bedtime during March, we would like to thank the volunteers who make this program possible: Ron Browning and Annette Rayburn, Anne and Janette Lux, Travis and Laura Kohrman, Paul and Della Pavey, Linda Imel, Chris and Madonna Miles, Mary Pat Williams, Jerry and Janice Huntsman, Charlie and Mary Giestig. Your devotion is much appreciated. Karen Kuhn, St. Vincent Coordinator.



Thank you! Thank you!

SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS:

Thanks to the prudent purchases by Amy Higdon for supplies for the Sisters of St. Francis at Oldenburg, they have over \$200.00 (retail value) of products for about \$20.00. Sr. Joan has been delivering these items to Oldenburg for some time. If you would like to help support the purchase of these needed items, please contact Amy Higdon at 317-509-9285.



RUMMAGE SALE: Thank you to all the hands who helped set up tables, carried rummage from the garage, sorted items, assisted customers and helped to clean up after the sale and those who helped promote the sale and all the bakers who provided goodies. This semiannual event helps our Parish and our Community. Watch the May Newsletter for the final tally.

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

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

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**



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

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

When: Friday, April 10, 2026



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Father Seger Council Scholarship:

The annual scholarship can help to unlock a bright future with the \$500.00 award.

Requirements to qualify; A practicing Catholic High School Senior planning to attend an accredited college or trade school.

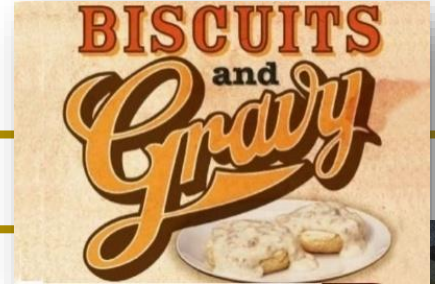
Applications must be received by June 10. Request applications online by contacting Ryan Haehl at ryanhaehl@yahoo.com or by phone at 317-403-4081 or pick one up in the back of church or at the Joint Parish Office.



Membership: All young men 18 years of age and older are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting, 2nd Thursday of the month, and introduce themselves as a guest. All are welcome to enjoy dinner at 6:30 pm prior to the meeting.

March Breakfast: Thank you to everyone who supported the March 15 Breakfast. Your generosity covered the cost of the Annual Scholarship and provided an additional \$152.00 to support other charitable work.

The next Breakfast will be Sunday, April 19 with all proceeds going to SCUFFY.



Scholarships

Scholarship Opportunities Available

The **St. Joseph Catholic School PTO** has an opportunity for graduating high school seniors to apply for the 2026 PTO Scholarship. Applicants must have attended St. Joseph Catholic School at least five years. You can find the application on Flocknotes. You must complete and return the application to the St. Joseph Catholic School Office by Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026.

Scholarships for graduating high school seniors who are active, practicing Catholics: **Circle 79 Daughters of Isabella** and **Knights of Columbus Council 822** are offering a \$1,500 one-time scholarship for a confirmed high school senior in good standing. Applications are available through high school guidance counselors, the Knights of Columbus Hall, or the parish office. Completed applications are due Friday, April 17, 2026. For more information, contact Beverly Held at (317) 270-7481 or beverlyheld@yahoo.com.

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.



Sarah Haehl	4/01	Zola Ernestes	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 Buschkoetter	4/24
Donna Dolan	4/12			Joan Knight	4/26
Frances Adams	4/14				

Happy
Birthday!



February 26-28th Women from St. Joseph and St. Vincent Parish participated in the Second Annual Women's retreat at St. Meinrad Archabbey. The theme of the event was "Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World" based on the book of the same name written by Joanna Weaver. The women enjoyed 3 days of touring, delicious meals, discussing and reflecting on the book and how it applies to our own lives, a fun craft, walks around the beautiful campus, shopping in the Gift Shop, Pizza at the Unstable, Mass & Vespers in the Archabbey Church and Mass & reciting the Rosary at Monte Casino Chapel. Thank you to Cathy Lampton and Mary Geisting for leading such a wonderful retreat and a long distance Thank you to Seminarian Lance who gave the women some awesome tours!





FINANCE: Margaret Haehl reported the February Financials: Sunday income MTD over \$3,564.61 and YTD over \$38,468.67. Total income MTD over \$4,285.03 and YTD over \$59,023.94. Expenses MTD under \$335.87 and YTD over \$9,911.31. Net income is over \$49,112.63.

Endowment totals: St. Paul Cemetery - \$71,530.75, St. Vincent Cemetery - \$447,285.25, and St. Vincent Endowment - \$351,712.49.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Dave Adams reported that he repaired the entry door into garage as the brick on seal is loose. David received an estimate of \$5,245.00 for coating the asphalt on the driveways through the cemetery and past the rectory.

EVANGELIZATION: Tammy Jones asked for approval to purchase rosaries to be given to the children on Easter Sunday that will be packed inside plastic Easter Eggs. She thought Fr. Mike could bless the rosaries and invite the children up front on Easter Sunday to receive one from him.

Tammy advised she's been working on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday decorations for church and that the Easter Lillies will be delivered on April 2.

SISTERS IN THE SPIRIT: Karen Kuhn Karen advised that on March 10, 17 women went to tour St. Mary's in Greensburg followed by Stations of the Cross and ending with lunch together. Next month on Tuesday, April 28th, they will go to the Wortman's Civic Theatre on Miller Avenue around 11 a.m., Sr. Joan will tell her story and answer questions. They will have lunch after at the Burger Poet. Karen reported that the deliveries for Dinner Before Bedtime is going well and wanted to thank all who have helped deliver dinners to the 19 households listed. It was brought up that Tammy Jones coordinates with all of the churches involved to deliver the meals to the children. She was asked where the funding comes from for the meals and advised that it is through donations, and a fundraiser held in September - a golf outing at Blue Bear golf course.

Karen also advised when St Joe's parking lot is being renovated, all groups who use the cafeteria will most likely want to use the hall at St. Vincent. Because St. Vincent counts on being able to rent the facility, it was decided that we would charge the \$150 fee for any groups wanting to use the hall, as we could get a rental in that spot, however, the youth group will not be charged. Margaret also advised if it is a St. Joe group, they too will need to fill out forms and provide insurance, even if it is St. Joe's insurance. Shona and Margaret will work on list of who will pay and who will not pay and give Karen a typed form to hand out.

FAITH FORMATION: Cathy Lampton reported that 47 first communion students had their First Confession in February, and the RE classes had their First Confession on March 4. On February 28, Jan Itce and Cathy took 7 middle school teens to the Holy Fire Retreat in Indianapolis. Confirmation classes are complete for the year. Confirmation will be held at St. Mary's in Greensburg on April 11 at 11 a.m. The youth group attendance on Sunday nights continues to thrive. The 2nd women's retreat at St. Meinrad's was held the last Thursday – Saturday of February. Women from St. Joe and St. V attended, and all had a nice time. March 18 is the next Castle Night at Simon Brute with 4 going to attend. They will have donuts for sale at St. Joe this coming Sunday after mass.

ST. ANN ALTAR SOCIETY: Amy Higdon reported St. Ann's met last night. Sr. Joan showed pictures from the Sister's in Oldenburg of the donations that was sent to them. The rummage sale was discussed and asked for help to move tables and rummage into the hall this weekend.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Ryan Haehl reported this past Sunday's breakfast raised \$650.00 after expenses. The money raised will sponsor the K of C's \$500 annual scholarship, and the overage will be kept for other charitable related activities. The breakfast in April will be held on the 19th, and the recipient will be SCUFFY. The May breakfast will be held on the 17th, and the recipient will be the Sisters of St. Francis.

OLD BUSINESS: Sound System – Ryan advised equipment has been ordered. When Ermco receives the equipment, they will come out to install which should take 3 - 4 days. After installation, Ermco will have someone here to train the guys that handle the sound system and make sure all is working properly and make any adjustments needed. Margaret advised that the grant from the Archdiocese will only cover \$11,000 for security system and won't pay anything on sound system, so we have to cover \$29,000.

Fan replacement – Marvin Peters advised that the fan's will likely not be installed in March as they are waiting on the lift. They will need 2-3 days when they install when no one will be using the church and will most likely be done after Easter. He will update as soon as he hears from them.








Elections – Margaret advised the elections will be held on April 19. Karen Kuhn & Janice Huntsman will count the ballots & will give results to Paula Perry. She will then send the results to Margaret. Margaret will notify the individuals, and Paula will put the results in the Sunday bulletin. Currently there is 1 person running for young adult woman, 4 women for adult female, and 2 men for adult male. Jake Leffler got a quote on the cabinets to be built by Gerry Esslinger for the statues. He would build 2 bases and 2 arches to match the woodwork currently in church, with a total estimate of \$16,722, based on design including labor and material and moving and installing cabinets. The marble tops will need to be outsourced, and Debbie Stroup will work on this after getting measurements after cabinets are completed. Margaret has names of 5 companies to check with for painting.

Tammy also mentioned that most catholic churches have a Holy Spirit dove in their church. Debbie Stroup was thinking that when they paint over the Divine Mercy and dove in front of church, that a dove could be painted in the back domed area where there is no stained glass.

NEW BUSINESS: Budget – Margaret asked for everyone's budget for next year by April 5, so she can present to finance committee.

Custodian Position – The lady who cleaned Fr's house has ended her cleaning services. The current custodian Cameron has allergies and won't be able to clean Fr.'s house, and they would prefer 1 custodian to clean all the buildings, i.e. the school, church, Fr's house, and the hall. They have started the process going through the Archdiocese and will give Cameron a 2-week notice. They will advertise in the bulletin, the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, and the Archdiocese.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:00 pm.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1</p> <p>Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent Adoration 8:30-5:30 Rosary 5:30 Stations 6:00</p> <p>R.E. Class 6:15</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Holy Thursday Mass 7 pm St Joseph</p> <p>Adoration Chapel closes 6 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Good Friday Fasting & Abstinence Service of the Lord's Passion, 3 pm SJ Living Stations of the Cross, 6 pm SJ Service of the Lord's Passion, 7 pm SV</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Easter Vigil 9 pm St. Joseph</p> <p>Adoration Chapel reopens 11:59 pm</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Easter Sunday Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent</p> <p>10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) St. Joseph</p> <p>Youth Grp 6 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Mass 5 pm SV Adoration & Confession</p> <p>Bible Study 10 am SV Hall</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Mass at 8:00 am St. Vincent</p> <p>Rosary 5:30</p> <p>R.E. Class 6:15</p>	<p>9</p> <p>K of C Business Meeting 6:30 pm</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph</p> <p>Life Line Screening at St. V.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph</p> <p>Confirmation 11:00 am St Mary's G'Burg</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Mass 8:30 am at St. Vincent</p> <p>10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) at St. Joseph</p> <p>1st Communion St Joe school 10 am at S.V. 1st Communion R.E. Class 12:15 at S.V.</p> <p>Youth Grp 6 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Communion Service 5 pm SV Adoration & Confession</p> <p>Bible Study 10 am SV Hall</p> <p>OCIA Party</p> <p>SVDP Society 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Communion Service 8:15 am St. Joseph</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Communion Service 8:00 am St. Vincent</p> <p>Rosary 5:30</p> <p>R.E. Class 6:15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph</p> <p>12 Hrs of Mercy 9 am - 9 pm</p> <p>Sacred Hr of Mercy 3-4 pm</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph</p> 
<p>19</p> <p>Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent Parish Council Elections K of C Breakfast</p> <p>10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) St. Joseph</p> <p>Yth Grp 6 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Mass 5pm SV Adoration & Confession</p> <p>Bible Study 10 am SV Hall</p> <p>St. Ann Society 6:30</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph</p> <p>Parish Council mtg 7 pm Hall</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Mass 8:00 am St. Vincent</p> <p>Rosary 5:30</p> <p>R.E. Class 6:15</p>	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Mass 8:15 am St. Joseph</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Mass 5:00 pm St. Joseph</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Mass 8:30 am St. Vincent Yth Grp Donuts following Mass</p> <p>10:00 am 12:15 pm (SP) St. Joseph</p> <p>Youth Grp 6 pm</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Mass 5pm SV Adoration & Confession</p> <p>Bible Study 10 am SV Hall</p> <p>SVDP Society 6:30 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Mass at 8:15 am St. Joseph</p> <p>Sisters in the Spirit- Wortman Civic Theatre 11 am</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Mass 8:00 am St. Vincent</p> <p>Rosary 5:30</p> <p>R.E. Class 6:15</p>	<p>30</p>	