

St. Vincent Church



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 22, 2012

Rectory

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Bulletin Deadline:

12:00 Noon Monday in Writing

Masses: **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 PM • **Sunday:** 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Weekdays: 6:30 AM • **Saturday:** 6:30 AM

Holy Days: 6:30, 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM

Confessions: Saturday: 11:00 to 12:00 Noon and Thursday before First Friday; 3:30-4:30 PM

Eucharistic Holy Hour: Wednesday: 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Rosary: Saturday at 4:40 PM

Parish Registration: New Parishioners are most welcome and should register at the rectory as soon as possible. If moving out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

Baptisms: It is necessary that parents attend a Baptism Preparation Program before the Baptism of their first child. Baptism Preparation classes can be completed at either St. Hilary (Sr. Marlene, 330-867-1055) or at St. Sebastian (Marival Ciarlariello, 330-730-6652). Call either parish for times and registration details. Proof of attendance should be presented to St. Vincent Church prior to the baptism.

Marriages: Couples intending to marry should call at the rectory at least SIX MONTHS prior to the marriage. It is required to have copies of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation records, if these Sacraments are not received at St. Vincent. Wedding times on Saturday are at 12:00 Noon or 2:00 PM.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Pre-School - 8th: Classes are September through May. Classes are held in St. Vincent Grade School on Sundays from 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (Convert Classes): Classes begin in September. For information, call 330-535-3135.

Hospital/Sick/Shut-in Visitation : Please notify the Rectory when a parishioner is hospitalized, shut-in or ill.

Funerals: Please notify a Priest as soon as possible regarding arrangements, either personally or through the funeral director.

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Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, January 21 * St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

5:00 PM For all the deceased of the Lusardi, Budy, Maloy and Spangler Families

SUNDAY, January 22 * Third Sunday in Ordinary Time * Ecumenical Sunday

7:00 Frances M. Wheeler
9:00 Lynne Miller
11:00 Miriam E. Wendell

MONDAY, January 23 * Day of Penance

6:30 Mildred Simpson—Birthday



TUESDAY, January 24 * St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Nancy Ochsenhirt—Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, January 25 * The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

6:30 Rev. Richard Brennan—Anniversary
7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church



THURSDAY, January 26 * Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

6:30 Michelle Ballard

FRIDAY, January 27 * St. Angela Merici, Virgin

6:30 Frank Horn
8:00 Albert "Al" Letta

SATURDAY, January 28 * St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30 Robert Dages
5:00 Sofia Isabella Dente— Birthday



SUNDAY, January 29 * Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Ann Deitch—Anniversary
9:00 Michael Gentner—Anniversary
11:00 Mary E. Kmentt



**COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, January 15, 2012
Thanks for your Support!**

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 15, 000.00
Collection of January 15.....	\$9,350.76
Children’s Envelopes	\$39.24
E-Give.....	\$1,480.00
Catholic University of America Collection.....	\$708.00

Thank you!

KRAKER’S KORNER

THE PHENOMENON OF MAN



I can’t remember now, but for some reason I decided recently to read The Phenomenon of Man by Teilhard de Chardin. Perhaps I was persuaded by a the following quote:

“Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.”

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ was born in 1881 in France and early in life possessed an unusual power of observation of the natural world. He was encouraged by his Jesuit advisors to pursue this interest and he continued his studies in the natural sciences, receiving a doctorate in geology from the Sorbonne.

His writings on evolution did not find favor with Church authorities and permission to publish his books was not given until after his death. For 23 years he did field work in China. With his health failing, he pursued his work in South America and South Africa. He finally settled at St. Ignatius Parish in New York City, where he died peacefully on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1955.

During the time I was in the seminary, we heard often of Teilhard de Chardin, but I, for one, never took the time to read his books. This I finally did several weeks ago, and to tell you the truth, I didn’t understand most of what I read. I was able, however to pick up on some of the direction he was pursuing, and I liked what I understood.

In a nutshell, Teilhard questioned our assumption that evolution ended with the formation of intelligent (human) life. Physical evolution may have ended, but not necessarily the evolution of intelligent life. Things evolve, he says, as a result of greater complexity, more atoms and cells coalescing, more getting together. In human life, that happens and we call it “love.”

Love draws us together. The future of human life is to be found in the expansion of love, which will result in our coming together as a distinct evolutionary *phylum*, no longer separated by present day distinctions. When that happens, creation will reach the “Omega” point, where all is made one in love. In his later writings, he identifies the Omega point with Christ—neat!

Driven by the sources of love, the fragments of the world seek each other so that the world may come into being.



OUR NEW GATHER HYMNALS: *Thank you to all who have generously purchased Gather Hymnals!!!* We still have hymnal books available that can be donated as a "Gift" in memory or in honor of a loved one, family or friend. For your convenience there are white donation envelopes located at each Church entrance. *We appreciate your continued support in considering a donation toward the purchase of our new hymnals.*



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The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the gospel.

— Mark 1:15

A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing "by their actions" how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns. Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, "The world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live "as though" they aren't doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned. Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned. Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn't a new day dawn today for us as well? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary" is not always a desirable adjective. Who would not be insulted to receive a thank-you note for your "ordinary birthday gift," or "the ordinary hospitality at the dinner party"? No restaurant advertises its "ordinariness," no car dealer seats a customer at the steering wheel and whispers, "Look how ordinary it is!" Yet here we are in "Ordinary Time." The word carries a different meaning here: it does not mean these days are dull, boring, pedestrian, uninteresting. It means "ordinal," or "numbered" Sundays, a season of the year when we follow the story of Jesus' life and ministry in an ordered way, with each Sunday assigned an ordinal number. You can amaze your friends with this example of Catholic arithmetic: the "Ordinary Sundays" begin with the last Sunday of Christmas, the Baptism of the Lord, continue until the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, and resume after a cluster of feasts following Pentecost Sunday. The numbers are

calculated by counting backwards from the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Now you know there is nothing "ordinary" about "Ordinary Time!" -James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30, or any reading from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

R.C.I.A. CLASS will meet on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Scullen Meeting Room. The topic will be "Sacrament of Reconciliation".

ALTAR SOCIETY The St. Vincent Altar Society will meet Monday, Feb. 20th at 7 p.m. in Corrigan Hall. We will be accepting nominations for officers for the new term which begins May 2012. As always, all men and women of the Parish are encouraged to attend and participate. If you have an interest in becoming an officer or would like to nominate someone, please join us or call Donna Warner at 330-864-6732. Hope to see you there!



FOOD BAGS *Thank you to everyone who contributes so generously to our weekly food drive!* Although we have ample supply of vegetables and soups, we are in need of crackers, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, cereal, cake mixes and frosting. Please remember: no fresh items or glass jars. Thank you for your continued support!

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED We are in need of volunteers to clean the Church on the 1st and 4th Thurs. of each month. For more information, please call Chris Davis at 330-864-0719.

ALUMNI NEEDED We are still in GREAT NEED of volunteers to help search, plan and implement our Alumni Mass and Reunion April 29, 2012. If you would like to volunteer or have alumni information, please contact Deacon Mike at 330-535-3135 ext. 17.

THE OZANAM CENTER is in need of volunteers with trucks to help with furniture pick-ups. We have only a few volunteers, and could use more to spread the pick-ups out and use our volunteers less frequently. If you are able to pick up furniture on a once a month basis, please call Cathie or Jim Perusek at 330-467-5762, and we can explain how the program works. Also, please call if you would be willing to help load and do not have a truck. *Thank you!*



THE ST. VINCENT ELEMENTARY 8TH GRADE CLASS invites you to attend our **“Dine for DC” Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Corrigan Hall.** Come enjoy a delicious meal including spaghetti, salad, rolls, fabulous desserts, beverage, and more! Proceeds will benefit the 8th grade class trip to Washington D.C. in the spring. This dinner will follow the 5:00 p.m. Mass in which the Confirmation and First Communion classes will come together to celebrate with a Sacramental Prayer Service. All are welcome for this fun night of fantastic food, great music and celebration! The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. **You will find flyers at the back center entrance of the church.** Simply fill out the bottom portion and return with payment to the school or the rectory office (or place in the collection basket) by **Wednesday, January 25, 2012.** You are also welcome to pay at the door. If you have any further questions, please contact Betsy Tavolier at 330-535-3135 (rectory) or at 330-864-0959. **Thank you for your support!**



LACE UP YOUR SKATES! the Lock 3 Ice Skating Rink is now open for the season! Our St. Vincent Grade School 8th graders are once again selling “Dinner and Skating” tickets - you get skate rental, a hot dog, popcorn, and hot chocolate for \$5! What a great deal for so much fun! These make great gifts too! Tickets are valid from November 18, 2011-January 29, 2012! If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please call the school at 330-762-5912.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION Girls and boys ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, in the grade school gymnasium. The event will begin at 7:30 and last about an hour. Participants can register the day of the event or pre-register by contacting the grade school gym teacher for forms. Winners can advance to district, regional, state, and even national competition. Gym shoes only please. Sponsored by the St. Vincent Knights of Columbus. Contact Brian at 864-1242 for information.

QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE is again being offered at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. The 8-week course – created by Jeff Cavins - is for adults and older teens and will be held on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. January 18 through March 7 in McMahan Hall. For more information, or to register, please contact Gene and Mary Ciofani (330 336 8410) or Brad and Nancy Brigeman (330 334 4774). The cost of study materials is \$21.00. Beginners and veteran Bible enthusiasts have enjoyed this course. Join us!

Are you looking for a great school for your children?

ST. VINCENT ELEMENTARY combines faith and character formation, superior academics, and a unique sense of tradition and community. All families considering joining St. Vincent Elementary School are invited to attend an **Open House on Sunday, February 5, from 12-2 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to walk through our facility, meet our faculty and see what sets us apart. **Open Enrollment Day for St. Vincent Grade School will be held on Thursday, February 16, from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M.** Parents must register new students in person on February 16, provide a copy of the child’s birth certificate and baptism certificate if your child is Catholic. A \$25 application fee will be collected at registration. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 330-762-5912, or visit our website at stvincentelementary.com.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his two sons walk away to follow Jesus. He probably enjoyed working side-by-side with his sons each day. Our children are not ours. Like Zebedee, we raise them to let them go. Cherish the moments you share together.

May our hearts and laws change to better protect pregnant mothers and their unborn babies. Let us pray to the Lord.

Prayers of the People for Clusters of Occupations (Cluster 16) That the daily work of those who work in **media and communications related occupations** may report clearly and objectively to hasten the transformation of our suffering world into a place of love, justice, and peace.



COUPLES DAY OUT: All married and engaged couples are warmly invited to a Couples Day Out on Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 1:00-7:30 p.m. at St. Sebastian Church. Guest speaker Art Bennett, author of The Temperament God Gave You, will give entertaining talks explaining how to appreciate your differences as a couple and how best to communicate with spouses of all temperaments. Attend Mass, renew your vows, enjoy a candlelight dinner and more. Cost is \$100.00 per couple. For more information contact Kris or Ruth Klee at 330-825-7106 or ruthklee@hotmail.com. This event is sponsored by West Side Catholic Couples, a ministry of St. Sebastian and St. Vincent Churches.

GIFT

What I am is God’s gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God. —Anonymous

Youth Ministry News
January 2012 Calendar

Junior and Senior High Together

23 - 8th grade Confirmation Meeting - Theology of the Body—St. Sebastian Church 7:00-8:00 p.m. Music group will rehearse 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Junior High

28 - 5 Parish Collaborative Junior High Retreat - Miracle Marathon—Our Lady of Victory Parish, Finnerty Hall. Travel with Jesus and be a part of the miracles he performed from 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Students can be picked up at the church following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. \$20.00 fee covers retreat, food and t-shirt.

Senior High

30 - Peer Ministry Music Practices -St. Sebastian School Music Room from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

27/28 - 5 Parish Collaborative Junior High Retreat - Miracle Marathon Our Lady of Victory Parish, Finnerty Hall. Travel with Jesus and be a part of the miracles he performed. Arrive Friday 7:00 p.m. to set up and spend the night. Saturday Retreat from 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Students can be picked up at the church after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. \$10.00 fee covers retreat, food and t-shirt. Students needed to be on this retreat team!

Call Cathy Sivec with questions

St. Sebastian- 330 836-2233 ext 134

St. Vincent- 330 535-3135 ext. 11

Email at SiveC@stsebastian.org

cathy@stvincentchurch.com

DIVORCED SEPARATED AND WIDOWED CATHOLICS OF AKRON

A "Caring and Sharing" session for those who are divorced, separated or widowed will be held on Monday, January 23rd from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, a Licensed Independent Social Worker, will facilitate this session. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information call Frank 330-801-0527 or Sharon 330-612-3635.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Crossroads Hospice is looking for committed and caring people to add to our team. We are looking for "The Ultimate Gift Giver" to provide patient care visits in facilities and in homes and also to assist with office work, bereavement, scrapbooking, Ultimate Gifts, making prayer shawls, Veterans blankets, picture and videotaping, art, pet, and massage therapy, the list is endless. We consider our Volunteers to be an "Array of Angels". For free orientation, training and ongoing educational programs please contact: The Volunteer Office @ 216.654.9300.

SEEDS OF LITERACY We are a non-profit organization offering free, one-to-one tutoring in adult basic education and GED preparation, and we currently have an urgent need for more tutors. Founded in 1997, we are the only nationally accredited adult literacy provider in Cuyahoga County. Tutors work individually with students on reading, writing, and math skills, offer encouragement and support, and help students develop confidence and positive attitudes about learning. Please attend one of our upcoming sessions: Sat. Feb. 25th (9 a.m.—2 p.m.) and Sat. March 24th (9 a.m.—2 p.m.) Trainings are held at: Seeds Resource Center, 3104 West 25th Street Cleveland, OH 44109. To register or for more information, contact Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 or alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Thank you for your contributions to last week's second collection for The Catholic University of America! Your gift will make great things possible by providing direct financial aid to students from dioceses across the country.

MASS FOR LIFE The **Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life** will be celebrated to remember the anniversary of Roe v. Wade on Monday, January 23, 2012 at The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist at 7:00 p.m. We will pray for healing and for human dignity for all. The Most Rev. Richard Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland, will be the celebrant and homilist. For further information, please call The Pro Life Office at 216-334-2965.



Market Day. We'd like to welcome new and returning Market Day supporters! This month get a FREE 4 pack of cookie dough cups with your \$40.00 purchase plus get a 1lb bag of our tasty Chicken Gems FREE with any \$90.00 online purchase and promo code FEBBONUS. Please look for your February order guide to come home soon or visit marketday.com to order today. Order online until 11p.m. on Tues 1/31. Late calls to Lidia by 8 p.m. Mon 1/30. Pick up date is Feb 4 9:30-10:30 a.m. Orders to school by Fri. 1/27 or Sun. at church 1/29. Thank you!!

PARISH LIFE AND DEVELOPMENT A Regional Prayer Group will be hosted by St. Hilary Prayer Group on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! Prayer group members in the diocese are especially encouraged to attend. St. Hilary Church is located at 2750 West Market St. in Fairlawn 44333. For more information, please call Russ King at 330-238-2748.

WORRIES

The greatest of worries can't pay the smallest of debts.

—Anonymous