



St. Vincent Parish



175th Anniversary 1837-2012



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2012

Rectory

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PSR

Mrs. Ellen Dies, *Principal*, 330-864-5484

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.



Masses for the Week

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

5:00 PM 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

MONDAY, January 30

6:30 Michael G. Ziga



TUESDAY, January 31 * St. John Bosco, Priest

6:30 Frank Horn

WEDNESDAY, February 1

6:30 Richard Nichols
7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church

THURSDAY, February 2 * The Presentation of the Lord * World Day of Consecrated Life

6:30 Pasquale DiSalvo—Birthday

FRIDAY, February 3 * St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr * St. Ansgar, Bishop

6:30 Dr. John T. Schaeufele
8:00 Tom Lefevre



SATURDAY, February 4

6:30 Joanne Lovelace
5:00 Winnie Sovacool

SUNDAY, February 5 * Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Robert Dages
9:00 Barbara Oberst
11:00 William C. Kannel



**COLLECTION FOR
SUNDAY, January 22, 2012
Thanks for your Support!**

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 15, 000.00
Collection of January 22	\$8,477.05
Children’s Envelopes	\$26.95
E-Give.....	\$3,690.00

THANK YOU!

KRAKER’S KORNER

THE SEAMLESS GARMENT



The late Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago said that we need to approach our Respect for Life concern as a “seamless garment.” Anything that impinges on the right to life needs to be treated as one of many ways in which life is threatened. A recent article in America magazine by Mary Meehan illustrates how war, like abortion, takes the lives of children.

“In Afghanistan, the Taliban kill children and other civilians by suicide bombing and roadside bombs. The United States kills them with Hellfire missiles. In north-western Pakistan, families have much to fear from U.S. drone attacks, but they also fear their own government’s planes and artillery. All major combatants in the current wars have innocent blood on their hands.

When the United States and other NATO countries started bombing Libya in March 2011, they said they were doing so in an effort to protect civilians there. Yet the Catholic leader of Tripoli, about 12 days after the bombing began, said the “so-called humanitarian air raids have taken the lives of dozens of civilians” in that city. In comments to Fides, a Vatican information service, Bishop Giovanni Martinelli stressed that he had “heard various eyewitness accounts from trustworthy people about this.” Among civilian casualties elsewhere was a toddler named Sirajuddin al- Sweisi, of the poor mountain village of Khorum. His mother said a piece of hot metal struck his face when NATO bombed a nearby ammunition dump. His uncle told the Associated Press: “We took him to the hospital, where they treated him for the burns and some broken bones. But by nightfall he was dead.”

While there is plenty of blame to go around in today’s wars, Americans have a special responsibility for what their own government does. Americans must pay attention to the way our wars harm the most innocent and defenseless civilians of all—especially children, born and unborn.”

The entire article is both frightening and enlightening, and a good illustration of how one life issue impacts other life concerns. If you find an interest in such matters, you may want to visit the website of Mary Meehan (meehanreports.com). It is very good and a comprehensive report on the many life issues we are interested in.

I might also call your attention to the Lenten Series sponsored by the St. Sebastian Peace and Justice Commission. We will have more information in future bulletins, but right now they are looking for St. Vincent parishioners to serve as table leaders. Let Bernie or Rita Rochford know if you are interested.



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.*

PRAY FOR the repose of the soul of *Thomas Lefevre*. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.



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Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.

— *Psalm 95:6*

FROM DEACON MIKE: We are pleased to announce that we have received our first payment from “The Rooted in Faith Campaign”. Because of your generosity, St. Vincent received **\$101,601.00** this week from the Diocese. In addition, we will be receiving quarterly payments for the next five years. Thanks to all who are fulfilling their pledge. Your generosity is helping our parish.

DID YOU NOTICE SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT THE ALTAR?

After many years of wear, the carpet on the altar has been replaced. *Thank you to the St. Vincent Altar Society for providing the funds to purchase this beautiful new carpet. We appreciate all you do for our Parish!!* Please be sure to take a look at this wonderful improvement to our altar!!



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

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!

R.C.I.A. CLASS will meet on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Scullen Meeting Room. The topic will be “Anointing of the Sick”.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



FOOD BAGS "St. Vincent de Paul Society & Auxilliary thanks you. The need is ever increasing and with your help we can make a difference to 30 individuals in our parish community each week. Each month we need at least 120 of each of these items: crackers, stew, chili, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, potato mixes, pasta, and sauce. At present we have an ample supply of vegetables, soups, cake mixes, and frosting."

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.

FALSE PROPHETS, TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God’s very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God’s mouth. In Mark’s Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God’s own voice, the Holy One of God. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. But in today’s Gospel we learn that Jesus’ fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn’t an authority because he was popular or famous. We also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God’s purposes. And today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God’s very words filling our mouths. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LEADERS

Leaders are like eagles. They don’t flock. You find them . . . one at a time.—*Anonymous*

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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK St. Vincent Elementary School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week **January 29th – February 5th**. The theme this year is **"Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service"** and focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship. The children will celebrate with many fun and educational activities!

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.

DISCIPLES FOR THE DYING The next First Friday Mass will be at St. Sebastian on Feb. 3 at 5:00 p.m. The schedule is as follows: St. Bernard-St. Mary on March 2 and the intentions of the dying will be included

in the Prayers of the Faithful at the 6:30 a.m. Mass, Friday, April 13 at St. Vincent's Church. Due to Good Friday falling on the First Friday of April, it was necessary to move the Mass to the second Friday of the month. **All are welcome!**

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB The First Friday Club Speakers for February 3, 2012 at the University of Akron Martin Center, 105 Fir Hill, Akron will be students from Archbishop Hoban, Our Lady of the Elms, St. Vincent-St. Mary (**Lydia Presper—St. Vincent parishioner**) and Walsh Jesuit High Schools. The topic is "Encountering God". The students were chosen by their school faculty and staff to represent their schools. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 with the doors opening at 11:15 a.m. Pre-paid reservations can be made by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, Ohio 44307. For additional information call 330-535-7668.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY...
AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

Issue: The Death Penalty

Ninety percent of the executions worldwide are carried out by six countries: China, Iran, Pakistan, Iraq, Sudan, and the United States. The United States is the only western nation that still uses the death penalty as a form of punishment. The death penalty is in violation of our most fundamental human rights. Capital punishment devalues all human life, eliminating the possibility for transformation of the spirit that is intrinsic to humanity. It is fallible and irrevocable. Recent polls have shown that a majority in the United States supports a moratorium on the death penalty due to increasing evidence of wrongful convictions. When asked if they are in favor of the death penalty, most people in the United States say yes. However, when asked to choose between the death penalty and life in prison without parole, most choose the latter. In addition, the death penalty continues to be overwhelmingly a punishment reserved for the poor and for racial minorities. For close to 1,500 years, the Catholic Church taught that the state had a right to punish criminals "by means of penalties commensurate with the gravity of the crime, not excluding, in cases of extreme gravity, the death penalty." Then, in 1997, Pope John Paul II removed the reference to the catechism and, in his visit to the United States two years later, denounced the death penalty as "cruel and unnecessary." Referencing moves by countries around the world to ban capital punishment, the Pope declared that, "A sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil." For more information: <http://www.ihmsisters.org/www/JusticePeaceandSustainability/deathpenalty.asp>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND Husbands and Wives: Valentine's Day is right around the corner, February 14th. Give your loved one the most meaningful gift of all...the gift of your "presence"...your time. Start by attending a Marriage Encounter Weekend with your spouse on Feb 10-12 at the Cambria Suites in Green. Remember, your loving model of CHRISTian marriage is also your legacy to your children. Learn the techniques that have helped 1000's of marriages for over 43 years. To register for the Marriage Encounter Weekend, or for more information, please call 330-305-9963 or email WorldwideME@sbcglobal.net Don't wait, weekends fill fast!

Youth Ministry News
February 2012 Calendar

Junior and Senior High Together

18 - St. Sebastian International Festival- Zwisler Hall from 4-8 p.m. Volunteers needed for prize booth and games.

19 - St. Vincent Youth Mass -St. Vincent Church 11:00 a.m. Music group arrive to church at 10:30 a.m.

Junior High

24/25 - St. Sebastian 8th grade Confirmation Retreat St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall, Friday Feb. 24, 2012 6:00 p.m. - Saturday Feb. 25, 2012 5:30 p.m. Confirmation students will arrive at 6 p.m. Friday night (Dinner served). Retreat concludes on Saturday after the 4:30 p.m. Mass.

Senior High

1, 8, 15 - Confirmation Retreat Planning Session - Sivec Home from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

6, 13, 27 - Peer Ministry Music Practices—St. Sebastian School Music Room, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

24/25 - St. Sebastian 8th grade Confirmation Retreat St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall, Retreat team arrives at 5:00 p.m. Friday. Retreat team leaves at 6:00 p.m. Saturday.


Call Cathy Sivec with questions

St. Sebastian- 330 836-2233 ext 134

St. Vincent- 330 535-3135 ext. 11

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cathy@stvincentchurch.com

 **Market Day.** 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 11 p.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!

CHILI-LESS CHILI BOWL 2012 This will be the 9th year that St. Vincent parishioners Tim and Judy Doyle, whose son Jack has CFC (Cardio-Facio-Cutaneous Syndrome), will be raising funds to support CFC International. Due to unforeseen circumstances, they will be unable to host the annual "Chili Bowl" this year, but are asking that you consider supporting a "Chili-Less Chili Bowl" by submitting donations instead. Checks can be made payable to CFC International and can be mailed to The Doyles, 906 Laurel Glens Drive, Medina, OH 44256-2772. Over the past 9 years, they have raised more than \$85,000 and 100% of the funds raised go to CFC International. CFC International is a registered non-profit and all donations are 100% tax deductible. If you would like to know more about CFC Syndrome or CFC International, please visit the website at www.CFCsyndrome.org.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK The Church in Latin America faces many difficult challenges. Powerful earthquakes devastated Haiti and Chile last year, creating lasting damage to the Church, while a significant loss of parishioners to migration and other faiths, the inability to support itself financially, and a lack of priests and religious to effectively minister to the large number of Catholics continue to trouble the region. Please help to **keep faith.** Be generous in next week's Collection for the Church in Latin America.

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.

2012 CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL Many of our parishioners will receive a mailing from Bishop Lennon regarding the 2012 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. This year's theme is "I am Catholic", which calls to mind all the unity, strength and good we can accomplish together in faith. The impact of Catholic Charities in our neighborhoods and cities cannot be understated. Please read the letter carefully, prayerfully consider an increase in your support, and mail your pledge today to this very important appeal. To view stories of inspiration visit www.catholiccommunity.org/2012Appeal.

NOT WITHOUT LOVE

The soul cannot live without love.

—St. Francis de Sales