

SAINT VINCENT



October 18, 2009

Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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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, 330-865-5905). 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, October 17, 2009
 5:00 PM Cornelius M. Lusardi, Sr.



SUNDAY, October 18 * 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
*** World Mission Sunday**
 7:00 Raymond Blackberry Jr.
 9:00 Living and deceased members of the Latham and Dangel Families - 55th Wedding Anniversary of Carl and Joan Dangel
 11:00 Gina Muccillo—Anniversary

MONDAY, October 19 * Sts. John Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues, and their companions, priests & martyrs
 6:30 Mary Radican

TUESDAY, October 20 * St. Paul of the Cross
 6:30 Charlotte and Tim O'Connor

WEDNESDAY, October 21
 6:30 Louis and Frank Mellion
7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church



THURSDAY, October 22
 6:30 Agnes Gorbach—Anniversary
7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting

FRIDAY, October 23 * St. John of Capistrano
 6:30 Kathleen Marie Schmidt—Birthday
 8:15 Alberta Seiler



SATURDAY, October 24
 6:30 Pauline Schultz
 5:00 PM Frances and Bud Palmer

SUNDAY, October 25 * 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:00 M.G. O'Neil
 9:00 Living and deceased of the Holy Name Society
 11:00 Betty Rector



COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, October 11, 2009
Thanks for your Support!

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 15, 500.00
Collection of October 11.....	\$9,764.31
Children's Envelopes	\$26.38

THANK YOU!

ACHIEVING SANCTITY Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.—St. Paul of the Cross

KRUMBS FROM THE KRAKER-BARREL

SOME RAIN MUST FALL



Minnie, what are you so excited about?

Look outside, boss, can't you see it? See what?

The rain. It's raining out there. My goodness, Minnie, I can hardly

see it. It's more like a mist than a rain.

That doesn't make any difference, boss. If it's wet, it's rain.

All right, but it's hardly worth getting so excited about.

That's easy for you to say, boss, but you don't know how much I dislike rain. It just about drives me out of my mind.

I've noticed that, Minnie, and you don't know how much I wish I could do something about it. Have you ever stopped to think of how important rain is?

I can't say that I have, boss. What's so important about rain? It seems like a waste of water to me.

No, that's not the case at all, Minnie. We need water and rain is the best source of water we have. Just think of all the water you drink. Where do you think it comes from?

I know where it comes from, boss. It comes from the spigot.

Yes, but the spigot gets it from the water we collect when it rains.

No kidding, boss. I didn't know that.

And what about the grass you run around in and the flowers you tear up? Did you know they couldn't grow without rain?

I hadn't thought about it, boss, but I suppose I could have guessed.

So you see, Minnie, rain is very important, and even though you don't like it, we need it.

That's a shame, isn't it, boss? I mean, why couldn't there be a better way to take care of all these things? Rain seems like such a distasteful way to handle these problems.

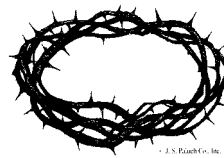
You may be surprised, Minnie, but for most people rain is not a problem. It's a problem for you, and that's something you are going to have to live with.

It's not fair, boss. Why am I the only one who has this problem?

I don't know, Minnie, but we all have our own peculiar crosses to carry, and yours is the rain.

I get it, boss: into every life some rain must fall.

HELP BAIL OUT FATHER KRAKER Thank you to those who have contributed to bailing me out from the Muscular Dystrophy jail. I have to appear on October 29, and I would like to be able to present the Muscular Dystrophy Association with a nice donation from St. Vincent Parish. They are asking for donations of \$25 or more, but I would be happy with less. If you can help, place your donation in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Checks should be made out to MDA and the envelope should be marked the same. *Fr. Kraker*



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In Ordinary Time
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Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many. — *Isaiah 53:11b*

TOO MUCH INFORMATION!

There is a common expression: "Too much information!" We usually use it when people tell us details about their lives that we don't want or need to know. Today, when James and John ask Jesus a simple question, making their request for places of honor in the kingdom, a simple answer might have been in order. Instead, as he often does, Jesus answers a question with a question; today it's about drinking the cup of suffering. Then, once the others are indignant over James and John's outrageous request, he proceeds to give them what may have been "too much information" for followers who were simply interested in the pursuit of glory. But this information, though it can sometimes seem "too much" for us, is essential for our lives as disciples. In Isaiah, in Hebrews, and in Mark today, we learn this information: it is in suffering, in weakness, in self-giving service to others, that we come to understand the kingdom. It is the information we need to find our place and come to be honored in the reign of God. (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. *Congratulations!* Carl and Joan Dangel who are celebrating their 55th Wedding Anniversary! Mr. and Mrs. Dangel and their family will join us for the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 18. God bless you and your family.



Second Collection this weekend for WORLD MISSION SUNDAY—Making a World of Difference. Just as our young church here in the United States received

support in the 19th century from the Catholics of Europe through the society for the Propagation of the Faith, so too the growing churches in the Developing World today also require financial help. Your generosity will help make a faith-filled difference around the world!

- A gift of \$25 would be a month's support for a young woman preparing to serve as a Religious Sister in Indonesia.
- A gift of \$60 is a month's education for a seminarian in Nigeria.
- About \$50 a month helps a local Religious Community of Sisters in Tanzania care for the poor.
- Just \$20 helps toward the purchase of a bicycle for a catechist in Kenya.

ANOTHER GREAT "COVERUP" Thank you for your cash donations for Blanket Sunday last weekend. This year the St. Vincent de Paul Society will make your money go further with bulk purchases. Many needy families and individuals will receive warm blankets, essential bedding and other items for the winter months through our Ozanam Centers, Catholic Charities agencies and parish groups in our own metropolitan area. In case you were not prepared to make a donation last week, there are still envelopes available at the entrances of the Church for you to make a donation to "Blanket Sunday" this weekend as well. A sincere thank you to all our parishioners who assisted through their donations and prayers.

ST. VINCENT'S PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Thursday, October 22nd, at 7:00 p.m. in the Scullen Meeting Room in the Family Center.



FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Today's Gospel says that anyone who aspires to greatness must become a servant to others. God's servants do not try to manipulate or control; their only concern is what is in the best interests of those they serve. Like Jesus, a good Christian parent or spouse comes not to be served but to serve and to give one's life for others.

For caregivers, that they will be blessed with patience, warmth, kindness, strength and gentleness, always mindful of the dignity of those entrusted to their care, *let us pray to the Lord.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Monday:	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52



CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

St. Vincent Parish High School Students interested in playing CYO Basketball should contact Jeanne Locastro at 330-836-3237 or Walt Whitmyer at 330-808-4549.

Youth Ministry News

Senior High Youth Ministry for October

26 - **Peer Ministry Confirmation Festival of Praise** at St. Sebastian Church 7:00-8:30 pm

Junior High Youth Ministry for October

27 - **St. Sebastian Clean Up** from 2:35-4:30 pm Meet in Zwisler Hall after school with a change of clothes.

Call Cathy Sivec with questions

Home-330 835-1427

St. Sebastian- 330 836-2233 ext. 105

St. Vincent- 330 535-3135 ext. 11

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY...AND JUSTICE FOR ALL Background on Catholic Health Care Position For many years, and especially over the last several months, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has continued to advocate for decent, affordable, accessible health care for all. Now that Congress is returned to Washington and is again working on the health care bills, advocacy is needed more than ever. In the middle of this debate the Catholic community has a unique perspective. "We agree that no one should go broke because they get sick," said Kathy Saile, Director of Domestic Social Development at the USCCB. "That's why the U.S. Bishops have worked for decades for decent health care for all. The Catholic Church provides health care for millions, purchases health care, picks up the pieces of a failing health system, and has a long tradition of teaching on ethics in health care. Health care reform that respects the life and dignity of all is a moral imperative and urgent national priority.

We especially welcome the President's commitment to exclude federal funding of abortion, and to maintain existing federal laws protecting conscience rights in health care," said Richard Doerflinger, Associate Director of Pro-Life Activities at the USCCB. "We believe that incorporating essential and longstanding federal laws on these issues into any new proposal will strengthen support for health care reform.

Catholic Social Teaching: Our teaching insists health care is a right. Instead, every person, created in the image and likeness of God, has a right to life and to those things necessary to sustain life, including affordable, quality health care. This teaching is rooted in the biblical call to heal the sick and to serve "the least of these," our concern for human life and dignity, and the principle of the common good.

WEST SIDE SAINTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST On October 31, 2009, our CYO football teams are sponsoring a

pancake breakfast at Canal Park from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Come enjoy a breakfast of pancakes, sausage, coffee or juice for only \$5.00, and help support CYO football. Who knows, you may see the future starters for the Irish or the Knights. Tickets will be available after Mass the weekends of October 17 & 18 as well as October 24 & 25. **GO SAINTS! Tickets are also available at the door the day of the event.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST Come join the St. Vincent Knights of Columbus for our Annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 8, from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Corrigan Hall. Admission is free but donations will be accepted at the door. There will also be a raffle for prizes and other fun events, including a poster contest by some of our grade school children. Please join us for a time that is inexpensive and promises good food. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's fraternal organization whose main goal is charity. For questions call Brian at 330-864-1242.



THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION: The St. Vincent de Paul Society and Auxiliary are in special need of the following foods to provide **THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS** to needy families in the parish area. We ask that you please remember our food drive when you shop by purchasing some of these staple food items from the following list: canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, saltine crackers, boxed potato mixes, spaghetti sauce (cans or plastic jars,) spaghetti/pasta, canned meats, beef stew, chicken and dumplings, chunky soups, chili with beans, canned tuna/chicken and macaroni and cheese for donation to our food pantry. Containers are located at the church entrances for all contributions. Please help us provide adequate food to our needy brothers and sisters to ensure that all will share in the celebration of the **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**. We give thanks for your kindness and generosity in the past and ask that you please open your hearts to our present request. May God bless you! **St. Vincent de Paul Society and Auxiliary**

ST. VINCENT ALTAR SOCIETY 300 CLUB DRAWING FOR OCTOBER will be held on Monday, October 26. Is your money in?

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR CLUSTERS OF OCCUPATIONS (Cluster 1) That those working in **management occupations** may recognize their responsibility to be an example of faith and love to their co-workers and customers/clients.

Christian One Liners: The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

H1N1 FLU— Due to the severity of the H1N1 Flu virus, it seems prudent to take whatever measures are necessary to protect ourselves and our children. For that reason, we will suspend the use of the **Cup at Holy Communion**, until the threat is over. You may also want to do what our children now do at Mass. Rather than shaking hands with our neighbor, we simply turn to them and offer a **simple bow**.

For up-to-date information on diagnosing and treating patients with H1N1 flue, visit akronchildrens.org/flu.

Dear Parishioners: In honor of the “Year of the Priest” we will be printing excerpts from the Catechism on the Priesthood by St. John Vianney (A.D. 1786-1859) in the next several bulletins...My children, we have come to the Sacrament of Orders. It is a Sacrament which seems to relate to no one among you, and which yet relates to everyone. This Sacrament raises man up to God. What is a priest! A man who holds the place of God — a man who is invested with all the powers of God. “Go,” said Our Lord to the priest; “as My Father sent me, I send you. All power has been given Me in heaven and on earth. Go then, teach all nations. . .He who listens to you, listens to Me; he who despises you despises Me.” When the priest remits sins, he does not say, “God pardons you”; he says, “I absolve you.” At the consecration, he does not say, “This is the Body of Our Lord;” he says, “This is My Body.”

SHARING GRIEF—The Catholic Cemeteries Bereavement Ministry invites you to spend some special time sharing your grief with others. A bereavement support group session will be held this Sunday, October 18, from 3 to 4 pm at Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron (330-724-7297).

A NEW BIBLE STUDY IS COMING Come learn more about Sacred Scripture. Whether this is your first Bible Study or you have experienced them before, this is a great quick journey through the bible giving an overview with the big picture in mind from a Catholic perspective. Be a part of the “Great Adventure” with popular speaker-author Jeff Cavins reviewing the Bible in an 8 week series starting Wednesday, October 21 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Byrider Hall, Room 2. There is a second session available on Saturdays starting October 24 from 10:00—11:30 a.m. in Byrider Hall, Room 2. Sessions are interchangeable. Mike Palko will be facilitating the sessions and Fr. Pfeiffer will participate to answer further questions. To register call St. Sebastian’s rectory at 330-836-2233. The cost is only \$19.99 for the workbook.

UNIVERSE BULLETIN SITE Check out the newest edition of the Catholic Universe Bulletin website at www.catholicuniversebulletin.org. Daily updates on local,

national, international, entertainment and sports stories. Call editor, Nancy Erickson to submit photos and stories from your parish at 216-696-6525, ext. 2710.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to a Benefit Concert on Sunday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 2101 17th St. SW, Akron. Enjoy an evening of traditional and contemporary Christian music followed by an ice cream social. Tickets: \$5.00/person or \$15.00/family (at the door.) Proceeds go towards the cost of replacing the 50 year old boiler in the parish preschool/daycare. Raffle tickets for theme baskets will be available. For information call 330-753-8429.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLAM BAKE will be held on October 23 at 5:30 p.m. at 2055 Glenmount Ave. (330-773-3410) Catered by Seven West Catering dinner includes: Hors d’Oeuvres, clam chowder, salad, roll, 12 freshly steamed little neck clams, grilled chicken breast, corn on the cob, red skin garlic potatoes, dessert — *chicken not cooked with clams* Reservations must be made and paid for by October 18. Please call the K of C for more information at 330-773-3410.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As election campaigns move into high gear, sometimes the phrase “the Catholic vote” is heard. It’s an interesting concept, since Catholics started out in this country as a very fragile group: fewer than forty thousand of us at the time of the first census in 1790, and only about 2 percent of the population by 1830. It was a priestless church for all intents and purposes, lay-led clusters of Catholics waiting patiently for the occasional visit of a priest, sustained by gathering when they could on Sunday for devotional prayer like litanies and the rosary. They tried to hold on to their ancestral faith as best they could. Archbishop Jean-Louis Cheverus told one family in Maine to “every day say your prayers on your knees with affection, and every Sunday gather to hear the Gospel, to pray in common, and to quiz the children on the catechism.”

Inevitably, some became Protestant, but many more stayed Catholic from generation to generation, with very little encouragement or sacramental ministry from the clergy. Archbishop John Carroll, the first American bishop, tried to make Church law flexible: shortening the length of the fast before Communion, easing the Lenten fast, and even relaxing the rule of Sabbath rest at harvest time. Catholicism in England had been quietly sustained in this way for two centuries, and the first American Catholics carried on as had their ancestors, providing a fertile soil for the unprecedented success and phenomenal growth of the Church in our country. --Rev. James Field, (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.