

SAINT VINCENT



November 8, 2009

Thirty-Second 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, November 7, 2009

5:00 PM Warren Shriver—Anniversary



SUNDAY, November 8 * 32nd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

- 7:00 John Bisesi & Rosella O'Brien Bisesi
- 9:00 Jerome Dannemiller * Members of the Theta Phi Alpha Alumni sorority present at this Mass today
- 11:00 Anthony Di Salvo

MONDAY, November 9 * Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

6:30 Mass For Our Parishioners



TUESDAY, November 10 * St. Leo the Great, Pope

6:30 All Souls

WEDNESDAY, November 11 * St. Martin of Tours * Veterans Day

6:30 Martha Bray

7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church



THURSDAY, November 12 * St. Josaphat

6:30 Edward Medves—Birthday

FRIDAY, November 13 * St. Frances Cabrini

6:30 Patricia Rahtz



SATURDAY, November 14

6:30 Jim Ayoup—Anniversary

5:00 PM Elizabeth Kraker—Anniversary

SUNDAY, November 15 * 33rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time

- 7:00 Jerry O'Neil
- 9:00 Maureen Dolan
- 11:00 Betty Sharpe Rector



COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, November 1, 2009 Thanks for your Support!

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 15, 500.00
Collection of November 1.....	\$11,386.76
Children's Envelopes	\$30.89
Collection for all Saints, November 1.....	\$1,268.00
October E-Give total.....	\$8,395.00

THANK YOU!

IT TAKES MORE Going to Church doesn't make you a Christian nay more than going to a garage makes you an automobile. — Billy Sunday

KRUMBS FROM THE KRAKER-BARREL

ALL OR NOTHING



Do you have to go everywhere I go, Minnie?

What kind of question is that, boss?

I mean, I can't take a step without you being right behind me. If I go to the office, you take a place under one of the chairs. If I go upstairs to read, you're in my chair before me. At night, you're the first one in my bed. You see what I mean? Everywhere I go, you're right behind me or right in front of me.

So? What's the problem, boss?

I remember the day you first came here. It sure wasn't like that, was it?

I remember that day too, boss, and you are right. I was in no mood to follow you anywhere. You may not have noticed, but I was not a happy camper that day.

Did I notice? How could I not have noticed? I never saw a puppy as frightened and shy as you were; curled up in the back seat and unwilling even to get out of the car. I wondered if I was getting a psychotic dog to deal with.

I must confess, boss, I was wondering the same about you. This place didn't look anything like the house I came from. There I wasn't surrounded by a lot of buildings. It was just a simple house with a simple yard, and there was only one person living there. Then I come here and it looks like I'm in the middle of an industrial complex, with a whole lot of people trying to be friends with me. I was scared out of my wits.

I can understand that, Minnie, and I wasn't sure how I was going to make you feel more at home.

But you figured it out, didn't you, boss?

I wouldn't say that, Minnie. I think I just got lucky. I decided we weren't getting anywhere using the traditional means like treats and toys, so I suggested we take a walk.

That's right, boss. You went into the house to get my leash and we took a nice long walk around the neighborhood. That's exactly what I needed.

I guess so, Minnie, because by the time we returned to the house, you were an entirely different dog. You were wagging your tail and following me everywhere I went.

That's what we call "bonding," boss. You and I bonded after just one walk.

But couldn't you lighten up a little now, Minnie? There are others you could bond with.

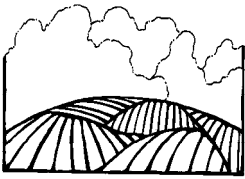
Maybe so, boss, but you have to understand that when I give my heart to someone, it's all or nothing.

THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE: On Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving there will be an Ecumenical Prayer Service at St. Vincent Church. The churches and synagogue in our neighborhood will participate. Rabbi Robert Feinberg will give the reflection. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.



I Dr. Matthew Stonestreet, St. Vincent and Claire Misra, St. Vincent

WELCOME to the members of Theta Phi Alpha Alumni Sorority who will present at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 8.



**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 8, 2009**

The Lord keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.

—Psalm 146:7

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. Today's Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn't mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus' way of service, even if it requires giving one's livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God's care to those who are most in need.

In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They, too, give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:28).

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FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

The widow in today's gospel gave everything she had. She didn't hold back, she trusted that God would care for her. In our homes we are called to imitate the widow and invest totally in one another, paying with the coins of trust and confidence.

For families who confidently trust and generously love each other with their time, words and deeds. Let us pray to the Lord. *Let us pray to the Lord.*



PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS WEEKEND The St. Vincent Knights of Columbus' Annual Pancake Breakfast is

this 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 -- 3:9; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b -- 8:1; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

RIDE THE POLAR EXPRESS! St. Vincent's Parish Knights of Columbus will be raffling off a package of 4 tickets for the December 16 ride of the Polar Express. The cost of each raffle ticket will be \$5.00, the value of the package is \$140.00. The Knights will be selling tickets during their Pancake Breakfast on November 8. Drawing to be announced. We would like to extend a very special thanks to Manuel Motorcycle for their generous donation of these tickets. For questions call Brian Walsh at 330-864-1242 or Tom Carone at 330-835-4694.

PLEASE PRAY FOR the repose of the soul of **Mary McGarry**. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

MARKET DAY NEWS: We would like to thank everyone who supported our November Market Day sale. Market Day is pleased to offer Cookie Dough Bonus Days this month with ten delicious flavors. Please pick up your December order form on the table at the front of the Church or visit marketday.com to order today.



GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Vincent Grade School, 17 South Maple Street. Beautiful crafts for sale, delicious home cooked foods on the lunch menu, a bake sale and a raffle. Call Jill Fulkerson at 330-836-9918 for more information. **ADMISSION IS FREE.**

ST. VINCENT CYO CHEER TEAM REGISTRATION: St. Vincent Elementary students, grades 3 through

contact Jeanne Locastro at 330-836-3237 or call Walt Whitmyer at 330-808-4549. Parents (or High School Students) interested in Coaching or Assisting are needed.

Youth Ministry News

Senior High Youth Ministry

The Junior High Semi Formal Dance is coming up on December 18th. It's not too late to be a part of the planning team. Call to join our committee and to get the meeting schedule!

November

23 - **Open M Potato Peeling** 6-7 p.m. Bring your own peeler

23 - **Peer Ministry Confirmation Festival of Praise** Set-up and rehearsal 6:00-7:00 pm. Festival of Praise 7:00-8:15 pm at St. Sebastian Church. (Call to get the current Festival of Praise music practice schedule.)

25- **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** in St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall 4:30-7:00 p.m. Set up, serve and clean up

Junior High Youth Ministry for November: 10 - Teen Topic Night (*note date change*) St. Vincent Scullen Room 6:00-8:00 pm. Dinner will be served, call if you'd like to help with dinner.

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Call Cathy Sivec with questions or to sign up for events

Home-330 835-1427

St. Sebastian- 330 836-2233 ext. 105

St. Vincent- 330 535-3135 ext. 11

THE ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING will be held on Monday, November 16, in the Math Classroom at 7:00 p.m. **WE NEED YOU! COME, GIVE US A TRY!**

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 FOR THE St. Vincent Church Christmas Party from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Corrigan Hall. Please join us in renewing old acquaintances and making new friends. Great food, entertainment, open bar, raffle, laughs and fun are waiting for you! \$20.00 per person. Transportation available to those in need of a ride. Sponsored by the Altar Society. Further details and registration information coming soon!



GIVING TREE Please start planning ahead for this year's Giving Tree. Though this is a "Christmas" project, the agencies we assist each year need enough lead time to distribute the gifts to their clients, and therefore we will strive to collect all of your kind donations beginning Thanksgiving weekend. This year, in light of the poor economy, Pregnancy Care is requesting donations of **diapers and formula**. Please begin now cutting coupons and watching for

sales for diapers (any brand) in sizes 3, 4 & 5. In order to maintain a consistent diet for the babies, formula brands need to remain consistent: please purchase only **Similac** or **Isomil** cans of powder. Gift cards to Walmart or Target are also welcome. This announcement is just a "heads up" reminder; there will be more information in the coming weeks. Thanks for planning ahead to help make this Christmas safe and happy for our neighbors and their families! If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please call Joanne at 330-414-0380.

ATTENTION LECTORS! The 2010 Workbook for Lectors is now available in the Church Sacristy. Kindly pick up a copy of this Workbook for your use. Thank you!

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY...AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.....New Efforts for Study and Moratorium on Ohio's Death Penalty Ohio is second only to Texas in execution rate for convicted criminals. The botched execution of Romell Broom has recently highlighted the cruelty and lack of respect for human dignity of executions. **As the Ohio bishops have long stated, "It is not absolutely necessary for the defense of society and the citizens of Ohio to execute anyone. We believe Ohio's death penalty system, as it stands today, is morally flawed due to racial bias, unequal application and mistaken judgments."** (Ohio Bishops, Affirming Justice and Mercy, 1996) There is a new energy among many groups in working for a moratorium on the death penalty along with a legislative study that might move us to abolish it in this state. The **Criminal Justice Committee of the Catholic Commission of Summit County** is also working on this issue. Members of the committee prepared a resolution for study and moratorium that was passed by the board at the October meeting. The St. Sebastian/St. Vincent Social Justice Ministry will consider a similar resolution at its November meeting.

To learn more about the **Catholic Campaign to End the use of the Death Penalty**, check out: <http://www.usccb.org/deathpenalty/>



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*


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Dear Veterans of Foreign Wars, in recognition of Veteran's Day, the **Akron Art Museum** is honoring all veterans of any branch of the United States armed services with free admission during the week of Veteran's Day. Visit us November 8-14 to take part in this opportunity to view our latest exhibitions *Nuclear Enchantment: Photos by Patrick Nagatani* and *The Legend of John Brown* as well as the *Prayers for Peace Video* and our permanent collections. If you have any questions please contact Brittany at 330-376-9186, ext. 227 or e-mail intern2@AkronArtMuseum.org.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church capella or "chapel," the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostella, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "Martinmas," that later developed into the season of Advent. --Rev. James Field, (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



2009 POINSETTIA DONATION
 During the Christmas Season we think of our loved ones, past and present. The Altar Society extends an opportunity for you to remember your loved ones. A flower donation of \$10.00 will be used to enhance the beauty of our Altar at Christmas and throughout the year. Please make your donations payable to St. Vincent Altar Society and either mail them to the parish office at 164 W. Market St., Akron, OH 44303 or put them in an **envelope clearly marked "Poinsettia Donation"** and place them in the collection basket. The deadline for donations and intentions to be printed is **Monday, December 14th, 2009**. Thank you!

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KEEP THEM IN YOUR CARE

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*