

SAINT VINCENT



November 22, 2009

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

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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 21, 2009 * Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 PM Ned Heslop—Anniversary

SUNDAY, November 22 * Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

7:00 Rita Cardone—Birthday

9:00 Living and deceased of the Holy Name Society

11:00 Sister Peter Claver—Birthday

MONDAY, November 23 * St. Clement I, pope, St. Columban, Blessed Miguel Agustin

6:30 Charlotte and Tim O'Connor

TUESDAY, November 24 * St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and martyr & his companions, martyrs

6:30 Joseph Demarco

WEDNESDAY, November 25 * St. Catherine of Alexandria

6:30 John and Jorene Fiala

7:00 PM Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

THURSDAY, November 26 * THANKSGIVING DAY

6:30 All Souls

9:00 Daniel Vaughn



FRIDAY, November 27

6:30 Norma Johnson—Birthday

6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal: Matthew Stonestreet & Claire Misra

SATURDAY, November 28 * Islamic Observance Eid-al-Adha

6:30 Mass For Our Parishioners

2:00 p.m. Wedding: Matthew Stonestreet & Claire Misra

5:00 p.m. Anne and Bill tipping

SUNDAY, November 29 * 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00 Marilyn Davis

9:00 Betty Ahern

11:00 Dorothy Schismenos

PLEASE NOTE: Due to advanced bulletin deadlines, the Collections for December 15 and December 22 will be reported in the bulletin of November 29.

TRUE GRATITUDE Let us remember that, as much has been given us, much will be expected from us, and that true homage comes from the heart as well as from the lips, and shows itself in deeds. — Theodore Roosevelt

KRUMBS FROM THE KRAKER-BARREL

SOME DAY



What are you doing, Minnie?

Nothing, boss, just looking.

What are you looking at?

This grave marker for Vinnie. It's really nice, and I was wondering if I will ever deserve a marker like that.

That depends, Minnie. Vinnie had to earn that marker and so will you.

What did Vinnie do to get it?

There were so many things Vinnie did that I would find it hard to name them all. You must remember, Vinnie was here for ten years, so he had a long time to earn the place he has now.

Was he always as good a church dog as he turned out to be.?

That's a good question, Minnie, and if it makes you feel any better, the answer is "no."

That's encouraging, boss. You mean he was something like me when he first came here?

I think you could say that, Minnie. He was young like you and he had enough energy to run and play just the way you do. He liked running so much that sometimes I had a hard time getting him to come when I called him.

Did he learn to do that, boss?

Oh, yes, Minnie. He turned out to be a very obedient dog, but it didn't come easily to him.

That gives me hope, boss. Maybe in time I will master some of the difficult lessons I need to learn as a church dog.

I hope you will, Minnie, but you must also remember that Vinnie suffered some hard knocks along the way to becoming the church dog he was.

Do you mean like the times he was struck by a car?

Yes, that was part of it, and there were other times when he was sick and couldn't do all the things he liked to do. All those things helped him to grow and become a better dog.

I guess sometimes we have to experience difficulties to grow into the dogs we are supposed to be, boss.

I think you're right, Minnie.

I wonder where Vinnie is now, boss. Do you think he's happy?

Vinnie lived a good life, Minnie. He learned to be a really good church dog and he suffered without complaining. I think he's going to be just fine.

I agree, boss, and someday I hope to be where he is.



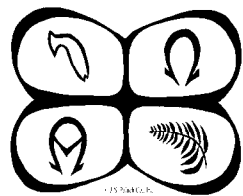
II Dr. Matthew Stonestreet and Claire Misra, St. Vincent

ATTENTION LECTORS: Workbooks for the 2010 year are available in the Sacristy.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Kindly pick up your Eucharistic Minister Certificates in the Sacristy. Thank you!



THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE: On Wednesday evening, November 25, at 7:00 p.m., 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 you calendars and plan to attend.



**Our Lord Jesus Christ the Kind
November 22, 2009**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
The firstborn of the dead
And ruler of the kings of the earth.
—Revelation 1:5

CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)--one people united in love and peace for all eternity. (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND—Catholic Campaign for Human Development These days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement fund decrease. For 39.8 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income

communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support in today's Collection. *Thank you for your generosity.*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day--Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27; Lk 21:34-36

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25; 1 Thes 3:12-- 4:2; Lk 21:25-



FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

The gospel today is clear that the role of Jesus was to "testify to the truth." Truth is critical to human fulfillment and happiness. Without the truth we live suspiciously in a world of lies. What is the truth about the effect of our actions on children? The importance of a Father's presence to the development of a child? The effect of cohabitation on a relationship? The result of long work days and less time with families? Live the Gospel truth.

May we all remember God's presence this Thanksgiving—in our blessings and sufferings, in our celebrations and sorrow. *Let us pray to the Lord.*

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We are gathered here as Your family, Oh Lord.
As a family of faith and love, we give you thanks.

As Your guests at the table of life
we are grateful that You have set a place for us.
As Your children, we strive to follow You in all we do.

As servants to Your will, we acknowledge
the gift of your understanding and mercy.

As your stewards, we are filled with wonder in the
presence of Your mighty deeds and accept our
responsibilities in Your Service.

As your heirs, we are humbled by the bounty You have
given us, for each beat of our heart and each breath that
we draw, is ours only through Your Grace.

And, as Your family, we shout Your name and give
You all glory and honor, praise and thanks.

Amen.

R.C.I.A. CLASS will be held on Monday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Scullen Meeting Room. The topic for this week's class is "Mary and Our Eternal Destiny."



THE GIVING TREE: The St. Vincent Giving Tree will be in Church beginning this Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day. If you are able to purchase a gift or gift certificate for a needy person or family this Christmas, please sign out an ornament. Also, for the "general" Giving Tree collection, we are collecting the following items for elementary school children in need: **Hats Gloves/mittens (especially the waterproof kind) Scarves.**

There will be a box under the Giving Tree to collect the general collection items.

All other gifts and gift certificates should be returned to the Giving Tree. In order to deliver the items to the agencies and families in time for Christmas delivery, all purchases need to be returned to Church beginning November 28/29 (**next weekend**) or December 4/5 (**two weeks**). Please call Joanne Bruegman at 330.414.0380 with any questions.

YOU can easily make a lasting impact on the future of St. Vincent Church through a simple bequest written into a will. The savings in state and federal death taxes resulting from a gift to the foundation can be dramatic, and your charitable bequest can benefit your family's inheritance. Bequests can take a variety of forms. You can leave the foundation a stated sum of money, or you can make the foundation a contingent beneficiary in the event other beneficiaries die before you. You can provide a name by which the gift should be known. You can also leave the gift unrestricted or specify a charitable purpose. Please call Louise Grizer, St. Vincent Development Director, at 330-714-9684 to discuss all the possibilities available.



ST. VINCENT CHRISTMAS PARTY will be held on Sunday, December 6 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. Adults only. Transportation available. Call Donna Warner for reservations at 330-864-6732 by November 29.

YOUTH MINISTRY ADVENT CANDLE SALE! This weekend and November 28. The Advent Season is right around the corner! Soon we will be unpacking our Christmas decorations in anticipation of Christ's birth. As we pull out the Advent Wreath each year, we remember that we must buy new candles to place in it. Our Junior and Senior High students will be selling Advent Wreath candles following all Masses these weekends in the Family Center. Help support our group as we raise funds for the Steubenville Youth Conference in June! Thanks for your support!

Youth Ministry News

Advent Candle Sale this weekend and Nov. 28/29 Junior and Senior High students will be selling advent wreath candles following all Masses on Saturday and Sunday (except 7am) in the family Center. We need teen volunteers to work the table each weekend. Call to be added to list. Funds to be used for the Summer Steubenville trip.

Senior High Youth Ministry

The High school students will be sponsoring the Junior High Semi Formal Dance on December 18th. It's not too late to be a part of the planning team. Come help plan this special night! Call for details!

November

23 - **Open M Potato Peeling** 6-7 p.m. Bring your own peeler. Please call to be included on volunteer list!

23 - **Peer Ministry Confirmation Festival of Praise** Set-up and rehearsal 6:00-7:00 p.m. Festival of Praise 7:00-8:15 p.m. St. Sebastian Church

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

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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

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY.....AND JUSTICE FOR ALL Thanks to all parishioners who supported the Thanksgiving Food Collection for Williard Food Pantry.

According to the Diocesan Social Action Office, one in 8 Ohioans now lives in poverty. Nonprofits are seeing their largest numbers of clients and have waiting lists. Ohio is expected to have an increase of 158,300 uninsured working-age adults in 2009. Out of all states, Ohio ranks 11th in terms of the largest percent increase in uninsured due to unemployment.

The new census data shows that in 2008, the number of Americans living in poverty increased by nearly 2.6 million to 39.8 million (13.2 percent). The poverty rate increased for children under age 18 to 19 percent in 2008, up from 18 percent in 2007.

Child poverty is becoming more harsh. Nearly 6.3 million children were living below half the federal poverty line in 2008, or 8.5 percent of all children. For a family of three, the poverty line was \$17,163; half that is only \$8,581. In 2007, 7.8 percent of children were so deeply poor; in 2000, 6.4 percent.

Continue to advocate for Health Care Reform as it is essential to a better life for the poor and vulnerable. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has advocated for health care reform for decades. The bishops wrote in their October 8 letter that “Catholic moral tradition teaches that health care is a basic human right, essential to protecting human life and dignity. Much-needed reform of our health care system must be pursued in ways that serve the life and dignity of all, never in ways that undermine or violate these fundamental values. We will work tirelessly to remedy these central problems and help pass real reform that clearly protects the life, dignity and health of all.”

Prayers of the People for Clusters of Occupations (Cluster 8) That those working as **physical scientists** may recognize their responsibility to be an example of faith and objectivity to their co-workers and the broader community.

A “**Caring and Sharing**” session for those who are divorced, separated or widowed will be held on Monday, November 23 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary’s Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls. A licensed counselor will facilitate the session which will focus on building healthy relationships. This event is open at no charge to people of all faiths. For information call Frank 330-801-0527 or Sharon 330-612-3635.

THE FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER AKRON will meet on Friday, December 4. The Speaker will be John Allen, Jr., prize-winning Vatican correspondent for the National Catholic Reporter. The cost of the luncheon is \$14.00 with the doors opening at 11:15 a.m. at the Martin Center. Prepaid reservations can be made by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307. For additional information call 330-535-7668.



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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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although our Puritan forebears at Plymouth Rock were almost a hundred years removed from their Catholic roots, the old liturgical calendar still had an unconscious claim on their hearts. We've already seen how on Saint Martin's Day, November 11, medieval continental Europe observed a great harvest day of Thanksgiving, with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner of roast goose. With the goose went ample draughts of "Saint Martin's Wine," the first wine of the new harvest. Martinmas celebrated full barns and larders stocked for the winter. Even after the Reformation, the tradition of eating goose on Saint Martin's Day was retained in Holland, and it was there that our Pilgrims encountered this tradition. When Governor Bradford sent four hunters out into the Massachusetts wilderness in the autumn of 1621, they did indeed find some geese and ducks, and were persuaded by the indigenous people to try turkey, too.

Just as the liturgical calendar has been tweaked over the years, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November in 1939, probably to extend the Christmas shopping season. The protest was so great that in 1941 the day established by President Lincoln, the last Thursday in November, was restored. If the Pilgrims had known of the Martinmas connection, they might never have celebrated at all! --Rev. James Field, (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.