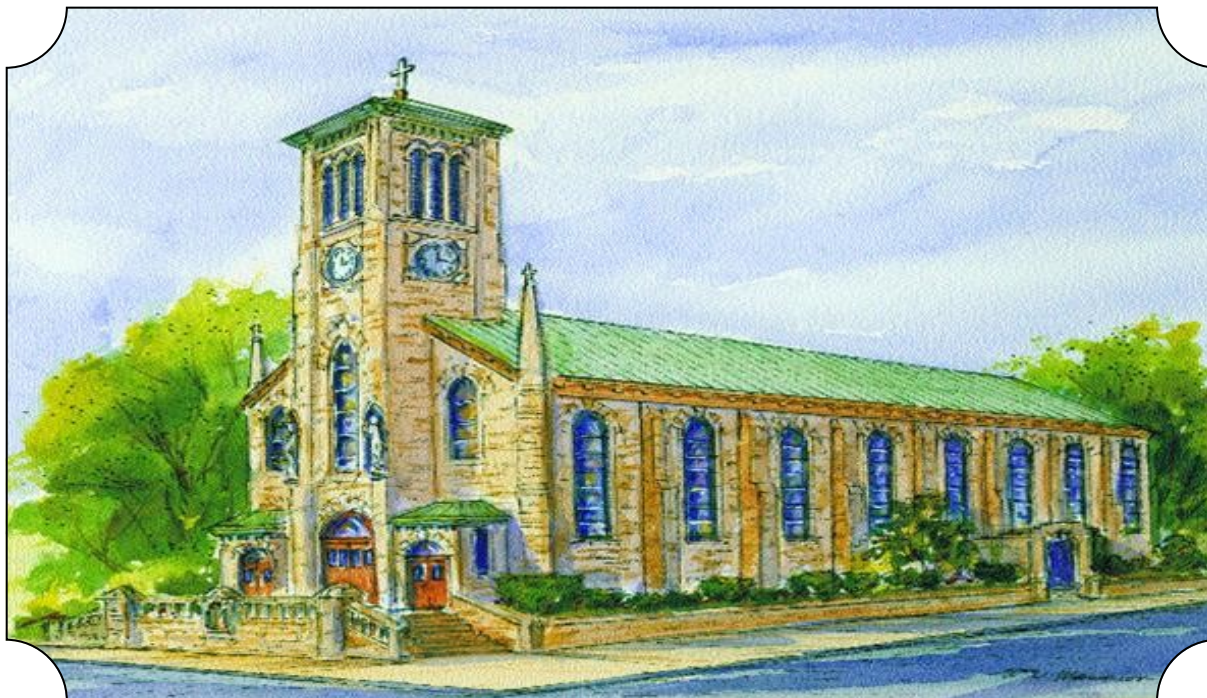


# St. Vincent Church



First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2011

## 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, November 26, 2011

5:00 PM St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Class of 1981—30th Class Reunion \* Baptism: Conor Jeremiah Veillette

### SUNDAY, November 27 \* First Sunday of Advent

7:00 Norma Johnson—Birthday

9:00 Cynthia Mernagh

11:00 John Santell—Anniversary  
\* *Rite of Welcoming Mass*



### MONDAY, November 28

6:30 Vern Reed

### TUESDAY, November 29

6:30 Betty Ahern

### WEDNESDAY, November 30 \* Saint Andrew, apostle

6:30 William and Janet Hanrahan

7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church

### THURSDAY, December 1

6:30 William P. Bray Jr.



### FRIDAY, December 2

6:30 Dave Ahern

8:00 John Albright—Anniversary

### SATURDAY, December 3 \* Saint Francis Xavier, priest

6:30 John Starnier

5:00 Maureen Maloy Morris \* Frank and Joyce Pace—  
20th Anniversary

### SUNDAY, December 4 \* Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 Albert "Al" Letta

9:00 Esther A. Smee

11:00 John and Rosella O'Brien Bisesi



**Please note:** Due to advanced bulletin deadlines, the Collections for Sunday, Nov. 20th and Sunday, Nov. 27th, will be listed in the bulletin of December 4th.

## BEING PATIENT

Have courage for the great sorrows of life and patience for the small ones; and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake.



## KRAKER'S KORNER

### NEW ROMAN MISSAL

This is the weekend we have been preparing for. Today you will notice new Gather hymnals in the pews, and a pew card with the words of the Mass which belong to the congregation. You will need this until you become familiar with the new texts. I will be using the new missal at the altar, and you will find me relying more closely on the book, until I have memorized the new language. I hope and pray these seemingly small changes will encourage all of us to pay closer attention to the prayers we offer. Let me walk through the changes in the Creed, which we will recite today.

*"I believe in one God..."*

Notice the change to the singular "I" rather than "we." This is an exact translation of the Latin "Credo." It stresses the need for me to believe, if I am to be part of the community of believers.

*"of all things visible and invisible"*

There is much of reality, such as the Godhead or the moral law that is real but invisible, not just "seen" or "unseen."

*"the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages."*

"Before all ages" is a more poetic expression of the eternal existence of the Son of God.

*"consubstantial with the Father"*

This is one of the more difficult changes to understand. The word "substance" is used in its ancient philosophical meaning, signifying the essence of a being that makes it what it is. There is a reality that underlies what we perceive, so that I am "human", that is my essence and the reason I function and look the way I do. Minnie is "canine," which explains (to some extent) the reason she acts and looks the way she does.

*"was incarnate of the Virgin Mary"*

Jesus was not just born of Mary, he took on our flesh through the Virgin Mary.

*I confess one Baptism*

I do more than "acknowledge" one Baptism, I confess it, I own it, I proclaim it with my life.

*"and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead"*

More than just looking for the resurrection of the dead, I yearn for it and anxiously await heaven.

*WEDDING BANNS*

II Akira James Miller and Mabelle L. Balana, St. Vincent



**OUR NEW GATHER HYMNALS ARE IN CHURCH THIS WEEKEND!**

We are in need of your help and support. As our Gather Hymnal books have been in use for 15 years, we have purchased 350 new Gather Hymnals valued at approximately \$20.00 each. These hymnals include the changes in the Order of the Mass. To help defray the cost of our new parish hymnals, we are asking our parishioners to donate a book/books 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. **Thank you for considering a donation toward the purchase of our new hymnals.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the soul of Father **Victor J. Cimperman**, Pastor Emeritus of Christ the King Parish. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Conor Jeremiah Veillette**, Son of Jeremy and Carol Veillette who will be baptized at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 26th. **God bless you and your Families!**



**First Sunday of Advent  
November 27, 2011**

Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will come.

— Mark 13:33

**MARK'S JESUS**

Mark's Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark's portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective "I Am" discourses as in John. Mark's Jesus "cuts to the chase," we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today's passage. It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency. We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It's time for us to "wake up!" and get out into the world to do it.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Long ago in northern Europe, the growing dark and winter weather in Advent forced people to remove the wheels from their carts and replace them with snow runners. The wheels

were hung high in the rafters of the house, fitted out with lanterns, and wound tightly with evergreen boughs. The first wreaths were windows into heaven, a source of light, a comforting sign of the victory of the light of Christ over our world's dark wildernesses, its mountainous obstacles, its valleys of need. The Advent wreath started in the home, and only later appeared in church. Its four candles represent the four Sundays of our journey: typically three purple, one rose. Why not set a wreath in your own home as a place for Advent prayer? Don't let a shortage of purple candles discourage you: some use a deep blue, others have white candles and weave blue and purple flowers, seashells, and pine cones into the green. When the sun sets tonight, light a single candle, sing a verse of a well-loved Advent hymn, and name a mountain to be leveled, a valley to be filled.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22
- Thursday:** Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**P.S.R.** There will be no P.S.R classes on Sunday, November 27, 2011. Classes will resume next Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 10:15 a.m.

**R.C.I.A CLASS** will meet on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Scullen Meeting Room. The topic will be "The Church".

**THE RITE OF WELCOMING** for R.C.I.A. members will take place this Sunday at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



**DON'T MISS THE FESTIVITIES!!** The **Altar Society Annual Christmas Dinner** will be held in Corrigan Hall on Saturday, December 3, 2011.

**Prepaid reservations of \$20.00 per person are due by Sunday, November 27, 2011.** The evening includes appetizers and dinner by 2 Hungary Sisters, an open bar (21 and over, please) and entertainment by the Firestone High School Madrigal Choir. For reservations call Donna Warner 330-864-6732, Doris Schubert 330-630-2349, or Eileen Moats 330-869-9618.



**THE GIVING TREE:** The Christmas Giving Tree will be on the altar for two weeks beginning Saturday, November 19. If you are able, please take a tag and purchase a gift to share. **Unwrapped** gifts and/or gift cards should be returned to the altar **no later than Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.** If you have questions, suggestions, or can volunteer some time to this ministry of our Church, please contact Joanne Bruegman at 330.414.0380 and/or Joanne@toyscouts.com. Thank you!

**WELCOME** to the St. Vincent—St. Mary High School Class of 1981 who are celebrating their 30th Reunion at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday. *God bless each of you and your classmates!*



**BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS** Join the St. Vincent Family for a birthday party for Jesus! **Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 9:00 - 11:00 in Corrigan Hall.** Your family will enjoy a visit with Santa, games, face painting and much more! As we would like to focus on the gift of giving, admission is one, new unwrapped gift (per child attending) to be donated to the Haven of Rest. For more details, please contact Jennifer Lann at 330-730-5860.

**MARKET DAY** Help support St. Vincent Grade School and keep your freezer full by simply placing your order online at marketday.com-it's that easy! During December Bonus Days, your Cookie Dough purchase can help us earn up to 45% profit! You also get a Free Trial Size Kraft Mac & Cheese with any purchase, and a Free pound of Meatballs with any \$90 online purchase using promo code DECBONUS. Late calls to Lydia Mon. 11/28. Order online until 11p.m. on 11/29. If you have questions, or would like to volunteer, contact Lydia at (330)620-3787

**ALTAR SOCIETY 300 CLUB** Our next drawing will be on November 30th. Is your money in?

**JOINT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE** We will have a joint Advent Communal Penance Service with St. Sebastian parishioners here at St. Vincent Church on Thursday, December 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.



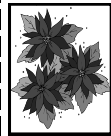
**LACE UP YOUR SKATES!** the Lock 3 Ice Skating Rink is now open for the season! Our St. Vincent Grade School 8th graders are once again selling "Dinner and Skating" tickets - you get skate rental, a hot dog, popcorn, and hot chocolate for \$5! What a great deal for so much fun! These make great gifts 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.



**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

Advent reminds us to be watchful and alert for the Lord in our life now and to beady for His promised return. Prayer is necessary to do this. Weekly Mass keeps families centered in the Lord and ready for anything. The new Mass prayers which begin today will naturally help us be more attentive. Carry this attentiveness into family meals and daily prayers. Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

That families will make time to pray this Advent season and be alerted to the Lord's presence in their homes. *Let us pray to the Lord.*



**2011 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 12, 2011. Thank you!**

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**Prayers of the People for Clusters of Occupations (Cluster 29)** We pray for those in personal care and service occupations: that they may persevere in hope, trusting in God's faithfulness to them as they search for ways to give deeper meaning to their lives and the lives of those for whom they provide services.


**CATHOLIC CHARITIES COMMUNITY SERVICES** and Akron Children's Hospital presents "Camp-It's Good for Life", with nationally known speakers Dr. Scott Thurber and Scott Arizala. Join us on November 29th at 7:00 pm at the Considine Auditorium of Akron Children's Hospital for this FREE evening. Please RSVP by email to vholbrook@chmca.org or by phone at 800-296-CAMP. Parents can register to win one FREE week of camp!


**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, Nov. 28th from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary's Convent Building, 1945 Portage Tr., Cuyahoga Falls. Marlene Maruna, a Licensed Independent Social Worker, will facilitate this session. This event is free to people of all faiths. Contact Frank at 330-801-0527 or Sharon at 330-612-3635.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CHRISTMAS BANQUET** On December 2, 2011, we will host our First Christmas Banquet: A Child is Born. Our speaker will be Julia Holcomb who breaks her 30 year silence about life with Aerosmith rock star and American Idol Judge Steven Tyler, the abortion of their 20 week old son and the miracle of life she ultimately discovered. We will also be joined by Abby Johnson, author of the book "Unplanned". The evening will include dinner, a live auction and live music. The evening will take place at Embassy Suites in Independence. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$140 per couple. To register, visit <http://40daysforlife.eventrite.com> or call 216-236-5186. Various sponsorship levels are also available for ads in the "Life Directory", which each attendee will receive at the banquet. Contact [amy@clevelandcoalitionforlife.org](mailto:amy@clevelandcoalitionforlife.org).


**ROOTED IN FAITH PLEDGE PAYMENTS** Please remember that all Rooted in Faith payments are to be sent directly to The Rooted in Faith Campaign Office in Cleveland, and not to St. Vincent. You should have received notification and a payment envelope from the campaign, enabling you to mail payments directly to their office. If you have not received notification or envelopes, please contact Deacon Mike at 330-535-3135 ext 17.


 **NUTRITION CENTER NEEDS HELP** Gennesaret Family Nutrition Center located at 419 W. Exchange St. is looking for six volunteers on the first Tuesday of the month, and 3 additional volunteers on the second Tuesday of the month, to help with their hot meal program. The prep starts at 8:00 a.m. and the meal is served from 10:00 to 11:00. If you feel the Lord is calling you to serve him by serving the poorest of the poor, or if you know someone who might be, please contact Bob Dirgo at [bobdirgo@hotmail.com](mailto:bobdirgo@hotmail.com) or call 330-351-0474.

 **ST. VINCENT'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POINSETTIA SALE** Order your Christmas Poinsettia's from The Knights. The sale runs until December 4th with pick up taking place on Saturday, December 17th in Corrigan Hall from 10 a.m. until 2p.m. Make checks payable to: K of C #14054. The number ordered, color requested, and the check should be placed in an envelope marked "K of C Poinsettia". It can be put in the weekly collection basket. They also can be mailed to: Mike Petras, 190 Hollywood Dr. Akron, Ohio 44313. There are 4 sizes available ( 4" - \$4.00 ) ( 6" - \$7.00 ) ( 8" - \$16.00 ) ( 10" - \$21.00 ). The colors available

are pink, white and red. All Poinsettia orders must be paid in advance. Order forms are available in the pews.

**GAY AND LESBIAN FAMILY MINISTRY** On Sunday, December 11, 2011 members of the Diocesan Gay-Lesbian Family Ministry will gather for an Advent Prayer at St. Mary-St. Bernard Parish at 2:00. Father Norm Douglas will preside and Lisa Frey will offer the reflection. This prayer service will give all an opportunity to open their hearts for the Lord who is coming. The ministry invites all to come and join us for prayer and for the following reception.

 **A GREAT SET OF PIPES: AN EMBARRASSING NIGHT OF KARAOKE** Come join us for a fun evening of Karaoke with celebrity singers Fr. Valencheck, Fr. Pfeiffer, Fr. Kraker, Fr. Karg, George Bachmann and others on Friday, December 2, 2011 in Zwisler Hall from 7:00-10:00 p.m. Vote for your favorite and then join in the fun, singing and laughing with your friends. Dinner provided, cash bar, free babysitting in Byrider Hall; \$25.00 per person. All proceeds benefit the new organ.

 **THANK YOU** to everyone for all of your help collecting the food items needed to fill our 30 weekly food bags! Here is a reminder of the items we need to fill these bags each week: canned meats, tuna, tuna helper, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti sauce, stews, chili, crackers, chunky soups, potato mixes and pasta. No glass jars please. We appreciate your generosity!

### Youth Ministry News

#### Junior High December Calendar

**9 - Gift Wrapping Service Project**—St. Vincent Scullen Room from 3:00-5:00 p.m. We will be wrapping gifts and putting together treat cups for a preschool in our area. Enjoy some time with your friends while earning service hours! Snacks provided

**20 - Christmas Party and Caroling**—St. Sebastian Byrider Hall from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Join us as we enjoy a meal together and Christmas Carol around the neighborhood! Adult chaperones are needed!

#### Senior High December Calendar

**12 - Christmas Party and Caroling**—St. Sebastian Forest Lodge 7:00-8:30 p.m. Join us as we enjoy a meal together and Christmas Carol around the neighborhood!

**18 - Peter Maurin Center** 11:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 1096 South Main St. Akron. Volunteers are needed to help serve a hot meal and talk with our neighbors in need!

#### Call Cathy Sivec with questions

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