

# SAINT VINCENT



November 29, 2009

First Sunday of Advent

## 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, 330-865-5905). 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 28, 2009**

5:00 PM Anne and Bill Tipping

**SUNDAY, November 29 \* First Sunday of Advent**

7:00 Marilyn Davis  
9:00 Betty Ahern \* **R.C.I.A. Rite of Welcoming**  
11:00 Dorothy Schismenos

**MONDAY, November 30 \* St. Andrew**

6:30 Living & deceased Members of St. Vincent Altar Society

**TUESDAY, December 1**

6:30 Michael Beskitt—Anniversary

**WEDNESDAY, December 2**

6:30 Dave Ahern

**7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church**

**THURSDAY, December 3 \* St. Francis Xavier**

6:30 Esther Smee

**7:00 p.m. Joint Communal Penance Service at St. Vincent's Church**

**FRIDAY, December 4 \* FIRST FRIDAY \* St. John of Damascus**

6:30 Anne Palmarini  
8:15 Betty Tawney

**SATURDAY, December 5**

6:30 Mass of Thanksgiving for prayers answered  
5:00 PM Alice B. Lusardi

**SUNDAY, December 6 \* Second Sunday of Advent**

7:00 Jim Walter—Anniversary  
9:00 Catherine Tallon—Anniversary  
11:00 Anthony Di Salvo



**COLLECTION FOR  
SUNDAY, November 15, 2009  
Thanks for your Support!**

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 15, 500.00
Collection of November 15.....	\$9,421.27
Children's Envelopes .....	\$50.33

**THANK YOU!**



I Dennis T. Murray, St. Vincent & Kristen Rumbaugh

### KRUMBS FROM THE KRAKER-BARREL

#### THREE TO GET READY



What time is it, boss?  
It's three o'clock and you know what that means.  
I sure do, boss. Come on, I'll race you up the stairs. It's time to get ready for our walk.

Now just hold on a second, Minnie, you've got to allow me to get into my walking clothes.  
What's the problem, boss? I'm not stopping you.  
Is that so? Maybe you could tell me how I'm supposed to put on these socks with you standing on my feet and crawling on my lap. Maybe you could stand aside for a moment.  
Sorry, boss, I'm so excited I just can't stand still.  
Well, you had better stand still, or we'll never get out for our walk.

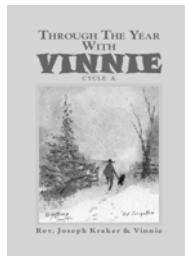
Are you ready now, boss?  
I sure am. C'mon, let's go downstairs.  
Hot dog, let's go!  
Hey, Minnie, cut it out.  
Cut out what, boss.  
You're chewing on my shoes. If you keep it up, I'm going to go flying down these stairs faster than I intended.  
I'm just having a little fun with you, boss. I like to see if I can grab your shoelaces.  
That's nice, Minnie, but if I fall down these stairs, it may be the end of a walk that never began.  
Okay, I'll meet you down at the bottom of the stairs.

I'm ready, boss, open the door.  
Not quite, Minnie. I've got to put your restraining leash on you. I don't care to walk at your pace, which is a little too brisk for me.  
You know I don't like that thing, boss.  
That's rather obvious, Minnie, but hold still. I can't get your leash on with you jumping up and down.  
That's why I'm jumping up and down, but it never seems to stop you.  
Well then pick your head up off the ground. That isn't going to work either.  
Oh, all right. Are we ready now?  
Yes we are. Let's go.

You know, boss, taking a walk shouldn't be as difficult as we've made it out to be.  
Maybe not, Minnie, but if we don't take care of these things, we'll never get out the door.  
Ah, the joy of it: the great outdoors. Yippee!

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:** St. Vincent will host the *Advent Penance Service for St. Sebastian/St. Vincent on Thursday evening, December 3, at 7:00 p.m.* Plan to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Birth. Visiting priests will be available to hear confessions.

Christian must live with one eye fixed on eternity. The Advent season is a time to work on this new kind of vision.



**COMING SOON**

Another Vinnie book, *Through the Year with Vinnie*, is the first of a three part series which will offer reflections on each Sunday of the year. This first book uses the Gospels of Year A. When it arrives, hopefully by Christmas, it will be available at the parish office and at Grismers.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF LAST WEEK'S** Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Because of your generosity, more low-income people in the United States will be able to break the cycle of poverty and improve their communities. In these times when everyone's budget is stretched, we are especially grateful for your support.

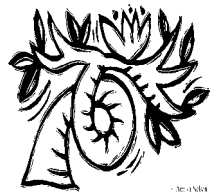


**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

At this time of the year we become more conscious of our family as we make preparations for cards, gifts and visits. Today's gospel warns us to guard our hearts from the anxieties of daily life. During this Advent devote yourself to appreciating the gift of those who are already such an important part of your life. The greatest gift this season might be the true appreciation of Christ in others.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the souls of **Bernard Rader**, Brother of Sister Joan Rader and for **Mary Coletta**, Mother of Joanne Wiseman and Sister-in-law of Fr. Ralph Coletta. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

That a spirit of patience and appreciation will pervade our families this Advent. *Let us pray to the Lord.*



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November 29, 2009**

I will raise up for David a just shoot;  
he shall do what is right and  
just in the land.  
—Jeremiah 33:15

**ACTIVE WAITING**

As this new liturgical year unfolds, today's readings are most appropriate, for they root us in what it means to live authentically as Christians. The Gospel, with its frightening predictions of the end times, invites the hearer to "be vigilant at all times" (Luke 21:36). This kind of vigilance is not at all passive for the Christian. Instead, it is a kind of active waiting. And what should we be doing while we are waiting for the coming of the Lord? The second reading gives us the answer: "abound in love for one another and for all" (1 Thessalonians 3:12). Today is all about promises made and fulfilled. May this Advent season root us all firmly in a stance of active waiting for the Lord, who brings justice and peace. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37  
**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:** Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** want to thank the parish for the great turn-out at our Pancake Breakfast on November 8th. Our Council was able to raise close to a thousand dollars, all of it to be used for charitable activities or the needs of our parish. Also, the winners of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest were Lia Giffels, Bridget Neugebauer, and Anna Belair. Second place winners were Marissa Null and Brittany White. Third place winners were Dalton Cresswell and Brian Tavolier. Thanks to all of the grade school children who participated in this project to help remind us all of the meaning of Christmas. Lastly, thanks for the great response to our Polar Express ticket raffle. We plan on drawing the winning ticket on Sunday, December 6th.



**REFLECTION** The word Advent means "coming". The Church gives us this season to reflect on two different kinds of "coming": the coming of Jesus in our human flesh more than two thousand years ago, and the coming of Jesus at the end of time. Today's Gospel gives a terrifying picture of that second coming. Earth and heaven shaken, oceans in upheaval, people in terror and distress: how can we possibly prepare for that day? The answer Jesus gives is quite simple. We must not get totally absorbed in the ordinary, the "anxieties of daily life." The

**YOUTH MINISTRY ADVENT CANDLE SALE!** Our Junior and Senior High students will be selling Advent Wreath candles following all Masses **this** weekend in the Family Center. Help support our group as we raise funds for the Steubenville Youth Conference in June! *Thanks for your support!*



**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.

**R.C.I.A. Rite of Welcoming** will be held at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 29.

**R.C.I.A. CLASS** will be held on Monday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Scullen Meeting Room. The topic for this week's class will be the "Sacraments".



**THE GIVING TREE** Please be reminded that all gifts need to be returned to Church on December 4/5 (**next weekend.**) For the "general" Giving Tree collection, we are collecting the following items for elementary school children in need: Hats, Gloves/mittens (the waterproof kind is especially appreciated!) and 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 on time, all purchases need to be returned to Church by **next weekend—December 4/5.** Please call Joanne Bruegman at 330-414-0380 with any questions. **Thank you!**

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following **St. Vincent parishioners** who achieved Honor Roll or Merit Roll status for the 1st quarter grading period at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. **Honor Roll:** Mallory Ballard, Hayley Bryan, Hollen Campbell, Tim Campbell, Jr., Samantha Daugherty, Anne Davis, Lando Davis, Abby DiFeo, Chris Domer, Chavonne Gaines, Dylan Garritano, Tom Gilbride, Kaitlin Heard, Renee Horn, Maggie Klein, Sasha Kovalchick, Dao Letdara, Maria Locastro, Austin Manna, Vince Michalec,

Mary Neugebauer, Jessie Neumann, Lydia Presper, Mitch Ratliff, Hannah Roberts, Ellen Rochford, Dan Shisler, Stewart Smith-Thomas, Mariam Sovacool, Isabella Sparhawk, Stefan Subich, Emily Tomei, Megan Tomei, Mallory Trecaso, Meredith Trecaso, Natalie Walter, Olivia Walter, Tessa Weigand, Jayme Yeaton. **Merit Roll:** Pat Castner, Emma Davis, Allyson Dewell, Graydon Fox, Kelly Fulkerson, Ryan Fulkerson, Madeline Garritano, Kaitlyn Gilbride, Brandi Goostree, Evan Gorbach, Jacob Jones, Jaimee Jones, Courtney Kovach, Matt Lambert, Tom Marcum, Kristen Urdiales.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Pat Donnelly**, who will be honored as St. Vincent's "Woman of the Year" at the Summit Regional Council of Catholic Women's Annual Christmas Awards Luncheon to be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at Guy's Party Centre.

### Youth Ministry News

#### December Calendar for both Junior and Senior High

- 1- Christmas Caroling with Knights of Columbus-Rockynol Retirement Community** 6 -7:30pm. Meet in main lobby at 6pm. Families are encouraged to attend together!
- 4- Santa Shop Workshop and Movie Night** (service hours) St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall 5:45 -10:30 pm Come help baby sit the little ones while parents volunteer or help set up Santa Shop. Call to be added to volunteer list
- 7- Pastor Installation Mass for Father Valencheck** St. Sebastian Church 6:00 pm
- 13- A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols** (service hours) St. Sebastian Church at 3:00 pm. 2:30 pm greet and pass out programs. 4:00 pm set-up and run reception after concert. Baked goods are needed for this reception!!
- 18- Winter Wonderland Junior High Dance** St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall 7-9 pm Cost: \$5.00 Sponsored by Senior High Youth Ministry. All proceeds will help defray the cost of the Steubenville Youth Conference. **Dress up to celebrate Christ's birth! Students should dress up in appropriate "Sunday Best" attire. Boys may wear dress shirts or polos and dress pants (tie optional). Girls may wear a dress or skirt of modest length, or dress pants, with an appropriate top. Bare shoulders are not permitted! A jacket or sweater must be worn if outfit is strapless or has spaghetti straps. No jeans please!**

#### Junior High only

- 9- Christmas Tea** (service hours) St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall. Set-up from 2:30-4:00 pm
- 16- Shopping for Giving Tree Gifts** (service hours). St. Vincent Knights Of Columbus will give us money to do their shopping. First 6 students to volunteer will shop! 7-8:30 pm

#### Senior High only

- 3- Winter Wonderland Dance Meeting** St. Sebastian Church Meeting Room (basement of church) 7-8:30 pm

riders Hall from 7—8:30 p.m.

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**ALTAR SOCIETY OFFERS BARGAINS!** Boy-o-boy does our Altar Society have a deal for you! Just in time for Christmas giving, the ladies are having a “Christmas Clearance Sale” of the 1997 version of Cat’s Meow wooden replicas of our Church, Rectory, and the old St. Vincent High School. There is a very limited supply of the sets which include the Church, Rectory and High School (only 10 sets remain) for \$27.00 per set, or just 9 remaining individual High Schools for \$10 each. These mementos are collectibles and make a perfect gift for alumni and parishioners. For more information, call Marilyn McCafferty at 330-836-3924. HURRY!

**RETIREMENT FUND HELPS SENIOR RELIGIOUS**

“As expenses continue to increase and economic difficulties tighten our income, we appreciate more and more the help of the Retirement Fund,” notes a woman religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail religious and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Please give generously to next week’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).

**COPING WITH THE HOLIDAY’S**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

**2:00—4:00 p.m. or 6:30-8:30 p.m.**


**330-668-4662 to RSVP**

The purpose of this program is to discuss stress related concerns surrounding the holiday season for the bereaved. Grieving persons will learn how to balance the reality of grief along the expectations of the holidays. Participants will learn options for coping with this potentially difficult time of the year. Supporting those who hurt, instilling hope to those who have loss. Sponsored by Hospice of Visiting Nurse Service Center of Loss and Hope. Hospice Care Center, 3358 Ridgewood Road, Akron, OH 44333. Phone: 330-665-1455.

**SAINT JOHN OF DAMASCUS (c. 675-749) Dec. 4**

From almost 1300 years ago, John's message for the church's spirituality and mission is surprisingly contemporary. Pope Benedict says that, in our modern culture of images, sacred images often speak more eloquently than words. This "incarnational theology," the concept that visible, tangible elements can give believers access to divine realities beyond, found an eloquent champion in John of Damascus. He challenged the Iconoclasts (image-breakers), whose misinterpretation of the biblical prohibition of idolatrous images (Exodus 20:4-5) led them to campaign for the destruction of all sacred art. Before this controversy, however, John bore witness to Christ in a way that provides a timely example for Christians in today's pluralistic society. Succeeding his grandfather and father, John served as chief financial officer to the Muslim Caliph, professing his Christian faith without compromise, while winning the esteem of his Islamic sovereign by his competence and integrity. No wonder John could eloquently defend icons as "windows into heaven"--he had already learned to see Christ in the living icons of people different from himself yet fashioned in the same divine image! -Peter Scagnelli, (c) Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**GREATNESS** The measure of greatness is not the number of servants you have, but the number of people you serve. — Anonymous



**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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