

# SAINT VINCENT



December 13, 2009

Third 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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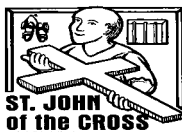
### Masses for the Week

**SATURDAY, December 12 \* Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
5:00 PM Marie Daily—Anniversary

**SUNDAY, December 13 \* Third Sunday of Advent**  
7:00 Henry Wojcik—Anniversary  
9:00 Jo Anne and Ned Boland  
11:00 Sister Peter Claver



**MONDAY, December 14 \* St. John of the Cross**  
6:30 Alberta Seiler



**TUESDAY, December 15**  
6:30 Ruth M. Deitch

**WEDNESDAY, December 16**  
6:30 Kenneth D. Breen  
**7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church**



**THURSDAY, December 17**  
6:30 Helen N. Bailey

**FRIDAY, December 18 \* Islamic New Year: Muharram**  
6:30 Peggy and Bill Holt  
8:15 Matthew Felber



**SATURDAY, December 19**  
6:30 Gail Weigand—Birthday  
2:00 p.m. Wedding: Dennis Murray & Kristen Rumbaugh  
5:00 PM Frances and Bud Palmer

**SUNDAY, December 20 \* Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
7:00 Marilyn Davis  
9:00 Judith Hackman  
11:00 Louis and Angie Maglione



**COLLECTION FOR  
SUNDAY, December 6, 2009  
Thanks for your Support!**

Weekly Budget..... \$ 15, 500.00  
Collection of December 6 ..... \$12,670.14  
Children's Envelopes ..... \$39.81  
Retirement Fund for Religious Collection ..... \$1,850.00

**THANK YOU!**



**III Dennis T. Murray, St. Vincent and Kristen Rumbaugh**

### KRUMBS FROM THE KRAKER-BARREL

#### EVEN DOGS BELONG



What happened to the mantle, boss? It looks different.

It's part of the Christmas decorations, Minnie. I'm putting up the manger scene with all the people who were there that first Christmas.

You really take this Christmas thing seriously, don't you, boss?

Of course, Minnie. Christmas is one of the best times of the year, and we ought to celebrate.

I have no problem with that, boss. The more celebrations the better as far as I'm concerned; but that manger scene puzzles me.

What's the problem, Minnie?

Well, I can understand the baby and his Mother and Father. That makes sense if we're celebrating a birthday, but what are all those animals doing there?

Good question, Minnie. You see, Jesus was born in a stable, and that's why the animals are there together with Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

I get it, boss; the animals made the stable a little easier for Jesus and his parents.

I'm not sure what you mean, Minnie.

Well, take that cow for example. It must have been cold out there in that stable, but the cow made it warmer by his breathing. I'll bet the baby liked that.

You're right, Minnie. I never thought of that. How about the donkey, why do you think he was there?

I'm not sure, boss, but I suspect he's the one who carried the baby's mother to the stable.

Of course, Minnie. Mary and Joseph had to travel a long way, so they would have had a donkey with them.

It's all beginning to make sense, boss. I'll bet those sheep, with their woolly fur felt good on a warm night, just like the blanket I have on my bed.

You catch on very quickly, Minnie. I think you have it all figured out.

Almost, boss, but I do have one more question. What's that black dog doing in there with all the other animals? I don't recall hearing anything about a dog being part of Christmas.

To tell you the truth, Minnie, that's my idea. That dog is you and Vinnie and Timmie.

Good thinking, boss. Even dogs can make things better just by being good dogs and doing what dogs do. You can bet I would have been there if I could.

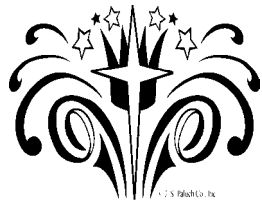
**PLEASE PRAY FOR** the repose of the souls of **Jayne F. Kormanik, Jeffrey Bryan**, Brother of John Bryan and **Elizabeth Hirst**, Sister of Wilma Shriver. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.



**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

During this season we give gifts to friends and family. The gospel asks us if we plan to share with those who have little or nothing. If our impoverished brothers and sisters aren't on our gift list, we may be missing the point of Christmas. Let us be generous with our charitable giving.

For the widowed, that they may be comforted by the support of friends and family and find solace in the promise of eternal life. **Let us pray to the Lord.**

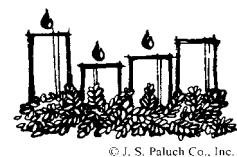


**Third Sunday of Advent  
December 13, 2009**

With joy you will draw water  
At the fountain of salvation.  
—Isaiah 12:3

**REJOICE!**

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, is traditionally referred to as Gaudete Sunday. This is the Advent Sunday of joy. Today's first reading, responsorial psalm, and second reading call us to express joy in three ways. We are summoned to "shout for joy" (Zephaniah 3:14), to "cry out with joy" (Isaiah 12:6), and to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Expressing Christian joy is quite distinct from the kind of joy we express, for instance, when our favorite sports team wins an important game. That kind of joy is fleeting. Christian joy is an inner peace and spiritual happiness that is developed throughout our lives and sustains us even when we struggle. It is the kind of joy that is infectious. Others can tell that there is simply something different about us. Let us rejoice this day, for to us shall come Emmanuel. © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



**AN ADVENT PRAYER**

May the God of peace make us completely holy.  
May God keep us blameless in spirit, soul and body

for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Forever faithful is the One who calls us—God our Father!

Expectant, let us live in joyful hope

for the revelation of the glory  
of our God and Savior, Christ Jesus!

To him be glory forever!

Come, Lord Jesus! Your grace be with us all.

—From *Come, Lord Jesus* by Lucien Deiss, CSSp, copyright 1976, 1981, Lucien Deiss. Published by World Library Publications. p. 127

**RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS.** Our parish contributed \$1,850.00 to the Retirement Fund for Religious in the second collection on December 6, 2009. Of the support offered by this appeal, one religious writes, "We deeply appreciate this assistance. God's loving care touches us through the hearts of thousands of Catholics who give so generously to this collection year after year." Women and men religious throughout the country send their abundant thanks for your donation. [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

**Wednesday:** Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**WREATH RAFFLE** The first and second grade classes are raffling off wreaths made by each class. Proceeds go to the two families that the classes have adopted for Christmas. The wreaths will be on display after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 13, near the pre-K Classroom in the Family Center. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00. Buy some tickets and place them in the bag for the wreath you hope to win and help out with a great cause at the same time! Winners will be chosen on Thursday, December 17, at the school Christmas Program. Winners need not be present.

**MARKET DAY NEWS** We'd like to thank everyone who supported our December Market Day Sale. In January, you will receive a FREE 4-PACK of Peanut Butter & Jelly Grahamwiches with a minimum order of \$40.00. Order on line at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com) until 11 p.m. on Tuesday, January 5. Late calls to Selena, Florence or Lidia by 8 p.m. Monday, January 4. Orders to school by January 4. Pick-up on January 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. We are in need of volunteers. Please, if you are interested in helping, call Selena at 330-773-2178, Florence at 330-472-9111 or Lidia at 330-620-3787. We set up one hour before pick-up time. All are welcome!

**R.C.I.A. CLASS** meets on Monday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Scullen Meeting Room. The topic for this week's class is "The Holy Spirit and Confirmation".

**IN JESUS**

In Jesus all broken lines unite. In Jesus, all scattered sounds are gathered in harmony. — Phillips Brooks.



### RECYCLE BONUS TIME December 14-18, 2009.

Recycle more! Impact the Earth! Impact Your Fundraising Efforts! During the week of December 14-18, 2009, River Valley Paper will pay an additional \$15 per ton for all paper collected in your recycling locations. Tell everyone you know and wrap it up before the holidays! Our paper bin is in the Brennan Parking Lot. Thanks for your re-cycling help!



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS—St.

**Vincent Parish.** Thanks to all of those who purchased a ticket for the Polar Express Drawing. The winning ticket drawn on Sunday, December 6, belonged to parishioner Nancy Sharp. The Council was able to sell 93 tickets at five dollars each generating \$455.00 for our charitable activities. The Council has donated over \$1,000.00 towards feeding and clothing the poor this Christmas season.

**K OF C FREE THROW** Girls and boys ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the *Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition* on Thursday, January 21, 2010, in the grade school gymnasium. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. and last about an hour. Participants can register the day of the event or pre-register by contacting the grade school gym teacher for forms. Winners can advance to district, regional, state, and even national competition. Gym shoes only please. Sponsored the St. Vincent Knights of Columbus. Contact Brian at 330-864-1242 for more information.

**KNIGHT AT THE RACES** The St. Vincent Knights of Columbus will once again be holding a "Knight at the Races" on January 30, 2010, to benefit repairs to our Church organ. Our Church organ was acquired in March of 1942 and has helped set the atmosphere for many of our most sacred moments. It has been 25 years since the organ had any significant maintenance. Recently, the parish was told that the reeds on the organ needed to be refurbished to the cost of \$24,000. The Church would not be the same without a viable organ, the work must be done. In support of this effort please consider an ad for the "Knight at the Races" racing form. The ads are \$25.00, \$50.00 and \$100.00 respectively; all you need to do is to offer some graphic such as a business card or brochure and we will have the ad put into the racing form. Considering the inexpensive cost of the ad and the benefit to our parish, the goodwill to your company is not such a bad value. For more information call Tom Carone at 330-835-4694 or Brian Walsh at 330-864-1242.

**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 St. Vincent 8th graders, Karl Icsman, Julia Mendiola, and Alexis Wyatt, who have each been awarded a \$10,000 Irish Academic Scholarship (\$2,500 per year, renewable for 4 years). The Irish Academic Scholarship is awarded to the top 30 scorers of all 8th graders who take the St. Vincent-St. Mary High School Scholarship Placement test in the Fall.

## Youth Ministry News

### December Calendar for both Junior and Senior High

#### 13- A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols (service hours)

In St. Sebastian Church, 2:30 p.m. greet and pass out programs

3:00 pm Concert

Set-up and run reception after concert. Baked goods are needed for this reception!! Please drop off at the St. Sebastian Church vestibule between 2-3 pm.

#### 18- Winter Wonderland Junior High Dance in St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall 7-9 p.m. 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!**

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### **SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY....AND JUSTICE FOR ALL** Advent Ideas, Reflecting on a Year of Change,

Looking Forward with Hope The third week of Advent is one of joy. "Joy is the true gift of Christmas...We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness." -Pope Benedict XVI

Write special notes to distant relatives and forgotten friends.

World leaders are working in Copenhagen to negotiate

a global climate treaty. Take an action to shrink your “carbon footprint.”

As our homes and neighborhoods are illuminated with Christmas lights—who is the light in your life?

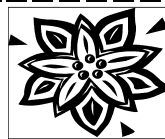
The shortest and darkest days of the year occur next week. Reach out to someone who could use some light. Prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ through Eucharist and time with family and friends! —from NETWORK, a Catholic leader in the global movement for justice and peace.

**Prayers of the People for Clusters of Occupations (Cluster 6)** That *drafters and engineering technicians* will strive to make their worksites places where co-workers and clients can recognize the presence of God’s existence and His love.

**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!

**FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY AT ST. VM: Course Beginning 1-5-10** Looking for some direction in your financial life? Want to learn what the bible says about money. Join us for this life-changing 13 week course that discusses a wide range of financial topics. This class is for everyone regardless of age, income level, or knowledge base. Families have better communication between spouses and with children. View the challenges of dealing with money situations through a different perspective. Here is what recent graduates are saying about FPU: This course taught me that debt is not a way of life. This class is a gift for young and old alike. As a couple you must manage your money, not let it manage you. It is definitely worth the time and money. **Classes led by Jim Bennet.** For more information or to sign up please contact John or Sally Olszewski at 330-867-7576 or [olszewskij@firstenergycorp.com](mailto:olszewskij@firstenergycorp.com).

painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such “seasons of the soul,” an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic, John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Avila for her Discalced (“barefoot,” evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from The Dark Night of the Soul, through The Ascent of Mount Carmel, to his Spiritual Cantic and The Living Flame of Love. John summarized his spirituality simply: “Put love where there is no love, and you will find love.”—Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

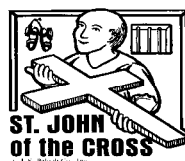


**2009 POINSETTIA DONATION**

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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**SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591) December 14**

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools; and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How