

# St. Vincent Church



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 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, December 17

5:00 PM Louis and Angie Maglione

#### SUNDAY, December 18 \* Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 Charlotte and Tim O'Connor

9:00 Ned and Joann Boland

11:00 Blanche O'Neil

**Baptisms:** Hadley Jean LaRose and Ella Grace Beese



#### MONDAY, December 19

6:30 Gail Weigand—Birthday

#### TUESDAY, December 20

6:30 Lucy Van Dress

#### WEDNESDAY, December 21 \* St. Peter Canisius, priest and doctor of the Church

6:30 Joanne Lovelace

7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church



#### THURSDAY, December 22

6:30 Lena Farrell—Anniversary

#### FRIDAY, December 23 \* St. John of Kanty, priest

6:30 Buzz Mattes

#### SATURDAY, December 24 \* Christmas Eve

4:00 The Intentions of St. Vincent Parishioners

7:00 Michael Ziga

10:00 Jo Federonich

#### SUNDAY, December 25 \*The Nativity of the Lord CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 Mary Lombardo

11:00 Margaret and Jack Pontius



**COLLECTION FOR SUNDAY, December 11, 2011**  
**Thanks for your Support!**

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 15, 000.00
Collection of December 11.....	\$11,005.61
Children's Envelopes .....	\$42.28
Collection for Retired Religious.....	\$2,188.00
E-Give.....	\$2,329.00

**THANK YOU!**

### KRAKER'S KORNER

#### CELEBRATING WITH MARY



Each year the last Sunday of Advent calls us to prepare for the birth of Jesus together with Mary, his mother. This year the Sunday Gospel recalls the story of the visit of the angel Gabriel to Mary, announcing that she is to be the Mother of God. We would do well to set aside a few minutes each day this week to join with Mary in reflecting on what the birth of Jesus means for each one of us.

That will be easier for me this year, because of the gift Bishop Lennon sent to each of his priests. It is a little book, beautifully printed and illustrated, *The Seven Joys of Mary*, published by *Magnificat* and available at their website. I intend to use it to celebrate the Christmas season in union with Mary, as I read and meditate on its contents.

I was not as familiar with the Seven Joys of Mary as I was with the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Growing up at St. Sebastian, we had a weekly devotion in church in which we prayed the Seven Sorrows of Mary just as we prayed the Stations of the Cross. Hanging on the walls of the church were pictures illustrating the Seven Sorrows. (It's interesting how these things impress themselves on the mind of a young child).

Intending to learn about the Seven Joys of Mary, I did a little homework and discovered they are a Franciscan devotion, consisting of a seven decade rosary (*Seraphic Rosary*) commemorating the seven joys of Mary, (Annunciation, Nativity, Visit of the Magi, Appearance of the Risen Christ, Ascension, Descent of the Holy Spirit, Assumption and Coronation of Mary).

*The Franciscan Crown dates back to the year 1422. Wadding tells us that a young novice who had that year been received into the Franciscan Order had, previous to his reception, been accustomed to adorn a statue of the Blessed Virgin with a wreath of fresh and beautiful flowers as a mark of his piety and devotion. Not being able to continue this practice in the novitiate, he decided to return to the world. The Blessed Virgin appeared to him and prevented him from carrying out his purpose. She then instructed him how, by reciting daily a rosary of seven decades in honor of her seven joys, he might weave a crown that would be more pleasing to her than the material wreath of flowers he had been wont to place on her statue. From that time the practice of reciting the crown of the seven joys became general in the order.*



**OUR NEW GATHER HYMNALS:** 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 beautiful new books are now in the pews and 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.**

**PRAY FOR** the repose of the soul of **Frank Horn**. May his soul and the souls of the faithful departed rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Hadley Jean LaRose**, daughter of Frank and Lauren LaRose, and **Ella Grace Beese**, daughter of John and Heather Beese, who will be baptized at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, December 18, 2011. **God bless you and your families!**



**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
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The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.  
—Luke 1:35

**THE ETERNAL GOD**

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome. Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35). Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We are approaching the darkest, longest night of the year. For centuries, people in the Northern Hemisphere have kindled fires against the dying of the light, turning away the dark of the winter solstice, and leading the imagination to

hope and new beginnings. It is thus easy to understand why these solstice celebrations of non-Christian Europe attracted the annual remembrance of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World. In time the solstice migrated away from December 25, but the Christmas feast remained in place. From this day, a whole season of celebration developed, stretching from Advent through the days of Christmas, and even beyond to the February 2 blessing of the candles, and beyond that to March 25, the Annunciation, nine months before the next Christmas. Centuries ago, this was New Year's Day, and many reasoned that it was the date of Adam and Eve's fall, and the date of the Crucifixion. The message is clear: don't let your Christmas be over too soon. Keep the lights blazing into January, and savor the meaning of the feast!—James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
- Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56
- Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79
- Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**R.C.I.A CLASS** will meet on Monday, December 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Scullen Meeting Room. The topic will be "Baptism".

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Crossroads Hospice is seeking committed and caring people to add to our team. We are looking for "The Ultimate Gift Giver" to provide patient care visits in facilities and homes and to assist with office work, bereavement, scrapbooking, Ultimate Gifts, making prayer shawls, Veterans blankets, picture and videotaping, art, pet, and massage therapy. For free orientation, training and ongoing educational programs, contact the Volunteer Office @ 216-654-9300.



**CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS** Thank you to everyone who donated food for our Christmas bags!! We are still in need of food for the 30 bags we give out weekly. Although we have ample supply of vegetables and soups, we are in need of crackers, peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, cereal, cake mixes and frosting. Please remember: no fresh items or glass jars. **Thank you and may you all have a Blessed Holiday!**—The St. Vincent de Paul Society and Auxiliary.

**Prayers of the People for Clusters of Occupations (Cluster 52)** For all who stay home and care for others in their homes, that they may live the Gospel and express the faith, hope and love that we profess by each act of their daily work.



**ST. VINCENT-ST. MARY HIGH SCHOOL** is pleased to announce that St. Vincent eighth graders, *Alex Heard, Marilyn Icsman, Bridget Neugebauer*, and *Brian Tavolier*, were each awarded a \$10,000 Irish Academic Scholarship to St. Vincent-St. Mary High School. This distinction places them among an elite group of scholars who were among the top 30 scorers on the STVM Scholarship/Placement Test this fall. ***Congratulations!***



**THE ST. VINCENT ELEMENTARY 8TH GRADE CLASS** invites you to attend our **“Dine for DC” Spaghetti Dinner, Saturday, January 28, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Corrigan Hall.** Come enjoy a delicious meal including spaghetti, salad, rolls, fabulous desserts and more! Proceeds will benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Washington D.C. in the spring. This dinner will follow the 5:00 Mass in which the Confirmation and First Communion classes will come together to celebrate with a Sacramental Prayer Service. All are welcome for this fun night of fantastic food, great music and celebration! The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family. For further information, please contact Betsy Tavolier at 330-535-3135 (rectory) or at 330-864-0959.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW COMPETITION** Girls and boys ages 10-14 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, in the grade school gymnasium. The event will begin at 7:30 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 by the St. Vincent Knights of Columbus. Contact Brian at 864-1242 for information.



**KNIGHT AT THE RACES** Mark your calendar! The St. Vincent Knights of Columbus will be holding a “Knight at the Races” on Saturday, January 21, 2012. In support of this effort, please consider an ad for the “Knight at the Races” racing form. The ads are \$25, \$50 and \$100 respectively. All you need to do is supply a business card or brochure, and it can be placed into the racing form. A \$50 ad will offer the extra publicity that comes with being a race sponsor; a \$100 ad will fill a whole page. Considering the inexpensive cost of these ads and the benefit to our parish, the good will to your company is not such a bad value. For more information, call Fred Neugebauer at 330-867-2019 or Brian Walsh at 330-864-1242, or send your information to our mailbox at the rectory **by January 8, 2012.**

### ***FAMILY PERSPECTIVES***

Question: What do you call a family that started with an unmarried teen, where a twelve year old ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal by the state? Holy. The lesson of today’s gospel is: no matter what is happening in your family, “The Lord is with you”. Let go and let God direct your family. Imitate Mary and “do not be afraid” for “nothing is impossible with God”.

During this Season, may we have the generosity to open our arms and hearts to help young mothers in need. ***Let us pray to the Lord.***

**DISCIPLES FOR THE DYING** The Disciples for the Dying Masses will be held at St. Sebastian’s Church, Friday, February 3rd at the 5:00 p.m. Mass, at St. Bernard-St. Mary’s Church, Friday, March 2nd at the 12:10 p.m. Mass, and the intentions of the dying will be included in the Prayers of the Faithful at the 6:30 a.m. Mass, Friday, January 6, 2012 at St. Vincent’s Church.



**LIFE LINE SCREENING** Make an appointment for you and a loved one today! Life Line Screening’s mission is to make people aware of an undetected health problem and encourage them to seek follow up care with their physician. We are dedicated to providing the highest quality preventive screenings at an affordable rate, using painless ultrasound (sonogram) to see the plaque build-up in your arteries—a leading cause of stroke. We will be at St. Vincent on Monday, January 16, 2012 from 8:15 a.m. –5:30 p.m. in the Scullen Room. Pre-registration is required. Please call 1-800-324-1851.

**ST. PAUL PARISH WOMEN’S GATHERING** After a busy holiday season, we need to take a deep breath and give ourselves the opportunity to reflect on our relationship with our God and with each other. We are very fortunate to again welcome St. Cheryl Rose for a gathering of the women of our area for a 2-day retreat, Friday, January 13, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish dinner, and on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts. Our focus will be on “Open the Door” based on a book by Joyce Rupp. All women are invited and please bring a friend. Come and join us as we again search to make our faith alive for our families and each other. For more information, please call Judy Richard at 330-644-4514 or Terry Nesline at 330-724-1263.

**ALUMNI MASS AND REUNION** We have made many phone calls, but we are still in GREAT NEED of volunteers to help search, gather, plan and implement our Alumni Mass and Reunion on April 29, 2012. If you would like to volunteer or have alumni information, please contact Deacon Mike at 330-535-3135 ext. 17.

**GRIEF SUPPORT SESSION** Begin the New Year with hope and support...Please join us for a 6 week Grief Support Session at Our Lady of Victory Parish, 73 North Ave. Tallmadge, beginning Thursday, January 5, 2012 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The evenings will provide understanding and support to those who mourn. Take time for yourself; learn healthy ways of dealing with grief and loss; share your journey with others who truly understand. For additional information and to register please call OLV 330-633-3672, or Mary Beth Van Winkle 330-633-1928. Join us for this insightful and faith-filled experience.

### **2011 CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **CHRISTMAS EVE *Saturday, December 24, 2011***



4:00 p.m. Children's Mass  
7:00 p.m. Mass of Watchful Waiting  
10:00 p.m. Mass—Adult Choir (Christmas Carols begin at 9:30 p.m.)

**NO MIDNIGHT MASS**

#### **CHRISTMAS DAY *Sunday, December 25, 2011***

9:00 a.m. Mass and 11:00 a.m. Mass

### **NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE *Saturday, December 31, 2011***

5:00 p.m. Mass

#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY *Sunday, January 1, 2012***

7:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Mass



**HOLIDAY BINGO** A FREE Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner and Fifty (50) Door Prizes, which include a 22" Flat Screen TV, Camcorder, two (2) \$50.00 cash prizes and free

Bingo during the month of January will be featured at the Special FRIDAY Bingo at St. Clement's on Dec. 30th. Doors open at 4:30 p.m., with a Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner and Dessert served (to the first 200 players) from 5:15 to 7:00 p.m. when Bingo begins. Progressive MiniFlashboards and Shamrocks will be played at 6:00 p.m. St. Clement Hall located at 432 North Market St., in Navarre is handicap accessible and security is provided. Please call 330-879-5900 for additional information.

**FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER AKRON** The First Friday Club speaker for its January 13, 2012 luncheon at 12 noon at the Martin Center at the University of Akron, 107 Fir Hill, will be Sr. Mary McCormich, OSU. Sr. Mary is an Ursuline Sister of Youngstown. Her topic will be "The Doctrine of God". The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 with the doors opening at 11:15 a.m. 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.

*Hail full of Grace!  
The Lord is with you*



### **Youth Ministry News**

#### **Junior High December Calendar**

**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**

**18 - Peter Maurin Center** from 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**

St. Sebastian- 330 836-2233 ext 134

St. Vincent- 330 535-3135 ext. 11

Email : SivecC@stsebastian.org

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**COUPLES DAY OUT:** All married and engaged couples are warmly invited to a Couples Day Out on Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 1:00-7:30 p.m.

at St. Sebastian Church. Guest speaker Art Bennett, author of The Temperament God Gave You, will give entertaining talks explaining how to appreciate your differences as a couple and how best to communicate with spouses of all temperaments. Attend Mass, renew your vows, enjoy a candlelight dinner and more. Cost is \$100.00 per couple. For more information contact Kris or Ruth Klee at 330-825-7106 or ruthklee@hotmail.com. This event is sponsored by West Side Catholic Couples, a ministry of St. Sebastian and St. Vincent Churches.

**RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS** A Benedictine nun writes: "We ask God to bless the faithful who made contributions in order to help us in our retirement." Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests offer their heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

**JANUARY THAW: FIRE UP** We invite all Catechetical Leaders, Day School Teachers, PSR Catechists, Youth Ministers, RCIA Teams and any adults interested in growing in faith, to join us for keynote speaker Father Richard Fragomeni "What's the "This" in Remembrance of Me?": Being and Doing the Eucharistic Gift". There will also be two sessions of inspirational and practical workshops, retreat, exhibitors and over 25 workshops. The January Thaw: Fire Up will take place on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at Archbishop Hoban High School, 1 Holy Cross Blvd. For more information, please contact Pat Flaherty at 330-773-7621.