



St. Vincent Parish



175th Anniversary 1837-2012



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012

Rectory

Rev. Joseph Kraker, *Pastor*
Rev. Gordon Yahner, *In residence*
Rev. David McCafferty, *In residence*
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Monday- Friday: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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PSR

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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, February 4

5:00 PM Winnie Sovacool

SUNDAY, February 5 * Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Robert Dages

9:00 Barbara Oberst

11:00 William C. Kannel

MONDAY, February 6 * St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

6:30 Mary Louise Farrell—Anniversary

TUESDAY, February 7

6:30 Frank Horn

WEDNESDAY, February 8 * St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

6:30 Gilbert Dilley—Birthday

7:00 PM Holy Hour in Church

THURSDAY, February 9

6:30 Eleanor Fulkerson—Birthday

FRIDAY, February 10 * St. Scholastica, Virgin

6:30 Tom LeFevre

8:00 Judy Hackman

SATURDAY, February 11 * Our Lady of Lourdes *World Day of the Sick

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

5:00 For all the deceased of the Lusardi, Buoy, Maloy & Spangler Families

SUNDAY, February 12 * Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time * Lincoln's Birthday

7:00 Dr. John T. Schaeufele

9:00 Dick Maloyan

11:00 Frank Horn



**COLLECTION FOR
SUNDAY, January 29, 2012
Thanks for your Support!**

Weekly Budget.....	\$ 15, 000.00
Collection of January 29	\$8,286.24
Children's Envelopes	\$64.40
E-Give.....	\$1,500.00

THANK YOU!

KRAKER'S KORNER

G.K. CHESTERTON



Since my college days, I have been a great fan of G.K. Chesterton, British writer and apologist for the Catholic Church. In the first half of the 20th century England was blessed with many gifted Catholic writers, Chesterton was probably the most gifted of all. His works include essays, novels, mystery stories, poems, literary criticism, and an autobiography in which he writes:

“...I am firmly of the opinion that I was born on the 29th of May, 1874...and baptized according to the formularies of the Church of England in the little church of St. George opposite the large Waterworks Tower...I do not allege any significance in the relation of the two buildings; and I indignantly deny the church was chosen because it needed the whole water-power of West London to turn me into a Christian.”

Often he is described as a master of paradox, and that he certainly was. His writings are sprinkled with mind twisters like this: “In a paradox that doesn’t disturb me now in the least, it may be that I shall never again have such complete assurance that [Catholicism] is true as I did when I made my last effort to deny it.”

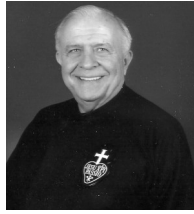
Like so many prodigious thinkers, Chesterton was apparently very absent minded. His maid standing outside the bathroom, waiting to get in and mop up after his bath, for he always let the tub overflow, suddenly she heard a loud splash, followed by Chesterton moaning: “I’ve been in here already.”

In the past year a new and exhaustive biography was published, *G.K. Chesterton: A Biography*, by Ian Ker. I don’t know if I will ever get to read it, but I will continue to read Chesterton, since I was able to purchase several hundred of his works for just a few dollars on my Kindle.

I chose to speak about Chesterton at my first appearance in the speaking contest at the seminary. I didn’t win the contest, but I still have the speech, and ended it with this quote.

High in the wreck I held the cup,
I clutched my rusty sword,
I cocked my tattered feather
To the glory of the Lord;
Not undone were the heaven and earth,
This hollow world thrown up,
Before one man had stood up straight
And drained it like a cup.

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PARISH MISSION

Our 3 Parish Mission is just around the corner. Fr. Blaise Czaja, C.P. (Passionist) will be our speaker. The schedule for the Mission is as follows:

- Monday, Feb. 13, 7:00 p.m. at St. Vincent
- Tuesday, Feb. 14, 7:00 p.m. at St. Bernard-St. Mary
- Wednesday, Feb. 15 7:00 p.m. at St. Sebastian

This is the first Mission we have had in several years, and it is a good way to get ready for Lent. Please consider attending at each of the parishes involved.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
- Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

R.C.I.A. CLASS will meet on Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Scullen Meeting Room. The topic will be "Holy Orders".



FOOD BAGS "St. Vincent de Paul Society & Auxilliary thanks you. The need is ever increasing and with your help we can make a difference to 30 individuals in our parish community each week. Each month we need

at least 120 of each of these items: crackers, stew, chili, canned meats, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, potato mixes, pasta, and sauce. At present we have an ample supply of vegetables, soups, cake mixes, and frosting."



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[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.

Psalm 147:4



CONGRATULATIONS to *Natalie June Harty*, daughter of Zachary and Dana Harty, who will be baptized at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 5, 2012.

ALTAR SOCIETY The St. Vincent Altar Society will meet Monday, Feb. 20th at 7 p.m. in Corrigan Hall. We will be accepting nominations for officers for the new term which begins May 2012. As always, all men and women of the Parish are encouraged to attend and participate. If you have an interest in becoming an officer or would like to nominate someone, please join us or call Donna Warner at 330-864-6732. Hope to see you there!

ALTAR SOCIETY 300 CLUB DRAWING FOR JANUARY Congratulations to last month's winners: Ann McClure, Jack Gannon, Eileen Halaiko, Tom & Donna Giffels and Ed Gaffney. Our next drawing will be Monday, February 27th!



OUR NEW GATHER HYMNALS: *Thank you to all who have generously purchased Gather Hymnals!!!* We still have hymnal books

available that can be donated 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. *We appreciate your continued support in considering a donation toward the purchase of our new hymnals.*

ATTENTION ST. VINCENT ELEMENTARY GRADUATES!! We are still in GREAT NEED of volunteers to help search, plan and implement our Alumni Mass and Reunion April 29, 2012. If you would like to volunteer or have alumni information, please contact Deacon Mike at 330-535-3135 ext. 17.

DISCIPLES FOR THE DYING The next First Friday Mass will be at St. Bernard-St. Mary on March 2 and the intentions of the dying will be included in the Prayers of the Faithful at the 6:30 a.m. Mass, Friday, April 13 at St. Vincent's Church. Due to Good Friday falling on the First Friday of April, it was necessary to move the Mass to the second Friday of the month. *All are welcome!*

SECOND COLLECTION Today's Collection funds pastoral projects in the Church in Latin America. In 2009, the Collection was able to distribute \$7.2 million across 480 projects. Your donations make a difference in the faith life in Latin America. Keep faith. Please be generous in the Collection for the Church in Latin America.



CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED We are in need of volunteers to clean the Church on the 1st and 4th Thursday of each month. For more information, please call Chris Davis at 330-864-0719.

Are you looking for a great school for your children?

ST. VINCENT ELEMENTARY combines faith and character formation, superior academics, and a unique sense of tradition and community. All families considering joining St. Vincent Elementary School are invited to attend an **OPEN HOUSE THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, FROM 12-2 p.m.** This is a great opportunity to walk through our facility, meet our faculty and see what sets us apart. Open Enrollment Day for St. Vincent Grade School will be held on Thursday, February 16, from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Parents must register new students in person on February 16, provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and baptism certificate if your child is Catholic. A \$25 application fee will be collected at registration. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at 330-762-5912, or visit our website at stvincentelementary.com.

“KNIGHT AT THE RACES” A HUGE SUCCESS! The St. Vincent Parish Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who helped to make our “Knight at the Races” on January 21st a success, including advertisers, horse owners, and those who turned out for the event. The council was able to raise six thousand dollars, the majority benefiting the Corrigan Fund. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic fraternity dedicated to charity and our Church.

THANK YOU FROM THE ST. VINCENT ELEMENTARY 8TH GRADE!! Thank you to everyone who attended our “Dine for D.C.” Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, January 28th. Your support of this event enables us to travel to Washington, D.C this spring. What an amazing turnout we had for a fantastic night of fun!

SAVE THE DATE: READY, SET, SERVE 5K RACE will take place on Saturday, March 31 @ 9:00 a.m. as part of the St. Vincent Parish 175th Anniversary-Celebration. The race begins and ends in St. Vincent—St. Mary Green Street Stadium with part of the race taking place on the Ohio Erie Canal Towpath along a portion of the Akron Roadrunner Marathon Trail. The event includes individual runners and 3 person relay teams. Entry fee is \$17.50 per runner (in honor of the 175th Anniversary). Registered runners will receive a tech (dry fit) shirt. **Proceeds will benefit St. Vincent Elementary and Habitat for Humanity in memory of Frank Horn.** This race is sponsored by the St. Vincent Parent's Association. Start your marathon training with us! Registration details soon! If you have any questions, please call Gina Mendiola 330-869-5784.

CYO VOLLEYBALL REGISTRATION is starting soon for the 2012 CYO Volleyball season, and all students in Gr. 3—High School are invited to participate. If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer to coach, please contact Karen Layne at 330-869-2388.

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB The First Friday Club Speakers for February 3, 2012 at the University of Akron Martin Center, 105 Fir Hill, Akron, will be students from Archbishop Hoban, Our Lady of the Elms, St. Vincent-St. Mary (**Lydia Presper—St. Vincent parishioner**) and Walsh Jesuit High Schools. The topic is “Encountering God”. The students were chosen by their school faculty and staff to represent their schools. The cost of the luncheon is \$15.00 with the doors opening at 11:15 a.m. Pre-paid reservations can be made by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, Ohio 44307. For information call 330-535-7668.

2012 CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL Many of our parishioners will receive a mailing from Bishop Lennon regarding the 2012 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. This year's theme is “I am Catholic”, which calls to mind all the unity, strength and good we can accomplish together in faith. The impact of Catholic Charities in our neighborhoods and cities cannot be understated. Please read the letter carefully, prayerfully consider an increase in your support, and mail your pledge today to this very important appeal. To view stories of inspiration visit www.catholiccommunity.org/2012Appeal

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Today we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The consecrated life is one way that women and men live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Today's gospel shows us how Jesus modeled for us the importance of going off alone to be in prayer with god. Jesus knew that this time of “retreat” was necessary if He was to minister to the needs of others. How true this model of prayer is for today's families. Family members need quiet time with God in order to better relate to and serve each other.

That we will respond to the Spirit's prompting today, this week, to take time to pray. ***Let us pray to the Lord.***

HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman

February 2012 Calendar

Junior and Senior High Together

18 - St. Sebastian International Festival- Zwisler Hall from 4-8 p.m. Volunteers needed for face painting and games.

19 - St. Vincent Youth Mass—St. Vincent Church 11:00 a.m. Music group arrive to church at 10:30 a.m.

Junior High

24/25 - St. Sebastian 8th grade Confirmation Retreat—St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall on Friday Feb. 24, 2012 6:00 p.m. - Saturday Feb. 25, 2012 5:30 p.m. Confirmation students will arrive at 6 p.m. Friday night (Dinner served). Retreat concludes on Saturday after the 4:30 p.m. Mass

Senior High

8, 15 - Confirmation Retreat Planning Sessions—Sivec Home from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

6, 13, 27 - Peer Ministry Music Practices—St. Sebastian School Music Room from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

24/25 - St. Sebastian 8th grade Confirmation Retreat St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall. Retreat team arrives at 5:00 p.m. Friday. Retreat team leaves at 6:00 p.m. Saturday

Call Cathy Sivec with questions

St. Sebastian- 330 836-2233 ext 134

St. Vincent- 330 535-3135 ext. 11

Email at SivecC@stsebastian.org

cathy@stvincentchurch.com

 **Market Day.** Thank you to everyone who placed a Market Day order this month! We enjoyed seeing you. New Order forms for March will be in church soon. To place an order, please visit www.marketday.com. If you have any questions, you can contact Lidia at (330) 620-3787.



Last week we received our first distribution check in the amount of \$101,601.00 for our parish share of funds raised for the diocesan campaign, **Rooted in Faith-Forward in Hope**. It was through the extraordinary generosity of our parishioner's gifts of time, talent and treasure that we were able to not only meet our parish goal, but exceed it! The first distribution check allows us to begin to implement the local case we developed for St. Vincent Parish. Subsequent distribution checks will be issued quarterly, and we will keep you informed as the plans unfold and the work begins. May God bless you all for your commitment to our parish and the Catholic Church in Northeast Ohio!

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY...AND JUSTICE FOR ALL

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Join members of your parish communities at St. Sebastian/St. Vincent **Monday Lenten Forum Series** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" in St. Sebastian Zwisler Hall from 7-9PM **February 27, March 5, March 12, March 19**. Speakers will include Karen Leith, Executive Director of the Catholic Commission, Sr. Diana Culbertson, Dominican Sister of Peace, Rev. Gordon Yahner, Pastor Emeritus, St. Hilary, and Dr. Richard Clark, Director of Peace, Justice & Human Rights Program, John Carroll University. Free and open to all. For more information, contact Mary Tschantz, 330-864-0646 or tschantz.mary@att.net.

CHILI-LESS CHILI BOWL 2012 This will be the 9th year that St. Vincent parishioners Tim and Judy Doyle, whose son Jack has CFC (Cardio-Facio-Cutaneous Syndrome), will be raising funds to support CFC International. Due to unforeseen circumstances, they will be unable to host the annual "Chili Bowl" this year, but are asking that you consider supporting a "Chili-Less Chili Bowl" by submitting donations instead. Checks can be made payable to CFC International and can be mailed to The Doyles, 906 Laurel Glens Drive, Medina, OH 44256-2772. Over the past 9 years, they have raised more than \$85,000 and 100% of the funds raised go to CFC International. CFC International is a registered non-profit and all donations are 100% tax deductible. If you would like to know more about CFC Syndrome or CFC International, please visit the website at www.CFCsyndrome.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Come and be inspired and energized at the Kick-Off Rally for 40 Days for Life on February 19, 2012 at St. Joseph's in Cuyahoga Falls, 1761 2nd St. from 1:30-3:30. Keynote speaker will be Tracy Bihary, mother, author, speaker, pro-life volunteer, and abortion survivor. Music provided by Jeff & Kira Andrea. Light refreshments and a book signing will follow the program. Join us in the 40 Days for Life spring campaign by praying, fasting and witnessing from February 22—April 1st to the sanctity of human life. Please call Judith at 330-762-2785 for further information.

COME AND SEE is an evening of prayer and information on the First Tuesday of every month for people who want to strengthen or renew their relationship with God or the Catholic Church. No cost or reservations required. Presentations begin at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Trinity Church, Akron. This month: February 7, 2012 "The Life You Change Could Be Your Own" Fr. Andrew Turner, Parochial Vicar, St. John Neumann, Strongsville.