

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Hymnal #885

Is 35: 1-6a, 10 Ps 146: 6-10
Jas 5: 7-10 Mt 11: 2-11



Mon. Dec. 17	8:15 am	Edward Blair
Tues. Dec. 18	8:15 am	Becky Meyer
Wed. Dec. 19	8:15 am	Geri Linz
Thurs. Dec. 20	8:15 am	Howard Leonhart
Fri. Dec. 21	8:15 am	Rosemarie Prevost
Sat. Dec. 22	4:30 pm	Paul Wallbaum
Sun. Dec. 23	8:15 am	Hartmann & Kaiser Families
	10:00 am	Welfare of the Parish
	11:30 am	Gerald Anderson

St. Margaret Mary Deanery Advent Penance Services

- St. Ann, Monday, December 17, 7:30 pm
- St. John, Dry Ridge/St. John Neumann/Corpus Christi, Wednesday, December 19, 7:00 pm at St. John, Dry Ridge
- St. Ignatius, Thursday, December 20, 7:00 pm

Refresh

Has life got you down? Are you weary? Questioning? Do you need a time away? Refresh yourself at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford. The Annual Infant of Prague Men's Retreat will be held on January 18 through the 20th, 2008. It begins on Friday with registration and a social at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, and it ends on Sunday with lunch. The retreat director this year is Fr. Eric Knapp, SJ. This year we have the added special opportunity to offer the retreat in support of our Twinning work trip to St. Maria Goretti Parish in New Orleans. Come, put yourself in the presence of our loving Lord and provide prayer support to St. Vivian's Twinning effort. To register contact Tom Miller at 931-8066 or email to millertfj@yahoo.com, or call 248-3500 or you can visit jesuitspiritualcenter.com.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: 3:00, 5:00, and 10:00 pm
Christmas Day: 9:00 and 11:00 am.
Christmas carols begin 15 minutes before each mass.

Kroger Cash Reward Cards/SCRIP Gift Cards

Please stop in the breezeway after the 8:15 and 10:00 Masses this Sunday. We have gift cards for many local and national retail stores. The cards make great gifts. All proceeds benefit St. Vivian Tuition Reduction Program. You may also contact Carol Tanner at 821-5816 or email to tannercl@fuse.net to order cards at any time. You are urged to use your Kroger Cash Reward Card every time you shop at Kroger.

Bulletin Deadline

Due to the Christmas holiday, the bulletin deadline will be earlier than usual for the December 30 issue. All articles must be in the parish office by Thursday, December 20 at 10:00 am. Articles can be dropped off to the parish office, faxed to 728-4335, or emailed to bulletin@stvivian.org.

Christmas Decorating

We will decorate for Christmas on Sunday, December 23, after the 11:30 Mass. Any assistance would be appreciated.

Scripture Study

The last Scripture Study for this year will be December 20 at 9:30 am in the St. Clare Room. Sessions will begin again on January 3.

Christmas Food Boxes

We will deliver the food boxes right after the last mass around 12:30 pm this Sunday, December 16 to St. Vincent de Paul at the Guild and Mother of Christ Church. If you have any questions or would like to help deliver on the 16th, call Barb at 641-1702. Thanks for your support. If you would like to help brighten a child's Christmas, please bring an educational toy or other gift to church this weekend before 12:30 pm this Sunday, December 16. Please place your gift by the crib or in the hallway against the wall. Remember to mark gifts with male or female and approximate age. These gifts will be delivered with the food boxes.

Famous Alumnae Needed

Do you know a famous (or at least a very successful) Alumnae of St. Vivian School? We are looking for St. Vivian alumnae to recognize during Catholic Schools Week celebrations. Please email Fr. Paul at fr.paul.gebhardt@stvivian.org or Mrs. Jean Margello at jean.margello@stvivianschool.org. You can also call the school office with your nomination at 522-6858. Please provide us with the person's name and phone number if you have it. Also, give us a brief description of this person's accomplishments and successes.

Second & Third Generation St. Vivian?

Many have commented about the number of second or third generation parishioners and school families we have here at St. Vivian. We are trying to come up with an accurate count and we need your help. Please email Fr. Paul or Mrs. Jean Margello. You can also call the parish office at 728-4331, or the school office at 522-6858. The tally will be used to promote St. Vivian Parish and School, but your personal information will be kept confidential.

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

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Is 7: 10-14 Ps 24: 1-6
Rom 1: 1-7 Mt 1: 18-24

Liturgical Ministers

Sat. Dec. 22 4:30 pm Fr. Ed Pigott

Eucharist: CJ & BJ Goyert, T Miller, S Reker,
JJ Roth, Z Shumate, J & L Staneck,
N Wilking
Greeters: S Pasqualetti, C Engelhardt
Lectors: Dvorak, Barbara
Servers: C Hendricks, J Fairall, J Fiorini

Sun. Dec. 23 8:15 am Fr. Ed Pigott

Eucharist: T Diegmüller, G & L Neltner,
M & A Geiger, L Hadden, A Hagedorn,
S Riley, N Vilaboy
Greeters: J Grimes, J Hadden
Lectors: Hess, Bartell
Servers: L Roll, M Glassmeyer

Sun. Dec. 23 10:00 am Fr. Paul Gebhardt

Eucharist: D Kent, T Bove, J Browe, P Kraemer,
J Michael, S Taylor, M Wright, M Yung,
P Yung
Greeters: J Michael, K Ostendorf
Lectors: Taylor, Ostendorf
Servers: C Neltner, C Calvert, M O'Quinn

Sun. Dec. 23 11:30 am Fr. Paul Gebhardt

Eucharist: ME Smith, B Rother, M Partridge,
V Hartmann, L Eha, L Hartmann,
J Marten, J Murphy
Greeters: M Allgeier, ME Begehr
Lectors: Maag, Schwartz
Servers: G Hollmann, T Wiley

AMOS

St. Vivian is hosting the monthly AMOS Board Meeting in December. If you are curious about AMOS, feel free to join them in Ursuline Hall on Thursday, December 20 at 7:00 pm.

Greener Living

After Christmas, remember the Abitibi recycling container for all those Christmas cards and wrapping paper and add it to the bin. Just don't add any corrugated cardboard, plastic or aluminum.



Entertainment Books

The time has come to get your new Entertainment Books for 2008. They also make nice gifts that keep giving all year long. If interested, please call Fran Geier at 931-8975.

Attention 7th & 8th Graders

Knights of Columbus Council 11626 (St. Bartholomew) invites you to enter their annual "Respect Life" Essay Contest. This year's theme: "Using my Catholic Faith as a guide, how do I, as a Junior-High School student, live out my respect for life?" The contest is open to all area 7th and 8th graders of the Catholic faith, whether in private, public or home school. \$50 will be awarded for the best essay. \$25 will be awarded for three additional essays. Essays are due by Sunday, December 23. For an entry form or if you have questions, please email the Council Chaplain, Deacon Conrad Kolis at Deacon.Conrad@juno.com.

McAuley Christmas Concerts

McAuley is presenting two Christmas concerts in December. On this Sunday, December 16, an all-McAuley concert, Wonderland in White, will be performed at 7:30 pm. On Wednesday, December 19, a combined McAuley/LaSalle concert, Holiday Harmony Showcase, will be presented at 7:30 pm. Both concerts will be held in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for each concert and can be purchased at the door. For more information, please contact Mary White at 681-1800 ext. 2228.

Caregiver?

Are you caring for an elderly or disabled loved one? Join other caregivers to discover new ways to deal with stress during the holidays and to maintain your balance as a caregiver. Over 30 family caregiver support groups are held in this area each month co-sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network of Catholic Social Services. Call 929-4483 for more information.

Advent is a Time of Waiting

But you don't have to wait to schedule some time to get away together and make your good marriage great with a Marriage Encounter Weekend. It makes the perfect Christmas gift to each other. The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are February 15-17 and March 28-30. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. For more details or reservations call Chuck & Carolyn Destefani at 1-800-547-1251 code 00 or on the web at www.esharing.org.

Vocation View: Lasting joy is a hallmark of a Christian. Think where you can bring joy this week. Find your strength in God's promise.