



Summer 2001

Saint Vivian's Vibrations

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Don't Miss Festival 2001!

Each festival promises to be the best yet! Every year the St. Vivian Festival Committee works hard to make the event better than ever. So make plans now to be part of the fun and fellowship the festival brings, and mark your calendar, because it happens on Father's Day weekend this year -- **June 15-17.**

Plan on Magic

New this year will be magic! Magic Wanda, one of the Cincinnati area's few female magicians, will fascinate young and old Sunday at 5 p.m. under the pines.

Look for some old favorites in new locations this year. The band and DJ will be located under the pines. Mini golf moves to the grassy area in front of the breezeway where the band had been. Some chairs and umbrella tables will be there, as well.



This year's festival again features lots of entertainment. The Roger Bacon Spartan Band will kick off the festival on Friday evening at 6 p.m. followed by a DJ and Karaoke. Saturday, WARM 98 will be there from 5:30-7 p.m. Jeremy Helmes' band will then entertain later Saturday night. Jeremy will be back on Sunday to DJ with Magic Disc Entertainment, playing all kinds of music.

Other new booths to watch for include Digital Photo (where your photo can be created with a celebrity) and Road Rally Race featuring remote control cars. There will also be a new booth called Money Machine. Face painting, temporary tattoos and Paint Ball will be back. And don't forget to check to see who is in the dunking booth that you could send splashing with a well-aimed ball.

Don't Forget to Bid

Remember that Bid & Buy is now in the air-

Scenes from past St. Vivian Festivals



Fr. Jack picks a winning Raffle Ticket



The kids' booths are always a source of fun.

conditioned Parish Activity Center. They always have an interesting array of items. But remember, this booth depends totally on donations of gifts or services. Items can be dropped off at the Rectory at any time. Hand-crafted items are always in demand, but so are gift certificates, rentals of vacation homes and services. Contact Joan Rimele (522-8646) if you can provide something.

The Cake Booth will be in the Activity Center lobby, as well as an ATM. Bingo will be in the Activity Center on Saturday and Sunday. The weather always takes a toll on these booths so they are taking advantage of the comfort provided by Phillipine Center.

Come Hungry

Eating is at the top of most folks' lists of fun festival activities, so make sure you stop to check out all the goodies at the festival. Mini corn dogs will be added to the booth that also makes you grilled steak and chicken sandwiches. Fried shrimp or fish dinners or fish sandwiches will be available, as well as French fries, cole slaw and cheese sticks. There will also be a line-up of LaRosa's pizza, nachos, pretzels, popcorn, corn on the cob, and of course brats, metts and hot dogs.

The Major Raffle first prize is \$10,000, with \$1,000 second prize and \$200 as third prize. Excitement builds about the grand raffle Memorial Day weekend as the Early Bird drawing yields two winners of \$100 each; so get your tickets in. (If your name is picked as an Early Bird, your ticket goes back in the hopper for all other drawings.)

Don't be Shy

This year's festival chairs are **Kirk** and **Amy Vonderhaar**. They could use more workers to make this event a success. Also Booth Sponsors are needed. Sponsors can be a person, a street or neighborhood, a family or a business. Don't hesitate to call the Festival Hotline at 542-2030 to find out how you can become a part of this fun parish activity. It's a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners. Also needed are donations of 2-liters of pop for the workers drink booth in the Phillipine Center.

Next year's festival will be headed by Fran Humbert Vanarsdall and Jackque Martens, so wish them good luck!

--Pat Frey



Make It A Free Spirits Summer

June 22 will be a return trip to Belterra in Vevay, Indiana. Originally the trip was going to cost \$10, but we found we could get it for just \$7 with another bus company. The bus will leave Brentwood Plaza at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy Belterra's buffet on arrival, then board the boat for the 1:30 p.m. cruise. The bus will be waiting for us at 3:30 p.m. for a return to Brentwood Plaza.

July 2 is our regular meeting. There will be ice cream and cookies to celebrate summer. Bring lunch and have dessert for only \$1.

August 6 meeting – how about a Pot Luck lunch again? Everyone thought it was great the last time. Maybe try some new summer recipes.

August 22 will be our annual visit to River Downs. The bus leaves Brentwood Plaza at 10:30 a.m. and arrives at River Downs as the Club House opens. We have reserved seating and will be served lunch. Then it's time to try to win or feed the horses. The bus will leave River Downs just before the last race, so we arrive at Brentwood Plaza shortly before 6 p.m. Cost for the day is \$25.

All Free Spirits events are open to members of the parish and their friends. If you have any suggestions for group trips, please drop a note to me via the Rectory and consideration will be given.

--Margaret Taske



Spotlight...

...on DEACON BILL MICHAEL

Peoria's loss was the gain of Cincinnati and St. Vivian.

William "Bill" Michael was born in Peoria, Illinois, on May 23, 1930. He was the eldest son of Roy and Clara (Backes) Michael, both of German descent. Two sisters and a brother would soon follow.

Bill attended grade school and high school in Peoria. College followed. Bill went to the University of Illinois for his bachelor's degree; Bradley University for his master's degree and St. Louis University where he earned his Ph.D.

While at the University of Illinois, his sister (who also attended at the same time) introduced Bill to one of her sorority sisters who caught his eye – you guessed it! Her name was **Joan Norris** and before long they became an “item.” Joan accepted Bill’s proposal and became **Joan Norris Michael** on May 30, 1953.

Procter & Gamble recruited Bill at St. Louis University and convinced him to move to Cincinnati. He liked what he saw, and accepted a position with P&G, where he served as a biochemist for 29 years.

Family Life

Bill and Joan will celebrate 40 years here in July. They’ve raised four children – boy, girl, girl, boy. Bill laughs as he speaks of them: the first three were exactly two-and-a-half years apart. Then seven-and-a-half years later came Number Four. Today, Bill and Joan are proud grandparents of five granddaughters and one grandson.

Bill enjoyed playing tennis and played well, until one fateful day at age 53 when he suffered a heart attack on the court. His tennis days are over, replaced

now with golf.

Cancer also invaded his life when a very rapidly growing squamous cell carcinoma spread from the left side of his face down to the left scapula area. He still attends physical therapy sessions regularly, which, he says, “really leave me worn out.”

Bill traveled to Europe and the Far East for P&G, on business. He and Joan have traveled to the Holy Land – “absolutely inspiring,” and Ireland – “we loved Ireland.” They have also enjoyed cruising rivers on the Delta Queen and the American Queen. Bill would like to return to Germany some day – he has a hobby of genealogy and thinks he could dig further into his German roots. Bill rarely watches television, except for sports occasionally. Mostly, Bill reads – spiritual books, all of John Grisham’s books, and Tom Clancy’s works. He enjoys stories about the law, since both his sons are lawyers.

The Deaconate

In 1986, an acquaintance at P&G was studying to become a deacon in the Catholic Church. It was as if a light clicked on – it was something Bill wanted to explore. In 1987, he spoke with **Father Jack** and

with Father’s encouragement and that of the Parish Council, Bill started on the road to the deaconate. He was accepted into the lay pastoral ministry in 1987. He attended the Athenaeum of Ohio and earned a master’s degree in pastoral ministry. He was accepted as a deacon candidate and ordained in 1992.

Bill administers all the sacraments except Penance and Holy Orders. A special thrill took place this spring when his granddaughter, whom he baptized – received her First Communion from him. Bill has performed numerous marriages and, on the flip side, has been a representative since 1988 on the archdiocesan tribunal that hears divorce cases.

Bill’s record of service to St. Vivian’s is unmatched. He served as President of the Holy Name Society in the 1960s; took part in three parish musicals; coached 5th grade football for seven years; served on the Education Commission; Worship Commission for 25 years; and when lectors began to participate in the Mass, he helped train them.

In 1990, Bill accepted the position of St. Vivian’s Business Manager. He persuaded Father Jack and the Finance Commission to initiate a stewardship program, since parish finances were in a questionable state at that time. Bill says, “Some parishioners were not happy – I know we lost a couple of families – but the church had to have a definite plan for its income, so that we could make a workable budget.”

It was also Bill’s idea for some eventual renovation to include a gathering space. The only place at that time was the cafeteria, so we now have him to thank for a place for our monthly coffee and doughnuts!

When asked what one thing he would do to change things if he could, he said, “I would ask young couples to come, attend Mass faithfully, and bring their children. That good example will do more to positively influence the children’s lives than anything else we could do for them.”

Whew! Are you out of breath yet, realizing what this man has accomplished? Bill, we owe you a debt of gratitude that we will never be able to satisfy. Thank you!

--Helen Limke



Bill and Joan Michael
from the 1996 Directory



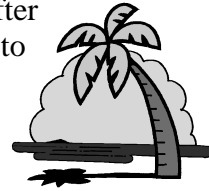
Bounce Back

Some of us have seen pictures of the palm trees in Florida; some of us have actually visited the state and seen them as they are. We know that palm trees stand tall with no branches except for a crown of palms at the very top. The trees here in the Midwest are usually covered with branches from top to bottom.

When hurricanes move inland, we notice that palm trees bend, but once the winds subside, these same trees stand up straight with the



crown of palms still waving in the softer breeze. But when strong winds come to our area here in the Midwest, we often find that the trees break apart.



Why the difference? If you cut open the trunk of the palm tree you will find that it is made of a softer material, which gives the tree resilience to snap back. The trees in the Midwest lack that kind of interior strength.

Maybe there is a lesson in all of this for us. As Christians, we should be able to bounce back. When we are young, some examples of the winds that blow into our lives might be failure in an exam, being cut from a team, or losing our best friend. When we are older, the winds that blow could be the loss of a job, the death of a family member, or the breakup of a marriage. Some people break under these winds, others bounce back. What can make the difference?

If we hope to bounce back, we must make an effort to nourish that softer material within us so that we are able to weather the storm and once again stand straight. The softer material needed to bounce back is formed by prayer, the Mass, receiving the Lord in the Eucharist, the other sacraments, good works, etc.

The world needs Christians who can bounce back. Develop that spiritual life which is so necessary to help you once again stand straight.

--Fr. Jack

The wind blows wherever it wishes. You hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it is going. It is like this with everyone who is born of the spirit....

John 3:8



THERE'S STILL TIME!!!

If you have not already done so, there is still time to get your recipes in for publication of the *new* St. Vivian Cookbook, sponsored by the Youth Ministry Group. **The deadline to send recipes in is June 30, 2001.** We hope to have the books available just in time for Christmas.

Recipes should be typed or neatly written (one per page) on 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Be sure to include your name because it will appear next to your recipe. Also include your phone number in case we have any questions.

Submit your recipes to either the school office in an envelope marked "RECIPES" or e-mail them to Felicia Tully, FMT61883@aol.com. You can also mail them to Linda Lennon, 986 Spruceglen Drive, 45224.

Any questions, please contact Felicia Tully, 521-6647; Linda Lennon, 522-5139; or Beckie Meyer, 521-5128.

The Cookbook Committee reserves the right to pick and choose which recipes will go in the book. There is no guarantee that ALL recipes will be printed.



It's So Easy To Help

Each Sunday a small, dedicated group of parishioners helps Father distribute communion. It takes no longer than the time normally spent at Sunday mass. A few also take home communion to the sick.

Most of these parishioners only volunteer **once a month**. All that is required in the way of training is a short session in which Father Jack shows the distributor what to do. This can be arranged at the distributor's convenience, on Saturday, or some evening. Each Sunday of the month has a leader who makes up a diagram showing each distributor where their station is that day for communion.

Openings are available at just about every mass each Sunday of the month. If you think you could help out with communion distribution at ANY mass, OR just help with home communion, once a month, please contact the rectory, Father Jack, Beth Fehling or Pat Frey.



Ancient Tradition of Herbs Still Has Meaning Today

Editor's Note: This is the beginning of a regular column on herbs by Jane Browe.

Several years ago, when I was marketing household cleaning products, I managed a promotion that sponsored outdoor clean-ups in several cities across the country. Radio stations sent remote broadcast vans to the clean-up sites to organize and cheer-on volunteers, pass out T-shirts, as well as to publicize the event and lure additional volunteers. An interview with one of the volunteers working in a park along the Potomac River in Washington, D.C., provided the most “spirited” of comments we heard from participants across the country.

“This is just great!” she enthused. “I’m out here planting flowers, and I mean, you get down on your knees, get your hands in the dirt...and you can just feel the power of God!” Indeed, it seemed a modest household cleaning product promotion had sparked a revival.

Such media-inspired exhilaration aside, there are those who say that in tending a garden one walks with God. And the reality is, nothing ordinary exists in a garden. Everything – EVERYTHING – be it planted or crawling, hopping, chirping, or sipping nectar – is a miracle.

Intriguing Herbs

Herbs are no more miraculous than any other portion of creation, but they are exceedingly intriguing. Aside from their subtle beauty, they are incredibly useful plants, and they carry with them the folklore of the ages that ties us to our past, while rooting us in our present.

Throughout human history, herbs have been credited, with varying degrees of accuracy and scientific support, with medicinal properties. Certainly today, knowing cooks use them to enhance the flavor and aroma of the food we eat. Their fragrance, both in the garden and in the home, can instill relaxation or invigoration. Beyond all their

practical uses, herbs offer a fascinating view into the traditions of our culture and others around the world, today and in the past.

With the peak of the wedding season approaching, some brides are including herbs in their ceremonies for the combination of joys herbs present: beauty, fragrance, and tradition. Rosemary, myrtle, ivy, marjoram and rue have long histories of use in marriage ceremonies.

Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*) is the most prominent wedding herb. It symbolizes fidelity, loyalty and remembrance. Its fragrant green branches have been used at weddings for at least 2,000 years.

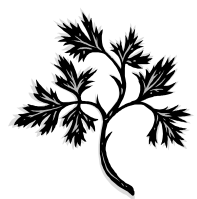
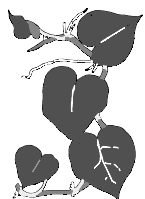
Myrtle (*Myrtus communis*) is the ancient emblem of Venus, and it is the symbol of love, passion and marriage. All parts of myrtle are sweetly fragrant. Brides use it their bouquet and head wreath. It is also used in the groom’s boutonniere. As a full-bodied aromatic shrub, some brides also use it in decorative topiaries at the reception.

Marjoram (*Origanum majorana*) is a member of the oregano family, and is a symbol of joy for the bride and groom, both in each other and in the occasion. In addition to gathering its trailing stems into bridal nosegays, the leaves of marjoram are sometimes strewn down the aisle, creating a fragrant path for the wedding party.

Rue (*Ruta graveolens*) represents vision, virtue and virginity. It is an ancient herb, one whose uses reach back to the beginnings of human history. In wedding tradition, the mother of the bride would present her daughter with a pot of rue dug from her own garden. The bride would take this gift and plant it in the garden of her new home. (A caution: some people have severe allergic reactions when handling rue.)

Ivy (*Hedera helix*) is loved by many brides for its heart-shaped leaves and trailing stems. It is another herb whose presence in wedding ceremonies reaches back 2,000 years. It symbolizes friendship, fidelity, and marriage.

Today, brides use herbs in their wedding floral arrangements for both tradition and exceptional fragrance. Herbs preserve easily too. Properly dried,



they can retain fragrance and subdued color, providing sweet recollection of the wedding day for years to come.

The history and custom of herbal weddings reach far back over the years. One might wonder, perhaps, given the enduring tradition of herbs, if Shakespeare himself may have dabbled in the wedding floral advertising trade when he penned:

There's rosemary, that's for remembrance; pray you, love, remember.

Sources: "Preserving the Memories;" *The Herb Companion*, February/March 2001. *Elchai's Herbal Remedies & Lore*; www.create.org/elchai

--Jane Browe



Amy's Trip To India

When we heard of a powerful earthquake in northwest India last January 27, our thoughts were about Amy. Where was she at that moment? Was she safe? A talk with her husband, Fred, assured us that Amy's relatives live 500-600 miles south of the devastated region. Amy was safe!

Amy Castelino leads the Rosary Maker's of St. Vivian's parish, continuing the work begun by Norma Spencer. Our group meets once a month in Ursuline Hall, on the first Friday, from 1 to 3 p.m. to make rosaries. They are then delivered to the Archbishop Elko Group and mailed overseas. We invite anyone who wishes to observe or join us in this powerful work for Our Blessed Mother.

On the average, we make 2,000 rosaries each quarter. All of us readily admit that Amy is a whiz. She is our chief contributor, but everyone does their share. Amy makes special rosaries for all occasions: First Communion, anniversaries, and birthdays. She even makes ladder rosaries.

While in India, Amy made a donation from our proceeds to help the needy and sick in Mangalore, South India. This money will be used for people who cannot afford to buy much needed medicine.

We thank all of you for your support each year, especially our workers, bakers and buyers. Please come to see our wonderful baked goods and great raffle items during the Rosary Maker's Mission Bake Sale coming in October.

--Peg Barry



Perspective

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look something like this:

There would be...

- 57 Asians
- 21 Europeans
- 14 from the Western hemisphere, both north and south
- 8 Africans
- 52 would be female
- 48 would be male
- 70 would be non-white
- 30 would be non-Christian
- 89 would be heterosexual
- 11 would be homosexual
- 6 people would possess 59 percent of the entire world's wealth, and all six would be from the United States
- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- 1 would be near death
- 1 would be near birth
- 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education
- 1 would own a computer

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

-- Submitted by **Bonnie Mack**

Source: Phillip M. Harter, M.D., FACEP Stanford University School of Medicine





Cub Scouts Visit Kentucky Speedway



Instead of celebrating “the green” on March 17th, Pack 682 Third Grade Cub Scout dens, the Thunderbirds and Wolves, visited the Kentucky Speedway. On this cold, blustery morning, we met at St. Vivian and car-pooled the hour ride to the Sparta, Kentucky, facility for a tour. While we waited for everyone to sign in, Assistant Den Leader Roger McGoran bought a used race car tire and the boys played in the front yard of the gift shop with it.

Then all 35 scouts, siblings and parents loaded into a school bus for our tour. We circled the complex and then went to a suite overlooking the track and learned about the Speedway and racing. We then piled back on the bus and went through the “drivers’ only” tunnel onto the racetrack. We stopped near the pit area and were able to go out on the checkered winner’s circle.

Our tour guide then took us inside a tunnel that runs under the track and grandstand area. On the bus again for what we had all been waiting for – two laps around the track! Workers were on the track so our driver only went 45 miles per hour, but it was great being on it!

We then headed back through the tunnel and to the gift shop for the end of our tour. We had a fantastic time visiting the Kentucky Speedway and being together as a great, big “family.” Thanks for parishioner Chris Grathwohl for helping to arrange our trip.

--Joan Gory



We need a fundraiser so we can afford the rest of the car.



Inside the Speedway Tunnel.



A bird’s eye view from a luxury box.



Everyone’s a winner in the winner’s circle.



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Summer Calendar

June 7	Graduation	June 20, 21, 22	Volleyball Camp
June 8	Last day of school	July 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	Volleyball Camp
June 15, 16, 17	Festival!	July 16, 17, 18, 19, 20	Vacation Bible School
June 17	Father's Day	July 23, 24, 25, 26, 27	Volleyball Camp

Vibrations Needs You!!

This newsletter belongs to the whole church community. We invite you all to think about what you would like to see in Vibrations and to call us or drop us a line. We would like it to be more than a record of what's happened and a list of what's to come.



Would anyone like to write a column? Interview parishioners on some topic? Let us know what your parish group is doing? Submit a poem? Let us know about one of the parish's unsung heroes? Or help

in any way with the newsletter? Please let us know. Thanks.

—Pat Frey and Annette Meurer

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