

STEWARDSHIP REPORT AUGUST 2022

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- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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Monday - Friday

9 am - 4 pm

(812) 275-6539



Greeting from Father Jegan

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace of Christ!

We, Catholic Community of Lawrence County are a blessed Community founded in Christ, guided by Our Mother Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Vincent de Paul, passing our Catholic values to our next generation with a great love for Christ and commitment to teaching of the Holy Catholic Church and serving as missionaries for God's kingdom on this Earth. We read from the Gospel of St. Matthew, "His master said to him, "You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master's joy!" – Matthew 25:21. We are grateful for the blessings since July 2021. We are blessed in many ways by our loving God who has been always with us and pours out abundant blessings up on each one of us and each family in our Community. We are all stewards in the kingdom of God. We all have a mission through our Catholic community. Though we are caught up with many of our family responsibilities and social concerns, we are generously able to share the blessings with our Catholic Community here in Lawrence County.

God invites us all to share with one another with what we are blessed. We express our love for our Parish through various means of sacrifice, as true love is genuinely and completely expressed in sacrifice. We make this journey of faith together, sharing with what we have, helping and encouraging one another to grow more, dispelling our differences and celebrating our oneness in faith as good stewards of our community.

This report would give us a clear vision where we can take our next step and our focus for the future, so that God would lead us all to do His divine will. I appreciate and thank all our Parishioners for our generous, loving and caring works of charity, love and evangelization in our Catholic Community. I thank our Stewardship Committee in a special way for their hard work to bring this report in a beautiful way as a report in our hands.

May God's generous blessings continue to be accepted by you with praise and thanks and may you experience the joy of using them for His mission.
To be the witness for His love,

Fr. Jegan

Our Stewardship Mission

The purpose of stewardship is to encourage parishioners to practice stewardship as an expression of gratitude to God and as a way of life for disciples in Christ.

CCLC Mission Statement

Believing that we are created by God the Father,
Redeemed by Jesus His Son,
Guided and renewed by the Holy Spirit,

We, the Catholic Community of Lawrence County,
Making use of our God-given talents, time, and treasure,
Strive to take an active role in our Church and our community,
Imitating the life of our patron Saint, by:

Worshipping God,
Teaching and sharing the Gospel,
Reaching out to those in need,
Living the life of our Savior.

Adoration Chapel

The role as Adoration Coordinator entails the following:

- Maintain and coordinate a schedule of adorers to maintain the M-F 9-6, and the Sat/Sun 9-9 open hours.
- Maintain and coordinate a list of substitute Adorers.
- Submit communications regarding openings to the website, bulletin announcements, and Flocknotes, as needed.
- Locate from sacristy an adequate supply of altar candles to have ready in cabinet.
- Maintain Holy Water font with adequate supply.
- Monthly vacuum and dusting of Adoration Chapel
- Transmit pertinent info to Adorers, as needed i.e. parking lot concerns, funeral traffic, inclement weather, etc.
- Change out altar linens, twice/yr Easter and Christmas. Launder and iron.

Amy Miller, (812) 508-4209

Altar Society

St. Mary - All people are welcome to join in at any time to this new group. Our mission is to simply keep our altar updated with the liturgical calendar. We provide any linen changes and cleanings, putting up decorations and flowers for the coinciding holy days, changing out the candles and keeping the needed items in stock. We do not have any fundraisers or dues for this group.

Amy Marshek, (812) 653-3973

St. Vincent - The function of the Altar Society is to maintain the altar and all the liturgical objects necessary in the functioning of the services within the church.

This includes helping to pay for all the candles, hosts and wine, altar cloths, candlesticks and vestments. We also help pay for the candles in the

Adoration Chapel. We paid for the kneeling cushions and any needs that Father may request

pertaining to the altar. We help wash and clean the purificators and altar cloths.

Meetings are held

every third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon, at the American Legion from March to December with the praying of the Rosary at each meeting.

Dues are 10.00 annually.

Patty Craig, (812) 320-4754



Bereavement

St. Vincent - St. Vincent de Paul Bereavement Ministry provides a meal for family and friends of deceased parishioners following the final good-byes to their loved one. This allows all to gather and spend time together with comfort food

Rosemary Stanley, (812) 275-6622

St. Mary - When a family requests a meal after a funeral, those who have expressed an interest in contributing a dish for the pitch-in meal are contacted.

Marilyn Epping, eppingmelissa@yahoo.com

Bible Study

St. Mary - Bible Study is conducted after the 5:15 pm Mass on Wednesdays. Catholic studies are completed through Ascension Press or formed.org.

Melissa Epping, eppingmelissa@yahoo.com

St. Vincent - The Bible Study Ministry is directed by Father Jegan and Joe Trester. Last year, a lengthy study of the Gospel of Mark led by Joe and supplemented by Father was undertaken. Father also led a study of Mass with help from Joe that detailed a lot of the scripture underlying the liturgy of the Mass. In the fall of 2022, another Bible study will begin but the subject matter of it has not yet been determined. Joe will lead it with help from Father. Scared to come to Bible Study because you don't know enough? That's the whole reason we have it...to learn! The study atmosphere is a casual give and take between leader and participants. Please consider joining us this fall!

Joe Trester, jtrester128@me.com

Caretakers of God's House

St. Vincent - This ministry does the following for our church:

1. Cleaning church weekly.
2. Dusting all surfaces and vacuuming carpets.
3. Washing and shining all glass doors.
4. Straightening song books, etc.
5. Floors are mopped and waxed at Easter and Christmas time.
6. Cleaning the sacristy weekly.
7. Emptying trash.
8. Occasionally cleaning choir loft.

Patty Craig, (812) 320-4754

St. Mary - to volunteer please contact

Joyce Daugherty, (812) 849-3570, stmarysmitchell294@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy meets the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. At least two leaders read a child's version of that Sunday's gospel followed by a discussion. A craft follows the lesson for the children to complete. Children's liturgy is designed for age 5 through second grade.

Kim Brown, (812) 569-3382

Choir

St. Mary - We try to inspire the congregation with the music we sing at every Mass. We welcome any and all musicians into our choir.

Cantors: We are in need of cantors to help out at the services by leading our responsorial Psalms.

Organist/Guitarist: We can always use another organist or guitarist. If you are interested, please let a choir member or myself know.

We practice the Responsorial Psalm and Alleluia before mass. On special occasions, Holy Week, Easter, and Christmas we practice a few times before the event on Sundays after mass.

If anyone is interested, please contact Vanessa Dorsett or you can speak with any of the choir members for further information.

Vanessa Dorsett, 812-849-2741

St. Vincent -As music lovers, we meet prior to Mass to coordinate as a group and prepare music to lead the congregation during Mass. We primarily serve at one Mass each weekend as well as Holy Days of Obligation, and we receive invitations to sing at funerals or other occasions. We work to enhance the liturgy by learning harmonies and growing our individual voices, as we are called in the Parable of the Gifts, so we may thrive as we unify into a choir. We also have room for instrumentalists!

Jay Elliott, St. Vincent Music Minister, elliottj@svsbedford.org



Collection Counting

St. Vincent - Volunteers are needed to help with counting the weekend collections on Sunday mornings. Volunteer teams count once every six weeks. No special experience is needed, training will be provided. Contact parish secretary Elizabeth Cole for information or to sign up.

Elizabeth Cole, (812) 275-6539, parish@svsbedford.org

St. Mary - St. Mary's has 5 teams of collection counters. Counting is done immediately following 8:30am Sunday mass. Parishioners 18 years or older can join this ministry, please contact John Castrale to be added to the schedule. You will be paired with experienced counters.

John Castrale, jsascastrale@gmail.com

Communication

Flocknotes -

Texts and/or email messages sent directly to church members who have signed up to receive them.

- 307 notes sent this past year
- 507 total members
- 69% of notes read this past year

Groups in Flocknotes:

Meal Train, Adoration, Education, Knights of Columbus, Exodus 90

Education options used this past year:

- 9 days for Life 2022 (18 signed up to receive)
- Lenten Challenges (48 signed up to receive)

Amy Miskuf, (317) 409-2197

Website - The CCLC website is found at yourcclc.org and is updated weekly by adding the current weekly bulletin, parish news, mass times, and pertinent information as needed. It is available as a mobile site for smart phones and as a desktop site. It averages around 20 views per week unless it is a Holy Day of Obligation or the Christmas or Easter season when the average views are considerably higher.

Noelle Jean, cclcweb@svsbedford.org

Bulletin - The joint parish bulletin is available at the church doors and on the CCLC website. Submission for the bulletin must be received by 8 pm on the Monday before the upcoming weekend. During holiday weeks the submission cutoff maybe adjusted. All submissions should be sent to bulletin@svsbedford.org.

Amy Marshek, bulletin@svsbedford.org, (812) 653-3973

Social Media

- **St. Mary** - 8:30 am Sunday mass is live streamed on the CCLC Facebook page on the 3rd Sunday of every month and major holy days.

John Marshek, jmarshek@gmail.com

- **St. Vincent** - We livestream the Mass via Facebook at both parishes on the third Sunday weekend of the month. This changes periodically due to holidays. Livestreams are pre-announced on Facebook at "Catholic Community of Lawrence County" during the week before the stream. Livestream videos are archived on the CCLC Facebook and YouTube channels.

We use state-of-the art broadcasting equipment at both parishes. If you are interested in observing this technology in action, visit St. Vincent's choir loft and/or the side sanctuary at St. Mary's before Mass.

We currently have more than 400 videos and homilies archived at these two links:

<https://www.facebook.com/Catholic-Community-of-Lawrence-County-249225861776978/videos/>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgzR7Lx_npEASnLVu0rkHCA

Special CCLC events (weddings, baptisms, funerals, Lenten talks) are broadcast by request.

Dale Platteter, (812) 797-9990

Communion for the Homebound

Deacon Dave Reising is the spokesperson and organizer of homebound ministers. There are no costs associated with Eucharistic Ministers but that our service falls under the mantra of time, talent and treasure. What is required of us is simply time. Certainly more with some than others. I personally have been enormously blessed by the honor of carrying Jesus to people I learn to befriend, often love, and treasure.

Bud Underwood, (812) 583-2714

Cursillo Movement

The Cursillo is a three-day Catholic retreat experience that helps one to live their faith more fully. Weekends are held at St. Joseph Retreat Center (Tipton, IN) in the spring and fall each year. Attendees must be sponsored by someone from the parish who has already made a weekend. The sponsor will serve as your prayer support. We will find a sponsor for your weekend from one of more than 40 parishioners who have already attended the Cursillo.

Contact **Dale Platteter at (812) 797-9990** or speak with Deacon Dave if you wish to attend.

Evangelization and Outreach

St. Mary - The St. Mary's outreach has 4 teams working to try to first reach out to our registered parishioners that haven't been attending. We have visited in person, by mail, and left notes and prayer booklets on doors. This is an ongoing effort. If you are interested in helping or a team visiting you, please contact **Beth Mundy, 812-525-0876, beth@mundymedical.com**

Family Life and Social Concerns

Promotes family life and social justice within the parish and local community.

Beth Lewis, (812) 508-0626

Cheryl Kimmel, (812) 278-4403

Giving Tree

St. Mary - St. Mary's Giving Tree primarily provides gifts for children supported by Healthy Families Indiana (HFI). In 2021 we collected gifts for 38 children from HFI and 10 children from the Mitchell Schools' Helping Hive initiative. In 2020 we collected gifts for 55 children from HFI. The tree goes up mid-November and all gifts are needed back by the first weekend in December. Everyone can help by signing out a child's tag, purchasing gifts and returning them to St Mary's church or office. Thank you for helping to make a child's Christmas merry!

Irene Stockton, 812-276-6681, irene.stockton@hotmail.com

St. Vincent - Each year, during Advent, a tree is placed in the back of St. Vincent Church, with tags including names of parish children in need of gifts, and suggestions of items they have requested for Christmas. Parishioners are asked to take the tags and return the wrapped gifts to the parish office by a given date in December. In 2021, 9 families were served, representing 19 children.

In addition, seminarians and retired priests are sent gift cards, as allowed by donations.

The project is headed by **Mike and Geri Daugherty. (M) (812) 902-9074. (G) (812) 902-9044.**

Grounds Maintenance

St. Mary - Recent activities:

- installation of all commercial doors on the Religious Education and Gymnasium buildings.
- installation of two new HVAC units in Gymnasium.

Works in progress:

- researching replacement doors for the church.

Historical grounds projects:

- roof project that encompassed the Church/Office/Sacristy/Rectory areas.
- parish office remodel and addition of handicap accessible restroom.

John Marshek, jmarshek@gmail.com

St. Vincent - Grounds maintenance at St. Vincent maintains the facility needs of the St Vincent de Paul Campus. This includes regularly scheduled maintenance along with conditionally required upkeep throughout the year.

Robbie Tinch, (812) 583-4566

Homebound Letter

The first Homebound Newsletter that I was involved with was in September of 2010. Since that time, I have teamed up with Deacon Dave to publish 142 newsletters. I basically create the outline for the newsletter and Deacon Dave provides the main article. On a few occasions, Deacon Dave will have a guest writer who will provide the main article. If there is any space left to be filled, I will try to find something humorous or informative to fill the space. It rarely takes me more than an hour to put the newsletter together and it is not complicated. It just requires some basic computer skills.

Greg Stanley, gstanley32@att.net



Knights of Columbus

Catholic men whose work involves raising funds to help others in need.

John Nett, (317) 728-6941

Ladies of Columbus

The Ladies of Columbus is a social organization, composed of practicing Catholic Women, at least 18 years old, that have a connection to the Knights of Columbus. This may be a direct relative, or those with a spiritual connection called to be associated with this group.

Rosemary Stanley

The Meal Train

St. Vincent - Provides meals to parishioners who are ill, recently adopted or had a baby, recent surgery, or death in the family. The total number of Meal Train volunteers is 33. This group started November 26, 2021. Since then there have been five Meal trains completed and 70 meals provided. There is currently one Meal Train going which will provide 8 meals to a member from the church having a surgery. The website for this is of no charge to the church.

Amy Miskuf, (317) 409-2197

Men's Spirituality

Brothers in Christ growing stronger through faith.

Jon Nett, (317) 728-6941

Mom's Group

Beginning Monday, 9/12/2022 at 8:00 am, the Mom's Group will be starting a rosary group in the St. Vincent de Paul room. All moms of the parish with children of all ages are welcome to join for the daily Catholic readings and to pray the rosary together to start the week with our prayer intentions.

Laura Dusard, (812) 675-7988

Parish Council

Most Recent activities:

- Parish Governance structure improvements
- Financial governance
 - St. Vincent Parish
 - St. Mary Parish
 - St. Vincent School



- Ministry Fair to improve CCLC involvement in ministries

Historical activities:

- Incorporation of CCLC
- Updating of Facilities use Agreements
- Financial support of Campus maintenance projects
 - Roof maintenance projects : both parishes
 - St. Mary's door replacements
 - Conversion of facility lighting to more efficient LED
 - HVAC system maintenance
 - Rectory remodel
 - Update/combination of St. V and St. M bylaws
 - CCLC photo directory updates
- Support of St. Vincent School activities

John Marshek, jmarkshek@gmail.com

Parish Fellowship

The PFC plans annual parish-wide events that are meant to bring together parishioners of all ages in a social setting.

Events:

- Pool Party (this was on June 26 and we had an amazing turnout of over 120 people)
- Oktoberfest (proposed event)
- *All Saints Day Dinner (proposed event)

Melissa & Brian Banks, melissaannebanks@yahoo.com

Parish Office Volunteers

St. Vincent - Stuffing bulletins, folding & stuffing mailings, data entry, and other office tasks are available to volunteers, on a one-time or regular basis, depending on the task. Contact parish secretary Elizabeth Cole for information or to sign up.

Elizabeth Cole (812) 275-6539, parish@svsbedford.org

St. Mary - Office hours are Monday 2-4 pm, Tuesday 9 am-1 pm, Wednesday 10 am-6:30 pm, and Thursday 2-4 pm. If you would like to volunteer with St. Mary's office, please contact

Joyce Daugherty (812) 849-3570, stmarysmitchell294@gmail.com

Persimmon Festival

St. Mary - The Persimmon Festival is part community outreach and part fundraising for St. Mary's Church. During the Persimmon Festival in the town of



Mitchell, the parishioners of STM put on a spaghetti dinner the Wednesday of the festival at the 7th Street tent off of Main Street. There are sub-committees that work to bring the whole dinner together.

We have:

- 1.) the meat sauce team
- 2.) the pasta team
- 3.) the set up team, both at the booth and in the gym kitchen
- 4.) Serving teams
- 5.) Clean up team

Anyone in the parish is welcome to join!

Amy Marshek, jmarshek@gmail.com

Prayer Chain

Prayer requests are given to Marilyn Epping and she sends out those requests via phone. Melissa Epping sends out the same requests via email to those who have signed up for the prayer chain. Permission must be given by a family member or the person who needs prayers for a full name to be given.

Otherwise, a first name only or "special intention" is used to guarantee privacy.

Marilyn Epping

Melissa Epping, epppingmelissa@yahoo.com

Prayer Ministry

St. Mary - The prayer ministry is available to pray with and for parishioners after 8:30am mass at St. Mary's. If you want to join this ministry please contact

Becky Allbright, 812-583-7581, beckyallbright52@gmail.com

St. Vincent - In response to anyone who wants or needs someone to pray for them, Deacon Dave Reising and a team of approximately 20 parish members are available to pray for anyone or any reason. Prior to the weekend Masses, if there are any prayer ministers available for prayer, there will be an announcement made inviting anyone in the congregation to come up front by the pulpit after Mass, to pray with or receive prayer for their specific needs, from the prayer ministers. If there is need for a deeper prayer session, the prayer ministers are available to meet, by special appointment, by contacting Deacon Dave. The prayer ministers meet every other Monday evening at 6 PM for prayer and to be trained in the Christian Healing Ministry program. This program trains the ministers to pray for physical, spiritual, inner healings and deliverances, but they are always available to pray for any need. Anyone wishing more information about the prayer ministry may contact **Deacon Dave Reising at (812) 278-1795.**

Pro Life

St. Mary - A Right to Life rosary is said at St. Mary's on Wednesday evening at 4:45 pm. Some participate in the 40 Days for Life campaign twice a year by praying in front of the Planned Parenthood office.

Melissa Epping, eppingmelissa@yahoo.com

St. Vincent - The Pro-Life ministry seeks to update and engage the CCLC in pro-life endeavors in our area, welcomes participation and facilitates action within the parish and the community. The bulletin board at the back of St. Vincent church is available for information. Yearly goal: present and update CCLC on current and upcoming events and facilitate participation plus update the bulletin board periodically with upcoming events.

Laura Dusard, (812) 675-7988

RaiseRight (formerly SCRIP)

RaiseRight is a fundraiser for our parish. It's also an easy way for our parishioners or friends to

access gift cards without having to go to a store and the parish receives a percentage from each purchase. The gift cards are ordered at a discount from the Raise Right organization. The cards are then sold to parishioners at the face value of the gift. Payment is made to the parish by the buyer with either cash or check. Debit and credit transactions are not available for in person purchases.

Gift cards may be ordered from the RaiseRight website, raiseright.com, and delivered to the buyer's home. Contact Brenda if you wish to purchase in this way. Debit and credit is allowed for online purchases, but there is a shipping charge.

Brenda Premo, (812) 797-4574, jtbren@gmail.com

RCIA

St. Mary - St. Mary's had three adults participate in RCIA and enter the church during the Easter Vigil Mass, April 16, 2022. We met weekly starting in September, utilized the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults as the primary text, and supplemented that with excerpts from the following video series: Symbolon (Augustine Institute), Journey Into Truth (Arts Media), and Bishop Robert Barron's The Sacraments (Word on Fire).

Lou Getman, (812) 849-0865, louis.s.getman@mail.com

St. Vincent - The 2022 Easter Season saw the entrance of three candidates into the Holy Church after months of formation, education, and fellowship. Tesla Case, Allison Hill, and Gage Plocher enthusiastically entered the Church after beginning their journey through RCIA in September 2021 under the leadership of Deacon Tom Scarlett and Cathy Andrews. The program this past year utilized the Symbolan Series as guided by Dr Edward Sri as a foundation to the Church teaching. RCIA is a structured series of weekly meetings for those interested in joining the Catholic Faith in the fullness of celebration and the Sacraments beginning in September and resulting in full communion with the Catholic Church during the following Saturday Easter Vigil.

Deacon Tom Scarlett, scarlettt@svsbedford.org

Religious Education for Children

During the 2021-22 program year, 46 children in grades preschool through high school received religious education instruction. Fourteen students received the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Ten students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sessions were held mid-September through early May on Sunday mornings at St. Mary of the Assumption and Wednesday evenings at St. Vincent de Paul. We welcome the opportunity to partner with parents in the religious education of their children, providing instruction in the Catholic faith through weekly religious education sessions and participation in one of the three weekend Masses. Our catechists and volunteers are committed to creating an environment that is safe, nurturing, and fun. Religious Education includes preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist (Holy Communion), and Confirmation.

Goals of CCLC Religious Education program for 2022-23:

- To teach students Sacred Tradition, Scripture, and the Doctrines of the Catholic Faith
- To teach and prepare students for the Sacraments
- To assist students in prayer and spiritual growth
- To encourage students to live their faith through participation and service

For questions regarding our religious education programs, please contact

Kim Getman, Director of Religious Education
(812)275-6539 ext. 227; getmank@svsbedford.org.

Sacristan, Altar Servers

St. Mary - Currently, there are four sacristans each serving one weekend per month. Responsibilities include: opening the church 30 minutes before mass begins, set the books, turn on the sound system and fans around the altar, ready



the hosts and wine along with the chalice. After mass, the sacristan also cleans up and secures the church.

Liz Esboldt, esboldt@aol.com

Amy Marshek, jmarshek@gmail.com

St. Vincent - This ministry is a way to be of service for the preparation of the Mass. It is a privilege to serve Jesus on the Altar and be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy ground, the Sanctuary. A Sacristan is responsible for preparing the vessels used for the Mass and for the cleaning and storing of the vessels, and for opening the church and closing the church at the end of the service. We have Saturday evening, Sunday, and several other Holy Day Masses from which to choose. We have a rotating schedule. It is truly a blessing to be of service and food for the soul. Our parish thrives when we are all participants in giving and receiving. For more information, contact

Susan Johnson, (708) 267-7827

School Commission

A twelve-member commission, composed of appointed members of the parish and school, works with the pastor and principal to oversee the mission and goals of St. Vincent de Paul School. Meetings are held each month. The Commission helps in developing and executing the 5-year strategic plan for the school. The Strategic Plan for 2020-2025 includes goals for a rigorous academic and religious studies curriculum which is supported by all school leadership. An aggressive marketing and development program is vital to the financial health of the school, and therefore, the Commission is involved in fundraising and awareness of the value of our school to the community.

Alan Bush, Chairman, (812) 277-5959.

St. Vincent de Paul School

For over 100 years, St. Vincent School has served the Catholic Community of Lawrence County, and people of all faiths from surrounding communities. The mission of the school is to provide an education of outstanding academic excellence within the context of a Catholic faith community. The school endeavors to develop the spiritual, academic, social and emotional potential of students in pre-school through eighth grade, and to foster students' God-given talents, so that they may be faith-filled, productive members of society.



St. Vincent School is fully accredited with the State of Indiana, and adheres to the National Standards and Benchmarks set forth by the National Catholic Education Association. These include four pillars for excellence: Mission and Catholic Identity, Governance and Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Operational Vitality. Working with local and Archdiocesan school leadership, the school completes a five-year strategic plan. The current plan covers 2020-2025.

The school employs 25 teachers and support staff. Student enrollment in 2021-22 was 180. Projected enrollment for the 2022-23 school year is expected to be 200.

St. Vincent School has a tradition of academic excellence. The school has maintained an "A" rating with the State of Indiana for the last 8 years, and ILEARN test scores are the highest among Lawrence County schools.

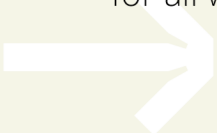
In addition, the school has a multitude of extracurricular activities for students. It has a competitive athletic program that includes tennis, volleyball, cross country, basketball and track. Many St. Vincent students are currently competing in their respective sports at the high school and collegiate level. There are also opportunities to participate in academic competitions including Spellbowl, Mathbowl, Science Olympiad, and Lego League Robotics.

Because of our mission of evangelization of families, the parish has always supported the school, while seeking to make the cost affordable for families who desire a Catholic education for their children. In recent years, the Indiana School Choice Voucher Program, the Archdiocesan Scholarship Foundation, and the St. Vincent Guardian Angel Fund have made it possible for up to 100% tuition and fees to be paid, based on income eligibility of the family. Parents wishing to enroll their children are highly encouraged to contact the school principal for information on enrollment and tuition scholarships.

Contact the school: **(812) 279-2540**, or **info@svsbedford.org**.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Bedford Conference of The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is part of the international organization founded in 1833, by Frederick Ozanam and Rosalie Rendu, to follow in the example of St Vincent de Paul, whose mission was to care for all who were in need of any kind of help. Locally, we own and operate the St.



Vincent Thrift Store. With the proceeds from the store and other donations, we offer help here in Lawrence County, by responding to calls received via voicemail to our helpline. We help with rent & utilities, food, clothing, and many other things based on each need. The help we offer our clients is completely confidential. In addition, we help support Becky's Place, Men's Warming Shelter, Hope Resource Center and LIFE Food Pantry.

Karen Wade, (812) 583-2513

Sports and Parish Wellness

Sports and parish wellness activities utilize the existing Parish facilities, such as the Shamrock Center, to promote parish wellness and camaraderie by sponsoring and supporting events that improve parishioner and family wellness.

Mark Coressel, coresselm@svsbedford.org

Stewardship

The new joint Stewardship Committee was established in March 2022. We meet on the first Thursday of odd months (July, September, November, January, March, and May) at 6 pm in the St. Vincent de Paul Room.

We are working to engage our Catholic community in all ministries. The committee developed this Stewardship Report and will maintain it; we will coordinate stewardship initiatives from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for our parishes; and we will support ministry events throughout the year. If you have any ideas you would like to share please contact us.

Judy Carlisle (812) 277-6342; cjcarlisle91@peoplepc.com

Irene Stockton (812) 276-6681; irene.stockton@hotmail.com

Ushers

St. Vincent - Adults and confirmed youth greet people as they enter the church, take up the collection, distributes the bulletins, and help anyone who may become ill during services. Provides assistance to new parishioners and guests who may not be familiar with our church facilities.

Darrell May, (812) 279-1324

St. Mary - Ushers pass the baskets for collections at 8:30am and distribute items during or after mass when needed. Please contact

Joyce Daugherty, Parish Secretary

(812) 849-3570, stmarysmitchell294@gmail.com

Vacation Bible School

Monday – Thursday June 23-26 (week normally in late June or early July)

5:30- 8:00

Number of volunteers this year: 32

Number of children this year: 33 (prior to Covid averaged 40-60 children per night)

VBS was held in Shamrock Center, St. Vincent de Paul Room, Rectory chapel and school

cafeteria. Dinner is provided nightly for volunteers and kids.

Amy Miskuf, (317) 409-2197

Welcoming Committee

St. Vincent - To welcome newcomers to the parish, the Welcoming Committee plans a coffee and donut event one Sunday per month in the Shamrock Center after the 10:30 am Mass to introduce them to parish members and to foster fraternity among parishioners. One Saturday per month, a pizza and pop party is held in the Shamrock Center after the 5 pm mass to welcome parishioners who attend the Saturday evening mass. It is not so much about the food as it is to get to know one another outside of normal church activities.

Linda Fitzpatrick, (812) 797-9555

St. Mary Greeters - St. Mary's has 7 teams of Greeters who arrive early to greet people coming in the main doors for 8:30 Sunday mass. If you would like to be a greeter please contact

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St. Mary Social Committee - to provide time to reconnect with each other and get to know our new parishioners we have donuts on the first Sunday of the month. We also coordinate the First Communion celebrations, feast day receptions, and other non-bereavement events.

Amy Marshek, (812) 653-3973

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry meets every Sunday evening to meet and hang out with other Catholic high schoolers. We have fun with a variety of games, socializing, hanging with Father sometimes, and continue to grow and exercise spiritually during these formative years. We also do additional, fun events and fundraising for trips like the National Catholic Youth Conference which we attended last November!

Jay is happy to answer any questions.

Jay Elliott, Youth Minister, elliottj@svsbedford.org