

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!
December 25, 2016 - Christmas

Pastoral Administrator: Father Ken Fortener, 104 Church St., New Hope, KY. 40052, 502-549-5559

Baptisms/Matrimony: Contact Father Ken (weddings call at least 6 months before the date)

Confessions: First Saturday/Sunday of the month

MASS SCHEDULES

St. Ann's	St. Vincent de Paul
Thursday morning – 8:30 am	Mon.Tues.Wed – 8:00 am
Friday morning - 8:30 am	Saturday evening – 4:00 pm
Sunday morning - 10:00 am	Sunday morning - 8:00 am
Confessions - 6:00 pm 4 th Thurs.	Confessions – 3:15 pm 1 st Sat. of the month

MASS INTENTIONS/LITURGICAL ROLES (Dec. 26-, 2016 – Jan. 1, 2017)

Mon. 8:00 am People of the Parishes **Tues. 8:00 am** People of the Parishes **Wed. 8:00 am** People of the Parishes

Vigil Mary the Mother of God (New Year's Eve) Saturday 4:00 Boot & Betty Lou Masterson; Leroy Burba; Elizabeth Ann Gribbons; Keith Greenwell

Mary the Mother of God (New Year's Day) Sunday 8:00 am Paul Hagan; Ruby O'Bryan; Keith Greenwell

Please volunteer to lector or minister at the Mass you attend

Lector:

Eucharistic Ministers:

COLLECTIONS

12/18/16: \$2280.34; \$240.00-Mass intention; \$40.00-Retired religious; \$10.00-parish center

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Today, with the Nativity of Jesus Christ, we celebrate the beginning of a new life within ourselves, if we accept Christ into our lives, by making room in our "inn" for him to reside. The challenge for us this Christmas Season is to be Christ to each other. For if we cannot live the "Spirit of Christ" by being Christian, why should we even celebrate Christ. So may the Peace of Christ—the Peace the World cannot give—rest in your heart, for the heart sees what is invisible to the eye. A Blessed Christmas to one and all. Father Ken

Thank you to those who helped with getting the Church ready for Christmas and for the music.

APPRECIATION: Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, visits and for thinking of us. Our hearts will always be with St. Vincent de Paul and the people who make it such a wonderful parish. Raymond & Louise Mattingly

CONFESSIONS: Father Ken hears confessions on the 1st Sunday of month or upon request: Just call and come over.

CHURCH CLEANER /SACRISTANS: Church cleaners for **JANUARY** Norine Masterson, Beverly Holbert & Cindy Burton; Sacristans are **VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED.**

PARISH WEBSITE: Our parish website is www.stvincentdepaulnewhope.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Religious education classes will break until January 4, 2017.

FEAST MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEARS) MASS SCHEDULE: The Mass schedule for New Year's is **Saturday evening at 4:00 pm** and **Sunday morning at 8:00 am.** New Year church calendars are available.

RAFFLE TICKET SALES: Only a week left to buy your raffle tickets. We are raffling three cash prizes: \$3000, \$1000 and \$500 and the drawing will be **January 1, 2017 next Sunday!** Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased from any St. Vincent de Paul parish member. As an added incentive for parishioners selling tickets, whomever SELLS the winning ticket will get \$500. When you sell a ticket put your name on the BACK of that ticket. Sold tickets and the money can be put into an envelope and dropped into the collection basket. Thank you for your help!

CSA: We've collected \$1350.00 . . . 63% of our goal. Thank you!

NEED VOLUNTEERS!!: The beginning of the New Year is always a great time to re-evaluate our commitment to our faith and parish. New volunteers **are greatly needed** as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, gift bearers, ushers & church cleaners. Everyone is welcome. Training is provided. Please call Laura Huff at 502-549-5454 or 270-766-9207 or email at laurahowardstown@earthlink.net if you would like to volunteer, change your volunteer status (i.e., switch from Sunday to Saturday, etc.), want to be removed from the list, or if you have any questions.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you have an announcement for the bulletin please contact Laura Huff by phone at 502-549-5454 or 270-766-9207; email at laurahowardstown@earthlink.net; or fax 502-549-5252, by 2:00 pm on Thursdays. If you have a Mass intention for a particular date we need that 2 weeks in advance. Also please let us know of additions and deletions to the pray list. Thank you!

PLEASE PRAY: Please pray for our sick and shut-ins: Rose Lamkin, Martha Hutchins, Patsy Boone, Jaunita Mattingly, Kathleen Clark, Jake Wood (grandson of Andy & Barbara Sue Hall), Bobby Haydon, Sonny Morris, Agnes Williamson, Frank Masterson, Martha Bowling, Aline Thompson, Peggy Nalley, Scotty Norman, Jenny Leanhart, Lillian Ball, Laverne Masterson, Louise Morris, Randy Pinkston, Lisa Hutchins Caldwell, Sharon Lanham, Mary Evelyn Mattingly, Mitch Rust, Nora (Bunch) Mattingly, Paul Vittitow, Nancy Newton, and the intentions in our book.

COOKBOOK UPDATE: We have 75 recipes from 35 families and will continue to collect recipes for a few more months. Please place at least one recipe in the box in back of church. We would like ALL families' recipes represented. We also have craft ideas, deceased members recipes and their pictures. This will be a very nice book!

CEMETERY: A stroll through the cemetery recently indicated that either folks have forgotten or are disregarding the rule concerning placement of flowers and other decorations on grave markers, particularly during the mowing season. The ground was heavily strewn with all manner of artificial silk and plastic blossoms and greenery, obviously chewed up by the mowing machines. There is no problem with decorations, as long as they are attached to the tombstone and well out of the way of the mowers but objects at ground level do present problems. Please do your part in keeping the cemetery grounds beautiful, a place of respect and honor for our loved ones.

OUR PARISH FAMILY: There are members of our parish family who are no longer able to join us for weekend liturgy and some, who from time to time, have health issues that prevent them from participating. These individuals remain in our thoughts and prayers as we ask God to bless them with all that they need. Please pray for: Todd Boone, Kenneth "Shorty" Gribbins, Catherine Hicks, Martha Hutchins, Juanita Mattingly, Mary Evelyn Mattingly, Nora "Bunch" Mattingly, Louise Morris, Aline Thompson and Agnes Williamson. If you have a family member, a friend or a neighbor who would like to receive Eucharist in their home, please let Father Ken know

PRAYER BLANKETS: For several years now some dedicated seamstresses in our parish have been making prayer blankets for other parishioners who are ill, hospitalized or home bound. To date, 134 of these special blankets have been blessed and distributed to those who are experiencing health issues and who welcome a reminder that they are in the prayers of the Saint Vincent de Paul parish family. The ladies will gladly give one of their handcrafted blankets to anyone in need. Simply let Father Ken know or call Kathleen Burba at 502-549-3571.

ST. VINCENT CEMETERY GUIDELINES: Mowing season is here. As a reminder! **1)** Artificial flowers in saddles attached to the stone are permitted at any time. The use of wires or stakes to attach decorations is not permitted. Other decorations are discouraged and may be removed during mowing season. Containers of cut flowers that are part of the floral designs at the time of a funeral may be left on the grave for a few days. **2)** Shepherd's hooks are allowed, one per memorial. Hooks must be placed near the stone so they do not hinder mowing or digging of the grave. **3)** The American flag made of wood and cloth is permitted. It should be placed within 6" of the memorial. Frayed flags should be removed. **4)** Votive candles and glass vases are not permitted. **5)** Plants, shrubs or mulch of any type are not permitted. **6)** Any item which detracts from the beauty of the cemetery or hinders mowing or digging a grave will be removed. **7)** Only grass may be planted the length and width of a grave. **8)** Any decorations not allowed by the SVDPC will be removed and discarded. **Please remove those items that do not fall under these guidelines ASAP.** Please help us keep our cemetery beautiful.

FISH FRY: The New Hope Food Mart will serve fish during Lent beginning this Ash Wednesday this week. As they've done in the past, when you purchase a fish sandwich or meal keep your receipt or prayer card and put it in the collection at Mass. The Food Mart will make a donation to St. Vincent's for every receipt we turn in.

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CEMETERY COMMITTEE: We need 2 parish members to run for position of chairman or president for our cemetery committee. Anna Burd has held the position for several years and would like to see some new members. Two meetings a year is usually all that is required. Please call Anna Burd at 502-827-1070.

CSA: The annual Catholic Services Appeal has begun. You will be receiving a mailing from the Archdiocese of Louisville asking for your financial help. The donations from this appeal go directly to the parishes in our Archdiocese to help with retired priest assistance, school tuition, adult education, and CCD and RCIA programs.

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COURAGE/ENCOURAGE SUPPORT GROUPS AVAILABLE: Are you or a loved one experiencing same-sex attraction and looking for answers? *Courage*, a ministry of the Catholic Church that provides spiritual support for Catholic men and women with same-sex attraction who desire to lead chaste lives consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church, has formed a local chapter offering confidential spiritual support-group meetings. Also meeting locally, *EnCourage* is a companion ministry within the *Courage* apostolate dedicated to serving the spiritual needs of parents, siblings, children, other relatives, and friends of persons who are experiencing same-sex attractions. *EnCourage* members support one another and their loved ones through discussion, prayer, and fellowship in a confidential group setting. For more information, you can reach the *Courage/EnCourage* Chaplain, Fr. Matthew Hardesty, or Co-Chaplain Deacon Stephen Bowling at courage@archlou.org or check out *Courage*'s official website <http://couragerc.org>. Both the *Courage* and *EnCourage* local chapters are official ministries of the Archdiocese of Louisville through the Family Ministries Office

ADORATION: Can you spend a specific hour each week with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and show your love for Him in a special way? **Where:** St. Catherine Adoration Chapel, N. 1st Street, New Haven, Kentucky; **When:** Open 24-hours a day, seven days a week. Call the parish office at 549-3680 for more information.

PRAYER BLANKETS: We have prayer blankets available. Call Kathleen Burba at 502-549-3571 if you or someone you know needs one.

MASS INTENTIONS: Anyone wanting to have Mass said for a deceased family member or special intention, please put request and \$10 in an envelope and drop it in the collection or call Laura Huff at 549-5454 or 549-5317 or email laurahowardstown@earthlink.net. Requests for a particular date need to be made at least 2 weeks in advance. Thanks.

THOSE IN NEED: There are crates in the back of church to help those who are in need. With the economic crisis our country is currently involved in, the list of those who need help continues to grow. Please fill these with any non-perishable food items and/or paper products. Donations will be given to the New Hope Food Bank. All items will be appreciated.

CEMETERY: Mowing season will be here soon. **BY MARCH 1 PLEASE** remove any articles that might hinder mowing: Statues, glass vases, and any items on the ground around the gravestones and walkways. These are a hazard to the mowing contractors and visitors. Also, any flowers that are not attached to the stone need to be removed. Let's keep our beautiful cemetery neat and clean.

CEMETERY ELECTIONS: We need one parishioner and one non-parishioner to run for a 3-year term on the cemetery board. We have meetings twice a year unless an issue needs immediate attention. This position does not require a lot of time. Please consider and call Anna Burd at 827-1070 if interested or know someone that might be.

MESSAGE FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE: The mowing season has begun. We would ask you to please remove personal items from the graves of your family members. It is important for the cemetery to be cleared for the lawn mowers & weed eaters. We take pride in our cemetery and ask for your cooperation. Listed below are the guidelines for decorating your family member's grave. (1) Artificial flowers in saddles attached to the stone are permitted. Wire & stakes are not permitted. Cut flowers & containers from the funeral are permitted but are removed by the Cemetery Mgr within a few days. Other decorations are discouraged and may be removed during mowing season. (2) One shepherd's hook per memorial placed near the stone. (3) American flag made of wood & cloth. Place 6" from memorial and remove when frayed. (3) Votive candles & glass vases are not permitted. (4) Plants, shrubs & mulch of any type are not permitted. (5) Any item that detracts from the beauty of the cemetery or hinders the mowing or digging of a grave will be removed. (6) Only grass can be planted on the grave. (7) Any decorations not allowed will be removed and discarded. (7) Please help us keep our cemetery a beautiful & sacred place of burial for our deceased loved ones.

VOLUNTEERS: New volunteers are always needed as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, gift bearers, ushers & church cleaners. Everyone is welcome and needed. Training will be provided. Call Fr. Ken (5559) or Laura Huff (5454) if you would like to become a volunteer. Now is a great time to re-think your time and talent contribution to our parish church.