

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 20, 2009**



MONDAY 12/21

6:30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE

8:00 a.m. Msgr. G. J. Kaiser – DeBroeck Family – Joe and Josephine Pleus

9:00 a.m. Mass at Carmelite Monastery

TUESDAY 12/22

6:30 a.m. Rose and Cletus Jansen

8:00 a.m. Gerard F. and Rose M. Forck – Living and Deceased Members of Edmund J. Alfermann Family

9:00 a.m. Mass at Carmelite Monastery

WEDNESDAY 12/23

6:30 a.m. Hazel M. Gerling

8:00 a.m. Ed and Katie Patten – Henry and Cecila Schwartze

10:30 a.m. Jefferson City Nursing and Rehabilitation

THURSDAY 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE

12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's

5:00 p.m. (church) Living and Deceased Members of Wm. J. Twehus, Sr., Family – Bill and Jo Roettgen – Terry Grunden – Leon Prenger – Living and Deceased Members of Clara and Edward Weaver Family

5:00 p.m. (gym) Lawrence and Helen Scheppers – Louise McDonald – Joe Grefrath – Leona Grefrath

8:00 p.m. Charles Elsberry – Faye Becker - Harold and Lena Thrash – Frank AuBuchon - Living and Deceased Members of Theodore J. and Elizabeth Neuner Family – Bernard J. and Arlena M. Poiry

11:00 p.m. Carolyn and Lester Hoerschgen – Living and Deceased Members of Oscar and Lorine Schnieders Family – Gus and Stella Dudenhoeffer – James Collins – George and Gertrude Wieberg – Adolph Gerling

FRIDAY 12/25 CHRISTMAS DAY

7:00 a.m. Deceased Members of John and Elizabeth Horstdaniel – Margaret and Danny Coleman – Larry Heislen

8:30 a.m. Olen and Dennis Smith – Harold F. Groner – Jerry and Rosa Goeller and Family – Billy McDowell – Living and Deceased Members of Joe Heislen Family

10:00 a.m. J.O. "Jerry" Meyer – Suzanne Bates Joseph and Lilly Kalaf and Dave – Ken Bruce – Living and Deceased Members of William and Elizabeth Rackers – Living and Deceased Members of Phil, Katherine and Norine Luebbert

SATURDAY 12/26

8:00 a.m. NO MASS

5:00 p.m. Mary "Mayme" Weavers - Christine, Herman and James Hagner – Marla Strobe Knox – Dianne D. Hammann – Jerome Hilkemeyer, Anton and Anna Eisterhold – Stella Falter

7:00 p.m. Betty Rackers – Charlie and Helen Schaefer – Louis and Julia Menges – Eleanor and William Kemna and Gertrude Schulte

SUNDAY 12/27

7:00 a.m. The Parishioners

8:30 a.m. Charmaine Wolken – Emil and Rosanna Wolters – William Smith – Clarence and Mabel Wilbers

10:00 a.m. Ed and Ida Maasen – Living and Deceased Members of Elmer Frank Family – Living and Deceased Members of Everett Lewis – Living and Deceased Members of J. B. and Magdalen Kolb Families – Bud Vossen – William Wehrle – Nell and Theodore Angenendt

11:30 a.m. Marie Parris – Frank and Hilda Schmidt – Deceased Members of the Jerome and Pauline Rackers Family

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**Stewardship-Our Joyful Return to the Lord
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Budgeted Offertory 07/01/09-06/30/10 \$1,971,200.00

Budgeted Monthly Goal \$ 183,750.00

Weekly Collections

December 5-6 *	\$ 65,526.69
December 12-13	\$ 36,554.78
December 19-20 ***	\$
December 26-27	\$
Monthly Total to Date	\$ 102,081.47

* includes Electronic Giving in the amount of \$ 10,872.16

*** includes Electronic Giving in the amount of \$

Offertory YTD: 07/01/09-06/30/10 \$ 847,669.86

Budgeted Goal Year-to-Date \$ 907,286.00

Difference \$ (59,616.14)

**Please consider a special Christmas donation
to your parish church and school.**

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TO CHARITIES CAN BE 100% DEDUCTIBLE
FOR INDIVIDUALS AGE 70 ½ OR BETTER.
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CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER

Eileen Kemple, Diana Heidbreder, John and Darlene Schnack, John and Elaine Shimmens

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IMMACULATA CLUB ROSARY

December – Holy and Blessed Advent and Christmas Season

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BE SUBMITTED TO THE RECTORY OFFICE BY NOON
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OR E-MAIL TO: icchurch3@mchsi.com**



Calendar of Events

SUNDAY (12/20) – Advent Scriptural and Benediction at 5:00 p.m. in Church

MONDAY (12/21) – Reconciliation at 7:00 p.m. in Church
- Boy Scouts at 7:00 p.m. in Kennedy

WEDNESDAY (12/23) – Legion of Mary at 5:15 p.m. in RMR

FRIDAY (12/25) – Church Office Closed

Mark you Calendar for the Holiday Bulletin Schedule. Items will be needed for the January 3rd bulletin by **noon** on Wednesday, December 23rd.

FOUND: Crib size pink and lavender log cabin quilt with matching pillow. It was left at the Immaculata Soup and Pie Luncheon Quilt Show. You can pick the quilt up at the church office.

PRO LIFE

Join us, every Tuesday afternoon. A group of Catholics meet in front of the Planned Parenthood office on Southwest Blvd. to pray the rosary for the unborn. Join us this Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.

Pease give one hour for a peaceful, prayerful, pro-life presence outside Columbia's abortion mill at 711 N. Providence. Come pray for families who suffer in agony. Stand up for innocent babies who are condemned to death. Every Thursday between 1:00 and 9:00 p.m.!

Join us on a Pro-Life Pilgrimage!

The Pro-Life Pilgrimage will take place Wednesday, January 20 to Saturday, January 23.

- Youth of the Parish sign up to March for Pro-Life in Washington D.C.
- Chaperones to lead and support.
- Can't go, but want to support our youth and chaperone's. Donations will be happily accepted.

For more information please contact Pat Reinkemeyer or Julie Wieberg, Diocese of Jefferson City, 535-9127 or email followme@diojeffcity.org

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

If you have been contacted or signed forms for a new council at IC, please get in touch with me at 635-4289 or e-mail at cberskoetter@yahoo.com

Thanks: A special thanks to the Ludmilla Twehus Family for the donation of an electric wheel chair for use in Church. It is given in memory of Wm. J. Twehus, Sr. Family.

SCHOOL NEWS

NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break - Classes resume January 4, 2010

PSR classes resume on January 6, 2010

Have a Blessed Christmas and New Year!
Mrs. Struemph

Lunch Money is due by the first of the month for those children who will be eating hot lunch. We need an accurate count for planning purposes. The cost of lunch is \$42 per month per child and checks can be made payable to IC School Lunch Program.

YOUTH MINISTRY POSITION

Immaculate Conception Parish, is seeking applicants for the position of Coordinator of Youth Ministry. The coordinator will be responsible for planning and implementing a comprehensive parish process of faith formation and youth ministry in the parish. Applicants must be Roman Catholic in good standing with at least a bachelor's degree (preferably a master's degree) with background in theology or pastoral ministry plus youth ministry training. Salary is in accord with experience and education and includes a full benefits package. Send resumes with references to Search Committee/Youth Minister, Immaculate Conception Church, 1206 E. McCarty St., Jefferson City, MO 65101 or email to icchurch3@mchsi.com or fax to 573-635-6036.

Adoration for Youth at the Pastoral Center in the Chancery Wednesday, December 30 from, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For more information contact Fr. Dave Veit.

Even though our city is in a recycling program, PLEASE CONTINUE TO **SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS AND WHITE PAPER FOR OUR SCHOOL'S RECYCLE PROGRAM** AND HELP THE PERU MISSIONS, TOO, IN DOING SO.

Aluminum cans may be placed behind the Sisters' convent at 1205 E. McCarty at any time. White paper, even if it is shredded, as well as ink cartridges from printers, may be placed by the door at the Incarnate Word Building. If you have not heard, we are now also collecting empty bags from Frito-Lay (chips, Fritos, etc.). Thanks and God bless you for supporting our school.

LOCALLY-GROWN CHRISTMAS TREES

St. Peter School Cub Scouts are holding their annual Christmas Tree Sales Drive now through December 24, on the Schulte's Fresh Foods parking lot. They are open Mon.-Thurs. from 3p.m.-9p.m. and Sat. and Sun. from 9a.m.-9p.m. Tree sales fund our yearly cub scouting activities, so please support our scouts. For additional information, please call Boyd Denson, Pack 4 Cubmaster, at 556-6770.

**'I.C.' THE WORD
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
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First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a
Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Elizabeth said, "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

Adult Question: When was it hardest for you to trust in God's plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?

Child Question: When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?

FROM FR. DAVE'S DESK

This is the last bulletin before Christmas day, so on behalf of Fr. Pat, our pastor, and Frs. Brendan & Hillary, I want to wish you a very Blessed and fruitful Christmas Season! You might notice the distinction between "day" and "season." While some in our society will consider Christmas to be over by about noon on Christmas Day, in the Catholic Church we celebrate it until the Baptism of the Lord (originally until Jan. 6, the Epiphany, giving us the "12 days of Christmas," and ensuing famous song!) This season is one of special joy, to be expressed and lived out in our daily lives. Don't let this opportunity to evangelize pass you by...use reminders (like leaving decorations up through the season, continuing to have celebrations in the season, etc.) to help you show others that we really are joyful for Christ's birth, and the re-birth that He brings to us in Baptism! Obviously the decorations are not themselves the joy of Christian life, but they are reminders to us that by choosing Christ, we have chosen to live our lives differently. And those signs, those examples—our very lives—are what will make Christmas more than just another day for others. When we live our lives differently because Christ chose to become one of us to show the way, we change not only our own life but our spouse's, children's, parents', siblings', co-workers' and even stranger's lives as well! Indeed may Christmas be joyous in our celebrations and gift giving, and may we continually conform the way we live to the Way, the Truth, and the Life—Jesus Christ!

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Dave



Christ Renews His Parish News

Everyone is invited to consider a weekend of renewal with our parish community.

Men's CRHP Weekend – March 27-28-2010

Women's CRHP Weekend – April 10-11-2010

AREA ADVENT RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

December 21 – Immaculate Conception – 7:00 p.m.

Additional confessions will be held here at I.C. on Wednesday, December 23, before and after the 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Mass and from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Beginning early in 2010, the parish plans to offer **one evening Mass a week**. Please call the rectory at 635-6143 or email icchruch3@mchsi.com with your thoughts as to what day and time the Mass should take place. Please state if you would attend this Mass frequently. Thank you for your input!

Eucharistic Adoration – Open hours and Holiday times. Please consider spending an hour with the Blessed Sacrament every week. The open hours or hours for alternating with another adorer are as follows: Sundays: 3-4pm, 4-5pm – Mondays: 3-4am – Tuesdays: 1-2am, 2-3am, 3-4am – Thursdays: 1-2am, 2-3am 3-4 am – Fridays: 2-3am, 3-4am, 4-5am.

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel will be used for the Advent Penitential service on Monday, December 21 so there will be no adoration that evening from 6:00-9:00p.m.

There will be **no Eucharistic Adoration** on December 24 and 25. Adoration will resume on Sunday, December 27. To sign up for an hour, please contact Deacon Mark Aulbur at 635-9629 or at aulbur@embarqmail.com

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve – Thursday, 5:00 p.m. in Church and Gym, 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. in Church

Christmas Day – Friday, 7:00, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve – Thursday, 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day – Friday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Ministers needed for Christmas and New Year's

Minister sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board in front of Church next to the staircase. Please sign up as soon as you can if you can help.

RCIA - 14 adults and 5 older youth have completed the process of Inquiry where their questions about our Catholic faith were answered. They are now making the decision if they want to go forward in the Catechumenatel period to become full members of our faith community. Please keep them in your prayers for God to shower them with his grace as they make this decision.

LITURGY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, December 26

5:00 p.m. Alvina Collins, James Farris, Suzanne Farris, Deborah Hilke, Robert Kolb, Jeff Meldrem, Thomas Pitera, Susan Pitera

7:00 p.m. Phyllis Emmel, Jerry Kauffman, Rita Kauffman, Leigh Ann Wilbers, Brenda Wilson

Sunday, December 27

7:00 a.m. Neal Bisges, Sr. Joesetta Eveler, Ron Forck, Mary Frank, Dolores Scheuler

8:30 a.m. Sally Bernskoetter, Julie Branch, Steve Eder, Bud Haller, Eleanor Haller, Jenny Smith, Dorothy Veit

10:00 a.m. Rhonda Czarnecki, Kristin Davis, Donna Frazier, Marlene Kuster, Everett Markway, Marla Markway, Mary Paden Otto, Ellen Whertvine

11:30 a.m. Mary Beth Anthony, Katrina Farrow, Michael Hudson, Jim Macy, Lisa Macy, Melissa Spainhower, Barb Swanson, Janet Valentine

LECTORS

Saturday, December 26

5:00 p.m. Kevin Heislen, Leslie Jeffries

7:00 p.m. Mark Oligschlaeger, Dan Thoenen

Sunday, December 27

7:00 a.m. Deanna Holly

8:30 a.m. Carolyn Saucier, Mary Winter

10:00 a.m. Donna Schmitz, Debbie Yarnell

11:30 a.m. Shane Farrow, Catherine Ferguson

SERVERS

Saturday, December 26

5:00 p.m. Alex Werner, Jane McCurren

7:00 p.m. Maggie Stiefferman, Laura Schieber

Sunday, December 27

7:00 a.m. Victoria Forck

8:30 a.m. Chad Lage, Alex Schrimpf

10:00 a.m. Emily Bexten, Jacob Otto

11:30 a.m. Kayla Wolters, Aggie Bruemmer

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

Saturday, December 26

5:00 p.m. Jone Piontek, Larry Schetzler, Mike Stephenson, Andy Talken, Keith Wenzel

7:00 p.m. Mike Flanagan, Bernard Luetkemeyer, Rochelle Luetkemeyer, Shaun Schmitz, Bruce Schrimpf

Sunday, December 27

7:00 a.m. Samuel Bushman, Steve Frank, Cliff Holzem, Kevin Kolb, Rod Veit

8:30 a.m. Jim Branch, Jerry Kliethermes, Richard Lueckenhoff, Dan Wieberg, Michael Winter

10:00 a.m. Christopher Bosch, II, Terry Bruns, Mark Polys, Jennifer Polys, Ryan Schrimpf

11:30 a.m. Mary Diemler, Ken Dowden, Dennis Lueckenotte, Thomas Parris, Donnie Thomas

MUSIC

Saturday, December 26

5:00 p.m. Jim Kemna, Julie Mueller, Mike Hoey, Patricia Vollmer, Mark Hicks, Greg Steinbeck

7:00 p.m. Tress Prenger, Roberta Broeker

Sunday, December 27

7:00 a.m. Greta & Laura Roark, Courtney Kolb

8:30 a.m. Anna and Ellen Komaromi

10:00 a.m. Kevin & Jackie Kampeter

11:30 a.m. Juanita Kunzler & Rosemarie Campbell

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Art and Environment Ministry - Help is needed to prepare the worship spaces for Christmas. Please come if you can at any of the following times listed to help. Contact Barb Hague at 636-2759 with any questions.

December 20, 1:00-4:00 pm - decorate outside of church and decorate gym.

December 23, 6:30 pm till done - decorate inside Church

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Christmas Flowers: To help defray the cost of Poinsettia plants and decorations for Christmas, a \$5 donation is being accepted. The donation can be made in memory of a loved one. Please include your name and the name of your loved one in an envelope marked "**Flowers for Christmas**" and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the church office. Memorials will be listed in the bulletin after the holidays.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY

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Fr. McCartan Memorial School in Marceline, is looking for a school principal beginning next school year. Applications need to be in by February 1st. For information and or applications please contact, Fr. Jerry Kaimann at 660-376-3239 or jkai@mcmsys.com

The Knights of Columbus is seeking Sales Representatives for a career opportunity representing their insurance program. We offer a complete benefits package with this full-time, professional level earnings potential position. In order to qualify, one must be eligible for membership in the Knights of Columbus. For more information, visit our website www.kofc.org/agentcareers. If interested, email your resume to Gary Struempf, General Agent, at gary.struempf@kofc.org.

BLOOD DRIVE

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Please help Community Blood Center to insure that this precious commodity is being adequately provided to our local hospital patients. Donate blood at the upcoming blood drive held at St. Mary's Health Center in the Assembly Hall, on Wednesday, December 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.