



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2011
Mass Intentions for the Week**

MONDAY 12/5

6:30 a.m. Catherine Mulhall
8:00 a.m. Don Butzer
9:00 a.m. **Mass at Carmelite Monastery**
10:00 a.m. **Mass at Jefferson City Manor**

TUESDAY 12/6

6:30 a.m. Florence Ortmeyer
9:00 a.m. **Mass at Carmelite Monastery**
10:00 a.m. **Mass at Oak Tree Villa**
5:30 p.m. Earl Fennessey

WEDNESDAY 12/7

6:30 a.m. Clifford Rackers
8:00 a.m. Mike Shepard
7:00 p.m. **Vigil of Immaculate Conception** - Robert I. Veit

THURSDAY 12/8 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:30 a.m. For Deceased, Active and Auxilliary Members of Legion of Mary

8:00 a.m. **All School Mass** - Olen and Dennis Smith
12:00 p.m. **Mass at St. Mary's Health Center**
5:30 p.m. Mark Randazzo

FRIDAY 12/9

6:30 a.m. Living and Deceased of John Pedroli Family
8:00 a.m. Paul, Mary, Clifford & Frances Bonnot

SATURDAY 12/10

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of St. Ann Sodality

5:00 p.m. Leroy Evan
7:00 p.m. Joseph M. Kiethermes

SUNDAY 12/11

7:00 a.m. The Parishioners
8:30 a.m. Louis & Mary Knaebel
10:00 a.m. Leonard Jaegers
11:30 a.m. David V. Struempfler

Masses in bold above are said by an I.C. priest at other locations. The Masses below are being sent away to be said elsewhere. We will remember them in prayer at the Masses assigned.

MONDAY 12/5

8:00 a.m. Eleanor Evers

WEDNESDAY 12/7

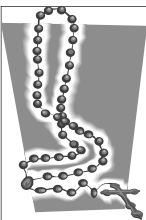
6:30 a.m. Vincent Schwartze

SATURDAY 12/10

5:00 p.m. Living and Deceased Frank & Caroline Borgmeyer Family

SUNDAY 12/11

10:30 p.m. Robert Cook Schulte



Advent Scriptural Rosary

Be sure to join us each Sunday at 6:30 p.m. In Church for this beautiful preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord.

If you want priests, work for vocations. Encourage others. Visit www.discoverthepriesthood.org.

Stewardship-Our Joyful Return to the Lord

FINANCIAL REPORT

Budgeted Offertory 07/01/11-06/30/12 \$ 1,980,475.00
Budgeted Monthly Goal for NOVEMBER \$ 158,079.00

Weekly Collections

November 5-6 *	\$ 61,693.89
November 12-13	\$ 34,013.21
November 19-20 **	\$ 34,495.72
November 26-27	\$ 23,689.06

Monthly Total to Date \$ 153,891.88

*includes electronic giving in amount of \$ 14,094.83

**includes electronic giving in amount of \$ 8,863.67

Actual Offertory YTD: 7/01/11- 11/28/11 \$ 758,442.11

Budgeted Goal YTD: 7/01/11- 11/28/11 \$ 796,225.00

Difference \$ (37,782.89)

IMMACULATA CLUB ROSARY - DECEMBER

For Peace in our Homes, Families, Country and World

CHURCH CLEANERS FOR DECEMBER

Geneva Menges - Brenda Wilson - Debbie Troesser
Leslie Jeffries - Celeste Keilholz - Betty Niederer

THE MISSOURIANS CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

The Missourians, a group of local voices sharing Christmas joy, will be caroling at Immaculate Conception on Sunday, December 18 at 7 p.m., immediately following the Advent Scriptural Rosary. IC parishioners Ed and Valda Stroesser and Deanna Holly are part of this very talented group. There is no charge for the Christmas concert, but a free will offering will be taken up and sent to the University of Missouri Singers to go toward student scholarships. (See Ed in his tophat!)



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, December 5 - Annunciation Parish, California
Tuesday, December 6 - St. Stanislaus, Wardsville
Tuesday, December 6 - Helias during the school day
Monday, December 12 - Immaculate Conception, Jeff City
Tuesday, December 13 - St. Margaret, Osage Bend
Tuesday, December 13 - St. Peter, Jeff City
Wednesday, December 14 - St. Martin, St. Martins
Wednesday, December 14 - St. Michael, Russellville
Thursday, December 15 - St. Francis Xavier, Taos
Sunday, December 18 - Cathedral of St. Joseph
All penance services will be at 7 p.m. with the exceptions of St. Joseph Cathedral on December 18 which will be at 2 p.m. and Helias on December 6 during the school day.

2012 CALENDARS AVAILABLE

Thanks to Dulle-Trimble Funeral Home, the 2012 church calendars have arrived. The calendar features photos and artwork from the Vatican Apostolic Library. Pick yours up at the entrances of church!



Calendar of Events

MONDAY (12/5)

- St. Ann's Quilting in Pleus
- Boy Scout Meeting at 7 p.m. in Pleus

TUESDAY (12/6)

- Apple Jack Computer Club at 6:30 p.m. in Kennedy
- School Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Library
- Girl Scout Troops 63016 & 30689 at 6:30 p.m. in Pleus
- Men's CRHP Meeting at 7 p.m. in Holy Name

WEDNESDAY (12/7)

- Children's Choir at 3:15 p.m. in church
- Legion of Mary at 4:30 p.m. in Holy Name
- CRHP Continuation Committee at 7 p.m. in Holy Name
- Feast of Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at 7 p.m.
- PSR at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY (12/8) -- FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

- Soup Supper after 5:30 p.m. Mass in Pleus
- Mass for Feast of Immaculate Conception at 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY (12/10)

- Scrip Sales after weekend Masses
- Mother Seton Breakfast Meeting after 8 a.m. Mass

SUNDAY (12/11)

- Scrip Sales after weekend Masses
- Children's Liturgy of the Word during 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Older Adults Breakfast after 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Bible Study at 9 a.m. in Immaculata
- Advent Scriptural Rosary at 6:30 p.m. in Church

Now we are using the revised Roman Missal; the last revision was in 1974. Before that revision, do you know how many years it had been?

Answer: 400 years!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Msgr Pleus K of C here at IC is having a Christmas party for members and their spouse/friend on Wed evening, Dec 21, at 7 p.m. We also welcome men and their spouse/friend who are curious about the Knights of Columbus. It is a social gathering only with potluck snacks/drinks. The program will be a inspirational slide show with music by photographer Dan Bernskoetter that is sure to draw you closer to God in the Christmas season.

Habitat for Humanity 70th Build – Work continues on the Habitat for Humanity house being renovated at 819 Clark Avenue. If you are interested in working on the house or assisting with a meal on Saturday December 10th or 17th, please contact Tom Fennessey (893-5989), Lew Hancock (645-8511), or Dan Bernskoetter (634-4922).

LIFE TEEN MASS

You are invited to celebrate Mass with joyful music and teen peers at 5:03 p.m. each Sunday at St. Joseph Cathedral. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.



SCHOOL NEWS

Monday 12/5

- Math Counts in Pleus at 3:15

Tuesday 12/6

- St. Nicholas Bake Sale in Kennedy
- School Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Library

Wednesday 12/7

- Grades 5-8 attend Mass
- Preschool Field Trip to Candy Cane Hut

Thursday 12/8

- Feast of Immaculate Conception
- All School Mass at 8 a.m.
- Fr. Joe Corel, Vocations Director, visits

Friday 12/9

- Grades K-4 attend Mass
- MO Lions Eye Vision Screening for Preschoolers

Saturday 12/10

- Scrip Sales after all Weekend Masses in St. Ann Room

Upcoming Weekend Sale Dates for Scrip

Dec. 3-4, Dec 10-11. Dec 17-18

New Scrip Merchants

El Espolon – located at 915 E. Eastland Plaza and 450 Rock Hill Rd. has joined the scrip program. Their gift certificates will be available in \$25 amounts and they will return 10%.

PetsMart - will be available to order in \$25 amounts and will return 4%.

Lord and Taylor – will be available to order in \$25 amounts and will return 8%.

Holiday Gift Card Wrappers – are available to order. The package consists of 10 wrappers for a cost of \$2.00. They will return 10%.

CHRISTMAS SCRIP CERTIFICATES – Don't forget to place an order for scrip gift certificates that you can give teachers or staff for Christmas gifts. A flyer went home last week Monday about this program. If you didn't receive the information please call the school office at 636-7680.

Immaculate Conception School is expanding the recycling program to help save our earth! We can accept non-alcoholic CLEAR plastic bottles such as empty water, soda, Gatorade, and fruit juice bottles. You may send them with your child to school or leave them in the back of the Sisters' Convent. **Remember** that ONLY clear plastic non-alcoholic bottles are accepted, and they need to be bagged separately from any cans. Depending on the number we receive and scan, our school could receive \$500 - \$50,000 for "Green Improvements at our School".

LAST CALL To Help St. Peter Interparish School Win up to \$50,000. Vote by email and text daily.

Voting is now open and St. Peter Interparish School needs your help to win up to \$50,000 in The Clorox Company's *Power A Bright Future* grant program! Vote once a day both ways now through December 9.

1) Vote online at <http://www.powerabrightfuture.com/gallery/detail/?nid=835> or stpterc.org (Click on fundraising, scroll to Power A Bright Future Grant. At the top there will be 2 tabs "Register" and "Log In". "Register" the first time after that you "Log In". Find St. Peters, click vote then confirm the vote.)

**"I.C." THE WORD
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 5, 2011**

Theme: Patience

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 (*promise of salvations*)

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14 (*Christ will come in judgment*)

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8 (*John the Baptist*)

The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish but all to come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)

Adult Question: With who could you be more patient this week, as God has been patient with you?

Child Question: Whom can you be more patient with?

PRESENTS vs. PRESENCE

The two words 'presents' and 'presence' sound the same but they are very different. Which would you prefer: That your best friend come to visit? Or, that your best friend send you a gift? Why? Which do you think Jesus prefers from us? How can we give him our 'presence'? Which do you think your family and friends would prefer? How might this idea change what we "give" others for Christmas? Who do we know who might find Christmas difficult this year? How might our "presence" help?

It is difficult to imagine God's presence in the normal confusion of home life. This is precisely the message of today's gospel: "God came to John in the wilderness." Even in our busy and hectic home life we are called to "prepare the way of the Lord." Your family life can be a "voice crying out in the wilderness," an example to other families of God's presence in a broken world.



OPEN ADORATION HOURS

Day time hours:

Friday 6 - 7 p.m.

Early morning hours:

Monday 1 - 2 a.m.; Monday – Fridays 2 - 3 a.m.,

Monday – Thursday 3 - 4 a.m.

Contact Deacon Mark Aulbur at
aulbur@embarqmail.com or 635-9629.

**Advent has arrived. What are YOU waiting for ?
(Note that the adoration chapel will be closed
December 25-26 and January 1.)**

INFORMATION FOR THOSE PLANNING MARRIAGE

Engaged Encounter and Pre-Cana:

Engaged Encounter: Contact Pat Reinkemeyer at the Diocesan Family Life Office, (573) 635-9127, or check the diocesan website at www.diojefcity.org and click on ministries, Family Life, Marriage Prep., Engaged Encounter. The cost for the weekend is \$100 per couple. 2012 dates are Jan. 6-8, March 2-4, May 4-6, August 3-5, Nov. 2-4.

Pre-Cana: (573) 763-5717 or damehmert@gmail.com.

NEEDED: WINTER COATS AND BLANKETS

Most of our refugees come from very warm or tropical climates; they are not prepared for winter in Mid-Missouri! If possible, please bring in last season's winter coats to donate to refugees, along with gloves, stocking caps, winter boots and especially blankets! Feel free to drop off at either of our offices: 1130 E. Elm Street in Jefferson City (in the basement of Missouri Catholic Conference).

BAPTISM CLASS

Baptism classes can be taken in any order but you do need to make reservations by calling the rectory at 635-6143 or e-mailing icchurch3@mchsi.com. The classes are held in the Immaculata and Holy Name Rooms at 7:00 p.m. and will last no longer than one hour. Session #1 (The Sacrament of Baptism) is on the **2nd Tuesday (January 10)** of the odd numbered months. Session #2 (Creating a Catholic Environment in Your Home) is on the **2nd Tuesday (December 13)** of the even months. The classes can be taken in any order. For more information, contact Deacon Mark Aulbur at aulbur@embarqmail.com or 635-9629.

CHRISTMAS SEASON

CHURCH FLOWERS AND DECORATION

Donations are being accepted to help offset the cost of Christmas poinsettias and decorations. A 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.



THE LINDA WEGMAN GIVING TREE

Continuing the caring tradition of our Parish, the Giving Tree is in church. Please take an ornament from the tree so you can help bring the spirit of Christmas to those less fortunate. What a wonderful way to honor the Infant Jesus.

QUESTION CORNER:

Ever had a question regarding your Catholic faith or wondered why "*we do what we do as Catholics*"? Simply use the bright index cards at the Church exits. Write your question on the card and put it in the collection basket!

ADVENT SOUP SUPPER

Mark your calendars for the annual Advent Soup Supper on **Thursday, December 8**. The supper will be held after the 5:30 p.m. Holy Day Mass for our parish feast day of the Immaculate Conception. Come for food, fellowship and Advent prayer in Pleus Hall!



Programs and Needs for the Samaritan Center

- 1) Christmas adoption is always a massive project and this year we have even more families and seniors than last. Just fill out the adoption form at www.midmosamaritan.org and we can match you to a family.
- 2) For the Christmas season we have the Santa's Workshop program. Toys of \$10 in value for boys and girls ages birth to 13 are needed. Parents who don't qualify for adoption, mainly due to living outside of Cole County, are able to select two toys for each child in their household. Last year over 600 children received Christmas gifts thanks to this program.

In addition to these special programs, there is always a need for food for our pantry as well as financial support to replenish it. Donations of time through volunteering are also of great need. Contact Samaritan Center at 573-634-7776 or email us at Samaritan@midmosamaritan.org. We are so grateful for all your support.

LITURGY

COMMUNION MINISTERS

Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. Millie Aulbur, Grace Blank, James Farris, Suzanne Farris, Nicole Hood, Scott Kreutz, Thomas Pitera, Donna Purvis

7:00 p.m. Karen Cook, Mike Hittner, Gloria Reinsch, Paul Reinsch, Leigh Ann Wieberg

Sunday, December 11

7:00 a.m. Joe Forck, Jo Forck, Ron Forck, Dolores Scheuler

8:30 a.m. Greg Bemboom, Jill Kliethermes, Cindy Meldrem, Michael Schnieders, Heather Schrimpf, Roger Schwartze, Diane Wildhaber

10:00 a.m. Michele Caywood, Everett Markway, Marla Markway, Bob Reuter, MaryAnn Reuter, Jeffrey Stockman, Sherry Taggart, Chris Taggart

11:30 a.m. Sandy Brandt, Mel Bruemmer, Becky Bruemmer, Kristin Davis, Leann Rockwell, Jill Struempfh, Amy Wolters

LECTORS

Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. Jennifer Bish, Jone Piontek

7:00 p.m. Carla Schnieders, Felix Wulff

Sunday, December 11

7:00 a.m. Bob Czarnecki

8:30 a.m. Tom Sadowski, Kenny Wildhaber

10:00 a.m. Laura Huntley, Karmen Stockman

11:30 a.m. Joe DeLong, Vickie Lueckenotte

SERVERS

Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. Ryan Kleffner, Aaron Schepers, Corey Schepers

7:00 p.m. Isabel Grawe, Macey Rackers, Kyle Renick

Sunday, December 11

7:00 a.m. Victoria Forck, Kyle Schmitz

8:30 a.m. Kylie Eichholz, Alex Schrimpf, Jack Schrimpf

10:00 a.m. Clarissa Fennessey, Taryn Fennessey, Emilie Folz

11:30 a.m. Jay Forbis, Mary Macy, Kayla Wolters

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. Doug Hood, Marijane Juricic, Eugene Juricic, Tommy Juricic, Larry Schetzler

7:00 p.m. Kevin Kolb, Jack Renick, Tom Schnieders, Jocelyn Strand, Brennan Strand

Sunday, December 11

7:00 a.m. Gary Eggen, Dan Vanderfeltz, Steve Frank, Charles Verhoff

8:30 a.m. Neal Bisges, Jerry Kliethermes, William Luebbert, Bonnie Trim, Dan Wieberg

10:00 a.m. Tom Kremer, Angela O'Day, Michael O'Day, Rachele Seibert, Bill Seibert

11:30 a.m. Brian Dowden, Michael Hudson, Mike Struempfh, Barret Wolters

OLDER ADULTS CALENDAR

Breakfast after 8:30 a.m. Mass on

Sunday, December 11

MUSIC

Saturday, December 10

5:00 p.m. Kevin & Jackie Kampeter

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

Sunday, December 11

7:00 a.m. Laura Forbis

8:30 a.m. Laura & Greta Roark, Courtney Kolb

10:00 a.m. Jim Kemna, Mike Hoey, Julie Mueller & Mark Hicks

11:30 a.m. Children's Choir

Birthright, 635-8822

For help with post-abortion counseling: Project Rachel, 635-9127, x231.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

The monthly gathering of D of I is December 5, noon, at K.C., Tanner Bridge, with appetizers from 1978 D of I cookbook, following the theme "Taste of Seasons". Games will follow meeting. Gifts for Birthright are requested.

Thank-you so much to everyone who participated and helped with our Annual Soup and Pie Luncheon.

The winners of the Soup and Pie luncheon raffle are:

Log Cabin Quilt..... Judith Mankin

Cookie Jar and Cookies....Alice Wekenberg

Christmas Gift Basket....Nick Goeke

Date Night Basket.....Esther Dalton

Mary Kay Basket... Ed Schulte

\$50.00 Gift Card to Calenas....Lisa Hurst

Christmas Swag....Betty Bernskoetter

\$40.00 Oscars Gift Card....Janet Valentine

Metal Wall Clock.....Bernice Stratman

\$30.00 Applebees Gift Card....Bonnie Schmidt

Schaefer House Cooking Gift Package.. Virginia McDowell

Dinner and Movie Gift Cards.... Irma Schmitz

Christmas Wrapping Gift Basket.... Marie Bacon

'Bless Our Home' Windchime....Joann Feltrop

\$20.00 Bath & Body Gift Card... Christy Klenlen

\$30.00 Oscars Gift Card... Lisa Feltrop

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

December 4 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOLY NAME PANCAKE BREAKFAST. SERVING 7 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

December 4 - Freeburg, Holy Family Fall Festival. Serving chicken and sausage 11:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

December 4 - Hermann, St. George Christmas Bazaar and Turkey/Fried Chicken Dinner. Open 11 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Children's Concert at 4 p.m.

December 10 - Russellville, St. Michael's Christmas Craft and Bake Sale. Serving chili, hot dogs, cinnamon rolls and drinks following the 10 a.m. Russellville Christmas Parade.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

Capital City Christian Church, 1512 Swifts Hwy., is again presenting Journey to Bethlehem on **December 9-10, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.** This is a free outdoor walking tour so dress for the weather. Parking and shuttle service at Capital Region SW Campus, 1432 SW Blvd.