

Immaculate Conception Parish

God's People sharing God's Word in Jefferson County since 1840

PARISH OFFICE

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HOLY CHILD SCHOOL

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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:30-7:45 pm

Mary Winkelmann, Coordinator 636-321-0002, ext. 23

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

Open to children ages 2 through the 1st grade.

Sundays, during 8:30 & 10:00 AM Masses

Theresa Harms, Director 636-282-7539

YOUTH MINISTER, Paul Halfmann 636-464-6300

LIFETEEN Sunday evening 6:00 pm, St. Joseph Church

PARISH COUNCIL (Second Wednesday, 7:00 PM)

Gary Roettger, president; Mike Moonier, vice-president; Duke Redd, secretary; Sue Douglas, Chris Hoelker, Mark Howell, Jim Kargus, Loretta Kladiva, Don Morris, Brian Ott, and Walter Thurmond.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (Third Thursday, 7:00 PM)

Pat Anvender, President

Concession Stand / Field Information: 636-321-0002, Option 5, Selection 1

MEN'S CLUB (First Wednesday, 7:30 PM)

Jim Hentz, President, 636-296-8835

OUR LADY'S SODALITY (First Tuesday, 7:00 PM)

Sue Douglas, President, 636-282-2451

QUILTERS

Monday & Thursday, 5 - 9 PM; Wednesday, 8 AM - 3 PM
636-321-0002, ext. 34

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 636-321-0002, Option 6

TENDER LOVING CARE

Meals for sick or recovering, Dot Cowin 296-5826

Rides to church or doctors, Thelma 296-3800

NORTH JEFFERSON COUNTY CREDIT UNION

Wednesday, 5:30 - 8:00 PM; Saturday, 9:00 - 11:00 AM
636-321-0002, Option 7; Fax 636-282-4357

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

THE LORD'S DAY

5:00 PM Saturday

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 AM Sunday

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday, 6:30 and 8:00 AM

Saturday, 8:00 AM

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Church open daily for prayer 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM,

Sundays 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Friday of each month, from 8:30 AM until 7:30 AM Saturday, concluding with Morning Prayer & Benediction.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 PM, or by appointment.

MORNING PRAYER (Liturgy of the Hours)

Monday—Friday, 7 AM

DEVOTIONS TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Tuesday, just before the 8:00 AM Mass

ROSARY Sunday, 6:30 and 8:00 AM

BIBLE STUDY

Monday, 6:00 AM, Parish Center, (All Year)

Monday & Wednesday 6:30 to 7:30 PM, Parish Center (September to April)

PRAYER GROUPS

Rosary Prayer Group - Every Tuesday, 7:30 PM, Church

Charismatic Prayer Group - Every Monday - 7:30 PM, Parish Center

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

First and third Sundays of the month, by appointment. Attendance at two preparation classes is required. Classes are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Parish Center. Parents should be registered in the parish. Godparents must be at least 16 years old and baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholics.

BAPTISM / CONFIRMATION OF ADULTS

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, or are a Catholic adult who has not been confirmed, please contact the Rectory for further information.

MARRIAGE

To allow sufficient time for marriage preparation, at least six months' advance notice is required. Contact the Parish Office for Wedding Guidelines or other information.

HOLY ORDERS and CONSECRATED (RELIGIOUS) LIFE

Have you considered serving God's people as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? For more information, call the Rectory or the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 314-792-6460.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: ANOINTING and HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacrament of Anointing is for anyone seriously ill or anticipating surgery. It is available after any Sunday Mass or by appointment with one of the priests. Holy Communion will be brought on Sundays to anyone who is unable to come to Church; call the Rectory Office (ext. 10) or Deacon Joe Streckfuss (ext. 57).

From the Pastor

The Sunday after Christmas is always celebrated as the feast of the Holy Family. The “holiday season” is very often a “family season” with many opportunities for families and others to gather together.

If we look at our own families and compare them to the image of the Holy Family, perhaps we see a lot of differences. We often think of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as serene, calm, perfectly patient, and so on.

For me, the real purpose of this feast is to emphasize the *incarnation of God*, that God came to be exactly like us. Today’s gospel shows us a family much like our own. If we read between the lines we can see the same concerns and issues. The parents go to the Temple, to fulfill the customary religious obligations, and the twelve-year-old has a mind of his own. There is anxiety and concern in the mind of Joseph and Mary, but their about-to-be teenager can’t understand why they are worried; after all *he* knew where he was the whole time! The gospel doesn’t record all the words that might have passed among them, perhaps out of respect; or there might have been a tense silence for a long time. The story ends well; Jesus returns home and resumes his proper place in the family, and the parents marvel at what the young man is becoming.

The point is, whatever we experience in life, was also experienced by the Son of God. He has made all of life holy—even those moments that are difficult for us to understand. Everything is in God’s loving care. While we may not appreciate or understand it; we are always in God’s house. We are His children.

May God’s blessing be upon you and your families as we begin the new year 2007.

Peace be with you,
Fr. Paul J. Niemann

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 31 through January 7, 2007

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6,12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21
 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52
 Monday: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Gal 4:4-7
 Lk 2:16-21
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1-3,6 Jn 1:29-34
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1,7-9 Jn 1:35-42
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1-5 Jn 1:43-51
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15,19-20 Mk 1:7-
 11 or LK 3:23-38 or 3:23,31-34,36,38
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13
 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6 Mt 2:1-12

Hospital Visits

Because of Privacy Rules hospitals will not contact the Parish when a patient is admitted unless the patient or immediate family specifically request the notification. So if you want a Parish priest to visit notify the Admissions Office staff when you are being admitted.

Please pray for:

Recently Hospitalized:

Stanley Altepeter	Bill Jansen
Frank Kroupa	Jackie Yahl
Jo Schwartz	



Recently Departed:

Doris Utt (mother of Kevin Utt)
 Michael Bieser (father of Christopher Bieser)
 Father Bill Swetnam (Associate Pastor at IC 1979-1983)
 Doris Ziegler

Deployed to Iraq:

Andy Martin	David Saxman
Matthew Roth	Mathew Saller

Please continue to pray for:

Lucas Malone	Heidi Kladiva	Amber Turner
Del Showers	Lawrence Kempf	Vince Tedeschi
William Topp	Xavier Vaughn	Diane Kapacinskas
Jean Vickers	Patricia Jansen	Ann Gravagna
Ruth Hahn	Linda Lechner	Rocky Rochford
Robert Ruess	Justin Tidwell	Janet Gangloff
Jan Tipton	Martha Wade	Melvin Ott
Edmund Braun	Kathy Carothers	Leroy Owensby
Marie Haller	Norman Haller	Bob Hupfeld
Doris Ziegler	Maggie Love	Joan Guentz
Randy Stange	Irene Wiljeck	Gladys Clarke
Joyce O’Hanlon	Yvonne Prestwood	



CHURCH SCHEDULE



Sunday, December 31, The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

7:00 am In Memory of Loretta Nahlik

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Lectors: Joe and Sadie Wingbermuehle

Euch. Ministers: Carole Betz, Pat Knott and Joyce Ott

Servers: Bob Little, Mimi and Art Siebert

8:30 am In Memory of Richard Guentz

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Lectors: Vince Selders, Chris Terry and Sheila White

Euch. Ministers: Grace Weinrich, Jeanette Kouba, Mary Ann and Ralph Sippel

Servers: Otto Engelskind, Jacob Cancino and Alex Trenary

10:00 am In Memory of Andy Henzler

Celebrant: Father Gary Norman

Lectors: Chris Stinchcomb and Duke Redd

Euch. Ministers: Al Grossius, Tricia Saputo, Pat and Greg Wise

Servers: Lauren Milliano, Natalie DeRousse and Megan Unterreiner

11:30 am In Memory of Doris Utt

Celebrant: Father Gary Norman

Lectors: Gary Roettger and Joe Herman

Euch. Ministers: Karen French, Brian Coleman, Rosemarie and Stanley Leach

Servers: Justine Jordan, Kayla Dundon and Claire Anvender

Monday, January 1, The Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God

9:00 am In Memory of Catherine Ruess

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Servers: Zeke Arriaga, John and Kathleen Wagner

Tuesday, January 2, St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

6:30 am Communion Service

8:00 am In Memory of Billy Wingbermuehle

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Servers: Natalie Butler and Katie Krispin

6:30 pm In Memory of Michael Bussen

Celebrant: Father Rich Heman

Wednesday, January 3, The Most Holy Name of Jesus

6:30 am Communion Service

8:00 am In Memory of Henry Trent

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Servers: Kelly Davis and Kathleen Miller

8:30 am Church Cleaning

Marcella Jurkowski, Marcella Ziegler, Norma Gibbar, Verna Haun and Jodie Mathis

6:30 pm Living and Deceased Members of Wm. Ruess Family

Celebrant: Father Rich Heman

Thursday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 am In Memory of Roy Quinn

Celebrant: Father Rich Heman

**8:00 am In Memory of Ambrose Meyer
Holy Child School Mass (5)**

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Servers: Kayla Drew and Jacob Monti

Friday, January 5, St. John Neumann

6:30 am In Memory of Andy Henzler

Celebrant: Father Rich Heman

8:00 am In Memory of William Ziegler

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Servers: Elizabeth Grieb and Alexandra Ottoline

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration begins after 8:00 am mass.

Saturday, January 6, Bl. Andre Bessette

8:00 am In Memory of James Ziegler

Celebrant: Father Rich Heman

Servers: Courtney Mallett and Michael Patterson

4:00 pm Reconciliation (Father Paul Niemann)

5:00 pm In Memory of Heather Rawie

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Lectors: Eileen Hemann and Mary Lynn Schmidt

Euch. Ministers: Janet Herman, Marti Rutherford, Debbie Schisler

Servers: Jeremy Becker, Josh and Jason Weber

Sunday, January 7, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am In Memory of Jules Lewandowski

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Lectors: Cindy Ziegler and Ron Baechle

Euch. Ministers: Sadie and Joe Wingbermuehle

Servers: Al Unterreiner, Ron and Shirley Betz

8:30 am In Memory of Richard Guentz

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann and Deacon Joe

Streckfuss

Lectors: Sheila White, Matt Mayer and Bob Butler

Euch. Ministers: Jo Ann Walker, Jo Ann Marty, Barb and Mark Weldele

Servers: Kevin Rethmeyer, Daniel and Josh Fick

10:00 am In Memory of Clinton Hentz

Celebrant: Father Gary Norman and Deacon Steve Schisler

Lectors: Chris Penberthy and Scott Eichholz

Euch. Ministers: Tricia Saputo, Jackie Redd, Jodi Hatter and John Harper

Servers: Corey Wildhaber, Lori Kalapinski and Andrew Annand

11:30 am In Memory of Doris Utt

Celebrant: Father Gary Norman and Deacon Brad Buchek

Lectors: Francine Fitzgerald and Mary Comer

Euch. Ministers: Verna Haun, Karen Weber, Bob Eaves, Gerri Black and Sue Dugan

Servers: Nick Weindel, Mary and Dorothy Robinson

12:30 pm Baptisms


Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

PARISH ACTIVITIES WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, December 31 <i>Solemnity of the Holy Family</i></p> <p>10:30 AM RCIA - Room D</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, January 1 <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i> <i>New Year's Day</i></p> <p>7:00 PM AA - Room B</p> <p>7:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group - Room A1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, January 2</p> <p>2:45 PM Girl Scouts - Winston - Room A3</p> <p>6:00 PM PSR Classes - Rooms A3, B AND E</p> <p>7:00 PM Ladies Sodality - Room D</p> <p>7:00 PM Prayer Group - Library</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, January 3</p> <p>8:30 AM Pace Exercise Class - Room A1</p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting - Quilter's Room</p> <p>3:00 PM Daisy Scouts - Gillick - Room A1</p> <p>3:00 PM Special Music Class - Room E</p> <p>7:00 PM Men's Club - Rooms A2 and A3</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, January 4</p> <p>6:00 PM Quilting - Quilter's Room</p> <p>7:00 PM AA - Room B</p> <p>7:00 PM LOTW Community - Library</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, January 5</p> <p>3:00 PM Girl Scouts - Politte - Room A3</p> <p>5:00 PM Parish Council Christmas Party - Room A</p> <p>6:30 PM Wolf Den - Short - Room E</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, January 6</p> <p>9:00 AM MOMS Meeting - Room A3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, January 7</p> <p>6:00 PM LOTW Community - Room B</p> <p>7:00 PM LOTW Community, Room D</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>

Your Gifts to God and Parish	
<p>Our grateful gifts to God December 24:</p> <p>Adult \$11,677.50</p> <p>Youth \$28.50</p> <p>Loose Change \$596.04</p> <p>TOTAL \$12,302.04</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Envelopes: 352 adult, 5 youth</p>	<p>Special Collections:</p> <p>St. Vincent DePaul\$1,779.00</p> <p>Christmas.....\$6,854.96</p> <p>Seminary\$1,412.00</p> <p>Solemnity of Mary\$101.00</p> <p>All Others\$20.00</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue; font-style: italic;"> God gives where He finds open hands. When our hands are full of lots of stuff they can't be open to receive new gifts from God. </p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">St. Augustine</p>

Stewardship

“Beloved, see what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.” (1 John 3:1) During this season of giving, let’s also remember the gifts that God has given to us, including the gift of making us His children. Are we as grateful for that wonderful gift as we are for all the material gifts we have received? How do we show our gratitude to God for the gifts He gives to us all year?



Chances to Practice Stewardship

Time - Review our growing sick list and see if you can help, pray for or call someone and brighten their day

Talent - Give your parish one **extra** hour per week this coming year by volunteering at bingo.

Treasure - Make a pledge to give God a minimum of **one hours worth of pay** every week this coming year.

Pro-Life Committee Message

The annual March for Life in Washington, D.C., will take place on Jan. 22, 2007. People of all faiths will join together in the march that ends in front of the U. S. Supreme Court Bldg. to protest the infamous Roe vs. Wade decision that was handed down from there 34 years ago. This year, when the group from Missouri meets with our elected officials in Washington, they will also be lobbying them to work against cloning/embryonic stem cell research (E.S.C.R.) as well as for an end to abortions. In support of this event, the Knights of Columbus will hold their "Roses for Life Weekend" on Jan. 13 & 14. Artificial roses will be placed in the pews with tags attached to them. Everyone who wants to send a protest against abortion and cloning to your representatives in Washington should sign the tag on the rose and place it in the baskets in back of church. Knights of Columbus from all over the U.S. will take these millions of signed roses with them when they meet with our elected officials. These roses are familiar to the lawmakers, and they recognize the powerful message these roses carry. Many of us are unable to make the trip to Washington, for various reasons, but would like to support this cause and those who are traveling to the march. To this end, an All Night Vigil will be held at churches from 7:30 p.m. on Sat., Jan 20, to 7:30 a.m. on Sun., Jan. 21. More information on this will follow. Closer to home --- our state legislature will return to Jefferson City in January and remain in session into May. Now that Amendment 2 has passed there is heavy political pressure on our representatives to provide funding for all sorts of "life sciences" projects right from the start. It is very important that we communicate with our state representatives and senators, to let them know that we do not want state funds to be used for cloning/E.S.C.R. Because efforts are being made to get this passed early and quickly, please contact your official as soon as possible. Please go to our Pro-Life Committee web site for a notice from the Missouri Catholic Conference on this issue. **The path to our web site is <http://www.icarnold.org/>, Ministries, Service, Pro-Life Website. Go to Action Alerts.**

Ministry of Mother's Sharing

With a new year comes a new beginning--*Ministry of Mothers Sharing is an opportunity for women of all ages - Join us for spiritual upliftment and personal growth while gathering with other mothers to form a network of mutual support in a chaotic society.*



Develop new friendships and strengthen your personal spirituality with other women in the community. Beginning Wednesday January 31, to Wednesday March 21 from 7-9:00 pm. For more information or to register call Gina 636.282.1385

ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT!

Sponsored by OUR LADY'S SODALITY
SATURDAY JANUARY 20TH

Doors open at 6:00 P.M.

Questions begin at 7:00 P.M.

Snacks and Soda provided, Beer and Wine available

8 people per table - \$10 per person

Great attendance prizes and raffle items.

To make reservations call 296-2157



Light of the World Retreat



If you were unable to attend our September retreat our next retreat will be held

February 16 to 19, 2007

Insure your place by registering now. Complete the form below and return it to the Rectory or simply drop it in the Sunday collection. For more information, call 636-321-0002, 1, or sign up online at www.icarnold.org/lotwretreat.htm

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (Day) _____

Phone (evening) _____

Email _____

Single Married Widowed Divorced
(Please Circle one)

Age:
16-25 26-30 31-40 41-50
51-60 61-70 71+ (Please Circle one)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

This coming Friday, **January 5**, is the First Friday of the month. Our parish honors Jesus and His great love for us **every First Friday** with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for 24 hours.

This time of adoration is open to everyone, and all parishioners are invited to stop in and pray, even for five minutes. Our regular adorers are committed to praying for an hour, but anyone is welcome to join them. Why not begin to make a special time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament a part of your life? If you are interested in filling a permanent hour each month, please contact Nick



Adult Bible Study-Revelation

Does the Book of Revelation have anything to say to us today? Or is it simply a Book from the past about the future? Join the 2007 I.C. Adult Bible Study and learn how this often miss understood Book offers a message of hope and joy. Classes will be held in the Parish Center and will begin Monday, January 8th with a morning class at 6 a.m. and an evening one at 6:30 p.m. Classes will also begin Wednesday, January 10th at 1 p.m. and also that evening at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Deacon Brad Buchek at 321-0002 Extension 56.



Parish Nurse Ministry

Happy New Year!

May you all have a blessed and healthy 2007.

May God bless all of you.

Linda Kuhlmeier, RN, BSN
Email: parishnurse@icarnold.org



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2007 MEN'S RETREAT,

Corrected date of January 19-21

Start the New Year Right! Come join the other men of your parish for a quiet and relaxing time of spiritual renewal. The setting is perfect-King's Retreat House, in Belleville, Illinois nestled among 45 beautiful wooded acres. The Weekend begins Friday evening, January 19th with dinner at 6 pm and concludes Sunday, January 21th with a noon lunch. Late arrivals are welcome. In between, time is set aside for inspirational talks, quiet reflection and good conversation. The suggestion donation based on average cost is \$140. Pay what you are able either anonymously on the weekend or later on an installment basis. ALL who desire to come are invited. No one should miss a retreat due to lack of finances, as others always help provide a "scholarship" fund.

FREE TRANSPORTATION: This is available to all attending the retreat! Just let us know on the registration form below that you wish to participate in the free car-pool service. The car-pools will depart from and return to IC's parking lot.

RESERVATIONS: Reservations are required, as space is limited. You may register by phone or by placing this completed form in Sunday's collection or dropping it off at the Rectory. To register by phone or for more information, call Brad Buchek at 321-0002, 1, Ext 56 or Pat Robinson at 464-2821.

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2007 MEN'S RETREAT REGISTRATION:

Name

Address

Telephone

E-Mail

Special Needs (Diet, first floor, etc.)

TRANSPORTATION: (Please check **one** of the boxes below.)

I would like to participate in the free car-pool service to and from King's House and IC's parking lot. Please contact me at the above phone number.

I plan on providing my own transportation.

Scrip News

We now have more vendors available for immediate delivery. Applebee's, Cracker Barrel, Red Lobster, Olive Garden, Bahama Breeze, Smokey Bones and Walgreens. Comp USA no longer participates in the program and we no longer have Schnucks scrips. To place an order, please call 636-633-6140.

Healing Service

Monday, January 8, 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 7622 Sutherland, St. Louis, 63119. Prayer teams will be available after Mass. For more info: Sr. Charlotte 314-427-7786



NEW!!!

Beginning January 9, the Healing and Deliverance Office is offering regular Prayer Team Hours for "walk-ins". Just come to the Catholic Charismatic Center, 10909 St. Henry Lane, St. Ann, MO between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Tuesday or Friday, except holidays and holy days. No appointments are needed at these times. All other hours are by appointment. Call 427-7786.

World Peace

Our Lady asked for daily rosary and First Saturday Devotions at Fatima. Mass, Confession and a taped program with meditation on the rosary will be held at Assumption Church, Herculaneum on Saturday, January 6, at 8:30 am.



May the blessings of this Holy Season be with you always.

Meet and Greet for Aging and Disabled

The Aging and Disabilities Commission of Arnold will be holding a Meet and Greet event on Thursday January 4th from 9:00-10:30 a.m., at the Arnold Recreation Center. This event is open to agencies and individuals / families alike. There are many services available for the aging and disabled communities that most people aren't aware of. This event will feature short synopses of services from providers that are available to the elderly and disabled as well as the opportunity to meet with them personally. The event will also provide an opportunity for agencies to link with each other. Agencies desiring to take part in this event are asked to call Bill Knittig (636) 282-4444 to reserve a slot. Light refreshments will be available.

K of C Free Throw Contest

The K of C Council 6018 is sponsoring a basketball free throw contest on Wednesday, January 10th, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at St. David's. This is for all boys and girls from the ages of 10 to 14. For more info you can call Dennis Province at 464-4588.

1st ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE RACES

Holy Child School is sponsoring its first Night at the Races on Friday, January 19th, at Andre's on Telegraph Rd. Cost is \$20.00 per person which includes full dinner buffet and 4 hours open bar (Tables of ten people) Please contact Melissa Beyer for tickets @ (314) 845-3827.



Fifth Sunday Collection for St. Vincent De Paul

Your loose change (the softer the better) is needed to aid the poor and the needy in our area. These needs include: utilities, medicine, rent, etc. Please be generous **TODAY**, the 5th Sunday of December. All loose change collected will be given to St. Vincent De Paul. Thank you for your continuing, generous, and kind support.



Youth News



Fall Semester Theme: The Top Ten

There are many top ten lists, many humorous, some political, others just silly. God has a top ten list, the Ten Commandments. This semester we will break open the Ten Commandments and discover how each applies to our lives, and God's plan for our happiness.

- Dec. 31 Fr. Brennell
No Life Night
- Jan. 7 Fr. Heman
Life Night-True
- Jan. 14 Fr. Sigmund
Life Night- Fourth Anniversary Celebration
- Jan. 21 Fr. Rath
No Life Night-Life Matters Trip
- Jan. 28 Fr. Meier
Life Night-Parental Advisory

Life Teen Believes Life Matters

Teens Stand up for Life, Stand for those who can't. Join ten thousand teens, and over one hundred thousand Pro-Lifers to march for life. **All teens from 8th grade on up** are invited to participate in this trip which is specifically designed for teens. We will meet with 500-600 other teens at our Washington DC hotel for great sessions to prepare for the march. The trip is Jan. 19-23, 2007, the cost is \$215 due by Dec. 31. Included in trip: transportation, hotel, programming in DC, and a few other surprises.



Life Teen Celebrates it's 4th Anniversary

January 14 marks the four year anniversary of the Jeffco Life Teen program. Please come as we celebrate how God has blessed the teens of our parishes and renewed the faith of so many. Former St. Joseph pastor, Fr. Sigmund, is returning to preside at the 6:00 pm Anniversary Mass.

For information about all Life Teen activities call Paul at 464-6300 or email jclifeteen@earthlink.net Or visit our website www.Jeffcolifeteen.org



We Have Good News To Share



From all the faculty and staff at Holy Child School!

Mrs. Joann O. Coyle, Principal
636 321-0002 Ext. 21



Holy Family Sunday

Teach Your Children Well

It may seem odd that Jesus answers his mother as he does in today's gospel. Instead of apologizing for making them search for him, he tells his parents that he was supposed to be in his Father's house, the temple. To understand this, it helps if we look at some other scriptures.



In the first reading, we see how Hannah dedicated her son Samuel to the Lord in thanks for having a son. She takes it so seriously, she actually leaves him in the temple while he was still a baby. And Mary presented Jesus in the Temple in a similar way.

So Jesus is reminding them that his mission is to do God's work of proclaiming the kingdom. And as we know, Mary let him do just that, even though it cost him his life.

Modern parents have a similar challenge: To let their children grow up and leave, so they can answer God's call. The child may be called to the missions and rarely ever come home. Or they may choose to serve in the military to protect the country. Some parents find it difficult to let their children go off and get married, even if they will live nearby. But like Jesus, our children are given to us to train them and encourage them for the service of God. The question is, do you trust God enough to give your children to him and let them choose how they will use their talents to serve him? May God give us the courage of Hannah and Mary to put our children in God's hands. (Written by a Kenrick-Glennon seminarian)



The Meaning of Christmas

My Life As It Is: Who's Really in Charge?

Does life sometimes feel *beyond control* and *overwhelming*? With other women explore your rich inner resources and potential for skill development for effective and self-empowering choices. Feel more peaceful and in charge of your life. *This workshop will be held Saturday, January 20, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon at Woman's Place, 7372 Marietta Avenue, Maplewood. Pre-Registration is required and opens December 20. Childcare:* please let us know at time of registration if childcare is needed. Call soon to register, 314.645.4848. Space is limited.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Aquinas Institute of Theology invites you to the next presentation in its series of Theology on Tap. The event begins at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Tap Room at Locust and 21st streets. The presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. and is designed to provide a casual gathering place for Catholics to sip beer, hear brief presentations and ask questions. On January 8th St. Jean deBlois, CSJ will present "A Graceful Goodbye." As medicine moves forward, Catholics often face questions about whether technologies are prolonging life or interrupting dying. How do we protect the sanctity of life but honor the dignity of dying? Find out more at www.ai.edu, or call Dodie at 314.256.8857.

The Light Weigh is coming!

Featured in the *St. Louis Review*, The Light Weigh program has freed thousands from chronic dieting. The program helps people get healthy without counting points, carbs, or calories. A Light Weigh orientation will be held at St. John's Saturday, January 6th at 10:00 am in the Library. Come and find out about The Light Weigh Bible study and video series, and how this program has been a blessing to others. Contact Mariann by phone at (636) 942-4983 or e-mail at stjlw@hughes.net for more information. R.S.V.P. is not required, but would be appreciated for planning purposes.

Singles Dance

Jefferson County Separated, Divorced and Widowed Catholics are sponsoring a Catholic Singles Dance, 7:30 p.m. to midnight at Concord Farmers Club, 10140 Concord School Road. Must be 21. Admission of \$10.00 includes DJ (Juke Box Productions), beer, wine, soda and snacks. Call Carol for info 636-282-3014

Social Justice Speaker Series

The Southeast County Deanery hosts a series on the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching, at St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic Church, 4900 Ringer Road. The next presentation, Wednesday, January 17, at 7:30 p.m., is "The Option for the Poor and Vulnerable," with Mr. Thomas Mulhearn, president of Catholic Charities of St. Louis. Additional series dates are March 21, April 18, and May 16. For more information, contact Walt Gemmer at (314) 792-7645, or via e-mail at wgemmer@archstl.org.

IC Athletic Association

Baseball and Softball Registration



Sunday	January 21	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Room A3
Tuesday	January 23	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Room A1
Sunday	January 28	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	Room A3
Wednesday	January 31	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Room A3

For information on Baseball call David Weinrich at 314-413-7766
 For information on Softball Call Greg Iesenman 282-8504.