

Immaculate Conception Parish

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

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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

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

Mary Winkelmann, Coordinator 636-321-0002, ext. 1,23

CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM

Open to children ages 2 through the 1st grade.

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

Theresa Harms, 282-7539, Rachel Dacus, 467-7165

YOUTH MINISTER, Paul Halfmann 636-464-6300

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

PARISH COUNCIL (Second Wednesday, 7:00 PM)

Brian Ott (President), John Toeppen (Vice President), Larry Long (Secretary), Kathleen Connoley, Kim Darnell, Eric Lang, Jim Mallette, Nancy Miller, Ben Ott, Steve Robert, Gary Roettger, John Smith.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION (Third Thursday, 7:00 PM)

Matt Chrum, President

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

Jim Hentz, President, 636-296-8835

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

Debby Beck, President, 636-282-3046

QUILTERS Monday & Thursday, 6 - 8:30 PM; Wednesday, 9 AM - 2:30 PM. 636-321-0002, ext. 1,34

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 636-321-0002, ext. 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, ext. 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

4:00 PM, Spanish Mass (First and third Sundays)

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 Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass and 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

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

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN

First and third Sundays of the month, by appointment. Parents are required to attend one preparation meeting, on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 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. 1,10).

From the Pastor

Seems I finally got used to writing “2008” on checks and letters, and another New Year is around the corner. While some would say that time (in the form of clocks and calendars) is merely artificial, I prefer to remember that, in the Bible, God reveals Himself in history. God is part of our lives, our stories, our experiences. Time is like a sacrament: a part of everyday human life that brings the grace of God to us.

So whether we turn the page on a calendar, reset our clocks, check our schedules, or notice the phase of the moon, every moment of time is also a moment of eternity. God says to us, *I am with you. I am here.*

A few verses from the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, reflecting on time and human life:

All that God does is apt for its time; but though he has permitted man to consider time in its wholeness, man cannot comprehend the work of God from beginning to end. I know there is no happiness for man except in pleasure and enjoyment while he lives. And when man eats and drinks and finds happiness in his work, this is a gift from God. [Eccl 3:11-13]

May God grant to each and everyone of us a new year of many blessings, especially that we may enjoy the love of our families, friends, and those of the household of faith, and be ever aware of God’s goodness to us.

Peace be with you,
Fr. Paul J. Niemann



Your Gifts to God and Parish

Our grateful gifts to God December 21:

Adult Contributions to Parish\$13,784.54
 Youth Contributions\$3.00
 Envelopes: 365 adult, 2 youth

Special Collections:

St. Vincent DePaul \$437.75
 Holy Child \$135.00
 Pro Papa..... \$20.00
 Pledge Acct..... \$2,233.00
 Christmas \$548.00
 Seminary \$215.00
 All Others \$110.00

What Is Stewardship?

New Year Resolutions for Stewards

- ☆ *I resolve* to trust God more, believing that in His wisdom and abundance He will give me all that I need.
- ☆ *I resolve* to spend more time with God, giving a few more minutes of each day to prayer, worship and spiritual reading.
- ☆ *I resolve* to find more ways to share my unique skills and talents so that my special strengths will make a difference in this world.
- ☆ *I resolve* to give a generous share of my treasure to God’s work here on earth, making this the first check that I write each week or each month.



TIME ⌚

TALENT 🖐️

TREASURE 💰

Nite at the Races

Holy Child Home and School is sponsoring a Nite at the Races Friday, January 23rd from 7-11pm at Andre's Banquet Facilities in South County. Full Dinner and Open Bar provided. All proceeds go to Holy Child School. Reserve your seat now! \$20/seat until Dec 31st. \$25/seat after. Contact Diane Bowe 636.282.8013 or Edie Ottoline 636.282.9858



Family Dance Benefit for Life Teen

Saturday January 10 Life Teen will host a dance for the whole family at Immaculate Conception's Parish Center from 7:30pm-10:30pm. There will be activities for the young ones and fun and music for people of all ages. This is a fund-raiser to create a scholarship fund for Life Teen. \$6 a person or \$20 for a family. Soda and snacks provided.

Fish Fry

Knights of Columbus, Council 6018, will have a fish fry Friday, January 9 from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm at the KC Hall located at 1623 Jeffco Blvd. Fish dinners include one of either Cod Fish, Cat Fish, or Shrimp plus two sides (spaghetti, green beans, potatoes, or cole slaw), dessert, and drink (iced tea, lemonade or coffee). Fish sandwiches, hamburgers, and hot dogs are also available.

Christmas Raffle Winners

Our Lady's Sodality would like to congratulate the winners of the 2008 Christmas Raffle

- 🎁 Barb Schaumburg - Christmas Basket
- 🎁 Wendy Mickley - Cozy Fleece Throw
- 🎁 Julie Engel - Cookie Jar
- 🎁 MiMi Siebert - Ceramic Church

Thanks to all who supported the raffle!

Eucharistic Adoration

This coming Friday, **January 2**, 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 Konacki @ 282-3445.

The Holy Family Heavenly Peace?

The readings for this Sunday seem to center on Faith. The first reading shows us Abraham's faith that God would give him a son. The second reading reminds us that Abraham continued to believe, even when it looked like God was taking this son away. And the gospel shows Joseph and Mary as people of faith as they follow the laws of the Lord. To see how we can apply this to our lives, let us look at the results of their faith.

Abraham could have turned away from God when it seemed too late to ever have an heir. But in his faith, he was open with God about his desire for a son and his doubts about the possibility. That openness allowed him to hear the Lord's promise that a son would be born and a great nation would descend from him. Even when he thought God wanted him to sacrifice that son, he continued to believe. If he had turned away from God at that point, he may never have heard the angel telling him to let his son go. (Gen. 22:10-12) If Joseph and Mary had not brought Jesus to the temple in their faith, they wouldn't have heard Simeon's prophecy and Anna would never have spread the news to all those waiting for a redeemer. (Lk. 2:34-38)

Think of all that happened in your life because of faith. Faith helps you feel God's love in a kiss from your spouse. With faith, you can see God's creative power in the birth of your child. It helps you feel God's mercy when you are forgiven by a friend. With faith, you can turn to God when things seem hopeless. It helped Joseph to accept Mary's pregnancy as part of God's plan. In faith, he led the Holy Family to safety in Egypt, when Herod slaughtered the children in Bethlehem. (Mt 2:13-13) When Jesus was lost in the temple, his parents' faith helped them to accept that he was doing the work of his heavenly Father. (Lk 2:41-50) Life for the Holy Family was not just a joyful sleep in heavenly peace. Their faith helped them through those times and helped them accept things they didn't fully understand. Let their faith be a model for all families who need to know that God is with them, in their joys and struggles.



Pro-Life Committee Message

“ -- I bring you tidings of great joy.” The wonderful announcement of the birth of Jesus was an occasion of great happiness and celebration for different reasons for many people -- just as it is today. The words, “Savior” and “King” had different meanings for different people which caused them to have different expectations for this newborn infant. In those days, young girls who, like Mary, were unmarried and became pregnant were condemned and ostracized. Mary could have rejected the Word of God, but her faith and trust in God’s plan gave her the strength and courage to carry out the Will of God. So also Joseph, was busily carrying out his own plans for his life. But he *listened to God’s plan* and accepted a huge unfamiliar challenge. He took Mary as his wife and provided her and Jesus with complete and selfless support. If there was ever any questions or doubts that entered the thoughts of Mary or Joseph, there’s no evidence of it. For those who were anticipating the arrival of a king that would fulfill their hopes and expectations for materialistic and self-centered benefits of this world, the austere conditions surrounding the arrival of Jesus was inauspicious and unacceptable. This was not the “Savior” they had expected or wanted. They had heard the promise of God’s Word and refused to accept it. Nor, did King Herod understand. He feared the prospect of another “king” being born and ordered the massacre of all males under the age of one year. Today, in this nation many people -- parents, grandparents, families and friends enjoy the good tidings: “You’re going to have a baby!”: and later, “It’s a boy!” or “It’s a girl!” -- or both! And though babies bring new challenges and changes to lives, they provide much joy in new and different ways along with hope and expectations for the future. Unfortunately, many young women are unexpectedly learning that they are pregnant when they are living in terrible circumstances. Rather than receiving important support from loved ones, they are encouraged and even threatened to destroy their babies. Many, including Catholics, justify the support of such abortions and for abortion proponents as better solutions for the babies, their mothers and society than their being born in impoverished conditions. We hear the Word of God but refuse to listen or to follow it. Jesus was God’s greatest gift to mankind, our Savior. Every baby is created by God in His image and likeness. And like Mary, who realized the great potential possessed by her infant, every mother instinctively knows that her baby is endowed with his own unique potential. We cannot, like Herod, judge who deserves to live or die. Jesus taught by example His entire life as well as by His words. In Jan., please sign the “**Roses for Life**” and consider participating in the **March for Life** in Wash, D.C. on 1/22/09. For info on sponsorships to the **March**: John Harper -- 296-8766. We wish you the Peace, Joy and Love of Jesus.

Pregnant? Need help? Contact: Birthright of Hillsboro, 636-789-3518, 1-800-300-3518 or Birthright National 1-800-550-4900 www.birthright.com

Need healing from abortion? Contact: Project Rachel, 314-792-7565 www.stlprojectrachel.org

All contacts at Project Rachel and Birthright are free and confidential.

Light of the World Retreat



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

February 20 to 23, 2009

If you know already that you can attend the February retreat you can sign up on the Parish Website: Don’t wait another retreat join our LOTW Family today!

www.icarnold.org/lotwretreat.htm

Mark Your Calendars for 2009

Date	Event
17-Jan	Lady's Sodality Trivia Night
14-Feb	Men's Club Sweetheart Dance
20-Feb	LOTW Retreat
1-Mar	Annual Credit Union Meeting
19-Mar	Honduras Mission Fundraiser Dinner
28-Mar	Lady's Sodality Book Sale
18-Apr	Holy Child Junior Trivia
24-Apr	Luke 18 Retreat
24-Apr	Holy Child Bunco
30-Apr	Holy Child Spring Concert
9-May	Annual Men's Club Golf Tournament
18-Jul	Parish Picnic
19-Sep	Festival of Ministries
3-Oct	Quilt Social
9-Oct	LOTW Retreat
17-Oct	Annual Dinner Auction

*“For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”
Luke 2:30-32*

Parish Nurse

*Happy New Year!
Keep your health in
mind as you plan your New
Year Resolutions.*



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

Stressed Out from the Holidays?

You may want prayer ministry. Anyone suffering from stress, pain, anxiety, fear, unforgiveness, grief, anger, sadness or any kind of physical, mental, or spiritual need, you are welcome to come to "WALK IN PRAYER MINISTRY" with trained prayer ministers at the Catholic Renewal Center, every Tuesday and Friday, 10am to 2:00 pm. The Center is at 10909 St. Henry Lane, St. Ann, MO. Other times and places are available by special appointment; please call Sr. Charlotte Struckhoff at 314-427-7786

Mass for Vocations

Bishop Robert J. Hermann presides at a Mass for Vocations to close National Vocation Awareness Week, Sunday, January 18, 2009, 10 a.m., at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, 4431 Lindell Boulevard in St. Louis. The Mass for Vocations is an opportunity for the faithful of the Archdiocese of St. Louis to gather in support of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and to commit to praying for vocations on a regular basis. The young people of the archdiocese are especially encouraged to attend..

Respect Life Holy Hour

Young Friends for Life and the pro-life committees of the Southwest Deanery sponsor a Respect Life Holy Hour to commemorate the 36th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Join in prayer for the protection of human life from conception to natural death, Thursday, January 22, 7 p.m., at Saint Mary Magdalen Parish, 2618 Brentwood Boulevard in Brentwood. For more information contact Maureen Kane at 314.792.7559 or mkane@archstl.org.

*Life ...
It's precious in all its stages.*

Jubilee year to the Apostle Paul

In our parish as part of the year wide celebration of the Jubilee year to the Apostle Paul from June 28th 2008 to June 29th 2009 to mark the 2000th anniversary of his birth we are encouraged to pray daily the following prayer:

Prayer for Evangelization

Loving God You called us each by name and gave your only Son to redeem us. In your faithfulness, you sent the Holy Spirit to complete the mission of Jesus among us. Open our hearts to Jesus. Give us the courage to speak His name to those who are close to us and the generosity to share His love with those who are far away. We pray that every person throughout the world be invited to know and love Jesus as Savior and Redeemer. May they come to know his all-surpassing love. May that love transform every element of our society. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen.

Mary Mother of the Church ...Pray for us.

St. Paul the Apostle, ...pray for us.



Retrouvaille

Find help for your troubled marriage through the next Retrouvaille Program that starts February 6-8, with a weekend (Friday night thru Sunday), and has six follow-up sessions held over three months. You need not be Catholic to attend and we can work with people having financial difficulties. For confidential information call Beth and Dave at 314-837-8576 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



Wanted: Men of the Parish

Start off the New Year by attending the next IC Men's Club meeting. We sponsor many social events, including a golf tournament, fishing tournament, and a Valentines Dance to name a few. We would like to encourage all men from the parish to join us at our next monthly meeting on Wednesday January 7th at 7:30pm at the parish center. This is a great way to meet some of your fellow parishioners, get involved and have some fun at the same time. We will be planning our Valentine's Dance, our Golf Tournament and more... food and refreshments are provided. All men of the parish are welcome. If you have any questions, feel free to contact one of the following or any other men's club member.

Jim Hentz (President) 636- 296-8835

Ed Trenary 314-221-6080

Gary Schneider 314-956-7108

Ken Hack 314-575-1594

Dave Weinrich 314-413-7766

From Sister Laurinda Mayer in Honduras:

All that has been happening in your parish and with you and your folks is very miraculous and so of God and Mary and such good people and your leadership. I am always so grateful what God has done in, through and because of you. How thankful we are!

Amidst all the other announcements today, Fr. Chabelo's Mass intentions were for you and Immaculate Conception Parish last night. I am sure he repeated it today. I was with him yesterday and he looks good in spite of all that he has gone through in October and November and all the work he did with and for the people and still is doing. The wooden chalice St Anthony Parish gave you is such a great symbol, too, for so many reasons.

As you know, we experience constant miracles here--little and big. I know that comes from all the prayers. So many things happen out of the clear blue and I am really dumbfounded how, when, and what God does to get his mission accomplished everywhere. Just amazing, really. Your message about the giving tree program - now this really is amazing. I cannot believe it. My sister said she could not stop smiling when she saw the giving tree and with the ornaments for Pro-Papa. But, wow, and a thousand wows--that is a lot of giving, lot of solidarity, lot of goodness--\$3377.00 I need to say a rosary in thanksgiving on my knees. Maybe not tonight, but soon. Thank you, thank you for helping make this miracle happen.

We added 5 new children in the Pavon II school. The total now is 25 students. Father Chabelo has asked me five times now if Pro-Papa could help a family of four children, 3 boys, 1 girl, whose father was killed in his job, before the floods came, late September or early October, 2008. He worked as a watchman for a company on the other side of the river. On top of all that the family lost their stick hut in Guay, the north side of Urraco, which left them homeless, too. This would fall into our special sponsor program since we accept only one child per family in the regular scholarship program. The mother is washing clothes each day to make money for the food, etc. Since Father has sort of taken on the father/brother role with the family, he has talked to me about this so often. A few of the boys are living at the rectory right now, to help Father and have food.

We all are so happy and very, very thankful to help with the different ministries that were not able to move ahead at all for several years. I have been over-joyed what Father is doing now.

Praying for you tonight. Asking God to shower you with all his great gifts that bring you ever closer to his ways, his thoughts, his mission--of peace, love, justice and equality for all. May Christmas reign in your heart this season and each day of 2009. Prayers, thanks, love, and so glad to know you, Sr. Laurinda

Trivia Night

St. Joseph's School will be hosting a trivia night on Saturday, January 24th at 7:00 P.M. Doors open at 6:30. Admission is \$15 per person/ 8 people per table. Admission includes beer, soda, and snacks. All proceeds go to St. Joseph's 6th grade camp. To reserve a table, call Laurie at (636) 464- 3409.

Sweet Dreams Pillows

When a parent who is in the military leaves for an overseas assignment there is a loneliness and longing in the heart of the children he or she leaves behind. While nothing can replace the touch of a mom or dad, John Stoeffler of Ballwin, has come up with something he believes will help. Watching his grandchildren hug their "Lamby" and "Blankey" Stoeffler had an idea. Along with Mary Hurt and her Home Economics class they are offering **FREE** to children of these deployed moms and dads a pillow with a picture of the child's parent. If you are a parent, grandparent, or family friend and want to order a "Sweet Dreams Pillow" or want information, contact John at:

jmadconst41-pillows@yahoo.com

Catholic Singles Dance

Saturday January 10 at Concord Farmers Club, 10140 Concord School Road, St. Louis; doors open at 7:15 p.m., music 8 p.m. – midnight; DJ Juke Box Productions; cost \$10 includes drinks, snacks and prizes; must be 21 to attend. For information call Carol Whitehead 636-282-3014

SINGLES BIBLE STUDY

Single Catholics Fellowship invites all single Catholics to join its Bible study group, every other Sunday evening, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., at St. Louis Bread Co. in Sunset Hills Plaza. To learn more or to sign up, contact Ed at ehaessig@sbcglobal.net. To learn more about Single Catholics Fellowship visit www.singlecatholicfellowship.net.

Marriage Encounter

On the Feast of the Holy Family, rededicate your family to the Lord. A Marriage Encounter Weekend will help you to do this. Call 314-469-7317 or go to www.stl-wwme.org to register for a Weekend in 2009.

FOR WORLD PEACE

Our Lady asked for daily rosary and First Saturday Devotion of Fatima. Mass confession and a taped program with meditations on the rosary will be held at Assumption, 329 Station St., Herculaneum on Saturday, January 3 at 8:30 A.M.



Youth News



Mass is 6:00pm St. Joseph's
Life Night starts at 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Fall Semester: *The Word - How do we know about God? We all have a built in thirst and hunger for God. We can only understand and know about God by His revelation to us. Scripture is God revealing Himself to us. This semester we will dive into God's Word to grow in our understanding of who He is and how much He loves His people.*

December 28 Presider: **Fr. Paul Niemann**
LifeNight: Christmas Break-No LN
January 4 Presider- **Fr. Jack Dempsey**
Life Night- Christmas Social
January 11 Presider- Fr. John Brennell
Life Night - I AM

Coming Soon Junior High Youth Ministry

Announcing the Edge, Jeffco Life Teen's Jr. High Youth Ministry Program. Our goal is to give our 7th and 8th grade teens the edge, the Catholic edge, the Jesus edge, as they go through this time of remarkable change in their lives. The Edge is designed to meet the educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of the young adolescents. We will use fun social activities with solid Catholic teaching as well as confront issues the teens are struggling with. The Edge will meet the first Saturday every month at Immaculate Conception, kicking-off February 7th. If you are interested in helping please contact Paul. There will be an informational meeting on Dec. 22, 7:00 pm at St. Joseph's. There is more information on our website.

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

Eagle Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 419 is planning on recognizing all of its Eagle Scouts on a large plaque to be presented on Scout Sunday in February 2009. If you are an Eagle Scout or know an Eagle Scout from Troop 419, please e-mail ASAP to Mary Kohne at marybelle3153@aol.com to confirm your name on the Council List. Currently there are 36 Eagle Scouts since January 1961! Thank you.



**Traditions from the Past...
Looking to the Future**

Thank you to all the extended members of our school community. Our school has been blessed with many wonderful gifts that money could never buy! May God bless you and keep you safe in the new year ahead. May the spirit of Christmas open wide the doors of your heart. Lift the basket and let it shine out there for everyone to see. Matthew 5, 15-16.

Mrs. Joann O. Coyle, Principal



Vocation Retreat With Bishop Hermann

Bishop Robert J. Hermann presents a discernment retreat for men ages 18-30 who are considering a vocation to the priesthood, February 13-15, 2009, at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in Shrewsbury. The weekend offers retreatants the opportunity to explore our Lord's invitation to become "shepherds after His own heart." The support and assistance of all the faithful are vital to the spiritual success of the retreat and to the promotion of vocations to the priesthood. Please consider prayerfully the young men in whom you see the signs of a priestly vocation, and submit their names to the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 314.792.6460, 314.792.6502 (fax), or edwardrice@archstl.org.





CHURCH SCHEDULE



Sunday December 28, The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

7:00 am In Memory of Chris Kutilek

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann and Deacon Steve Schisler

Lectors: Brian and Theresa Ott

Euch. Ministers: Janet Herman, Pat Knott, Shirley and Ron Betz

Servers: Matt Mayer, Al Unterreiner and Shirley Betz

8:30 am In Memory of Richard Guentz

Celebrant: Father Jack Dempsey and Deacon Brad Buchek

Lectors: Chris Terry, Gary and Julie Werkmeister

Euch. Ministers: Sheila White, Dorothy Cowin, Jim Kargus and Christine Terry

Servers: Chloe Smith, Marissa Bobe and Meghan Isenman

10:00 am People of the Parish

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Lectors: Duke Redd, Greg Wise and Chris Stinchcomb

Euch. Ministers: Christine Throm, Tonya Lee, Robert Archer, Marge and Ken Atzert

Servers: Brendan Dierker, Bryce Winkelmann and A.J. Miller

11:30 am In Memory of Bill Jansen

Celebrant: Father Jack Dempsey

Lectors: Moreen Kellogg, Beth Long and Verna Haun

Euch. Ministers: Sue Dugan, Rosemarie and Stanley Leach

Servers: Stanley Leach and Jeremy Becker

Monday, December 29, 5th Day in the Octave of Christmas

6:30 am In Memory of Lawrence Kempf

Celebrant: Father Jack Dempsey

8:00 am In Memory of Richard Guentz

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Tuesday, December 30, 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas

6:30 am In Memory of Doris Ziegler

Celebrant: Father Jack Dempsey

8:00 am In Memory of Leo Foster

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Wednesday, December 31, 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas

8:00 am In Memory of Louise Vogel

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

5:00 pm In Memory of Virginia Rambicourt

Celebrant: Father Jack Dempsey

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

8:00 am In Memory of Joseph Ziegler

Celebrant: Father Jack Dempsey

9:00 am In Memory of Charlie Becker

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann and Deacon Joseph Streckfuss

Friday, January 2, St. Basil

6:30 am In Memory of Lawrence Kempf

Celebrant: Father Jack Dempsey

8:00 am In Memory of Mary Musielak

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

8:30 am First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, January 3, Christmas Weekday

7:30 am Eucharistic Adoration ends with morning prayers and benediction.

8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

4:00 pm Reconciliation (Father Jack Dempsey)

Mass of The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm In Memory of Jean Vickers

Celebrant: Father Jack Dempsey

Lectors: Shirley Dalton, Barb O'Neill and Jeanette Kouba

Euch. Ministers: Kathleen Morris, JoAnne and Con Vergin

Servers: Vern Browning, Andy Kelsall and Andrew Annand

Sunday January 4, The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 am In Memory of Robert McAfee

Celebrant: Father Jack Dempsey

Lectors: Brian and Theresa Ott

Euch. Ministers: Janet Herman, Pat Knott

Servers: Caitlyn Casey, Art and Mimi Seibert

8:30 am In Memory of Monica Drewes

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann

Lectors: Chris Terry, Gary and Julie Werkmeister

Euch. Ministers: Sheila White, Dorothy Cowin, Jim Kargus and Christine Terry

Servers: Morgan Winston, Suzie Owensby and Tony Weber

10:00 am In Memory of Carl Sengheiser

Celebrant: Father Jack Dempsey and Deacon Joseph Streckfuss

Lectors: Duke Redd, Greg Wise and Chris Stinchcomb

Euch. Ministers: Christine Throm, Tonya Lee, Robert Archer, Marge and Ken Atzert

Servers: Stephen, Gabriel and Justin Wolk

11:30 am People of the Parish

Celebrant: Father Paul Niemann and Deacon Steve Schisler

Lectors: Moreen Kellogg, Beth Long and Verna Haun

Euch. Ministers: Sue Dugan, Rosemarie and Stanley Leach

Servers: Stanley Leach, Karen French and Maria Trevino

12:30 pm Baptism

Celebrant: Father Jack Dempsey

4:00 pm In Memory of Catherine Ruess

Celebrant: Father John Montag S.J.

DO THIS IN
REMEMBRANCE OF ME
LUKE 22:19



PARISH ACTIVITIES WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 28
 11:00 AM -12:30 PM RCIA - Room B and D
 1:00 PM -4:00 PM Soccer Team Party Rooms A2 and A3
 6:00 PM -8:00 PM LOTW Community - Room B
 7:00 PM -9:00 PM LOTW Community , Room D

Monday, December 29
 6:00 AM -7:00 AM Bible Study - Room D
 8:30 AM -9:30 AM Pace Exercise Class - Room A1
 3:00 PM -5:00 PM Girl Scouts - Sengheiser - Room B
 6:00 PM -8:30 PM Quilting - Quilter's Room
 6:30 PM -8:00 PM Bible Study - Room A2
 7:00 PM -9:00 PM AA - Room B
 7:00 PM -9:00 PM Bereaved Support Group - Room D
 7:30 PM -9:30 PM Charismatic Prayer Group - Room A1

Tuesday, December 30
 9:30 AM -11:30 AM LOTW Community - Room D
 6:30 PM -7:30 PM Spanish Ministry English Classes - Room A3

Wednesday, December 31

Thursday, January 1
 7:00 PM -9:00 PM AA - Room B

Friday, January 2

Saturday, January 3
 6:30 PM -8:30 PM RCIA - Room D

Sunday, January 4
 11:00 AM -12:30 PM RCIA - Room B and D
 5:00 PM -8:00 PM Reception for Spanish Mass - Room A2 & A3
 6:00 PM -8:00 PM LOTW Community - Room B
 7:00 PM -9:00 PM LOTW Community , Room D

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
 December 28 through January 4, 2009

Sunday: Sir 3:2-7,12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21
 Lk 2:22-40

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3,5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-10 Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2,11-13 Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3,5-6,8 Gal 4:4-7
 Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1-3,6 Jn 1:29-34

Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:2,7-8,10-13 Eph 3:2-3a,5-6
 Mt 2:1-12

**WOULD
 THE GOSPEL GROW IF
 WE COUNTED ONLY ON
 YOU TO SPREAD IT?**

Please pray for:

Recently Hospitalized:

Lee Pallme Stan Altepeter Phaedra Boyd



Recently Departed:

Ron Betz

Deployed to the Middle East:

Michael Boyer	Suzanne Sippel	Brett Geger
Todd Nicely	Matthew Benson	Steven Meyer
Tina Howlett	Michael Glisson	

Please continue to pray for:

Gene Cashel	Kevin Cernich	Al Ems
Charlotte Evans	Maria Fendler	Janet Gangloff
Danny Gierer	Gloria Gierer	Dolores Gill
Ann Gravagna	Arthur Grass	Mary Ann Higgins
Cecelia Hopmeir	Bob Hupfeld	Tracy Iwersen
Heidi Kladiva	Eric Lang	Gary Lewandowski
Maggie Love	Juanita McGoldrick	Jim Maller
Debbie Mantese	Dorothy Mayer	Gregory Mayer
Lorene Meyer	Stacey Murray	Mark Nanney
Jane Naumann	Karen Nesbitt	Helen Petrillo
Adela Peugnet	Gilbert Pfaff	John Pogorzelski
Yvonne Prestwood	Angela Ritter	Rocky Rochford
Regina Schierhoff	Walter Schierhoff	Steve Schisler
Virginia Schwartz	Margaret Shepherd	Viola Spelman
William Topp	Amber Turner	

THANK YOU - Parish School of Religion

The Parish School of Religion offers a program of religious education and spiritual formation for first through eighth graders who do not attend Holy Child School. By attending these classes our children get the religious basics enabling them to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation. Thank you to the paid and volunteer staff who keep this program going, giving our children the basis to become good practicing Catholics.