

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent. This means that the Birthday of Jesus is pretty soon. I invite you out once again for our Advent Evening Prayer and Benediction tonight at 6 pm. What a wonderful way to continue to prepare for the Birthday of our Savior.

Christmas Liturgies are the following: 4 pm and 10 pm on the Eve and 9 am on Christmas Day. Music will begin 30 minutes prior to the 4 and 10 pm Liturgies. Remember to come early in order to get a seat and remember WE DO NOT SAVE SEATS. The office will be closed around mid-morning on the 24th and not re-open until Monday the 29th.

The New Year is right around the corner. Have you started thinking about what New Year Resolutions you are going to be making this new year? January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation and our Mass times are different than normal. We will have a 5:30 pm on the Eve and 9:00 am on January 1. Please make note of this change and take time out of the hectic time of the year to make it to Church.

As we prepare to begin the New Year of 2009, there are several events that are being planned. The Feisty 50's have their Italian Night on the 6th of January. The Family Life Committee will be once again hosting the Dave Ramsey Seminar which begins in January and runs for 13 weeks. Dinner for Eight starts again with the first dinner on January 17th. There are formation sessions for ALL of our Liturgical Ministers throughout the month of January. Our annual evening for married couples to renew their vows and to have dinner will be on January 24th. On January 25th, we will be hosting our annual Suds and Dogs Party for the men of the parish. These are just a few of the events that are being planned for us here at Immaculate. As you can see we hope to begin 2009 with a bang. I ask that you please stay in touch with what is happening around the church by way of our bulletin.

I hope and pray that everyone has a great week and continues to prepare for the Birthday of Jesus. I ask that you please keep in prayers this Holy Season families that have lost loved ones this past year and will be missing them this Christmas Season. Please know that all of you are in my prayers and thoughts.

Love,
Fr. Tony



Mondays, Sunday Scripture Study postponed until after Easter 2009! Continue studying!

Faith Discussion 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays, Women in the Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

No Meeting on December 25 or January 1st!

Religious Education, Classes are on Wednesday nights from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. in the Owensboro Catholic Middle School. Call the office if you have questions. **No Class on December 24 and 31! See you at the Epiphany Social on January 7th in the PFC!**

Upcoming Events

(please watch for more details in the Bulletin)

December 21 - Advent Evening Prayer @ 6:00p.m.

December 23 - Men's Club Ham Cook/Pick-up 3-5 p.m.

December 24 - Christmas Vigil Mass @ 4 & 10 p.m. **Office Closed @ 10:00 a.m.**

December 25 - Holy Christmas -Mass @9:00 a.m. **Office Closed**

December 26 - **Office Closed**

December 31 - Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass @ 5:30 p.m.

December 31 - New Year's Eve Dance @ 8:00 p.m

January 1 - **Mary Mother of God Mass @ 9:00 a.m**
Office Closed

January 2 - **Office Closed**

January 4 - Confirmation Interviews 11:30 a.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rick Ebelhar	Chairperson
Mike Mountain	Co-Chairperson
Sharon Tipmore	Secretary
Rachael McFadden	Worship Liaison
Gates Settle	Family Life Liaison
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David Renshaw	Administrative/Finance
Cliff Brandon/Tom Scales	Stewardship Liaison
Mona Riggs	Deanery Representative
Chris Belcher	Consolidated Schools Rep.
Dennis Payne	Men's Club Liaison
Mark Swift	Buildings/Grounds

Mass Schedules



Monday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Andy Reynolds

Tuesday, December 23, Late Advent Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Houston and Catherine Simmons

Wednesday, December 24, Vigil of Christmas
4:00 p.m. - **PARISH FAMILY**
10:00 p.m. - Nicholas Jones

Thursday, December 25, Nativity of the Lord
9:00 a.m. - Jason O'Bryan

Friday, December 26, St. Stephen
7:00 a.m. - Wendell Payne

Saturday, December 27, St. John
7:00 a.m. - Bill Wagner
4:30 p.m. - Deceased members of the Porter/Higdon Family

Sunday, December 28, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
8:00 a.m. - Anna Marie Oberst Davis
10:00 a.m. - **PARISH FAMILY**

Whenever a Mass Intention cannot be honored on a specific date the intention will be moved to the closest available date.



Monday, December 22, 7:00 a.m. - Ben Englert

Tuesday, December 23, 7:00 a.m. - Pete Day

Wednesday, December 24,
4:00 p.m. - Sam Rasp, Zach and Nolan Swift
10:00 p.m. - Daniel Newcomb, Ben Wathen, Taylor Widmer

Thursday, December 25, 9:00 a.m. - George Bittel, Max Catron, Mayme Switzer

Friday, December 26, 7:00 a.m. - Ben Wathen

Saturday, December 27, 7:00 a.m. - Daniel Newcomb
4:30 p.m. - Zach, Sami Jo and Jackson Brett

Sunday, December 28, 8:00 a.m. - Joseph, Katherine and Brendan Powers
10:00 a.m. - Payton Ford, Matthew McGovern, Ben Wathen



WEDNESDAY, December 24, 2008, 4:00 P.M.
Eucharistic Ministers: **PERRY HARNEY**, Leon and Rachel Higdon, Henry Hodskins, Linda Ogle, Bill and Hattie Potts, Rosemary Ramage, Shirley Story, Bill and Barbara Weikel
Gift Bearers: Ryan and Chivonne Rutman Family
Ministry of Greeters: **JOHN BYRNE**, Mary Byrne, Bert Barker, Sue Weaver, George Weldon, Jackie Wyatt
Lectors: Matt Warren, Max Swift

WEDNESDAY, December 24, 2008, 10:00 P.M.
Eucharistic Ministers: **JUNE BELL**, Theresa Elliott, Sarah and PJ Hayden, Ryan Knott, Rachael McFadden, Sr. Judy, Jim Schartung, Philip Spurlock
Gift Bearers: Eric and Shelly Flatgard Family
Ministry of Greeters: **PAULA MCINTYRE**, Mike Marsh, Ann Roth, Hugh Ramage, James Thompson, Daniel Warren
Lectors: David Renshaw, Patti May

THURSDAY, December 25, 2008, 9:00 A.M.
Eucharistic Ministers: **RON GREGORY**, Tonja Gregory, Corky and Patty Norcia, Jane Pfeifer, Ernie Taliaferro, Donna and Steve Thomson, Marissa Wick
Gift Bearers: David and Linda Beckman Family
Ministry of Greeters: **JIM KRAMPE**, Jim Damin, Ruby Lee Estes, John Jones, James Likens, J.D. Mahoney
Lectors: Mark Burke, Sr. Julia

SATURDAY, December 27, 2008, 4:30 P.M.
Eucharistic Ministers: **ROBIN SWIFT**, Janet Brandon, Ruth Clark, Teresa Edwards, Joe and Erin Jones, Susan Jones
Gift Bearers: Greg and Denise Richardson Family
Ministry of Greeters: **STEVE SIMS**, Lisa Sims, Larry Horsman, Pat and Gary Satterwhite
Lectors: Lucy Rhoades, Sr. Julia

SUNDAY, December 28, 2008, 8:00 A.M.
Eucharistic Ministers: **RICKY HAGAN**, Betty Armendarez, PJ and Sarah Hayden, Hal Johnson, Pat Mountain, Richard Trogden
Gift Bearers: Larry and Jean Sims
Ministry of Greeters: **NICK NORCIA**, Mike Kelly, Bo and Ruth Reed, Joe and Beverly Rudy
Lectors: Martha Kramer, Sr. Michele Morek
Vocation Prayer Ministry: Bill and Janice Morton

SUNDAY, December 28, 2008, 10:00 A. M.
Eucharistic Ministers: **FLORENCE ITSCHNER**, Marsha Bell, Shannon Clark, David Hardy, Kristen Hayden, Bonnie Marks, George Randolph, Kathy and Ken Rasp
Gift Bearers: Joe Bill and Nancy Smith
Ministry of Greeters: **BOB LOVETT**, Sylvia Lovett, Link Bell, Bill Strong, Kennetha and Greg Waninger
Lectors: David Renshaw, Norma Tipton
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Isa Ebelhar
Childcare Volunteers: **Amy Pride**, Amy Ray, Sandy Swift

**MONEY COUNTERS,**

December 22, 2008

John and Margie Wathen

Olga Kelley

YOUR FINANCIAL GIVING

December 14, 2008 Collection	\$19,025.55
Budgeted for December 14, 2008	\$19,230.77
YTD Total Collections	\$420,553.31
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$461,537.74
YTD Budget Surplus/Deficit	-\$40,984.43

*The Christmas Special Collection is for the
Diocesan Good Works.*

Thank you for being generous in your giving.



Colonel Steve Castlen, Major William Christopher Cavin, S. Sgt. Jeffery Dickens, Msgt. Mark Garvin, Major Michael Lindeman, SPC Paul Marsh, Major John Millay, Senior Airman Charles T. Morse, Gunny Sergeant Kevin Neal, Warrant Officer Edward Ricke III, Commanding Officer David Robillard, Airman 1st Class Ryan Michael Stallings, Spec. Travis Terrell, 2nd Lieutenant William "Will" G. Wathen, Sp. 1st Class Chad Norris, Airman 1st Class Andy Hunn, Airman 1st Class Nick Hunn, Sgt. Matthew Hunn, Corporal Kris McLevaine, Lt. Colonel John M. Graham, Spc. Nathaniel Brown, Gy Sgt. Scott Erickson, Private Matthew Ryan Hayden, Cpt. James Blackburn

Dear Immaculate Parish,
Thank you for generously providing gifts for the children of the West Family Resource Center. Children of Audubon, Sorgho and West Louisville Elementary Schools will have a Merry Christmas because of your thoughtfulness.

Thank you so much,
Kelly May
West FRC Coordinator

*There's nothing sadder in this world than to awake
Christmas morning and not be a child.*

Erma Bombeck

Fourth Sunday of Advent**"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.****May it be done to me according to your word."**

Luke 1:26-38

If you add up all of the words spoken by Mary to the Angel at the Annunciation [30], to Elizabeth at their meeting [122 in the Magnificat], and her comments to Jesus and instructions to the servants at the wedding feast at Cana [9], she speaks a total of 161 words in all of Scripture. Mary was a woman of few words, at least according to the record. From expressing her lack of understanding about how God would accomplish what the angel announced to her, to her simple, "May it be done unto me according to your word" and her awareness that "My *soul* proclaims the greatness of the Lord" to her final instructions to the servants at Cana, "Do whatever he tells you." Mary is both our Mother and our Model. As Christmas gets nearer we should all be growing stronger in our willingness to accept the challenges God has in store for us with a simple "May it be done unto me according to your word" so our *soul* will "proclaim the greatness of our Lord" and we will be ready, without hesitation to "Do whatever he tells you."

Now, let us celebrate Christmas!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Formation Sessions for ALL Liturgical Ministers

All Liturgical Ministers are asked to attend ONE Formation Session:

Eucharistic Ministers: January 11, 1:00 p.m. OR January 20, 6:00 p.m.

Ministers of Greeters: January 11, 11:30 a.m. OR January 19, 6:00 p.m.

Lectors: January 25, 11:30 a.m. OR January 26, 6:00 p.m.

You Need Only Attend ONE Session!



Our prayers and condolences are with Louise Stringer and her family as they grieve the passing of her grandson, Joseph Vollman.

May God grant them peace and heartfelt love.

Don't forget to pick up your Ham from the Men's Club on **December 23** from **3-5 p.m. at the Picnic Building.**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

12/22/1951 - Patrick and Ann Doyle
 12/23/1989 - Bobby and Wanda Robertson
 12/26/1981 - Mark and Doris Wright
 12/27/1974 - Richard and Pam Isaacs
 12/27/2003 - Adam and Emily Johnston
 12/27/1991 - Greg and Denise Richardson
 12/28/1963 - Otis and Judy Hicks

Happy Birthday to you!

December 22 - Lauren Blandford, Lydia Frakes, Margaret Hall
December 23 - Matt Evans, PJ Hayden, Robert Whitaker
December 24 - Rose Clark, Tina Edge, Ashley Edmiston, Betty O'Bryan
December 25 - George Ballard, Ron Burden, Carol Gump, Richard Isaacs, Bret Mullican
December 26 - Molly Bielefeld, Stacy Boarman, Jeremy Coomes, Neil Mattingly, Patrick Phillips, Laura Scheidegger, Bill Strong, Joe Zogg
December 27 - Joey McGovern
December 28 - Cheryl Baisden-Wade, Daniel Blandford, James Clark, Jared Randolph, Kaden Rice, Brett Swift, Ann Switzer, Mark Vollman

Children Choir News

The Final rehearsing for the Christmas Liturgy this week!

The rehearsal schedule is:



Children's Choir

Monday December 22 10am to 11:30

Tuesday December 23 10am to 11:30

The Christmas Liturgy that the Children's Choir will sing is Wednesday, December 24 at 4 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 22

Children's Choir	10:00 a.m.
Faith Discussion	7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 23

Staff Meeting	8:00 a.m.
Legion of Mary	9:00 a.m.
Children's Choir	10:00 a.m.
Pick up Hams	3-5 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24 -

Office Closed at 10:00 a.m.
Mass @ 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25 - Merry Christmas!

Mass @ 9:00 a.m.
Office Closed!

Friday, December 26 - Office Closed!

Sunday, December 28

Children's Liturgy of the Word	10:00 a.m.
Childcare during Mass	10:00 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Marge Slack, Edward Powers, Billy Mulligan, Jennie Howard, Lester Reed, Jane Rogers, Rosita Blandford, Joe Blandford, Helen Neal, Emma Mattingly, Margaret Millay, Dolores Murphy, Anna Robertson, Agnes Carrico, Beverly Rone, Wanda Payne, Jane Shown, Judy Haggard, Brenda Goodman, Marie Clark, Lillian Hagan, Dennis Mattingly, Mary Medley, Violet McCauley, Matthew Cates, Mark Vollman, Rose O'Brien, Norbert J. Smith, Jr., Joe Castlen, Thomas Payne, Jean Ware, Madeline Crowe, Bill Zimmerman, Sam Booth, Norman Frey, Mary Hilary Taylor, Vickie Smith, Michael Pollock, Bibby Stofer, Josh Lellie, Hannah Ling, Martha Clark, Gerald Ralph, Mabeth Kirkpatrick, Fr. Gordon MacRae, Paul Payne, Bonnie Elder, Mary Borisch, Kathy Burden, Lucille McCarthy, Jane Smith, Vird Blandford, Mary McCarty, James Earl Cecil, Jeff Campbell, Marilyn Holder, Agri Zayas, Alex Garrett, Caroline Elder, Garrett Elder, Debbie Clark, Sherry Fulkerson, Luke Royal, Gerald Barr, Tim Riney, Di Ann Millay, Brenda Jones, Mike Henderson, Bettye Mullican, Bernard Blandford, Barbara Thompson, Rob Crowe, Lauren Girten, Bill and Mary Foor, Mary Vollman, Nola Waninger, Betty Blandford, Roberto Quinonez Ruiz, Don Clark, Vicki Wink, Gabe Fiorella, Agnes Moseley, Virginia Hardy, Dianne Walsh, Joann Ogle, Tyler Belcher.

Due to the ever growing list of names please call the office to have your name removed from the list when you are better.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Feisty Fifties are hosting their "2009 *Italian Dinner Night*" with refreshments on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, 6:00 p.m. Later, join the fun as we play **BUNCO**. Prizes will be awarded. Donations for dinner will be accepted. All seniors and guests make your reservations and join your friends by calling Betty Wells at 683-6192 or Mickey Brewer at 685-3015 before Sunday evening, January 4th.

**Attention High School Juniors and Seniors:**

TEC #162, January 17-19, 2009. Gaspar River Catholic Youth Camp, Bowling Green, KY. Deadline to register is Friday morning, January 2, 2009. Please visit at www.wkytec.org for more information and application.

4 Stages of Marriage - The 4 stages of **many** marriages are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. **Quite a few** marriages experience the first 3 stages. Marriages that end in divorce never **reach the resolution** of the 4th stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery. Please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) For confidential information or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on January 16-18 call 270-683-1545 ext 357 or email: dpretrowens@aol.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE!

Immaculate Men's Club will be hosting a *New Years' Dance* on **Wednesday Dec. 31** from 8:00-1:00.

Tickets are \$35.00 per couple.

Food will be provided,

Must be over 21 to attend.

To reserve your ticket and receive more information call John Jones @ 926-3738 or Steve Sims @ 993-3236.

**Dave Ramsey Financial Peace**

The Dave Ramsey Financial Peace seminar will be offered Monday nights beginning on January 19th at 7:00 p.m. This class teaches you how to budget, debt snowfall, and to have a more financially sound life. If interested please contact Amy Pride at 686-7929.

Christmas Liturgy Schedule

Immaculate Parish is happy to offer the following opportunities to celebrate the Birth of Jesus:

Wednesday, December 24, 4:00 p.m.

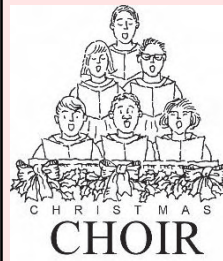
Wednesday, December 24, 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 25, 9:00a.m.



Children's Choir

The Children's Choir has been rehearsing for some time now and are really excited to share their talents with you at the Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Liturgy. They have prepared a short prelude program that will begin at 3:30 p.m. Please make arrangements to have your family and friends seated by 3:30 p.m. and prepare your heart to celebrate with an attentive spirit!



The prelude music for the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Liturgy will begin at 9:30 p.m. This collection of music will prepare your heart to celebrate the Christmas Liturgy with an attentive spirit. Please make arrangements to have your family seated by 9:30 p.m.

A Kind Word about Seating for the Christmas Liturgies

While there are many things that are going on in our lives on Christmas Eve, we ask that you make an effort to be prompt when coming to our Liturgies. More importantly, we kindly ask that you refrain from saving seats for those who simply do not want to sit in Church for 30 minutes before Mass time. We understand that family from afar may be staying with you for the holiday and your family may take more pew space - that is perfectly acceptable. However, sending one person from the family early to save seats for others to come in later, sends a message that is less than "welcoming" to those who make the effort to arrive early and to visitors to our parish. An exception to this request is for those who may be elderly, physically/mentally challenged, or parents with very small children who simply can not endure the entire prelude/Liturgy time. We hope that if anyone in need requires a seat that someone who is able would kindly give up theirs.

Merry Christmas



Fr. Tony and the Staff at
the Parish of The Immaculate
would like to wish you and all of your loved
ones a very blessed
Christmas filled with peace and love.
May the innocence of God's greatest gift fill
your heart with wonder
and awe.