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Dear Parishioners,

Wow what wonderful celebrations we had for our Christmas Liturgies! I want to say THANKS to ALL who had a part in helping make Christmas Liturgies of 2008 the very BEST. You all did a great job and in order not to leave anyone off the list, I will just say THANKS. All of your hard work paid off and is much appreciated. This is another clear example of great stewardship here at The Immaculate. May God continue to bless us and you.

I want to say THANKS for the very generous Christmas Gift. This too was much appreciated and will be put to good use. Thanks for all of the beautiful cards and notes that I received. All of the goodies were good; I did share those with others.

Remember January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a 5:30 pm Mass on the Eve and only a 9 am on the day itself. Please make plans to be at church as we begin this New Year.

Let's make 2009 the best year ever. One of the ways that we can do this is by allowing God to be part of every decision that we make. With God we can not lose; without God we will fail. I pray for you and your families as we begin this New Year. The start of a new year can be an exciting time for individuals and families. Let's try to make this new year the very best that it can be for our family here at The Immaculate.

I hope that everyone has a great week. Please continue to pray for respect for all life. Know that you and your families are always 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 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 31! See you at the Epiphany Social on January 7th in the PFC!**

Upcoming Events

(please watch for more details in the Bulletin)

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.

January 10 - Altar Server Training @ 8:30 a.m.

January 11 - Ministry of Greeter Formation @ 11:30 a.m. and Eucharistic Minister Formation @ 1:00 p.m.

January 17 - Dinner for Eight

January 18 - Confirmation Retreat and Practice

January 19 - Ministry of Greeter Formation @ 6:00 p.m.

January 20 - Eucharistic Minister Formation @ 6:00 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Rick Ebelhar	Chairperson
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Chris Belcher	Consolidated Schools Rep.
Dennis Payne	Men's Club Liaison
Mark Swift	Buildings/Grounds

Mass Schedules



Monday, December 29, Fifth Day in Octave of Christmas
7:00 a.m. - Sue Yannacome

Tuesday, December 30, Sixth Day in Octave of Christmas
7:00 a.m.– Melissa Bivins

Wednesday, December 31, Mary Mother of God, Vigil
5:30 p.m.– John Mountain

Thursday, January 1, Mary Mother of God
9:00 a.m. - Jason O'Bryan

Friday, January 2, Sts. Basil and Gregory
7:00 a.m. - Betty Chapman

Saturday, January 3, Christmas Weekday
7:00 a.m. - Judith Hardesty
4:30 p.m. – PARISH FAMILY

Sunday, January 4, Epiphany of the Lord
8:00 a.m. – Burnette Millay
10:00 a.m. - Carmel Berry

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



Monday, December 29, 7:00 a.m.– Jackson Brett

Tuesday, December 30, 7:00 a.m. – Jacob Mills

Wednesday, December 31,
5:30 p.m.–John Bivins, Parker Ogle, Regina Powers

Thursday, January 1, 9:00 a.m. –Josh and Jake Hayden, Taylor Widmer

Friday, January 2, 7:00 a.m. - Stefan Swift

Saturday, January 3, 7:00 a.m. – Patrick Mills
4:30 p.m. - Stefan and Micah Swift, Kimberly Whitaker

Sunday, January 4, 8:00 a.m. –Pete Day, Chelsea and Madison Hagan
10:00 a.m.– Ben Englert, Matt and Brian St. Clair



WEDNESDAY, December 31, 2008, 5:30 P.M.
Eucharistic Ministers: **KATHY RASP**, Ken Rasp, James, Christa and Trenton Ackerman, George Randolph, Carol Settles
Gift Bearers: Phillip and Linda Clark
Ministry of Greeters: **JAMES LOGSDON**, Sharon Logsdon, David Baker, John and Mary Byrne, Joseph Cilia
Lectors: Christina Rhodes, Mona Riggs

THURSDAY, January 1, 2008, 9:00 A.M.
Eucharistic Ministers: **KELLY STALLINGS**, Bill Boehm, Janie Coomes, Connie Strong, Dawn Swift, Robin Swift, Kennetha Waninger
Gift Bearers: Kevin and Jenny Daughtery Family
Ministry of Greeters: **ETTA COOPER**, Steve Cooper, Susan and Mike Hagan, Shirley and John Howard
Lectors: Marilyn Mills, Lee Ann Norris

SATURDAY, January 3, 2008, 4:30 P.M.
Eucharistic Ministers: **JOHN CASTLEN**, Michele Castlen, Brenda Durbin, John Brandon, Carol and Philip Morris, Simon Sanders
Gift Bearers: Dan and Pam Shepherd
Ministry of Greeters: **SHIRLEY STORY**, Don Story, Leon and Rachel Higdon, Henry and Jean Hodskins
Lectors: June Bell, Sr. Judy

SUNDAY, January 4, 2008, 8:00 A.M.
Eucharistic Ministers: **JAMES ACKERMAN**, Christa and Trenton Ackerman, Ryan Knott, Corky and Patty Norcia, Barbara Weikel
Gift Bearers: Ricky and Carla Hagan
Ministry of Greeters: **JAMES KNOTT**, Tom Curtsinger, Gary Jackson, William McGovern, Jim Schartung, Bill Weikel
Lectors: Carla Hagan, Beverly Knott

SUNDAY, January 4, 2008, 10:00 A. M.
Eucharistic Ministers: **RACHAEL MCFADDEN**, Chris and Vickie Belcher, Theresa Elliott, Ron and Tonja Gregory, Linda Ogle, Jane Pfeifer, Ernie Taliaferro
Gift Bearers: Ryan and Chivonne Rutman Family
Ministry of Greeters: **BILL POTTS**, Hattie Potts, Perry Harney, John Ogle, Rosemary and Ronnie Ramage
Lectors: Philip Spurlock, Fred Meister
Vocation Prayer Ministry: Ernie and Shirley Taliaferro Family
Children's Liturgy of the Word: Helen Meister
Childcare Volunteers: **Susan Bratcher**, Lyndsey Lewis



MONEY COUNTERS,

December 29, 2008

Jane Pfeifer

Billy and Anna King

YOUR FINANCIAL GIVING

December 21, 2008 Collection	\$15,328.54
Budgeted for December 21, 2008	\$19,230.77
YTD Total Collections	\$435,881.85
YTD Budgeted Collections	\$480,768.51
YTD Budget Surplus/Deficit	-\$44,886.66

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

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.



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE
STAFF OF
THE IMMACULATE PARISH!

December 28, 2008

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace. . ."

Luke 2:22-40

How was your Christmas? Did you get what you wanted? Was everybody happy with the gifts you gave them? Have you returned all of the presents you received that you did not want or did not fit? Did you spend some time with Jesus? Do we realize and appreciate his role and importance in our lives? Do we understand that a constantly growing intimate relationship with Jesus is a tremendous gift? St. Luke tells us about Simeon, a righteous and devout man who awaited the consolation of Israel. Eight days after the first Christmas, the Birth of Jesus, Joseph and Mary brought him to the Temple to perform the custom of the law. Simeon sees Jesus and realizes that the Lord had fulfilled his promise not to let him see death until he had seen Christ the Lord. Simeon had received a tremendous gift. The gift of awareness of who and what Jesus is in our lives and a constantly growing intimate relationship with him is the real gift of Christmas. It is a gift we should cherish and share with others.

Formation Sessions for ALL Liturgical Ministers

All Ministers are asked to attend ONE of the two Formation Sessions:

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 of the two Sessions!

Our condolences and prayers are with Joe Bill Clark, James Clark and all of their families as they grieve the passing of their sister, Mary Naomi Clark Ebelhar and with the Bruce and Stacy Thompson and Jim Thompson family and the friends of Chris Thompson who passed away this week.

May God grant them all peace and heartfelt love.





Welcome to Immaculate Parish!
Bryan and Laura Beth Riney Family
Donna Warren
Randy Shelby
Nicole Melton Family
Bertha Shelton
Isaac and Mackenzie Murphy
Jeff Hagan



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

12/31/2007 - Tony and Paula Bittel
1/2/1980 - Larry and Colleen Edmiston
1/3/1953 - Edward and Wanda Powers

Happy Birthday to you!

December 30 – Kathryn Riggs, David Strehl, Clay Taylor

December 31– Susan Jones, Harriet Simmons

January 1– Charlesetta Conkright, John Mountain

January 2 - Dalton Baisden-Wade, Katie Belcher, Janet Brandon, Wayne Durbin, Mary Wathen Foor, Bruce Thompson

January 3 - Jacquelyn Miles

Monday, December 29
 Faith Discussion 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 30
 Legion of Mary 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 31 -
Mass @ 5:30 p.m.
 New Year's Eve Dance 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1 - Happy New Year!
Mass @ 9:00 a.m.
Office Closed!

Friday, January 2 - Office Closed!

Sunday, January 4
Coffee and Donuts after 8 and 10 Masses
 Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:00 a.m.
 Childcare during Mass 10:00 a.m.
 Confirmation Interviews 11:30 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, Hallie Graham.

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 our “**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.

**Marian Conference**

The Annual Marian Conference will be held on February 7, 2009 in Blessed Mother’s parish hall. It is titled: **Mary: Handmaid of the Lord** and will feature Dr. Ray Guarendi and Patty Schneier as guest speakers. Download a form at www.marianshrineky.org or phone 270-683-4665 for more information. Cost is \$20 per person, \$5 extra for lunch. You may also pick up a form in the Parish Office.

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.

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.

**Immaculate Parish’s New Hire: Director of Youth Ministries: Jason Baize**

After months of searching for a director of youth ministries, a contract between Parish of the Immaculate and **Jason Baize** has recently been signed.

Jason was born in Henderson, attended school in Evansville and has most recently been serving as Director of Youth Ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows, Victoria, Texas. Jason comes to our parish to work with our youth

from a strong background with the National Evangelization Team based in St. Paul, MN. , the LIFE TEEN program for senior high youth, and the EDGE program for youth of the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.

Father Tony has talked with Jason and the references given a number of times. His mentors, his present and former pastors all give Jason strong recommendations to be considered for his hiring here at Immaculate Parish. The parish staff experienced individual and group interviews with him.

A search committee made up of Father Tony, the parish staff, some youth and some key leaders (including the chairperson of the Parish Council) from Immaculate Parish community interviewed Jason for three hours and learned much about him, his spirituality, and his skills for developing relationships, programs and retreats for our youth and their families. Members of the search committee noted his frequent references to his prayer life and his work ethic.

Jason will arrive here and begin ministry in mid-January 2009.

We welcome Jason to our parish community and look forward to working with as well as witnessing (using his words) “*my passion for youth ministry.*”

Thank you a joyous 2008!

Thank you for the many ways you have shared your faith life, stewardship, with all of us to make this, The Parish of Immaculate, the wonderful parish that we are! We look forward to more faith sharing and growing in 2009!

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January 2009

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Rosary: Mon-Sat @ 6:30 a Sunday @ 7:35 a Mon—Fri @ 7:00 p	Confessions: Sat. 10—11:30 a Wed. 4:30—5:15 p (-when there is a 5:30 Mass)			<i>1 New Years Day</i> <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Mary Mother of God</i> <i>Mass @ 9:00 a</i>	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3
4 Coffee/Donuts after 8-10 Children's Liturgy of Word 10 a Childcare 10 a Confirmation Interviews 11:30-2:00	5 Family Life 6:30 p SVDP 7 p Faith Discussion 7 p	6 Staff Meeting 8:30 a Worship Cmte 6 p	7 Legion of Mary 9 a RE - Epiphany Social 6:15 p	8 Women in the Bible 9:30a Cantors 6 p Social Concerns 6 p RCIA 6:30 p Full Choir 7 p	9	10 Altar Server Training 8:30 a
11 Child's Lit Word 10 a Childcare 10 a Greeter Formation 11:30a Eucharistic Minister Formation 1 p	12 Faith Discussion 7 p	13 Stewardship 7 p	14 Legion of Mary 9 a Religious Ed 6:15 p Men's Club 7:30 p	15 Women in the Bible 9:30a Cantors 6 p Full Choir 7 p	16	17 <i>Dinner for Eight</i>
18 Children's Liturgy of Word 10 a Childcare 10 a <i>Confirmation Retreat and Practice</i>	19 Greeter Formation 6 p Faith Discussion 7 p <i>Dave Ramsey 7 p</i>	20 Staff Meeting 8:30 a Eucharistic Minister Formation 6 p	21 Legion of Mary 9 a Parish Council 6 p Religious Ed 6:15 p	22 Women in the Bible 9:30a Cantors 6 p RCIA 6:30 p Full Choir 7 p	23	24 <i>Renewing Wedding Vows 6 p</i> <i>Bunco 7:30 p</i>
25 Children's Liturgy of Word 10 a Childcare 10 a Lector Formation 11:30 a <i>Suds and Dogs! 1 p</i>	26 Lector Formation 6 p Faith Discussion 7 p <i>Dave Ramsey 7 p</i>	27 Formation Cmte 6:30 p	28 Legion of Mary 9 a Religious Ed 6:15 p	29 Women in the Bible 9:30a Cantors 6 p Full Choir 7 p	30	31