

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

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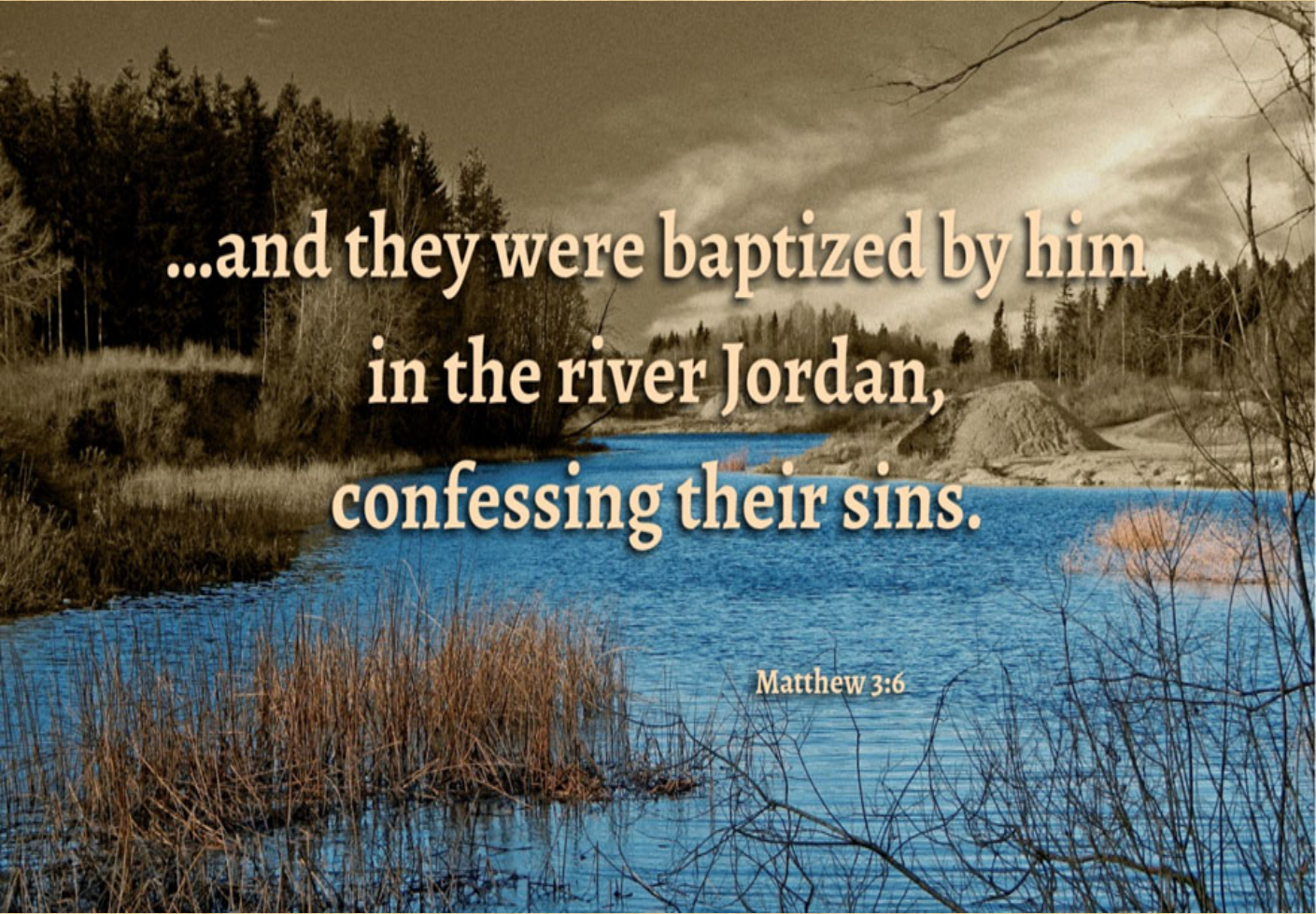
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(901) 861-0842

www.incarnationchurch.com

December 4, 2016

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



...and they were baptized by him
in the river Jordan,
confessing their sins.

Matthew 3:6

REV. ERNIE DEBLASIO, PASTOR

fr.ernie@incarnationcollierville.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Vigil:.....5:00 PM Saturday, Main Sanctuary

Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:30AM, 12:15 PM

Main Sanctuary

Weekdays:.....8:15 AM - St. Therese of Lisieux Chapel

NURSERY AVAILABLE:

Sat., 5:00 PM Mass and Sun., 10:30 AM Mass

PARISH OFFICE:

Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

INCARNATION MISSION STATEMENT

“To bring Christ, The Eucharist, and the Sacraments to every parishioner so that they may become Disciples to the Collierville community”

FOSTERING STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE



PRAYERS NEEDED



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE IN THE HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME OR RECUPERATING AT HOME:

Max Baer, Joe & Helen Behan, Ruth Boldreghini, Mariah Bordelon, Richard Bork, Janet Bowens, Joann Buie, Terry Burton, Tom Cassidy, Helen Connors, Mary Couture, Joyce Crockett, Martha Ewing, Beverlee Feder, Joan Ford, Lou Golon, Stephen Grgas, Carolyn Harbert, Kimbrough, Betty Kimbrough, Judee King, Angela Koenig, Betty Krupicka, Helen Mariano, Larry Mivelaz, Matt Lacher, Christopher Lester, Bettye Lucchesi, Austin Martin, Rosemary Martin, Dee Maxted, Henry McCrerey, Charles Mitchell, Mike Moretta, George Newhart, Jane Quesnel, Lisa Rolin, Viola Rossetti, Susie Russell, Cynthia & Ron Scharf, Elly Seng, Neil Sharpe, Mil Shirley, Rose Silvestri, Dorothy Sitton, Phyllis Sommer, Billy Sparrenberger, Hal Stansbury, Jean Straub, Frank Tarena, Ellen Tedford, Sandra Tice, Connie Umstad, Yvette Wakefield, Don Weis, Alice Wallace, Mary West, Johna Wilson, Marge White, Alice Wood, Nellie Yarbrough, and Rita Zerbe.

*Pray for the Repose of the soul of Margaret
Zwirlein, mother of Mike Zwirlein*

MASS SCHEDULE December 3 – December 11, 2016

SAT.	12/3	8:15 AM	
		5:00 PM	JOYCE CUSHMAN - Requested by M.J. Montez
SUN.	12/4 Second Sunday of Advent	8:00 AM	GUALBERTO DIZON - Requested by C. & E. Cabe
		10:30 AM	DAWN HENDERSON - Requested by D. Connors
		12:15 PM	PARISHIONERS OF INCARNATION
MON.	12/5	8:15 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
TUES.	12/6	8:15 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
WED.	12/7 St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	8:15 AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
THUR.	12/8 The Immaculate Conception	8:15 AM	EDWARD DUDEK - Requested by G. & C. Hausmann
		12:00 PM	
		7:00 PM	
FRI.	12/9	8:15 AM	INTENTIONS OF TOM & THERESA GAGLIANO, Anniv. & Birthday - Requested by T. & T. Gagliano & Family
SAT.	12/10	8:15 AM	
		5:00 PM	NOAL KIEFER- Requested by M. Bolfig
SUN.	12/11 Third Sunday of Advent	8:00 AM	PARISHIONERS OF - INCARNATION
		10:30 AM	Laura Swan - Requested by D. Connors
		12:15 PM	MARIA DIMG DPAM - Requested by L. Doan



THIS WEEK AT INCARNATION

December 4 – December 10, 2016

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Bld. Pressure & Bld. Sugar checks after all Masses

9:00 - 10:15 AM - SCRIPTURE STUDY - ICS LIBRARY
9:00 - 11:30 AM - PRE - HFLC & EB CLASSROOMS
1:00 - 7:00 PM - YOUTH BASKETBALL PRACT. - GYM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 - 2:00 PM - ANGEL KNITTERS - MH
10:00 - 11:00 AM - PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRACT- NAR, CHURCH
3:00 - 4:00 PM - KARATE - GYM
6:00 - 8:00 PM - YOUTH BASKETBALL PRACT. - GYM
6:30 - 7:30 PM - 20'S & 30'S CORE MEETING - FH#4
7:00 - 8:30 PM - BOY SCOUT TROOP #331 - FH, LIBRARY
7:00 - 8:30 PM - SCRIPTURE STUDY - MH, KIT
7:00 - 9:00 PM - SM FAITH COMMUNITY - MTG RM
8:00 - 9:00 PM - MEN'S BASKETBALL - GYM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

10:00 - 11:00 AM - PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRACT- NAR, CHURCH
10:00 - 12:00 PM - LADIES HEARTS ON FIRE - MH #1
10:15 - 11:45 AM - SCRIPTURE STUDY - FH, LIB, MR, NURS.
6:00 - 9:00 PM - YOUTH BASKETBALL PRACT. - GYM
6:30 - 7:30 PM - CUB SCOUT DEN MTG - EB 101-104
7:00 - 8:30 PM - ESL - MH, KIT.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

9:00 - 10:00 AM - WED MORN. PRAYER GRP - CHAPEL
9:30 - 12:00 PM - GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD - FH
10:00 - 11:00 AM - PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRACT- NAR, CHURCH
12:00 - 3:00 PM - ICS CHRISTMAS PROG PRACT - CHURCH
1:00 - 2:00 PM - ICS GEOGRAPHY BEE - GYM
2:30 - 3:30 PM - KARATE - GYM
6:00 - 7:15 PM - PRE - HFLC & EB CLASSROOMS
6:30 - 8:30 PM - ENCOUNTER - GYM, KIT, HFLC #6,8,10, 16-20, FH4
6:30 - 9:00 PM - SHINE GROUP - MEETING ROOM
7:00 - 8:00 PM - SCRIPTURE STUDY - MH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception-
HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION
Church Office Closed

8:15 - 9:00 AM - MASS - CHURCH
6:30 - 8:30 PM - RCIA - MH, KIT
6:00 - 9:00 PM - YOUTH BASKETBALL PRACTICE - GYM
7:00 - 8:00 PM - MASS - CHURCH

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

6:30 - 8:00 AM - FISHERS OF MEN - MH, KITCHEN
8:00 - 9:00 AM - ICS MASS - CHURCH
9:00 - 9:30 AM - ICS ROSARY - CHURCH
10:00 - 11:00 AM - PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRACT- NAR, CHURCH
12:00 - 3:00 PM - ICS CHRISTMAS PROG PRACT - CHURCH
6:00 - 9:00 PM - YOUTH BASKETBALL PRACTICE - GYM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING 9-12

6:45 - 8:00 AM - MEN'S CURSILLO - MH
8:00 - 3:00 PM - YOUTH BASKETBALL PRACTICE - GYM
9:00 - 12:00 PM - ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - CHURCH
9:30 - 10:00 AM - BAP. - MAX RYAN FAJARDO - NARTHEX
6:00 - 9:00 PM - 55+ YOUNG AT HEART DINNER - FH, KIT.

Holy Day of Obligation Mass Times

Thursday, December 8
8:15 AM, 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

INCARNATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 4K - 8th

(901) 853-7804; Michael Zientek, Principal
Monday - Friday; 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

PRESCHOOL:

(901) 861-5414; Mrs. Malerie Young Director/Asst. Prin.
Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

(901) 853-0135; Mrs. Lea Weaver, DRE
(901) 850-2696; Mrs. Rebecca Talarico, DYM
Monday - Friday; 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 PM or by appointment

BAPTISMS:

Baptismal Preparation Class required for parents and godparents. Call Parish Office to arrange a date and time for baptism and for the date and time of the next Baptismal Class.

WEDDINGS:

Pre-Cana required. Contact Parish Office four to six months prior to planned date.

FUNERALS:

Arranged at the convenience of the family.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Registration forms are available in both narthexes. Please fill out and drop in the collection basket. **Welcome!**

Welcome To Our Parish

David & Gail Cannon and daughters,
Kristen, Kelsey, & Caroline.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor	Rev. Ernie DeBlasio	853-7468x305
Deacons:	Miles Merwin	853-0443
	Robert Walker	229-1218
Parish Admin.	Steve Signaigo	853-7468x301
Admin. Asst.	Geralyn Jasina	853-7468x303
Accountant	Suzi Luciano	853-7468x312
Acct. Asst.	Tara Walter	853-7468x304
Webmaster	Dani Shirley	853-7468x300
Facilities Mgr.	Vince Brocato	412-4277
Maint. Asst.	Grant Paule	828-1474
Sound Engineer	Matt Signaigo	598-7731
Security	Bobby Oelke	218-9933
Music	Kevin & Bethany Paige	615-336-0686

CONGRATULATIONS!

To our Newly Baptized

Kyeran Anthony McGee
Christopher Gonzalez
Jonathan Gonzalez
Emily Yaretzi Rosales



PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: PRE classes are for children 3yrs-8th grade, High School Sacramental Prep, and RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children). Contact the Parish Religious Education Dept. to sign up your child. Classes meet Sunday mornings or Wednesday evenings.

DIOCESAN GUIDELINES: The Diocese of Memphis requires that all students preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion, and Confirmation, have two consecutive years of religious education prior to receiving the sacrament. Children in 1st & 7th grade need to be enrolled in a religious education program in order to make their sacraments in 2nd & 8th grades.

CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY PAGEANT: Once again we will have a children's liturgy and pageant for the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Children's Mass. Theme this year is "Look Beyond the Stable." Students K-6th grade may participate. Registration forms available in the PRE office or on line and must be turned in by Dec. 7th. **ONE MANDATORY PRACTICE, TUESDAY, DEC 20, from 8:30-12:00.**

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Join us each Wednesday night from 6:30-8:30 PM in the gym for Encounter. Night consists of games, food and small group discussions. All 9th -12th grade students are welcome!

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 15th, 7:00 -8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All 6-8th graders are welcome to attend. Please come join in fun and faith every Thursday!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Do you have reservations about the faith? RCIA is an open, safe environment for all inquirers and those on the journey to full initiation. RCIA meets Thursday evenings. For more information, contact Andy McNutt at 901-486-5199 (call or txt), or email: RCIA@incarnationcollierville.org.

What is Social Ministry?

As we fulfill Our Lord's commandment to love our neighbor, Jesus always asks us to think of the needy first:

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did it for me." Matthew 25: 40

The **Parish Social Ministry Office** organizes our parish efforts to do just that. Through Social Ministry, Incarnation parishioners serve:

1. **Each other** with meals, prayers, visits, cards, and comfort in times of illness, loss, and recovery.
 - Food Angels: Meals in bereavement, recovery, or emergency
 - Card Ministry, Friendly Visits, and Ministry to the Sick for those at home or in care Facilities
 - Transportation to mass, grocery store, or doctor's offices
 - Special Needs activities
 - Loaning medical items (wheelchairs, crutches, etc.)
2. **The needy in our community** with direct service, works of justice and mercy, and social action.
 - Volunteer "Care Ministers" to receive guests in need of food or bills paid.
 - Food Pantry: Open Monday-Friday 10AM - 2PM
 - Project Outreach: Feeding the poor in Fayette County
 - Room at the Inn: Housing the homeless 1-2 times each winter month
 - Catholic Charities: Helping out with Diocesan projects for the needy.

Call, email, or visit our office to get involved. Jesus needs your help: your time, talent, and donations!
850-7374, social.ministry@incarnationcollierville.org

ROOM IN THE INN MEMPHIS:

Runs November - March. Incarnation will partner with Germantown United Methodist for the 2nd & 5th Thursdays each month. GUMC will house clients; Incarnation members will do the rest. **MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Contact Social Ministry at 850-7374 for more information. Scan the QR code for the areas where volunteers are needed!



SPECIAL NEEDS: God's Special Needs Social Ministry is for parents who want fun, fellowship, and social activities for their special needs child/adult. We welcome all of the Christian community to join us. For further information call the Social Ministry office at 850-7374 or email Charlotte Slater at

wolfriver59@yahoo.com

PERPETUAL ADORATION: All are welcome to adore our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for as long (or short time) as they like. The *Blessed Sacrament Chapel* is off of the old Narthex and the door is marked and closed to help keep the noise out. Just come in!

In order to ensure that Jesus is attended 24/7 we have weekly scheduled adorers who attend to our Lord. If you would like to become a weekly adorer or a substitute please call us. There are plenty of daytime hours as well as late night hours where we could use a second weekly adorer.

There are 2 hours in need of a scheduled weekly adorer:
12 AM Midnight Tuesdays (every other week) and Saturday at 3:00 AM (2 times per month). *Would you consider keeping the Lord company for one of the holy hours?* ...even if you can commit short term, that's okay. Please contact John or Mia Leoni at 861-7189.



RESPECT LIFE:

This weeks' rose is in memory of
Dave Figari by Tara Brady

If you would like to sponsor a rose, please contact:
Catherine Pfeifer at 268-4761.



ROSARY FOR HEALING: Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the St. Therese Chapel, 6:30-7:00 PM. All are welcome to join in.



TRAVELING VIRGIN OF FATIMA STATUES

The large statue will be at the home of Kathe & Frank Mazzerino. Sam & Taylor Davis will have the small statue.

If you would like to have a Traveling Virgin Statue at your home for a week please contact Lois Crosby at 221-8679.

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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

PARISH CODE IS 61a2db

INCARNATION PRESCHOOL

Malerie Young, Assistant Principal/
Director of Preschool
901-861-5414, office
malerie.young@incarnationcollierville.org
www.goics.org/preschool/



The 2016-2017 school year is in full progress!
Visit the Preschool website or office for more
information about our program or to schedule a
tour.



RENT-A-TEEN FUNDRAISER

Does your yard need to be weeded or raked?
House cleaned? Incarnation Teens are here
to help! Call the Office of Youth Ministry at
(901)850-2696 to schedule a teen to help you. Donations
accepted for jobs. No job too big or small. (No power
tools or ladders, please.)



Twenties & Thirties Ministry at Incarna-
tion is taking off, with over 40 responses
to our survey ([https://
www.surveymonkey.com/r/
MTXM7M8](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MTXM7M8)) Mark your calendars for the
following ways to get involved:

- 4th Monday of each month, beginning in January 2017,
7:30-9:00 PM for "Skybox Sessions with Fr. Ernie" at
The Skybox Grill in Collierville
- Incarnation's rec volleyball meets on Sunday nights
from 6:00-8:00 PM. Contact Ted Bacon, 850-9242.
- The Diocesan Young Adult Ministry webpage at CYA-
Memphis.org has many ways to get involved. *Theology
on Tap* meets the 2nd Monday of each month at
different locations around Memphis. Contact Sam
Mauck, 323-3051.

ESL (ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE)

CLASSES: Are available whether you speak little
English or wish to improve your speaking skills and vo-
cabulary. Classes are Tues., 7:00 -8:30 PM at the Minis-
try House (behind the church). More information?
Contact Wilson Parma at 786-3220.



Loaves and Fishes-December 3 & 4!
LAST BIG COLLECTION before
Christmas distribution.

Work Day at OLPH on Monday,
December 12 at 9am

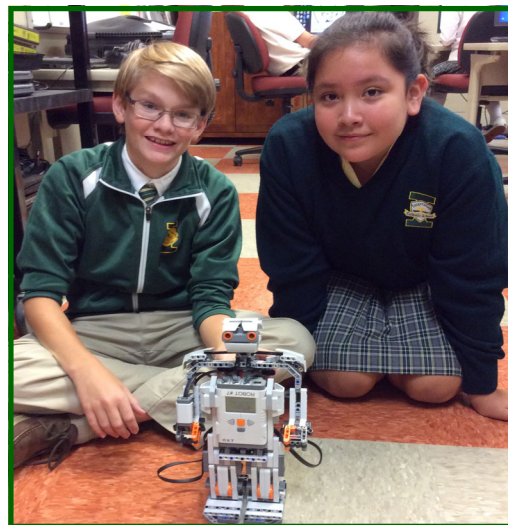


Angel Tree donations, **LAST DAY** to
drop off is Sunday, December 11!

Volunteers needed to work on gifts
starting after 12:15 Mass.



What makes us smile at Incarnation Catholic School?

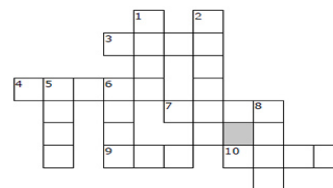
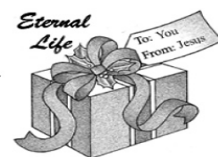


**Sixth Grade Students using their
computer skills to program and build
Lego Mindstorms!**

CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Gifts that Jesus Brings

The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who
have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are
raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.
Matthew 11:5 (NIV)



ACROSS

- To receive sound using your ears
- Unable to see
- Something that is pleasant or enjoyable
- To be aware of what is around you by using your eyes
- To move along by putting one foot in front of the other

DOWN

- Not living
- A place where criminals are forced to live as a punishment
- Unable to walk correctly because of injury to or weakness in the legs or feet
- Information or reports about recent events
- Unable to hear

DEAF	SEE	NEWS	GOOD	WALK
HEAR	DEAD	BLIND	PRISON	LAME

Ministries and Contacts

Altar Servers

Fr. Ernie 853-7468

Altar Society

Mary Lou Reed 854-5539

Angel Knitters

Audrey Bradham 853-9825

Angel Quilters

Susan Brack 853-2125

Athletics

Ted Bacon 850-9242

Boy Scouts

Chuck Martin 497-0108

Breast Cancer Support

Loma Hyder 854-9790

Career Support

Bob Reilly 378-1818

Children of Mary

Sara Dockstader

512-348-9442

Co-Directors of Music

Kevin & Bethany Paige

615-336-0686

Church Nursery

Kimberly McNutt 850-1277

Coffee Bar Ministry

Cheryl Carroll 262-0625

Columbian Squires

Michael Pratt 854-0004

Cub Scouts

John Dockstader 512-592-1123

ESL

Wilson Parma 786-3220

Eucharistic Ministers

Fr. Ernie 853-7468

Fishers of Men

Peter Daunais 861-7349

Food Angels

Social Ministry 850-7374

Food Pantry

Social Ministry 850-7375

Grief Ministry

Betty Llewellyn 854-2739

Mary Beth Trouy 853-1819

God's Special Needs

Charlotte Slater 457-7770

Greeters

Deb Connors 461-3117

Cathi Mueller 221-8326

Health Ministry

Missy Feyerherm 485-5122

Hospitality Chair

Elena Ross 850-9677

Host Family

Lois Crosby 221-8679

Incarnation Girl Scouts

Maggie Myers 861-2285

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR

December 10 & 11, 2016

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: B. LLEWELLYN, J. SCHMIDT, B. O'NEIL, B. LOVE, B. HANNAH

ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 PM	N. FISCHER, Z. DAVENPORT, A. WICKS
8:00 AM	M. EASTON, M. BERSOZA, N. CASWELL
10:30 AM	J. SHIRLEY, J. & J. DAWSON, P. PFEIFFER
12:15 PM	E. COVEY, A. DEENEY, C. BARLOVIC

LECTORS:

5:00 PM	A. CAVANAUGH, R. PARR
8:00 AM	P. SANDELL, J. STRENK
10:30 AM	W. CARTER, K. BAIONI
12:15 PM	L. COVEY

USHERS:

5:00 PM	M. ZWIRLEIN, T. ROSS, R. RUSSELL, T. MARTIN
8:00 AM	M. MALONE, J. SALENTINE, M. FLETCHER, R. MARZELLA
10:30 AM	S. SCHUBERT, J. TARSI, G. HOWELL, M. LINDSEY
12:15 PM	M. KIEHN, A. WAGUESPACK, L. SCULLY, S. KEY

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

5:00 PM	B	DEACON MILES, R. GIOMETTI, K. LANNING
	BL.	I. RAGLAND, L. ROSSI, T. WALTER, B. LOVE, L. GILMAN, J. CALOVINI
8:00 AM	B	J. WINTERROWD, J. CASWELL, J. MASSERANO
	BL.	A. WINTERROWD, D. & J. SCHMIDT, B. LLEWELLYN, R. BERSOZA, J. MASSERANO
10:30 AM	B	B. RYAN, L. & M. SUTTON, C. & C. TIEGELMANN, R. TALARICO
	BL.	R. TALARICO, VOLUNTEER, J. RUKSTAD, L. WEAVER, R. TARENA, C. KEMPF, G. TATE, D. WARREN
12:15 PM	B.	DEACON BOB, J. & R. SPEROFF
	BL.	A. ARMENDARIZ, G. ARMENDARIZ

REMINDERS:

- All Lay Ministers and Altar Servers must sign-in 15 minutes before mass! Sacristans are to fill all empty spaces at that time. If you are unable to serve, it is your responsibility to get a sub.
- When a Deacon (or Seminarian) is present, he replaces #1 Body.
- New lay Ministry Schedule is about to be prepared. Please notify the Parish Office if you cannot serve any weekends between February 1 and May 1, by DECEMBER18.

Ministries and Contacts

ICS Home & School

Sherrie Goodwin 292-2634

Allison Waggoner 870-6835

In Mary's Arms

Kimberly McNutt 850-1277

Knights of Columbus

Robbie Atkins 517-0024

Ladies Cursillo

Noreen Ford 853-3501

Lectors

Fr. Ernie 853-7468

Men's Cursillo

Steve Signaigo 598-7739

Ministry to the Sick

Vicky Goodin 853-9107

Lee Handwerker 854-8502

Moms & Tots

Kimberly McNutt 850-1277

Parish Religious Education

Lea Weaver 853-0135

Perpetual Adoration

John & Mia Leoni 861-7189

Project Outreach

Delana Lynch 861-6358

Respect Life

Catherine Pfeifer - 268-4761

Rosary for Healing

Butch & Kathy Ryan 854-6609

Sacristans

Barbara Cornwell 853-6241

Kimberly MacFeggan 494-6810

Scripture Study

Barbara Cornwell 853-6241

Senior Citizens (55+ Young at Heart)

Lee Handwerker 854-8502

Small Faith Community

Marsha Keller 230-0654

Social Ministry

Jenny Fehrenbacher, Director

850-7374

Spring Festival, Chair

Elizabeth Romagni

954-629-2806

Stewardship Commission

Charles Sevier 850-5089

Traveling Virgin of Fatima

Lois Crosby 221-8679

Twenties and Thirties

Kimberly McNutt 850-1277

Ushers

Scott Rozanski 854-9500

Wed. Morn. Prayer Group

Mary Lee Morton 853-6908

Welcome Bread

Lois Crosby 221-8679

Youth (BASIC & Teens)

Ministry

Rebecca Talarico 850-2696

**INCARNATION
55+ YOUNG AT HEART
CLUB**

Come Join Us For Lots of Fun!!
Who? YOU
All Youngsters Over 55 Are Welcome
Who? YOU
Think Young At Heart!! Join Us!!
Who? YOU
Why Stay At Home? You'll Miss All The Fun
Who? YOU

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

**Monday Dec 5 to Wednesday Dec 7
Trip to Branson Missouri**

**Saturday December 10 6:00 pm
Christmas Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
Followed by a Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long
With Bethany and Kevin Paige
Enjoy a Delicious Catered Dinner After Mass
The Only Thing Missing is YOU
Only \$10 What a Deal!!
Come Enjoy Fellowship-Fun-Food with Us
Phone Joyce Van Houtte at 468-8669 or
Lee Handwerker at 854-8502
before Thursday December 8
to let us know that you're coming**

**Tuesday December 13 at 10:00 am
Madonna Learning Center Christmas Play
Morning Matinee
at the Germantown Performing Arts Center**

**The Only Thing missing is YOU
Come Enjoy Fellowship-Fun-Food with Us**



**55+ Young-At-Heart
Newsletter
December, 2016**

**Thing Young at Heart!! Join Us!!
Who? YOU
Come Enjoy Fellowship-Fun-Food with Us**

Contact Lee Handwerker at 854-8502 for details



**SANTA SENDS BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR
FRIENDS:**

Polly Merwin / Jerry Ables / Regina Giometti
Bob Monroe / Catherine Dunavant / Bob Trouy
Maryann Jardine / Sallyanne Bowen / Jay Wallace
Ann Cavanaugh / Dot Schexnayder / Peggy Fiveash
Barbara Meehan / Peggy Talarico / Mary Lou Reed
Betty Llewellyn / Paul Long



*May your family feel the love,
peace, and joy that come with the
spirit of Christmas.*

Best Wishes for this Holiday Season
From your friendly Newsletter Editor,

JIM

Eight year old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor on Sept 21, 1897. Francis P. Church was assigned to answer Virginia's letter. His response to little Virginia's letter has gone down in history as the most heart-felt news editorial that has lasted to this day.

"DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"



Virginia O'Hanlon

115 West Ninety-Fifth Street

Francis Church answered her letter as follows:

"VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.



Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody see Santa Claus, but this is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men see.

*Did you ever see
fairies dancing on
the lawn? Of Course not,
but that's no proof that they are not there.
Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders
there are unseen and unseeable in the world.
You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what
makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the
unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the
united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived,
could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love,
romance, can push aside that curtain and view and
picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all
real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing
else real and abiding.*

*No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives
forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten
times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to
make glad the heart of childhood.*

(Source: www.newseum.org)

A Brief History of the Holiday

"The first time the birth of Jesus Christ was attributed to the date December 25 was in the 4th century, according to early Roman history. Early celebrations of Christmas are thought to have derived from Roman and other European festivals that marked the end of the harvest, and the winter solstice. The holiday developed further with the legend of St. Nicholas. Although much of his history is unconfirmed, the man who became St. Nicholas lived in the 4th century and is believed to have been a bishop in Asia Minor.

St. Nicholas took on different personas in different countries. For example, The Netherlands have Sinter Klaas; Father Christmas gives gifts in Great Britain; Pere Noel does the same in France. In the United States, the Dutch settlers' Sinter Klaas evolved into Santa Claus.

* The word Christmas comes from the Old English Cristes Maesse, which means Christ's mass.

* Santa Claus generally was depicted as an elf until 1931.

(Source: www.cnn.com/EVENTS)



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Is hosting a

Christmas Extravaganza

(Ages: 6 to Adult)

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5:00 – 7:00 pm*

Come Celebrate the Fun With Us!

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Contact: Charlotte Slater (901) 457-7770*

2016 TAX STATEMENTS: As a courtesy, Catholic Church of the Incarnation provides Tax Statements to or Registered Parishioners. If you would like to receive a Tax Statement for 2016, and you have NOT registered with the Parish Office, please fill out a New Parishioner form. Which can be found in the Narthex, on the Church website (www.incarnationchurch.com) or you can stop by the Parish Office and fill out a form. Tax Statements will be mailed in January. If you have any questions, please contact Tara in the Parish Office at 901-853-7468 x 304.

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Michael Paulson, 351-9638

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November 19 & 20, 2016	Contributed
Offertory	
Envelopes	\$23,642
Electronic	\$4,559
Loose Cash	\$1,646
Loose Checks Members	\$3,833
Total Offertory	\$33,680
Budget Requirements	\$29,000
Total Registered Families	1,694
Donated by Envelopes	394
Donated Electronically	61
% of families participating	27%
% of families not participating	73%

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DIOCESAN NEWS

NOTRE DAME CLUB OF MEMPHIS features Professor Nicole Garnett, Law School, University of Notre Dame, Mon, December 5, at OLPH in St. Therese Hall, 7:00-9:00 PM. Prof. Garnett will discuss the importance of Catholic schools for disadvantaged children and urban neighborhoods, and what we can do to sustain & strengthen Jubilee Schools here in Memphis. Continuing Ed Credits available from Diocese of Memphis. Call Dr. Kenny at 237-7048 or email: Charlie@rightbrainpeople.com

BIRTHRIGHT FAMILY HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AND AUCTION: December 10, at the Hilton Hotel, Ridge Lake Blvd. Children come as your favorite princess or super hero. For reservations or more information, call Vicki Hardesty at 901-327-8109 or go online to BirthrightOfMemphis.org. All proceeds benefit Birthright of Memphis, Inc.

PROVIDING HELP...BRINGING HOPE CAMPAIGN. Catholic Charities of West TN, during this season of Advent, assists newcomers to our country and assists them on their path toward United States citizenship. Please donate at www.ccwn.org select "Donate" or by returning the envelope found in the brochure mailed to your home.

BISHOP HOLLEY 100 DAYS OF SERVICE December 20 and 21, (over 4 shifts) we will distribute Christmas gifts for toys, clothing, personal care items to 4,300 children, teens and seniors as part of our annual Gifts for "God's Children Outreach". Join us in this effort and you may even pick the one shift where Bishop Holley is with us! Visit ccwn.org/about/bishopholley/ for the most up to date details and to sign up to volunteer for any of the Bishop Holley 100 Days of Service events.

Catholic Diocese of Memphis in Tennessee encourages all victims or parents of minors who are victims of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, diocesan employee or agent to report such abuse by phoning any of the following:

TN Child Abuse Hot Line
1-877-237-0004

Memphis Victim Assistance Coordinator
Shari Lee - 652-4066

Office of Child & Youth Protection
Dr. Jim Latta - 359-2027

Diocesan H.R. Director
Sandra Goldstein, 373-1257
All reports will be treated confidentially.

CAREER SUPPORT MINISTRY

Networking assistance, emphasizing effective tools and techniques for a job search, led by Bob Reilly of our parish. Weekly roundtable meets every **Wednesday, 6:30-8:30 AM at Holy Spirit Church.** Contact Bob at 378-1818.

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