

# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

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December 11, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**REV. ERNIE DEBLASIO, PASTOR**

E-MAIL: [fr.ernie@incarnationcollierville.org](mailto: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 McCrary, 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.

### MASS SCHEDULE December 10 – December 18, 2016

<b>SAT.</b>	<b>12/10</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	
		<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>NOAL KIEFER-</b> Requested by M. Bolfig
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>12/11</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>PARISHIONERS OF</b> <b>INCARNATION</b>
Second Sunday of Advent			
		<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>LAURA SWAN -</b> Requested by D. Connors
		<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>MARIA DUNG DOAN -</b> Requested by L. Doan
<b>MON.</b>	<b>12/12</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>MARIA HUONG NGUYEN-</b> Requested by L. Doan
Our Lady of Guadalupe			
<b>TUES.</b>	<b>12/13</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>ALBIN DLABAJ -</b> Requested by ICS
St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr			
<b>WED.</b>	<b>12/14</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>MARIA HUONG NGUYEN-</b> Requested by L. Doan
St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church			
<b>THUR.</b>	<b>12/15</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>BIRTHDAY INT OF</b> <b>SYDNEY SHIRLEY-</b> Requested by D. & S. Shirley
<b>FRI.</b>	<b>12/16</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>GUALBERTO DIZON -</b> Requested by C. & E. Cabe
<b>SAT.</b>	<b>12/17</b>	<b>8:15 AM</b>	<b>JACK FERRY -</b> Requested by A. Ferry
		<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>LEE WICKENHISER -</b> Requested by D. & B. Llewellyn
<b>SUN.</b>	<b>12/18</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>JOSEF HAGEN -</b> Requested by T. Hagen
Fourth Sunday of Advent			
		<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>INT. OF TERESA</b> <b>O'CONNOR</b> Requested by T. & M. O'Connor
		<b>12:15 PM</b>	<b>PARISHIONERS OF</b> <b>INCARNATION</b>

### THIS WEEK AT INCARNATION

December 11 – December 17, 2016

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 - 10:15 AM - SCRIPTURE STUDY - ICS LIBRARY  
9:00 - 11:30 AM - PRE - HFCL & EB CLASSROOMS  
1:00 - 5:00 PM - YOUTH BASKETBALL PRACT. - GYM  
1:15 - 1:45 PM - BAPTISM - KACI BETH KELTNER - NARTHEX  
5:00 - 7:00 PM - SPECIAL NEEDS CHRISTMAS PARTY - FH  
6:00 - 9:00 PM - K OF C ROS./BUS./SOC. MTG - GYM, MR, KIT

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

10:00 - 3:00 PM - ANGEL QUILTERS - 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  
7:00 - 9:00 PM - BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP - 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 13

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 - 7:00 PM - ROSARY FOR HEALING - STLC  
6:30 - 7:30 PM - CUB SCOUT DEN MTG - EB 101-104  
7:00 - 8:30 PM - ESL - MH, KIT.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:00 - 10:00 AM - WED MORN. PRAYER GRP - CHAPEL  
11:00 - 12:00 PM - PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & RECEPTION- NAR, CHURCH  
12:00 - 3:00 PM - ICS CHRISTMAS PROG PRACT - CHURCH  
3:00 - 4:00 PM - KARATE - GYM  
6:00 - 7:15 PM - PRE - HFCL & EB CLASSROOMS  
6:30 - 8:30 PM - ENCOUNTER - GYM, KIT, HFCL #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 15

8:15 - 9:00 AM - ICS MASS - CHURCH  
11:00 - 12:00 PM - PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & RECEPTION- NAR, CHURCH  
12:00 - 3:00 PM - ICS CHRISTMAS PROG PRACT - CHURCH  
6:00 - 7:00 PM - GIRL SCOUT TRP MTG. - HFCL #9/11, 21  
6:30 - 8:30 PM - RCIA - MH, KIT  
6:00 - 9:00 PM - YOUTH BASKETBALL PRACTICE - GYM  
7:00 - 8:00 PM - MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GRP. - FH

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:30 - 8:00 AM - FISHERS OF MEN - MH, KITCHEN  
10:00 - 12:00 PM - ICS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM & RECEPTION - CHURCH, FH, KIT.  
6:00 - 9:00 PM - YOUTH BASKETBALL PRACTICE - GYM

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:45 - 8:00 AM - MEN'S CURSILLO - MH  
8:00 - 3:00 PM - YOUTH BASKETBALL PRACTICE - GYM

#### PARISH BEAUTIFICATION:

##### Stained Glass Project

This new window will be placed over the doors going into the Church. Fundraising is currently at

Gofundme.com

@search type:

Incarnation Stained Glass



**INCARNATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL: 4K - 8<sup>th</sup>**

(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!**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
To our Newly Baptized



*Ella Christine Bryson*  
*Matthew Joseph Marzella, Jr.*



**PARISH STAFF**

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

**Welcome To Our Parish**

Claro Diaz;  
Carlos & Ana Hernadez and son,  
Carlos;  
Bob & Deanna Snyder and sons,  
Ryan & Nolan;  
Kerry & Donna Williams & children,  
Morgan & Keira;  
and  
Nick & Jamie Wozniak and sons,  
Brooks, Hudson & Parker.

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION**

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES:** PRE classes are for children 3yrs-8<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grade need to be enrolled in a religious education program in order to make their sacraments in 2<sup>nd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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-6<sup>th</sup> grade may participate. **ONE MANDATORY PRACTICE, TUESDAY, DEC 20, from 8:30-12:00**

**NO PRE:** SUNDAY, December 18, 25 and January 1. Also NO classes: Wednesday Dec. 21, 28, and January 4. Have a Blessed Christmas!

**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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 7:00-8:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. All 6-8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:social.ministry@incarnationcollierville.org)

## ROOM IN THE INN MEMPHIS:

Runs November - March. Incarnation will partner with Germantown United Methodist for the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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:  
12:00 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.



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



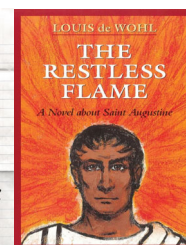
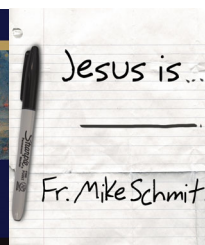
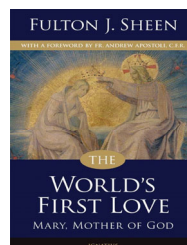
### TRAVELING VIRGIN OF FATIMA STATUES

The large statue will be at the home of Eduardo Cervantes. Gerri & Owen Amann 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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Some Features for December. Go to: [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org); Our parish login code is: 61a2db



## RESPECT LIFE:

This weeks' rose is in honor of Eli Goodin by Vic & Lisa Goodin

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



## 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  
Incarnation 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:

- 4<sup>th</sup> 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  
*Theology on Tap* meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Eng-  
lish or wish to improve your speaking skills and vocabu-  
lary. Classes are Tues., 7:00 -8:30 PM at the Ministry  
House (behind the church). More information?  
Contact Wilson Parma at 786-3220.



Loaves and Fishes:  
**LAST BIG COLLECTION** before  
Christmas distribution.

Work Day at OLPH on Monday,  
December 12, at 9:00 AM.



*Angel Tree* donations, LAST DAY to  
drop off is THIS WEEKEND Sunday,  
December 11!  
Volunteers needed to work on gifts  
starting after 12:15 Mass.



## What makes us smile at Incarnation Catholic School?



*Eighth grade students reading saint  
books to their Kindergarten buddies!*

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



## 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 17 & 18, 2016

### MINISTRY TO THE SICK: P. & C. LONG, D. & G. STRAFUSS, M.J. MONTEZ, B. SPEROFF, B. OELKE

#### ALTAR SERVERS:

5:00 PM N. LUCIANO, R. GALLIATA, J. DACUS

8:00 AM D. & K. STRENK, O. BRODEUR

10:30 AM A., J., D. LEONI, C. BARLOVIC

12:15 PM E. COVEY, A. DEENEY, VOLUNTEER

#### LECTORS:

5:00 PM A. BYRD, J. BYRD

8:00 AM K. BOWEN, D. CASWELL

10:30 AM M. ALLEN, C. HURDLE

12:15 PM G. MAIDEN

#### USHERS:

5:00 PM J. SCHMIDT, T. STOLL, R. RUSSELL, L. ROSSI

8:00 AM B. MURPHY, O. AMANN, M. LYNCH, P. SANDELL

10:30 AM J. TARSİ, T. MAROTTA, K. BAIONI, J. VAN DU VUURST

12:15 PM M. KIEHN, K. KURSONIS, L. SCULLY, A. WAGUESPACK

#### MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

5:00 PM B DEACON MILES, J. BYRD, S. LUCIANO

BL. A. BYRD, L. DURFEE, R. & M.B. TROUY, R. PARR, T. HIRT

8:00 AM B A. & J. STRENK, D. GOODIN

BL. V. GOODIN, J. CASWELL, G. AMANN, D. LYNCH, R. & M.E. MATHEWS

10:30 AM B DEACON BOB, M. FRASER, E. ROMAGNI, M. TOWNSEND, K. LITANO, N. HUDDLESTON

BL. K. GRACZYK, W. WARREN, T. HUNT, M. DIMOTTA, C. KREUGER, J. FEHRENBACHER, N. MILLER, A. BLEVINS

12:15 PM B. DEACON MILES, C. LONG, M. CARRASCO

BL. L. COVEY, S. KEY

#### 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 December 18.

**New E-mails:** See church website for individual e-mail addresses: [www.incarnationchurch.com](http://www.incarnationchurch.com)

## 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

# Partners in FAITH™



Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

December 2016

Catholic Church of the Incarnation

Mrs. Lea M. Weaver, Director of Religious Education



## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Francis Xavier

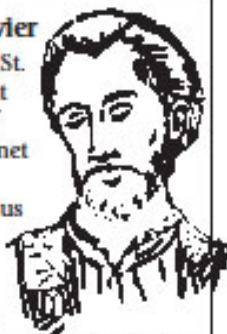
Born in Spain, St. Francis studied at the University of Paris, where he met St. Ignatius of Loyola. St. Ignatius founded the Society of Jesus with St. Francis and five friends.

After becoming a priest in 1537, St. Francis traveled to India and Japan as a missionary. He worked joyfully to serve the poor and the outcasts, and founded several congregations in both countries. He is called the "Apostle of Japan" and "Apostle of the East Indies."

### God knows us

"A God who draws near out of love walks with His people...We could never have imagined that the same Lord would become one of us and walk with us, be present with us, present in His Church, present in the Eucharist, present in His Word, present in the poor...And this is closeness: the shepherd close to his flock, close to his sheep, whom he knows, one by one."

Pope Francis



## Is there peace and joy in your Christmas?

"Last year Santa disappointed the children by not bringing all the toys on their lists," said Jeff.

"We were so busy during the holidays that we were exhausted by New Year's Day," said Jenny. If we look to the world to provide joy at Christmas, we are often disappointed. Instead, try modeling your family celebration after the first Christmas to bring more peace and joy this year.

**Sweep the inn.** Jesus chose lowly circumstances for his birth to encourage freedom from worldly goods. Together, donate or sell what you don't truly need so you can free up attention and affection for what really matters. Then limit the number and value of new gifts.

Select shepherds. Although the people watching the sheep in the fields that night weren't the most popular nor the most prosperous in town, God chose them to spend time with his newborn

Son. Children benefit from healthy, loving company. Accept and extend only those holiday invitations that will provide precious, loving time together.

**Ponder in your heart.** When her remarkable Son was born,

"Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart" (Luke 2:19) so she could savor the joy of every awesome moment. Don't forget to savor time with your own remarkable family so that you can ponder each wonderful moment in your own heart.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why does the priest wear different colored vestments?

The colors of the priest's vestments highlight the themes of the Church's seasons. Violet signifies the penances we make to purify our hearts and is worn during Advent and Lent. White and gold symbolize purity and joy and are



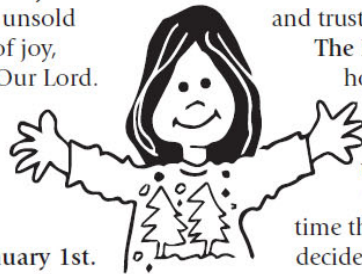
worn during Christmas and Easter. Red recalls the shedding of blood and God's burning love for us and is worn on martyrs' feast days, Good Friday, and Pentecost. Green signifies new life and is worn during the season of Ordinary time.

## Make Christmas last

For Catholics, Christmas doesn't end the day after when the lights and trees come down and unsold goods go on sale. Ours is a whole season of joy, from Christmas Day until the Baptism of Our Lord. Here are some highlights of the season:

**Feast of the Holy Family, December 30th.** Gather for a special meal with family or make contact with out-of-town relatives.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, January 1st.** Attend Mass and dedicate a special rosary to the



Blessed Mother asking her to help you grow in love and trust.

**The Epiphany, January 8th.** The image of the Magi honoring Jesus has become a symbol of sharing him with the entire world. This is our opportunity to think about the way we live so that we can better reveal Christ to our world.

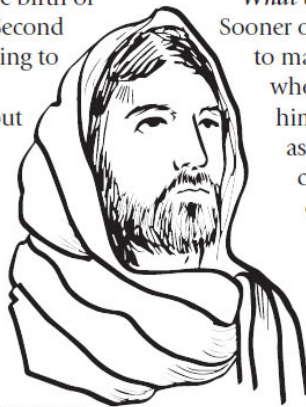
**The Baptism of Our Lord, January 9th.** Take time this day to renew your Baptismal vows and decide what you can change in your life to help you live as Christ did.

### Scripture LESSON

#### John 1:1-18, Who is Jesus?

This month we celebrate the birth of Jesus: the Word of God, the Second Person of the Trinity. By coming to Earth, living among us and teaching us, he taught us about God and his love for us. It is now possible to share in God's divine life through Jesus's life, death and Resurrection.

In this gospel, St. John explained that Jesus took on our humanity because he loves us and wanted to share our experience. He chose to live as we live. He experienced what we experience. Remembering that, we can also know with confidence that Jesus understands us.



#### What can a parent do?

Sooner or later, we each have to make a choice. Many who saw Jesus rejected him, not recognizing him as the Messiah. Help children to make a deliberate choice to recognize Jesus as their own personal Savior. Teach them to ask, "Do I live my life as if I'm a child of God?" Tell them what it means to live as a child of God and to follow Jesus. Jesus is our Lord and brother.

### Parent TALK

"If Christmas is celebrating Jesus' birthday, how come he doesn't get gifts?" asked my eight-year-old son, David.

"The Wise Men gave him gifts," I explained.

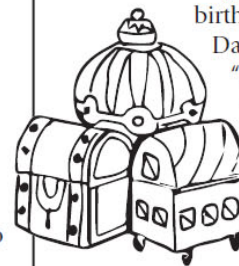
"But he didn't get them on his birthday," said Ava, David's younger sister.

"Everyone else gets presents that day except him!"

I wanted to encourage my children's generosity, so I

came up with an idea. That night, each of us wrote short letters, saying, "Dear Jesus, I will give my love to you this Christmas by..." and we described specific acts of kindness to be done during the Advent season. When we finished, we put the cards in a shoebox, gift-wrapped it with a nametag for Jesus, and put it under the tree. Then we performed the acts we promised.

On Christmas morning, we opened Jesus' gift first, singing "Happy Birthday to Jesus!" and revealed the kind acts we offered Jesus for his birthday.



### Feasts & Celebrations

**Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas of Myra (c.350).** St. Nicholas had a generous heart and gave away most of his fortune. He is credited with saving three girls from being sold into slavery to pay their father's debt. His anonymous acts of generosity helped him become the patron saint of children.

**Dec. 9 – St. Juan Diego (1548).** A humble Native American convert, St. Juan Diego was visited by the Blessed Mother at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. She asked that a chapel be built for her and sent him to the bishop with roses as a

sign. When the roses were emptied from his tilma (cape), it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

**Dec. 23 – St. John Kanty (1473).** Born in Poland, St. John studied at a university in Krakow, and became a theology professor in 1418. He was ordained a priest and sent to Olkusz, where he struggled with the responsibilities of overseeing a parish. Despite this, he was known for his humility and kindness.



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# *God's Special Needs Ministry*

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## *Christmas Extravaganza*

*(Ages: 6 to Adult)*

*Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>*

*5:00 – 7:00 pm*

*Come Celebrate the Fun With Us!*

- *Pictures with Santa*
- *Ornament making*
- *Crafts*
- *Food*
- *Music*

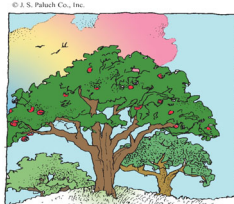
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**2016 TAX STATEMENTS:** As a courtesy, Catholic Church of the Incarnation provides Tax Statements to our Registered Parishioners. If you would like to receive a Tax Statement for 2016, and you have NOT registered with the Parish Office, please fill out a New Parishioner form which can be found in the Narthex, on the Church website ([www.incarnationchurch.com](http://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.

## FLOCKNOTES

Did you miss out on our Flocknote Network? Just Text-to-Join!

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- To: **84576**
- Hit Send
- Follow Prompts



Be patient until the coming of the Lord

## Prayer, Ministry, and Finance Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life Sacrificial Giving Summary 2016-2017

November 26 & 27, 2016	Contributed
<b>Offertory</b>	
Envelopes	\$18,207
Electronic	\$2,616
Loose Cash	\$2,786
Loose Checks Members	\$5,305
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$28,913</b>
<b>Budget Requirements</b>	<b>\$29,000</b>
<b>Total Registered Families</b>	<b>1,695</b>
Donated by Envelopes	384
Donated Electronically	48
<b>% of families participating</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>% of families not participating</b>	<b>75%</b>

Thank you for your giving.

You are helping us to carry out Christ's mission and ministry.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ITALIAN WINTERFEST:** Benefitting the Catholic Education Scholarship Fund and Ave Maria Home, Sun., January 15, 2017 from 5:00-9:00 PM at The Racquet Club. More than 14 restaurants, wine, dancing and 1000 guests expected this year. The 2017 Honored Guest of Winterfest award will be presented to Bishop Emeritus J. Terry Steib, S.V.D., Catholic Diocese of Memphis. Early bird tickets at \$45/person or \$450/table of 10 until Dec. 31. Tickets available on line at [www.avemariahome.org](http://www.avemariahome.org); or call Lisa Bell at 901-405-3791 or Janet Donato at 901-373-1221.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES FALL SALE:** For each grave purchased receive your second grave at half price. Special offer on Mausoleum Crypts, Columbarium Niches and Family Estate Lots, receive a 10% discount when paid in full on the day of purchase. Offers end 12/21/16. Call 901-948-1529 for more.

**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](http://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/](http://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  
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