

Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec 21, Late Advent Weekday
 7:00 a.m. Theresa & Ray Reed
 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Joe & Sue Blaes

Tuesday, Dec. 22, Late Advent Weekday
 7:00 a.m. Dick Elias
 8:00 a.m. Donald R. Wanha

Wednesday, Dec. 23, Late Advent Weekday
 7:00 a.m. Hank Lynch
 8:00 a.m. Tom Maher

Thursday, Dec. 24, Vigil of Christmas
 7:00 a.m. Dennis Fitzpatrick
 8:00 a.m. Kathleen Hoover
 4:00 p.m. John Knauf
 6:00 p.m. Wally Bode
 Midnight Duff Allen, Jr.

Friday, Dec. 25, Nativity of the Lord
 8:45 a.m. Mary & Don Guempel
 10:30 a.m. Lawrence Mollerus
 12:15 p.m. Christine Diel & Camille Lincoln

Saturday Dec. 26, Stephen, first martyr
 8:00 a.m. Matilde Rabina Barreto
 5:00 p.m. John Knauf

Sun. Dec. 27, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 7:15 a.m. Diane Roth
 8:45 a.m. People of Incarnate Word
 10:30 a.m. Walt Higdon
 12:15 p.m. Deacon Glenn Bourbon
 6:00 p.m. David Lozano

Your Gifts to God and Parish

Offertory \$39,166.90 Tuition Assist. \$570.00
 Holy Day \$405.00 Christmas \$480.00

We would appreciate it if you would be kind enough to Remember Incarnate Word Parish in your will.

**December 20, 2009
 4th Sunday of Advent**

"You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel." - Micah 5:1

We may think that the gifts we have to offer may be too small or too inconsequential to give to God. Today we are reminded that God brought forth His greatest gift to mankind, His own Son, through the humble town of Bethlehem. He can also accomplish great things through us if we generously offer our gifts to Him.

Temple Tabulator Team 5, Dec 26; Team 1, Dec 27
 Heavenly Dusters Team 1, Dec. 26

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Sat. Dec. 26, Stephen, first martyr
 5:00 p.m. Celebrant: Fr. Vowels
 Lectors: T. Schneider, K. Page
 Servers: M. Rogers, J. Salmon
 N. Salmon

Sun. Dec 27, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 7:15 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Nienhaus
 Lectors: P. Kopsky, H. Reinsfelder
 Servers: J. Seithel, A. Powell
 N. Sarni

8:45 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Sullivan
 Lectors: D. Lordi, T. Vaiana
 Servers: M. Reilly, J. Waters
 I. Weiskopf

10:30 a.m. Celebrant: Fr. Nienhaus
 Deacon: Deacon Stallings
 Lectors: C. Eifler, P. Nord
 Servers: M. Peterson, N. Price
 T. Schneider

12:15 p.m. Celebrant: Fr. Sullivan
 Lectors: R. Unterreiner, S. Givens
 Servers: C. Oxler, E. Ratliff
 R. Russell

6:00 p.m. Celebrant: Fr. Vowels

Readings for the Week

December 20 through December 27, 2009

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Sg 2:8-14, Ps 33:2-3, 11-12 20-21
 Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Ps 1Sm 2:1, 4-8
 Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
 Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:
 2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98: 1-6 Heb 1:1-6;
 Jn 1:1-19

Saturday: Acts 6: 8-10; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84:2-3,
 5-6, 9-10; 1Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
 Lk 2:41-52

Flowers at the Altar this Week are Offered:

- In memory of Vito & Lora Barbera from Maria Barbera

Children's Liturgy of the Word—12/26 & 12/27

5PM	8:45	10:30
L. Meehan	K. Rasure	J. Luetkemeyer
		R. Korte
S. Davisson	K. Kilcullen	L. Huber
S. West	L. McAleenan	C. Reznikov



Weekly Calendar of Events

Church-Rosary
Recited Daily
after 7:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, Dec 21

Tuesday Dec 22

Barron Rm. 7:00 p.m. Men's Ministry

Wednesday, Dec 23

Thursday, Dec 24

Friday, Dec 25

Saturday, Dec 26

Sunday Dec 27

Kent Center 7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball

JR. HIGH TRIVIA NIGHT

- **What:** A fun filled evening of trivia for 6th, 7th and 8th graders
- **When:** February 5, 2010
- **Time:** Doors open- 6:15 p.m., Trivia begins - 7p.m., Pick up- 10 p.m.
- **Who:** 6th, 7th, and 8th graders
- **How many:** 40 tables with 10 kids per table will be accepted
- **How much:** \$10 per participant or \$100 per table
- **How to register:** Contact Beth Enderle at (314)-469-9034 or enderlestl@att.net Or contact Lisa Bersett at (314)- 434- 4904 or lbersett@msn.com

Questions: Please contact Suzanne Lorenz at slbronx@aol.com or (314) 469-2103

Categories of Questions to include
SPORTS, MOVIE, MUSIC, ECT.

Concessions will be available for purchase so bring
some extra cash!

Fun attendance prizes, too!

In Our Midst

And the angel said unto them, "Fear not! For, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." (St. Luke 2:10-12)

May the joy of our Messiah's birth reign down on you and your family on Christmas Day.

Each month at Incarnate Word on the 3rd Sunday, we place a brown box at the back of Church to collect donations for a group in the city that is in need. We call it our "Reach Out" ministry. The recipients of our Reach Out contributions are **Hosea House, St. Theresa & Bridget and St. Augustine**. These groups are so thankful for the financial help we give them. **Joan Phillips** has been organizing these collections for the last few years. She is retiring from this position and **Stacy Sabino & Jeanine Mudd** will now assume responsibility for this ministry. Thank you Joan for your commitment to the poor and thanks to all who so generously contribute each month.

Incarnate Word is such an incredible parish! It never ceases to amaze me that when a need is expressed, the response is overwhelming! Over 400 gifts were collected for the parish **Christmas Giving Tree! Over 400!** Students from St. Frances Cabrini Academy and clients of the Wellston Center will all be beneficiaries of your generosity. A very special thanks goes out to **Sue Bollinger** and her volunteers for organizing this remarkable effort.

Congratulations to **Karen Erlinger**, who was the winner of the nativity raffle. Thanks to all who support Pro-Life Committee activities at Incarnate Word throughout the year.

In celebration of Christmas, the **Parish Office** will be closed on December 24-28th and will be open in the mornings only on December 29-31st.

- Fr. Vowels

The third annual **Catholic Men for Christ Conference** will be held on Saturday, February 6th, 2010. The event will once again be held at the America's Center. Over 1200 men participated in this event in 2009. Contact our parish captains, Kyle McCollom at 542-2535 or Ted Juen 205-1823 for more information kyle_mccollom@hotmail.com or ted-juen@us.ibm.com Also, see www.catholicmenforchrist.com. Register Online today and save! Individual: \$40 until Dec 31 (early bird pricing) \$45 starting Jan 1

The first annual **Catholic Women for Christ Conference** will be held on Saturday, February 20th, 2010. This event will also be held at the America's Center. See <http://catholicwomenforchrist.org>.

MILITARY RECOGNITION

THANKS TO INCARNATE WORD PARISH FOR SUPPORTING THE MILITARY RECOGNITION BOARD DISPLAYED IN THE VESTIBULE. AND THANK YOU TO THE KC LADIES AUXILIARY FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING SOON – WHAT A GREAT TIME TO CATCH UP ON INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

ASK ABOUT UPDATES! DUTY STATION CHANGES! DISCHARGES! CHANGES IN RANK! OR NEW SOLDIERS TO ADD!

ANYONE SERVING THIS COUNTRY IN THE MILITARY IN ANY BRANCH OF SERVICE MAY BE ADDED TO THE MILITARY RECOGNITION BOARD.

INSTRUCTIONS AND DATA CARDS MAY BE FOUND ON THE RACK IN THE VESTIBULE OF CHURCH – LOOK FOR THE RED/WHITE & BLUE PAPER.

NEED MORE INFORMATION? HAVE QUESTIONS?
Contact JEAN BROW 314.974.0415 or jeanne-brow31@msn.com

Pro Life News

PRO LIFE NEWS - THANK YOU

Thanks to all who supported our recent fundraiser's; the Bake Sale and the Nativity Raffle. We are grateful for your generosity and commitment to the sanctity of life. Many organizations will benefit from the donations we received and the good news is that each dollar will be doubled by our generous donor. Your contributions can be included in your 2009 charitable deductions up to the end of the year. The next meeting of the Pro Life Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, January 12th. More details in early January. A Blessed and Merry Christmas to everyone.

A Pro Life Quote "The change which brings hope can only be the renewal of our nation in the divine love which respects the inviolable dignity of every human life, from the moment of its inception to the moment of natural death, and which creates and gives growth to new human life through the love of man and woman in marriage. Any hope which is incoherent with the great hope is truly illusory and can never bring forth justice and its fruit, peace, for our nation and world" - Archbishop Raymond Burke, Keynote address at the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast, May 9, 2009

**Catechist Day
Saturday, January 23
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Reflecting on the Ministry of Catechesis

- ***Proclaiming God's Word***
- ***Teaching What God Has Taught Us***
- ***Catechesis and the Divine Method***
- ***Catholic Church Missionary Activity***

Required for all Catechists and open to those who are interested in the Ministry of Catechesis.

Contact John at 314-576-5366 ext. 26 or jvalenti@incarnate-word.org

St. Nicholas Preschool is an inner-city program that provides low-cost child care services for many needy families, with an emphasis on breaking the cycle of poverty through early education for the children. Most of our families are single parents, or parents working multiple jobs, who depend on St. Nicholas to care for their children in a loving, safe environment while they are at work. Recently, we received a matching donation challenge from an anonymous donor who will match any donation received through the end of January, up to \$25,000. Please give our children a chance to improve their future through education in a safe, nurturing environment, and every dollar you donate towards this has double the impact. If you are interested in helping us, please call Rochelle Hall at St. Nicholas Church, 314-231-2860.

**All Second Grade Parents
First Eucharist Parent Meeting
Monday, January 11, 1010 @ 6:30 PM in Church**

Eucharistic Adoration

Prayer Partners Needed
 Sun 10 a.m., 2, 3 & 8 p.m.
 Mon 2 & 10 a.m. & 12 noon
 Tue 3, 5 & 6 p.m.
 Wed 1 a.m., 12 noon, 5 & 10 p.m.
 Fri 10 p.m.
 Sat 3 a.m., 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 & 9 p.m.

Substitutes needed for Christmas or New Year's.
 If you can be a substitute for Christmas or New Year's, please sign up at the Chapel.

To sign up for Adoration, be a substitute, or help in any way, please call Mary Fleming at 314-469-6281.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Brooke Merrill, Charlotte Bronstein, Ingaborg Sabato, Annabelle Cosas, Celeste Haley, Alice Murray, Joe Ruden, Rose Crow, Ariana Karst, Robert Clements, Don Stahl, Lillian Bradley, Theresa Wuerz, Betty Bode, Shirley Wieggers, Carol Marey, Shayne McLaughlin, Mr. Housemann, Ed Eiswirth, Steve Robinson, Marie Malcic, Richard Smith, Maria Barbera, Kathy Lobonc, David Miles, Spencer Vincent, Kathy Hartenberger, Esther Gonzalez, Maxine Paul, William Thomas, Ernie Schluter, Ruth Carapella, Richard Willenbrink, James Bolen, Denise Simms, Tom Kiefer, Edward Arnold, William Murphy, Trudy Mehlick, Ida Schulte, Corey Shannon, Cynthia Hanlon, Sharon Mahoney, Annabell Sullivan, Catherine Chavez, Thomas Hungerford, Sharon Hecktor, Margaret Sae-Colt, Challa Reed, Zoe Franek, Olivia Newell, Stephanie Corley, Charmine Batha, Dolores Stolarski, Sean Glanvill, Victor Herbert, Lynda Sotolar, Al Harris, Grant Gall, Anitha Becker, Daniella Ferro, Mark Tiburiz, Rosemary Hoff, Paul Trottier, Barbara Duczynski, Connie Flynn/Snyder, Ed McGuire, Bill Lynch, Mary Jo Sheeny, Anne Niven, Merle Sabadell, Mary Gleason, Shawn Blaes, Jan Verdonkshot, Kathy Garrity, Stacy McCullen, Carol Pratzel, Kathleen Hill, Jon Alexander, Kathie Hempstead, David Aussieker, Alexander Pliszka, Mirsad Muslic, Bob Reininger, Mary Wright, Joan Tynan, Nathan Weber, Carla Fehribach, John Woods, George Zell, Julia McDougell, Albert Grega, John Capps, Kit Nielson, Ron Szweda, Tim Hogan, Jim Pousson, Jeanette Zanghi, Dorothy Gunther, Charlie Noonan, Lori Field, Janet Voorhees, Mary Rose Mabry, Marge LaCluer, Mary Theresa Dietz, Jim Ebbesmeyer, Dianne Eifler, Mike Truka, Louis Kruger, Linda Jacques, Mary Matthews, Mike Blank, Antoinette Ali, Karolina Hathaway, Christine Nicols, Jim Frost, Mary Lou Houska, Bernard Kerbawy

The Department of Special Education of the Archdiocese of St. Louis cordially invites you to attend the "2nd Annual Trivia Night" Saturday, January 16, 2010

Trinity Catholic High School—1720 Redman Road
 Trivia begins at 7:00 p.m.

Raffles/50-50 drawings/door prizes

Prizes for the winning, losing, and best-decorated tables

Tables of eight - \$200—Beer/wine/soft drinks included

Chips and salsa compliments of *Chipotle Mexican Grill*

For more information contact Michelle Wright at 636-530-9129 or jmcvwright@earthlink.net

Register online at www.archstl.org/education/
 Click on Special Education

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
 December 20, 2009**

Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

GOSPEL HIGHLIGHT: Lk 1:45—"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

KEY IDEA: The hustle and bustle of the season now reaches fever pitch. Christmas cards, decorating, and holiday shopping hold our attention and drain our energies. Soon our Advent preparations will be fulfilled in Christmas celebrations. The Gospel draws us even closer to the mystery of faith we have prepared for and now eagerly await. Christ, the Son of God, is born into our world. Like Elizabeth and the baby who stirred in her womb, we are surprised by the sheer generosity of God's gift in the Incarnation of his Son. As we contemplate the approaching feast with the eyes of faith—like Mary who believed what was spoken to her—the blessings of Christmas overflow into our homes, our hearts, and our lives.

TAKE 30 (SECONDS): Reflect or pray in silence.

SHARE: Pray the words of the Hail Mary together. Then ponder the prayer's meaning and Mary's unique role as the Mother of God. How has this period of Advent preparation helped you to better appreciate the members of your family? How is Mary's example of faith and trust in God's Word a model for you personally and for your family?

PRAY: (Repeat each phrase after the leader.) "God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. / Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. / Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement. / Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!" (Is 12:2a, 5a, 6).

IWAA NEWS

Scorekeepers (7th/8th graders) and referees (high school and up) are needed for IW home basketball games. Training will be provided. Contact Henry Wisnewski (henry.wisnewski@gmail.com or 636-577-0821) if interested.

The U.S. Census 2010 is hiring! Call them toll free 1-866-861-2010
 Good pay -Temporary part time jobs
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 Apply now and be a census taker
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Christmas 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The preparatory weeks of Advent have passed and we find ourselves this Christmas Day welcoming our savior, the Christ child, into our midst. Now is the time for each of us to rejoice in His birth, while remembering the great gift of salvation He has given us through His death and resurrection.

In my six months in St. Louis, I have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support of the faithful in this Archdiocese. For decades, the people of the Archdiocese have made a special gift each year at Christmas to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. The men of our seminary, who have responded to Christ's call to follow Him, are truly a gift to the Church and our own Archdiocese. It is these men who will bring our faith, the faith given to us by Christ over 2000 years ago, to future generations of the faithful here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

I ask you to please be generous with your donation to the Christmas Day collection in support of our seminarians. I also ask you to join me in praying for them and for our priests who share in the gift of the priesthood. These men are truly Christ with us.

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you and your family during this most blessed season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert J. Carlson', written in a cursive style.

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Archbishop of St. Louis

Incarnate Word
Holiday Mass Schedule 2009

Christmas Eve (Thursday, December 24)

7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

(Does not fulfill Holy Day Obligation)

4:00 p.m. Contemporary Ensemble

6:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Music

Midnight Adult Choir begins singing at 11:30 p.m.

Bishop Robert Hermann will be Celebrant

Christmas Day (Friday, December 25)

A Holy Day of Obligation

8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

New Year's Eve (Thursday, December 31)

7:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

(Does not fulfill Holy Day Obligation)

5:00 p.m. (Holy Day Vigil)

Midnight begins at 11:00 p.m. with

Adoration, Rosary, & Benediction.

Msgr. Eugene Morris will be Celebrant

New Year's Day (Friday, January 1)

A Holy Day of Obligation

8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m.



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December 14, 2009

Dear Incarnate Word Parish,

Thank you so very much for your wonderful response to our Christmas appeal. Our Christmas Program was December 11 & 12 and your kindness certainly brightened this holiday season for the families we serve at Wellston Center. We are grateful for your support of our work with God's poor.

Everyone was so pleased with their gifts. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in remembering our ministry and all the families we serve at St. Augustine Wellston Center.

Merry Christmas & A Blessed New Year,

S. Mary Beckman, SSND
S. Carol Ann Callahan, RSM
S. Kathy Stark, SSND



INCARNATE WORD PARISH



WELCOMES THESE PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE JOINED OUR PARISH DURING 2009

Karthikapallil & Nirmala Antony Rebecca, Joshua Priyanka	Don & Lisa Finke Joseph Flores	Carl & Judy Love, Sarah Michelle Luechtefeld, Sarah	Walter & Stephanie Pisarski Kevin & Cynthia Poelker William
Tom Bander	Eric & Elizabeth Foss Ethan, Elias	Paul & Mary Manning Sally, David, William	Rob Purdy
Leonard & Annette Batycki Jacob	Adam Furtwengler	Harold & Peggy Massey	Jason & Jamie Revelle Justin, Jonah
Joseph Bauer	Patrick & Christine Geraghty Holly, Sean	Douglas & Christina Maxwell Alec, Lauren	Andrew & Margaret Reynolds Kate, Cal
Richard & Donna Bax Ryan, Michael, Sean	Meghan Grewe	Mary McCarthy	Christopher & Julie Riley Connor, Grady, Callahan
Steve & Vickie Boone, Andrew	Joseph Guidry	Jeremy & BrieAnn McCormick	Christopher & Melissa Schake Caroline, Eleanor
Sara Boonshaft, Jenna, Adam, Jeremy	Geo & Mary Rose Heil Frances Held	Patrick & Kara McGhee, Audrey	Mike & Amy Schechter Jonah
Joseph & Patricia Bottini	Dick & Jean Hepper	Kevin & Merideth McWeeney Hannah	Sexton Family
Cindy Boyer	Brett Jordan	Norine Meeker	John & Natalie Shivers
Betty Brandt	Emily Kenney	Bruna Miccoli	Mark & Nancy Sisson Grace, Arlene, Annika, Emily
Roy & Susan Broyles, Patrick, Daniel	Sam Kluck	Jeff & Ann Marie Moellering	Bill Song
Phil & Judy Cagney, Megan	JoyAnn Knobbe Dominic, Brandon, Brittney	Tim Moffitt, Brennan, Bradley	Todd & Karen Stickney Tyler, Sebastian
Greg & Julie Camfield	George & Ruth Koenemann	Kristopher & Dana Myers Heidi, Holly, Hailey, Partsch	Tim & Carol Vujnich
Bob & Anne Cerame Brad Luberd	George & Geraldine Koziatsek	Keith & Dawn Nelson Hailey, Patrick	Jillian Wood
Doug & Angela Collins	Sharon Krzyanowski	Katie Nolting, Zoe	Kelly Young
John & Julie Daly	Luke & Lindsey LaBeau, Logan	William & Charlotte Noonan Cathlin, Charles	Stephen & Emily Zaegel
Vernon & Francine Dirnberger	Debbie Lake	Lisa Otten	Michael & Julie Zensen Zoe
Tom & Katie Dugan, Abigail	Sara LaRocca	Buz & Nancy Peek	Matt & Jen Ziemianski Drew, Ali, Mikayla
Tim & Erica Dunning	Adrian & Ellen Lawlor Caitlin, Devon, Ryan, Jessica	John & Kathy Peterson Meg, Andrew	Matthew & Tera Petri Catherine
Brian & Colleen Effer, Patrick	Stephen & Julie Longo Geneva		
Robert Filtrante Robert, Katherine Morris	Michael Lorhan		