

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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November 27, 2011
The First Sunday of Advent

ROOTED IN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST AND IN THE TRADITION OF CATHOLICISM AND UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF MARY IMMACULATE, WE COMMIT OURSELVES TO BE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF FAITH, WORSHIPPING WITH GENERATIONS OF BELIEVERS AND SERVING GOD IN ALL PEOPLE.
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Change in the new church year...



When I was younger my family would gather for Thanksgiving, Christmas and January 1st. These three celebrations marked the beginning and ending of the year for myself. Being young the only other two dates that interested me were the beginning and end of the school year. By the time I was a senior in high school the family gatherings started to dwindle for various reasons but mainly because the children were older and many of my relatives could not stand each other. Unfortunately my short lived traditions started to disappear until a wonderful event occurred. I converted to Catholicism.

Instead of just Thanksgiving and Christmas, I was suddenly exposed to the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent,

Easter and Ordinary Time. Also, there were a myriad of Holy Days, Feast Days, Octaves and Memorials. As a convert I readily studied and learned as much as I could because everything about the Church was fascinating. Now, after nearly forty years of being a Catholic and twenty-five years of being a priest the Church is asking us to change our language. I can certainly now understand the difficulty that Catholics went through when the Latin Mass was changed to the present style.

Today the language of the Mass changes again, either for the first time for some or for others a second time. When traditions of the Church change confusion always follows. Patience and humor are the virtues that are needed for the next few months. All of us will revert back to old language by mistake. Soon however, this new language will be the old language and when the Church changes again I will probably be praying for patience and humor. I pray that you have a blessed New Church Year.

~Fr. Gary

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Welcome Home!

If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy your stay, and we are glad you decided to join us in this celebration.

If you are new to the Immaculate Conception parish community, welcome home! To become a registered parishioner, please complete the registration form inside.

If you are a former parishioner or a graduate of our school, we are genuinely glad to see you back home and hope you will return often.

This weekly bulletin offers information about our parish life and activities, and even more details are available on our website at www.icc-columbia-il.us. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 281-5105, or stop by the Rectory for a visit. We are looking forward to hearing from you.



New Church Update...

“Have you started that new church yet?” For the past five or six years, every time I’ve visited my mom, she always asks me this question, and my response has always been, “Not yet – we’re just waiting for you to write that million dollar check!” Then we have a good laugh together. Now, these past few months when I’ve visited her at Fountain View nursing home in Eldorado, IL, where she has resided these past two years, my new answer to her ever present question is, “Yes mom, we’ve started that new church – we finally got your million dollar check!” And we both have a good laugh - she hasn’t lost her sense of humor!

My mom’s roommate at Fountain View overheard me tell my mom during one of my visits there that the money we receive from our recycled aluminum cans goes toward the new church fund, and now every time I visit my mom, her roommate has a small sack of aluminum soda cans she’s saved for me to bring back for recycling. My mom’s laughter and her roommate’s gift of aluminum cans are worth more than a million dollars!

My mom observed her 90th birthday on November 17.
~Fr. Carl

Our Parish Family... Welcome:

To **Brynn Olivia**, daughter of Michael and Jessica Wray, who was baptized November 6, 2011.



Also to our new parishioners:

Craig, Corie & Hogan Story and Michael, Debra, Alexandra & Charles Adams Welcome to the Immaculate Conception family!



Mrs. Wienhoff...

After five and one-half years of dedicated service to the children of our parish and to the PSR program as the CRE, Mrs. Hope Wienhoff has submitted her resignation, effective December 31st, 2011. We thank her for the many hours she devoted to the students of the parish and certainly appreciate the incredible gifts and talents that she so graciously shared with us over the years. We wish her well in all her endeavors.

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Welcome New Parishioners!

Please take a moment to register with Immaculate Conception Parish by filling out all the information below and allow us to welcome you fully into our faith community. Return the completed form by collection basket, by mail, or by bringing it to the Parish Office, so that your information can be accurately added to our parish database.

Check one: New Parishioners Change of Address Leaving ICC Parish

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Email _____

Spouse's Name _____

Children living at home, and dates of birth _____

Would you be interested in being part of our “Welcoming and Blessing of New Parishioners” at 9 a.m. Mass on the 1st Sunday of the month? Yes No

We will be happy to contact you with more information about:

____ Grade School (ICS) ____ PSR ____ St. Vincent de Paul

____ Quilting ____ Altar Society ____ Knights of Columbus

____ Liturgical Ministries ____ ICY (Youth) ____ Parents & Friends of ICS

Job Opportunity...

Immediate opening for CRE (Coordinator of Religious Education) position. Approximately 10 hours per week. Interviews to begin the week of Dec. 5th. Applications are available in the Parish Office.

For further information, contact Stan Osterhage, Parish Administrator @ 281-5105, ext 250 or soster@htc.net.





Knights of Columbus 13th Annual Christmas Party

December 10, 2011, ICS Gym

*Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.*

*Reservations are required, Please Pay in Advance.
Please contact John Haubrich for reservations
at 281-6021 or email: kcchristmasparty@gmail.com*

Ticket information:

- *Adults (13 and older): \$10
- *Children (ages 7-12): \$5
- *Kids 6 and under: FREE!

Holiday shopping made easy...

Buy Scrip!!

You can get it after mass in the back of church or in the parish office M-F during office hours.

Makes the perfect Christmas present for everyone!

Little blue books...

These daily Advent/Christmas season reflection booklets are available this weekend in all the pews, compliments of Lawlor Funeral Home.



SNOW REMOVAL

With the winter season upon us, we once again appeal for volunteers to help us with snow removal when the occasion arises.

Bring snow shovels and snow blowers. We usually begin around 5:30 a.m., so that the sidewalks are ready for morning Mass. We'll provide the salt/ice-melt! **Thanks to the Ed and Norm Schaefer families for removing the snow from the church parking lots for us every year.**

Advent Reconciliation...

Our annual Advent communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on **Sunday, December 11**, at 3p.m. Several priests will be available for individual confession and absolution.

Altar Society Christmas Party...

Thursday, December 1, 2011 6:30pm in the ICS cafeteria

Join us for a potluck meal & Christmas caroling! All members are invited to bring a guest, a side dish and a dozen cookies to share.



Don't miss out!...

K of C Holiday Raffle

1st Prize- iPad-2 (32 gb WiFi)
2nd Prize Xbox 360 with Kinect
3rd Prize-iPod Touch (32gb-WiFi)
300 Chances to win! **Drawing held at the Christmas Party, December 10, 2011.** You do not need to be present to win. Price is \$10 per ticket.

Available at church and from KC board members. For more information contact Keith Renner at 314-750-3801.

Men's ACTS retreat...

Our parish's first men's ACTS retreat will begin this Thursday evening at 6 PM, and will end here with the 11 AM Mass on Sunday. Please keep all our retreatants and the retreat team in your prayers this week.

Discipleship: A way of life

Advent is a season of joyful anticipation. Advent is also a time for us to focus on the second coming of Christ and to remind us that we should constantly be watchful and alert.

God has given us a multitude of gifts to care for His creation. In fact, even our very lives are gifts from God, and as we live life today, we await His return in glory. As stewards of these gifts, we are called to always be ready, and to constantly prepare for His return, using the gifts He has given us to build His kingdom, serving our families, our parishes, and the greater community in such a way that others see Christ in us and are, therefore, drawn closer to Him. ~ (The Catholic Steward)

Advent Prayer

Father, in the wilderness of the Jordan you sent a messenger to prepare people's hearts for the coming of your Son. Help me to hear his words and repent of my sins, so that I may clearly see the way to walk, the truth to speak, and the life to live for Him, or Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

~ (Breaking Bread 2011)

Did you know?...

Immaculate Conception offers online giving! For more information, go to the parish website at: www.icc-columbia-il.us/ click on the donations tab and then go to online giving. If you would like to sign up but do not have access to a computer, stop by the parish office and we will assist you in creating your on-line giving account. Utilize the internet for the good of the parish through this secure and convenient process. Track parish giving along with your other finances by signing up today. If you will be giving online, but would still like to receive envelope packets, please advise Angie Bueltemann at the Parish Office 281-5105. **Please call the parish office before you register for online giving to insure that you are not already registered. Thank you!**

Adeodatus Says:

"Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off your goal."



Financial Stewardship

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, our bulletin had to be sent to the publisher on Friday November 17, thus not allowing for any current financial information. There will be two weeks of financial information in next weeks bulletin.

Fiscal year-end statements...

The financial statements for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2011 are now available on our website <http://www.icc-columbia-il.us/> The annual financial report to the Diocese is available for review in the church office

CSMA update...

It's never too late to make a commitment to this year's Catholic Services and Ministry Appeal. **Thanks to all who have already made their commitment for this year.** Many Diocesan outreach ministries depend upon our financial support each year to serve in our name those in need throughout the 28 counties of southern Illinois.



Lunches needed...



The quilters are back at work already, making quilts for next years picnic! They really work up an appetite, and are currently in need of people to provide lunch. Please contact **Delores Deleveski 281-5318** to provide lunch for these wonderful ladies.

If you have a hand-sewn quilt you would like to donate, please let us know. Cash donations to cover our costs are always welcome!



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December '11

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
Time, Talent & Treasure forms are still being accepted until the 1st of January. Please drop in the collection basket, mail or drop off at the rectory.				<i>Men's ACTS Retreat</i> 6:30 p.m. Altar Society Christmas Party ICS Cafeteria	<i>Men's ACTS Retreat</i>	ICS Craft Fair <i>Casserole Container pick-up</i>
4 Casserole pick-up all masses <i>Rite of Baptism all masses</i> Welcoming after 9 a.m. Mass (Café.) <i>Krispy Kreme after mass</i> ACTS retreat ends @ 11 mass	5 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:30 p.m. Cafeteria	6 <i>Fr. Steve Remembrance Mass 8:05 a.m.</i> 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 6-7 p.m. <i>Holy Hour</i>	7 Children's Choir For those singing at Christmas 3:15 p.m. <i>YM Commission</i> 7:30 p.m. <i>Adult Ed Ctr</i> Chess 3-4:40 p.m. Cafeteria	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Parish Office Closed. Mass at 8:05 & 7 p.m. <i>Adult Choir 8 p.m.</i> K of C meeting 7:30 p.m. Cafeteria	9 7 a.m.-11 a.m. K of C Christmas Party Set-up	10 K of C Christmas Party Gym <i>Casserole Container Return</i>
Baptismal Class, 11 10-11 a.m. Parish Reconciliation 3 p.m. 8 a.m.-12 p.m. <i>K of C party clean up- gym</i> Casserole container return PSR Reconciliation Gym 9- 11 a.m.	12 7 p.m. Parents & Friends- Cafeteria	13 ICS K-3 Christmas Pageant-Gym Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. <i>Holy Hour Adoration, 6-7 p.m.</i>	14 <i>Band Concert and Art Show</i> Tree assembly-church 1:30-2:30 p.m. <i>Devine Mercy-Rectory</i> ICY-Adult Ed Ctr 7:30 p.m.	15 Finance Committee (Rectory), 7 p.m. 3:15-4:15 p.m. Children's Choir 7 p.m. Adult Choir	16	17
18 <i>Baptism after 11 a.m. Mass</i> PSR Reconciliation 9-11 a.m.-Gym <i>Casserole Program 6 p.m. Cafeteria</i>	19	20 Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. <i>Holy Hour Adoration, 6-7 p.m.</i> School Board (Rm. 220), 7p.m. School ends for Christmas break	21 Adult Choir 7 p.m.	22 <i>Cemetery Committee (Rectory), 6:30 p.m.</i>	23	Christmas Eve! 24 Mass at 5 p.m. & Midnight Children's Choir Singing 5 p.m.
Merry Christmas! 25  Merry Christmas! No 7 a.m. mass. Mass at 9 & 11 a.m.	26	27 Eucharistic Adoration, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. <i>Holy Hour Adoration, 6-7 p.m.</i> Chess cafeteria 3p.m.-4:30 p.m.	28 Father Carl on Divine Mercy 1:30-2:30 p.m.	29 Vacation Father Carl	30 on Vacation Father Carl	31  New Year's Eve

TEC Weekend...

Belleville Diocesan TEC is a three day experience in Christian Living. It is designed for high school juniors through adults who are searching for goals, acceptance, meaning, community, values, for God. The next TEC weekend is at St. John the Baptist in Red Bud, January 14-16, 2012. We are offering a buy one get one half price deal so bring a friend! Applications must be sent together to get the deal. For an application, visit www.belleville.catholicweb.com



Sanctity of Life...

LIFE Network of Southern Illinois

Check out our new website at www.mylifenet.org The Care Center's mission is to defend the unborn by supporting and educating men, women, and families faced with the challenges associated with pregnancies and to encourage women to carry their babies to term.

They offer pregnancy testing, STD Testing, Abstinence Outreach Education, confidential consultation, and education on options, physician referrals, practical assistance, and ultrasounds. All services are free. Call 939-4224.

Neither Do I Condemn You....

The Catholic Church lovingly offers help with neither judgment nor condemnation through the ministry of Project Rachel h brings hope and healing to the hurting. Please give us a call at Project Rachel phone number change: 1-888-456-HOPE.



Fanning the Flame...

Please remember that small group sharing is being offered here at Immaculate Conception Church for "Fanning the Flame," the initiative celebrating the 125th anniversary of the diocese of Belleville.

If you did not already sign-up for a group, you will have yet another opportunity. Sign-up will take place again on the weekend of Dec. 3 & 4 at all the Masses and also at the Welcoming in the cafeteria.

Even if you do not desire to join a small group, please consider purchasing the "United States Catholic Catechism for Adults" at the special price of \$12.99 for you individual use at home. You will not be disappointed! For further information please contact Janet Janson @ 281-5105, ext. 154.



Support Pro-Life by sending Pro-Life Christmas cards...

Buy Christmas cards from MO Right to Life and help fund the pro-life billboard you see along I-255 / I-55 interchange in south county. The cards are printed on heavy-duty card stock and come 18 per box for \$9. All proceeds go directly to funding the billboard because the card company donates all the cards. You can buy them at the church office during regular business hours or call Charlotte Romano (618-363-4707) and she'll personally deliver them to your house.

Prayer for Life...

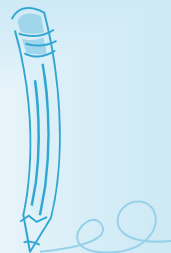
There is a special prayer intention for the Sanctity of Human life during our Eucharistic Adoration held the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Adoration takes place from 9a.m. to 10 p.m. with the rosary and holy hour from 6-7 p.m. . Please remember this special prayer intention as part of your own intentions.

Gibault placement test...

Gibault Catholic High School
Placement Test for Incoming Freshmen
Saturday, Dec 10, 8:30 a.m.

There is no charge for this test.

Please email Susan Mackin, smackin@gibaultonline.com, to reserve a spot for your child.





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If you would like to receive the **good news** about a Catholic education at ICS, send an email to Mrs. Bev. Epplin at bepplin@htc.net and she will add you to our distribution list.

Visit ICS on the web:
NEW: www.icscolumbia.org

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Fill your sleigh at the

ICS Craft Fair



Saturday, December 3, 2011
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to reserve table please
contact Beth Gallagher at 281-2920.

Dear Parishioners, Cookie Bakers,
and Candy Makers of All Ages!!

The I.C.S. Craft Fair and Christmas Cookie & Candy Booth will be open for business Saturday, December 3. We need volunteers to bake Christmas cookies or candies, AND to work at the wonderful cookie booth the day of the fair. Please contact Desiree Fraisure for more information at: desireefraisure@yahoo.com (281-4078)

Child Protection Training

This class is **REQUIRED** for anyone that has not already taken an Initial Child Protection Class and will be doing **ANY** type of volunteering at church or school where children are present.

A schedule of additional Initial Child Protection courses is on the Diocesan website <http://diobelle.org>

Note: To be in compliance, the following items are required: 1) volunteer application form, 2) a Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking (CANTS) form filed with the last 24 months and 3) diocesan training within the last 12 months.

The Child Protection Refresher Course

2011-12 Child Refresher Course
is now available at
[http://diobelle.org/
about_db.aspx](http://diobelle.org/about_db.aspx)

With this year's Refresher Course online, you have the option of emailing your Completion Certificate to Stan Osterhage at the Parish Office. When prompted, enter soster@htc.net.

Sexual Abuse Hotline:

Anyone wishing to report an allegation of sexual misconduct by a priest or other diocesan personnel please call : **800-640-3044**.



Beginner's Speech Team...

Immaculate Conception School's Isabella Garcia and Sophie Spurgeon's "A Mouse In A House" earned a Perfect Score and Mason Babcock's "Best Christmas Pageant Ever" won a First Place in the Diocesan Beginning Speech Meet on November 5 at St. John's in Red Bud. The Team was coached by Sam Watters.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

December 3/4, 2011 Second Sunday in Advent

5 p.m., December 3

Lectors.....1. Toni Kuhlman 2. Lizanne Young
 Music.....Rick/Theresa
 Eucharistic MinistersBecky Wise, Brian Smith, Yvette Hoeffken, Geri Vogt, Mary Smugala, Melissa Jerome, Shari Murphy
 Servers.....Elyse Seibel, John Cygnarowicz, Cara Gallagher
 Ushers.....Patrick Mc Dermott, Jim Juengling, Bill Killy, Steve Dressler

7 a.m., December 4

LectorDona Toenjes
 Music.....Rick
 Eucharistic MinistersDavid Haislar, Renee Gilbreth, Laura Gilbreth
 Servers.....Delaney Eastep, J.D Gregson
 Ushers.....Art Lehr, Ed Schaefer, Ed Janson, Lawrence Beckerle

9 a.m. December 4

Lector1Henry Mulnik 2. Vicki Thoma
 Music.....Youth Choir
 Eucharistic Ministers Carol Fries, Tina Drennan, Kathy Fern, Sue Lewis, Debbie Murphy, Cheryl Ritter, Joe Murphy
 Servers.....Ryan Gool, Jonathan Daniel, Jake Daniels
 Ushers.....Dave Touchette, Ralph Rahn, Paula Nunning, Rick Beatty

11 a.m., December 4

Lectors.....1. Lucy Hollman 2. Elaine Matlock
 Music.....Guitar Ensemble
 Eucharistic MinistersMike Hollman, Lori Doerr, Craig Lundy, Hannah Lundy, Marilyn Frasure, Olivia Ebers, Donna Archambault
 Servers.....Brady Stockard, Dallas Smugala, Haley Buchana
 Ushers.....Dave Straub, Dawn Pansing, Norm Sheble, Walter Novak
 Nursing Home Minister:.....Pat Morr **Assistants:** Joan & Tom Herrmann
 Homebound Ministry:Wayne Franklin, Joe & Debbie Murphy & Barb Ash

December 8, 2011 Parish Feast & Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception

8:05 a.m.

School Mass ICS will handle Liturgical Ministry

7:00 p.m.

Lector1. Janet Janson 2.Pat Novak
 Music.....Adult Choir
 Eucharistic MinistersKathy Fern, Olivia Hollman, Cindy Rueter, Carol Mattingly, Joe Murphy, Debbie Murphy, Sue Schmidt
 Altar Servers.....Lauren Bernhard, Allyson Bernhard, Tim Murphy
 Ushers.....Walter Novak, Lucy Hollman, Mike Hollman, Paula Nunning



Deaf Ministry

Sat, December 3 - 5:00p.m.
 Sat, December 10-5 p.m.

Thurs, December 8- 7:00p.m.
 Sat, December 17-5 p.m.

Sacramental preparations

Baptisms: Parents/guardians *must call the Parish Office to register* to attend a preparation seminar available the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10 a.m. Baptisms are celebrated at all Masses the first weekend of the month, and every 3rd weekend after 11 a.m. Mass.

Weddings: Please contact the Parish office a minimum of four months prior to Marriage.

Anointing of the Sick & Funerals: Since individual needs differ, please contact the Parish office at 281-5105 for pastoral care. Do not hesitate to call; we are grateful for the opportunity to open our hearts to you and your family and offer these sacramental services.

Bulletin schedule:

Please submit notices, articles, and photos (actual or .tif/ .jpg) by **MONDAY at NOON** for publication the following Sunday. Just stop by the office or email them to abuelt@htc.net

Weekly reflection



Sunday December 3, 2011

First Sunday in Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Parish directory

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 Catherine Hoeffken ext. 152

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School Secretary,Beverly Epplin ext.100

Parish Organization Monthly Meetings

Parish Council..... 4th Tue. @ 7:00 p.m.

School Board.....3rd Tue. @ 7:00 p.m.

Finance Council3rd Thurs. @ 7:00 p.m.

Discipleship Committee..... 2nd Tue. @7:00 p.m.

Altar Society 1st Thurs. @6:30 p.m.

St. Vincent dePaul..... 1st Mon. @ 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus 6165 ...2nd Thurs. @ 7:30 p.m.

ICY (Youth).....2nd Wed. @ 7:30 p.m.

Youth Ministry Commission.. 1st Wed. @ 7:30 p.m.

Parents & Friends of ICS2nd Mon. @ 7:00 p.m.

Cemetery Committee4th Thurs. @ 6:30 p.m.

Social Concerns Ministry4th Thurs. @ 7:00 p.m.

Building Church Committee Thursdays @ 7:00 p.m.

This Week's Liturgical Celebrations

Monday, Nov. 28 8:05 a.m. Mass offered for Dorothy Emanuel
 Tuesday, Nov 29, 8:05 a.m. Mass offered for Special Intention
 9:00a.m.–10:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 6:00p.m.–7:00 p.m. Holy Hour Adoration
 Wednesday, Nov 30.. 8:05 a.m. Mass offered Special Intention
 Thursday, Dec 1 8:05 a.m. Mass offered for Joe Sullentrop
 Friday, December 2... 8:05 a.m. Mass offered for Fr. Gene Linnemann
 Saturday, Dec 3 5:00 p.m. Mass offered for Earl Wilde
 Sunday, Dec 4 7:00 a.m. Mass offered for Parishioners
 9:00 a.m. Bernice Reibeling
 11:00 a.m. Mass Offered for Elizabeth Mc Donald

January 14- February 26 Liturgical Minister Schedule...

This schedule will be created on **Tuesday, December 6**. If you have any particular weekends in which you would prefer not to be scheduled between **January 14th and February 26th**, please leave an email (rbymers@htc.net) or a voice mail (281-5105) to Rick Byers prior to 8am on **December 6**. Please do not submit dates outside the prescribed schedule period. As always, thanks for sharing your gifts in assisting us with the celebration of the Eucharist!



Church decorating for Christmas!...

Our church will be prepared for the glorious feast of Jesus' Nativity on **Sunday, December 18, beginning at 1:30 p.m.**

Many hands allow for light work - last year we finished by 3pm! Offer as much time as you can allow. If you helped before, please join us. If you are new to assisting in this way, please mark your calendar and be proud that you helped in making our church so beautiful for Christmas this year!

And, please help us on **Sunday, January 8 at 12:15p.m.**, when we take down & store the decorations for another year. Questions? Please contact Rick Byers rbymers@htc.net or at 281-5105. Thanks!!

Please pray for...

Ron Hanewinkel	Danny Saltzman
Floyd Crowder	John L. Adams
Baby Adelynn	James Johnson
Carol Johnson	Esther Kretz
Grace Ryterski	Special Intention
Dennis Kish	Nancy Kish
Katie Huch	Tom Kish
David Buettner	Michael Clements
Susan Nobbe	Desiree Frasure
Greg Hamilton	Joy Bretz
Brenda Dame	John Johnson
Susie Settle	Tom Range
Andrew Hamilton	Carolyn Messerly
Dean Keim	Sarah Lantsberger
Ryton Miller	Joanne Baum
Velma Budde	Richard Sambo
Tony Range	Susan Brown
Garrett Patton	Robert J. Littmann, Jr
Suzi (Koenig) Cross	Charlotte Kaffer
Richard Burroughs	Special Intention for marriage
Emily Schmidt	Betty Schmidt
Margaret Schenewerk	Denny Grabe
Kyle Newton	Jennifer Albert Gavlin
Deb Gomez-Trost	Aurelia Schaefer
Orlou Reichert	Alvin Ahlers
Jerry Pretto	Brady Vehige
Martha Pafford	Sandra Gehrs
Iris Vogt	Ellie Waide
Billie Bates	
Laura Straub	
Evelyn & Leo Sander	Troops in Service
Jack Finney	Army Ranger Joseph Pope
Donnie Mantz, Jr.	CPL Alaine Sueme
Carolyn Holt	Col. Jeff Jerome
Betty McDonald	LCPL Matthew Everding
Kirk Brinovec	Joseph Gilbreth ET3 USN
Jim Gaines	Katherine Gilbreth EM2 USN
Alvin Christ	
Bill & Marge Sander	
Michelle Frame	
Kathleen Schlemmer	
Donna Greene	
Jeanette Cozart	

“Therefore I tell you, all that you ask for in prayer, believe that you will receive it

Special Reminder...



Please help us to keep our prayer list up to date. Call or email the rectory by noon Monday with any additions or deletions.



Essay contest...

An invitation to Catholic high school students: The Messenger would like to

hear from you about what you consider "the greatest gift" you could receive at Christmas. If you could write an essay in 100-150 words, we would be happy to review your writing to be published in the Christmas issue of The Messenger. Top essays will receive a \$25 gift credit card. Please include your name, address, phone number and your parish with the essay.

Please email entries to The Messenger at cath-news@bellevillemessenger.org by Dec. 1.

Volunteers needed...

Unity Hospice is currently seeking volunteers to visit terminally ill patients and/or perform office duties. There are no time requirements! We provide opportunities based on your schedule. Social or church groups, families retirees, and students. All are welcome. Make a difference in the lives of others. Call us today to sign up for an orientation! (314) 645-8671 or (618) 346-1111; mccgarvey@unityhospice.com. Ask for Brenda McGarvey.



Community events



Every Thursday night, Ss. Peter & Paul Bingo, VFW Metzger-Crook Post 6504, Waterloo, Doors open: 4 p.m., Early Bird Game: 6:30 p.m., 618-939-4384

Second Sunday of the Month, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Red Bud, **Cash Bingo**, Doors open: 11:30 a.m.; Bingo begins: 1:30 p.m.

December 4, Holy Rosary Church, Fairmount City, IL, Winter Quilt Bingo Doors Open at 11 a.m., bingo begins at 1 p.m.

Cursillo dates announced...

The Belleville Diocesan Cursillo in Christianity has announced the dates for the next upcoming Men and Women's weekends. The dates for the Men's weekend is March 1 - 4, 2012. The dates for the Women's weekend is March 8 - 11, 2012. It's not too early to register to attend. Prayerfully consider this beautiful and very special opportunity of encountering Christ in a whole new way! For more information and application, please contact Anna Feurer at 618.539.5044 or email at anna.feurer@purina.nestle.com. Belleville Cursillo website: <http://home.catholicweb.com/bellevillecursillo/index.cfm>.

Aquinas Roundtable

The Roundtable will be held the last Tuesday of every month at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Pre-registration is required, call 618-394-6281 or 314-241-3400 x6281.

Cost: \$20 a program (lunch included).

You may sign up for one or more programs at a time.

November 29

God in My Life:

What Does Trinity Have to Do with It?

Sr. Colleen Mallon, O.P.

Take time to reflect on the transformational power of the Christian understanding of the Divine Mystery for daily living.

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