

The Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2008

Today begins the last week before Christmas. As we light the fourth candle on our Advent wreath, let us ask God to prepare our hearts and our homes, our communities and our world for His coming to live with us.

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Intentions

Beginning December 22, 2008

MON: Domenica E. LiPira Paul Schneider
TUES: William H. Tamulonis Kylie Elizabeth Rolfes
WED: Catherine Penczek Bill Serbeck
THURS: No 8:00 AM Mass
FRI: Helen Carrion Marjorie Wright
SAT: Lillian Fick Remedios Javier

Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008

4:30 pm Laura Ruby Rudy Mannerino
 6:00 pm Robert & Loretta Campbell Thompson
 John J. Steinbacher

Sunday, Dec 28, 2008

7:30 AM Joseph & Sophia Izdebski Margaret Alice Ray
 9:00 AM Ruth Davis Cono DeLillo
 10:30 AM Madeline Dell'Uomo Herman C. Athey
 Noon: William Campbell Thompson Kevin Vincent Thompson

Christmas Eve - December 24

4:00 PM (C) Rosalie Hagan Genevieve Morawski
 William Morawski
 4:00 PM (H) Richard A. Moore John Bohli
 6:00 PM George Kohlhoff, Jr. Suzanne Ament

Christmas Day

Midnight Mark Chalkley Herbert J. Hand, Jr.
 9:00 AM People of the Parish
 11:00 AM Perry Ould Bailey The Brown & Gugliano Families
 N.H. - indicates Nursing Home
 S.I. - indicates Special Intention

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Dec. 28, 2008

FIRST: Sir. 3:2-7, 12-14 Honor your parents.
SECOND: Col. 3:12-21. Bear with one another
GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40 Joseph and Mary present Jesus

PRAYER CHAIN If you have a PRAYER REQUEST call any member of the IHM Prayer Chain: Call Ann Connolly 410-661-6947, Mary Ann Thaler 410-668-7738, Corrine Kelly 410-665-8193
When a petition is requested please share with us the outcome.
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Collections for the Weekend of Dec. 14, 2008

Envelope Donations	\$	9464.00
Second Collection	\$	2453.68 Youth
Loose	\$	1461.04
Children	\$	106.98
Holy Day - Dec. 8th	\$	2361.51
Total	\$	15847.21
Less Cathedraticum	\$	2377.08
Available for Parish	\$	13470.13
Poor Box	\$	458.95

RESPECT LIFE - The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith issued a paper called "The Dignity of a Person" to provide more clarity on Catholic pro-life teachings as they relate to bioethics issues. It confirms that human life begins at conception and that human beings should not be created by scientists in a lab setting. The document opposes the practices of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research because they involve the purposeful creation and destruction of human life. This instruction notes that behind every "no" in the difficult task of discerning between good and evil, there shines a great "yes" to the recognition of the dignity and inalienable value of every single and unique human being called into existence. *LifeNews.com*, 12/10/08 To join the parish Respect Life Committee call Betty Steinbacher at 410 665-8645.

ALTAR FLOWERS - We will begin taking requests for Altar Flowers on the weekend of January 18th. Please call the Parish to check the availability of dates if you would like to place flowers in Church after the Christmas Season.

ELECTRONIC GIVING AT IHM. - Electric Giving is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from either your checking or saving account, or it can be charged to your credit card. Your contributions to the collection can be weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Sign-up forms are available at the parish office and in the pamphlet rack in the back of Church.

COMMEMORATIVE CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS are available after the Masses this weekend. They are \$10.00. They are also available in the Parish Offices.

USHERS are needed to help with Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. If you are available to help, please call Moe Chalkley at (410) 665-6349.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

YOUTH MINISTRY

Confirmation Preparation Program for students in at least 9th grade by November 2009 **BEGINS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 2009**. Information has been mailed to home to current 8th grade students. Please contact Amie Post if you do not receive information.

Are you a parent of young children? Plan a break for yourself and get a preview of your children's development!!! Volunteers are needed to help with YM@IHM. Consider being a small group discussion leader for Confirmation prep, a member of the hospitality committee for youth ministry events, part of the communication team, leadership team for the Sunday night youth group or anything else you can think of! Please contact Amie for more information 410-668-7935 x211.

Middle Schoolers are invited to **drop-in** on Monday afternoons 3:15 – 4:15 in the Youth Room (basement, Rectory) for prayer, scripture and fun. Snacks are served! We are resuming this afterschool activity on January 12th. Come Join Us!!!

Sodality – The Sodality Bake, Jewelry and Craft is this weekend after all the Masse in Cartwright Hall.

You are invited to join the Sodality at IHM. Since 1953 we have formally been a prominent parish organization. To learn more about our spiritual and social activities call Gloria Dayhoff at 410-665-2902.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY-FEBRUARY 8, 2009

Each parish is invited to nominate a couple to represent them at the annual World Marriage Day liturgy at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, **February 8** at 3:00 pm. Archbishop O'Brien will preside at the Mass. If you would like to be considered as the longest Married Couple at IHM please contact Donna in the office. If you will be celebrating 25 and 50 years of marriage email wmdjubilee@gmail.com. All married couples are invited to attend, as well as priests and deacons from throughout the Archdiocese. A reception follows in the parish hall. This annual event is sponsored by the Division of Evangelization and Catechesis and World-Wide Marriage Encounter.

St- Vincent de Paul – Gift Cards from Target, Giant, etc. are still needed to make Christmas a happier time for our parish community families who are in need. Cards can be dropped off at the Offices and marked Parish Outreach Office.

The Parish Offices will be closed at Noon on Christmas Eve and will re-open on Monday, December 29th at 9:00 AM

IHM MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 p.m. Church Organ & Cantor Vocal Quartet
Carols at 3:40pm
4:00 p.m. Hall Family Liturgy – Contemporary
Ensemble – Cantata at 3:40 pm
6:00 p.m. Church Organ – Quartet & Cantor

CHRISTMAS DAY

Midnight Mass (Church) Carols begins at 11:30 p.m.
Parish Choir
9 am & 11 am in the Church
Organ & Cantor at both Liturgies

December 27/28 Feast of the Holy Family

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

9am Mass Church - the Adult Choir
10:30 am Mass in the Hall music led by the
Contemporary Music Ensemble.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

A Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 31st New Year's Eve – 4:30 & 6:00 pm
New Year's Day
January 1st – 9 am & 11 am in Church

OUR DAILY BREAD - We will not be collecting casseroles on Thursday, January 1st, 2009. Monetary donations will be accepted for the buying of hams for that day. Checks made payable to IHM .St. Vincent de Paul.

CHRISTMAS/END OF YEAR GIVING

Are you considering a gift to the Parish at the end of the Year? Many people wish to make a return to the Lord for the blessings they have received throughout the year as the year comes to an end. This is also a final opportunity to make a charitable donation that can be deducted when they file their Federal and State tax returns for 2008. If you wish to make a special contribution to either the Parish general operating funds or to the Capital Campaign Fund (Resounding in Praise) in time for a 2008 tax deduction, we request you make your donation by the Dec. 27/28 or Christmas collections. IRS regulations stipulate that donations need to be deposited and posted before the end of the year.

Please Remember God's Poor by use of the Poor Boxes as you leave Mass each Weekend.