

SUNDAY 1/07	MONDAY 1/08	TUESDAY 1/09	WEDNESDAY 1/10	THURSDAY 1/11	FRIDAY 1/12	SATURDAY 1/13
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 8:30 AM LITURGY 9:45 AM ADULT FORMATION K-5 RELIG. ED. 11:00 AM LITURGY PRESCHOOL RELIG. ED. 7:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS 6-10 RELIG. ED.	12:00 PM PRAYER FOR PEACE 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY	1:00 PM ARK OF ONE(S) LUNCHEON 7:00 PM C.I.C.C.A. R.C.I.A.	7:00 PM JUSTFAITH	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM SCRIPTURE STUDY 6:30 PM MUSIC PRACTICE WE WALK BY FAITH 7:00 PM SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM WOMEN LISTENING TO WOMEN	5:30 PM LITURGY

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

Magi Bearing Gifts — The scriptures describe the Magi (Three Wise Men, Three Kings) as bringing gifts to Emmanuel in the manger. No less did you gift me during this Christmas Season. Thank you for the kind words, assorted gifts and gift cards, and delicious foods. I am abundantly blessed and filled with gratitude for you!

Vocations Awareness — The Office of Vocations for our Diocese has set aside January 13/14 as a time to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and the variety of other lay church vocations. Next weekend Eric Ayers, one of our Seminarian candidates for priesthood, will be here at Immaculate Conception and preach at each of the eucharists. Presently Eric is a seminarian at my alma mater, Saint Mary's Seminary and University in Baltimore. Let us welcome Eric and support his vocation journey as he stimulates ours.

On the Way to Cana — Saturday, January 13, Charla Ruffin and Nicholas Diggs will enter the vocation of marriage. Please remember them each day in your prayers as they move closer to this sacred moment.

We Walk By Faith — This document from the Office of the Bishop has been, and is, an ongoing collaborative effort to enrich the life of parishes throughout the Diocese. To those who completed the recent diocesan survey in this process — Thank You! Any parish member who would like to be part of further parish reflection in this process is invited to join the Parish Leadership Group on Thursday evening, January 11th, from 6:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office, and pick up the latest edition of the above document for you to read in preparation.

Year-End Financial Contribution Statements

After each liturgy next weekend, parish members' financial contribution statements will be made available in sealed envelopes in the Commons. To help us save postage, please stop and pick up your statement.

Perk's Picks — Little Miss Sunshine is a strange movie. It is the story of a very dysfunctional "family" taking a nine-year-old to a children's beauty pageant, all travelling in a Volkswagon mini-van. While it makes you laugh heartily, the question underlying the plot is, "Can the 'grace of God' lead this family to something more?" Be aware there are some moments of crude language. — Syrian Bride is a movie set in the Golan Heights of Israel, amidst Jewish-Palestinian-Syrian tensions and border disputes. The dilemma for this engaged couple and their families becomes the consequences of their marriage -- whether they will be allowed to enjoy their families and homelands ever again due to geographical and ethnic limits. Thought provoking!

Msgr. Bob Perkins

Thank You for the many cards and gifts received over the Christmas Season. I sincerely appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness. A blessed and peaceful New Year to all.

Fr. Bob French

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Would you like to share your faith, make the Gospels come alive, and help children get involved in the Bible? If this sounds like the ministry for you, then you should volunteer for Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leaders and helpers are needed for both the 8:30 A.M. and the 11:00 A.M. Masses. Volunteers are scheduled about once a month for the Mass time of their choice. Please call Manola Dobbs at the Parish Office (826-0393) if you can assist in this ministry.

I wish to thank my friends of the ICC community for their concern and prayers after my recent surgery. I'm on the way to recover, thanks to all of you.

*Sincerely,
Kay Rendon*

Income Budget: \$625,850

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

December Financial Information

	<u>Week of 12/17</u>	<u>Week of 12/24-25</u>	<u>Week of 12/31</u>	<u>Month of Dec.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 10,175.00	\$ 16,927.00	\$ 8,442.00	\$ 60,010.07	\$ 283,707.11
Loose	1,153.20	4,135.94	1,294.94	9,562.42	34,547.02
Other	49.89	22.80	57.37	226.34	5,650.13
YTD Interest					8,473.63
Total	\$ 11,378.09	\$ 21,085.74	\$ 9,794.31	\$ 69,798.83	\$ 332,377.89

Families using Envelopes/Checks in December: 420 out of 566

STEWARDSHIP

THE THREE KINGS IN TODAY'S GOSPEL TRAVELED A GREAT DISTANCE AT CONSIDERABLE COST TO OFFER THEIR RICHEST GIFTS TO THE INFANT JESUS. HOW FAR WILL I GO AND WHAT WILL I OFFER TO DO HOMAGE TO THIS NEWBORN KING AND SAVIOR?

LANDSCAPES OF THE SOUL with Robert M. Hama, author and lecturer on spirituality, will be with us on January 27 to lead us through a day reflecting on the holy places in our own spiritual lives and our shared tradition. Please sign up after liturgies one of the next three weekends to help us plan for seating and lunches. Since your tithes pay for the speaker fees, there is no charge for parishioners. Tickets for those outside the Parish are \$10.00. We will be using Hama's book by the same title for our parish Lenten reading program. *See the enclosed flyer for more information.*

SCRIPTURE STUDY:

- * Lands of the Bible — The Monday night group will begin this study on January 8 at 7:00 P.M. New members are invited to explore the places that form the backdrop of the scripture narratives. A study guide will be available at the first meeting for \$5.00.
- * The Thursday morning women's group continues their study of the Gospel of Luke at 9:15 A.M. on January 11.
- * The Scripture From Scratch group meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 P.M.

WHAT MAKES US CATHOLIC? The Sunday Morning Adult Formation group, **THE VATICAN II CHURCH**, will begin this series on Sunday, January 21, at 9:45 A.M. in the "triple room." Come to explore and discuss the essentials of what it means to be Catholic.

MISSALS and AT HOME WITH THE WORD — Three missals and two copies of At Home with the Word are still available. See Ann Ruggaber at the Parish Office if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC FAMILY SERVICES
\$2,298.77.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES RESUME THIS WEEKEND

— Upper Grades and Confirmation candidates and sponsors meet tonight (Sunday) at 7:00 P.M. Please note that there will be no classes next weekend in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday weekend.

SCHEDULES — January 13/14

Nursery

8:30 A.M. Yvette Goolsby; Erin Davignon
11:00 A.M. Ashley Griffin; Franklyn Richards

Lectors

5:30 P.M. Terri Weaver; Mike Mannen
8:30 A.M. Russell Kassel; Buena Reese
11:00 A.M. Mark Rogers; Michele Jones

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 P.M. Virginia Buck; Charles Buck
8:30 A.M. Marvin Sproston; Laurene Sproston
11:00 A.M. Norman Kosin; Kim Kosin

Children's Liturgy

8:30 A.M. Annemarie Amante; Loretta MacDonald
11:00 A.M. Amy Blount; Tricia Rainone

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. Charlene & Tom Foughner; Deanna & Walt Johnson

11:00 A.M. Gail Helmick; Carolyn & Mark Famiglietti; Ann Loucks

Food Pantry — Laura & Thomas Tregner

Morning Ministry — Marie-Claude David (1/08)
Muriel Baisden (1/11)

PATHWAYS participants are reminded of the next session on Wednesday, January 17, at 7:00 P.M. The video, "Getting Started as a Catechist," will be viewed and discussed. For further information, please leave a message in the office for Nancy Dixon.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 1/06 1 Jn 5:5-13 Mk 1:7-11
Sun., 1/07 Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:1-2, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Mon., 1/08 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Tues., 1/09 Heb 2:5-12 Mk 1:21-28
Weds., 1/10 Heb 2:14-18 Mk 1:29-39
Thurs., 1/11 Heb 3:7-14 Mk 1:40-45
Fri., 1/12 Heb 4:1-5, 11 Mk 2:1-12
Sat., 1/13 Heb 4:12-16 Mk 2:13-17
Sun., 1/14 Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 P.M. *Lancianese, Murphy, Cantalupo, Longhi Families (+)*
Walter Moore (+)
Edward J. Kazarnowicz (+)
8:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M. *Robert Jeffries (+)*
8:30 A.M.
8:30 A.M.
5:30 P.M. *Walter Moore (+)*
8:30 A.M. *Raymond J. Cote (+)*
11:00 A.M. *Edwin McErlean (+)*
Thaddeus Jerz (+)
Maria Cavanna (+)

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO BE A STAR! ... The I.C.C.C.W. is sponsoring a play [“Women of the Bible”] and dinner to raise money for the SYG. The play/dinner date is set for Sunday evening, April 22. Now is your chance to have some fun and raise some money for the SYG. We are looking for women (ages 15 - ??), dancers and ANYONE who is willing to help with the set and costumes. If you have experience in acting or directing, your expertise would be welcome and appreciated. There will be a meeting after the 11:00 A.M. Mass next Sunday, January 14, in Rooms A-1/2 for anyone interested in participating. If you have any questions, or if you are interested but unable to attend the meeting, please leave a message in the office for Faye Boninu.

WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.... Vera **Bohanon**; Marilyn **Robinson**; and Diana **Smith**.

AN ARK OF ONE(S) will have their first luncheon meeting of 2007 on Tuesday, January 9, at 1:00 P.M. Please leave a message in the office for Ann Daiber for further information.

The I.C.C.C.W. will be collecting baby items for the **CARE NET RESOURCE PREGNANCY CENTER** in Hampton the weekend of January 20/21 for National Right to Life Month. Items needed are diapers (up to size four); undershirts (S, M, L); baby wipes, shampoo, lotion, baby oil, new baby clothing (up to 12 months); plastic baby bathtubs; rattles, teething rings; and books.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH — There will be an Open Meeting of the I.C.C.C.W. on Wednesday, January 24. Refreshments and fellowship will begin at 6:30 P.M., with a presentation by a speaker from Care Net Resource Pregnancy Center at 7:00 P.M.

MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK: Schedules for Altar Linens, 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 Coffee & Doughnut Servers, Food Pantry, Nursery Volunteers, Registering New Parishioners, and 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Ushers/Greeters.

The **RED HAT SOCIETY “Purple Poppies”** will gather at 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, January 21, at the Szechuan Inn (just behind Boston Market on Coliseum Drive). All ladies are invited to join the group — Membership is open.

If you have three hours to share once or twice a month on a Monday or Thursday morning (9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon), consider volunteering for the **PARISH MORNING OUTREACH MINISTRY**. Volunteers handle the requests of those who come to us for financial assistance. This assistance is coordinated with other social service offices of the City and area churches. If you would like to help out, please call Manola Dobbs at the Parish Office (826-0393). Volunteers will be trained in the procedures for recommending that financial assistance be given.