Church of the Incarnation

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Dear Parishioners:

Our Whole Selves

As a seminary intern with Fr. Stretch twenty-three years ago at St. Henry Parish, I appreciated having a parish guide book and directory. It was a handy reference to visit the sick and to help know the different ministries and groups in parish life. Now, blessed to follow Fr. Stretch here at Incarnation, I have been using this resource to begin my transition to pastor.

Like most areas of life—our jobs, school, a marriage—what we put into something is what we end up getting out of it. Thanks to parishioners who put their whole selves into being members of Christ's Body at Incarnation! Putting our whole selves into parish life means, minimally, attending faithfully on the Lord's Day, to thank and praise the Lord for so much. Of course, attending Mass is one of the most selfless things we can do. Since one of our primary reasons for attending is not simply to fulfill an obligation, but rather to pray for others: those present, those absent, so many far and near, and for the world.

Putting our whole selves into being a part of the Church also means we ought to strive to share our gifts and talents in some way. This booklet can help! Look over the listing of ministries and groups in parish life and find a place you can contribute...and be blessed. Also, keep alert to opportunities offered in the bulletin for lifelong faith formation, things like book studies, a video series, a talk or special opportunities for prayer.

Just as we expect children to grow in faith in PREP or Catholic day-school, as adults we simply must do the same, through lifelong faith formation. For, faith just can't stay stationary. If our faith is not growing, it is dying. Be assured the Father of Lies wants our faith to die. If we allow it to die, the Devil won't want us to notice and tries to deceive us that all is well. Therefore, unnoticed gradual and imperceptible faith death is his goal. We can make sure the opposite is happening if we can point to ways we are trying to grow closer to Jesus in faith.

Please patronize our advertisers. Their good stewardship of treasure makes this resource possible at no cost to our parish. Thanks to all who strive to put their whole selves in knowing, loving and serving the Lord Jesus at Incarnation!

Sincerely and with Love in Christ,

Fr. Pat

Parish Mission Statement

- We are the Catholic, Christian community of Incarnation Parish in Centerville, Ohio. Although we are diverse in so many ways, we are one because of our faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. All that we are and do comes from this faith.
- We celebrate our faith in worship. We celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation as we begin, or advance, our life in Christ.
- We celebrate the Eucharist as a sign of our unity in Christ, and to give thanks for His many blessings.
- We recognize our call from God to love and serve Him through loving and serving each other.
- We are committed to assisting each other in responding to God's call by loving and caring for those within our community and beyond who need us.
- We are committed as a community of believers to nourish all in our community of faith by providing educational and spiritual enrichment, and recreational opportunities.
- We, as a Catholic Christian community, are dedicated to bring Christ to all who seek Him, and to live the Gospel so that we can be a sign of God's love in this world.

Why we exist:

At Incarnation Church, we are called to incarnate Jesus in our community.

Our core values:

- ❖ We jump in with both feet.
- ❖ We reach out with both hands.
- ❖ We encounter Jesus and are His presence for others.

Pastoral Staff

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Parish Offices are located in the Pastoral Center.

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The Church of The Incarnation was established in 1945 with a gift of \$6,000 from St. Mary's Parish in Dayton. The first Mass in this mission-type church was celebrated Christmas Day, 1950, by Fr. Charles Hollenkamp. There were about 64 charter member families. In October 1952, Fr. Raymond C. Kallaher took up residence until 1979. The school opened in September of 1957 with 171 students, ten classrooms, and six teachers.

By 1965 the parish had outgrown the small church building. The present church, which seats 1100, was constructed for

\$850,000. The use of poured concrete and rough glass is a unique architecture for this area. Symbolically, the exposed aggregate of the exterior walls becomes smaller and more refined as it moves indoors, most fine at the altar where the sacrifice takes place at each Mass. Blessing of the new church was in March 1970. In August 1979 Fr. Joseph C. Heskamp, who had served as Associate Pastor, was appointed Pastor. During this time, the parish had grown to 1700 families. In 1989, Fr. Thomas Kuhn came to Incarnation as Pastor. At that time, the parish had 2400 families.

In 1992 Incarnation embarked on a capital fundraising campaign called The Family Fund, which enabled a major building campaign to expand the parish facilities and meet the needs of phenomenal growth. The result of the parishioners' generosity was construction of the Parish Activity Center, a substantial school addition, and refurbishment of the existing school infrastructure.

The Parish Activity Center was completed in 1994, the school addition in 1995. The PAC was designed to be a gathering space for the growing Incarnation Parish Family, symbolized in its lobby by a metal relief sculpture of the Holy Family. The generosity, commitment to, and complexity of, the capital funding is commemorated by the St. Matthew statue in the activity center's St. Joseph's Chapel where daily Masses are celebrated.

The parish celebrated its 50th anniversary in the year 2000. In July of 2001 Fr. Lawrence (Stretch) Mierenfeld came to Incarnation as Pastor. The number or parish families was 3,550. Through the first decade of the new millennium, growth of the parish slowed and stabilized to 4,300-4,400 families.

The Parish Activity Center

Incarnation's Parish Activity Center, as envisioned, has become a busy gathering place for large and small parish groups. One room may host senior programs, while in another adults are engaged in Bible study and in still another energetic children are in a scout meeting. There are physical education classes, athletic games, and weekly celebration of Mass in the gym. Parts of the building are regularly used by the parish school for accessory functions and to allow program expansion.

Because the Parish Activity Center is heavily used for parish life and school activities, and due to Archdiocese policies, the facility is not made available to rent, or to be used by individual parishioners or groups not directly affiliated with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Liturgy and Sacraments

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil	5:30
	7:30, 10:30, 12:00& 5:00 (in church)
	9:00 (in Parish Center)
Weekdays	6:30 and 8:30*
	(*Friday school Mass 9:00)
Saturdays	8:30
Holy Days7:00	0 pm Vigil; 6:30, 9:00, 12:00 noon, 7:00

- BAPTISMS: First three Sundays after the noon Mass; Fourth Sunday during the 12:00 Mass. Call the Parish Office to schedule. Baptismal Preparation Program required for first time parents-class is held 1st Thursday of each month, 7:30, Parish Center. Participants sign in at the class. Questions? Call David and Kathy Ryan, 435-6655.
- CONFESSIONS: Tuesday 7:15-7:45am Parish Center Rm 105, 2:45-3:30 pm Church, Thursday 6-6:30 pm church, Saturday mornings 9:00-9:45 (or by appointment) Special Reconciliation Services held during Advent and Lent.
- EUCHARIST: Children are prepared for their First Eucharist in the second grade. Older children may also be prepared for the sacrament. First Communions take place during the Easter season at the regularly scheduled Sunday Masses.
- CONFIRMATION: At Incarnation, students are prepared for this sacrament in the eighth grade. Young adults may also be prepared for the sacrament. Confirmation is celebrated in the spring.
- WEDDINGS: To prepare thoroughly for this important event, couples who wish to marry should begin sacramental preparation at least six months before the ceremony. Weddings are most frequently celebrated on Saturdays, beginning any time between 2:00 and 3:30. Weddings may also be scheduled on Friday evenings. Please contact Fr. Patrick Sloneker.
- RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: In this process, people are initiated and become members of the Catholic faith. The process is comprised of four stages and celebrates various liturgical rituals. Candidates and their sponsors meet on Tuesday evenings, September through Easter. Please contact Pastoral Administrator, Stacy Stang.
- ANOINTING of the SICK: We take particular care to visit those who are hospitalized or in nursing homes. Eucharistic ministers visit the nursing homes on Sundays. Masses are scheduled monthly at Bethany and Liberty Retirement Communities. Contact the office with any special needs.

BEREAVEMENT: Pastoral Associate, Jose Martinez, ministers to be reaved families, assisting with the liturgy and funeral planning.

Parish Life

	Parish Life
Alta	r AttendantsFr. Ignatius Madar Parish boys and girls in grades seven and eight are
	trained to serve at Liturgies.
Ath	letic Association Wesleigh Cummins, 937-750-905
	Provides guidance, funding and coaching for CYO ar
	school funded athletic activities.
Вар	tismal ClothsTess Aiena, 937-885-538
	Leslie Stricker 937-434-439
	Used for infant Baptisms at Incarnation. Fabric square need hemmed and embroidered. Materials and patter
	provided.
Ran	tismal PrepDavid & Kathy Rya
	Kyle & Aimee Frysing
	First time parents should plan to attend a Baptismal
	Preparation Program. Sessions are held the first
	Thursday of each month in the Parish Center at 7:30
	pm. If further information is needed contact David o
	Kathy Ryan at davidryan6942@att.net.
Cho	ir/CantorKevin Samblan
	Singers and/or instrumentalists may find their niche
	in the Sunday Adult Choir, Youth Choir Ensemble,
	Handbell Choir, or the Children's Choir. Singers may want to participate as Cantors. An audition, training
	session, and rehearsals are part of this ministry.
Chu	arch CleanersBeverly Castaldi, 937-371-860
	Parishioners may volunteer to help clean the church
	once or twice each week and for special occasions
	(Easter and Christmas).
Edu	cation Commission
	Sigurd (Bob) Peterson 937-291-132
	This board serves all parish educational programs:
	Parish School, Religious Education, Adult Education,
	Early Childhood.
_	lish as a Second Language
Mai	y Cozart,
	This group instructs those of any faith and nationality in English in an informal
	conversational manner.
Fuc	haristic AdorationAmy Bartz, 937-428-759
Luc	Prayer is needed in our lives. By spending time with Jesu
	we are able to establish a truly personal relationship wi
	Him.
Euc	haristic/Lector SchedulingBarb Perkin

distribute Communion at the Mass time of their choice and may volunteer for Holy Days and special liturgies.
Faith Health Ministry Brenda Ashcraft, 937-748-2699 This parish nurse program was formed to promote health and wholeness of body, mind and spirit within the context of the values, beliefs and faith of Incarnation Parish.
Finance CommitteeSteve Skerl 937-885-1961 This commission meets with the pastor to review and advise on financial decisions.
Grounds Beautification
Grief ShareVicke Snyder 937-266-8583
Knights of ColumbusPaul LaSaint 937-885-0943 St. Leonard Council 10215 was chartered in 1990 and serves as Home Council for Incarnation Parish. Membership is open to all males 18 and older who are practicing Catholics. Currently the Knights serve as Greeters at Mass.
Lean on Me (Est. Sept. 2009)
Provide meals on a temporary basis. Visitation to the elderly, shut-ins, and people recently released from the hospital, new mothers or anyone who would like an occasional visitor.
Lectors/Eucharistic Minister Training
Leisure ClubJean Corron 437-433-8100 or Cell 409-5169
Fun and fellowship for those 55 and over. The Leisure Club fosters comradery and recreational pleasantries while promoting Catholic principles.
Life Long Faith FormationJose Martinez, 937-433-1188 Bible StudyJose Martinez, Pastoral Associate Explore the sacred Scriptures that form the foundation of our faith. Expert commentaries on the various books of the Bible are supported by exceptional videos, personal reflection and small-group sharing of faith and insights. Groups are offered in autumn, winter and summer, both day and evening. MOMS Enrichment Group AM EnrichmentEmily Duffy
All women in the parish are welcome to join this friend-
filled group of women who, together, read and discuss books on spirituality, study the writings of church teachers,
and explore ways to deepen their own faith and that of their
family members.

Parishioners active in this ministry are assigned to help

Women's Spiritual Enrichment

Women's EnrichmentMaggie Finger, 937-572-3433

Mass CoordinatorsStacy Stang, 937-433-1188 ext. 215
People who attend a certain Mass on a regular basis are
needed to make sure that all is in place and in supply
for the Mass to begin: lay ministers, altar attendants,
books, candles, vessels, etc.

New Life Healing Ministry......Carleen Suttmann, 937-307-7692

Trained prayer ministries offer private, personal healing prayer every Monday at 7:00pm in the Chapel beginning with praise and worship and a short teaching. All are welcome and no appointment is necessary.

Outreach to the Sick and Homebound

Roger Duffy......937-269-6256

Those confined at home or in nursing homes receive visits from our Eucharistic ministers on a regular basis.

Parent Teacher Organization Alison Wike, 937-350-5408
An organization of school families that supports the educational programs of the school with various fundraisers and projects throughout the year: Fish Fry, Trivia Night, etc.

PREPMolli Glowacki, 937-433-1188 ext. 211

Safe Parish.....Joan Macpherson, 937-433-1188 ext. 304

shelters in the Dayton area......Kathy Farrey, 937-885-0326

Scouts

.....Volunteers gather to knit or crochet "prayer shawls" which are given to those in need of being 'wrapped' in God's love and strength. (Lessons provided)

Welcome Ministry...... Jose Martinez, 937-433-1188 ext. 201 Ushers/Greeters are needed at weekend Masses to help with seating, take up the collection, and distribute the bulletin after Mass, and other duties as they arise.

Worship Commission....Stacy Stang, 937-433-1188 ext. 215 Members of this ministry meet to plan the tone and environment for the liturgical season and to prepare for sacramental liturgies.

Youth Group

This group is for all high school teens. Teens plan activities which offer friendship, service and prayer opportunities.

Incarnation School

433-1051

www.incarnation-school.com

Incarnation School is a winner of the National School of Excellence and the National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Our parish school serves children in Pre-Kindergarten through grade eight. The solid faith formation and superior academics began in 1957, when the Sisters of Precious Blood opened Incarnation School with eight classrooms and 200 children. Today the parish school has almost 900 children, a collegiate-sized physical activities center, 52 classrooms, three up-to-date technology/computer centers, a beautiful, computerized library, three foreign language rooms, a closed-circuit news room, and multiple offices.

All teachers are licensed in their field by the State of Ohio and all religion teachers are certified by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to teach religion. A team of five Intervention

Specialists support the gifted students as well as those students with special needs in grades PreK-8. Incarnation has a full time nurse, school counselor, and speech teacher.

The arts are important to the growth of children, and in support of this educational aspect, the school has a full time art teacher and music teacher, three physical education teachers, a band teacher, and after school piano classes. The curriculum includes multiple levels of reading, math, and other content areas that support the individual child's strengths and needs. A PreK-8 foreign language Pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade Spanish, French and German classes.

The extracurricular programs enhance the academics with mission and service projects throughout the year, CYO sports, boy and girl scouts, chess club, inter-generational book clubs, writing club, and drama club. In addition, the junior high offers an Optimist's service club, a Merit Society, a Students-Recycling Club, and a Computer Club. Incarnation School is well-respected by the public and private high schools in our area, and twelve of our eighth grade students won scholarships to local and distant private high schools. More than seventy teachers and staff are dedicated to the care and safety of our children.

Guiding Scriptural Passage: This is what God asks of you, only this: *To act justly, to love tenderly, and to walk humbly with your God* (Micah 6:8).

Mission Statement: Incarnation Parish School provides a spiritually and academically rich environment in which all are encouraged to grow in faith as they follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Vision: Incarnation School will be a nationally recognized model program in faith formation and high academic standards for our children.

Religious Education 433-3377

MISSION STATEMENT

In keeping with the mission of the parish, the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) is committed to nourishing the children of the parish and their families by offering a formal program of Catholic religious education. In our classes we seek to provide the knowledge and additional skills necessary for each child to grow and mature, as far as they are able, in the faithful practice of the Catholic faith. We strive to assist each child in committing his or herself to a life rooted in the sacraments, prayer, service and lifelong learning of the Catholic faith.

In support of parents, The PREP program offers opportunities for parents to develop their confidence in sharing faith within their homes. Regular communication with parents aids them in their support of the formation program. Communal events offer an opportunity for families to grow and serve together. Parents are integrated into their child's preparation for the sacraments.

Elementary Program (grades 1-8)
Classes are held Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:15-5:30. (7th & 8th graders have the additional choice of Sunday evenings, 7:00-8:15.)

Catch-up Catechesis: Some special sessions may be required before students are admitted to regular class sessions.

Life Long Faith Formation

Jose Martinez, 937-433-1188 ext. 201

Why stop learning when you graduate from school? Deepen your own faith and expand your spirituality by participating in a wide range of adult faith formation activities. These include Bible Study, MOMS, Marriage Enrichment, and more.

Parish Committees

PARISH COUNCIL

Judy Beeler	435-1915
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Mary Beth Walusis	434-1346

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Patrick Rizer	937-474-6829
Sarah Shah	513-520-4556
Kirsten Stearns	937-266-9820

FINANCE COMMITTEE

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SOCIAL OUTREACH COMMISSION

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Judy Setchell	Spiritual Advisor
Becky Duffy	Secretary
Charlie Groff	Treasurer

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Tony Deliberato	405-8437
Jeff Stricker	n/a
Kathy Lammlein	545-7265
Jim Heintz	n/a
Ruth Reeve	602-5415
Joseph Runser	n/a
Kevin Samblanet	
Matthew Schlosser	404-414-4316
Stacy Stang	433-1188

PARISH STATISTICS 2020

Registered families	3,813
Baptisms (infant)	62
1st Eucharist	108
Confirmation	115
Marriages	4
Funerals	62
RCIA	12

Advent and Christmas Season

Advent is a time given to us to take a fresh look at how we experience the light of Christ coming into our everyday existence. Incarnation prayer and Reconciliation services are available for that purpose.

Anniversaries

The parish recognizes in a special way those couples celebrating their 25th or 50th Wedding Anniversaries. At a Sunday liturgy, couples renew their vows and receive a special blessing.

Lent and Easter Season

During Lent, we follow Jesus' journey from death to resurrection and take our own journey to leave behind our "old self" and put on a "new self" responding more faithfully to God's call. The tradition of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent is emphasized in Evening Prayer, Stations of the Cross and evenings with inspirational speakers. The Triduum recalls Christ's agony, death and resurrection and calls us to reflect on our struggles and God's part in them. Easter Season lasts 50 days and celebrates our new life in the resurrected Christ.

Memorial Mass

The Church remembers, at Mass on All Souls Day, November 2nd, parishioners and family members who have died during the past year. This Liturgical Celebration is designed to help those who have lost a relative experience consolation in their grief.

Parish Facilities

Only parish groups are permitted to use Incarnation's facilities. The meeting rooms, gym, etc., are not rented out to other organizations or for private use.

Special Collections in the Parish

The following list explains our regular collections which are in addition to special Holy Day Collections:

Ash Wednesday: Collection for Central and Eastern Europe.

Catholic Ministries Appeal: Archdiocesan Religious Clergy Retirement, Catholic Social Services, Archdiocesan Institutions and Services.

Good Friday: Holy Land Shrines

Catholic Relief Services (2nd Sunday after Easter):

Migration and Refugee Services, The Holy Father's

Relief Fund, Department of Social Development and
World Peace.

Little Sisters of the Poor: Each year the sisters who operate the Archbishop Leibold Home in Cincinnati are invited to the parish to collect funds for their work with the elderly poor.

Holy Father's Collection (Last Sunday in June): *Formerly known as Peter's Pence.*

Mission Sunday (Second to the last Sunday in October): Funds are distributed in the Pope's name by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith among the missions and missionaries of the entire world.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (November):

Donations to this nationwide program fund hundreds
of projects that help low-income people work together
to solve community problems, create jobs, and build
affordable housing.

Retirement Fund for Religious (Second Sunday in December): *This national appeal is to help religious congregations care for their elderly and infirm sisters, brothers, and order priests.*

St. Vincent de Paul (monthly): Incarnation's Conference serves those in need in our parish area. In addition they sponsor various collections throughout the year, such as the Back to School Clothing Drive, Bundle Sunday, a Handi-pak collection, Fall Food Drive. They also have a major part in the Parish Christmas Kindness project.

Social Outreach (monthly): Contributions from parishioners allow this committee to aid many worthwhile organizations such as The Dakota Center, Rebuilding Dayton Together, Mercy Manor, and others. Visit our website for more information and the volunteer opportunities available.

In formation

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Chaminade-Julienne High School 505 S. Ludlow, Dayton, OH 45402461-3740
Fenwick High School 4855 St. Rt. 122, Franklin, OH 45005 513-423-0723
Archdiocese of Cincinnati 100 E. 8th St., Cincinnati, OH 45202 1-800-686-2724 Catholic Telegraph
Archdiocesan Departments: Catholic Schools Office 266 Bainbridge St., Dayton, OH 4520223-5151
Family Life Office
Religious Education Office223-5151
Artemis Center, Domestic violence461-5091
Athenaeum of Ohio, Mt. St. Mary's Seminary 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45230513-231-2223
Bergamo Center, Mt. St. John, Retreats 4400 Shakertown Rd., Dayton, OH 45430 426-2363
Calvary Cemetery Assoc. Calvary & S. Dixie, Dayton, OH 45409293-1221
Catholic Social Services Dayton, 1320 E. 5th St., 45402

Christ Child Society of Dayton 1024 Brown St., 45409223-0046
Marriage License Bureau, Montgomery County 41 N. Perry St., Dayton, 45402225-4400
St. Leonard, Senior Residence 8100 Clyo Rd., Centerville 45458433-0480
St. Vincent de Paul Main office & truck pick up222-5555
St. Mary's Center 427 Steele Ave., 45410254-2323