

"THE WORD
was made flesh" John 1-14

My Dear Friends,

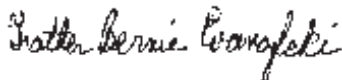
Praised be Jesus Christ both now and forever! It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you to our parish family. The Church of the Incarnation is a Welcoming Church, and so we surely do extend to you and your loved ones our most sincere wishes that you will feel a part of our parish family always.

As you probably already realize, our church and our school are very active and very much alive in the Spirit. We certainly hope that you will see many opportunities for your active participation in our parish life. We have many exciting things happening, among which are daily Eucharistic Adoration (Monday through Friday), many youth activities, a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence.

In this booklet, you will read about many of the opportunities available for your participation. We hope that you will take advantage of whatever stirs your interest and promises to help you grow in your spirituality and Catholic identity. We are on the road to the fullness of the Kingdom together, and, of course, we need to support each other on that wonderful journey. Please feel free to offer any suggestions you would like to make our parish the best one possible for the spiritual good of all of us.

Once again, we welcome you and invite and encourage you to participate fully in the life of Incarnation Parish. May God bless and keep you always.

In the Peace and Love of Jesus,



Father Bernie Evanofski
Pastor

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Parish Mission Statement

Our parish is united in the Catholic faith and dedicated to giving witness to the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. In the spirit of Christian hospitality and love, we provide opportunities for worship, catechesis, service and community.

Moved by the Holy Spirit, we hold firm to our Catholic tradition and are open to the creative use of God's gifts.

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Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon & 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 7:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Saturday Morning 8:30 a.m.

Saturday Vigils 4:30 & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Mass in Polish first & third Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Saturday Confessions

Following 8:30 a.m. Mass,

and at 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Mondays after 11:00 a.m. Mass

Baptisms

Second and last Sunday of the month at 12:00 noon. Classes first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday 11:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday 11:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Rosary

Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Marriages

Please call the rectory at least FOUR months in advance.

Parish Registration

Welcome new members! We ask you to stop by the parish office and fill out a registration form or call 921-6631.

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Liturgy & Worship

Altar Servers

Being a server means serving God and His people at Mass on Sundays, holy days and at funerals. This important service to the Church is open to all young girls and boys of the parish. You must have made your First Communion and be in the 4th grade to participate in this ministry. Contact Deacon John 921-6631.

Ushers

There is a group of parishioners we all take for granted. They were there when we first started going to Church, and will be there when we are long gone. Not the same individuals, but the same ministry.

They are the first people who greet you when you come to the weekend Masses, open the door for you, find you a seat if the Church is crowded, and take up a collection. After Mass is over, and the doors are opened, these volunteers mingle with the congregation and disappear till next week.

Any man or woman, who wishes to join this group of ushers, please call Head Usher Vic Ticola at 922-5279.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is an instructional and interactive learning program that brings the Gospel to the children at a level, which is easy for them to understand. We have two classes during the Sunday 9:00 a.m. Mass. One is for children in grades K-2 and the second for those in grades 3-4. We have qualified teachers and helpers who make sure your child is hearing the Word of God and how it relates to them. The children return to Mass during the offertory.

Children's Liturgy is also responsible for our annual EASTER EGG HUNT, LUMINARIES AT CHRISTMAS, AND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

This program does NOT replace Religious Education classes offered by the parish. Your children must still attend those classes as needed.

With the growth of the program comes the need for additional adults and older teens to help us. You do NOT have to have a child in the program to participate and no experience is necessary. Service hours will be awarded to all who participate. We need your help to continue the success of the Children's Liturgy Program. Come and join us in the Parish Center Conference Room the first Sunday of every month following the 9:00 a.m. Mass from September through May. If you have any questions, please call Carole McDonnell at 377-1078.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

These ministers distribute Holy Communion at daily and weekend liturgies. Call Deacon John at 921-6631.

Readers

Members of the parish, representing the laity, proclaim the Word of the Lord. Twice a year, there is a training session for interested candidates. Anyone interested in becoming a reader is invited to call Mary Ellen Strzempka at 924-3616.

Arimatheans

The Arimatheans are a group of concerned parishioners who volunteer to attend funerals of deceased parishioners. Just as Joseph of Arimathea cared for the body of Christ, our parishioners see to it that no one is laid to his or her final rest alone. If interested in this ministry, please call Jim and Gloria Champers at 966-3113.

Pallbearers

Pallbearers provide a service to families while practicing a corporal work of mercy. Volunteers who are available in the mornings are needed. This ministry is part of the Arimatheans.

Offertory/Gift Bearers

If you as an individual or a family would like to help bring up the gifts at our Sunday liturgy, please call Pat Kelly at 966-8266. This is an easy way to get involved and it is an important part of our liturgy, plus there is no practice!

Altar Guild

Members of the Altar Guild share in the blessing of preparing the space and the materials necessary for the celebration of Eucharistic Liturgy. If you are able to help with the cleaning of the Sacred Space or by washing, ironing, or sewing of the liturgical cloths, please call Sr. Monica Paul Fraser, O.P. at 921-6631, ext. 225. Your assistance will be very much appreciated.



Eucharistic Adoration

The Eucharistic Adoration Ministry welcomes all parish members to join us in our beautiful chapel for an hour of quiet prayer before the exposed *Eucharistic Presence of Jesus*.

Eucharistic Adoration begins immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday: 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

First Friday of the month 11:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Available to all parishioners are two opportunities for community prayer during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Children of Mary Rosary Prayer Group: Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Friday 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Because our chapel is large, it can accommodate many, and there is a place for you in one of three groups of adorers: Scheduled, Substitute, and Casual.

***Scheduled** adorers are the backbone of the ministry. The adorer chooses a convenient time and commits to the same hour each week, unless sick or on vacation. A substitute is arranged during the absence. There are always a minimum of two scheduled adorers during each hour of adoration.

***Substitutes** give the ministry flexibility and stability by helping “fill in” for absences.

***Casual** or volunteer adorers come when they are able. Coming for a few minutes or an hour, we see a growing number of parish members recognizing the benefit of this gift in the heart of our parish. For those who work during the day, 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. each Tuesday is an ideal time for a private holy hour.

For more information, to sign up for a scheduled hour of adoration or become a substitute, call Ministry Coordinator Lucy Gatza, 953-4857. Casual members just come, you are always welcome. Sign in our registry and add your request for prayers in our petition book. All petitions and all the needs of all our members are remembered during the 8:30 a.m. Mass on the first Saturday of every month. This Mass is offered for the intentions of those in the ministry.

Come, let us adore the Lord!

Faith Formation

Religious Education

Catechesis is a shared experience for adults and children to learn more about their God, and the love that God has for them. Our sessions provide information and time to reflect, share, and pray together as a faith-seeking community. Call 924-9566 for further information.

Sessions are:

Sunday 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. for Grades Pre-K to Grade 8.

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:45 p.m. for Kindergarten to Grade 8.

For Confirmation, please call 924-9566.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA is for those seeking entry into the Catholic Church. It is a journey in which people grow in understanding, spirituality, and faith. Anyone interested may attend classes without committing to the process of initiation. The RCIA program begins in the fall and ends at Pentecost with the candidates experiencing full initiation at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. They meet every Monday night (except the last Monday of each month) at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room. If you have questions concerning this program, please call the parish office at 921-6631.



Bible Study

Deacon Joe Cirieco and Deacon John Crescitelli both offer classes on the scriptures throughout the year. They are offered on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. and Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. These classes are held in the Parish Center Conference Room. For more information, please call 921-6631.

Service / Outreach

The Good Samaritan Ministry

Formerly known as Peace and Justice Committee - Local, the group changed its name in 2004 to better represent the kind of services it provides.

Our Mission Statement is:

Providing a caring ministry for people in our community and parish, promoting the brotherhood of humankind.

Typical Ministry Services:

- Our volunteer drivers service local transportation needs of our clients by running errands, grocery shopping, etc.; rides to medical appointments, service agencies, and church services.
- Companionship visits to homebound or long-term care residents as requested.
- Connects to available services wherever possible, such as Senior Friendship Center, Meals on Wheels, SHARE, etc.
- Works with other ministries at Incarnation when requested.

If **you have a need** for any personal assistance or know of someone who needs help, please call the rectory at 921-6631 or Jean Fountain at 809-1505.

If **you want to help** your neighbors and are wondering how to get involved, here is one alternative, call the rectory at 921-6631 or Jean Fountain at 809-1505.

Meetings are held every other month on the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Volunteers knit shawls and blankets which are given to our homebound and area nursing homes. We also distribute lap blankets to our military personnel returning home wounded from the Middle East. This can be done at home and instructions are provided. If interested, call the Parish Office, 921-6631.

Outreach Ministry

Formed in 2004, this ministry falls under The Good Samaritan Ministry and reaches out to spouses who have lost loved ones. We are not professional grief counselors; we reach out to the bereaved to offer assistance similar to those under The Good Samaritan Ministry. A semi-annual potluck supper brings the widows/widowers together and offers the spirit of a true church community to those in need.

Bereavement

For those suffering the loss of a loved one, a chronic or terminal illness, there is the opportunity to be part of a support group which meets weekly, for sessions lasting five weeks. There is also the opportunity for individual conversation with Sr. Monica Paul Fraser, O.P., 921-6631, ext. 225.



Care Ministry

This is our ministry of bringing the Eucharist to those in nursing homes, hospitals, or at home. In addition, our Care ministers are sensitive to their overall well-being and report any concerns to the ministry coordinator. Contact Deacon John at 921-6631.

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international Catholic lay person organization, which seeks to help those who are suffering. Inspired by Gospel values, SVDP leads men and women to join together to grow spiritually, by offering person-to-person service to the needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron St. Vincent de Paul.

As a reflection of the whole Family of God, members known as Vincentians are drawn from a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, age groups, and economic levels. Vincentians are united in charity by their spirit of poverty, humility, and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings, and adherence to basic rules established by the International Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Organized locally, Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with other people of good will in relieving needs caused by poverty of all kinds and addressing the causes, making no distinction in those served, because in them Vincentians see the face of Christ.

To provide this personal and neighborly help, Vincentians organize themselves into conferences. The Incarnation Conference generally meets the last Monday of the month from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Please call 921-6631, visit our website at www.svdp-incarnation.org, or email svdpincarnationchurch@hotmail.com for more information.

Philosophy (Motto)

No work of charity is foreign to the Society. Need, not creed, determines who is helped and how.

SOLVE

Twenty-four-hour pregnancy crisis helpline - 941-748-0094.

Project Rachel

Hurting after abortion? Call Project Rachel, a post-abortion healing and reconciliation ministry, toll free at 1-877-908-1212. (Confidential) Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. plus 24-hour voice mail. www.hopeafterabortion.com

Military Ministry

The Church of the Incarnation Military Ministry meets every two months to pray and pack boxes for our men and women serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. We also advise the parish of any loved ones of our parish serving in the military. A military picture display is found in the foyer of the church, along with a donation box below the pictures. Parishioners are welcome to take a list of needed items and drop them off before or after their Sunday Mass. Our bulletin will list the dates of packing. Contact Ellie Longo at 955-6592, for more information.

Music for Worship

The Music Ministry of the Church of the Incarnation

Stephany Dobosz - Folk Group Director
Jeanette LaVoy - Incarnation Choir Director

The Music Ministry of the Church of the Incarnation exists to promote and develop the full, active and conscious participation of the assembly in the liturgy, to lead the people in sung prayer and to enhance the beauty and solemnity of the liturgy.



The Music Ministry fulfills this mission through the works of its two liturgical ensembles, the Incarnation Choir and the Folk Group.

The Incarnation Choir is a traditional mixed-voice choir under the direction of Jeanette LaVoy.

The Incarnation Choir serves at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and rehearses Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The Folk Group is a contemporary mixed-voice/instrumental ensemble under the direction of Stephany Dobosz.

The Folk Group serves at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass and rehearses Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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Youth Ministry

Youth ministry at Incarnation aims, through a holistic approach, to provide an opportunity for worship, faith sharing, fun, and service. Peer ministry forms an important part of our gatherings whereby teens share their experiences with one another.

Teens are encouraged to actively participate in liturgies and scripturally based drama. Personal reflection exercises and teen retreats are offered in order to foster and develop faith and spiritual experiences. Trips to diocesan and statewide youth events also provide an opportunity for teens to enjoy positive experiences together. Faith-based education in relation to Justice & Peace issues is one of our central goals, which in turn leads to active service in the parish and wider community.

Parish Prayer Line

The mission of this ministry is to pray for parishioners' requests for their families and friends. We pray for anyone who has needs for healing, thanksgiving, or special intentions.

If you are able to participate in this special ministry, we would welcome your help. We now have four teams of eight members each, and could use many more willing members to pray for the needs of our parish family. God does hear our prayers and we are showing our love for our neighbors as Jesus promised, when He said, "Ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you." If you can help us, call us at 388-7312.

Lighthouse Media Ministry

This ministry makes CD's available on living the Catholic faith today. There is a varied selection of topics that are of interest to all. CD's are available at the weekend liturgies for a minimal cost of \$3 per CD.

Welcome Committee



The Welcome Committee welcomes new families to Incarnation. In our welcoming phone call, by a member of the committee, we try to learn the interests of the new parishioners and guide them as to whom they should contact. We also have welcome brunches for the new parishioners as a way for them to meet other parishioners. For more information, call the parish office, 921-6631.

Galatians 6:10 says "So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of faith."



Sociable Singles 50+

Every first Saturday of the month, some of us meet for breakfast at various locations which are announced in the Sunday bulletin. We also have a group that plays cards once a month; locations and contact person are in the bulletin and on our schedule (available in the back of the church).

Aging with Grace Support Group

Despite the many problems which frequently impact us as we age, this free support group will emphasize old and new skills to confront the challenges associated with aging more effectively. This group will teach us how to improve the positive tools and minimize the negative aspects of aging. Sessions are Mondays from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room presented by Jack Dellarto MSW/ACSW.

Respect Life Committee

Respect Life Ministry is dedicated to transforming today's culture of death into a culture of life. Pope John Paul II's encyclical *The Gospel of Life* provides hope and inspiration in the promotion of respect for all life, from fertilization to natural death. The American Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities provides a framework for the ministry, following the Catholic tradition of prayer, study/education and action, including pastoral care and legislative advocacy. Respect Life Ministry focuses on life and death issues involving the beginning of life, end of life, capital punishment, and legislative action on the parish, diocesan, state, and national levels. For parish activities, call Jorge and Angela Lopez at 544-7890.

Ave Maria Council

The Ave Maria Council of the Church of the Incarnation is the first organization of the parish. We are devoted to Mary, our Blessed Mother, to our parish community, charitable causes, and each other.

Our members are involved in service to our Church through the Altar Guild, Eucharistic ministry, lecturing, Arimatheans, choir, Parish Prayer Line, Rosary Makers, Adoration Hour Ministry, nursing home and homebound visits. When called upon, we serve at parish functions. We collect items for our military service people and we send gift cards to St. Michael's School in Wauchula for school supplies for needy students. Every year, we present a check to the Angel Fund to help with tuition for Incarnation students. Our support funds are derived from our dues, boutique sales, and generosity of our members.

Our meetings are held September through May on the second Tuesday of the month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, which is offered for the ill and deceased members of the Council. We gather at the Parish Center for lunch and an informative or entertaining meeting.

We invite all interested women of the parish to come to one of our meetings and meet us; check the bulletin for our next meeting. Involvement in other parish organizations should not deter you from becoming an "Ave" too!

Divorced Healing & Recovery Support Group

This group is for separated or divorced Catholics who want to be active members of the parish.

Our mission is to assure the integration of the separated or divorced Catholic into parish life through spiritual, social, and charitable activities.

For more information on being a facilitator or a participant in this group, please call Jane Waligora at 924-1076.



Women's Club

“The mission of the Organization shall be to promote a spirit of unity and cooperation among the women of Incarnation Parish in religious, educational, social and humanitarian interests; to engage in such forms of Christian action and benevolent work as may commend themselves to this organization.” We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center unless announced otherwise. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us for an enjoyable evening. We have a short business meeting, followed with a program, and then light refreshments. Dues are \$15.00 a year.

Our service projects include volunteering and donating useful items for Bethesda House. We have Bingo for residents at The Pines on the third Thursday of each month. On the second Sunday of the month, we serve coffee and donuts after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

Our big fundraiser and special event is the annual Mother & Daughters & Special Friends Luncheon & Style Show. It is held in November.

Other special events include “A Morning of Reflection” on a Saturday during Lent. This is a morning of spiritual enrichment. We have a speaker, Mass, and a light lunch is served. We have a Christmas Luncheon, attend plays in the area, and close our year in May with the Installation Banquet.

We invite all ladies of the parish to join us for fun, enrichment, and an outlet for your God-given talents. Contact Mary Ellen Strzempka at 924-3616.

Men's Club

Men's Club Mission Statement: "To provide for the men in the parish to come together once a month for a dinner meeting to extend the warm hand of friendship and camaraderie. We seek to do the Lord's work in generosity and love to one another and to our parish of the Incarnation. By the grace of God, the example of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to accomplish our mission within and beyond our community."

The Men's Club has a roster of 71 with an average of 40 members attending each monthly meeting. We meet on the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center for a dinner meeting. Each meeting features a guest speaker or entertainment and includes dinner prepared by the Men's Club chefs. We have had as guest speakers: World Trade Center survivors, politicians, representatives of service organizations, teachers, coaches, sports figures, and public servants. Dinner cost is \$10.00; our annual dues are \$20.00. New members receive their first dinner for free, an engraved name badge and membership packet. Men's Club shirts and caps are available at cost. All men in the parish 21 years or older are invited to join the club for good fun, good food, and meeting new friends.

OUR CLUB IS PRIMARILY SOCIAL BUT WE ALSO PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL SERVICE PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

- Participate in Brush-Up Sarasota and paint a house in Sarasota for people who cannot do it themselves.
- Distribute Christmas poinsettias and Mother's Day roses, raising several thousand dollars to benefit SOLVE Maternity Homes, and homes for unwed mothers.
- Cover the Coffee and Donuts service after 9:00 a.m. Mass every third Sunday.
- Distribute cash gifts to several charities within our parish and in the Sarasota area.
- Collect canned and dried foods at every meeting and deliver these foods to Bethesda House Food Shelf.
- Additional activities throughout the year, which include your spouse or significant other, include a Christmas party with a Scottish gift exchange, a Sweetheart Banquet and entertainment in February, a spring picnic and games at Siesta Beach Pavillion.
- We also have Casino trips to Tampa, Sunset Cruises on Sarasota Bay, baseball games and other activities based on what the members prefer.
- All our projects are funded by membership dues and our 50/50 raffles.

The club publishes a monthly newsletter and maintains a website at:
<http://home.catholicweb.com/IncarnationsMensClub>.

Contact: Tom Flood, 954-232-5038.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Marriage Encounter offers a weekend experience designed to give married couples the opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that they can use for the rest of their lives. It's a chance to look deeply into their relationship with each other and with God. The weekend provides a conducive environment for couples to spend time together, away from the distractions of everyday life, while encouraging them to focus on each other and their relationship.

If you've already been encountered, there are monthly meetings also. Check out the website at: <http://www.wwme.org>.

Rosary Prayer Group

The Children of Mary Rosary Prayer Group gathers together on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Incarnation Chapel. We pray three of the four Mysteries of the Rosary, the Litany to the Blessed Mother, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Please join us for part or all of this lovely prayer offering. Contact Ellie Longo at 955-6592.

Meditation Group

Meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel Library.

Legion of Mary

Would you like to add extra fervor to the good, apostolic works you have been doing? Perhaps you would like to do some good work in the parish and don't know where to go or how to start. Come to the Legion of Mary and put your works into Mary's hands for the greater glory of God.

The Legion of Mary was founded in Ireland in 1921 and is now the largest worldwide lay organization in the Catholic Church.

There are two types of Legion membership-Active and Auxiliary.

Active membership has three objectives:

1. the personal sanctification of its members
2. the spread of devotion to Mary
3. the performance of apostolic work.

Active Members are required to meet together once a week for both spiritual and practical reasons. This coming together provides an opportunity to pray together to praise God and honor Mary and to gather the strength and enthusiasm to proceed with the work at hand. An account

of the work done is given at this time as well. These works may include the following: visiting nursing homes and assisted living facilities, leading the Rosary at these establishments, visiting shut-ins, accompanying the Pilgrim Statue to homes in the parish, and teaching in the CCD program.

Auxiliary Members, who are the strong, supportive, prayerful wings of the Active Legionaries, are required only to promise to say a daily Rosary and the designated Legion prayers.

The Legion of Mary exists only with the permission of the Bishop and the approval of the Pastor. Each group is called a Praesidium and there are ten Praesidia located in our Diocese.

The Praesidium at Incarnation is entitled “Mother of the Incarnate Word.” Members come together every Tuesday evening at the CCD Office, 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The only way to know more about The Legion of Mary is to come to a meeting to find out what it’s all about. No obligation, just come and see if this might be for you.

Love’s Victory Prayer Group

Love’s Victory Prayer Group is a charismatic prayer group that meets weekly to praise and worship God and build up the Body of Christ through prayer, scripture, teachings, and the sharing of the spiritual gifts as manifested through the power of the Holy Spirit.

(I Corinthians 12:1-12)

If you’re seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus, join us and let the Holy Spirit empower you to experience the fullness of God’s love in your life. You will find this to be a community bonded together in love, prayer, praise, and encouragement.

Love’s Victory Prayer Group meets every Thursday evening from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. For information, please call Mike Hargesheimer at 924-0082 or Kathy Carol at 379-3683.

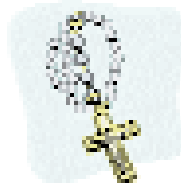
Cenacle of Prayer

The purpose of the Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests is to make us grow in the life of consecration to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. The format of the cenacle includes an invocation to the Holy Spirit, the rosary, various prayers, a litany, and a prayer of consecration to Our Lady. The cenacle meets every Sunday from 3:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room. For information, call Pat Bretherton at 371-7443.

Wonder Club

The Wonder Club, for widows and widowers of Incarnation Church and surrounding parishes, is a support group for people who have been widowed. The monthly meetings, of a social nature, meet on the third Sunday of each month, September through June, at 2:15 p.m. in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Through meetings, charities, outings, retreats, and parties, many new friendships are formed and newcomers are always welcome. Any questions, please call Pat at 966-2866.



Rosary Makers

The Rosary Makers Group makes rosaries and sends them out to missions around the world. Meetings take place on the first Tuesday of every month (except July and August) from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. in the Church Library located across from the Chapel. The rosaries are made at home, then brought to the meetings where new supplies are picked up. Rosary supplies are purchased from Our Lady's Rosary Makers using donations from the Rosary Giveaway at the parish each October. Demonstrations on how to make the mission rosaries are shown at each meeting as needed.

Members make rosaries each month at their own pace, on their own schedule, so this is a great ministry for those wishing to work out of their homes. We are always looking for new members. For more information, please call Carolyn at 706-6737.



Incarnation Catholic School

In 1961, America inaugurated its first Roman Catholic President, the youthful and vigorous John F. Kennedy. The entire country was electrified by his energetic vision of a “New Frontier,” where the dreams of its children might come true, through ambition, hard work, and a good education. In that heady atmosphere of promise, the Church of the Incarnation, under the leadership of Father Joseph Daley, conceived and founded Incarnation Catholic School.

Today, more than fifty years later, Incarnation Catholic School has grown from those humble beginnings to become regarded, both locally and nationally, as an example of quality learning, recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education. With an unsurpassed teaching staff, start-of-the-art learning tools, a comprehensive academic curriculum, and a spiritual foundation built on the teachings of Jesus Christ, Incarnation Catholic School is home to children from four years of age in our pre-kindergarten class through the eighth grade.

In addition to Religion and the core subjects of Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies, Incarnation students are also given instruction in Physical Education, Health, Spanish, Art, Music, Life Skills, and Computer Technology. Methods of problem solving, working cooperatively, and finding and using information as a means of communication are also given prominent importance, all in a caring, supportive atmosphere, where each individual child is helped and encouraged to grow in faith, knowledge, and love.

If you have school-aged children, we encourage you to examine the merits of a faith-based, academically challenging education at Incarnation Catholic School, where students are given the opportunity to become dynamic, useful, contributing members of an increasingly global society. For more information, or to schedule a tour of the school, please call the school administration office at 941-924-8588.

Incarnation Home School Association

The Home School Association at Incarnation School promotes the communication between the parents and faculty. The Association directs major fundraisers and social activities for the school. Two general meetings are held each year and attendance is required for parents. Parent representatives are elected from each grade.

Incarnation School Board

Incarnation's School Board serves as an organization that advises the Pastor, principal, and assistant principal in providing a sound education program based on Christian values. The School Board is established by the Pastor according to Diocesan Policy. Members are appointed and assist the Administrative Team in a collaborative atmosphere. The School Board is representative of the school families, parish members, and those who support the mission of the school.

Other Related Groups



Bingo

Bingo is hosted by Incarnation School on Friday nights in the Parish Center. Our school is the sole beneficiary of the funds generated by this activity. Our goal is always \$50,000.00 and we have reached that in the past.

Bingo is staffed with volunteers from our school family as well as members of the parish. Volunteers are always needed and never refused.

Bingo is held on Friday evenings from 6:30 p.m. - 10:15 p.m. Free coffee is served at intermission and refreshments are available. Come join us in our non-smoking facility for some fun and a chance to win!

Boy Scouts

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential. Boy Scouts of America have three programs here at Incarnation: Cub Scouts for boys ages 7-11; Boy Scouts for boys ages 11-18; Venture Scouting high adventure for girls and boys ages 14-21. For info call Dan LeClair at 378-0074.

American Heritage Girls

American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a Christ-centered, character development program dedicated to the mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. It is a faith-based ministry for girls ages 5-18, and is an integral part of Incarnation's youth program. Girls are encouraged to experience the love of Christ, the joy of lasting friendships, and the fun of new, wholesome experiences. AHG embraces Christian values, encourages family involvement, and offers badge programs, service programs, girl leadership opportunities, and outdoor experiences to its members. For more information, visit www.ahgonline.org. To register, call Stacy Steindorf at 941-928-9639.

Knights of Columbus



Founded by Father Michael J. McGivney in 1882, the Knights of Columbus was formed to render financial aid to members and their families. Mutual aid and assistance are offered to sick, disabled, and needy members and their families. Social and intellectual fellowship is promoted among members and their families through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works. We are men of faith guided not only by our belief in God and the Catholic Church, but also by our belief in each other and in ourselves. The “Key Principles” around which the Knights of Columbus work are: **Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism.**

We are looking for the next generation of Knights — men of character and conviction who are driven by their faith and conscience to selflessly serve their families, church and communities; men who are ready to be Knights. All men who are age 18 or older and are practicing Catholics are eligible to join the Knights of Columbus.

To find out more about the Knights of Columbus, please contact: Steve Christie at 924-3477.

Catholic Radio & TV Mass

Don't forget, you can hear contemporary Catholic radio and educational programming from the Diocese of St. Petersburg 24 hours a day at 90.5 Spirit FM. You can see the Mass on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. on Channel 6.

Cardinal Mooney High School

Cardinal Mooney High School is the Diocese of Venice Catholic high school serving the Sarasota area. Located at 4171 Fruitville Road, young people grades 9-12 receive a college preparatory education in a Catholic environment. Cardinal Mooney HS has recently added a lovely new chapel in the center of the campus to add to the spiritual development of everyone who attends. For more information, please call the school office at 371-4917.

Hospitality Hour (Coffee & Donuts)



Coffee and donuts are served by various church ministries after the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass each week in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome to come by and meet your neighbors.

Hearing Impaired

If you wear a hearing aid or have trouble hearing at Mass, we have an Assisted Hearing Device available for your use. The unit is free, but you may have to purchase the earpiece, which we have available. You simply check the small receiver out before Mass and return it when Mass is over. Ask an usher or see Deacon John for more details.



Parish Library

Incarnation Parish Library endeavors to provide books, tapes, and videos for the enjoyment, education, and spiritual encouragement of members of the parish. Our collections include a variety of materials for prayer, self-help, and spiritual nourishment as well as lives of saints and other biographies, church history and liturgy, and assorted fiction and non-fiction. The library is located in the church foyer; check the bulletin for times of operation or call 921-6631.

2011-2012 List of Groups and Contact People

Group Name	Contact	Phone
Adult Choir	Jeanette LaVoy	371-3080
AA Groups	Jim Welch	921-6631
Aging with Grace Support Group	Jack Dellarto	921-6631
Altar Guild	Sr. Monica Paul Fraser	921-6631x225
Altar Servers	Deacon John Crescitelli	921-6631
American Heritage Girls	Stacy Steindorf	928-9639
Arimatheans/Pallbearers	Jim & Gloria Champers	966-3113
Ave Maria Council	Marie McEntee	371-0579
Bereavement	Sr. Monica Paul Fraser	921-6631x225
Bible Study	Deacon Joe Cirieco	921-6631
Bingo	Incarnation School	924-8588
Boy Scouts	Dan LeClair	378-0074
Cenacle of Prayer	Pat Bretherton	371-7443
Children of Mary Rosary Group	Ellie Longo	955-6592
Children's Liturgy	Carole McDonnell	377-1078
Divorced Healing & Recovery	Jane Waligora	924-1076
Eucharistic Adoration	Lucy Gatza	953-4857
Eucharistic Ministers	Deacon John Crescitelli	921-6631
Eucharistic Ministers (Scheduling)	Richard Burchett	923-2643
Family Ministry	Tammi & Jason Peters	378-5958
Folk Group	Stephany Dobosz	371-2038
Girl Scouts	Julie Kreuger	921-5358x320
Good Samaritans	Jean Fountain	809-1505
Incarnation School	Regina Housel	924-8588
Knights of Columbus	Steve Christie	924-3447
Legion of Mary/Curia	Pat Blessinger	371-0981
Lighthouse Media Ministry	Stacy Steindorf	371-4326
Little Rock Scripture Study	Deacon John Crescitelli	921-6631
Love's Victory Prayer Group	Mike Hargesheimer	924-0082
Meditation Group	George Browning	366-3128
Men's Club	Tom Flood	954-232-5038
Military Ministry	Ellie Longo	955-6592
Offertory/Gift Bearers	Pat Kelly	926-3005
Parish Library	Parish Office	921-6631
Prayer Line	Lucy Laudano	388-7312
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parish Office	921-6631
RCIA	Deacon John Crescitelli	921-6631
Readers	Mary Ellen Strzempka	924-3616
Religious Education	John Garisto	924-9566
Respect Life	Jorge & Angela Lopez	544-7890
Rosary Makers	Carolyn Terrill	706-6737
Sociable Singles 50+	Delores Perine	349-1252
St. Vincent de Paul	Margrit Petit	921-6631
Ushers	Vic Ticola	922-5279
Welcome Committee	Parish Office	921-6631
Women's Club	Mary Ellen Strzempka	924-3616
Wonder Club	Pat Kelly	966-2866
Youth Ministry	Dustin Mantz	921-6631

PARISHIONER NAME BADGES

Incarnation Catholic Church now has name badges available for all parishioners. The cost of each badge is \$5.00. We urge all parishioners to purchase a badge so that we can learn each others' names and from which city and state we originated. This will pull us closer together as a parish and as a congregation. Many parishes around us already have a name badge program and are very happy with the results.

Fill out the form below, put it in an envelope along with the \$5.00 for each badge, and drop it in the collection basket. You may also mail your badge request to:

Church of the Incarnation
RE: Name Badges
2929 Bee Ridge Road
Sarasota, FL 34239

Please make checks payable to: Church of the Incarnation

All information on your request must be PRINTED and legible. All badges will be magnetic-back, unless you specify a pin-back. (We recommend a pin-back for anyone with a pacemaker). Orders will be completed in approximately two weeks and will be placed in the Chapel Library for you to pick up. You may order a badge for each member of your family, if you so desire.

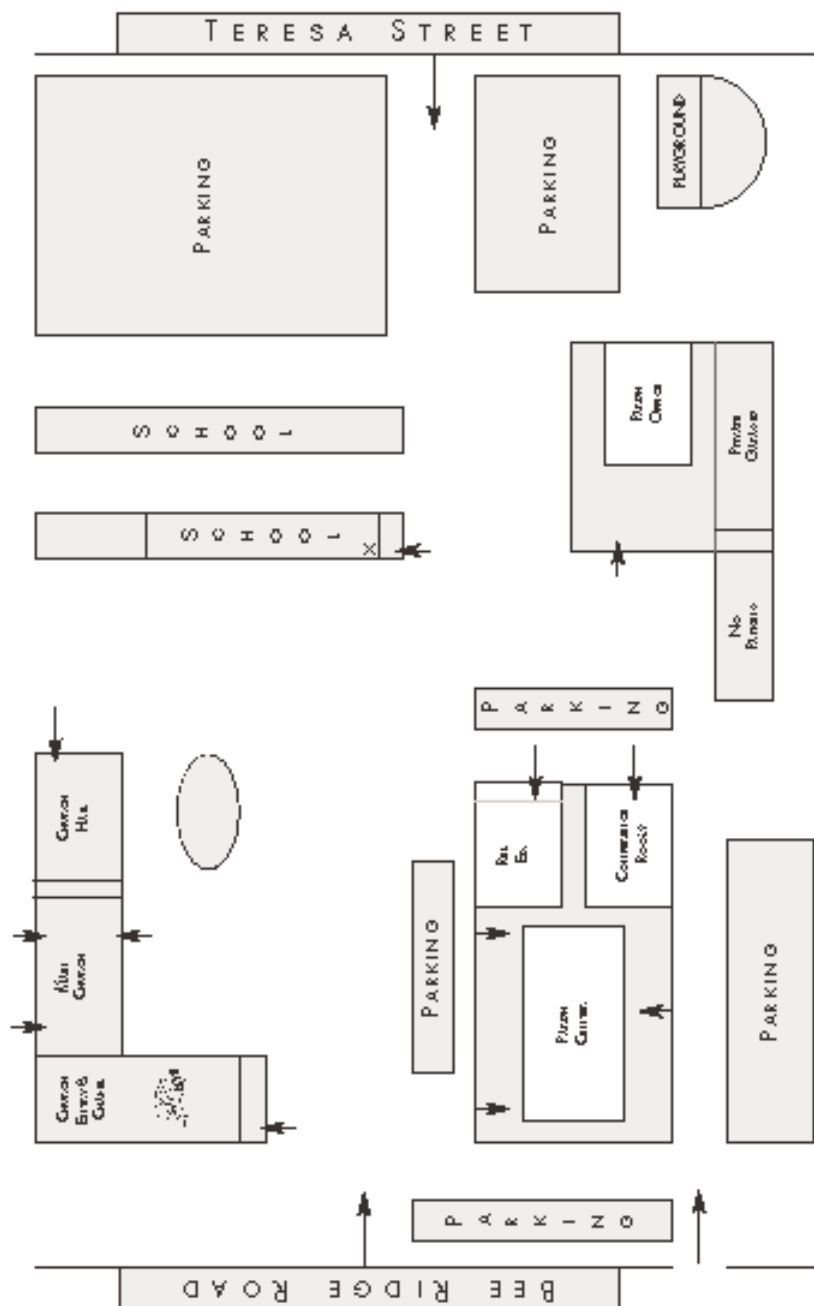
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