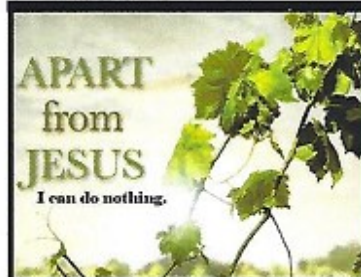


# Immaculate Conception Parish

3555 South Fremont Avenue - Springfield, Missouri 65804-4237

Celebrating  
**150**  
YEARS

The Mission of Immaculate Conception Parish is to be a family-centered sacramental community comprised of compassionate witnesses to God's word, love, and presence.



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, ..."

April 29, 2018

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### SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday: 7:00AM, 9:00AM & 11:00AM

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00PM

### SCHEDULE OF WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Wednesday & Friday: 6:20AM

Thursday: Communion Service at 6:20AM

Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM

Wednesday: 6:30PM

### SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday on the Hour: 3:00PM & 7:00PM

By appointment - call the Parish Office.

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office.

#### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Call the Parish Office at least six months prior to intended wedding date.

#### EMERGENCY CALLS FOR THE ANOINTING THE SICK

For an emergency requesting the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or if you have experienced the death of a family member - call the Parish Office at 417-887-0600. Prompt #2 will connect you with Fr. Tom or Fr. Chaz.

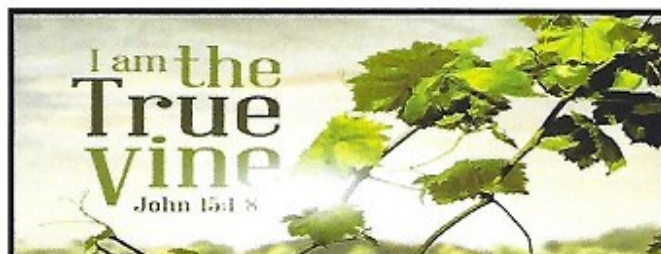
#### PRAYER CHAIN: 417-887-0600

Prompt #3 will connect you to the mailbox where you may leave a prayer request. Please leave contact information with the request.

#### PERPETUAL ADORATION—HOLY TRINITY'S CHAPEL

2818 East Bennett Street, Springfield, MO  
Please call Joyce Blades at 417-881-4367 or Diane Hoy at 417-860-7134 to schedule a time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary—3:00 PM on Sundays.



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

APRIL 29, 2018—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 29TH

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM SUNDAY MASSES

8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel

9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal CRB

12:00PM High School Senior Sunday CRA

### MONDAY, APRIL 30TH

6:20AM MASS—CHAPEL

8:30AM MASS—(4TH, 5TH, & 6TH GRADES)—CHURCH

NOON—1:00PM Monday-Friday:

Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

### TUESDAY, MAY 1ST

6:20AM MASS—CHAPEL

8:30AM MASS—(1ST, 2ND, & 3RD GRADES)—CHURCH

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 2ND

6:20AM MASS—Perpetual Help Devotions—CHAPEL

8:30AM MASS—(7TH & 8TH Grades)—CHURCH

2:00PM Quilting Club CRA

2:00PM Pictorial Photos CRB

6:15PM First Communion Practice—CHURCH

6:20PM PSR & Youth Group CRA

6:30PM MASS—CHAPEL

7:00PM Adult Choir CR

### THURSDAY, MAY 3RD

6:20AM Communion Service—CHAPEL

8:30AM MASS—CHAPEL

9:30AM School May Crowning—CHURCH

2:00PM Pictorial Photos CRB

### FRIDAY, MAY 4TH

6:20AM MASS—CHAPEL

8:30AM MASS—(ALL SCHOOL MASS)—CHURCH

Rosary for Vocations following in the Chapel

9:00AM—1:00PM

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration—CHURCH/CHAPEL

9:00AM Centering Prayer CRA

1:00PM Benediction—CHAPEL

2:00PM Pictorial Photos CRB

### SATURDAY, MAY 5TH

8:30AM MASS—CHAPEL

9:00AM Pictorial Photos CRB

3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH

4:00PM SUNDAY VIGIL Mass

7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 6TH

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM SUNDAY MASSES

8:00AM Pictorial Photos CRB

8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel

8:45AM Confirmation Class CAFE

9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal CRB

2:00PM First Communion Mass—CHURCH

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, April 30th—St. Pius V, Pope

6:20AM + George Mueller

8:30AM + Philomene Huong

### TUESDAY, May 1st—St. Joseph the Worker

6:20AM Mary McCall (Int.)

8:30AM Communion Service

### WEDNESDAY, May 2nd—

#### St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

6:20AM + Betty Amato

8:30AM + Dan McClain

6:30PM + Bobby Miller

### THURSDAY, May 3rd—St. Philip and James, Apostles

6:20AM Communion Service

8:30AM + Donald Hope

### FRIDAY, May 4th

6:20AM + Matt Pfitzner

8:30AM Charles & Georgia Calliotte (Int.)

### SATURDAY, May 5th

8:30AM Purgatorial Society

### Saturday Vigil Mass Sunday

4:00PM + Douglas Strickland

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 6, 2018

7:00AM + Deacon Bill McNamee

9:00AM + Daniel & Elsie Majewski

11:00AM The Parish Family

2:00PM First Communicants

## Diocesan Development Fund—DDF

Throughout our diocese we pray for the success of the 2018 Diocesan Development Fund appeal. We need your help in order to provide for our diocesan ministries. Please pray about your participation and be prepared to generously respond.

LOVING JESUS,  
SERVING JESUS,  
and  
SHARING JESUS

**Parish Goal: \$175,752.00**

**Donor Goal: 427**

**The Mirror**

We are in the process of updating The MIRROR subscription mailing list. If you are not receiving The MIRROR; receiving multiple copies; or reading our diocesan newspaper online; please call the parish office at 417.887.0600 so we can update the mailing list.

**May 5, 2018—First Friday—9:00AM–1:00PM**  
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**



**PRAYER CHAIN: (417) 887-0600 Ext. 130**  
**email: staff@ic-parish.org**



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

### THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 6, 2018

Acts of the Apostles 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48;

Psalms: 98:1, 2–3ab, 3cd–4;

1 John 4:7–10; Gospel: John 15:9–17

### PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Carlos Contreras, Lorraine D'Alessandro, Robert Gerhardy, Judy Gibson, Paula Kulbicki, Mamie Lawless, Michael Menne, Mary Miller, Cathey Montgomery, Loretta Polk, Angelina Ramirez, Flor Rivera, Jan Royster, Mary Shanahan, Jerry Stokes, Bob Storie, Elizabeth Tomelleri, Jake Wilson, and all who need more prayers.

*People are listed for 4 weeks, then transferred to the Prayer Intention book, unless family notifies us otherwise.*

### FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in prayer our faithful departed: Matt Pfitzner, brother of Rita Donica.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The good steward lives the advice of St. John, loving in deed and in truth, rather than just talking about it.

### BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Baptism Preparation classes are scheduled for Monday, May 7th & 14th, 6:30PM, in the Parish Meeting Room. Call Fr. Chaz, at parish office, 887.0600, to register and schedule a short interview. Two sessions are required for the parents of infants and young children.

### IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A WOMAN RELIGIOUS?

Come and see Project Miriam. The Diocesan Office of Vocations invites young women, 16–45 to join Bishop Rice, Fr. Scott Sunnenberg, and others for prayer, dinner, and fellowship. Sunday, April 29th, 3:30PM–6:30PM, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. Time will begin with prayer in the chapel followed by dinner and conversation at a nearby restaurant.

### Catholic Men's Night

May 24th—6:30 PM @ Immaculate Conception



**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
**Candidates Next Meeting**  
**May 6th—8:45 AM—Cafeteria**

### DIRECTORY PICTURES FOR PARISH GROUPS

**ATTENTION! EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, GREETERS,  
LECTORS, ADULT SERVERS, SACRISTAN'S, AND  
HEAVENLY DUSTERS**

## From Father Tom's Desk



### Pruning Process

Merrill Tenney gives his observation about the work of a vinedresser and the pruning process in his commentary on John.

In pruning a vine, two principles are generally observed: first, all dead wood must be ruthlessly removed; and second, the live wood must be cut back drastically. Dead wood harbors insects and disease and may cause the vine to rot, to say nothing of being unproductive and unsightly. Live wood must be trimmed back in order to prevent such heavy growth that the life of the vine goes into the wood rather than into fruit. The vineyards in the early spring look like a collection of barren, bleeding stumps; but in the fall they are filled with luxuriant purple grapes. As the farmer wields the pruning knife on his vines, so God cuts dead wood out from among His saints, and often cuts back the living wood so far that His method seems cruel. Nevertheless, from those who have suffered the most there often comes the greatest fruitfulness.

*Merrill C. Tenney, John: The Gospel of Belief, Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, pp. 227–28.*

### The Right Parts and the Right Instructions

Have you heard the story about the man who ordered a tree house over the internet? When the box arrived, it had printed on the top the words that have become every parent's nightmare: "Some assembly required."

The man began to assemble the tree house (but would you believe it?) as he laid out all the parts on the floor and began reading the instructions, he realized (to his dismay) that the instructions were indeed for a tree house? but the parts were for a sail boat!!

The next day, he sent an angry e-mail message to the company complaining about the mix-up. Back came the reply:

"We are truly sorry for the error and the mix-up and the inconvenience. However, it might make you feel better to consider the fascinating possibility that somewhere today there is a man out on a lake trying to sail your tree house."

The point is clear: To put something together, you have to have the right parts and the right instructions. This is where faith comes in. The only way you can put your life together is through faith. Faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. That's what makes it work.

*James W. Moore, Collected Sermons, www.Sermons.com*

*Father Tom*

### SUNDAY ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL—8:30 AM

#### Fr. Tom's Schedule

Knights of Columbus State Convention  
Jefferson City, MO  
April 27th, 28th, & 29th, 2018

#### Fr. Chaz's Schedule

Filling in at Mountain Grove & Ava area parishes.  
May 5th & 6th, 2018

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2018 PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

SIGNUP AFTER THE WEEKEND MASSES OR BOOK ONLINE  
FROM NOON TUESDAY - NOON FRIDAY EVERY WEEK.  
<https://booknow-Lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/y7p7ns62/>

THE LAST WEEK OF PHOTOGRAPHY IS MAY 16TH-20TH.  
REMEMBER TO BRING A CANNED GOOD FOR  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY AND RECEIVE \$5.00  
OFF YOUR PICTURE ORDER!

**Group photos** will be taken for the Pictorial Directory immediately following the Masses, Saturday & Sunday, May 5th & 6th; and Saturday & Sunday May 12th & 13th, in Community Room A. Questions, call Joyce Samsel 417.849.4752.

## UPDATING MINISTRY INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

Deacon Kevin will be making phone calls to all the Ministry contacts to update all the information and volunteer lists.

**Now  
Serving  
Breakfast**

### SERVE BREAKFAST TO THE HUNGRY

We are asking for volunteers to serve breakfast on Wednesdays. Time required: 60-70 minutes, and will begin Wednesday, May 2nd, at the Veterans Coming Home Center. If interested/information: email Jim Moore at [www.feedthepoorhungryhomeless.com](http://www.feedthepoorhungryhomeless.com) or let Becky at the parish office (417.887.0600) know of your interest in serving breakfast.

## WOMEN'S COUNCIL MEETINGS

**PCCW Board Meeting** The PCCW board will meet on Monday, May 7th, 7:00PM in Community Room B. All members are welcomed to attend.

**PCCW General Meeting Special Invitation to Teachers and Nurses:** The PCCW May Crowning and Rosary will take place on Tuesday, May 8th, 7:00PM. There will be a procession from CRA to the outdoor Marian grotto. A special invitation is extended to our parish teachers and nurses (National Teacher Appreciation Week and Nurses Week) to join us for this evening of prayer dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. A reception will follow at which time teachers and nurses will be thanked for their ministry to our children and service to our community. Members are reminded to bring a flower for the procession and personal hygiene products for women to be distributed by the St. Vincent de Paul ministry.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL REPORT FOR MARCH

Thank you again for your March donations, whether it was a can of food or money collected the second Sunday of the month. Your generosity allowed us to assist 81 families consisting of 146 adults, and 38 children. **The items we need for the pantry are:** peanut butter, jelly, and pancake mix (the type you mix with water), and condiments, (salt, pepper, etc.). Remember you can save \$5.00 on your Church Directory picture order with the donation of a canned good!!! Please join us at our meetings the second Monday of each month or at the pantry on Mondays and Thursdays around 2:30PM, to help bag groceries. God Bless you for your help!

## SHARE YOUR UNIQUE ROSARY'S, STATUES , OR PICTURES OF MARY

May is the month of Mary and we would like to display your unique rosary's, pictures, or statues of Mary. Please have them to the office by May 9th so that we can have them on display for Mother's Day, May 13th.

## WELCOME TO SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Our system is made up of three (3) elementary schools (preschool-8th grade) and one (1) high school. For a tour, enrollment information, or to check availability at various grade levels, please contact the schools in which you are interested.

Immaculate Conception: 417-881-7000

St. Agnes: 417-866-5038

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 417-887-6056

Springfield Catholic High School: 417-887-8817

*Tradition of Faith, Service, and Academic Excellence!*

**Employment Opportunities**—ALL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND APPLICATIONS are available on the Springfield Catholic Schools website at [www.scsapk12.org](http://www.scsapk12.org). For more details please visit website, select "About" tab at the top and scroll down to "Employment Opportunities."

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School** is seeking applicants for a Middle School Math OR Communication Arts Teacher. Applicants must be practicing Catholics in good standing with the church. The position is for 6th grade Homeroom and will teach either 5th-8th grade Math OR Communication Arts. Please contact Dr Cheryl Hall at [chall@scsapk12.org](mailto:chall@scsapk12.org) or 417.887.6056 for additional information.

### Full-Time Administrative Assistant for 2018-2019

Immaculate Conception School is accepting applications for a full-time administrative assistant for the 2018-2019 school year. (This is an 11 month position.) Please complete the online application at [www.scsapk12.org](http://www.scsapk12.org) if you are interested. For more information, contact Theresa Coleman at 417.881.7000, or email [tcoleman@scsapk12.org](mailto:tcoleman@scsapk12.org).

### Middle School Math Teacher for 2018-2019

Immaculate Conception School is accepting applications for a Middle School Math teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Applicants must be an active Catholic and a certified teacher. Complete the application at [www.scsapk12.org](http://www.scsapk12.org) or contact Theresa Coleman at 417.881.7000 or email [tcoleman@scsapk12.org](mailto:tcoleman@scsapk12.org) if you have questions.

### Middle School Science Teacher for 2018-2019

Immaculate Conception School is accepting applications for a Middle School Science teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. Applicants must be an active Catholic and a certified teacher. Complete the application at [www.scsapk12.org](http://www.scsapk12.org) or contact Theresa Coleman at 417.881.7000 or email [tcoleman@scsapk12.org](mailto:tcoleman@scsapk12.org).

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT VIRTUS TRAINING

Virtus—Pre-registration is necessary: click on "registration" on the left, or call the parish office for assistance. The schedule is found on the diocesan event calendar at [www.dioscgo.org](http://www.dioscgo.org) or [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). The next sessions are Saturday, May 19th, 9:00AM-12:00PM, Holy Trinity, Springfield; Monday, June 11th, 6:00PM-9:00PM, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Springfield.

## ST. AGNES SUMMER JAM MUSIC FEST

Join us Saturday, May 19th, at 5:30PM for Live Music, Food, Fun, and Fellowship at our annual concert Summer Jam Music Fest at St. Agnes, featuring Molly Healey & friends, bands Hendrix and Craig & the Mixtapes! This a 21-and-over event and food and drink will be available for purchase. All funds raised will go toward supporting the students at St. Agnes Cathedral School. Tickets and t-shirts are available for purchase online, at the school office, or at the event. Go to [www.scspk12.org/parents-sa/summer-jam.html](http://www.scspk12.org/parents-sa/summer-jam.html). For more information, call the school office at 417.866.5038.

## ST. AGNES CATHOLIC SCHOOL NIGHT WITH THE CARDINALS

St. Agnes Home & School is sponsoring Catholic Schools Night with the Cardinals, May 29th, 6:30PM. Tickets are \$20, which includes a t-shirt, hat, and ticket. The deadline to order t-shirts is May 4th. Proceeds benefit St. Agnes Home and School. Contact Shelley Todd at 425.2278 with questions.

## FULL TIME CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTER

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) in Springfield, MO is seeking a fulltime Lay Campus Minister primarily responsible for the execution and growth of the small group ministry and for CCM outreach at campuses. Candidates should have theological, sacramental, and practical competencies for university campus ministry in the Roman Catholic context. Education: Bachelor's degree required, theological or philosophy preferred. The candidate must be a faithful and practicing Catholic and should possess knowledge of sacred Scripture, Catechism of the Catholic Church, Catholic ritual and Sacraments. Deadline to apply: midnight May 15th.

*Qualified inquiries may be mailed or emailed to:*

Fr. Javier Reyes, Director of Catholic Campus Ministry,  
847 S. Holland Ave., Springfield, MO 65806, or  
[jreyes@ccm847.org](mailto:jreyes@ccm847.org) or 417.865.0802.

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs, such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training, to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States.

[www.ic-parish.org](http://www.ic-parish.org)



*Suggestion for thanksgiving note  
in Sunday contribution envelope:*

## Thank God For ...

**Being understood.** There are some people who just *get* you, whether it's your penchant for being early to every social event or the fact that you cry when you get mad.

## ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is seeking a fulltime custodian to clean mainly in the school classrooms/bathrooms/cafeteria areas of the complex. Applicants must have knowledge and experience in all phases of custodial work. Hours will be primarily from 3:30PM–11:00PM, Monday–Friday. This is a year-round position. Interested candidates should apply in person at SEAS Parish Office during regular office hours, Monday–Friday, 8:00AM–5:00PM. References are required.

## MONTHLY MASS AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Everyone is invited to celebrate monthly Mass at the Catholic Charities Chapel, 424 E. Monastery, Springfield. Mass begins at noon on the first Wednesday of each month. The celebrant on May 2nd is Bishop Emeritus John Leibrecht; and the celebrant on June 6th will be Father Joseph Kelly. There will be no Mass on July 4th.

## CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF SPRINGFIELD OFFERS A DAY OF ENRICHMENT

"The Human Condition" will be Saturday, May 5th, 10:00AM–3:30PM, Our Lady of the Lake, Branson. Mass is at 9:00AM. We will carpool from Holy Trinity, leaving at 7:45AM. Contact Barb, 881.1381, or [democrtsx2@gmail.com](mailto:democrtsx2@gmail.com).

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY—WEDNESDAY, & FRIDAY: 6:20AM

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY: 8:30AM

WEDNESDAY EVENING: 6:30PM



**Sesquicentennial Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 8th, 12:00 NOON**

## YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 21–22, 2018

Envelopes:	\$	12,240.00
Plate:	\$	1,076.60
Weekly Total:	\$	13,316.60
<b>Weekly Need to Meet Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,400.00</b>



Yearly Budget:	\$	1,083,000.00
Year-to-date Collection:	\$	861,925.96
<i>(0.29% below yearly budget)</i>		

Home Missions	\$	6.00
Sponsor-A-Child:	\$	145.00

Parish Repair & Maintenance:	\$	6,077.00
Building Fund:	\$	16.00
Remaining on Debt Collection:	\$	174,245.50