

# ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH *of* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

3555 South Fremont Avenue  
Springfield, MO 65804-4237



## First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

*"Be watchful!  
Be alert!!"*

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## **Sunday & Weekday Mass Schedule**

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

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

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00PM

*Drive-through Holy Communion after the  
Saturday 4PM Mass & Sunday 9AM Mass*

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 6:30AM

Wednesday: 6:30PM

Monday – Friday: 8:30AM

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 2:30PM—3:15PM &

7:00PM—7:30PM in the Chapel

*Please enter through the Main Church  
and proceed to the Chapel hallway on your right.*

### **Sunday Mass—Livestreamed**

9:00AM Sunday

### **Weekday Masses—Livestreamed**

8:30AM: Monday—Friday

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

**Parish Office: 417.887.0600**

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**Email: [staff@ic-parish.org](mailto:staff@ic-parish.org)**

**Facebook: Immaculate Conception Parish Springfield MO**

### **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Please call the Parish Office.

### **SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Call the Parish Office at least six months  
prior to intended wedding date. Do not schedule a venue  
before securing the wedding date.

### **EMERGENCY CALLS FOR THE ANOINTING OF 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

**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.

### **SECURITY TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION**

You may leave a message for the Security Team at the  
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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - NOVEMBER 29, 2020

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE MAIN CHURCH

### Sunday, November 29th—

#### First Sunday of Advent

- 7:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH
- 8:30AM Rosary—CHURCH
- 9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED
- 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH
- 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB
- 2:00PM —4:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH

### Monday, November 30th

- 6:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH
- 8:30AM School Mass—4th & 5th Grades  
—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED
- 9:30AM First Reconciliation (2B)
- 7:00PM RCIA—CRA

### Tuesday, December 1st

- 6:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH
- 8:30AM All School Mass  
—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

- 8:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED
- 1:00PM First Reconciliation (2A)
- 6:30PM DAILY MASS
- 7:00PM First Reconciliation—PSR Classes

### Thursday, December 3rd

- 6:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH
- 8:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED

### Friday, December 4th

- 6:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH
- 8:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED

### Saturday, December 5th Sunday Vigil

- 2:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHAPEL
- 4:00PM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS—CHURCH
- 7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHAPEL

### Sunday, December 6th — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH
- 8:30AM Rosary—CHURCH
- 8:45AM Confirmation Class—CRA
- 9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED
- 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH
- 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB
- 2:00PM —4:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, November 30th—Saint Andrew, Apostle

- 6:30AM + Adolfo Orendain
- 8:30AM + Fr. Vincent Nguyen Du

### Tuesday, December 1st

- 6:30AM + Gionn John Thai Hoang
- 8:30AM + Mamie Lawless

### Wednesday, December 2nd

- 8:30AM + Earl Straus
- 6:30PM + Purgatorial Society

### Thursday, December 3rd

- 6:30AM Jack Schiltz (Int)
- 8:30AM Joanie Donovan (Int)

### Friday, December 4th

- 6:30AM Dorothy Pfaff (Int.)
- 8:30AM St. Agnes Class of 1952 and Loved Ones

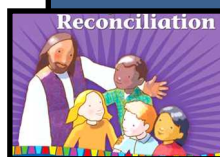
### Saturday, Vigil Mass December 5th

- 4:00PM + Dennis Herbster

### Sunday, December 6th— SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 7:00AM + Deacon Bill McNamee
- 9:00AM The Parish Family
- 11:00AM + Donald McCarthy

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS  
IN THE CHURCH @ 6:30PM



Reconciliation

## FIRST RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

We have taken a cautionary approach for our First Reconciliation students. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held in school and after the 6:30 PM Wednesday Masses to provide health guidelines. Parents are welcome with safe distancing & masks. The schedule is below.

2B—November 30th: 9:30AM

2A December 2nd: 1PM

Parish School of Religion—December 2nd: 7PM

Homeschooled—December 9th: 7PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS

2:30 PM & 7:00 PM

SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

2:00PM—4:00 PM

NOVEMBER 29TH, DECEMBER 6TH,  
13TH & 20TH

DECEMBER 4TH, 2020—FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT

9:00AM—1:00PM EXPOSITION

1:00PM BENEDICTION

TAKE TIME TO PRAY



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2020

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / Psalm 85:9-14

2 Peter 3:8-14 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9/

Mark 13:33-37

### PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Cheryl Haik, Dorothy Pfaff, Kathy Lukavich, Sr. Jane Ann Kiefer, Mark Stark, George Preisinger, Francis Barnes, Anne Davies, Stephen Kiely, Donald Borneman, Sherri Hawkins, Janice Hill, Sophia Griesbaum, Andrew Conklin, Cora Gumucio, Steve Schoen, Nick, Angie, Laura Seemuth, Gerald Martin, Eloise Fetter, Gerri Klesel, Tony Klesel, Corine Larson, Mary Miller, Katie, Jan Royster, Nicole Zangrilli, Tom Johnson, and all who need more prayers.

We also remember in prayer all healthcare professionals, those providing essential services, all who are battling chronic illnesses, COVID-19 victims, the homebound, and all of us who are in isolation.

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

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Holy Trinity's Church  
2818 E. Bennett St.  
Please call

Nicola Mullins 417.300.0840

Please observe social distancing  
and wear a mask.



### Christmas Flower Offering

As we remember loved ones and memorials for Christmas through an offering for the Christmas flowers, we will keep them in our prayers especially during this season of Christmas. A suggested offering is \$15.00, any donation will be accepted. Please PRINT clearly and circle In Honor or In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ and submit by Sunday, December 20th.



## From Father Tom's Desk



### Second Coming – Readiness

While on a South Pole expedition, British explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton left a few men on Elephant Island, promising that he would return. Later, when he tried to go back, huge icebergs blocked the way. But suddenly, as if by a miracle, an avenue opened in the ice and Shackleton was able to get through. His men, ready and waiting, quickly scrambled aboard. No sooner had the ship cleared the island than the ice crashed together behind them. Contemplating their narrow escape, the explorer said to his men, "It was fortunate you were all packed and ready to go!" They replied, "We never gave up hope. Whenever the sea was clear of ice, we rolled up our sleeping bags and reminded each other, 'He may come today.'"

*Unknown*

### Where Are You Going?

There is an amusing Hasidic story about a rabbi who crossed a village square every morning on his way to the temple to pray. One morning, a large Russian Cossack soldier, who happened to be in a vile mood, accosted him, saying, "Hey, rabbi, where are you going?"

The rabbi simply said, "I don't know."

This infuriated the soldier. "What do you mean, you don't know? Every morning for twenty-five years you have crossed the village square and gone to the temple to pray. Don't fool with me. Why are you telling me you don't know?" He grabbed the old rabbi by the coat and dragged him off to jail.

Just as the Cossack was about to push him into the cell, the rabbi turned to him, and softly said, "You see, I didn't know."

Someone asks, when will Christ return when will history come to a climax and a new world order, an order straight from God, be introduced? The answer is, we don't know. The early church thought it would be in their lifetime. It's been 2,000 years. "Why does the Lord tarry?" many ask. We don't know. We should not be surprised at that. There is much in life that God has not revealed to us. We don't even know what tomorrow might bring.

*King Duncan, Collected Sermons, www.Sermons.com*

### Humor: Preparation for Christmas

Advent is a time of personal preparation for Christmas. And we have to be prepared if we want to see God's work. We have to stay awake and be alert so that Christmas can be meaningful. We have to prepare our hearts as well as our homes.

A woman and her daughter were out Christmas shopping on the day after Thanksgiving. Just as everyone had predicted, the crowds were awful. They had to skip lunch because they were on a tight schedule. Toward the end of the day, Mom was hungry, tired and her feet were killing her. She was getting more and more irritable. As they left the last store, she turned to her daughter and asked, "Did you see the nasty look that salesman gave me?"

Her daughter answered, "He didn't give it to you, Mom. You had it when you went in."

*Billy D. Strayhorn, Collected Sermons, www.Sermons.com*

*Father Tom*

### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED for the Week of November 14/15, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 9,313.00
Plate:	\$ 250.00
Weekly Total:	\$ 9,563.00
<b>Weekly Need to Meet Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 20,840.39</b>

Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$ 1,119,956.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$ 430,367.78
Year-to-date Collection:	\$ 342,863.93

*(20.33% below budget)*

Sponsor A Child	\$ 309.00
Parish Repair & Maintenance	\$ 6,900.00
Home Mission	\$ 261.00
DDF to date	\$ 78,497.00

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## NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE 2020 TO BE HELD ON DECEMBER 8TH

The **National Night of Prayer for Life**, unites the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego. It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1531, that Our Lady of Guadalupe, *Patroness of the Americas and the Unborn*, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. The **National Night of Prayer for Life** bridges these feasts. We ask Our Blessed Mother to protect unborn life, the family, and to renew the Church and establish Peace in our world.

Bishop Edward M. Rice will preside at the **National Night of Prayer for Life** in St. Agnes Cathedral on **Tuesday, December 8th**. Everyone is invited to join in an evening of prayer.

### SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

**9:00PM** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/  
Holy Rosary- Bishop Edward Rice

**10:00PM** Holy Rosary—  
Members of Knights of Columbus

**11:00PM** Holy Rosary—  
Members of Knights of Columbus

**12:00 Midnight** Holy Rosary—  
Bishop Edward Rice

**12:45AM** Benediction &  
Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*\*COVID Social distancing and masking  
will be in effect.*

*\*Security officers will be onsite in the  
Cathedral parking lot from 8:45PM—1:15AM*

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2020 ANNUAL SECOND COLLECTION

**YOU MADE A DIFFERENCE** in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our diocese. Thank you to all parishioners who supported the poor and vulnerable in our diocese by donating to the annual Second Collection for Catholic Charities. If you have not donated, please prayerfully consider a gift: Online donations may be made at [www.ccsomo.org](http://www.ccsomo.org), or call 417.720.4213, or mail your donation to Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, 424 E. Monastery St., Springfield, MO 65807. Thank you for your prayers and support.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRAYER CHAIN 417.887.0600

### MEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Our next meeting will be Sunday night, November 29th, 7:00PM. The Rosary (optional) will be prayed at 6:30PM in Community Room B.

Contact Bruce Horine at 417.833.7913 with questions.



## PARISH SCHEDULE

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS: 2:30 PM & 7:00 PM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SUNDAYS OF ADVENT: 2:00 PM—4:00 PM

NOVEMBER 29TH, DECEMBER 6TH, 13TH & 20TH



### ADVENT ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree has arrived!

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

DECEMBER 4TH, 2020 FIRST FRIDAY

9:00 AM—1:00 PM 1:00 PM BENEDICTION

### K OF C DRIVE THROUGH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH: 10:00 AM—12:30 PM

PULLED PORK, POTATO SALAD, CHIPS & COOKIES

DONATIONS & SUNDAY ENVELOPES

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### DECEMBER 8TH

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

DECEMBER 7TH: 5:30 PM

DECEMBER 8TH: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM

5:30 PM, BISHOP RICE, CELEBRANT

### DECEMBER 13TH: K OF C BREAKFAST



### CHRISTMAS NOVENA

DECEMBER 17TH—23RD: 7:00 PM

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

DECEMBER 24TH

4:00 PM CHURCH / 4:00 PM GYM

7:00 PM CHURCH

9:00 PM CHURCH



### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

MIDNIGHT (12:00 AM) CHURCH

DECEMBER 25TH

CHRISTMAS DAY 11:00 AM CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DINNER—COMMUNITY ROOMS

### YEAR END GIVING & CURRENT REQUESTS

END OF YEAR  
GIVING

It is the time of year when we express thanks for the many blessings we have received. With that in mind, I ask you to consider an end-of-year donation to our parish of Immaculate Conception.

Your end-of-year donation helps to keep our ministries vibrant and effective to fellow parishioners, our school family, those in need, staff salaries, and our parish plant in good repair. Please consider a gift to Immaculate Conception Parish.

*Father Tour*



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**Enrollment for Springfield Catholic Schools grades pre-school—12th is now taking place:** Go to our website at [scspk12.org](http://scspk12.org), select "Admissions" and "New Families" or you can call our schools Immaculate Conception, 417.881.7000; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 417.887.6056; St. Agnes Cathedral School 417.866.5038; and Springfield Catholic High School 417.887.8817

**For Employment Opportunities:** Opportunities and applications are available on the Springfield Catholic Schools website at [scspk12.org](http://scspk12.org), select "About" and then "Employment opportunities"

**Substitute Teacher at Springfield Catholic Schools!**  
Substitute teaching is a great option if you have a flexible or part-time job, college course schedule, freelance gig or have retired, it also works well if you are a parent. We are currently accepting applications for Substitute Teacher, Teacher's Aide, Cafeteria and Nurses. Must have 60+ credit hours, and be VIRTUS certified (SCS provides the class for certification.)

## VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

**VIRTUS**—Pre-registration is necessary: go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and click on "registration" on the left or call your parish/school office for assistance. If you do not have access to the internet and are unable to register Online, please call the local parish, school, or institution where you are employed or volunteer. See [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) for future sessions.

Sessions: April 16th, 5:30PM—8:30PM, The Catholic Center.



## VIRTUS—2020-2021 DIOCESAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Are you a parish or school employee? Are you a catechetical leader or a youth leader? Do you regularly volunteer with minors or vulnerable adults? If so, then you probably know that the diocese requires you to read and sign a Code of Conduct each year. The 2020-2021 Code has just been released and is available on the Office of Child and Youth Protection page of the Diocesan Website at [www.dioscgo.org](http://www.dioscgo.org). Please read, complete the form, and submit page five only to your parish or school office. We ask that you also ensure that those adults working alongside you in your ministry have signed this new code as well. Select the language and click the links below for the current codes.

Should you have any questions, please contact William Holtmeyer, Jr. or Rosie Francka, via Email to [billholtmeyer@dioscgo.org](mailto:billholtmeyer@dioscgo.org) or [rfrancka@dioscgo.org](mailto:rfrancka@dioscgo.org), or telephone the office at (417) 866-0841.

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Due to the Corona Virus and the ever-changing protocols for public gatherings we have taken the precautionary step of making available an online option for the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training for Adults. This is a temporary preventative action as we will continue to offer the live training, as well, at least for now. [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Preregistration is necessary: go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and click on "registration" on the left or call your parish/school office for assistance. If you do not have access to the internet and are unable to register online, please call the local parish, school or institution where you are employed or volunteer.



## The Angel Tree Has Arrived!

Please take an Angel home with you and return your thoughtful gift to the Angel Tree by December 12th/13th. Angel gifts are needed for infants, girls, boys, women, and men. (New items please.) Suggested Items: infant, child & adult clothing, other items such as hats, gloves, boots, shoes, (gift certificates) educational books, puzzles, and games.

If you wrap your gift, attach your Angel to the gift wrapped package with the following information: the size and for whom.

Our gifts will be given to families in need: in our parish, at Sacred Heart Church in Springfield, and the homeless. Your generous gifts are greatly appreciated!

## HIGH SCHOOL DISCIPLE GROUPS!



All high school students are invited to join a small Disciple Group! Sign up with friends or meet new people! Each small group will have adult leaders and

will make their own arrangements for meeting times. More information on the gathering table. Questions?

Contact Mani at [mbrockmeyer@ic-parish.org](mailto:mbrockmeyer@ic-parish.org) or call the church office at 417.887.0600.

## REQUEST CARDS

for Mass Intentions and for Memorial Remembrances are available on the Gathering Area table.



## ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

Lord our God,  
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:  
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,  
he is the wisdom that teaches  
and guides us,  
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,  
let your blessing come upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light  
be a sign of Christ's promise  
to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R/. Amen.



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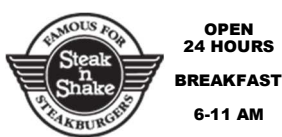
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