ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

3555 South Fremont Avenue Springfield, MO 65804-4237





Epiphany of the LORD

January 3, 2021

'We saw his star at its rising ... "

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Sunday & Weekday Mass Schedule

<u>SUNDAY MASSES</u>

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

8:30ам: Monday—Friday

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Parish Office: 417.887.0600 Fax: 417.887.0027 Webpage: www.ic-parish.org Email: 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 following email address: security@ic-parish.org

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - DECEMBER 27, 2020

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE MAIN CHURCH

Sunday, January 3rd—EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:00AM SUNDAY MASS 8:30AM Rosary 9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—LIVESTREAMED **11:00AM SUNDAY MASS** 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB Monday, January 4th **6:30AM Daily Mass** 8:30AM Daily Mass—LIVESTREAMED 7:00PM RCIA—cra Tuesday, January 5th **6:30AM Daily Mass** 8:30AM School Mass-1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade -LIVESTREAMED Wednesday, January 6th 8:30AM School Mass-6th, 7th & 8th Grade -LIVESTREAMED **6:30PM Daily Mass** 6:30PM Youth Group Thursday, January 7th 6:30AM Daily Mass 8:30AM Daily Mass—LIVESTREAMED 7:00 PM SCRIPTURE STUDY (CRA) Friday, January 8th 6:30AM Daily Mass 8:30AM All School Mass—Livestreamed Saturday, January 9th—Sunday Vigil 2:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00PM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS 7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation Sunday, January 10th—BAPTISM OF THE LORD 7:00AM SUNDAY MASS 8:30AM Rosary

8:45AM Confirmation Class (CRA) 9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—LIVESTREAMED 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 4th— St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 6:30AM Donald Jabush (Int.) 8:30AM Lucille Healey (Int.) Tuesday, January 5th— St. John Neumann, Bishop 6:30AM + Ioe Mever 8:30AM Florencio Rivera + Wednesday, January 6th — St. Andre Bessette, Religious 8:30AM + Ron Siever 6:30PM **Purgatorial Society** Thursday, January 7th— St. Raymond of Penafort, Priest + John Bartlow 6:30AM 8:30AM + Eugene Fake Friday, January 8th-Steve Schoen (Int.) 6:30AM 8:30AM + Earl Straus Saturday, Vigil Mass, January 9th 4:00PM + Jerry & Ann Pickering Sunday, January 10th— The Baptism of the Lord The Parish Family 7:00AM 9:00AM Maria Pangilinan + 11:00AM + Ann Meese

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETING

PRAY

Our next meeting will be Sunday night, **PRAY** January 31st, 7:00PM. The Rosary (optional) will be prayed at 6:30PM in Community Room B. Contact Bruce Horine at 417.833.7913 with questions.

DRIVE—THROUGH COMMUNION Drive-through Holy Communion after the Saturday 4PM Mass & Sunday 9AM Mass



Dear Parishioners,

There have been so many blessings that we thank God for this past year—but most especially we thank God for the prayers, support, genuine love and concern of so many faithful parishioners. Thank you for your many kind and generous gifts to us during this Christmas Season. May God bless you for your goodness!

We thank all who work so hard in the parish to continue to strengthen our Catholic community. This past year has especially been a time of the testing of our faith. We treasure the gift of your dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ's love. In particular, we thank those who serve in the various ministries and organizations. On behalf of our Parish Staff at Immaculate Conception, We wish each of you a blessed and joyous Christmas Season and New Year! Please be assured of our prayers for your intentions and remembrances at Holy Mass. May the peace, joy, and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 10, 2021

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7/ Psalm: 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10, / Acts 10:34-38/ Mark 1:7-11

PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Dan Comoroski, Mike Wilkens, John Carpenter, Cheryl Haik, Dorothy Pfaff, 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.

PRAYER CHAIN 417.887.0600

www.feedthepoorhungryhomeless.com

48th Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade



On January 22nd there will be a livestream from St. Agnes Cathedral, with Bishop Rice as

the celebrant, offering a 5:30 PM Mass and Rosary for the protection of human life.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ DioceseofSpringfieldCapeGirardeau

Diocesan Respect Life Office

The *Diocesan Respect Life Office* has a new webpage listing upcoming events and resources: https://dioscg.org/about/respect-life/

Voice for Life T-Shirts, designed by children of our diocese, are available at the website listed in this announcement.

From Father Tom's Desk



Fruit of the Spirit

In the introduction to his book Fruits of the Spirit, Charles Hembree remembers an ancient fable. The fable tells of three merchants who were crossing the Arabian Desert. Because of the heat of the desert they were traveling at night. On that starless night they were crossing over a dry creek bed. As they were crossing a voice in the darkness spoke to them. The voice told them to stop right where they were. Then they were commanded to bend down and pick up the pebbles that were around them in the dry creek bed and put them in their pockets. After they did this they were told to leave and continue on their way and not to camp near the creek bed. The voice from the darkness continued to tell them that in the morning they would be both happy and sad.

Being very frightened by all of this, they traveled through the night and did not stop until they could see the sun. With the arrival of the morning they began to look in their pockets. Instead of finding pebbles in their pockets they found precious jewels. Yes, they were both happy and sad. They were happy that they had listened to the voice of the night but they were also sad that they did not pick up more pebbles.

Charles Hembree goes on to say: "This legend beautifully expresses how many feel about the unsearchable riches of God's Word. We are thrilled we have absorbed as much as we have, but sad because we have not absorbed much more." He goes on to say that this sentiment certainly applies to this verse in Galatians which describes the fruit of the Spirit. Perhaps we should also call these fruits the jewels of the Spirit.

Adapted from Charles Hembree, Fruits of the Spirit (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House), p. 7.



Join the U.S. bishops' annual novena for

the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Sign up to receive the novena by Email or text at <u>9daysforlife.com</u>.

RAYER•PENANCE•PILGRIMAGE

In promoting the novena, a wide variety of material for social media and print can be found at <u>respectlife.org/leaders-resources</u>.

9DAYSFORLIFE Novena materials are available on the Gathering Area Table.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED for the Week of December 20, 2020

	(17.67% below budget)		DONATE ONLINE: WWW.IC-DADISH.ODC		
Year-to-date Collection:	\$	435,369.03	DDF to date	\$ 78,497.00	(Π)
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	528,825.00	Building on Faith	\$ 1,000.00	
Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$	1,119,956.00			
Weekly Need to Meet Budget:	\$	20,840.39	St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 794.00	
Weekly Total:	<u>\$</u>	16,430.77	Angel Tree	\$ 400.00	
Plate:	<u>\$</u>	868.00	Parish Repair & Maintenance	\$ 200.00	
Envelopes:	\$	15,562.77	Christmas Flowers	\$ 175.00	

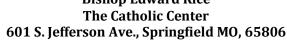
BISHOP RICE'S ANNIVERSARIES

January 3, 2021 **34th Priesthood Anniversary**



January 13, 2021 **10th Episcopal Anniversary**

Cards of Prayers & Congratulations may be sent to: Bishop Edward Rice



KNIGHTS STRIKING-OUT

Can you help us battle homelessness, hunger and poverty right here in our community? This Greater Ozarks area Knights of Columbus

event will be held Jan 31, 2021. Registration and check in begins at 12:00 NOON and bowling begins at 1:00PM.

We are holding the event to help *The Kitchen Inc., Catholic Charities of Southern MO, and Least of These Food Pantry of Christian County*. We will be bowling at Enterprise Park Lanes and Sunshine Lanes in Springfield and Century Lanes in Nixa. Cost is \$15 for 3 games including shoes. Social distancing and masks will be required of participants. We recommend advance registration as the number of bowlers is being limited. Get more information at **www.knightsstrikingout.org** or reaching out to any of our charities or calling Dean Arens at 417.844.1293.

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



https://www.facebook.com/SOMOMensCon

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

TO THE HOLY FAMILY

SECRATION

NIGHTS OF COLUMBU

O LORD JISUS, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer. We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the Mother of our Savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home. We entrust our family to you.

O SAINT JOSEDH, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work. *We entrust our family to you.*

HOLY FAMILY. we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church Where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



Springfield Catholic Schools Immaculate Conception, 417.881.7000 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 417.887.6056 St. Agnes Cathedral School 417.866.5038. Springfield Catholic High School 417.887.8817

Seeking Principal at St Agnes Cathedral School: Springfield Catholic Schools is seeking a **Principal for St. Agnes School**. St. Agnes is one of four schools in the Springfield Catholic Schools System and offers classes from Preschool through 8th grade, with a current enrollment of approximately 200 students.

Responsibilities: Leadership in Community of Faith; Providing Instructional and Professional leadership to the faculty; Managerial Leadership and Interpersonal Relationships; Supervision of extra-curricular activities;

Qualifications: Must be an active, practicing Catholic; 5 years teaching experience in an elementary (K-8) school; Missouri Teacher/Administrative certificate; A Master's Degree in Education or School Administration; Administrative experience in Catholic Schools, preferred. To submit an application, go to <u>scspk12.org</u> click "about" and select St. Agnes Principal.

Substitute 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)

For Employment Opportunities: Opportunities and applications are available on the Springfield Catholic Schools website at <u>scspk12.org</u>., select "About" and then "Employment opportunities"

Enroll at Springfield Catholic Schools grades preschool-12th -- Come for a tour -- Go to our website at <u>scspk12.org</u>, select "Admissions" and "New Families" or you can call our schools at the numbers listed above the announcements.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 31ST—FEBRUARY 6TH

VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

VIRTUS—Pre-registration is necessary: go to 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 for future sessions.

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



ACTIVE CATHOLIC FORMS Springfield Catholic Schools 2021—2022 School Year To help us process the forms at our parish Please send to the Parish Office your Sunday Envelope—The 9:00 AM Sunday Mass will continue to be Livestreamed

Since COVID-19 is still around us, an Electronic Active Catholic Form will be mailed out from the Catholic Schools Central Office on February 1, 2021, along with the Endowment Scholarship & Facts Grant and Aid application to all current parents.

A list will then be sent to the parish office of those who have applied for the Active Catholic status. While COVID-19 is a consideration for the safety of your family, in person attendance at Mass is not required, stay safe. I do ask that you pray with us through the livestream. Those who have fulfilled the following requirements will qualify for the Active Catholic rate for tuition.

Requirements to qualify as an Active Catholic:

- □ Make a commitment to be a disciple of Christ.
- Participate at Mass on Sundays & Holy Days, ideally in your parish.
- □ Practice your faith in the workplace, the home, the classroom & in civic life;
- □ Support and cooperate with the religious education programs of the parish; adult faith formation, sacramental preparation, RCIA, etc.
- Participate in parish ministries, activities, and organizations through your contribution of time and talent.
- □ Support the ministries of the Catholic Church by pledging and tithing sacrificially to your parish.
- □ Completing Immaculate Conception's Faith Commitment Card.
- Placing parish offertory envelope with pledge, prayer of petition and/or prayer of thanksgiving weekly in the Sunday collection. Immaculate Conception envelopes placed

in the collection at any Catholic Church will be forward to Immaculate Conception. Weekly participation at Mass is verified through the use of offertory envelopes at Mass or by mailing your offertory envelope weekly to the Parish Office.



Flocknote: Text: Frtom To: 84576 Sign-up for parish text and email alerts on flocknote: Livestream of Masses are available on our Facebook page: Immaculate Conception Parish Springfield MO Website for updates: www.ic-parish.org

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. Preregistration is necessary: go to 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.

