Immaculate Conception Darish

3555 South Fremont Avenue – Springfield, Missouri 65804-4237 The Mission of Immaculate Conception Darish is to be a family-centered sacramental community comprised of compassionate witnesses to God's word, love, and presence.





The Epiphany of the

LOPC January 5, 2020

"…they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh…"

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SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday: 7:00ам, 9:00ам & 11:00ам Saturday (Vigil): 4:00рм

SCHEDULE OF WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 6:20AM Wednesday: Communion Service at 6:20AM Monday – Friday: 8:30AM Wednesday: 8:30AM & 6:30PM

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 2:30PM—3:15PM & 7:00PM—7:30PM 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. 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.

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.

SECURITY TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION

You may leave a message for the Security Team at the following email address: security@ic-parish.org





Sign-up for Parish Alerts Text: Frtom To: 84576

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—JANUARY 5, 2020

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, January 5th—The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00АМ, 9:00АМ, & 11:00АМ Sunday Masses 8:30АМ Rosary in the Chapel

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

Monday, January 6th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—4TH & 5TH GRADES NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

6:15PM First Holy Communion Parent Meeting—CHURCH 7:00PM RCIA—CRA

7:00PM PCCW Board Meeting—CRB

Tuesday, January 7th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL

8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—1ST, 2ND & 3RD GRADES NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL 7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB

Wednesday, January 8th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES 10:00AM Adult Continuing Education—PMR NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL 1:00PM Knit & Crochet—PMR 6:15PM PSR/Youth Group—CAFETERIA 6:30PM Mass—CHAPEL 7:00PM Choir Practice—CR Thursday, January 9th 6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL

8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL

NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB

Friday, January 10th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—ALL SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM Centering Prayer—CRA

NOON—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

Saturday, January 11th—Sunday Vigil

9:00AM Heavenly Dusters cleaning church
2:30PM—3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH
4:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass
4:00PM First Holy Communion Enrollment—CHURCH
4:00PM RCIA Dismissal—PMR
7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH
Sunday, January 12th—The Baptism of the Lord

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

8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel

8:45AM Confirmation Class—CRA/CAFETERIA 9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

The meeting for First Communion preparation for parents is Monday, January, 6th. Registration at 6:15 PM. Meeting in the church at 6:30 PM.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 6th—St. André Bessette, Religious					
6:20AM	+	Jackie Schmidt			
8:30AM		Lauren Cayer (Int.)			
Tuesday, January 7th—					
St. Raymond of Peñafort, Priest					
6:20AM	+	Matthew Zimmerman			
8:30AM	+	Philomene Nguyen & Relatives			
Wednesday, January 8th					
6:20AM		Communion Service			
8:30AM		Lindsay Wright (Int.)			
6:30PM	+	Purgatorial Society			
Thursday, January 9th					
6:20AM	+	Mildred Hill			
8:30AM	+	Joseph Sôn Van Lam			
Friday, January 10th					
6:20AM	+	John Baptist & Theresa			
8:30AM		Kim Bade (Int.)			
Saturday, Vigil Mass, January 11th					
4:00PM	+	Joe Behan			
Sunday, January 12th—The Baptism of the Lord					
7:00AM	+	Cynthia Williams			
9:00AM		The Parish Family			
11:00AM	+	Mary Francka			

Dear Parishioners,

There have been so many blessings that I thank God for this past year—but most especially I 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

me this Christmas. May God bless you for your goodness!

I thank all who work so hard in the parish and continue to strengthen our Catholic community. Christianity is never a "spectator sport" in which we simply sit back, watch and cheer. Rather, it involves active participation and a life-commitment: daily prayer, attendance at Mass, a sacramental life, love, forgiveness, Christian charity, and conversion.

I treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ's love. In particular, I thank those who serve in the various ministries and organizations. On behalf of our Parish Staff at Immaculate Conception, I wish each of you a blessed and joyous Christmas Season and New Year! Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance 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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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 12, 2020 Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7/ Psalm 29: 1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

Acts 10: 34-38/ Matthew 3: 13-17

PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Sophia Griesbaum, Billie Gumucio, Steve Schoen, Nick, Angie, Laura Seemuth, Gerald Martin, Barbara Hall, Eloise Fetter, Judy Gibson, Gerri Klesel, Tony Klesel, Judie Stinecipher, Corine Larson, Mamie Lawless, Dr. Jim Markusic, Mary Miller, Karen Pfirrman, Katie, Flor Rivera, Jan Royster, Mary Shanahan, Nicole Zangrilli, Tom Johnson, Ed Pinegar, Brandi Bostic and all who need more prayers.

We also remember in prayer those of our parish family who are battling chronic illnesses and those homebound who are no longer able to attend Mass due to present health concerns.

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

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in prayer our faithful departed: especially Mildred Hill the mother of Dennis, and for all those who have died, may they know the fullness of Christ's glory.

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

Bishop Rice's December Prayer Intention

That each of us be instruments of peace. For the conversion of those in the abortion industry.



Struggling with Life since being Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

Beginning Experience of Springfield is offering a six-week support program, Coping With Life Alone, designed to help individuals work through the trauma of losing a spouse through death or divorce. The program will begin Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:30pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 2200 W. Republic Rd., Springfield, MO. Beginning Experience programs, offer strength and growth through a community of friendship, support and prayer. The program's trained facilitators have themselves experienced divorce or the death of a spouse. For more information call Diane at 417.859.0175 or cell 870.688.8829, Donna Dougherty at 417.529.1085.

Parish Council of Catholic Women



PCCW Board Meeting January 6th—7:00PM—CRB

PCCW Monthly Meeting January 14th, 11:30AM in CRA. Jim Markusic will be the speaker and lunch will be provided. Please join us as we start a new year!

From Father Tom's Desk

<u>The Herods of the World</u>



Herod was a power-hungry ruler whose actions reeked of evil. We can't explain his actions, or the actions of anybody else who acts in evil ways. And despite our best efforts to create an atmosphere of cooperation and kindness, it is unrealistic to think we are going to eliminate from the face of the earth divisive, rude, evil people. Our only choice, unless we want to give in or give up, is to work around the evil. Yes, this is an imperfect world, but that does not relieve us of our responsibility to work for what is good and right. If anything, the evil present in our world only accentuates the need for us to do something.

Someone penned a few thoughts and titled the piece "Anyway."

Anyway ...

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Love them anyway!

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Do good anyway!

- If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies. Succeed anyway!
- The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway!
- Honesty and frankness will make you vulnerable. Be honest and frank anyway!
- The biggest people with the biggest ideas can be shot down by the smallest people with the smallest minds. Think big anyway!
- People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs. Fight for some underdogs anyway!
- What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway!
- People really need help but may attack you if you help them. Help people anyway!

Give the world the best you have and you will get kicked in the teeth. Give the world the best you have anyway!

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HOSPITALIZATION—CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 417.887.0600

"THE CORNERSTONE"

The Cornerstone is a Catholic in depth study of the Scriptures. We will take a journey through the Letters of James, Peter, and John. These books of the New Testament give us instructions on living faithfully in our current world and encourage us to walk in the light and truth of Christ.

The daytime group: Thursday mornings, 9:30AM— 11:30AM, Holy Trinity Catholic Church. A Visitor's Day is scheduled for January 16th. Information: Nicola, 417.823.0911. www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org

The evening group: Tuesday evenings, 7:00PM—9:00PM, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. A Visitor's Day is scheduled for January 14th. Information: Paula, 417.894.4678. www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY

O LORD JE&U&, 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 JOSEPH, 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!



DINNER FOR EIGHT 2020 SIGNUP IS NOW!



Take the time to make new friends or renew acquaintances by joining "Dinner for Eight." Adults of all ages - couples and singles – gather in groups of 8, four times a

year, to enjoy fellowship and food. Each gathering is hosted in a different home with the hosts preparing the entrée and providing drinks, and the rest of the group bringing dishes to compliment the meal. All who wish to participate in 2020 must sign up by January 7th. The "Kick-Off Party" will be Saturday, February 1st, after the 4:00pm Mass, for all participants. The summer picnic will be held in August.

Too busy to join another group? Think again! This group only meets 6 times a year. To sign up again or for the first time (or if you have questions), please contact Beth Bedinghaus at 417.224.4614.

PRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Welcome to the Springfield Catholic Schools System! The Springfield Catholic Schools System is made up of three (3) elementary schools (preschool thru 8th grade) and one (1) high school. For a tour, enrollment information or to check availability at various grade levels, please contact the schoo(s) in which you are interested:

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

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VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

VIRTUS—Pre-registration is necessary at www.dioscg.org or www.virtus.org. See www.virtus.org for future sessions.

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47th Annual March for Life—Washington, D.C.

Join us for an amazing pro-life pilgrimage by accompanying hundreds of thousands of marchers in the nation's capital on **January 24th, 2020**. Organized by the Diocese of Springfield -Cape Girardeau's Voice for Life lay apostolate. The mission of Voice for Life (VFL) is to support life from conception to natural death. It promotes awareness and conducts advocacy campaigns in accordance with Catholic teaching on the life issues of our day. For more information, contact Kathleen Keesee, <u>kkeesee@charter.net</u>, (573)-986-3320, or cell, 573.986.3320.

PERPETUAL ADORATION Holy Trinity's Chapel-2818 E. Bennett St. Please call Joyce Blades at 881.4367 or Diane Hoy at 860.7134

Perpetual Adoration Opportunities ~
 "My aim is to institute perpetual adoration," he said, "for this is the most important activity". ~ Maximilian Kolbe Adorers Needed: Sundays: 12PM—1PM;
 Mondays: 1AM—2AM; Thursdays: 5PM—6PM; and Saturdays: 1PM—2PM, 6AM—7AM; & 2PM—3PM
 Join our substitute list to experience the peace of adoration.

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER SERVICE

Christian Unity Prayer Service, Evangel Temple Christian Center, 2020 Battlefield, Wednesday, January 22nd, 7:00PM. All are invited to this ecumenical service to experience and pray for Christian Unity. A reception and fellowship will follow the service.



JOB OPENING—MAINTENANCE PERSON

Maintenance Position at Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield: Hours: Monday—Friday: 7:00AM—3:30PM. Duties include but not limited to routine and preventative maintenance and repair procedures. Email resume to Father Patrick Nwokoye by January 6th at fatherpatrick@holytrinityspringfield.com.

Administrative Assistant Position

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks a qualified applicant to fill a permanent, full-time Administrative Assistant position working for the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and the Office of Development and Properties at The Catholic Center in Springfield. Applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic.

To request an application packet, including a detailed job description, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, <u>jansmith@dioscg.org</u>, or call (417) 866-0841. Applications will be accepted through **January 10, 2020**.

POSITION AVAILABLE AT CCSOMO

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is searching for a Director of Disaster Preparedness & Response to lead the agency and community to be prepared for a disaster and respond to those in need when disaster hits. Apply online at

SACRED HEART—ENGLISH/SPANISH SECRETARY

Sacred Heart Parish in Springfield, seeks a qualified applicant for a permanent, full-time bilingual English/ Spanish Secretary position. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic. Qualifications: basic computers skills, able to navigate the Internet, and have the ability to perform day-to-day office tasks.

Contact Fr. Gaspar at 417.869.3646/email your resume to pastor.shc.sgf@gmail.com.

TRAVEL WITH FR. LEWIS HEJNA

Travel with Fr. Lewis—June 30th—July 10th, 2020. Cost \$4,599. Eleven days in IRELAND & SCOTLAND. See Shannon, Cliffs of Moher, Our Lady of Knock, Galway, Dublin, Ayr, Edinburgh and Glasgow. Price includes airfare, 4 or 5 star hotels, transfers, transportation on luxury bus, guided tours, all breakfasts and dinners. Contact Proximo Travel at (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370 and refer to trip #769 or #8684 when registering.

SUNDAY ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL—8:30 AM

POSITION OPEN AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER

DIOCESAN SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - Opening for a Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2020. The diocesan school system includes 23 elementary and 3 high schools. Requirements: Practicing Catholic, advanced degree in Educational Administration, certifiable in State of Missouri, and experience in Catholic school administration, preferably on a diocesan level. Ability to promote Catholic mission of the schools is a high priority. Must also be willing to travel throughout the diocese. Competitive salary, excellent health benefits, and retirement based on diocesan guidelines. Send cover letter & resume to Janet L. Smith, Chancellor, 601 S. Jefferson, Springfield, MO, 65806. Call 417.866.0841 or email jansmith@dioscg.org to request an application packet.

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL POSITION

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau is seeking a principal for Notre Dame Catholic High School in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, effective July 1, 2020. Qualified applicant must be an Active Catholic, have Missouri principal certification, Master's degree in School Administration (or working towards it) with 3-5 years of Catholic school experience. Administrative experience preferred. Please CONTACT: Anne Buckley, Catholic Center, 417.866.0841, abuckley@dioscg.org to request an application packet.

JACK FROST RUN & WALK AT CCM

The 31st annual Jack Frost 5K Run and 2.5K Walk will be held on the Missouri State University campus on **Saturday**, **January 25th**. Race begins at 9:00AM/registration at 8:00AM; cost: \$40, by 4:00PM on January 24th, or \$45 day of the race. https://www.active.com/springfield-mo/running/distancerunning/jack-frost-5k-2020

KNIGHTS STRIKING OUT FOR THE KITCHEN"

The 25th Annual Knights of Columbus "Knights Striking Out for The Kitchen" Bowl-a-Thon is Sunday, January 19th, from 1PM—4PM *Check in time: 12:00 Noon* Enterprise Park Lanes, Sunshine Lanes * Springfield, Century Lane * Nixa.

Register at <u>www.thekitcheninc.org</u> by January 15th. The \$10.00 entry fee covers the cost of bowling (3 games) plus shoes and bowling ball. This family friendly event makes a difference in the lives of homeless children, youth, veterans, families and individuals. Let's "Strike Out for The Kitchen" and reach our goal of \$60,000!

Information contact: Dean Arens – 417.844.1293 or John Clarke – 417.880.4292.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND of December 28/29, 2019

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Envelopes:	\$	48,257.00
Plate:	<u>\$</u>	2,016.84
Weekly Total:	\$	50,273.84
Weekly Need to Meet Budget:	\$	20,840.39
Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$	1,099,956.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	549,978.00
Year-to-date Collection:	\$	560,397.65
	(1.02	% above budget)

The WELKEND of December 20/29,2019				
Home Missions	\$	5.00		
Parish Repair & Maintenance:	\$	3,125.00		
Seminary/Retired Priests	\$	1,270.00		
New Year's	\$	5,073.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	3,385.00		



