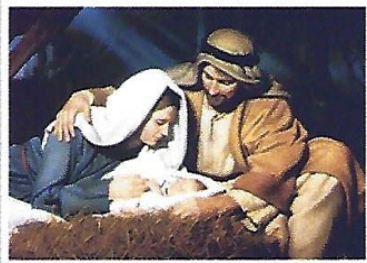


IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

3555 South Fremont Avenue - Springfield, Missouri 65804-4237

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.



**HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS,
MARY & JOSEPH**
"... a light for revelation ..."
December 31, 2017

Feast of Mary, The Mother of God

- Holyday Masses -

Sunday, December 31, 2017: 4:00 PM

Monday, January 1, 2018: 10:00 AM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Parish Office: 417-887-0600

Fax: 417-887-0027

Webpage: www.ic-parish.org

E-mail: staff@ic-parish.org

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.

SECURITY TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

December 31, 2017—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST—

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM SUNDAY MASSES
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel
4:00PM HOLYDAY MASS—MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

MONDAY, JANUARY 1ST—PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
10:00AM—HOLYDAY MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND

6:20AM MASS—CHAPEL
8:30AM MASS—CHAPEL
Noon—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD

6:20AM MASS—Perpetual Help Devotions—CHAPEL
8:30AM MASS—CHAPEL
Noon—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
2:00PM Quilting Group CRA
6:20PM PSR & Youth Group CRA
6:30PM MASS—CHAPEL
7:00PM Adult Choir CR

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH

6:20AM Communion Service—CHAPEL
8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL
Noon—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH

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
Noon—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
1:00PM Benediction—CHAPEL

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH

8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL
3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH
4:00PM SUNDAY VIGIL Mass
7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM SUNDAY MASSES
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel
9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal CRB
12:30PM Sesquicentennial Planning Meeting PMR

Sesquicentennial Celebration Planning Session

Sesquicentennial Meeting: The first IC Sesquicentennial Celebration Planning Session will be held Sunday, January 7, immediately following 11:00AM AM Mass in the parish office. Lunch will be served. Please call the Parish Office 417.887.0600 and confirm your interest and attendance.

Need more Info? Email Ann Compton at this address: IC150Years@gmail.com All are welcome to participate in this joyous celebration!

Celebrating
150
YEARS

MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 1ST—SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

10:00AM + Pauline Katzfey

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2ND—ST. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS

6:20AM + Martha Wise
8:30AM + Deceased Members
of the Mazzella Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD—

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

6:20AM + Jackie Schmidt
8:30AM + Gregory Barber
6:30PM + Betty and José Mejia

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4TH—

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

6:20AM Communion Service
8:30AM + Ramiro Mejia

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH—

ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

6:20AM Blessed Virgin Mary Intercession
8:30AM + Elston Hill

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH—

ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

8:30AM Purgatorial Society

Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

4:00PM Special Intention

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7TH—THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7:00AM + Ken Anderson
9:00AM The Parish Family
11:00AM + Gene Buchek

**PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES PREPARING
FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS MEET
JANUARY 14TH AT 8:45AM**



Adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Becky at the Parish Office (417.887.0600) to register. Special sessions will be held for adults and their sponsors to prepare to receive the Sacrament on August 11, 2018.

The Sacrament of Confirmation completes the Sacramental preparation to become an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, to be a godparent for Baptism, and preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage.



**JANUARY 5, 2018—FIRST FRIDAY
ADORATION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**

9:00AM—1:00PM 1:00PM BENEDICTION

**HOLYDAY MASSES: SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**



Sunday, December 31, 2017: 4:00 PM

Monday, January 1, 2018: 10:00 AM

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

Scripture Readings for

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 14, 2018

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19;

Psalms: 40:12 and 4ab, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10;

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; &

Gospel: John 1:35-42

PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Carlos Contreras, Lorraine D'Alessandro, Robert Gerhardy, Judy Gibson, Gail LaRoche, Mamie Lawless, Michael Menne, Becky Meyer, Mary Miller, Loretta Polk, Flor Rivera, Jan Royster, Mary Shanahan, Douglas Strickland, Elizabeth Tomelleri, Jake Wilson, and all who need 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: for Amy M. LaPoint; and for Reynold Choiniere,

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"Whatever you do," says St. Paul to the Colossians, "...do it in the name of the Lord Jesus. Give thanks to God the Father through him."

SUNDAY ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL

The Rosary will be prayed in the Chapel at 8:30AM on Sunday mornings. Please take time to join us and pray for each other and for special needs.

**DIOCESAN PERPETUAL ADORATION
HOLY TRINITY CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

Due to the Christmas, and New Year holiday season, Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration will be suspended at 6:00AM on Thursday, December 21st, and will resume after the 10:00AM Mass on Monday, January 1st. The chapel will remain open during this time period. For information regarding The Diocesan Perpetual Adoration and/or wanting to commit to an hour a week, please call Joyce Blades at 881.4367 or Diane Hoy at 860.7134. Help is needed for many available hours.

6:30 PM MASS WEDNESDAY—CHAPEL

From Father Tom's Desk



Forgive Us Our Christmases

Is it just me or does it seem to you as well that with each Christmas the activity surrounding the holidays just gets more and more hectic? It is not difficult to lose one's perspective at Christmas.

I recall the story about an 8-year-old girl who had a most disappointing Christmas. She didn't get the gifts she hoped to receive. She got into arguments with her older brother. Her mother walked into their play area to find her fighting with him and she was blamed. She took her anger out on the cat and found herself in bed that night earlier than usual. When she prayed the Lord's Prayer as was her custom she said, "and forgive us our Christmases as we forgive those who Christmas against us."

Mike Motsko, Characters of Christmas: Simeon and Anna

It Is Jesus!

The great philanthropist Stanley S. Kresge was often in the company of college presidents or other fund-raisers asking for endowment or financial aid. During the course of discussion, Mr. Kresge would always ask one question, "Do you think the world is better today than it was 2,000 years ago?" I'd like to ask you that question today. Is the world any better after 2,000 years since Christ came?

I say to you on this closing Sabbath of the second millennium, that it is Jesus Christ and his teachings that lie behind all the efforts at social reform. It was he who put an end to slavery. It was Jesus who abolished the gladiatorial shows of ancient Rome. It was Jesus who elevated the status of women. It was Jesus who sanctified childhood. It was Jesus, who by his emphasis upon the worth of human personality conferred on us our liberty. It is Jesus who has given us a new way of life, a new standard of conduct, a new power for living. Christ can save our world when Jesus is born again in the hearts of men and women.

William K. Quick, Seeing and Believing (Luke 2:22-40), on The Protestant Hour

Tuned In and Pulled Off the Knobs

The story is told of a man who once bought a new radio, brought it home, and placed it on the refrigerator. He then plugged it in, turned it to WSM in Nashville (home of the Grand Ole Opry), and proceeded to do the most unusual thing. He pulled all the knobs off! He had already tuned in all he ever wanted or expected to hear, and so he chose to limit his radio reception to one station.

Unknown

Where's The Love, Grandma?

A three-year-old little boy and his grandmother were studying a plastic model of the human heart. They located all the chambers and arteries. When they were finished the little boy asked innocently, "Where's the love, Grandma?"

Country Woman Magazine Mar/Apr 93, p. 15.



Father Tom
**Pray for Vocations to the
Priesthood and Religious Life.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

THANK YOU

Thank you to our parishioners for your food donations, monetary donations,, bagging the groceries, and handing them out. Without your support we would not have been able to help so many of **"Those in Need."** Your overwhelming support of our organization is humbling. Thank you for your generosity!!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Our next meeting is Monday, January 8th, 6:30PM, in the Parish Meeting Room. All are welcome to join us.

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Mark your calendar Ladies! Our January & February meetings will be at 11:30AM. Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 9th, 11:30AM, in Community Room A. Our guest speaker for the day is representing Isabel's House/Crisis Nursery. He will be telling us about all the wonderful things that are happening there for infants and children. Following the talk, a soup and dessert luncheon will be served. This is a great time to visit with old and new friends. A short meeting will follow. Isabel's House has many needs. We ask that you please bring a donation from the following list of items: shoes for children ages 4-12 (no infant shoes); socks for children ages 6-12; Gladware food storage containers; hairbrushes, lotion for babies and children. Gift cards to Payless, Amazon, Walmart, Target, etc. are also appreciated.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

Immaculate Conception Council 13681 Knights of Columbus next regular monthly meeting is Monday, January 8th, 6:30PM, in the Choir Room. All members are asked to attend. Contact Jerry Pfankuch, 882.5558.

MONTHLY MASS AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Everyone is invited to join Catholic Charities staff and volunteers at monthly Mass in the Carmelite Chapel, 424 E. Monastery St., Springfield. Mass begins at noon on the first Wednesday of each month. Fr. Mike McDevitt will be the celebrant on January 3rd.



THE 23RD ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "KNIGHTS STRIKING OUT FOR THE KITCHEN"

Sunday, January 21, 2018, 1:00PM-4:00PM. Check in time is 12:00 Noon, at Enterprise Park Lanes, & Sunshine Lanes, Springfield, MO, and Century Lane, Nixa, MO. The \$10.00 entry fee covers the cost of bowling (3 games) plus shoes and bowling ball. Entry form available at www.thekitcheninc.org. Register by January 17th. 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: John "Rocky" Gambon at, 417.830.6389, John Clarke at, 417.880.4292, or Kippie Kutz at, 417.225.7416.



Active Catholic Forms for Parents of Children attending our Catholic Schools:

*Parents: I reaffirm my commitment to be a good steward through my example and my actions.
Students: I understand that I am expected to practice my faith every day.*

WELCOME TO SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Springfield Catholic School System is accepting registration for the 2017-2018 school year. 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!

• **The Springfield Catholic School System** is seeking applicants for the position of Director of Springfield Catholic Schools. The Director must be a practicing Catholic, have a Master's degree or higher in Educational Administration, hold a current Administrator's Certificate and possess excellent communication, organization, business/finance and interpersonal skills. He/she must be a leader committed to a team approach to school administration, and have a strong record of achievement that predicts success in leading the development and growth of the system. The Director is accountable to the Diocesan Superintendent of Catholic Schools for implementation of Diocesan policies and Springfield Catholic School policies.

• **Employment Opportunities**—ALL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND APPLICATIONS are available on the Springfield Catholic Schools website at www.scschk12.org.

• **DISCOVERY NIGHT AT SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**—Join us on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 for Junior High/New Student Discovery Night at Springfield Catholic High School. Presentation and discussion will begin at 6:30PM in the auditorium followed by Open House. Parents and students are welcome to see the campus, meet our student leadership, experience the community, and learn about the many academic achievements we are celebrating! No RSVP is required. For questions, please contact our Academic Office at 417.887.8817.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH SNOW/ICE CANCELLATION PROCEDURE

INCLEMENT
WEATHER
INFORMATION



If the Catholic School System is closed because of bad weather, all parish activities scheduled for that day, such as RCIA, PSR, Scripture Study, Choir, Women's Council, or any other meeting scheduled for that day will be canceled. If, during the morning or afternoon, conditions get bad, information about cancellations on KTTS (94.7fm) radio station. The parish office will be closed the first day that schools are out, the second day we will open at noon. Please use your best judgment; your safety is most important!!!

**Sunday & Daily Masses
WILL BE HELD and
WILL NOT BE CANCELLED
due to snow or ice.**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION QUILT CLUB

Join the Quilt Club and make quilts and fleece blankets for LifeHouse, wounded soldier's, sheriff and police officers, and firefighters. Contact, Katie Mlnarik, 417.731.2311 (during the morning and early evening hours) if interested. **NEEDED:** new flat sheets (any size), fabric, yarn, fleece cut to 2 yard lengths (2 cuts for front & back) for each blanket. We will start in January on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION

Would you like to begin the New Year with a renewed spirit? Please join us Saturday morning, January 6, 2018, at St. Agnes Church. We will begin with Mass at 8:30AM in the Chapel. Our speaker, Pastor Melissa Bailey-Kirk from Grace United Methodist Church, will begin the reflection in the Chapel following Mass. Lunch will be served at 11:30AM, in the school cafeteria. Please call the parish office, 831.3565, to register by January 2nd so that we have enough food prepared. Babysitting will be provided, but we need to know how many children to expect & also their ages. We sincerely hope you will consider participating in this opportunity.

SILENT SATURDAY

Now that the busyness and stress of the holidays is over, how about treating yourself to a peaceful Saturday morning with prayer and reflection with the Lord, on Saturday, January 6th, Holy Trinity Church, 2818 E. Bennett, in the Trinity Room. Registration, fellowship and light refreshments: 9:45AM. Prayer at 10:00AM and conclude at Noon. If you have questions: contact Barb DePue at democatsx2@gmail.com

THE CORNERSTONE SCRIPTURE STUDY

You are invited to take a spiritual journey through scripture where Jesus is "The Cornerstone."

The Cornerstone is an in depth study of the Scriptures involving daily study questions, small group sharing, spiritual reflection, and commentary readings. This year's study is the Gospel of John. Explore the ministry and miracles of Jesus through the eyes of the beloved disciple as he reveals the glory and divinity of God's only Son. The daytime group meets on Thursday mornings, 9:30AM-11:30AM, Holy Trinity Parish Center. Find out more at our Visitor's Day on January 11, 2018 or phone Nicola at 823.0911. The nighttime group meets on Tuesday evenings, 7:00PM-9:00PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Find out more at our Visitor's Day on January 9, 2018 or phone Paula at 883.2809.

YEAR END GIVING & CURRENT REQUESTS

Please consider making a prayerful financial response to help provide for our ministries.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

• Year End Donations:

- ◆ **Ministry to the Poor**—support to those in need
- ◆ **Youth Activities**—Parish School of Religion, Religious Education Supplies, Retreat Scholarships for Youth
- ◆ **Parish Activities**—Scholarships for Parish Bible Study participants, supplies for Funeral & Parish Dinners
- ◆ **Catholic School Tuition Assistance**—funding for Catholic Education of a student in our school system
- ◆ **Parish Repair & Maintenance**—reducing major repairs by upkeep of facilities
- ◆ **Debt Reduction**—reducing our current debt
- ◆ **Pastor's Discretion**—Used for unexpected & special needs that arise that are not budgeted items

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. VINCENT de PAUL

- Immaculate Conception's St. Vincent de Paul

All gifts made on or before December 31st are tax deductible for this tax year.

Gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) are some of the best gifts to make whether they have appreciated or depreciated in value. Call Tina at the parish office, 417.887.0600, for details.

Active Catholic Forms

Active Catholic Weekend:

January 20th & 21st, 2018

Requirements to qualify as an Active Catholic:

- Commitment to be a disciple of Christ;
- Attendance at Mass on all Sundays & Holy Days;
- Practice faith in workplace, home, classroom & civic life;
- Support sacramental programs;
- Participate in parish ministries;
- Support ministries of Immaculate Conception Parish by pledging and tithing sacrificially;
- Immaculate Conception's Faith Commitment Card completed with envelope number and returned with Active Catholic Form; and,
- Placing parish contribution envelope with pledge, prayer of petition and/or prayer of thanksgiving at least once a month in the Sunday collection.



YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 23-24, 2017

Envelopes:	\$ 30,819.00
Plate:	\$ 874.00
Weekly Total:	<u>\$ 31,693.00</u>
Weekly Need to Meet Budget:	\$ 20,400.00

Yearly Budget:	\$ 1,083,000.00
Year-to-date Collection:	\$ 521,378.65

(2.32 % above yearly budget)



Home Missions	\$ 100.00
Sponsor-A-Child:	\$ 130.00
Seminarians/Retired Priests	\$ 12,621.55

Parish Repair & Maintenance:	\$ 570.00
Building Fund:	\$ 5,350.00
Remaining on Debt Collection:	\$ 182,155.50