FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME · JANUARY 28, 2024

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



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PARISH INFORMATION

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SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am & 11:00am Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 6:30am Monday–Friday: 8:30am & Wednesday: 6:30pm

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

9:00am Sunday • 8:30am Weekday

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

ADORATION

Thursdays 9:00am-7:00pm; First Fridays 9:00am-1:00pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Scheduled on Saturdays: 2:30pm–3:15pm & 7:00pm–7:30pm; Thursdays 6:00–7:00pm Also available by appointment.

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

To request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick please contact the parish office.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

In case of emergency or if you have experienced the death of a family member, please call the Parish Office number at any time. If the office is closed, use menu option #3.

PRAYER CHAIN: 417-887-0600

Ext. 510 will connect you to Heather Hayes. Please leave contact information with the request.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

President: Mrs. Cyndi Clark Vice-President: Mr. Jacob Ham Secretary: Mrs. Emily Johnson



- PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (PCCW) President: Mrs. Dianne Hendley
- SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY President: Mr. David Moffis

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Grand Knight: Dr. Ralph Duda

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of Immaculate Conception Parish are a community of caring Christians. It is our desire to deepen our faith by freely giving our time, talents, and treasures as willing servants of Jesus Christ.



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Find Sunday in Ordinary 1110 February 4, 2024

> Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Carl Allison
Amiah Armstrong
Gerlie Belde
Rosemary Birmingham
Carolyn Bostic
Richard Bowen
Suzanne Bustos
Bill Cologna
Susan Craig
Gloria D'Alessandro
Mary Dobard
Sophia Griesbaum
Norma Herrera
Janice Hill
Mary N. Hoang
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Charles Ortiz Catherine Jolivette Cade Kornegay Jeffrey Ortiz Paula Kulbicki Margaret Pickett n Stan Lassen Louise Pumphrey Kay Maloney Angelina Ramirez Rhea Marcum Ron Rathbun Glenda Savard Alejandro Marquez Tom Savard Virginia Kay Martin Mary Jane McNamee Audrey Sunnenberg Tim Meyers Kathy Sunnenberg Joanna Michael Carlos Tomelleri Sandy Murphy Elizabeth Tomelleri Mary K. Nguyen Mike Wilkinson Tom Van Nguyen & those not listed who Susan Oakley are in need.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat. 1/27	2:30pm 7:00pm	Confessions		
	5:00pm	Dinner for Eight		
Mon. 1/29	6:30pm	RCIA Meeting		
Wed. 1/31	6:15pm	PSR		
	6:15pm	Youth Group (6-8)		
	7:00pm	Faith, Film & Fellowship		
	7:00pm	Choir Practice		
	7:30pm	Youth Group (high school)		
Thurs. 2/1	9:00am	Adoration		
	6:00pm	Confessions		
	7:00pm	Benediction		
Fri. 2/2	9:00am	Adoration		
	9:30am	Nifty Fifty		
	9:30am	Contemplative Prayer Group		
	1:00pm	Benediction		
	5:15pm	First Friday Fontis Confessions		
	6:00pm	First Friday Fontis Mass		
Sat. 2/3	10:00am	PCCW Board Meeting		
	2:30pm 7:00pm	Confessions		
	After 4pm Mass	Donut Sunday		

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan	uary 27th—St.	Angela Merici, Virgin
4:00рм	Vigil Mass	+ Francis Barnes
Sunday, Janu Catholic Scho	-	Sunday in Ordinary Time, Celebrate
7:00AM	Sunday Mass	+ Paul & Charlotte Rinkoski
9:00AM	Sunday Mass	Parish Family
11:00ам	Sunday Mass	+ Helen Petrillo
Monday, Janu	uary 29th—4th	Monday in Ordinary Time
6:30AM	Mass	+ Jo Ann Weaver
8:30AM	Mass	+ John Difatta
Tuesday, Jan	uary 30th—4th	Tuesday in Ordinary Time
6:30AM	Mass	Alicia Stone
8:30am	Mass	+ Paul Penn
Wednesday, J	anuary 31st—S	t. John Bosco, Priest
8:30AM	Mass	Mary K. Nguyen
6:30рм	Mass	+ Larry Gassel
Thursday, Fo	ebruary 1st—4t	h Thursday in Ordinary Time
6:30am	Mass	+ Phero Nguyen Doaz Chuyen
8:30AM	Mass	Lauren Lipscomb
Friday, Febru Consecrated	-	Presentation of the Lord, World Day for
6:30am	Mass	Janet Moentnish
8:30AM	Mass	Vocations
Saturday, Feb Bishop	oruary 3rd—St.	Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar,
4:00рм	Vigil Mass	+ Joe Struble
Sunday, Febr	uary 4th—5th S	Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00AM	Sunday Mass	Parish Family
9:00am	Sunday Mass	+ Mary Gessler
11:00AM	Sunday Mass	+ Aline Kadlec

INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURES

Any time Springfield Catholic School is cancelled due to bad weather, the Parish Office is also closed, and all events, meetings, PSR, RCIA, etc., that are scheduled for that day are cancelled as well. Mass is never cancelled, but please do not take risks. Always use your best judgment when coming to Mass on icy or snow-covered streets. Staying safe during those times should be your first and ONLY priority!

PARISH ROSARY ON SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 2023

St. Vincent de Paul had another busy year in 2023. We were able to operate our pantry all year long assisting around 40 to 50 different families per month.

In November, through our Adopt a Turkey Program, 251 families received food to prepare a home cooked Thanksgiving feast. The families assisted were those who visit the pantry, Pregnancy Care Center, Life House, and Sacred Heart Parish. In December we once again helped families with food and provided Sacred Heart with ingredients for a traditional tamale meal. We also provided gift cards to parishioners in need.

I know when you write a check or donate to St. Vincent de Paul you have questions about how this money is spent. For the year ending December 31, 2023, we spent around \$40,000.00 keeping the pantry stocked and another \$20,500.00 for Thanksgiving and Christmas food. We spent another \$3,000.00 on gift cards which were made available to the Church Office for those needing immediate assistance.

The Church is very often asked for help with utilities, rent, auto repairs and cab fares. Last year these miscellaneous items totaled close to \$15,000.00.

This year during the "Stuff the Turkey" drive our amazing students collected over 8,000 pounds of food to help stock the pantry. I want to thank Michelle Goldsberry for taking the lead in organizing the contest for the students, which in turn benefits the pantry.

Looking ahead to 2024, I see another busy year with more families visiting our pantry and food prices continuing to rise. None of this mission could happen without your donations! Thank you! We at SVDP are very fortunate to be a part of the Immaculate Conception Parish as well as our Immaculate Conception School.

Thanks again to everyone who makes this all happen and Dianne Hendley for your continued help in keeping track of all the pantry needs. Above all, thanks to everyone who makes a contribution to our Immaculate Conception SVDP.

As always. God Bless. Dave Moffis

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Make a good marriage great! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is the perfect way to renew, refresh, and reignite your marital relationship. Sign up for a weekend experience on March 15-17, 2024, held in a choice of two diocesan locations: Carthage and Cape Girardeau. For more information and to register online, go to the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website, located at <u>https://wwme.org/</u>.

MAINTENANCE DONATIONS REQUESTED

Many thanks to all who contribute to our Maintenance fund. This past year we have replaced two air conditioner units in the school. Now the heating units in the Choir Room and the Gathering Area need to be replaced. The bid to replace these units is \$23,000. If you are able to donate to help with this unexpected expense, please make your donations out to Immaculate Conception with "Maintenance" in the memo area or contact Janet Moentnish at 417-887-0600, ext. 517.

Additionally, your Maintenance donations will help with expenses incurred, beyond what insurance covered, for the repairs from the flood last July. Those repairs are currently underway!

IC'<u>S LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY</u>

The Gospel of Mark Part 1 begins in February

One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

~Matthew 4:4

Come study the Word of God with fellow parishioners! All are welcome! Bring your friends!

IC's upcoming study (six weekly sessions) covers the first half of the Gospel of Mark. The remaining part will be studied in the fall.

When? Thursday mornings (10:15-noon) **OR** evenings (6:45-8:30) (but it's better to come 15 minutes early for snacks and fellowship!)

Beginning February 15 (the day after Ash Wednesday) through March 21 (the Thursday before Palm Sunday).

The Study can be a meaningful part of your Lenten journey this year.

The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four gospels, the first gospel written, and is considered to be told from the perspective of St. Peter. It is also the gospel being used in our current cycle of Mass readings.

Mark's Gospel is as radical and relevant today as when it was written. Come to Scripture Study to reflect on the life of Jesus. Come to get to know Him better and in new ways. Come to grow closer to Him.

Sign-ups will be in the Gathering Area after Masses the weekends of February 3-4 and 10-11. If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Jersak at maureenjersak@gmail.com or 417-840-6483.



SPRINGFIELD-AREA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RELIGIOUS APPRECIATION DINNER FEBRUARY 13, 2024



In gratitude for your ministry and life of service to the Church in our diocese, the Springfield-Area Knights of Columbus Councils #698 and #9533 and their Ladies Auxiliaries invite all

KC's, Clergy & Religious Sisters to their **Annual Clergy** and **Religious Sisters Appreciation Dinner** on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, in the Knights of Columbus Hall -Diamond Room at 2340 W. Grand St., Springfield, Missouri. Pre-Dinner Social: 6:30pm; Dinner: 7:00pm; Entertainment: 7:45pm.

We look forward to celebrating you and sharing a delicious meal together as we enter into the holy season of Lent. Please RSVP for you or your Congregation by emailing: Sarah Pittman at spittman@dioscg.org or by calling: 417-866-0841.

Knights of Columbus who plan to attend please RSVP to either <u>spittman@dioscg.org</u>; <u>blindpit@gmail.com</u>; or <u>ronald8791@proton.me</u>. Knights will pay \$30/per person and can pay at the door that evening. Please include your spouse's name and the name of your Council in the email. There is no charge for the Clergy and Religious.

UPCOMING DISCERNMENT RETREATS:

There are three opportunities for discernment for high school or young men considering the priesthood coming up in the next couple of months.

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is offering a Discernment Retreat for men ages 18-35, over President's Day Weekend, February 9 - 11. Type in <u>stlvocations.org</u>, scroll down, and click on that event to register.

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary will also offer a high school retreat to learn about the seminary on the weekend of Palm Sunday, March 22-24. Again, type in <u>stlvocations.org</u> and scroll down to that event to register.

Finally, Conception Seminary in northern Missouri will hold its spring "Encounter With God's Call," April 20-22. Visit Encounter With God's Call – Conception Seminary College and click to register.



Starting February 7, Faith, Film and Fellowship will offer "The Rescue Project" a nine-part series on the gospel story led by Fr. John Riccardo.

This powerful series looks at what's going on in the world today through a lens quite different than the modern-day secular version and offers an explanation and the solution through the good news of the gospel.

It does this by asking and answering The Four Big Questions:

- Why is there something, rather than nothing?
- Why is everything so obviously messed up?
- What, if anything, has God done about it?
- And if he's done anything, how should I respond?

This is what others are saying about The Rescue Project:

 \cdot I feel challenged because I've NEVER heard Jesus preached to me like this.

 \cdot I wanted it to never end.

• I am a Christian man who has been returned to a life of purpose as a son of God and brother of Christ that I allowed to slip away a few years ago.

· I recommend tissues and a seat belt.

 \cdot The Rescue Project continues to be the greatest series I've ever seen or been part of.

 \cdot This is the first time I have heard the gospel in a way that resonated in my masculine heart.

Because the timing roughly coincides with the Lenten Season, a great activity for Lent would be attending Wednesday evening Mass at 6:30 followed by gathering with us in the Community Room to watch this outstanding series. Refreshments will be served.



Request Cards for Mass Intentions and for Memorial Remembrances are available in the Gathering Area

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2023								
Envelopes:	\$	17,405.27	St. Vincent de Paul	\$	452.00	Masses	\$	225.00
Plate:	\$	1,444.25	Maintenance and Repair	\$	11,525.00	Latin America	\$	45.00
Weekly total:	\$	18,849.52	Sponsor –A –Child	\$	557.00	DONATE ONLINE AT		ſ
Annual Budget:	\$	1,090,000.00	The Mirror	\$	28.00		org	
Year-to-Date Collection:	\$	566,076.15	IC Home Missions	\$	125.00			
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	628,846.20	Votives	\$	105.00			
9.99% below Income YTD budget - Need \$20,961.54 weekly to meet budget								



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FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Friday, February 2

This feast began in the fourth century Jerusalem and was celebrated in Rome by the fifth century. In the Eastern Church, it is called "The Meeting of Jesus and Mary" with Simeon and Anna, representatives of the Old Testament. In the Middle Ages, the feast was called Candlemas and was celebrated with a candle blessing and procession. It is in this tradition that the Church continues today to bless candles on this day at Mass. We invite you to honor Jesus and Mary by your attendance at Mass on this day; Masses will be at 6:30am and 8:30am. If you do not have a blessed candle for your home, this is a good time to obtain one. Blessed candles will be available in the Gathering Area Friday and over the weekend.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR Saturday, February 3

We celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise on Saturday, February 3. St. Blaise was the Bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Licinius in the fourth century. According to legend, St. Blaise miraculously cured a boy who was choking to death on a fish bone. St. Blaise has long been associated with cures for afflictions of the throat. The blessing of throats with crossed candles takes place on this day in his memory. May we not fear to reach out to bless and heal those in our society whose throats are closed and whose voices are disregarded or silenced. Blessing of throats will take place after the Mass on Saturday, February 3 and after each Mass on Sunday, February 4.

Springfield Catholic Schools

OPEN HOUSE—See for yourself the great benefits of a Catholic school education! Springfield Catholic High School will host an Open House Wednesday, February 7, 2024, from 3:30 to 5:00pm. Prospective students and their families are invited to meet teachers and students, discover the many high school opportunities available, and learn more about what makes Springfield Catholic the best! **Email Jeanne Skahan** at jskahan@scspk12.org if you have more questions.

www.feedthepoorhungryhomeless.com

SIP. SAVOR. SUPPORT A CAUSE.

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri is excited to announce its new event series, A Taste of CCSOMO! Join us on Tuesday, February 13, at 6:30pm for a wine and charcuterie tasting focused on Italian wines. We're excited to host a night of good company, delicious food, and the chance to make a positive impact. We encourage you to bring friends and family members who may be interested in learning more about CCSOMO.

Spaces are limited. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at <u>ccsomo.org/taste-of-ccsomo</u> or by calling 417-720-4213. Please contact Suzanne Cronkhite for questions or more information (<u>scronkhite@ccsomo.org</u>).



Join the Mothers' Shrine for a unique series designed just for Catholic Moms!

Scheduled, priced, and created to fit your busy mom-life: All sessions are hosted live on Zoom, so you can join virtually from anywhere.

Facilitated and designed by Jenna Mayo, professional coach and Catholic mom. Participants will walk away from this program gaining self-confidence and empowered in their faith.



LEARN MORE AND REGISTER:

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The 5th Annual

Featuring

Justin Fatica

Justin's powerful message will be a wake-up call to embrace new possibilities, break out of mediocrity, and live a life of authentic joy. Get ready - God wants to do something amazing in your life!



Saturday Feb. 24, 2024 at Springfield Catholic High School Register for free now! www.CatholicConference.men @SOMOMensCon

SACRED HEART'S COLD WEATHER SHELTER

Sacred Heart's Cold Weather Shelter offers 2 hot meals and a safe warm bed to 25 homeless when the temps are freezing. We need help with cooking/serving dinner 6-8:30pm, overnight supervision 7pm-7am, and/or cooking/serving breakfast 5:30-8am. For more details or to volunteer, call/text Marilyn Batson at 417-827-6388 or email at <u>13isit@sbcglobal.net</u>. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve others as Jesus served during his time on earth.

