# 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 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 29, 2019

"… Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt …"

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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

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God Holyday of Obligtion Tuesday: December 31, 3019—5:30 PM Wednesday: January 1, 20202—9:00 AM

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH—DECEMBER 29, 2019

#### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### Sunday, December 29th—

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM Sunday Masses 8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel 9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB Monday, December 30th 6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL 6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL 5:30PM Holyday Mass—CHURCH

7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB

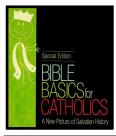
#### Wednesday, January 1st

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Parish Offices Closed 9:00am Holyday Mass—church

#### Thursday, January 2nd

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass-CHAPEL NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL 7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB Friday, January 3rd 6:20AM Mass-CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass-CHAPEL 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration—CHAPEL NOON—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL **1:00AM Benediction**—CHAPEL Saturday, January 4th—Sunday Vigil 9:00AM Heavenly Dusters cleaning church 2:30PM—3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH 4:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass 7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH Sunday, January 5th—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



Our Christmas Gift to you will be available at all the Christmas Masses: Bible Basics for Catholics by John Bergsma— A New Picture of Salvation History *"You will come to see the Bible in a whole* 

new light" From the foreward by Scott Hahn.

#### Bishop Rice's December Prayer Intention

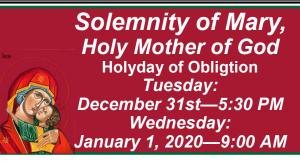
"May we remove from our hearts anything that would keep us from receiving Christ this Christmas."



#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Monday, December 30th

6:20AM + Philomene Nguyen & Relatives 8:30AM + Steve Perrone Tuesday, December 31st—St. Sylvester I, Pope 6:20AM + Jake Goheen 8:30AM + Larry Dees Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God **Holvday Mass** 5:30PM + John Montgomery Wednesday, January 1st— Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God **Holvday Mass** 9:00AM The Parish Family Thursday, January 2nd— Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & **Doctors of the Church** 6:20AM Andrew Conklin (Int.) 8:30AM + Matt Daily Friday, January 3rd—Holy Name of Jesus 6:20AM + Margaret Brockman 8:30AM + Betty Jane Henderschott Saturday, Vigil Mass, January 4th 4:00PM + Jeanne Donovan Sunday, January 5th—Epiphany of the Lord Ted & Judy Esswein (Int.) 7:00AM 9:00AM + Gordon Weidelman 11:00AM The Parish Family



Let us pray in the name of Jesus, born of a virgin and Son of God Father source of light in every age, the Virgin conceived and bore your Son who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace.

May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love, be your people's joy through all ages. May her response, born of a humble heart draw your Spirit to rest on your people. Grant this throgh Christ our Lord. Amen

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...**

#### **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 5, 2020** Isaiah 60: 1-6/ Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3: 2-3A, 5-6/ Matthew 2: 1-12

#### **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 Jake Goheen 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.

#### **Request Cards**

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



# 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.

#### www.ic-parish.org

**Men's Prayer Group Meeting** 



Our next meeting will be Sunday night, December 28th, 7:00PM. The Rosary (optional) will be prayed at 6:30PM in Community Room B.

Contact Bruce Horine at 417.833.7913 with questions.

# From Father Tom's Desk

#### <u>Jesus' Flight to Egypt</u>



It was Christmas and the Pastor had planned a visit to a Pre-School Sunday School class. The teacher, wanting to impress the pastor had the each child draw a picture of some part of the Christmas story. The teacher put the art work on the wall; the preacher came and he was impressed as he identified each drawing's meaning. There was one with a barn and a man and a woman. It was obvious that this was Joseph, Mary, and Jesus at the manger. Another had sheep, men, and angels in the sky. The Shepherd scene he concluded. Another had a caravan with camels and a star in the sky. This was wise men seeking the Christ child.

But one puzzled him. It was an airplane with three figures going up the steps boarding the plane and one other figure in the cockpit. He thought and thought until he had to ask what it meant. The artist spoke up, "It's Jesus' flight to Egypt." Ok said the pastor but who is that up front? "Oh, That's Pontius the pilot."

Traditional. Revised by Brett Blair

#### The Work of Christmas

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the kings and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flock, The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost, To heal the broken, To feed the hungry, To release the prisoner, To rebuild the nations, To bring peace among brothers, To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman



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.

# 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 7<sup>th</sup>. The "Kick-Off Party" will be Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed from Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00AM to Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> after the 9:00AM Mass for Christmas. The Chapel will be open to pray before the Tabernacle.

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.





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

#### YEAR END CHARITABLE GIVING



More than half of all charitable giving is made at the end of the year. Why? It is the time of year when we express thanks for the

many blessings we have received. It is the time when we review our finances and do our tax planning. It is the best time to remind parishioners that you can help the mission and activities of our parish through your generosity.

As you consider your end-of-year donations, please consider a gift to Immaculate Conception Parish. Won't you consider a year-end-gift to your parish?

#### www.feedthepoorhungryhomeless.com

#### Administrative Assistant Position—The Catholic Center

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. Qualified individuals will have excellent writing and grammar skills as well as verbal communication skills in person and on the phone, proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite including Excel, Access, and Publisher, proficiency in using the Internet, and the ability to perform day-to-day office tasks.

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**.

#### KNIGHTS STRIKING OUT FOR THE KITCHEN"

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Knights of Columbus "Knights Striking Out for The Kitchen" Bowl-a-Thon Sunday, January 19, 2020 1:00PM—4:00PM Enterprise Park Lanes, Sunshine Lanes \* Springfield, MO Century Lane \* Nixa, MO For further information contact: Dean Arens - 417.844.1293 / John Clarke - 417.880.4292

#### **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 www.ccsomo.org/employment

#### **POSITION OPEN AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER**

DIOCESAN SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS - The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau has an 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 and resume to Janet L. Smith, Chancellor, 601 S. Jefferson, Springfield, MO, 65806. You may also 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, have a Master's degree in School Administration (or be working towards it) with 3-5 years of Catholic school experience. Administrative experience preferred. Please contact Anne Buckley at the Catholic Center, 417.866.0841, abuckley@dioscg.org to request an application packet.

# HOSPITALIZATION—CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 417.887.0600

#### SUNDAY ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL—8:30 AM

#### THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED & THOSE WHO WILL SERVE

The Diocesan-wide Christmas collection will be used for the needs of our seminarians and retired Diocesan priests. Even though we have recently completed a Diocesan Endowment Campaign for these needs, many of those pledges will not be completed for a few years, making this collection still necessary at this time. In this time of giving, we ask you to share a portion of the gifts you have been given to support our future clergy and those men who have devoted their lives to the Church. If you will be out of town over Christmas, please consider using the envelope packet the next weekend.

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND of December 21/22, 2019

Envelopes: Plate: Weekly Total: <b>Weekly Need to Meet Budget:</b>	\$ <u>\$</u> \$	19,058.25 <u>1,423.37</u> <u>20,481.37</u> <b>20,840.39</b>
Annual Budgeted Collection: Year-to-Date Budget: Year-to-date Collection:	\$ \$ (4.83	1,099,956.00 528,825.00 503,248.81 % below budget)

Sponsor a child\$Parish Repair & Maintenance:\$St. Vincent de Paul\$Children's Christmas\$





