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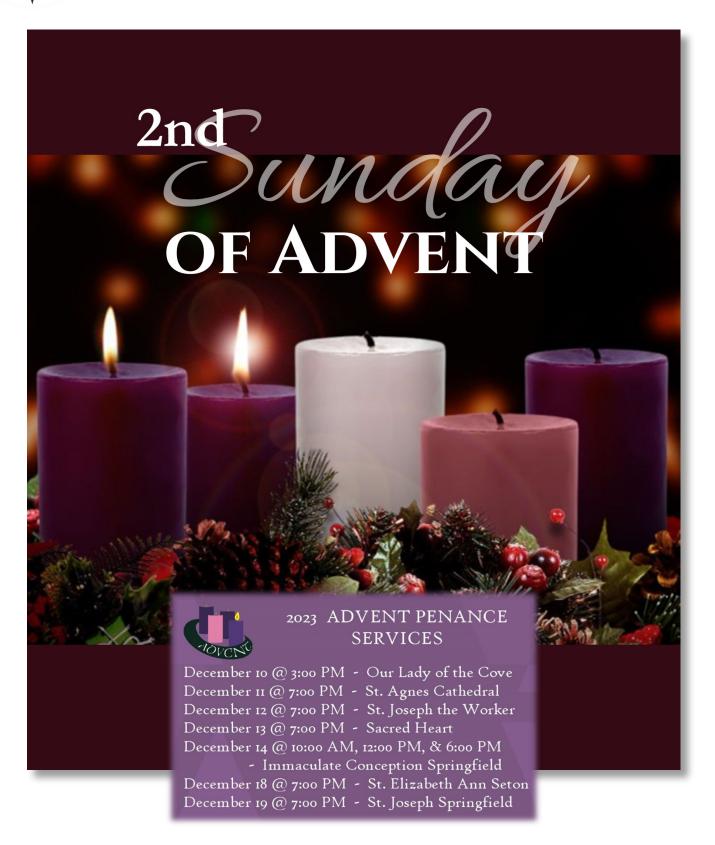


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#### **SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **SUNDAY MASSES**

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

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 6:30<sub>am</sub> Monday-Friday: 8:30<sub>am</sub> & Wednesday: 6:30<sub>pm</sub>

#### 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



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**

#### Third Sunday of Advent December 17, 2023

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b) 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

#### PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

OFCOMING EVENTS							
Sat. 12/9	7:00am	Men's Breakfast					
Mon. 12/11	6:00pm	KofC Business Meeting					
	6:30pm	RCIA					
	6:30pm	SVdP Meeting					
Tues, 12/12	5:30pm	PCCW Christmas Party					
Wed. 12/13	6:15pm	PSR					
	6:15pm	Youth (6-8)					
	7:00pm	Faith, Film & Fellowship					
	7:00pm	Choir Practice					
	7:30pm	Youth (high school)					
Thurs. 12/14	8:45am	RCCW Meeting					
	9:00am	Adoration					
	11:00am	RCCW Mass					
	6:00pm	Confessions					
	7:00pm	Benediction					
	7:00pm	Fontis					
Fri. 12/15	9:00am	Contemplative Prayer Group					
	11:00am	PCCW fruit basket assembly					
Sun. 12/17	After all Masses	KofC Parish Breakfast					
	8:45am	Confirmation—Sponsor Session					
	7:00pm	Christmas Novena					

#### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, December 9th—St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

4:00PM Vigil Mass + Carl & Marge Vonnahme

#### Sunday, December 10th—2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM Sunday Mass + Paul & Michelle Sisco & family

9:00AM Sunday Mass Parish Family
11:00AM Sunday Mass + Msgr. Harry Schlitt

#### Monday, December 11th—St. Damasus I, Pope

6:30AM Mass George Mathew 8:30AM Mass Ron Siever

#### Tuesday, December 12th—Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:30AM Mass + Larry Baughman 8:30AM Mass + Denise Hooker

#### Wednesday, December 13th—St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:30AM Mass + Phil Reisenleiter 6:30PM Mass + Charla Berkely

#### Thursday, December 14th—St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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6:30AM Mass + Fr. Donald Grabner

8:30AM Mass Vicky Carter

#### Friday, December 15th—2nd Friday of Advent

6:30AM Mass Vocations 8:30AM Mass + Evelyn Koesler

#### Saturday, December 16th—2nd Saturday of Advent

4:00PM Vigil Mass + Kathy Lukavich

#### Sunday, December 17th—3rd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM Sunday Mass + John Sisco 9:00AM Sunday Mass + Dorothy O'Neill 11:00AM Sunday Mass Parish Family

#### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**



Christmas Eve 4:00pm, 7:00pm & 11:00pm

Christmas Day 9:00am & 11:00am

Parish Christmas Dinner following 11:00am Mass

#### **ADVENT**

The season of advent began Sunday, December 3. Advent is a time of preparation, a time of spiritual renewal. In our consumer society, where the Christmas decorations go up immediately after Halloween, and where the Christmas lighting starts on Thanksgiving, if not before, it takes a little doing to keep focused on the purpose of advent.

We invite you to make this advent a meaningful one by personal prayer and refection. We encourage you to attend daily mass if at all possible or at least one extra daily mass each week. We suggest spending extra time in prayer and reflection.

We encourage you to attend our advent penance times on Thursday, December 14th at 10am, 12pm, and 6pm and consider making contributions for the various projects for the poor.

#### **PCCW CHRISTMAS DINNER**

PCCW Christmas Dinner is Tuesday, December 12th. Social hour begins at 5:30pm, followed by dinner at 6pm. For those who have RSVP'd, please bring a Christmas card for your prayer partner (with your birthdate written inside) and two dozen cookies.

#### **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

Immaculate Conception would like to invite all parishioners to our Christmas dinner after the 11am Mass on Monday, December 25th. Please call the parish office, 417-887-0600, with your RSVP or to let us know if you would like to help serve.

#### **CHRISTMAS NOVENA**

The Christmas Novena offers a half-hour haven of peace during a season which moves at such a frantic pace. Come experience the spiritual benefit of this novena prayer during such a hectic time of year. Whether you are able to attend one evening, several, or all the evenings. Your attendance at the novena will be one of the best gifts you give yourself for Christmas.

Join us for our Christmas Novena at 7:00pm December 17th– December 23rd

#### **2024 CATHOLIC CALENDARS**

Every home should have a Catholic calendar. Our Church calendar is sponsored by Herman Lohmeyer Funeral home. We are most thankful to them for providing these beautiful calendars that promote extension home missions in the U.S. Pick up your calendar this weekend in the gathering area!

Thanks, Herman Lohmeyer Funeral home!

#### ANGEL TREE GIFTS

Please take an Angel home with you and return your thoughtful gift to the Angel Tree by December 16th/17th.

Angel gifts are needed for infants, girls, boys, women, and men. (New items please.)

Suggested Items:
infant, child & adult clothing,
other items such as hats, gloves, boots, shoes,
(gift certificates) educational books, puzzles,
and games.

If you wrap your gift, attach your Angel to the gift wrapped package with the following information: the size and for whom.

Our gifts will be given to families in need: in our parish, at Sacred Heart Church in Springfield, and the homeless.

Your generous gifts are greatly appreciated!

#### PARISH ROSARY ON SUNDAYS AT 8:30AM

#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

As a special way to remember or honor your loved ones, we have the opportunity to purchase Christmas Flowers in their name. In your envelopes that were mailed to you for the month of December, you should have received a "Christmas Flower" envelope. On the back of the envelope there is a spot to write in the names of a deceased loved one you wish to remember or a spot to write in someone's name you wish to honor. If you are wanting your name, along with your loved one's name published in the Christmas weekend bulletin, please submit your envelope or check by Sunday December 17th.

#### SACRED HEART HOUSE BLESSING



It is our hope that you would welcome us into your home for a short visit to share in a moment of prayer and to bless and dedicate your home to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We have picked a special image of the Sacred Heart that we will leave with you to be placed

in a prominent area of your home.

To become true people of prayer it is important to knowingly embrace our fellow parishioners. We are looking forward to enshrining your home to the Sacred Heart.

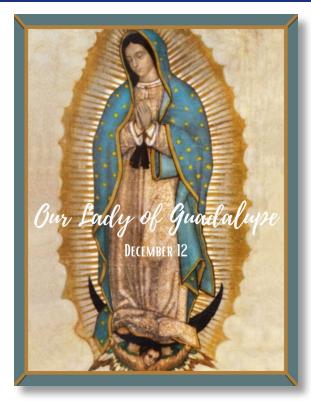
Please call Heather Hayes at 417-887-0600 to schedule your visit.

~Fr. Tom and Fr. Peirano

#### KOFC PARISH BREAKFAST

Please join us for breakfast after all Masses on Sunday, December 17th. Knights of Columbus, Council 13681, makes the BEST breakfast casseroles and you don't want to miss out!

Donations gladly accepted!



#### 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 13isit@sbcglobal.net. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve others as Jesus served during his time on earth.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THANK YOU!

Congratulations to the Grand Prize winner, Richard Struckhoff, who won a \$5,000 trip of choice in the Knights of Columbus raffle last month! And also congratulations to Josh Hartman who won the \$1,000 cash 2nd Prize!

Thank you to the parishioners of IC for your generosity and for making the raffle a huge success!

#### **DINNER FOR EIGHT 2024 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 2024 must sign up by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

New this year- if you would like to join a group that only meets for brunch or lunch, please note that when you contact me.

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.

End-of-Year Giving: Almost half of all charitable giving is made during the last two months of the year. It is a time to give thanks for the blessings we've received. It is also a time to review finances and do tax planning. Consider a gift to Immaculate Conception Church as part of your year-end planning. Your donation can reduce your year-end tax burden and positively impact your parish family. To make a gift, go to <a href="www.ic-parish.org/Resources/Online-Giving">www.ic-parish.org/Resources/Online-Giving</a>, or contact Janet Moentnish at 417-887-0600. Thank you and may God Bless you with a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

# DONATE ONLINE AT www.ic-parish.org



YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3, 2023								
Envelopes:	\$	22,529.27	St. Vincent de Paul	\$	790.00	SCS Annual Fund	\$	50.00
Plate:	\$	1,623.10	Maintenance and Repair	\$	9,958.00	Seminary	\$	95.00
Weekly total:	\$	24,152.37	Sponsor –A –Child	\$	305.00	IC Home Missions	\$	80.00
Annual Budget:	\$	1,090,000.00	Catholic Charities	\$	155.00	Seminary	\$	95.00
Year-to-Date Collection:	\$	415,314.08	Masses	\$	110.00	Immaculate Conception	\$	95.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	482,115.42	Votives	\$	123.00	Solemnity of Mary	\$	55.00

13.86% below income budget - Need \$20,961.53 weekly to meet budget

# Youth Ministries

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### 6-8 Youth

Wed, Dec 13, 6:15-7:30pm Youth Room

#### **HS Youth**

Wed, Dec 13, 7:30-8:30pm IPII Room

#### **Confirmation: Sponsor Session**

Sun, Dec 17, 8:45-10:45am Cafeteria

## IC Youth Advent Service Night Grades 6-12

Wed, Dec 20 6:15-7:30pm Youth Room



## Advent Activities for kids ages 5-12!

Sign up to receive daily activities for kids and families! Get coloring pages, crossword puzzles, word searches, videos, and more! See the youth table in the gathering area for a sample and/or signup using the QR code.





#### Registration

This is the 50th year of Camp Re-NEW-All!

Online registration opens:

Wednesday, December 13, 3:30pm.

For more information, pick up a brochure from the youth table in the gathering area.



## Attention prayer warriors! We need you!

Join our prayer ministry! There are no meetings, just prayers for our youth! Information & signup are in the gathering area, use the OR code, or contact Mani.



Partner: Claret Cold Weather Shelter Sacred Heart - Springfield

IC Youth needs your help!

We are collecting items for the cold weather homeless shelter at Sacred Heart here in Springfield. On December 20, our IC youth will be putting together cold weather kits, hygiene kits, and snack kits using the requested items.

If you would like to join us in this project, use the QR code to sign up for some items & bring them to the church office by:

#### Friday, December 15

We would greatly appreciate your contribution!



#### Please pray for our confirmands

Jack, Lupe, Selena, Yohann, Maria, Alivia, George, Norah, Isabel, Claire, Connor, Mason, Ana, Hayden, Zach, Gillian, Annaliese, Charlie, Seville, Peter, Mary, Logan, Drew, Troy

Confirmation Date: August 24, 2024

#### **Youth Ministry Contact:**

Mani Brockmeyer mbrockmeyer@ic-parish.org or 887-0600



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Phone: 417.861.8997

## DIOCESAN SACRED HEART PILGRIMAGE CHALLENGE

In honor of this special anniversary, Bishop Edward M. Rice has invited all parishioners of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau to participate in a pilgrimage to all 12 parishes named after the Sacred Heart. Limited Edition Sacred Heart "Passports" are available to be downloaded and printed off at home with each parish and location listed.

At each parish, you will find a Sacred Heart Station where you can stamp your passport, find a prayer guide to use during your visit, sign the guest book, and take home resources to grow your devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Participate in this fruitful (and fun!) pilgrimage across our beautiful diocese with your family, friends, classmates, or on your own!

The Sacred Heart Passport & Pilgrimage will be ongoing from December 27, 2023 – December 27, 2024. When you've completed the Pilgrimage by collecting all 12 stamps on your passport, simply mail it in to the diocese and receive a special gift, certificate of completion, and letter from Bishop Rice.



## DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



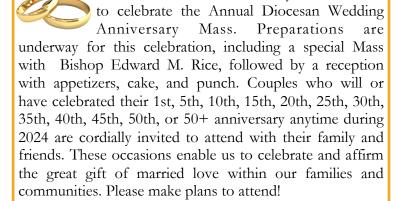
The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill the position of Diocesan Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

To request an application packet, including a detailed job description, please contact Doug Kissinger at The Catholic Center, <a href="mailto:dkissinger@dioscg.org">dkissinger@dioscg.org</a> or call 417-866-0841.

## ANNUAL DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 1:00pm St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield

The Diocesan Office of Family Life is excited



Couples are requested to pre-register for this event so that food and gifts may be ordered in advance. Please register no later than January 19, 2024, by calling the Parish Office at 417-887-0600 to request a form and mailing it to Kim Brayman in the Office of Family Life, 601 S. Jefferson, Springfield, MO 65806-3143, or email the information to kbrayman@dioscg.org.



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