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## **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**"Everyone is  
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**February 7, 2021**

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## **Sunday & Weekday Mass Schedule**

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Sunday: 7:00AM; 9:00AM; & 11:00AM

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00PM

*Drive-through Holy Communion after the  
Saturday 4PM Mass & Sunday 9AM Mass*

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 6:30AM

Wednesday: 6:30PM

Monday – Friday: 8:30AM

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday: 2:30PM—3:15PM &

7:00PM—7:30PM in the Chapel

*Please enter through the Main Church  
and proceed to the Chapel hallway on your right.*

### **Sunday Mass—Livestreamed**

9:00AM Sunday

### **Weekday Masses—Livestreamed**

8:30AM: Monday—Friday

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

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Please call the Parish Office.

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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  
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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.

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—FEBRUARY 7, 2021

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE MAIN CHURCH

**Sunday, February 7th**—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Marriage Week

7:00AM SUNDAY MASS

8:30AM Rosary

8:45AM Confirmation Class—CRA

9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—LIVESTREAMED

11:00AM SUNDAY MASS

11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

**Monday, February 8th**—St. Jerome Emiliani;

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

6:30AM Daily Mass

8:30AM Daily Mass—4th & 5th Grades—LIVESTREAMED

6:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:00PM RCIA—CRA

**Tuesday, February 9th**—

6:30AM Daily Mass

8:30AM Daily Mass—1ST, 2ND & 3RD GRADES—

LIVESTREAMED

**Wednesday, February 10th**—Saint Scholastica, Virgin

8:30AM Daily Mass—

6th, 7th, & 8th Grades—LIVESTREAMED

6:30PM Daily Mass

6:15PM Parish School of Religion

6:30PM Youth Group Grades 6th—8th

**Thursday, February 11th**—Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30AM Daily Mass

8:30AM All Schools Mass —LIVESTREAMED

**Friday, February 12th**—

6:30AM Daily Mass

8:30AM Daily Mass—LIVESTREAMED

**Saturday, February 13th**—Sunday Vigil

2:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00PM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS

7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Sunday, February 14th**—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM SUNDAY MASS

8:30AM Rosary

9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—LIVESTREAMED

11:00AM SUNDAY MASS

11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

6:00PM High School Youth Group—CRA

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, February 8th** — St. Jerome Emiliani;

St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

6:30AM + Steve Michael

8:30AM + Joseph Tuan Nguyen

**Tuesday, February 9th** —

6:30AM + Roberta Castellano

8:30AM Sonja Samala (Int.)

**Wednesday, February 10th** — St Scholastica, Virgin

8:30AM + Flor Rivera

6:30PM Sandy DeFrank (Int.)

**Thursday, February 11th**—Our Lady of Lourdes

6:30AM Luke Hair (Int)

8:30AM + Ron Siever

**Friday, February 12th**—

6:30AM + John Brahm

8:30AM + Kathy Lukavich

**Saturday, Vigil Mass February 13th**—

4:00PM + Procop, Mary, and Jake Francka

**Sunday, February 14th**—

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM The Parish Family

9:00AM Leonie Rivera (Int.)

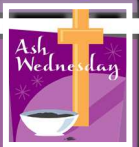
11:00AM + Bill Horton

# LENT

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## ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES—FEBRUARY 17TH

6:30AM; 8:30AM (ALL SCHOOL MASS);  
12:00NOON (SIMPLE SOUP LUNCHEON);  
5:30PM (YOUTH FISH FRY)



## FRIDAYS OF LENT

6:30PM Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament

7:00PM Stations of the Cross  
& Benediction



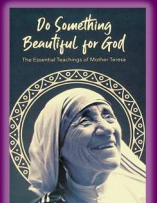
## LITTLE BLACK BOOK

Six-minute meditations on the  
Sunday Gospels of Lent

## DO SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD

"The Essential Teachings of  
Mother Teresa"

Rice Bowls: FOR LENT FOR LIFE



## INTO THE BREACH

Showing the 10-12 Minute  
Videos after the 6:30PM

Wednesday Masses beginning on Ash Wednesday.

**Men:** "The devil wants to destroy your family.  
But, he has to come through you."

"Not only does God have a plan for your life,  
so does Satan."

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46/ Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:16-19, 22-23

Mark 1:40-45

### PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Matt Rosebrough, Mary Ann Davis, Delores Bauer, Dorothy Francois, Mike Wilkens, Dan Comoroski, John Carpenter, Cheryl Haik, Dorothy Pfaff, Mark Stark, George Preisinger, Francis Barnes, Anne Davies, Stephen Kiely, Donald Borneman, Sherri Hawkins, Janice Hill, Sophia Griesbaum, Cora Gumucio, Steve Schoen, Nick, Angie, Laura Seemuth, Gerald Martin, Eloise Fetter, Gerri Klesel, Tony Klesel, Corine Larson, Mary Miller, Katie, Jan Royster, Nicole Zangrilli, Tom Johnson, and all who need more prayers.

We also remember in prayer all healthcare professionals, those providing essential services, all who are battling chronic illnesses, COVID-19 victims, the homebound, and all of us who are in isolation.

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

### THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in prayers our faithful departed: Frances Marie Walz, the mother of Dr. Bradley (Peggy) Walz, and 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.*

SATURDAY—FEBRUARY 20, 2021

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## From Father Tom's Desk



### Personal Prayer Time

We live in a hi-tech, fast pace, workaholic world where no one rests. We are constantly on the road, running errands, going places. We stuff ourselves with "fast food," overbook our lives with a myriad of things to do, and at the end of the day we are totally exhausted. We live (and die) by the clock. We are controlled by the need to produce. Time is money, time is how we keep in control of our lives. We resist quiet time by keeping the radios, televisions and computers on. The very thought of being alone, praying, scares us to death. We want professionals to do that for us. We haven't learned that relaxation and meditation breaks will empower us to do even greater things. Thus, we continue to be busy. Consequently we are on a path to self-destruction, unable to help others, let alone help ourselves.

I know that I need to build in personal prayer time, time to relax, time to "get away." This story has reminded me to make time for myself a high priority. But, I have also learned something more important. The story tells us that Jesus took time away to pray and be refreshed. That is explicit. What we fail to see is that Jesus set aside this time to yield to the power of God. I believe we need to learn to yield to the power of God too. That means being free from all other distractions so that God can empower us and refresh us. Then and only then can we help others as the power of God flows through us.

*Keith Wagner, Help Me, I'm Falling!*

### All Our Strength

The story is told of a little boy and his father. They were walking along a road when they came across a large stone. The boy looked at the stone and thought about it a little. Then he asked his father, "Do you think if I use all my strength, I can move that rock?"

The father thought for a moment and said, "I think that if you use all your strength, you can do it."

That was all the little boy needed. He ran over to the rock and began to push on it. He pushed and he pushed, so hard did he try that little beads of sweat appeared on his forehead. But the rock didn't move — not an inch, not half an inch.

After a while, the little boy sat down on the ground. His face had fallen. His whole body seemed to be just a lump there on the earth. "You were wrong," he told his dad. "I can't do it."

His father walked over to him, knelt beside him, and put his arm around the boy's shoulder. "You can do it," he said. "You just didn't use all your strength. You didn't ask me to help."

The world in which we live tells us that it is all up to us. It tells us that we have to be strong and independent. It tells us we can't and shouldn't count on anyone or anything else. And yet, what faith tells us and what Jews and Christians have known forever is that we have a ready resource in God, strength for those who ask.

*Donald M. Tuttle*

*Father Tom*

### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED for the Week of January 24, 2021

|                             |                 |                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Envelopes:                  | \$ 12,777.27    | Masses                      | \$ 220.00   |
| Plate:                      | \$ 272.00       | Parish Repair & Maintenance | \$ 810.00   |
| Weekly Total:               | \$ 13,049.27    | St. Vincent de Paul         | \$ 100.00   |
|                             |                 | Latin America               | \$ 525.00   |
| Annual Budgeted Collection: | \$ 1,119,956.00 | Home Missions               | \$ 260.00   |
| Year-to-Date Budget:        | \$ 646,128.60   | Special Gifts               | \$ 1,500.00 |
| Year-to-date Collection:    | \$ 521,203.94   | Votive Candles              | \$ 35.00    |
| (19.33% below budget)       |                 |                             |             |

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### **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT** **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL**

Springfield Catholic Schools is seeking an **Assistant Principal for Immaculate Conception School**. Immaculate Conception is one of four schools in the Springfield Catholic Schools System and offers classes from Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, with a current enrollment of approximately 440 students.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Leadership in Community of Faith
- Implementation of organizational development
- Supervision of extra-curricular activities

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Must be an active, practicing Catholic.
- 5 years teaching experience in an elementary (K-8) school.
- Missouri Teacher/Administrative certificate
- A Master's Degree in Education or School Administration

**To submit an application, go to [scspk12.org](http://scspk12.org) click "about" and select Immaculate Conception Assistant Principal**

**Substitute at Springfield Catholic Schools:** Substitute teaching is a great option if you have a flexible or part-time job, college course schedule, freelance gig or have retired, it also works well if you are a parent. We are currently accepting applications for Substitute Teachers and Nurses. Must have 60+ credit hours, and be VIRTUS certified (SCS provides the class for certification)

**For Employment Opportunities:** Opportunities and applications are available on the Springfield Catholic Schools website at [scspk12.org](http://scspk12.org), select "About" and then "Employment opportunities"

**Enroll at Springfield Catholic Schools grades preschool-12th -- Come for a tour --** Go to our website at [scspk12.org](http://scspk12.org), select "Admissions" and "New Families" or you can call our schools at the numbers listed above the announcements.

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**left or call your parish/school office for assistance. If you do not have access to the internet and are unable to register online, please call the local parish, school or institution where you are employed or volunteer.**

## **ACTIVE CATHOLIC FORMS**

**SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

**2021—2022 SCHOOL YEAR**

**TO HELP US PROCESS THE FORMS AT OUR PARISH  
PLEASE SEND TO THE PARISH OFFICE YOUR SUNDAY  
ENVELOPE—THE 9:00 AM SUNDAY MASS  
WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVESTREAMED.**

*Since COVID-19 is still around us, an Electronic Active Catholic Form will be mailed out from the Catholic Schools Central Office on February 1, 2021, along with the Endowment Scholarship & Facts Grant and Aid application to all current parents.*

*A list will then be sent to the parish office of those who have applied for the Active Catholic status. While COVID-19 is a consideration for the safety of your family, in person attendance at Mass is not required, stay safe. I do ask that you pray with us through the livestream. Those who have fulfilled the following requirements will qualify for the Active Catholic rate for tuition.*

#### **Requirements to qualify as an Active Catholic:**

- ☐ *Make a commitment to be a disciple of Christ.*
- ☐ *Participate at Mass on Sundays & Holy Days, ideally in your parish.*
- ☐ *Practice your faith in the workplace, the home, the classroom & in civic life;*
- ☐ *Support and cooperate with the religious education programs of the parish; adult faith formation, sacramental preparation, RCIA, etc.*
- ☐ *Participate in parish ministries, activities, and organizations through your contribution of time and talent.*
- ☐ *Support the ministries of the Catholic Church by pledging and tithing sacrificially to your parish.*
- ☐ *Completing Immaculate Conception's Faith Commitment Card.*
- ☐ *Placing parish offertory envelope with pledge, prayer of petition and/or prayer of thanksgiving weekly in the Sunday collection. Immaculate Conception envelopes placed in the collection at any Catholic Church will be forward to Immaculate Conception. **Weekly participation at Mass is verified through the use of offertory envelopes at Mass or by mailing your offertory envelope weekly to the Parish Office.***

**Flocknote: Text: Frtom To: 84576**

**Sign-up for parish text and email alerts on flocknote:**

**Livestream** of Masses are available on our  
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**Website** for updates: **[www.ic-parish.org](http://www.ic-parish.org)**

**Due to the Corona Virus and the ever-changing protocols for public gatherings we have taken the precautionary step of making available an online option for the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training for Adults. This is a temporary preventative action as we will continue to offer the live training, as well, at least for now. [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). Preregistration is necessary: go to [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) and click on "registration" on the**





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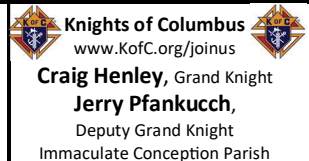
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