ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

3555 South Fremont Avenue Springfield, MO 65804-4237





Fourth Sunday of Easter

"I am the good Shepherd." April 25, 2021

Psalm 23

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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: 6:30ам Wednesday: 6:30рм Monday – Friday: 8:30ам

LIVESTREAMED MASSES

Facebook: Immaculate Conception Parish Springfield MO YouTube: ICSpringfield

> 9:00 AM Sunday Mass 8:30 AM Weekday Masses

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 2:30рм—3:15рм & 7:00рм—7:30рм

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

<u> PRAYER CHAIN: 417.887.0600</u>

Prompt #3 will connect you to the mailbox where you may leave a prayer request. Please leave contact information with the request.

SECURITY TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—APRIL 25, 2021

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE MAIN CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, April 25th

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, April 26th **6:30AM Daily Mass** 8:30AM Daily Mass: 4th—5th Grades —LIVESTREAMED **Tuesday, April 27th** 6:30AM Daily Mass 8:30AM Daily MASS: 1ST-3RD GRADES-LIVESTREAMED Wednesday, April 28th-St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest 8:30AM Daily Mass: 6th—8th Grades—LIVESTREAMED 6:30PM Daily Mass Thursday, April 29th— St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church **6:30AM Daily Mass** 8:30AM Daily Mass—LivestReamed Friday, April 30th-St. Pius V, Pope 6:30AM Daily Mass 8:30AM Daily Mass: All School Mass Saturday, May 1st-St. Joseph the Worker 2:30PM—3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass 7:00PM—7:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, May 2nd **Diocesan Development Sunday** 7:00AM SUNDAY MASS

8:30AMRosary9:00AMSUNDAY MASS—LIVESTREAMED11:00AMSUNDAY MASS11:00AMChildren's Dismissal—CRB



Men's Prayer Group Meeting

Our next meeting will be Sunday night,

April 25th, 7:00PM. The Rosary will be prayed at 6:30PM in Community Room B.

Contact Bruce Horine at 417.833.7913 with questions.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 26th

6:30AM + Mary Francka St. Agnes Class of '52 and Loved Ones 8:30AM Tuesday, April 27th— George Mathew (Int.) 6:30AM 8:30AM + Ernest Moentnish Wednesday, April 28th— St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest 8:30AM Katherine Freeman (Int.) 6:30PM + Jeanne Rolfi Thursday, April 29th St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church 6:30AM + Herbert Brandt 8:30AM + Iesus Antonio Rivera Friday, April 30th—St. Pius V, Pope 6:30AM + James George 8:30AM + Alfred Westrich Saturday, May 1st—Saint Joseph the Worker 4:00PM + Kathy Lukavich Sunday, MAY 2ND 7:00AM The Parish Family 9:00AM + Nick Hostler 11:00AM + Steve Michael

Diocesan Development Fund 2021 Parish Goal: \$175,785

Pray for the success of DDF which provides



for the ministries of our parishes.

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Diocesan Development Fund

Next week, we will be conducting the 2021 Diocesan Development Fund appeal. We need your help in order to be successful. Please pray about your participation and be prepared to generously respond next week.

Link to video: https://youtu.be/El_nmvl6zXc

The annual Diocesan Development Fund appeal will be held on May 1st and 2nd. This effort is conducted in every parish of the diocese to help finance the activities and ministries of the Catholic Church in southern Missouri. Our parish goal is \$175,785.00. We ask you to keep the DDF campaign in your prayers.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 2, 2021 Acts 9:26-31 Psalm 22:26-28, 30-32

1 John 3:18-24/John 15:1-8

PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Kevin Sides, Richard Brekken, Shirley Hale, Theresa Lassen, Elizabeth Tomelleri, Barbara Layton, Alice Dolan, Matt Rosebrough, Mary Ann Davis, Mike Wilkens, Dan Comoroski, John Carpenter, Cheryl Haik, Dorothy Pfaff, Mark Stark, George Preisinger, Anne Davies, Stephen Kiely, Donald Borneman, Sherri Hawkins, Janice Hill, Sophia Griesbaum, Cora Gumucio, 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.

Diocesan Respect Life Office

The Diocesan Respect Life Office: https://dioscg.org/about/respect-life/

www.feedthepoorhungryhomeless.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Wilderness Escape June 1—5, 2021

We will be having Vacation Bible School this year! Details and registration forms will follow. There will be availability for 50 children who will be going into Kindergarten through 5th grade next year.



DONATE ONLINE: WWW.IC-PARISH.ORG

From Father Tom's Desk





A little girl reciting the 23rd Psalm began, "**The Lord is my shepherd; that's all I want.**" Maybe she missed the wording, but she sure got the theology right. To have Jesus as our shepherd is indeed a blessing. As he moves towards the cross, Jesus holds up this model of the good shepherd, reminding his listeners that a good shepherd would lay down his life for the sheep. He would give his life to protect the sheep from thieves, wild animals, or whatever danger might confront the flock. We can give him our allegiance because of his commitment to us.

B. Wiley Stephens, One Life to Give

True Abundant Life

One day a man stopped in a convenience store to get a newspaper. He noticed that the owner of the store had tears in his eyes and kept looking out the window. He asked what was going on.

The store owner said, "Do you see that bus bench over there? There's a woman who comes there every day around this time. She sits there for about an hour, knitting and waiting. Buses come and go, but she never gets on one and no one ever gets off for her to meet. The other day, I carried her a cup of coffee and sat with her for a while.

"Her only son lives a long way away. She last saw him two years ago, when he boarded one of the buses right there. He is married now, and she has never met her daughter-in-law or seen their new child. She told me, 'It helps to come here and wait. I pray for them as I knit little things for the baby, and I imagine them in their tiny apartment, saving money to come home. I can't wait to see them.'"

The reason the owner was looking out the window at that particular moment was that the three of them -- the son, his wife and their small child -- were just getting off the bus. The look on the woman's face when this small family fell into her arms was one of pure joy. And this joy only increased when she looked into the face of her grandchild for the first time. The store owner commented, "I'll never forget that look as long as I live."

The next day the same man returned to the convenience store. The owner was again behind the counter. Before the store owner could say or do anything, the customer said, "You sent her son the money for the bus tickets, didn't you?"

The store owner looked back with eyes full of love and a smile and replied, "Yes, I sent the money." Then he repeated his statement from the day before, "I'll never forget that look as long as I live." This man had discovered a measure of the abundant life.

King Duncan, Collected Sermons, Sermons.com

Tather Tour

Fr. Tom's Schedule: I will be attending the Knights of Columbus State Convention this weekend, April 23rd—25th.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED for the Week of April 18, 2021				
Envelopes:	\$	15,117.00	Sponsor-A-Child	\$ 729.00
Plate:	<u>\$</u>	469.00	Repair & Maintenance	\$ 395.00
Weekly Total:	<u>\$</u>	15,586.00	St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 390.00
			Holy Land	\$ 2,125.00
Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$	1,119,956.00	Votives	\$ 101.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	904,580.04	Masses	\$ 130.00
Year-to-date Collection:	\$	691,193.50	Rice Bowl	\$ 44.12
	(23.59% below budget)		The MIRROR	\$ 42.00

URGENT NEED FOR LIFEHOUSE!

Ladies, imagine being pregnant and without transportation to get to the doctor. LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home is close to capacity, with more mothers and children than ever before, which means that we need more volunteers to provide transportation to and from appointments, work, and daycare. Could YOU step up and offer a little of your time to make a big difference in the lives of the mothers and babies of LifeHouse. For more information about becoming a transportation volunteer, please contact Jill Bryant at <u>ibryant@ccsomo.org</u> or call 417.720.4213.

VOLUNTEER AT LIFEHOUSE

LifeHouse is restarting our childcare program and is looking for women who want to hold babies! We have chosen Tuesdays at 5:30PM—7:30PM, and Thursdays at 9:00AM—11:00AM. Please contact Jill Bryant at 417.720.4213 or <u>jbryant@ccsomo.org</u>

PERPETUAL ADORATION- HOLY TRINITY PARISH

2818 East Bennett Street 417.883.3440 Please observe mask and social distancing. Adoration Hours: Weekdays 1:00 PM—5:00 PM Adorers Needed: Tuesday 3:00PM—4:00PM Friday 3:00PM—4:00PM Join our substitute list to experience the peace of adoration. Please call Marilyn Gibson at 417.224.4043 to sign up for the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration. If you are unable to attend, consider making a donation to keep our candles burning bright.

Springfield Catholic—Project Graduation

On May 14, 2021, 96 Seniors will graduate from Springfield Catholic High School. Following graduation, parents will host an all night drug and alcohol free celebration known as Project Graduation. Funding for this event is solely from parents and the community. Please consider making a contribution for the success of the evening. Checks may be made payable to SCHS Project Graduation 2021 and mailed to SCHS attn: Project Graduation, 2340 S Eastgate, Springfield, MO 65809. You may also donate online by credit card at <u>https://scs.revtrak.net/springfield-catholic-high-school/pg/</u>. The Class of 2021 sincerely appreciates your financial and prayerful support for Project Graduation and the graduates.



"NEW" TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH?

After a year of COVID, the Welcoming Ministry is back looking for "New" Parishioners that have joined Immaculate Conception during 2020. Please give Joyce 417.849.4752 or Beth 417.224.4614 a call for a tour of Immaculate Conception, a history update of our 152 years, and an opportunity to have your picture displayed on our New Parishioner Welcome Board.

www.ic-parish.org



CAMP RE-NEW-ALL Registration Opens February 22nd Forms on Parish Bulletin Board or Online

Campers can grow in their Catholic faith, aided by the Sacraments and age-appropriate religious formation. Other fun activities include sports, swimming, crafts and music. Camp is for children going into the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th grade following the camp season. Attendance will be limited to allow for social distancing!

Apply online: https://dioscg.org/camp-re-new-all/

HIGH SCHOOL DISCIPLE GROUPS!

All high school students are invited to join a small Disciple Group! Sign up with friends or



meet new people! Each small group will have adult leaders and will make their own arrangements for meeting times. More Questions?

Contact Mani at mbrockmeyer@ic-parish.org or call the church office at 417.887.0600.

HEAVENLY DUSTERS NEEDED

Can you spare a couple of hours a few times a year? If so, the Heavenly Dusters need your help. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Diane Hendley at 208.400.0762 (cell number).

Spring Musical—Little Women Springfield Catholic High School



Tickets will go on sale for the SCHS Spring Musical production of **Little Women** this coming weekend! Dates for the musical are

Friday April 30th 7:00PM, Saturday, May 1st, 7:00PM, and Sunday Matinee, May 2nd, 2:00PM. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Support our students!

Administrative Assistant Position Marriage Tribunal—Catholic Center

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill a permanent, full-time Administrative Assistant position for the Marriage Tribunal Office at The Catholic Center. Applicant Qualifications: practicing Roman Catholic; excellent writing and grammar skills; verbal communication skills in person and on the phone; proficiency with Microsoft Office Products including Word and Excel; and the ability to perform day-to-day office tasks. Must be able to work independently in a multi-person office space. Position start date of April 19, 2021. Compensation includes competitive wages and benefits. To request an application packet, including a detailed job description, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, jansmith@dioscg.org, or call 417.866.0841.

We are now also Livestreaming to YouTube! Search ICSpringfield and subscribe to be notified when we go live.



Springfield Catholic Schools Immaculate Conception, 417.881.7000 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 417.887.6056 St. Agnes Cathedral School 417.866.5038. Springfield Catholic High School 417.887.8817

Schedule a visit today at Springfield Catholic Schools We are accepting new students, come and be a part of the Irish Tradition.

Enroll at Springfield Catholic Schools grades preschool-12th -- Come for a tour -- Go to our website at <u>scspk12.org</u>, select "Admissions" and "New Families" or you can call our schools at the numbers listed above the announcements.

2021-2022 Student Registration for current families is April 9th through the 26th, log in via your parent portal. For assistance, please call 417.865.5567

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 <u>scspk12.org</u>., select "About" and then "Employment opportunities"

Springfield Catholic Schools is accepting applications for the following Teacher positions for the 2021-2022 school year:

Springfield Catholic Schools is accepting applications for **Part-time Nurse at Immaculate Conception School and St Agnes School:** Nurse Certification; Practicing Catholic; and VIRTUS Certification

Springfield Catholic Schools System is currently seeking qualified applicants for the position of **Para**-

professional (Teacher's Aide) for the 2021-2022 school year

To submit an application, go to <u>scspk12.org</u> click "About" and "Employment Opportunities" and then select the desired position.

> **GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE** Please notify us before Mass if you would like to receive a Gluten Free Host.

LACTATION STATION -SOUTH CONFESSIONAL-





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Mr. John Barnes has been hired as our Director of Worship. He will work with Peg LePage in leading us in prayer through liturgical music. He has begun rehearsals with our adult choir.

John was an organ student of Robert McGill at Hendrix College and Dr. Clark Kelly at the University of Central Arkansas, both in Conway; David Caudle of Missouri State University, and Dr. Russell Stinson of Lyon College in Batesville, Arkansas. John is a long-time member of the Springfield Chapter of the American Guild of Organist and the National Association of Pastoral Musicians.

He has spent his adult life in the music ministry of the Roman Catholic Church, having served as the Director of Music/ Organist and Choir Director at St. Peter the Fisherman Catholic Church in Mountain Home, Arkansas, for 38 years where he oversaw the installation of a 27-rank pipe organ in 1989. In addition to always playing for the Catholic Church, John also played for two Episcopal Churches and a United Methodist Church. His wife, Lynda, served for 33 years as the financial secretary and annulment advocate for St. Peter's in Mountain Home.

He and Lynda are parishioners at Immaculate Conception Parish where John is also a member of Immaculate Conception Council #13681 Knights of Columbus. He is a third and fourth degree knight and past grand knight of the Fisherman Council Knights of Columbus in Mountain Home.

A retired funeral director and funeral home manager, he and Lynda moved to Springfield last October to be near their son and daughter-in-law and to be the doting grandparents to two grandchildren.

"I am humbled and privileged to be asked by Father Tom and Father Belken to serve our wonderful parish. I hope and pray that my music ministry may be a blessing to you and draw you nearer to Our Blessed Lord", said John.

John C. Barnes

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a ministry for women and men who have been involved in abortion. To receive free, compassionate and confidential



help, call 417.242.9300/or email Projectrachel@dioscg.org.



Communion to Homebound Family Members

Communion Please contact the Parish Office Homebound 417.887.0600 if you are coming to Mass and

would desire to be instructed in bringing Holy Communion to immediate family members who are remaining in their home during COVID-19.



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. Preregistration is necessary: go to www.virtus.org and click on "registration" on the

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.

