

Immaculate Conception Parish

3555 South Fremont Avenue – Springfield, Missouri 65804-4237

The Mission of Immaculate Conception Parish is to be a family-centered sacramental community comprised of compassionate witnesses to God's word, love, and presence.

Celebrating
150
YEARS



2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019

"...prepare for the Messiah...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire..."

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Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY MASSES

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

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00PM

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

OUR PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH:

**2:00PM: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION'S
COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 8, 2019

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, December 8th—2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM Sunday Masses
Parish Feast Day Breakfast After All Masses—CRA
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel
9:00AM RCIA Dismissal—PMR
9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB
12:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—CHURCH
1:00PM Rosary—CHURCH
2:00PM Benediction—CHURCH

Monday, December 9th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—4TH & 5TH GRADES
5:30PM Bell Choir—CR
6:30PM Baptism Class—PMR
6:30PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—CRB
6:45PM Knights of Columbus Meeting—CR
7:00PM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—CRA

Tuesday, December 10th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—1ST, 2ND & 3RD GRADES
NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
6:00PM PCCW Christmas Dinner—CRA
7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB

Wednesday, December 11th

6:20AM Communion Service—CHAPEL
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES
10:00AM Adult Continuing Education—PMR
Noon—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
1:00PM Knit & Crochet—PMR
6:30PM Mass—CHAPEL
6:20PM PSR/Youth Group—CAFETERIA

Thursday, December 12th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL
8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL
NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
7:00PM Choir Practice—CR

Friday, December 13th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—ALL SCHOOL MASS
9:00AM Centering Prayer—CRA
NOON—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

Saturday, December 14th—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, December 15th—3rd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM Sunday Masses
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel
8:45AM Confirmation Class—CRA/CAFETERIA
9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB
11:00AM RCIA Dismissal—PMR
2:00PM Advent Penance Service—CHURCH
6:15PM Simbang Gabi Mass—CHAPEL

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 9th—

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:20AM Tricia Kerr (Int.)
8:30AM Kate Hronek (Int.)

Tuesday, December 10th

6:20AM + Rodolfo Muriel
8:30AM Melissa Hathcock (Int.)

Wednesday, December 11th—St. Damasus I, Pope

6:20AM Communion Service
8:30AM Paige Duda (Int.)
6:30PM + Robert Gamba

Thursday, December 12th—Our Lady of Guadalupe

6:20AM + Mother Nico
8:30AM + Nicholas McNamee

Friday, December 13th—St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

6:20AM Kathleen McAnany (Int.)
8:30AM Julie Brown (Int.)

Saturday, Vigil Mass, December 14th

4:00PM + Daniel Gilliam

Sunday, December 15th—3rd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM + Deacon Bill McNamee
9:00AM The Parish Family
11:00AM + Rojelio Jimenez

PARISH UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

Feastday Celebration

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8th—Breakfast after Sunday Masses

Sundays of Advent—Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
12:00 NOON Exposition; 1:00 PM Rosary
2:00 PM Benediction

Advent Communal Penance Service

Sunday, December 15th: 2:00 PM

Christmas Novena

December 17th—23rd: 7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 PM—7:00 PM—12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day Mass & Dinner

11:00 AM Mass
12:00 NOON: Christmas Dinner & Carols
Please bring a vegetable or potato/starch dish.
(Bring gloves and scarfs for those in need.)
Ugly Christmas Sweaters Welcome!



Bishop Rice's December Prayer Intention

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



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2019

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10/ Psalm 146:6-10

James 5:7-10/ Matthew 11:2-11

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 Pfirman, 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 Larry Dees, the father of Debra, the grandfather of Sean, Kayla & Emmett; for Betty Cologna, the mother of Jim; 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.

AREA COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

December 8th: 4:00PM St. Joseph, Billings
December 10th: 7:00PM Holy Trinity, Spfld.
December 11th: 5:30PM St. Joseph the Worker, Ozark
December 15th: **2:00PM Immaculate Conception, Spfld.**
December 16th: 7:00PM St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spfld.
December 17th: 7:00PM Sacred Heart, Spfld.

Sign up for



TEXT ALERTS



Sign- up for Parish Alerts

Text: Frtom To: 84576

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@dioscrg.org.



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETING



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

Contact Bruce Horine at 417.833.7913 with questions.

From Father Tom's Desk



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Virgin Mary was born to Saints Anne and Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus, according to apocryphal Christian tradition. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception marks the day when Mary was conceived within Anne's womb. It is celebrated exactly nine months before the feast marking Mary's birth on September 8th.

Contrary to popular belief, the Immaculate Conception does not refer to the Virgin Birth of Jesus. Instead, Mary's conception is Immaculate because, according to Christian tradition, Mary was born without the stain of original sin or a corrupt nature. According to Catholic dogma, all humans are born with original sin.

That was why the angel Gabriel describes Mary as "full of grace." Mary, the mother of Jesus, was thus free from original sin from the moment of her conception and throughout her life on earth.

Sermon Ender - Forgiveness

Carl Michalson, a brilliant young theologian who died in a plane crash some years ago, once told about playing with his young son one afternoon. They were tussling playfully on their front lawn when Michalson accidentally hit the young boy in the face with his elbow. It was a sharp blow full to his son's face. The little boy was stunned by the impact of the elbow. It hurt, and he was just about to burst into tears. But then he looked into his father's eyes. Instead of anger and hostility, he saw there his father's sympathy and concern; he saw there his father's love and compassion. Instead of exploding into tears, the little boy suddenly burst into laughter. What he saw in his father's eyes made all the difference!

The sharp blow of God's message to us is: Repentance. But, look into your father's eyes. What he offers you is forgiveness and that makes all the difference. Repent and you will be forgiven.

James W. Moore, Some Things Are too Good Not to Be True, Nashville: Dimensions, 1994, p. 43. Adapted.

Father Tom

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



Monday, December 9th

This year the Immaculate Conception, December 8th, falls on Sunday. This is the Patronal Feast day of the United States of America.

This year it will be celebrated on Monday, December 9th and is not a holy day of obligation. Please join us for Mass on Monday, December 9th at 6:20AM or 8:30AM.

Catholic Calendars Available



Our 2020 Catholic calendars are available in the Gathering Area. The calendars list holydays and feastdays along with parish contact information.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER—DECEMBER 10TH



Our annual PCCW Christmas dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00PM. If you plan on attending please notify Karen Soetaert 417.887.7929. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00. All ladies are invited. Please bring a Christmas card with your birthday on the inside and 2 dozen cookies for our fruit basket assembly on December 11th. For our entertainment, Hayden Vaughn will be giving a concert in the church at 7:45PM.

Angel Tree & Christmas Offering



Our Christmas Angel Tree has ages and sizes to help with gift ideas. Please take home an angel from the tree in the Gathering Area & a sheet listing suggested offerings to those who receive the benefit of your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Christmas Flower Offering

As we remember loved ones and memorials for Christmas through an offering for the Christmas flowers, we will keep them in our prayers especially during this season of the Christmas. A suggested offering is \$15.00. Please PRINT clearly and circle In Honor or In Memory of _____ and submit by Sunday, December 15th.



Simbang Gabi

The devotional nine-day series of Masses in anticipation of Christmas



The Filipino Community invite you to the SIMBANG GABI (Night Mass)- a Filipino tradition of a Nine-day series of Masses leading up to Christmas. From December 15th to 23rd in the Immaculate Conception Chapel, we will pray the Rosary from 6:00PM-6:15PM; followed by the Mass at 6:15PM- 6:45PM. Immaculate Conception's Parish Novena will begin at 7:00PM. Following the Novena a small merienda/snack will take place in the community room. Please bring any finger food to share. Hope to see you all! Let's give thanks and remind ourselves that "Jesus is the Reason for the Season!"

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Monday, December 2nd after the 9AM mass.

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.



SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Welcome to the Springfield Catholic Schools System! The Springfield Catholic Schools System is made up of three (3) elementary schools (preschool thru 8th grade) and one (1) high school. For a tour, enrollment information or to check availability at various grade levels, please contact the school(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.diosc.org or www.virtus.org. See www.virtus.org for future sessions.



CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED!

Looking for a quick and easy way to volunteer at I.C. School? **How about volunteering in the cafeteria?** Shifts are **short** (any weekday 10:50 am to 12:30 pm) and you can **sign up as you please**. There's no big commitment involved! The **students love to see parishioners** participating at their school! Please contact Teri Mullin at (417) 343-8853 or follow this link to sign up [I.C. Cafeteria Volunteer 2019/2020](#). Lots of shifts available! Thank you for all you do for our wonderful school!

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 Keese, kkeese@charter.net, (573)-986-3320, or cell, 573.986.3320.

www.ic-parish.org

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS

The next rehearsal for the youth choir for Grades 6th through 12th is Wednesday, December 18th. Rehearsal Time: 5:30PM—6:30PM in the Choir Room. INFO: Parish Office @ 417.887.0600. The Youth Choir will participate in the music ministry at a Sunday Mass on a regular monthly basis.



#IGIVECATHOLIC DONATIONS—THANKS YOU!!!



FEEDTHEPOORHUNGRYHOMELESS Donations:

All donations are used to provide food for the Wednesday mornings breakfasts for 100 to 150 men & women. **Why:** Opportunity to live out Jesus' Gospel message "to feed the poor".



Where: Veteran's Coming Home

Center, 806 N Jefferson, Springfield,

MO, 65803 **Breakfast food ingredients:** a typical breakfast will be eggs, biscuits, gravy, oranges, bananas, pastry, milk and juice.

Thank you for your #iGiveCatholic donations of \$925.00 to support our ministry at the Veterans Coming Home Center.

Father Tom

JACK FROST RUN & WALK AT CCM

The 31st annual Jack Frost 5K Run and 2.5K Walk will be held on the Missouri State University campus on **Saturday, January 25th**. Race begins at 9:00AM/registration at 8:00AM; cost: \$40, by 4:00PM on January 24th, or \$45 day of the race. <https://www.active.com/springfield-mo/running/distance-running/jack-frost-5k-2020>

'KELTIC KNOT' CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT CCM

Springfield's Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) will hold the "Love & Joy" Keltic Knot Christmas concert at 7:00PM on **Wednesday, December 11th**, in the O'Reilly Catholic Student Center. Admission is free, but donations would be appreciated to benefit "Best Buddies," and CCM.

SEAS CHRISTMAS TREES

2019 SEAS Men's Club Christmas Tree Lot will open the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, November 29th through Tuesday December 10th. Weekday hours are 11:00AM—8:00PM and Weekends 9:00AM—9:00PM. We will have Frasier Fir, Balsam Fir, Douglas Fir, Black Hills, Spruce and Scotch Pine. Sizes vary from 5' to 10' and prices will range from \$30 to \$160. Come see us early for best selection!

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 November 30/December 1, 2019

Envelopes:	\$	15,303.25
Plate:	\$	1,202.51
Weekly Total:	\$	16,505.76
Weekly Need to Meet Budget:	\$	20,840.39

Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$	1,099,956.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	465,366.00
Year-to-date Collection:	\$	436,682.60

(6.16% below budget)

Sponsor a child	\$ 31.00
Parish Repair & Maintenance:	\$ 1,920.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 436.00
Home Missions	\$ 10.00
CCSoMo	\$ 185.00
Building on Faith	\$ 25.00

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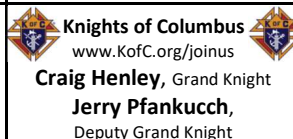
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