

# Immaculate Conception Parish *Celebrating* **150** YEARS

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.



**LEAVE YOUR  
NETS**

MATTHEW 4:12-23

**3rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**  
January 26, 2020

**“Come after me, and I  
will make you fishers  
of men.”**

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Pray for Vocations: Priesthood & 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

### ***Bishop Rice's January Prayer Intention***

*That each of us be instruments of peace.  
For the conversion of those in the abortion  
industry.*



**WEDNESDAY MASS IN THE CHAPEL—6:30PM**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—JANUARY 26, 2020

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### Sunday, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 26th

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM Sunday Masses  
Active Catholic & Faith Commitment Weekend  
Catholic Schools Week  
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel  
8:45AM Confirmation Class—CRA/CAFETERIA  
9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB  
11:00AM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Dismissal  
12:00PM Knights of Columbus Free-Throw Contest—GYM

### Monday, January 27th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL  
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—4TH & 5TH GRADES  
NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL  
6:30PM Baptism Class—PMR  
7:00PM Rite Christian Initiation of Adults—CRA

### Tuesday, January 28th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL  
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—1ST, 2ND & 3RD GRADES  
NOON—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL  
7:00PM Adult Continuing Education—PMR  
7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB

### Wednesday, January 29th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL  
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES  
NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor  
6:15PM Parish School of Religion &  
Youth Group—CAFETERIA  
6:30PM Mass—CHAPEL  
7:00PM Choir Practice—CR

### Thursday, January 30th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL  
8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL  
NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL  
5:30PM—7:00PM CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK:  
Immaculate Conception School Open House  
7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB

### Friday, January 31st

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

### Saturday, February 1st—Sunday Vigil

9:00AM Heavenly Dusters cleaning church  
2:30PM—3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH  
4:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass  
St. Blaise Throat Blessing After Mass  
4:00PM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Dismissal  
5:00PM Dinner for Eight Gathering—CRA  
7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH

### Sunday, The Presentation of the Lord, February 2nd

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM Sunday Masses  
—St. Blaise Throat Blessing after all Masses  
Knights of Columbus Breakfast After All Masses  
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel  
9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, January 27th—

St. Angela Merici, Virgin & Religious Founder  
6:20AM + "Edie" Hildebrandt  
8:30AM Lindsey Smotherman (Int.)

### Tuesday, January 28th—

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church  
6:20AM Parents' as First Teachers of the Faith  
8:30AM Robyn Trigg (Int.)

### Wednesday, January 29th

6:20AM Communion Service  
8:30AM Jamie Davis (Int.)  
6:30PM + Miranda Griesbaum

### Thursday, January 30th

6:20AM Billie Gumucio (Int.)  
8:30AM St. Agnes Class of '52 & Loved Ones (Int.)

### Friday, January 31st—St. John Bosco, Priest

6:20AM Confirmation Candidates (Int.)  
8:30AM Beth Mount (Int.)

### Saturday, Vigil Mass, February 1st

4:00PM + Brenda Iseman

### Sunday, February 2nd—The Presentation of the Lord

7:00AM Ted & Judy Esswein (Int.)  
9:00AM The Parish Family  
11:00AM + Albert & Geke Meenink

## God's Top Ten

1. Put God First
  2. Worship Him Only
  3. No Bad Words
  4. Work 6 Rest 1
  5. Obey Your Parents
  6. Harm No One
  7. Don't Cheat
  8. If It's Not Yours,  
Don't Take It
  9. Tell the Truth
  10. Don't Be Jealous of  
Other People's Stuff
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## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

### THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

Malachi 3: 1-4/ Psalm 24: 7, 8, 9, 10

Hebrews 2: 14-18/ Luke 2: 22-40

## PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Joe Calvert, Sophia Griesbaum, Andrew Conklin, 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 Edith "Edie" Hildebrandt, 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.*

## ACTIVE CATHOLIC FORMS

Active Catholic Forms

Active Catholic Weekend:

January 25 & 27, 2020



Requirements to qualify as an Active Catholic:

- Commitment to be a disciple of Christ;
- Attendance at Mass on all Sundays & Holy Days;
- Practice faith in workplace, home, classroom & civic life;
- Support sacramental programs;
- Participate in parish ministries;
- Support ministries of Immaculate Conception Parish by pledging and tithing sacrificially;
- Immaculate Conception's Faith Commitment Card completed with envelope number and returned with Active Catholic Form; and,
- Placing parish contribution envelope with pledge, prayer of petition and/or prayer of thanksgiving at weekly in the Sunday collection.

[www.ic-parish.org](http://www.ic-parish.org)

## MEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETING



Our next meeting will be Sunday night, January 26th, 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



### A Job vs. A Ministry

Someone has said there is a huge difference between having a job at church and having a ministry at church.

... If you are doing it because no one else will, it's a job. If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.

... If you're doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job. If you're doing it to the best of your ability, it's a ministry.

... If you'll do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with other activities, it's a job. If you're committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry.

... It's hard to get excited about a job. It's almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

An average church is filled with people doing jobs. A great church is filled with people involved in ministry.

*Mickey Anders, The Beginning of Ministry*

### Bridge Building Belongs to You and Me

There were two unmarried sisters who had such a bitter fight that they stopped speaking to each other. Unable or unwilling to leave their small home, they continued to use the same rooms and sleep in the same bedroom. A chalk line divided the sleeping area into two halves. The chalk divided rooms so that both sisters could come and go and get her own meals without trespassing on their sister's space. In the black of night, each could hear the breathing and snoring of the foe. For years they coexisted in grinding silence. Neither was willing to take the first step to reconciliation.

Then one night one sister got up to go to the bathroom and fell, breaking her hip. The other sister awakened by the fall and the scream of pain jumped out of bed crossed the chalk line and came to her sister's side. After a few typical sister jabs at why she would do such a foolish thing as trip on her own feet, the sister held her foe of the past few years until the paramedics came and carried her to the hospital with her sister at her side. In those moments of darkness came the truth and power of love and light. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall told this story with these words. "The legal system can force open doors, and sometimes even knock down walls, but it cannot build bridges. That job belongs to you and me."

*Source Unknown*

### The Worst Thing Is, He's Right

William Willimon tells about going with his wife to the funeral of a friend, which was held in a little country church out in the backwoods. The minister took advantage of the occasion to berate those who had come: "You people need to decide for Jesus now. This dear, departed brother is safe because he had chosen Christ. Now is the time! Repent before it is too late!" After the service, Willimon said, "Can you get over that guy, taking advantage of having all of us there to beat us over the head about how it is important to make a decision right now."

"Yes," replied his wife, "and the worst thing about it is - he is right."

*Staff*

*Father Tom*



## 10 GOOD REASONS TO GO TO SUNDAY MASS

1. **God asks us to make one day holy.** God asks us to set aside one day per week to refocus physically, mentally, and spiritually. We live in a secular world. Going to Sunday Mass helps us to see everything from a different perspective. We begin to see in the depths of our being that God is in charge.

2. **Jesus gives us the gift of Himself.** When we go to Sunday Mass, we are doing what Jesus commanded His followers to do. It is a command of love, to love God and others and to be loved by God. Jesus is present and comes to us in the Word of God we hear proclaimed and in His Real Presence, in the Blessed Sacrament.

3. **We need to be part of a community.** When we come together at Sunday Mass to pray and worship God, we satisfy a deep need, human and spiritual, to be in communion with other people. The other parishioners — even if we don't know all of them — give us support, affirmation, and encouragement in our attempt to live the Gospel message. They help us to see that we are not alone in living our Catholic Faith.

4. **God has a special message for us.** When we listen to the readings, the homily, and the prayers of the Mass, God speaks to us in a special way. We should come away from each Sunday Mass with at least one new thought or inspiration that will have a positive impact in our lives.

5. **We need to talk to God.** When we go to Mass, we speak to God through our singing, our communal responses and prayers, and our personal prayers from the depths of our hearts. During Mass we have the opportunity to ask God for what we need, to promise God we will do what He wants us to do, and thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us.

6. **People need our prayers.** We can pray for other people anytime, but when we pray for others during Mass, we pray in a special way. It doesn't matter if the other people are separated from us by distance or by death.

7. **We need to stand up for what we believe.** Being a follower of Jesus is counter-cultural. At every Mass, we have the opportunity to stand up and proclaim what we believe publicly. We admit that we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and in the teaching of the Catholic Church.

8. **We need to acknowledge that we make mistakes.** At every Mass, we have the opportunity to review the past week. We admit that we have sinned in thought, in word, in deed, in what we have done and what we have failed to do. With God's help, we resolve to change our lives.

9. **We need ritual in our lives.** Mass is offered as a Sacred Ritual. This means that through the familiar prayers, and movements, through the Divine Miracle of Transubstantiation, changing bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are formed, disciplined, and consoled. The "sameness" of the Mass supports and nourishes our spiritual journey every week.

10. **We need to experience something bigger than ourselves.** When we go to Mass, we share in the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. When we offer our ordinary lives to God through Jesus, we enter into God's great plan for the world's salvation.

*(Adapted from an article in Our Sunday Visitor.) Krystyna Piotrowska-Breger*

**Welcome to the Springfield Catholic Schools System!** The Springfield Catholic Schools System is comprised of three elementary schools (preschool thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade) and one 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**

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**Springfield Catholic Schools System** is seeking qualified applicants for an **Administrative Assistant** at the **Central Office**. Duties and responsibilities: providing administrative support to ensure efficient operation of the office; support Director of Schools and employees through a variety of tasks related to organization and communication; responsible for confidential and time-sensitive material; ability to effectively communicate via phone and email ensuring that all duties are completed accurately and delivered with high quality and in a timely manner. This is a part-time position (20 hours/week), eleven (11) months/year (off 4 weeks in summer). INFO: Cheryl Bond: [cbond@scspk12.org](mailto:cbond@scspk12.org)/417.865.5567 Ext 032.

### VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

**VIRTUS**—Pre-registration is necessary at [www.dioscg.org](http://www.dioscg.org) or [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). See [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) for future sessions.



### PERPETUAL ADORATION

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~ Perpetual Adoration Opportunities ~

*"Come to the foot of the altar. Graces will be shed on all, great and little, especially upon those who seek for them." ~ St. Catherine Labouré*

**Adorers Needed:** Sundays: 12PM—1PM;  
Mondays: 1AM—2AM; Wednesdays: 10AM—11AM;  
Thursdays: 5PM—6PM; and Saturdays: 6AM—7AM,  
11AM—12PM, 2PM—3PM; Sundays: 12PM—1PM.

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## It's HAPPENING !!!



Youth ages 16-20 from all denominations are invited to **The Happening in Christianity Retreat** on June 5-7, 2020. The purpose of this retreat is to provide an opportunity for an encounter with Christ and to help youth develop an enthusiasm for Him in their own lives. Adults who would like to be a part of this ministry are also invited to join our Happening family as a 2020 team member. The Happening Team is a local community of Catholic parishioners and Christians who serve the youth on the weekend and attend a few meetings in preparation for the retreat. If you are interested in attending the 2020 Happening as a youth candidate or as a team member, email our core team at [happeningmo@gmail.com](mailto:happeningmo@gmail.com) for more information.

## DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

**DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE to be held in SPRINGFIELD on March 7**



**SAVE THE DATE:** The first annual Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **March 7**, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Springfield. The conference, which is being offered without charge, will open with a complimentary breakfast at 8:30AM and conclude with Mass at 5:00PM. Among the day's highlights will be presentations by Bishop Edward Rice, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Deacon Kevin Carroll, and Mr. Craig Henley. A full list of speakers, program agenda and registration information will be forthcoming shortly. This event is being facilitated by a diocesan planning and promotion committee which is open to all who are interested. For more information or to join the committee, contact Nick Lund-Molfese at [nlund-molfese@dioscg.org](mailto:nlund-molfese@dioscg.org) or telephone 417.866.0841.

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**Loving Memorial Remembrance** for someone, cards are available in the Gathering Area.



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, 6:30pm at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Beginning Experience programs, offer strength and growth through a community of friendship, support and prayer. For more information call Diane at 417.859.0175 or cell 870.688.8829, Donna Dougherty at 417.529.1085.

## DIRECTOR POSITION OPEN AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill a permanent, full-time associate director position working as the Associate Director of Evangelization and Catechesis. Applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic. It is preferred that qualified individuals have a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry, Theology, or Religious Education/Catechesis. A Bachelor's degree or another appropriate degree will be considered. Applicants should also have work experience at the parish or diocesan level. Applications accepted through February 14, 2020. For an application packet, please contact Janet Smith at The Catholic Center by Emailing [jansmith@dioscg.org](mailto:jansmith@dioscg.org), or calling 417.866.0841.

## CCCS' Debt Management Plans

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## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH KNIGHTS

College Scholarships: MO STATE KofC website [www.kofc698.org](http://www.kofc698.org). Applicant must be a KofC member or related to a KofC member. Deadline for completed applications should be post marked by Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Questions: John Gambon, 417.830.6389, Email: [jgambon3645@gmail.com](mailto:jgambon3645@gmail.com)

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## YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND of January 18/19, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 19,245.75	Sponsor A Child	\$ 946.00
Plate:	\$ 1,129.86	Parish Repair & Maintenance:	\$ 578.00
Weekly Total:	\$ 20,375.61	Home Missions	\$ 182.00
<b>Weekly Need to Meet Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 20,840.39</b>	St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 730.00
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