

# ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH *of* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

“Well done, my good  
and faithful servant.”

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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  
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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  
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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - NOVEMBER 15, 2020

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE MAIN CHURCH

### Sunday, November 15th —

#### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH
- 8:30AM Rosary—CHURCH
- 9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED
- 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH
- 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

### Monday, November 16th—

- 6:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH
- 8:30AM School Mass—4th & 5th Grades  
—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED
- 7:00PM Parish Council Meeting—ZOOM MEETING
- 7:00PM RCIA—CRA

### Tuesday, November 17th

- 6:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH
- 8:30AM Daily Mass—1st through 3rd Grades  
—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED

### Wednesday, November 18th

- 8:30AM ALL School Mass—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED
- 6:20PM Parish School of Religion (PSR)—SCHOOL
- 6:20PM 6th through 8th Grades Youth Group—CRA
- 6:30PM Daily Mass—CHURCH

### Thursday, November 19th—(Diocesan Patroness)

#### ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, VIRGIN

- 6:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH
- 8:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED

### Friday, November 20th

- 6:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH
- 8:30AM School Mass—6th through 8th  
—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED

### Saturday, November 21st Sunday Vigil

- 2:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHAPEL
- 4:00PM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS—CHURCH
- 7:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHAPEL

### Sunday, November 22nd—FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

- 7:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH
- 8:30AM Rosary—CHURCH
- 9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH & LIVESTREAMED
- 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH
- 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB
- 2:00PM MASS OF LIFE—CHURCH

Dear Immaculate Conception Parishioners,

If your parish can be of assistance to you or anyone that you become aware in need please contact us at 417.887.0600. We have the capability of keeping you in connection to the livestream of Mass, delivering of food, and other means to address immediate needs that arise for you and your family. Let us keep one another in prayer. — Father Tom

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, November 16th—

#### St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

- 6:30AM + Paul Penn
- 8:30AM + Ann Meese

### Tuesday, November 17th—

#### St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

- 6:30AM Myrtle Crippin (Int.)
- 8:30AM + Flor Rivera

### Wednesday, November 18th—(Diocesan Patroness)

#### ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE, VIRGIN

- 8:30AM Luke Hair (Int.)
- 6:30PM Fr. James M. FitzPatrick (Int.)

### Thursday, November 19th

- 6:30AM + Byron Ellingson
- 8:30AM + Deacon Ed Ellman

### Friday, November 20th

- 6:30AM + Celia Francka
- 8:30AM Springfield Catholic Schools  
Benefactors (Int.)

### Saturday, Vigil Mass, November 21st

- 4:00PM + Francis Sutton

### Sunday, November 22nd—FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

- 7:00AM + Deacon Bill McNamee
- 9:00AM The Parish Family
- 11:00AM + Dorothy Sauter

## MASS OF LIFE

### REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Please join us to celebrate the *Mass of Life* in remembrance of your loved one(s) on Sunday, November 22nd at 2:00PM. This is a prayerful opportunity to pray as a parish family for those who touched our lives so deeply. You are asked to bring a remembrance of your loved one. Suggested remembrances include: a photo, a prayer card used or from the funeral, a prayer book, a hammer, fishing pole or any item that is a special reminder of your loved one. The items will be placed on a table in front of the Altar, blessed, and returned to you. Please invite other family members or friends that you would like to attend this special Mass. The *Mass of Life* will fulfill your Sunday obligation. You are invited to a dinner immediately following Mass. Please RSVP by November 16th, to Janet, in the Parish Office, at 417.887.0600, if you would like to join us for the meal following Mass.

The *Book of Life* will be on the Gathering Table for the naming of our deceased loved ones.



DECEMBER 4TH, 2020 FIRST FRIDAY  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
9:00AM—1:00PM 1:00PM BENEDICTION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

### FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING NOVEMBER 22, 2020

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 / Psalm 23:1-3, 5-6  
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28 / Matthew 25:31-46

### PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Lynda Schibler, Cheryl Haik, Dorothy Pfaff, Kathy Lukavich, Sr. Jane Ann Kiefer, Mark Stark, George Preisinger, Francis Barnes, Anne Davies, Stephen Kiely, Donald Borneman, Sherri Hawkins, Janice Hill, Sophia Griesbaum, Andrew Conklin, Cora Gumucio, Steve Schoen, Nick, Angie, Laura Seemuth, Gerald Martin, Eloise Fetter, Judy Gibson, 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: Kylie Jackson, the friend of Michaela Kiefer; 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.*



### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Holy Trinity's Church  
2818 E. Bennett St.

Please call

Nicola Mullins 417.300.0840

Please observe social distancing  
and wear a mask.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRAYER CHAIN 417.887.0600

### ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC

Do you know someone who might be considering becoming Catholic? For information: Tina Miller 417.887.0600.



## I Being Catholic

CONTRIBUTION REPORT WILL BE INCLUDED  
IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.

## From Father Tom's Desk



### God's Kingdom Comes through Small Acts of Kindness

Have you ever felt like giving up? Have you ever wondered, even in what you try to do for God, whether it is doing any good? Let God be the judge of that! I remember reading about a little girl named Annie who in 1876 was ten years of age. She was put into a poor house for children...called the Tewkesbury Alms House in Massachusetts. Her mother had died and her father had deserted her. Her aunt and uncle found her too difficult to handle. She had a bad disposition, a violent temper...stemming in part from eyes afflicted with painful trachoma. She had been put in the poorhouse because no one wanted her. She was such a wild one that at times she had to be tied down.

But there was another inmate named Maggie who cared for Annie. Maggie talked to her, fed her, even though Annie would throw her food on the floor, cursing and rebelling with every ounce of her being. But Maggie was a Christian and out of her convictions she was determined to love this dirty, unkempt, spiteful, unloving little girl. It wasn't easy, but slowly it got through to Annie that she was not the only who was suffering. Maggie also had been abandoned. And gradually Annie began to respond.

Maggie told her about a school for the blind and Annie began to beg to be sent there, and finally, consent was given and she went to the Perkins Institute. After a series of operations her sight was partially restored. She was able to finish her schooling and graduate at age twenty. Having been blind so long she told the director of Perkins that she wanted to work with blind and difficult children. They found a little girl seven years old in Alabama who was blind and deaf from the age of two. So, Annie Sullivan went to Tuscomb, Alabama to unlock the door of Helen Keller's dark prison and to set her free.

One human being, in the name of Christ, helping another human being! That's how God's kingdom comes, through small acts of kindness!

*Robert W. Bohl, Reluctant Servants*

### Fulfilling Your Calling

An anonymous writer has said, "My small son and I were taking a walk. In the far corner of the field we found a small patch of beautiful and fragrant flowers. They were in the middle of weeds, almost completely hidden and unnoticed, yet these flowers were blooming in full beauty and we sensed their fresh fragrance. All of us have met persons unnoticed by many, but who in the middle of struggle and unlikely surroundings far from the center of attention live lives of beauty and fragrance. And living lives which seemed obscure they faithfully fulfilled God's calling for them. God's question on the last day will not be, 'How much were you noticed?' or even 'How much did you do?' Rather, his question will be, 'Were you faithful in fulfilling your calling where I placed you?' "

*Peter J. Blackburn, Using What We Have*

*Father Tom*

Keep in touch.



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Check our website for updates:

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### CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2020 ANNUAL SECOND COLLECTION



Next Sunday, November 22nd, is the annual Second

Collection to support the work of Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri (CCSOMO). Thousands of individuals and families turn to CCSOMO every year for help. Due to COVID, the number of those CCSOMO is serving has increased dramatically—many have never before needed assistance.

CCSOMO responds to all with Christ-like compassion in the name of our entire Catholic community. Please be a partner this year by making a generous donation to the Second Collection in support of CCSOMO. This collection is an opportunity for Catholics throughout our diocese to *Reach Out, Provide Hope, and Change Lives!*

### SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS: A NIGHT OF COMEDY



SCHS presents ... A Night of Comedy at Meek Auditorium. Featuring: Three Long Days; A Pastor's Tale; Susanna

Wesley; A Christmas in Montana; Auto-Mated; Cell; and GPS.

Dates: Friday, November 20th @ 7:00 PM; Saturday, November 21st @ 7:00 PM; and Sunday, November 22nd @ 2:00 PM. Admission: \$5.00 for Adults & Students. INFO: SCHS 417.887.8817 / St. Agnes Cathedral 417.831.3565

### MEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETING



Our next meeting will be Sunday night, November 29th, 7:00PM. The Rosary (optional) will be prayed at 6:30PM in Community Room B.

Contact Bruce Horine at 417.833.7913 with questions.

# PARISH SCHEDULE

## THANKSGIVING ASSISTANCE TO THOSE IN NEED

**NOVEMBER 21ST: 9:00 AM–11:00 AM**



## MASS OF LIFE

**NOVEMBER 22ND: 2:00 PM  
DINNER (RSVP 417.887.0600)**



## THANKSGIVING MASSES

**NOVEMBER 26TH–6:30 AM & 8:30 AM**

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAYS: 2:30 PM & 7:00 PM**

**NOVEMBER 29TH, DECEMBER 6TH, 13TH & 20TH:  
2:00PM–4:00 PM**



## ADVENT ANGEL TREE

**ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS**

## K OF C DRIVETHROUGH

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH: 10:00 AM–12:30 PM  
PULLED PORK, POTATO SALAD, CHIPS & COOKIES**

**DONATIONS & SUNDAY ENVELOPES  
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## DECEMBER 8TH: SOLEMNITY OF THE

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**DECEMBER 7TH: 5:30 PM**

**DECEMBER 8TH: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM  
5:30 PM, BISHOP RICE, CELEBRANT**



## DECEMBER 13TH: K OF C BREAKFAST

## CHRISTMAS NOVENA

**DECEMBER 17TH–23RD: 7:00 PM**



## CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

**DECEMBER 24TH**

**4:00 PM CHURCH / 4:00 PM GYM**

**7:00 PM CHURCH**

**9:00 PM CHURCH**



## CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

**MIDNIGHT (12:00 AM) CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 25TH**

**CHRISTMAS DAY 11:00 AM CHURCH**

**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**Remember!**

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

## 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 information on the gathering table. Questions?

Contact Mani at [mbrockmeyer@ic-parish.org](mailto:mbrockmeyer@ic-parish.org) or call the church office at 417.887.0600.



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**Enrollment for Springfield Catholic Schools grades pre-school—12th is now taking place:** Go to our website at [scspk12.org](http://scspk12.org), select “Admissions” and “New Families” or you can call our schools Immaculate Conception, 417.881.7000; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 417.887.6056; St. Agnes Cathedral School 417.866.5038; and Springfield Catholic High School 417.887.8817

**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”

**Substitute Teacher 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 Teacher, Teacher’s Aide, Cafeteria and Nurses. Must have 60+ credit hours, and be VIRTUS certified (SCS provides the class for certification.)

## VIRTUS—2020-2021 DIOCESAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Are you a parish or school employee? Are you a catechetical leader or a youth leader? Do you regularly volunteer with minors or vulnerable adults? If so, then you probably know that the diocese requires you to read and sign a Code of Conduct each year. The 2020-2021 Code has just been released and is available on the Office of Child and Youth Protection page of the Diocesan Website at [www.dioscgo.org](http://www.dioscgo.org). Please read, complete the form, and submit page five only to your parish or school office. We ask that you also ensure that those adults working alongside you in your ministry have signed this new code as well. Select the language and click the links below for the current codes.

Should you have any questions, please contact William Holtmeyer, Jr. or Rosie Francka, via Email to [billholtmeyer@dioscgo.org](mailto:billholtmeyer@dioscgo.org) or [rfrancka@dioscgo.org](mailto:rfrancka@dioscgo.org), or telephone the office at (417) 866-0841.

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**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**

**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.**

## SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER OF THE MISSOURIANS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY

Orlando Hall, on death row at the Federal Prison in Terre Haute, Indiana, is scheduled to be executed on Thursday, November 19th. If this execution takes place, it will be the eighth man the federal government has executed on our behalf since July, all of them spreading the dangers of the pandemic to staff, other incarcerated persons, and observers. Two additional executions are scheduled in December, one of whom is a woman.

The Springfield Chapter of the Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty will hold a peaceful execution watch on Thursday, November 19th from 12:00 NOON—1:00PM in front of the Federal Courthouse on the corner of St. Louis Street and John Q Hammons Pkwy to protest this abuse of human rights and anti-life action of our government.

Please join us. Masks are required and social distancing observed. For more information visit [madpmo.org](http://madpmo.org) or call Donna at 417.459.2960.



### Perpetual Adoration will be held in the Nave

*Please observe mask and social distancing.*  
*Adoration Hours: Weekdays 1:00pm-5:00pm*

**Join our substitute list to  
experience the peace of adoration.**

Please call Nicola Mullins at 417.300.0840 to sign up for the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration. If you are unable to attend, consider making a donation to keep our candles burning bright.

### Donations Needed

Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri has received funding through the Greene County



CARES Act Relief Fund in the Springfield Area. We are working to open a transitional winter housing site. We need your help. We are in need of some basic furniture items for individuals and families who are entering the program. Specifically, we're asking for: Chest of Drawers & Nightstands - Can be used, but in good condition; NEW Full & Twin Size Bedding Sets including sheets, comforter & pillow cases; 19"-24" Flat Screen TV's - Can be used, but in working condition; Coffee Makers; NEW Bath Towels, Hand Towels & Washcloths; Clothes Baskets & Hampers; Please call our office at 417.720.4213 to learn more or to donate.





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