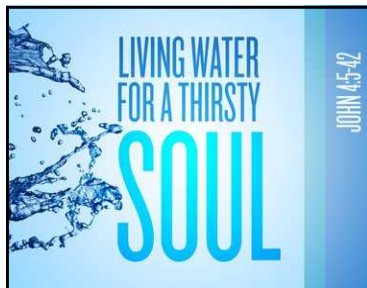


# Immaculate Conception Parish

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



## 3rd Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

"...the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life..."

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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](mailto:security@ic-parish.org)



## Fridays of Lent

**6:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction**

**4:30 PM—6:30 PM Fish Fry**

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 15, 2020

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### Sunday, 3rd Sunday of Lent, March 15th

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM Sunday Masses  
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel  
9:00AM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Dismissal  
9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

### Monday, March 16th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL  
8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL  
NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL  
7:00PM Parish Council Meeting—PMR  
7:00PM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—CRA

### Tuesday, March 17th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL  
8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL  
NOON—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL  
7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB

### Wednesday, March 18th

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

### Thursday, March 19th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL  
8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL  
10:00AM Scripture Study—CRA/CRB  
NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL  
6:00PM Scripture Study—CRA/CRB  
7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB

### Friday, March 20th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL  
8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL  
NOON—1:00PM-Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL  
4:30PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry—CRA  
6:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00PM Stations of the Cross & Benediction

### Saturday, March 21st—Sunday Vigil

2:30PM—3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH  
4:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass  
7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH

### Sunday, 4th Sunday of Lent, March 22nd

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM Sunday Masses  
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel  
9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB  
11:00AM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Dismissal  
2:00PM Lenten Penance Service—CHURCH

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 16th

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

### Tuesday, March 17th, St. Patrick, Bishop

6:20AM + Mary Ann Dinkel  
8:30AM + Jim Donovan

### Wednesday, March 18th—

#### St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Dr. of the Church

6:20AM Communion Service  
8:30AM + Mary Ann Horton  
6:30PM + George Martino

### Thursday, March 19th—

#### St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:20AM + Bryon Ellingson  
8:30AM Kathleen Eslinger-McNanany (Int.)

### Friday, March 20th

6:20AM + Charles Rojano  
8:30AM + Diane Ross

### Saturday, Vigil Mass, March 21st

4:00PM + Jerry & Ann Pickering

### Sunday, March 22nd—4th Sunday of Lent

7:00AM + Jackie Schmidt  
9:00AM + Mildred Kiefer  
11:00AM The Parish Family

## AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

### March 16th

7PM Holy Trinity, Springfield

### March 22nd

#### 2PM Immaculate Conception, Springfield

3PM Our Lady of the Cove, Kimberling City  
3PM St. Francis de Sales, Lebanon

### March 29th

4PM St. Joseph, Billings  
4PM Our Lady of the Lake, Branson  
4PM Holy Trinity, Marshfield  
7PM Sacred Heart, Conway

### March 30th

7PM St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Springfield

### March 31st

7PM St. Joseph, Springfield



## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Next Sunday, March 22nd  
2:00 PM

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

Easter Egg Hunt—Palm Sunday  
April 5th—3:00 PM



## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 22, 2020

1 Samuel 16: 1B, 6-7, 10-13A/ Psalm 23: 1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6  
Ephesians 5: 8-14 / John 9: 1-41

### PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Sherri Hawkins, Janice Hill, Sophia Griesbaum, Andrew Conklin, Cora Gumucio, Steve Schoen, Nick, Angie, Laura Seemuth, Gerald Martin, Barbara Hall, Eloise Fetter, Judy Gibson, Gerri Klesel, Tony Klesel, Corine Larson, Mamie Lawless, Dr. Jim Markusic, Mary Miller, Karen Pfirrmann, Katie, Flor Rivera, Jan Royster, Mary Shanahan, Dorothy Sauter, 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 prayers our faithful departed: especially; Mary Ann Dinkel, the aunt of Jack & Mary Jo Laurin; Velita Padgett, the sister-in-law of Jim & Kathryn Wilkerson; 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.*



### PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 4TH/5TH

4PM SATURDAY/7AM, 9AM & 11AM SUNDAY

### MASS OF CHRISM—APRIL 7TH—7:00PM

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION'S

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

APRIL 9TH, 10TH & 11TH

HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY,

EASTER VIGIL 7:00 PM

CONFESSIONS—APRIL 11TH—2:30 PM

(No 7:00 PM CONFESSIONS)

### EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 12TH

7:00 AM; 9:00 AM; 11:00 AM

### DAYS OF ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

### ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT

All who have reached their 14th year  
are bound to abstain totally from meat.



**HOSPITALIZATION—CALL THE PARISH OFFICE**

## From Father Tom's Desk



### A New Creation

Once there was a man on a train going across the desert in Arizona. He was the only person in the car who had not pulled down the window shades to keep out the glare of the hot sun on the parched earth. In contrast to the other passengers, he kept looking out his window, and seemed actually to enjoy the dismal scene.

After a while the curious man seated across the aisle, asked, "Sir, what do you see in that wasteland that makes you smile?"

"Oh," he replied, "I'm in the irrigation business, and I was thinking if we could only get water to this land that the desert would become a garden."

That's what Jesus is teaching His disciples. He wants us to see the world's people as He sees them. Every one of them is precious in His sight. By divine grace, they can become a new creation, made beautiful in holiness.

*Robert E. Coleman, Evangelism: Behold the Harvest!*

### I Can't Remember

A few years ago, rumors spread that a certain Catholic woman was having visions of Jesus. The archbishop decided to check her out.

'Is it true, m'am, that you have visions of Jesus?' asked the cleric.

'Yes,' the woman replied.

'Well, the next time you have a vision, I want you to ask Jesus to tell you the sins that I confessed in my last confession. Please call me if anything happens.'

Ten days later the woman notified her spiritual leader of a recent apparition.

Within the hour the archbishop arrived. 'What did Jesus say?' he asked.

She took his hand and gazed deep into his eyes. 'Bishop,' she said, 'these are his exact words: I CAN'T REMEMBER.'

*Brennan Manning, The Ragamuffin Gospel: Good News for the Bedraggled, Beat-Up and Burnt Out (Portland, Ore.: Multnomah Press, 1990), 116-117*

### Criticizing Evangelistic Efforts

One day a lady criticized D. L. Moody for his methods of evangelism in attempting to win people to the Lord. Moody's reply was "I agree with you. I don't like the way I do it either. Tell me, how do you do it?" The lady replied, "I don't do it." Moody retorted, "Then I like my way of doing it better than your way of not doing it."

*James S. Hewett, Illustrations Unlimited (Wheaton: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1988) p. 178.*

*Father Tom*

### EASTER FLOWERS: MEMORIALS/HONORS



If you wish to have Easter flowers in memory/honor of someone, place your donation in the Easter Flower envelope you received or an envelope marked Easter Flowers with your name and contact information. Be sure to note on the envelope in whose memory/honor you are making the donation. Place your envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, April 5th. A list of the names will appear in the Easter bulletin.





## FRIDAYS OF LENT

6:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00PM Stations of the Cross



4:30 PM—Lenten Fish Fry  
every Friday of Lent



40 Bags in 40 Days  
**DECLUTTERING  
CHALLENGE**



40 Days=40 Items  
Our PCCW has a  
challenge for you! On

the first day of Lent, February 26th, pick up a note attached to a bag in the Gathering Area and fill it each day with items you do not need. These items could be clothing, kitchen items, etc. At the end of forty days, please donate these items to a charity that can share your treasures with someone who can really use them! Thank you!

## MEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETING



Our next meeting will be Sunday night, March 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.

## ADORATION CELEBRATION APPRECIATION

Please join us for celebrating the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Springfield's Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.

Hosted by: Perpetual Adoration Committee

Place: Holy Trinity Parish Social Hall

Time: Monday, March 30th—6:30PM

Please RSVP: Sandy 417.270.7271 / shop91548@yahoo.com

## 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 ~

*"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 Laboure

Adorers Needed: Sundays: 1PM—2PM;

Fridays: 12AM—1AM and 6PM—7PM;

and Saturdays: 11AM—12PM,

Join our substitute list to experience the peace of adoration.



**Request Cards for  
Mass Intentions and for  
Memorial Remembrances are available  
in the Gathering Area**

**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:



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**Springfield Catholic Schools System** is accepting applications for grades 9 – 12, **Mathematics and Business at High School.** For the 2020-2021 school year.

**Springfield Catholic Schools is hiring part-time (10 hours per week) cafeteria cashier:** Hours are 10:45AM to 12:45PM, starting pay is \$9.45 per hour, and we can be flexible with regards to Monday and Friday.

**Springfield Catholic High School is hiring part-time (22.5 hours per week) fryer/cook:** Hours are 9:00AM—1:30PM, and the starting pay is \$9.45 per hour.

**Springfield Catholic Schools System** is currently seeking qualified applicants for the position of **PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER/HEAD FOOTBALL COACH position** at Springfield Catholic High School.

***Applications should be submitted online by following the instructions posted for Employment Opportunities above.***

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRAYER CHAIN

(417) 887-0600, Ext. 130

email: [staff@ic-parish.org](mailto:staff@ic-parish.org)



## OPERATION RICE BOWL

**FOR LENT  
FOR LIFE**

**Rice Bowls are available on the Gathering Area Table.** Your prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten season will help Catholic Relief Services continue to provide lifesaving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world. Rice Bowls are to be returned Holy Thursday. Be sure to put your name on the box so we can post your donation.

## VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

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

Sessions: April 16th, 5:30PM—8:30PM, The Catholic Center.



## BISHOP'S WALK & EASTER EGG HUNT



**Date:** Saturday, April 4th

**Time:** Walk Time is 10:00AM &  
Check-In begins at 9:30AM

**Where:** Springfield Catholic  
High School Track

**Lunch:** Provided by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Men's Club

**Cost:** \$25.00 for an individual & \$60.00 for a Family

**Register online at**

<https://ccsomo.org/news-events/event-registration/>

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### Lenten Lock-In for Youth

#### Adventure Program Members

Our annual Lenten Lock-In will be held Saturday/Sunday, March

21st—22nd, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish. All members in Kindergarten—5th grade in Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Trail Life USA, Little Flowers, etc. are invited. Those in 2nd—5th will be invited to spend the night. (6th—12th graders are invited to help out on Saturday night only.) For more information or to register, visit <https://dioscsg.formstack.com/forms/lentenlockin> or call the Office of Youth Formation, 417.866.0841.

### RELIGIOUS EMBLEM AWARDS

Any Scout, AHG or Trail Life member working on the Religious Emblem Awards, please turn in your completed form (we don't need the whole book, just the last page) by March 15th to John Newton at the Catholic Center, 601 S Jefferson Ave., Springfield, MO 65806. For questions, call or text John at 417.833.6905 or call the Office of Youth Formation, 417.866.0841. The awards ceremony is scheduled for Monday, May 11th at St. Agnes Cathedral with Bishop Rice.



### CRS RICE BOWLS

Our Catholic community in the United States does something amazing each Lent.

We come together to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving—and by doing so we help lift families and communities out of poverty.

Rice Bowls area available on the Gathering Area table. Please turn them in on Holy Thursday.



**TEXT ALERTS**



Sign-up for Parish Alerts

**Text: Frtom To: 84576**

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLHOUSE HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM

Registering now for the 2020-2021 school year! Homeschool Success through a Classical Approach," the CSH program provides exceptional core and enrichment classes for homeschooled children once a week. They gather on Wednesdays for Mass, classes, and community at St. Joseph the Worker in Ozark, MO. Opportunities include courses for pre-school through high school-aged children, as well as special events such as group field trips, park play dates, liturgical year celebrations, etc.

Information: Cathy at 417.315.0597 / Email: [springfield-mo@catholicschoolhouse.com](mailto:springfield-mo@catholicschoolhouse.com). Visitors welcome!

### CENTERING PRAYER

**Centering Prayer**

**INFORMATION:** Susan Litchy, 417.612.1188. Meetings will be held the second and fourth Fridays of the Month. Everyone is welcome.

### TOTUS TUUS YOUTH MISSIONARY TRAINING

We are looking for young Catholic men and women (ages 18—25) who are eager to share their love of Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith with the children of our diocese next summer! Information: [codioscg.org/index.php/about/youth-ministry](http://codioscg.org/index.php/about/youth-ministry) or contact the Office of Evangelization, Catechesis and Youth Formation Lynn Melendez, Director 417.866.0841, [lmelendez@dioscsg.org](mailto:lmelendez@dioscsg.org)



### Lenten Shrimp Fest at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will hold a Lenten Shrimp Fest on Friday, March 20th, from 3:30PM—7:00PM. Proceeds benefit the SEAS 8th Grade graduation/class trip cost.

Menu: Shrimp/Crawfish Boil w/corn on the cob, new potatoes & carrots, shrimp etouffee, shrimp fettuccine alfredo, garden salad & bread.

### GARDENING AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES/LIFEHOUSE

Join volunteers from area parishes in helping Catholic Charities/LifeHouse with their grounds maintenance and 21 raised vegetable beds. We volunteer monthly from March through October, with some of our Garden Friends planting and harvesting weekly through the summer months. Our first work day will be Tuesday, March 24th, from 9AM—11AM, and Thursday, April 23rd, from 9AM—11AM. Weather permitting: March goals: ready the beds for planting cool weather crops, clean gutters and area of leaves and, trim bushes, etc. Volunteer / Information: Jana Hukriede 417.840.4109 or [jana-hukriede@gmail.com](mailto:jana-hukriede@gmail.com).

### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND of March 7/8, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 22,874.00
Plate:	\$ 1,299.48
Weekly Total:	\$ 24,173.48
<b>Weekly Need to Meet Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 20,840.39</b>

Sponsor A Child	\$ 155.00
Parish Repair & Maintenance:	\$ 1,665.00
Home Missions	\$ 802.75
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 91.00
The MIRROR	\$ 261.00

Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$ 1,099,956.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$ 789,712.00
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	(.03% above budget)

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