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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.



33rd Sunday

in Ordinary Time
November 17, 2019

“...nothing in this world will last forever...but if we put our hope in Christ, we will find life...”

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Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious 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

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TEXT ALERTS



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Text: Frtom To: 84576

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—NOVEMBER 17, 2019

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 17th

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

8:00AM Parish Council of Catholic Women
Holiday Sale—CRA/CRB

8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel

9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB



Monday, November 18th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL

8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—4TH & 5TH GRADES

5:30PM Bell Choir—CR

7:00PM Parish Council Meeting—PMR

7:00PM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—CRA

Tuesday, November 19th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL

8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—1ST, 2ND & 3RD GRADES

NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB

Wednesday, November 20th

6:20AM Communion Service—CHAPEL

8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADE

NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

6:15PM PSR/Youth Group—CAFETERIA

6:30PM Mass—CHAPEL

7:00PM Choir Practice—CR

Thursday, November 21st

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL

8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL

NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CR

Friday, November 22nd

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL

8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—ALL SCHOOL MASS

9:00AM Centering Prayer—CRA

NOON—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

Saturday, November 23rd—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, November 24th

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel

8:45AM Confirmation Class—CRA/CAFETERIA

9:00AM RCIA Dismissal—PMR

9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

2:00PM Mass of Life & Dinner



Bishop Rice's November Prayer Intention

Let us remember to pray for our departed family and friends, that they may rest in the peace of Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 18th—

The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

6:20AM Debbie Speiser (Int.)

8:30AM + John Donica

Tuesday, November 19th

6:20AM Barbara Page (Int.)

8:30AM + Bob Lechner

Wednesday, November 20th

6:20AM Communion Service

8:30AM + Francis Sutton

6:30PM + Jane Mayer

Thursday, November 21st—

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:20AM Debbie Speiser (Int.)

8:30AM + Robert Gamba

Friday, November 22nd—

St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

6:20AM + Albert & Geke Meenink

8:30AM Angel Pruett (Int.)

Saturday, Vigil Mass, November 23rd

4:00PM + Joy Massey

Sunday, November 24th—

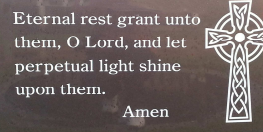
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:00AM + William Gregory Cody

9:00AM + Connie Byrnes

11:00AM The Parish Family

2:00PM + The Faithful Departed



BOOK OF LIFE

Please take an opportunity to place the names of our faithful departed in the Book of Life on the Gathering Area Table.

PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN ANNUAL



Start your Christmas shopping at our Holiday Sale (huge white elephant and bake sale). Community Rooms A & B, Saturday, November 16th from 8AM—6PM; and Sunday, November 17th, from 8AM—1PM.

While you are there, enjoy lunch in the PCCW Bistro!

Mass of Life
Sunday—November 24th—2:00PM

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 24, 2019

2 Samuel 5:1-3/ Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5

Colossians 1:12-20/ Luke 22:35-43

PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Sophia Griesbaum, Steve Schoen, Nick, Angie, Laura Seemuth, Gerald Martin, Barbara Hall, Eloise Fetter, Robert Gamba, Judy Gibson, Gerri Klesel, Tony Klesel, Judie Stinecipher, Corine Larson, Mamie Lawless, Dr. Jim Markusic, Mary Miller, Karen Pfirrmann, 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 Malusa Falquez, the sister of Rey Gumucio; for Ronnie Polodna, the brother of Kenneth; for John Matthews, the husband of Joann; 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.

PARISH UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

Mass of Life

(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday, November 24th—2:00 PM
Remembering Our Faithful Departed

Thanksgiving Day Masses

November 28th: Masses 6:20 AM & 8:30 AM

First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders

Monday, December 2nd: 7:00 PM

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

11:00 AM Mass

12:00 NOON: Christmas Dinner & Carols
(Bring gloves and scarfs for those in need.)

Ugly Christmas Sweaters Welcome!



From Father Tom's Desk



Stop Speculating!

Here, in my judgment, is one of the subtlest temptations that faces any Christian in any era: If we are not careful, we can get diverted here from what Christ has called us to do in this present age. This happened in Thessalonica not twenty years after Jesus died, and Saint Paul met the issue head on. Some of the folk there got so caught up in expecting and predicting the imminent return of the Lord that they had ceased to do any work and degenerated into idle busybodies who prattled only about the future (2 Thessalonians 3:11). Paul rebuked this tendency to let an over-interest in "the last things" divert us from faithfulness to "the first things."

There is an old story about a warrior who was struck one day by a poisonous arrow. This man happened to be a speculative sort of person, so as he lay on the ground he mused to himself: "I wonder what kind of wood this arrow is made of? What sort of birds, do you suppose, the feathers come from? I wonder what type of man shot this arrow — tall or short, dark or light." His comrades, who saw his plight, could bear it no longer, but cried out in frustration: "For God's sake, man! Stop speculating and pull out the arrow!"

Need I say more?

Gary L. Carver and Tom M. Garrison, Sermons for Sundays in Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany: Building a Victorious Life, CSS Publishing Company, Inc.

Consider the Joy!

Consider the story of one young man. He was often sick as a baby. He was always small, puny some would say. As a youth he was always frail and delicate. He was not able to play sports with the other boys his age. Eventually he entered the ministry. But his health was so fragile, he was unable to serve his growing congregation.

Amazingly, he did not dwell on his troubles. In fact, his spirit soared. His only real complaint was the poor quality of the hymns of his day. He felt they did not convey hope and joy. Someone challenged him to write better ones. He did. He wrote over 600 hymns, most of them hymns of praise.

When his health collapsed completely in 1748, he left one of the most remarkable collection of hymns the world has ever known. His name was Isaac Watts. In a few weeks we will be singing one of his most famous hymns, "Joy to the World!" Isaac Watts discovered joy in his life because he knew that God would never desert him. He was able to live his life with all sorts of health problems feeling close to God and Jesus. He had joy deep in his heart.

Timothy J. Smith

Father Tom



We are forming a Youth Choir of parishioners in Grades 6th through 12th! Register by calling the Parish Office @ 417.887.0600. Please reply by November 18th.

The Youth Choir will participate in the music ministry at a Sunday Mass on a regular monthly basis.

Mass of Life
Sunday—November 24th—2:00PM
Remembering Our Loved Ones

Please join us to celebrate the *Mass of Life* in remembrance of your loved one(s) on Sunday, November 24th at 2:00PM. This is a prayerful opportunity to pray together as a parish family in thanksgiving 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 19th, to Becky, 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.

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

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on Tuesday, November 26th at 6am. Adoration will resume on Monday, December 2nd after the 9am mass.

Adorers Needed: Sunday: 1PM—2PM;

Monday: 1AM—2AM; and Saturday: 1PM—2PM, 6AM—7AM;
11AM—12PM & 2PM—3PM

Join our substitute list to experience the peace of adoration.

VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

VIRTUS—Pre-registration is necessary at www.dioscg.org or www.virtus.org. See www.virtus.org for future sessions.



DIOCESE COMMUNICATION SURVEY

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau is conducting a survey to assist in the development of a communication strategy that will better serve the Catholic community in southern Missouri. The survey takes about seven minutes to complete and is available at the Diocese website, www.dioscg.org. At the home page click on the **Communications Survey** tab. Your answers are confidential and will only be seen by consultants outside the diocese. Your participation is appreciated, and the feedback received will be used to shape the future of this diocese. THANK YOU!



YOUTH ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH SURVEY
AS WE NEED TO BEGIN COMMUNICATING WITH
YOUR PREFERRED PLATFORMS!

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For a tour, enrollment information, or to check availability at various grade levels, please contact the schools in which you are interested.

Immaculate Conception: 417.881.7000

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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 Keesee, kkeesee@charter.net, (573)-986-3320, or cell, 573.986.3320.

SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Couples civilly-married, or where either one has been married before, that seek the Sacrament of Marriage within the Church, are invited to an upcoming day-long marriage seminar on **Saturday, November 16th** from 9:00 AM—4:30PM in The Pallotti Center at The Catholic Center in Springfield. Lunch will be provided. Contact Fr. Tom for details.

WE COULD USE BIKES FOR BOYS & GIRLS

All bikes can be taken to Adventure Bicycle Company, 3250 E Battlefield ST, Unit H. Or, if they need to be picked up, we do have resources that can do that. They can contact Didem at Boys and Girls Clubs at 417.862.9249. Any and all size bikes are welcomed and in any condition.



ONE CHURCH—EAST TO WEST—UNITED IN CHARITY

Support our local anti-poverty agency: Catholic Charities November 17, 2019, marks the Third Annual World Day of the Poor. This year, Pope Francis' message is taken from Psalm 9:19: "The hope of the poor will not perish forever." It is fitting that the date of this celebration falls on the date for the annual Second Collection for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri (CCSOMO), our local anti-poverty agency. CCSOMO is our Catholic community's united and hopeful response for our neighbors in need throughout the lower third of the state, where the Top 10 of Missouri's poorest counties call home (and none of its wealthiest)!



QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES & LIFEHOUSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFEHOUSE CRISIS MATERNITY HOME IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE RESPITE CHILDCARE FOR OUR RESIDENTS.

We offer childcare on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30AM-11:30AM. If you, or someone you know, are interested in helping us with this vital ministry, contact Jill Bryant at 417.720.4213 or jbryant@ccsomo.org.

WILL YOU HELP US PRAY? Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri take prayer requests from LifeHouse residents, staff, and from across the diocese and every Tuesday at noon volunteers gather in the Monastery chapel to pray over these needs. CONTACT: Jill Bryant at 417.720.4213 or jbryant@ccsomo.org.

GOD BLESS YOU SR. FRANCES WESSEL

Sr. Frances is beginning a new chapter in her life at the Sarah Community. We wish her well. You may contact Sr. Frances at Naomi House, 3393 McKelvey Rd, Bridgeton, MO 63044

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.

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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.



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETING



Our next meeting will be this Sunday night, November 24th at 7:00PM with the Rosary (optional) at 6:30PM in Community Room B.

Contact Bruce Horine at 417.833.7913 with questions.

ADOPT-A-TURKEY HAS BEGUN



St. Vincent de Paul's Adopt-a-Turkey fundraiser has begun. Look for your Turkey envelopes on the Gathering Area table and as always we are extremely grateful for your sacrificial gift. Without it we would not be able to cover the rising cost of the food.

iGIVECATHOLIC—SUPPORT OUR PARISH



Advanced Giving for the iGiveCatholic day of giving on December 3rd begins on Monday November 18th. Please consider a gift for our parish and consider finding an additional parish or organization in the diocese to assist. The minimum gift is \$25. Here is the step by step method to contribute.

1. Go to iGiveCatholic.org
2. Scroll down to the map, click on Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau
3. Click on "Donate"
4. Type Immaculate Conception Parish in the search box and click on the link "View Profile" for our parish.

RECTORY KITCHEN REMODEL



In the August 2018 Sunday Bulletin there was the following information concerning the rectory kitchen:

Work on Rectory Kitchen:

\$30,000.00. Replace appliances that have inoperative components, redo plumbing to keep the pipes to the sink from freezing during cold weather, and replace cabinets that have served us well.

The rectory kitchen renovation was approved last August 2018 by our Finance Council and approval was received from Bishop Rice to proceed with the project. Renovation was begun the last part of October by Eric Stuhlsatz, ELS Construction. Eric and his family are parishioners of our parish.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRAYER CHAIN
(417) 887-0600, Ext. 130
email: staff@ic-parish.org

LACTATION STATION

—SOUTH CONFESSIONAL—



YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND of November 9/10, 2019

Envelopes:	\$ 23,136.25
Plate:	\$ 1,490.91
Weekly Total:	\$ 24,627.16
Weekly Need to Meet Budget:	\$ 20,840.39
Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$ 1,099,956.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$ 401,877.00
Year-to-date Collection:	\$ 382,391.13
	(6.79% below budget)

Sponsor a child	\$ 0.00
Parish Repair & Maintenance:	\$ 525.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,749.00
Military Church	\$ 1,353.00
Adopt-A-Turkey	\$ 5,000.00

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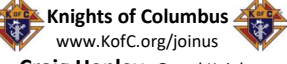


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