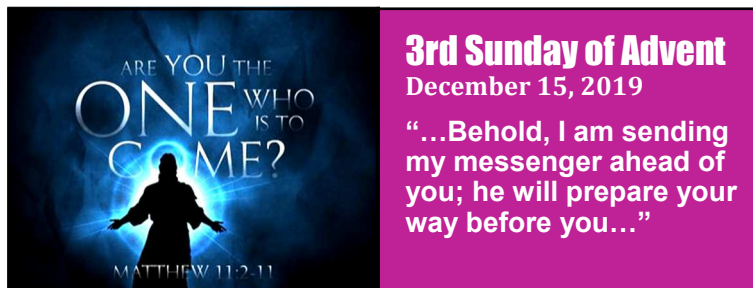


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SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY MASSES

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

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Please call Joyce Blades at 417-881-4367 or

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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 15, 2019

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

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

Monday, December 16th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—4TH & 5TH GRADES
5:30PM Bell Choir—CR
6:15PM Simbang Gabi Mass—CHAPEL

Tuesday, December 17th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—1ST, 2ND & 3RD GRADES
NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
6:15PM Simbang Gabi Mass—CHAPEL
7:00PM Christmas Novena—CHURCH
7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB

Wednesday, December 18th

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
6:15PM Simbang Gabi Mass—CHAPEL
6:20PM PSR/Youth Group—CAFETERIA
7:00PM Christmas Novena—CHURCH

Thursday, December 19th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL
8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL
NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
6:15PM Simbang Gabi Mass—CHAPEL
7:00PM Christmas Novena—CHURCH

Friday, December 20th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—ALL SCHOOL MASS
NOON—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
6:15PM Simbang Gabi Mass—CHAPEL
7:00PM Christmas Novena—CHURCH

Saturday, December 21st—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
6:15PM Simbang Gabi Mass—CHAPEL
7:00PM Christmas Novena—CHURCH

Sunday, December 22nd—4th Sunday of Advent

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM Sunday Masses
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel
9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB
6:15PM Simbang Gabi Mass—CHAPEL
7:00PM Christmas Novena—CHURCH

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 16th—

6:20AM Reconciliation of Spouses
8:30AM + Evelyn Peterson

Tuesday, December 17th

6:20AM + John Baptist & Theresa
8:30AM Nick Calvert (Int.)

Wednesday, December 18th

6:20AM Communion Service
8:30AM Holly Wilson (Int.)
6:30PM + Matthew Zimmerman

Thursday, December 19th

6:20AM + Bryon Ellingson
8:30AM St. Agnes Class of '52 & Loved Ones (Int.)

Friday, December 20th

6:20AM + Teresa Ngoan Thi Ngoan
8:30AM Vicky Jones (Int.)

Saturday, Vigil Mass, December 21st

4:00PM + Gordon Weidelman

Sunday, December 22nd—4th Sunday of Advent

7:00AM + Jackie Schmidt
9:00AM + Charles Howard
11:00AM The Parish Family

PARISH UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

Advent Communal Penance Service

Sunday, December 15th: 2:00 PM

4th Sunday of Advent—Eucharistic Adoration

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

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 ...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 22, 2019

Isaiah 7:10-14/ Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Romans 1: 1-7/ Matthew 1:18-24

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 Matthew Zimmerman, the son of Dan & Mary, the brother of Isaac & Kasha; Miranda Griesbaum & Mary Griesbaum and for William Jacob; 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 15th: 2:00PM Immaculate Conception, Spfld.

December 16th: 7:00PM St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spfld.

December 17th: 7:00PM Sacred Heart, Spfld.

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.

Sign up for



TEXT ALERTS



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www.ic-parish.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



Humor: Reacting to Critics

The pastor John Maxwell tells a story about a salesman who went to his barber for a haircut. He told the barber about his upcoming trip to Rome. The barber had only negative comments to make about the airline the salesman had chosen, the hotel where he was going to stay, about Rome in general, and even about his hope of having an audience with the Pope. A month later the salesman returned to the barbershop. He said, "I had a wonderful trip. The flight was perfect and the hotel service was excellent. And I got to meet the Pope!" The barber asked, "What did the Pope say to you?" The salesman said, "He placed his hand on my head and said, 'My son, where did you get such a lousy haircut?'" May such an experience happen to every sourpuss and chronic critic!

Bill Bouknight, www.Sermons.com

A Place of Dreams

There was once a woman who was disappointed, who was disillusioned, who was depressed. She wanted a good world, a peaceful world, and she wanted to be a good person. But the newspaper and television showed her how far we were from such a reality. So she decided to go shopping. She went to the mall and wandered into a new store - where the person behind the counter looked strangely like Jesus. Gathering up her courage she went up to the counter and asked, "Are you Jesus?" "Well, yes, I am," the man answered. "Do you work here?" "Actually," Jesus responded, "I own the store. You are free to wander up and down the aisles, see what it is I sell, and then make a list of what you want. When you are finished, come back here, and we'll see what we can do for you."

So, the woman did just that. And what she saw thrilled her. There was peace on earth, no more war, no hunger or poverty, peace in families, no more drugs, harmony, clean air. She wrote furiously and finally approached the counter, handing a long list to Jesus. He skimmed the paper, and then smiling at her said, "No problem." Reaching under the counter, he grabbed some packets and laid them out on the counter. Confused, she asked, "What are these?" Jesus replied: "These are seed packets. You see, this is a catalogue store." Surprised the woman blurted out, "You mean I don't get the finished product?" "No," Jesus gently responded. "This is a place of dreams. You come and see what it looks like, and I give you the seeds. Then you plant the seeds. You go home and nurture them and help them to grow and someone else reaps the benefits." "Oh," she said, deeply disappointed in Jesus. Then she turned around and left the store without buying anything.

Adapted by Susan R. Andrews, as told in Spiritual Literacy: Reading the Sacred in Everyday Life, F. and M. Brussat, editors (New York: Scribner, 1996), p. 359.

Father Tom

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

You are Invited!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH SNOW/ICE

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CANCELLATION PROCEDURE

If the Catholic School System is closed because of bad weather, all activities scheduled for that day, such as RCIA, PSR, Scripture Study, Choir, Women's Council, or any other meeting scheduled for that day will be canceled. If, during the morning or afternoon, conditions get bad, we will put information about cancellations on KTTS (94.7fm) radio station. The parish office will be closed the first day that schools are out, the second day we will open at noon (unless it is extremely bad and dangerous to be out). Please use your best judgment; your safety is most important!!!



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

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed from Friday, December 20th at 6:00AM to Thursday, January 2nd after the 9:00AM Mass for Christmas. The Chapel will be open to pray before the Tabernacle.

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:

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VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

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



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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION OPEN

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks a qualified applicant to fill a permanent, full-time Administrative Assistant position working for the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis and the Office of Development and Properties at The Catholic Center in Springfield. Applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic. Qualified individuals will have excellent writing and grammar skills as well as verbal communication skills in person and on the phone, proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite including Excel, Access, and Publisher, proficiency in using the Internet, and the ability to perform day-to-day office tasks.

To request an application packet, including a detailed job description, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, jansmith@dioscg.org, or call 417.866.0841. Applications will be accepted through **January 10, 2020**.

Fr. Lewis' Christmas Open House

View Christmas Trees and Villages from around the world! Fr. Lewis will hold his open house 7:30 PM—9:30 PM at St. Agnes' Rectory, 533 South Jefferson Ave., December 18th, 19th & 20th.

YEAR END CHARITABLE GIVING

END OF YEAR GIVING

More than half of all charitable giving is made at the end of the year. Why? It is the time of year when we express thanks for the many blessings we have received. It is the time when we review our finances and do our tax planning. It is the best time to remind parishioners that you can help the mission and activities of our parish through your generosity.

As you consider your end-of-year donations, please consider a gift to Immaculate Conception Parish. Won't you consider a year-end-gift to your parish?

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Administrative Assistant Position—The Catholic Center

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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 December 7/8, 2019

Envelopes:	\$ 18,271.25
Plate:	\$ 1,385.13
Weekly Total:	\$ 19,656.38
Weekly Need to Meet Budget:	\$ 20,840.39
Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$ 1,099,956.00
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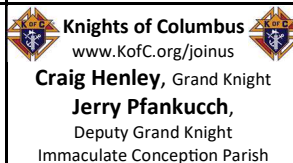
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