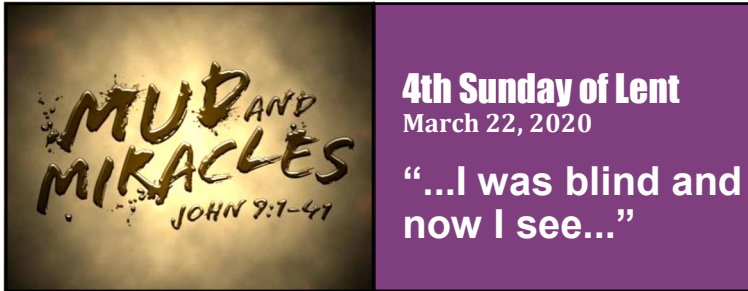


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4th Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2020

"...I was blind and now I see..."

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SCHEDULE OF Streaming SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday: 9:00AM

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00PM

SCHEDULE OF Streaming WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday – Friday: 8:30AM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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.

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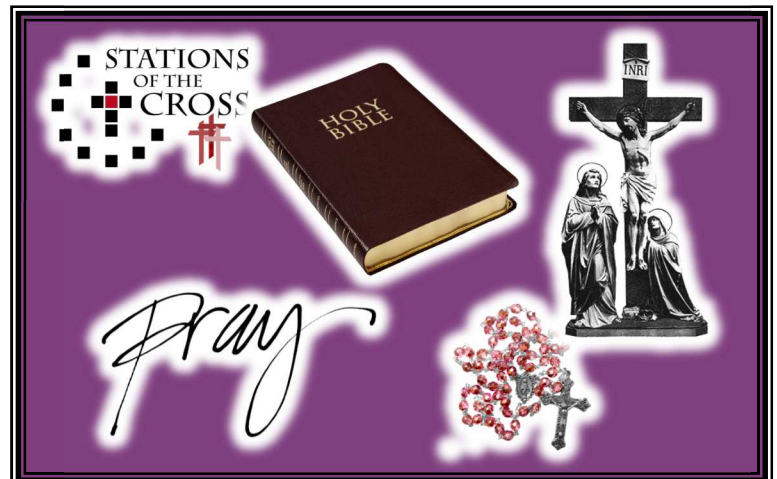
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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 22, 2020

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, 4th Sunday of Lent, March 22nd

9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—Streaming on Facebook

Monday, March 23rd

8:30AM Mass—Streaming on Facebook

Tuesday, March 24th

8:30AM Mass—Streaming on Facebook

Wednesday, March 25th

8:30AM Mass—Streaming on Facebook

Thursday, March 26th

8:30AM Mass—Streaming on Facebook

Friday, March 27th

8:30AM Mass—Streaming on Facebook

Saturday, March 28th—Sunday Vigil

4:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass—Streaming on Facebook

Sunday, 5th Sunday of Lent, March 29th

9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—Streaming on Facebook



The Church & Chapel will be open for prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament:

SUNDAY

12:00NOON—4:00PM

MONDAY—FRIDAY

9:30AM—4:00PM

SATURDAY

8:00AM—2:00PM

No groups should exceed

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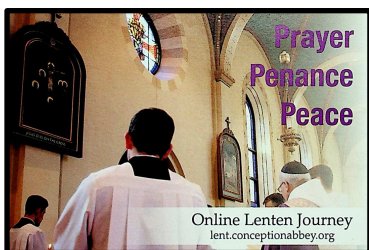
Please practice safe distancing.



Dear Immaculate Conception Parishioners,

If your parish can be of assistance to you or anyone that you become aware of 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***



ONLINE

LENTEN JOURNEY

lent.conceptionabbey.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 23rd—

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:30AM + Gordon Weideman

Tuesday, March 24th—

St. Oscar Romero, Bishop & Martyr

8:30AM Linda Kelly (Int.)

Wednesday, March 25th—

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30AM + Matthew Zimmerman

Thursday, March 26th

8:30AM + Amy Schaffer

Friday, March 27th

8:30AM Astry Rivera (Int.)

Saturday, Vigil Mass, March 28th

4:00PM The Parish Family

Sunday, March 29th—5th Sunday of Lent

9:00AM + Larry Dees

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PLEASE CALL JOYCE BLADES AT 881.4367 OR

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(PLEASE PRACTICE SAFE DISTANCING.)

Keep in touch. ♦ Sign-up for parish text and email alerts on flocknote: **Text 84576 to Frtom**



♦ A text message from flocknote will be sent with the schedule of the live-streaming of our Sunday Masses. Our weekday Masses will also be available on our Facebook page: **Immaculate Conception Parish Springfield MO**



♦ We will also have available on YouTube recordings of our Masses. **ICSpringfield**

♦ Check our website for updates:
www.ic-parish.org

PRAY THE ROSARY

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT

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



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 29, 2020

Ezekiel 37: 12-14/ Psalm 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Romans 8: 8-11 / John 11: 1-45

PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Donald Borneman, 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 Pfirman, 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; Josephine Eidson; Gregory Van Forrest; 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.

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. Mail your envelope in by Sunday, April 5th. A list of the names will appear in the Easter bulletin.



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Online Registration to re-enroll students in Springfield Catholic Schools in grades K-12 is now taking place. Current

families should go to the parent portal OR click the link to be taken directly to the <http://sis.scsapk12.org>. For assistance, please call the school office of your student(s). **Employment Opportunities:** www.scsapk12.org

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND of March 13/14, 2020

Envelopes:	\$	10,528.00
Plate:	\$	288.15
Weekly Total:	\$	10,816.15
Weekly Need to Meet Budget:	\$	20,840.39

Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$	1,099,956.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	810,865.00
Year-to-date Collection:	\$	789,712.00
<i>(1.34% below budget)</i>		

From Father Tom's Desk



The Creation of Braille

It was 1818 in France, and Louis, a boy of 9, was sitting in his father's workshop. The father was a harness-maker and the boy loved to watch his father work the leather. "Someday Father," said Louis, "I want to be a harness-maker, just like you." "Why not start now?" said the father. He took a piece of leather and drew a design on it. "Now, my son," he said, "take the hole-puncher and a hammer and follow this design, but be careful that you don't hit your hand." Excited, the boy began to work, but when he hit the hole-puncher, it flew out of his hand and pierced his eye! He lost the sight of that eye immediately. Later, sight in the other eye failed. Louis was now totally blind.

A few years later, Louis was sitting in the family garden when a friend handed him a pinecone. As he ran his sensitive fingers over the cone, an idea came to him. He became enthusiastic and began to create an alphabet of raised dots on paper so that the blind could feel and interpret what was written. Thus, Louis Braille opened up a whole new world for the blind--all because of an accident!

Bits and Pieces, June, 1990, p. 23-4

How Do You Know It's A Bad Thing?

There is an ancient Chinese legend of an old man and his only son. One night the old man's horse escaped, and the neighbors came to comfort him in his loss. "How do you know this is a bad thing?" he asked them.

Several days later his horse returned with a herd of wild horses. Now his friends came to congratulate the farmer for his good fortune. But the old man said, "How do you know this is a good thing?"

While his son was trying taming one of the wild horses, he is thrown and breaks his leg. Again his friends gathered to bemoan his new misfortune. But the old man asked, "How do you know this is a bad thing?"

Soon a warlord came to recruit able-bodied youth for his army, and the farmer's son escaped conscription because of his broken leg. In true fashion, the farmer's neighbors came and expressed their pleasure over the man's good luck. "How do you know it's a good thing?" he asked. The story can go on forever. Good fortune can quickly turn on you and bad fortune may be a blessing in disguise.

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