Immaculate Conception Darish

3555 South Fremont Avenue – Springfield, Missouri 65804-4237 The Mission of Immaculate Conception Darish is to be a family-centered sacramental community comprised of compassionate witnesses to God's word, love, and presence.





7th Sunday in Ordinary Time February 23, 2020

"...we must desire good things for others in spite of any evil they may do us..."

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday: 7:00ам, 9:00ам & 11:00ам Saturday (Vigil): 4:00рм

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

ASH wednesday

Ash Wednesday Masses February 26th

6:20AM—8:30AM—12:00 & 5:30PM PCCW Lenten Lunch after the Noon Mass & Youth Fish Fry Fundraiser after the 5:30PM Mass

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 23, 2020

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH Sunday, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 23rd 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 3:00PM Mid-America Singer's Concert—CHURCH Monday, February 24th 6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass—church—4th & 5th grades NOON—1:00PM - Praver Intercessor—CHAPEL 7:00PM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults—CRA **Tuesday, February 25th** 6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass-Church-1st, 2nd & 3rd grades NOON—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL 7:00PM Adult Continuing Education—PMR 7:00PM The Happening Meeting—CRA 7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB Ash Wednesday, February 26th 6:20AM Ash Wednesday Mass—CHURCH 8:30AM Ash Wednesday Mass All School Mass—CHURCH 10:00AM Adult Continuing Education—PMR 12:00 NOON: Ash Wednesday Mass—CHURCH Noon PCCW Soup/Sandwich Lunch after Mass—CRA NOON—1:00PM - Praver Intercessor 1:00pm Knit & Crochet—pmr 5:30PM Ash Wednesday Mass—CHURCH 6:30pm Youth Group Fish Dinner—CRA **Thursday, February 27th** 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, February 28th

6:20AM Mass-CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass-Church-6th, 7th & 8th grades 9:00AM Centering Prayer—CRA 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, February 29th—Sunday Vigil 2:30PM—3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH 4:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass 7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH Sunday, 1st Sunday of Lent, March 1st 7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM Sunday Masses **Knights of Columbus Breakfast After All Masses** 8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel 9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

9:00AM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Dismissal

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 24th								
6:20AM		Janice Hill (Int.)						
8:30AM	+	Virginia DeForke						
Tuesday, February 25th								
6:20AM		Greg Forrest (Int.)						
8:30AM		Mary Teresa Clotfelter (Int.)						
Wednesday, February 26th—Ash Wednesday								
6:20AM		The Parish Family						
8:30AM		Mary Tackett (Int.)						
12:00PM		Sonja Samala (Int.)						
5:30PM		Purgatorial Society						
Thursday, February 27th								
6:20AM		Victims of Violence						
8:30AM	+	John Baptist & Theresa						
Friday, February 28th								
6:20AM		College Students						
8:30AM		Tina Gollhofer (Int.)						
Saturday, Vigil Mass, February 29th								
4:00PM		The Parish Family						
Sunday, March 1st—1st Sunday of Lent								
7:00AM		Ted & Judy Esswein (Int.)						
9:00AM	+	Bill Hadfield						
11:00AM	+	Matthew Zimmerman						

Any suspected or known abuse of a minor must first be immediately reported to the Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline at 800-392-3738 or for suspected or known abuse of adults to the Missouri Adult Abuse and Neglect Hotline 800.392.0210, and may also be reported to law enforcement agencies.



All diocesan personnel are required to also report violations of The Code of Conduct for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers of the Diocese, Parishes, and Schools to the Diocese Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection at 417.866.0841 or <u>childandyouthprotection@dioscg.org</u>.

Concerns may be discussed with your supervisor, the Diocese Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, or a Victim Assistance Coordinator. Violations and concerns may also be reported using the TIPS online reporting system, accessible through the Diocese webpage, <u>www.dioscg.org</u>.

Failure to Report is a Class A Misdemeanor for a person who is required under the law to report. Filing a False Report is also a Class A Misdemeanor.

To view the Safe Environment Policy and Procedures, the Code of Conduct for Clergy, Employees and Adult Volunteers and for other important information, including a link to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's document, Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, go to <u>http://dioscg.org/</u> <u>index.php/about/child-youth-protection2/</u>.

If you are unable to access the website or desire printed information, contact the Diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 417.866.0841.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 1, 2020 Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7/ Psalm 51: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

Romans 5: 12-19/ Matthew 4: 1-11

PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Janice Hill, Joe Calvert, 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 Pfirrman, 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 prayers our faithful departed: especially; Joanne Murney, Virginia Sue Carter-Tucker, 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.



Youth ages 16—20 from all denominations are invited to *The Happening in Christianity Retreat* on June 5th-7th.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE—MARCH 7TH



DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE to be held in SPRINGFIELD on March 7th SAVE THE DATE: The Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be held on March

7th, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Springfield. The conference, which is being offered without charge, will open at 8:30AM and conclude at 4 :00PM with Mass at 5:00PM. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Among the day's highlights will be presentations by Bishop Edward Rice, Lamar Hunt, Jr., Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, and Deacon Kevin Carroll. A full list of speakers, program agenda and registration information will be forthcoming shortly. *Registration is required and seating is limited.* This event is being facilitated by a diocesan planning and promotion committee which is open to all who are interested. For more information or to join the committee, contact Nick Lund-Molfese at <u>nlund-molfese@dioscg.org</u>/417.866.0841.

From Father Tom's Desk

What Christians Are Really Made of



This text from Matthew makes me recall the words of C.S. Lewis, "Surely what a man does when he is taken off his guard is the best evidence for what sort of man he is. If there are rats in a cellar, you are most likely to see them if you go in very suddenly. But the suddenness does not create the rats; it only prevents them from hiding. In the same way, the suddenness of the provocation does not make me illtempered; it only shows me what an ill-tempered man I am."

Think about the reaction that Christ calls us to have if someone strikes us on the cheek. What kind of a person would that make us? To turn the other cheek and refuse to react with similar anger or malice shows the world we are Christian. So if what we do when we are taken off guard is the best evidence of what sort of person we are, let us pray our reactions show that we are good Christians!

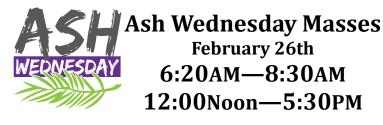
Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is the first day of the penitential season of Lent. Its true name is actually not "Ash Wednesday" but "The Day of Ashes." Whichever name is used, the reference to ashes comes from the ceremony of placing ashes on the forehead in the shape of the cross as a sign of penitence. This custom was introduced by Pope Gregory I, who was Bishop of Rome from to 590 A.D. to 604 A.D. It was enacted as a universal practice in all of Western Christendom by the Synod of Benevento in 1091 A.D.

GIVE UP

- **GIVE UP grumbling!** Instead, "In everything give thanks." Constructive criticism is OK, but "moaning, groaning, and complaining" are not Christian disciplines.
- *GIVE UP 10 to 15 minutes in bed!* Instead, use that time in prayer, Bible study and personal devotion.
- **GIVE UP looking at other people's worst points.** Instead concentrate on their best points. We all have faults. It is a lot easier to have people overlook our shortcomings when we overlook theirs first.
- **GIVE UP speaking unkindly.** Instead, let your speech be generous and understanding. It costs so little to say something kind and uplifting. Why not check that sharp tongue at the door?
- GIVE UP your hatred of anyone or anything! Instead, learn the discipline of love. "Love covers a multitude of sins."
- **GIVE UP your worries and anxieties!** Instead, trust God with them. Anxiety is spending emotional energy on something we can do nothing about: like tomorrow! Live today and let God's grace be sufficient.
- GIVE UP TV one evening a week! Instead, visit some lonely or sick person.
- There are those who are isolated by illness or age. Why isolate yourself in front of the "tube?" Give someone a precious gift: your time!
- **GIVE UP buying anything but essentials for yourself!** Instead, give the money to God. The money you would spend on the luxuries could help someone meet basic needs.We are called to be stewards of God's riches, not consumers.
- GIVE UP judging by appearances and by the standard of the world! Instead, learn to give up yourself to God. There is only one who has the right to judge, Jesus Christ. Craig Gates





PCCW Lenten Lunch after the Noon Mass & Youth Fish Fry Fundraiser after the 5:30PM Mass





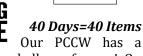
Fridays of Lent

6:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 7:00PM Stations of the Cross

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







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!

Mary's Way of the Cross

Immaculate Conception PCCW is hosting *Mary's Way of the Cross* on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00PM. Bishop Rice will offer a reflection and The Angel Voices will once again be singing

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A reception will follow in the Community Room.

MID-AMERICA SINGERS—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Concert—Sunday, February 23rd—3:00PM

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: 12PM—1PM; Mondays: 1AM—2AM; Fridays: 12AM—1AM; and Saturdays: 6AM -7AM, 2PM—3PM, Join our substitute list to experience the peace of adoration. Welcome to the Springfield Catholic Schools System! The Springfield Catholic Schools System is comprises three elementary schools (preschool thru 8th grade) and one high school. For a tour, enrollment information or to check availability at various grade levels, please contact the schoo(s) in which you are interested:



Immaculate Conception: 417.881.7000 St. Agnes Cathedral: 417.866.5038 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 417.887.6056 Springfield Catholic High School: 417.887.8817

Tradition of Faith, Service, and Academic Excellence!

VIRTUS is required for all positions. For positions complete the application for employment online by following the directions provided at www.scspk12.org. For details on these positions, please visit www.scspk12.org, click on the "About" tab at the top and scroll down to "Employment Opportunities."

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.

HOSPITALIZATION—CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 417.887.0600

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

www.feedthepoorhungryhomeless.com

For more information about feeding the hungry visit: www.feedthe poorhungryhomeless.com

VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

VIRTUS—Pre-registration is necessary: go to 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 for future sessions.

Sessions: February 20th, SCHS, March 5th & 7th, The Catholic Center



Hosea Lenten Retreat—CCM

Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) in Springfield, MO is inviting all college-aged men and women to its annual Hosea Lenten Retreat. The retreat will be held on March 7th- 8th at the O'Reilly Catholic Student Center. The theme is "Love Reignited" and will be filled with prayer, small group discussion, Adoration, and talks given by guest speaker Sr. Jeanne Roads, D.C., and the students. COST: \$30.00. Sign up at CCM's website www.ccm847.org by February 21st. INFO: contact Maria Shockley at 417.771.0202 or Shockley617@live.missouristate.edu.

LIFEHOUSE—CARE FOR LITTLE ONES

Jesus taught us to love and care for little children. LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home is blessed by an abundance of babies and we need volunteers to care for those little ones in our respite childcare program childcare on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 8:30-11:30. If you like to hold babies and play with the occasional toddler, then this is the volunteer opportunity for you! For more information please contact Jill Bryant at <u>ibvant@ccsomo.org</u> or call 417.720.4213.

Bishop Rice's February Prayer Intention

Feast of the Presentation: May we embrace Christ as the Liaht that dispels our darkness.



CCCS' Debt Management Plans

Feeling overwhelmed by personal finances? Please consider making Consumer Credit Counseling Service of the Ozarks (CCCS) your financial fitness partner. As a wholly-owned subsidiary of Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, CCCS has served area residents one-on-one for more than 50 vears. Visit www.cccsoftheozarks.org or call 417.889.7474 to make an appointment and learn more about CCCS' Debt Management Plans; and Housing, Bankruptcy, Student Loan, and Small Business Counseling.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH KNIGHTS



College Scholarships: MO STATE KofC website www.kofc698.org. Applicant must be a KofC member or related to a KofC member. Deadline for completed applications should be post marked by Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Questions: John

Gambon, 417.830.6389, Email: jgambon3645@gmail.com

www.feedthepoorhungryhomeless.com

"IN THE EXECUTIONER'S SHADOW"

"In the Executioner's Shadow", a 2018 documentary which focuses on the many ways the death penalty victimizes people, will be screened on Thursday. March 5th, at the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema. Producer Rick Stack and former executioner Jerry Givens will lead discussion following the film. Meet and Greet from 6PM—7PM, Screening of film 7PM— 8PM, Discussion/Q & A 8PM—9PM. Free and open to the public. RSVP by text to 417.459.2960. Sponsored by Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

CENTERING PRAYER

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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! Missionary teams will receive ten days of intensive training and then begin traveling to the various parishes in our diocese that are participating in the Totus Tuus summer program. Missionary team members receive a weekly salary and are supplied housing, food, and transportation for the one week of training and seven weeks of serving parishes.

Information: codioscg.org/index.php/about/vouth-ministry or contact the Office of Evangelization, Catechesis and Youth Formation Lynn Melendez, Director 417.866.0841. lmelendez@dioscg.org

DIRECTOR POSITION OPEN AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill a permanent. full-time associate director position working as the Associate Director of Evangelization and Catechesis. Applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic. It is preferred that qualified individuals have a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry, Theology, or Religious Education/ Catechesis. A Bachelor's degree or another appropriate degree will be considered. Applicants should also have work experience at the parish or diocesan level. Applications accepted through February 14, 2020. For an application packet, please contact Janet Smith at The Catholic Center by Emailing jansmith@dioscg.org, or calling 417.866.0841.

HOSPITALIZATION—CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND of February 15/16, 2020						
Envelopes:	\$	20,542.00	Sponsor A Child	\$	965.00	
Plate:	\$	955.00	Parish Repair & Maintenance:	\$	2,885.00	
Weekly Total:	<u>\$</u>	21,497.00	Home Missions	\$	277.00	
Weekly Need to Meet Budget:	\$	20,840.39	St. Vincent de Paul	\$	520.00	
Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$	1,099,956.00				
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	726,253.00				
Year-to-date Collection:	\$	712.655.85				

(1.87% below budget)



