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.





The Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2020

"...my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples..."

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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



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Sign-up for Parish Alerts Text: Frtom To: 84576

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—FEBRUARY 2, 2020

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, The Presentation of the Lord, February 2nd 7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM Sunday Masses -St. Blaise Throat Blessing after all Masses Knights of Columbus Breakfast After All Masses 8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel 9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB Monday, February 3rd 6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass—church—4th & 5th grades NOON—1:00PM - Praver Intercessor—CHAPEL 7:00PM Rite Christian Initiation of Adults—CRA 7:00PM PCCW Board Meeting—CRB **Tuesday, February 4th** 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, February 5th 6:20AM Mass-CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass-church-6th, 7th & 8th grades Noon—1:00рм - Prayer Intercessor 6:15PM Parish School of Religion & Youth Group—CAFETERIA **6:30PM Mass—Chapel** 7:00PM Choir Practice—CR Thursday, February 6th 6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL 8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL 7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB Friday, February 7th **6:20AM Mass-CHAPEL** 8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—ALL SCHOOL MASS 9:00AM Eucharistic Adoration—CHAPEL NOON—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL **1:00PM Benediction—CHAPEL** Saturday, February 8th—Sunday Vigil 9:00AM Heavenly Dusters cleaning church

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, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 9th

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

- 8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel
- 8:45AM Confirmation Class—CRA/CAFETERIA
- 9:00AM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Dismissal 9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB



FEBRUARY 7, 2020 FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 9:00am—1:00pm 1:00pm Benediction

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 3rd—					
St. Blaise, Bishop & Martry; St. Ansgar, Bishop					
		John Baptist & Theresa			
8:30AM	+	Gordon Weidelman			
Tuesday, February 4th					
6:20AM	+	Marilyn Vydra			
8:30AM	+	Joey Perrone			
Wednesday, February 5th—					
St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr					
6:20AM		Communion Service			
8:30AM		Mike Hines (Int.)			
6:30PM	+	Purgatorial Society			
Thursday, February 6th—					
St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs					
6:20AM		In Thanksgiving			
8:30AM	+	Joseph Sòn van Lam			
Friday, February 7th					
6:20AM	+	Vincent Nguyen Heiu Lu			
8:30AM		Glad Eyerman (Int.)			
Saturday, Vigil Mass, February 8th					
4:00PM	+	Richard & Lucille Watkins			
Sunday, February 9th—5th Sunday in Ordinary Time					
		The Parish Family			
9:00AM	+	Bill Hadfield			
11:00AM	+	Theresa Ngoan Thi Ngoan			

SAINT BLAISE: FROM DOCTOR TO SAINT



"Suffering and illness have always been among the greatest problems that trouble the human spirit. Christians feel and experience pain as do all other people; yet their faith helps them to grasp more deeply the mystery of suffering and to bear their pain with greater courage. . . . Part of the plan laid out by God's providence is that we should fight strenuously against all

sickness and carefully seek the blessings of good health, so that we may fulfill our role in human society and in the Church".

Saint Blase was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

Let us now pray for those who are sick and suffering, for those who care for the sick, and for all who seek the blessings of good health.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 9, 2020

Isaiah 58: 7-10/ Psalm 112: 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5/ Matthew 5: 13-16

PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

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, Judie Stinecipher, 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 prayer our faithful departed: especially Ken Craig, the husband of Susan; Dennis Butler, the brother of Cathy Brown; and Marilyn Vydra; 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.



are invited to *The Happening in Christianity Retreat*.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE to be held in SPRINGFIELD on March 7 SAVE THE DATE: The first annual



Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **March 7**, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Springfield. The conference, which is being offered without charge, will open with a complimentary breakfast at 8:30AM and conclude with Mass at 5:00PM. Among the day's highlights will be presentations by Bishop Edward Rice, Fr. Patrick Nwokoye, Deacon Kevin Carroll, and Mr. Craig Henley. A full list of speakers, program agenda and registration information will be forthcoming shortly. 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> or telephone 417.866.0841.

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

From Father Tom's Desk

<u>Simon Finds Peace</u>

A pastor asked an elderly woman, lying on her deathbed, "Have you made your peace with God?"

"No, and I don't intend to," said the woman.

"What do you mean?" said the pastor.

"Listen," she replied. "I know I am dying, yet I have no fear of meeting God. I am now resting in the peace which Jesus Christ made in his atoning death upon the cross, and I don't have to make my peace with God for I am now resting in the peace which Jesus Christ has already made."

Illustration: Donald Deffner

<u>So Much More Than Anticipated</u>

Have you ever looked forward to something and when it happened, it was so much more than you anticipated? Maybe this was your experience at the time of your marriage or the birth of your first child. This was somewhat like the experience of David Livingstone, the explorer and missionary to central Africa in the mid-1800s. In his journal he tells about his discovery of the great falls, which he named the Victoria Falls, and what that experience meant to him. He had heard from the natives that there was something up the river, but he was not sure what it was. He could hear the roar of the falls for miles and he could see the sprav five miles away. He said he could never explain the splendor that fell upon his soul when he looked on the falls for the first time. Suddenly, right before his eyes, the Zambezi River was a mile wide; it sloped slightly and then cascaded in a 400-foot plunge in a display of awesome splendor. He said for several minutes the sight literally paralyzed him. He knew that something was ahead but his discovery was far beyond his wildest imagination.

This is exactly what happened to Simeon in the text. He knew the Messiah was coming and he waited and prayed for the day to arrive. He was told by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he would see the Lord's Messiah. Every time parents brought their children to the Temple he was filled with anticipation that possibly one of them was the child he was waiting for. Then Mary and Joseph arrived at the Temple and Simeon, now an old man, took the child up into his arms and praised God saying:

Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all peoples.

The scene is a moving one: an old man now ready to die holding a six-week-old baby, who is at long last "the salvation for all people.

Illustration: John A Stroman

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Wednesday Mass in the Chapel—6:30PM

You are Invited!

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE Please notify us before Mass if you would like to receive a Gluten Free Host.



<u>10 GOOD REASONS TO GO TO SUNDAY MASS</u>

1. **God asks us to make one day holy**. God asks us to set aside one day per week to refocus physically, mentally, and spiritually. We live in a secular world. Going to Sunday Mass helps us to see everything from a different perspective. We begin to see in the depths of our being that God is in charge.

2. Jesus gives us the gift of Himself. When we go to Sunday Mass, we are doing what Jesus commanded His followers to do. It is a command of love, to love God and others and to be loved by God. Jesus is present and comes to us in the Word of God we hear proclaimed and in His Real Presence, in the Blessed Sacrament.

3. We need to be part of a community. When we come together at Sunday Mass to pray and worship God, we satisfy a deep need, human and spiritual, to be in communion with other people. The other parishioners — even if we don't know all of them —give us support, affirmation, and encouragement in our attempt to live the Gospel message. They help us to see that we are not alone in living our Catholic Faith.

4. **God has a special message for us.** When we listen to the readings, the homily, and the prayers of the Mass, God speaks to us in a special way. We should come away from each Sunday Mass with at least one new thought or inspiration that will have a positive impact in our lives.

5. *We need to talk to God.* When we go to Mass, we speak to God through our singing, our communal responses and prayers, and our personal prayers from the depths of our hearts. During Mass we have the opportunity to ask God for what we need, to promise God we will do what He wants us to do, and thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed on us.

6. **People need our prayers**. We can pray for other people anytime, but when we pray for others during Mass, we pray in a special way. It doesn't matter if the other people are separated from us by distance or by death.

7. *We need to stand up for what we believe*. Being a follower of Jesus is counter-cultural. At every Mass, we have the opportunity to stand up and proclaim what we believe publicly. We admit that we believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and in the teaching of the Catholic Church.

8. We need to acknowledge that we make **mistakes**. At every Mass, we have the opportunity to review the past week. We admit that we have sinned in thought, in word, in deed, in what we have done and what we have failed to do. With God's help, we resolve to change our lives.

9. *We need ritual in our lives*. Mass is offered as a Sacred Ritual. This means that through the familiar prayers, and movements, through the Divine Miracle of Transubstantiation, changing bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus, we are formed, disciplined, and consoled. The "sameness" of the Mass supports and nourishes our spiritual journey every week.

10. *We need to experience something bigger than ourselves*. When we go to Mass, we share in the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. When we offer our ordinary lives to God through Jesus, we enter into God's great plan for the world's salvation.

(Adapted from an article in Our Sunday Visitor.) Krystyna Piotrowska-Breger

SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

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 <u>www.scspk12.org</u>. For details on these positions, please visit <u>www.scspk12.org</u>, click on the "About" tab at the top and scroll down to "Employment Opportunities."

Springfield Catholic Schools System is seeking qualified applicants for an **Administrative Assistant** at the **Central Office.** Duties and responsibilities: providing administrative support to ensure efficient operation of the office; support Director of Schools and employees through a variety of tasks related to organization and communication; responsible for confidential and time-sensitive material; ability to effectively communicate via phone and email ensuring that all duties are completed accurately and delivered with high quality and in a timely manner. This is a part-time position (20 hours/week), eleven (11) months/year (off 4 weeks in summer). INFO: Cheryl Bond: cbond@scspk12.org/417.865.5567 Ext 032.

Springfield Catholic High School is seeking applicants for the current school year for the position of **fryer/cook** in the cafeteria. This is a part-time position – 22.5 hours/week, 9:00AM—1:30PM. INFO: Kelsey McLemore, Food Service Director, at <u>kmclemore@scspk12.org</u>.

Springfield Catholic School System is seeking applicants for the current school year for the position of **Cafeteria Cashier.** This is a part-time position – 10 hours/week, 10:45AM—12:45PM. INFO: Kelsey McLemore, Food Service Director, at <u>kmclemore@scspk12.org</u>.

Springfield Catholic School System is accepting applications for potential **Preschool, Elementary, Middle and High School Teaching** positions for the 2020-2021 school year. Specific positions will be posted as they become available.

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

VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

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





Camp Re-NEW-All Registration Open! See Gathering Area Bulletin Board.

LIFEHOUSE—TRANSPORTATION FOR MOTHERS

Urgent need for LifeHouse!

Ladies, imagine being pregnant and without transportation to get to the doctor.

LifeHouse Crisis Maternity Home is close to capacity, with more mothers and children than ever before and which means that we need more women volunteers to provide transportation to and from appointments, work, and daycare, especially now in the colder months when a bus is rarely a good option. Could YOU step up and offer a little of your time to make a big difference in the lives of the mothers and babies For more information about becoming a of LifeHouse. transportation volunteer please contact Jill Bryant at <u>jbryant@ccsomo.org</u> or call 417-720-4213. Women drivers only; Attend Workshop & Virtus; Valid MO Driver's License; and will be driving a LifeHouse Vehicle.

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 jbyant@ccsomo.org or call 417.720.4213.

MASS AT ST. ANNE MONASTERY—FEBRUARY 5TH

Join us for Mass at Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri on Wednesday, February 5th at NOON.

> St. Anne Monastery (CCSOMO Headquarters) 424 E. Monastery Street

SEMINAR ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

A seminar is being held on Human Trafficking on February 6th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton from 7PM-9PM. There will be a speaker that works and very informed on Human Trafficking, a person who has been Human Trafficked, and a person that sells items made by people that have been Human Trafficked in this area and other areas of the United States. The program is presented by SEAS Parish of Catholic Women. INFO: Mary Williams, 417.983.8110 or maryw8059@gmailcom

REQUEST CARDS

for Mass Intentions and for Memorial Remembrances are available on the Gathering Area table.



PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

PCCW Board Meeting—7:00PM—February 3rd—CRB

PCCW Meeting- February 11th at 11:30AM—CRA. Bring your favorite tea cup along with two tea bags to the meeting where we will share favorite memories of this cup. If you do not have a tea cup, bring your favorite mug. Would you like to model your special hat? Please wear it too!

Lunch will be served. We look forward to seeing you in February.

SUNDAY ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL-8:30 AM

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 gualified 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.

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. areat and little. especially upon those who seek for them.~ St Catherine Laboure Adorers Needed: Sundays: 12PM—1PM; Mondavs: 1AM—2AM: Fridavs: 12AM—1AM: and Saturdays: 6AM -7AM, 2PM-3PM, *Join our substitute list to experience the peace of adoration.*

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS THROUGH KNIGHTS

MO Scholarships: STATE KofC College 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

HOSPITALIZATION—CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND of January 25/26. 2020

Envelopes:	\$	15,980.00
Plate:	\$	1,619.00
Weekly Total:	<u>\$</u>	17,599.00
Weekly Need to Meet Budget:	\$	20,840.39
Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$	1,099,956.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	641,640.99

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Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	641,640.99	
Year-to-date Collection:	\$	642,912.41	
	(1% a	(1% above budget)	

The Weekend of January 25/20, 2020					
Sponsor A Child	\$	95.00			
Parish Repair & Maintenance:	\$	1,198.00			
Home Missions	\$	423.00			
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	91.00			



