# ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH of **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

3555 South Fremont Avenue Springfield, MO 65804-4237





#### **23rd Sunday** in Ordinary Time September 6, 2020

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

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# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL**

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# Sunday & Weekday Mass Schedule

# SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday: 7:00Ам; 9:00Ам; & 11:00Ам Saturday (Vigil): 4:00РМ

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 6:30Aм Wednesday: 6:30PM Monday – Friday: 8:30AM

# Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 2:30PM—3:15PM & 7:00PM—7:30PM in the Chapel Please enter through the Main Church and proceed to the Chapel hallway on your right.

# SCHEDULE OF LIVESTREAMING

Sunday Mass—Livestreamed 9:00AM Sunday Weekday Masses—Livestreamed 8:30AM: Monday—Friday

# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

Parish Office: 417.887.0600 Fax: 417.887.0027 Webpage: www.ic-parish.org Email: staff@ic-parish.org Facebook: Immaculate Conception Parish Springfield MO

# 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. Please leave contact information with the request.

#### SECURITY TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION

You may leave a message for the Security Team at the following email address: security@ic-parish.org

# **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

THE 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 6, 2020

#### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

#### ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE MAIN CHURCH

#### Sunday, September 6th, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH

- 8:30AM Rosary—church
- 9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH—Streaming on Facebook
- 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH

#### Monday, September 7th—Labor Day—Office Closed

- 6:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH
- 8:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH
  - -Streaming on Facebook

#### **Tuesday, September 8th**

6:30AM Daily Mass—church 8:30AM School Mass—2nd & 3rd—church -Streaming on Facebook

#### Wednesday, September 9th

8:30AM School Mass—6th thru 8th—church -Streaming on Facebook

#### 6:30PM Daily Mass—church

#### **Thursday, September 10th**

6:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH 8:30AM Daily Mass—CHURCH -Streaming on Facebook

#### Friday, September 11th

- 6:30AM Daily Mass—church 8:30AM All School Mass—CHURCH
  - -Streaming on Facebook

#### Saturday, September 12th, Sunday Vigil

4:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass—CHURCH

#### Sunday, September 13th,

#### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH
- 8:30AM Rosary—church
- 9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH
- -Streaming on Facebook
- 11:00AM SUNDAY MASS—CHURCH



#### ATTEND MASS ON LABOR DAY 6:30 AM & 8:30 AM 8:30 AM Mass Livestreamed

#### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) & **CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL**

Parish School of Religion Classes (PSR) will start on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 (No Bar-B-Que this year.) Watch for a letter in the mail this week.

Children's Dismissal will start on Sunday, October 4, 2020. The children will safe distance in the Gathering Area with the help of Catechist & Ushers. The Ushers will escort them to the Community Room B where chairs distanced from one another will be ready for the children.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 7th					
	-	Joseph Sön Van Lam			
8:30AM	+	George Joseph			
Tuesday, September 8th—					
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary					
6:30AM	+	Cyril & Inez Elfrink			
8:30AM	+	Theresia Wallis			
Wednesday, September 9th—St. Peter Claver, Priest					
8:30AM		St. Agnes Class of 1952 & Loved Ones			
		Mark Rice			
Thursday, September 10th					
6:30AM	+	Zeno & Drusilla Felter			
8:30AM	+	Fred Borneman			
Friday, September 11th					
6:30AM		Employers			
8:30AM	+	Virginia DeForke			
Saturday, Vigil Mass, September 12th					
4:00PM		The Parish Family			
Sunday, September 13th—					
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time					
7:00AM	+	Al Kohne			
9:00AM	+	Joseph O'Neill			
		Matthew Zimmerman			

#### **QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC**

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

# Being Catholic



**ADDITIONAL TIMES ON SATURDAY FOR THE** SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are being held in the Chapel on Saturdays. Facemasks are required.

Please enter through the main church doors and enter the Chapel through the front hallway on your right.

#### 2:30 PM-3:15 PM & 7:00 PM-7:30 PM

#### **COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND FAMILY MEMBERS**



Please contact the Parish Office 417.887.0600 if you are coming to Mass and Homebound would desire to be instructed in bringing Holy Communion to immediate family members who are

www.feedthepoorhungryhomeless.com

remaining in their home during the COVID-19.

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...**

#### **24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

Sirach 27:30—28:7 / Psalm 103:1—4, 9—12 Romans 14:7-9 / Matthew 18:21-35

#### **PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS**

Deacon Edward Ellman, Christopher Cain, Mark Stark, George Preisinger, Paul Penn, Francis Barnes, Anne Davies, Stephen Kielv, 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, Mary Miller, Karen Pfirrman, Katie, Flor Rivera, Jan Royster, Mary Shanahan, Nicole Zangrilli, Tom Johnson, and all who need more prayers.

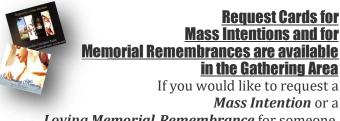
We also remember in prayer all healthcare professionals, those providing essential services, all who are battling chronic illnesses, COVID-19 victims, the homebound, and all of us who are in isolation.

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 Petronila Econar Sacote, the mother of Flor Lassley, 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.



Loving Memorial Remembrance for someone.

# www.ic-parish.org



# From Father Tom's Desk

#### We Must Be Saved by Hope



Reinhold Niebuhr, in The Irony of American History, writes, "Nothing that is worth doing can be achieved in our lifetime: therefore we must be saved by hope. Nothing which is true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history: therefore we must be saved by faith. Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone, therefore we are saved by love. No virtuous act is guite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as it is from our standpoint. Therefore we must be saved by the final form of love which is forgiveness."

Jerry L. Schmalenberger, When Christians Quarrel, CSS Publishing Company, Inc. Are You Willing to Live in Hell?

In his book The Great Divorce, C. S. Lewis, the great Christian apologist, draws a stark picture of hell. Hell is like a great, vast city, Lewis says, a city inhabited only at its outer edges, with rows and rows of empty houses in the middle. These houses in the middle are empty because everyone who once lived there has guarreled with the neighbors and moved. Then, they guarreled with the new neighbors and moved again, leaving the streets and the houses of their old neighborhoods empty and barren.

That, Lewis says, is how hell has gotten so large. It is empty at its center and inhabited only at the outer edges, because everyone chose distance instead of honest confrontation when it came to dealing with their relationships.

"Look, she's the one who said that about me. Let her come and apologize!"

"We may go to the same church, but that doesn't mean I've got to share a pew with that so-and-so!"

"It'll be a cold day in July before I accept his apology." That's all well and good, I suppose... if you don't mind living

in hell. Are we really so willing to give up our relationships with others-relationships that have come about and been forged by our desire to follow Jesus? Nowhere, and I do mean nowhere, in the New Testament gospels will you find Jesus saying that the first order of things is always to be right. But he does have a great deal to say about forgiveness, about relationship, about reconciliation, about service and humility and vulnerability.

He makes it sound like family, doesn't he?

Randy L. Hyde, Two or Three

#### Reconciliation

One of the wise folk sayings of the Russian people is this: Make peace with men, and make war with your sins." Unfortunately, we usually do the opposite!"

James W. Cox, The Minister's Manual for 1993, Harper Collins, 1992, p. 326

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#### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED for the Week of August 22-23, 2020

Envelopes:	\$	19,795.00
Plate:	<u>\$</u>	202.00
Weekly Total:	<u>\$</u>	<u> 19,997.00</u>
Weekly Need to Meet Budget:	\$	20,840.39
Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$	1,119,956.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	190,377.00
Year-to-date Collection:	\$	172,813.30
	(9.22%)	below budget)

i the Week of Hugust 22 20, 2020				
Feast of the Assumption	\$	40.00		
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2	210.00		
Parish Repair & Maintenance	\$8	339.00		
Sponsor A Child	\$ 1	180.00		





#### **CHERUB MASS**

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton church will be having our annual Cherub Mass on Wednesday, October 7th, at 6:00 PM. This is a Mass to honor and celebrate all children who have died. Please come and share this beautiful Liturgy with us again this year. Social Distancing and Masks are required.

If anyone has any questions, please contact Laura Graham at 417.343.5439 or Barbara Carey at 417.368.2930

#### **KNIGHTS 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**



A benefit for LifeHouse will be held at Fremont Hills Country Club September 21st.

Sponsors and players needed. See flyer on the Gathering Area Table for details or visit www.ccsomo.org.

#### SEAS MEN'S CLUB DRIVE—DRIVEBY/TO GO Pulled Pork Dinner FundRaiser

#### Saturday, September 26, 3:00-6:00 PM Sunday, September 27, 8:30 AM—1:00 PM Pick up after 4:30 Mass or any Sunday Masses

If you are lamenting about having missed out on the wonderful barbeque dinner you usually enjoy at the annual SEAS Harvest Home Festival - which was cancelled this year due to the COVID pandemic - lament no more! The SEAS Men's Club is having a "Drive-by/To-Go" pulled pork dinner fundraiser the **weekend of September 26/27.** In addition to the pulled pork, there will also be baked beans and coleslaw. Proceeds will go to support a SEAS parishioner, who is currently experiencing severe health issues.

Please plan to purchase a meal by RSVPing to Kelly Hayes at khaves@seaschurch.org. Cost for each dinner is \$15.

LACTATION STATION



#### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OFFICE POSITION**

Full-time Immaculate Conception Parish Office Secretary Position Open: Secretary—compassionate, confidential, computer & organizational skills. Call 417.887.0600 to request an application.



Due to Covid-19, Beginning Experience of Springfield has

made the difficult decision to cancel our previously scheduled programs through the remainder of 2020. We value the health and safety of our participants and hope to be able to minister to the divorced and widowed again in 2021. If you would like someone to talk to in the interim, please call one of our facilitators: Barb 417-827-3641, Mary Alice 417.838.4651, or Diane 870.688.8829.

#### Walk for the Poor—Donations StVdePaul

The annual St. Vincent De Paul walk for the Poor will be held Saturday. September 26th at the St. Agnes Cathedral parking lot. Registration will begin at 8:30 AM with the walk beginning at 9:15 AM. You may choose to participate in a one mile or three mile walk. We will practice social distancing and be following all city guidelines to keep participants safe. Free snacks, water and a free t-shirt will be given to participants. Participants from other parishes can direct their donations to their home parishes and their St. Vincent De Paul Society. You can also register online, make your donation online for a virtual walk by going to: Friends of the Poor Walk-FOP®Walk/Run.



2020 Current Pledges: \$93,636.00 Pray for the success of DDF which provides for the



ministries of our parishes.

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Springfield Catholic Schools Immaculate Conception, 417.881.7000 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 417.887.6056 St. Agnes Cathedral School 417.866.5038.

Springfield Catholic High School 417.887.8817

**Enrollment for Springfield Catholic Schools grades pre-school—12th is now taking place:** Go to our website at scspk12.org, select "Admissions" and "New Families" or you can call our schools Immaculate Conception, 417.881.7000; St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 417.887.6056; St. Agnes Cathedral School 417.866.5038; and Springfield Catholic High School 417.887.8817

**For Employment Opportunities:** Opportunities and applications are available on the Springfield Catholic Schools website at scspk12.org., select "About" and then "Employment opportunities"

**Springfield Catholic Schools is hiring part-time (10 hours per week) cafeteria cashier:** Hours are 10:45AM— 12:45PM. Starting pay \$9.45 per hour.

**Springfield Catholic High School is hiring part-time** (22.5 hours per week) fryer/cook: Hours are 9:00AM— 1:30PM. Starting pay \$9.45 per hour Job Includes: Prepares, produces, heats, cooks, bakes and serves specified by the menus, recipes, and production records. Sets up and merchandises food and food service areas and serves food. Practices safe food handling, assists in the monitoring, reduction, and management of food waste. Cleans and sanitizes pots, pans, and kitchen utensils.

Substitute Teacher at Springfield Catholic Schools!

Substitute teaching is a great option if you have a flexible or part-time job, college course schedule, freelance gig or have retired, it also works well if you are a parent. We are currently accepting applications for Substitute Teacher, Teacher's Aide, Cafeteria and Nurses. Must have 60+ credit hours, and be VIRTUS certified (SCS provides the class for certification.)

#### VIRTUS-2020-2021 DIOCESAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Are you a parish or school employee, a catechetical leader or a youth leader? Do you regularly volunteer with minors or vulnerable adults? If so, the diocese requires you to read and sign a Code of Conduct each year. The 2020-2021 Code has just been released and is available on the Office of Child and Youth Protection page of the Diocesan Website at <u>www.dioscg.org</u>. Please read, complete the form, and submit page five only to your parish or school office. We ask that you also ensure that those adults working alongside you in your ministry have signed this new code as well. Select the language and click the links below for the current codes.

Questions: William Holtmeyer, Jr. or Rosie Francka, via Email to <u>billholtmeyer@dioscg.org</u> or <u>rfrancka@dioscg.org</u>, or telephone the office at 417.866.0841.

#### **CCCS' Debt Management Plans**

A subsidiary of Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri, CCCS has served area residents one-on-one for more than 50 years. Visit www.cccsoftheozarks.org or call 417.889.7474 to make an appointment and learn more about Consumer Credit Counseling Service Debt Management Plans; and Housing, Bankruptcy, Student Loan, and Small Business Counseling.

#### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We can provide up to three months of assistance and/or arrears to those who reside in Springfield City limits and are eligible.



Individuals/families seeking assistance, call 417.268.9998 for an appointment. We are scheduling rent assistance appointments on Mondays and Tuesdays at our Glenstone office (PPE required); Thursdays for mortgage assistance.

#### Appointments are made on a first come-first serve basis.

We also have a small amount of funding for those needing one month of rent assistance that may or may not have been impacted by COVID. Appointments are being made on Fridays to assist those individuals/families.

#### GARDENING AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES/LIFEHOUSE

Our September work day will be Tuesday, September 22nd, from 9:00AM—11:00AM. INFO/CONTACT: Jana Hukriede, 417.840.4109, or janahukriede@gmail.com to volunteer or for more information. We will be wearing masks and observing social distancing.



#### **PERPETUAL ADORATION** Holy Trinity's Chapel 2818 E. Bennett St.

#### Perpetual Adoration Reposed for Labor Day

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in the main sanctuary of the church.

#### Adoration Hours: Weekdays 1:00PM—5:00PM Adorers Needed: Monday 4:00PM Tuesday 2:00PM & Friday 1:000PM

This is the wonderful truth, my dear friends: The Word, which became flesh two thousand years ago is present today in the Eucharist. ~St Pope John Paul II

# Join our substitute list to experience the peace of adoration.

Please call Nicola Mullins at 417.300.0840 to sign up for the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration, which takes place at Holy Trinity's Chapel. If you are unable to attend, consider making a donation to keep our candles burning bright.



Due to the Corona Virus and the ever-changing protocols for public gatherings we have taken the precautionary step of making available an online option for the VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training for Adults. This is a temporary preventative action as we will continue to offer the live training, as well, at least for now. www.virtus.org. Preregistration is necessary: go to <u>www.virtus.org</u> 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.

