

# Immaculate Conception Parish *Celebrating* **150** YEARS

3555 South Fremont Avenue – Springfield, Missouri 65804-4237

The Mission of Immaculate Conception Parish is to be a family-centered sacramental community comprised of compassionate witnesses to God's word, love, and presence.



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**Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.**

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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**

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](mailto:security@ic-parish.org)

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 1, 2019

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

### Sunday, December 1st—1st Sunday of Advent

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM Sunday Masses  
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel  
9:00AM IC School Breakfast with Santa—GYM  
9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB  
12:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—CHURCH  
1:00PM Rosary—CHURCH  
2:00PM Benediction—CHURCH

### Monday, December 2nd

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL  
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—4TH & 5TH GRADES  
5:30PM Bell Choir—CR  
7:00PM First Reconciliation—CHURCH  
7:00PM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—CRA  
7:00PM PCCW Board Meeting—CRB

### Tuesday, December 3rd

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, December 4th

6:20AM Communion Service—CHAPEL  
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—6TH, 7TH & 8TH GRADES  
NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL  
5:00PM—6:30PM Youth Choir Practice—CR  
6:30PM Mass—CHAPEL  
6:20PM PSR/Youth Group—CAFETERIA  
7:00PM Choir Practice—CR

### Thursday, December 5th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL  
8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL  
NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

### Friday, December 6th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL  
8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—ALL SCHOOL MASS  
9:30AM Eucharistic Adoration—CHAPEL  
NOON—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL  
1:00PM Benediction—CHAPEL

### Saturday, December 7th—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

### Sunday, December 8th—2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM Sunday Masses  
Parish Feast Day Breakfast After All Masses—CRA  
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel  
9:00AM RCIA Dismissal—PMR  
9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB  
12:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—CHURCH  
1:00PM Rosary—CHURCH  
2:00PM Benediction—CHURCH

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 2nd

6:20AM + Malusa Falquez  
8:30AM Mary Reith (Int.)

### Tuesday, December 3rd—St. Francis Xavier, Priest

6:20AM SCHS Wrestling Team (Int.)  
8:30AM + Gordon Weidelman

### Wednesday, December 4th—

#### St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church

6:20AM Communion Service  
8:30AM + Virginia DeForke  
6:30PM + Purgatory Society

### Thursday, December 5th

6:20AM + Dennis Herbster  
8:30AM + Charlotte Skiffington

### Friday, December 6th—St. Nicholas, Bishop

6:20AM + Philomene Nguyen & Relatives  
8:30AM + Dorothy Scheel

### Saturday, Vigil Mass, December 7th

4:00PM The Parish Family

### Sunday, December 8th—2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM + Cheryl Mackey  
9:00AM + Marie Weissler  
11:00AM + Donald E. McCarthy

## PARISH UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

### First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders

Monday, December 2nd: 7:00 PM

### Feastday Celebration

Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
December 8th—Breakfast after Sunday Masses

### Sundays of Advent—Eucharistic Adoration

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

### Advent Communal Penance Service

Sunday, December 15th: 2:00 PM

### 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!*



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AFTER THE 11:00 AM MASS—1:00 PM ROSARY—2:00 PM BENEDICTION

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2019

Isaiah 11:1-10/ Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

Romans 15:4-9/ Matthew 3:1-12

## 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.*

## REQUEST CARDS

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



## THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Please remember in prayer our faithful departed: especially Susan Lewis, the Aunt of Melodi Bare; 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 3rd: 7:00PM St. Francis of Assisi, Nixa  
December 5th: 7:00PM St. Agnes Cathedral, Spfld.  
December 8th: 4:00PM St. Joseph, Billings  
December 10th: 7:00PM Holy Trinity, Spfld.  
December 11th: 5:30PM St. Joseph the Worker, Ozark  
December 15th: **2:00PM Immaculate Conception, Spfld.**  
December 16th: 7:00PM St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Spfld.  
December 17th: 7:00PM Sacred Heart, Spfld.

## OUR PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, December 15th:

**2:00PM Immaculate Conception**

DECEMBER 6, 2019 FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

9:00AM—1:00PM 1:00PM BENEDICTION

## WE COULD USE BIKES FOR BOYS & GIRLS



All bikes can be taken to Adventure Bicycle Company, 3250 E Battlefield St., Unit H. INFO: contact Didem at Boys and Girls Clubs at 417.862.9249. Any and all size bikes are welcomed and in any condition.

## From Father Tom's Desk



### Be Prepared at all Times

There was once an absent-minded professor who became so absorbed in his work that he forgot the simplest details. One morning his wife said, "Now Henry, remember, we are moving today. Here, I'm putting this note in your pocket. Don't forget."

The day passed by and the man came home to his house. He entered the front door, and found the place empty. Distraught, he walked out to the curb and sat down. A young boy walked up to him, and he asked him, "Little boy, do you know the people who used to live here?"

The boy replied, "Sure, Dad, mother told me you'd forget." How often do we become so absorbed in "the little things of this world" that we forget who we are and whose we are and where we are going...

*Donald L. Deffner, Seasonal Illustrations, Resource, 1992, p. 6.*

### The Senility Prayer

Have you ever felt unprepared? I mean for Christ's second coming? At times I know that if the sky cracked open and the trumpet sounded for the saints to be called home I would not be ready. Reinhold Niebuhr was a famous theologian known to most all us clergy. You perhaps are not familiar with him but you are familiar with his prayer:

**God grant me the serenity,  
To accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can,  
And wisdom to know the difference.**

**[Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at a time,  
Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.  
Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it.  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His will.  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with Him forever  
in the next. Amen.]**

We know it as the Serenity Prayer and it conveys an attitude I like very well. On many occasions I absolutely refuse to accept people I know I have no possibility of changing. On other occasions I don't have the courage to root out some sin from my life. Why? Cause I don't wanna'. And wisdom? Well, you know very well that's in short supply. The more I can adopt the attitude of the serenity prayer the more ready I know I will be for His coming.

But unfortunately many of us are like the elderly lady who in jest posted on her door in the retirement village the "Senility Prayer":

God, grant me the senility to forget the people I've never liked, the good fortune to run into the ones that I do like, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

*Brett Blair, www.eSermons.com, Omit the bracketed portion to shorten this illustration.*

*Father Tom*



## THANK YOU IN A HUGE WAY !!!

A huge thank you from PCCW for all the help with filling your donated shoe boxes for the Veterans. We were able to fill 150 boxes last week from Immaculate Conception parishioners' donations and also monetary donations from Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul.



## PCCW HOLIDAY SALE SUCCESSFUL!

Our PCCW had a very successful Holiday Sale thanks to all the generous donations of white elephants and baked goods. Thank you to everyone who donated, baked, worked or helped in any capacity. For all your efforts we earned approximately \$7,340.00. These monies will go toward various charities.

## PCCW Board Meeting—December 2nd—7PM

## WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER—DECEMBER 10TH



Our annual PCCW Christmas dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00PM. If you plan on attending please let Karen Soetaert 417.887.7929 know by December 3rd. The cost of the dinner is \$10.00. All ladies are invited. Please bring a

Christmas card with your birthday on the inside and 2 dozen cookies for our fruit basket assembly on December 11th. For our entertainment, Hayden Vaughn will be giving a concert in the church at 7:45PM.

## SUNDAY ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL—8:30 AM

### 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will resume on Monday, December 2nd after the 9AM mass.

**Adorers Needed:** Sunday: 1PM—2PM;  
Monday: 1AM—2AM; and Saturday: 1PM—2PM, 6AM—7AM;  
11AM—12PM & 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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:

**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**

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Youth Choir for Grades 6th through 12th begins this Wednesday, December 4th. 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.



## VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

**VIRTUS**—Pre-registration is necessary at [www.dioscg.org](http://www.dioscg.org) or [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). See [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) for future sessions.



## CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED!

Looking for a quick and easy way to volunteer at I.C. School? **How about volunteering in the cafeteria?** Shifts are **short** (any weekday 10:50 am to 12:30 pm) and you can **sign up as you please**. There's no big commitment involved! The **students love to see parishioners** participating at their school! Please contact Teri Mullin at (417) 343-8853 or follow this link to sign up [I.C. Cafeteria Volunteer 2019/2020](http://www.ic-parish.org/2019/2020). Lots of shifts available! Thank you for all you do for our wonderful school!

## ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY

The Springfield Chapter of the Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty will meet on Monday, December 2nd at 7:00PM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 2818 E. Bennett Ave. Please join us as we work to repeal the death penalty in Missouri as well as advocate for victims of violent crime. We will also provide information to send Christmas/holiday cards to those with a death sentence in our state.

For more information call Donna Walmsley at 417.459.2960 or visit [www.madpmo.org](http://www.madpmo.org).

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(417) 887-0600, Ext. 130  
email: [staff@ic-parish.org](mailto:staff@ic-parish.org)

## IGIVECATHOLIC—SUPPORT VETERANS COMING HOME

#iGIVECATHOLIC  
ICGIVINGTUESDAY

Beginning November 18, visit [iGiveCatholic.org](http://iGiveCatholic.org) to make an advanced day #iGiveCatholic gift in support of your favorite parishes, schools, and ministries or "Give Catholic" on #GivingTuesday, December 31



Advanced Giving for the iGiveCatholic day of giving on December 3rd begins on Monday November 18th. Please consider a donation to help with our Veterans Coming Home Ministry. The minimum gift is \$25. Here is the step by step method to contribute.



1. Go to [iGiveCatholic.org](http://iGiveCatholic.org)  
 2. Scroll down to the map, click on Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau  
 3. Click on "Donate"

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4. Type Immaculate Conception Parish in the search box and click on the link "View Profile" for our parish.

### SACRED HEART'S CRAFT FAIR

14TH ANNUAL CRAFT VENDOR SALE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH: 5PM—9PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH: 10AM—4PM

### JACK FROST RUN & WALK AT CCM

The 31st annual Jack Frost 5K Run and 2.5K Walk will be held on the Missouri State University campus on **Saturday, January 25th**. Race begins at 9:00AM/registration at 8:00AM; cost: \$40, by 4:00PM on January 24th, or \$45 day of the race. <https://www.active.com/springfield-mo/running/distance-running/jack-frost-5k-2020>

### 'KELTIC KNOT' CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT CCM

Springfield's Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) will hold the "Love & Joy" Keltic Knot Christmas concert at 7:00PM on **Wednesday, December 11th**, in the O'Reilly Catholic Student Center. Admission is free, but donations would be appreciated to benefit "Best Buddies," and CCM.

### 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!

[www.feedthepoorhungryhomeless.com](http://www.feedthepoorhungryhomeless.com)

### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND of November 23/24, 2019

Envelopes:	\$	18,195.94
Plate:	\$	1,805.32
Weekly Total:	\$	16,254.45
<b>Weekly Need to Meet Budget:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>20,840.39</b>

Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$	1,099,956.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	458,314.99
Year-to-date Collection:	\$	420,176.84

(8.32% below budget)

## 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.

## 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.

## HOSPITALIZATION—CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

417.887.0600

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:abuckley@dioscg.org) to request an application packet.

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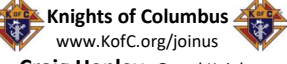


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