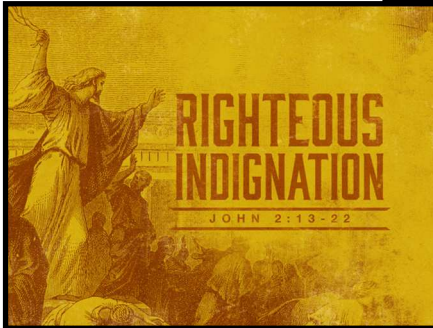


# ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH *of* IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

3555 South Fremont Avenue  
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## Third Sunday of Lent

**"Destroy this  
temple and in  
three days I will  
raise it up."**

**March 7, 2021**

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PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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## **Sunday & Weekday Mass Schedule**

### **SUNDAY MASSES**

Sunday: 7:00AM; 9:00AM; & 11:00AM

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00PM

*Drive-through Holy Communion after the  
Saturday 4PM Mass & Sunday 9AM Mass*

### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 6:30AM

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.*

### **Sunday Mass—Livestreamed**

9:00AM Sunday

### **Weekday Masses—Livestreamed**

8:30AM: Monday—Friday

## **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**

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Please call the Parish Office.

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Call the Parish Office at least six months  
prior to intended wedding date. Do not schedule a venue  
before securing the wedding date.

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For an emergency requesting the  
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or  
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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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### **SECURITY TEAM CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT—MARCH 7, 2021

## THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE MAIN CHURCH

### Sunday, March 7th—THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00AM SUNDAY MASS

8:30AM Rosary

8:45AM Confirmation Class—CRA

9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—LIVESTREAMED

11:00AM SUNDAY MASS

11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

### Monday, March 8th—St. John of God, Religious

6:30AM Daily Mass

8:30AM Daily Mass: 4th & 5th Grades—LIVESTREAMED

6:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting

7:00PM RCIA—CRA

### Tuesday, March 9th—St. Frances of Rome, Religious

6:30AM Daily Mass

8:30AM Daily Mass: 1ST—3RD GRADES—LIVESTREAMED

### Wednesday, March 10th

8:30AM Daily Mass: 6th—8th Grades—LIVESTREAMED

6:30PM Daily Mass—INTO THE BREACH Presentation

### Thursday, March 11th

6:30AM Daily Mass

8:30AM Daily Mass—LIVESTREAMED

### Friday, March 12th

6:30AM Daily Mass

8:30AM All School Mass—LIVESTREAMED

4:30PM—6:30PM Fish Fry—CRA/CRB & Carry Out

6:30PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, March 13th—Sunday Vigil

2:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00PM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS

7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Sunday, March 14th—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00AM SUNDAY MASS

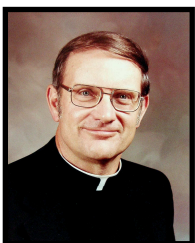
8:30AM Rosary

9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—LIVESTREAMED

11:00AM SUNDAY MASS

11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

2:00PM—3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation



**Bishop John J. Leibrecht**

65th Anniversary of  
Priesthood Ordination  
March 17, 2021

Notes of congratulations may be sent to:

**The Catholic Center**  
601 S. Jefferson Ave.  
Springfield, MO 65806

Ad Multos Annos

"A wish for a long life; similar to "many happy returns"

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, March 8th—St. John of God, Religious

6:30AM + Julie Jensen

8:30AM + Steve Michael

### Tuesday, March 9th—St. Frances of Rome, Religious

6:30AM + Rodolfo Muriel

8:30AM + Kathy Lukavich

### Wednesday, March 10th

8:30AM + LeAnn Ringwald

6:30PM Jensen Family (Int.)

### Thursday, March 11th

6:30AM Luke Hair (Int.)

8:30AM + Ron Siever

### Friday, March 12th

6:30AM Erlinda Muriel (Int.)

8:30AM + Georgene Amelia (Rensch) Bowlin

### Saturday, Vigil Mass, March 13th

4:00PM + Deacon Ed Ellman

### Sunday, March 14th—FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00AM + Patricia Englert

9:00AM + Helen Samsel

11:00AM The Parish Family

# LENT

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday Evening

2:30 PM—3:15 PM & 7:00 PM—7:30 PM

Sundays of Lent: 2:00 PM—3:00 PM



## FRIDAYS OF LENT

6:30PM Adoration of the

Blessed Sacrament

7:00PM Stations of the Cross  
& Benediction



## FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH

7:00PM

Mary's Way of the Cross

FRIDAY FISH FRYS 4:30PM—6:30PM

March 12, 2021—Choir

March 19, 2021—Parish Council of Catholic Women

March 26, 2021—Knights of Columbus

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 14, 2021

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23/  
Psalm 137: 1-6/ Ephesians 2:4-10 /  
John 3:14-21

### PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Alice Dolan, Matt Rosebrough, Mary Ann Davis, Delores Bauer, Mike Wilkens, Dan Comoroski, John Carpenter, Cheryl Haik, Dorothy Pfaff, Mark Stark, George Preisinger, Francis Barnes, Anne Davies, Stephen Kiely, Donald Borneman, Sherri Hawkins, Janice Hill, Sophia Griesbaum, Cora Gumucio, Nick, Angie, Laura Seemuth, Gerald Martin, Eloise Fetter, Gerri Klesel, Tony Klesel, Corine Larson, Mary Miller, Katie, Jan Royster, 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: Robert Zucchini; Pamela Whitmeyer; Alice Huewe; 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.*



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## From Father Tom's Desk



### You Took My Place

There is a story about a man who visited a church. He parked his car and started toward the front entrance. Another car pulled up nearby, and the irritated driver said to him, "I always park there. You took my place!" The visitor went inside and found that Sunday School was about to begin. He found an adult class, went inside, and sat down. A class member approached him and said, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down in an empty pew. Within moments another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit. You took my place!" The visitor was troubled, but said nothing. Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to be present with them, the visitor stood, and his appearance began to change. Scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and cried out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, "I took your place."

*B. Richard Dennis, Over My Dead Body!*

### Give Me Back My Bite

The story of Jesus cleansing the temple with a whip reminds me of the old eastern story about a snake that lived on a path on the way to a famous temple in India. Many people would walk along the path to worship, and the snake would often bite people with his poisonous bite. One time a swami was on his way to the temple and the snake jumped out to bite him, but before the snake could bite him the swami put the snake into a trance and ordered him to stop biting people. "It is not right to bite people with your poisonous bite," the swami told him. "From now on, you shall not bite anyone." A few months later the swami was passing that way again, and he notice the snake lying in the grass beside the path. The snake was all cut and bruised and was in an awful state. "Whatever has happened to you, my friend?" the swami asked. "Since you have put your spell on me," the snake explained, "I have been unable to defend myself. Give me back my bite." "You foolish snake," the swami answered. "I told you not to bite anyone. But I never said that you couldn't hiss!" In today's gospel reading we see an angry Jesus, and it is rather refreshing, since we are so used to thinking of Jesus as gentle, meek and mild as the old hymn describes him.

*Richard J. Fairchild, Clearing the Temple*

## INTO THE BREACH

*Father Tom*

Showing the 10-12 Minute Videos after the  
6:30PM Wednesday Masses

**Men:** "The devil wants to destroy your family.  
But, he has to come through you."

### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED for the Week of February 27, 2021

Envelopes:	\$ 21,863.77	Sponsor-A-Child in Catholic School	\$200.00
Plate:	\$ 762.00	Repair & Maintenance	\$1,090.00
Weekly Total:	\$ 22,625.77	St. Vincent de Paul	\$363.00
		<b>The MIRROR</b>	\$516.00
Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$ 1,119,956.00	Home Missions	\$1,396.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$ 753,816.70	Masses	\$447.00
Year-to-date Collection:	\$ 597,334.67	Votives	\$160.00
	<i>(20.76% below budget)</i>	Missals	\$40.00



## SUCCESS! LENTEN YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT!



Our Immaculate Conception Youth would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Lenten Youth Service Project! With your generous donations, we were able to put together 85 hygiene kits and 200 prayer cards to be distributed to the homeless! Thank you for supporting us and helping us show Christ to others!

Mani Brockmeyer

[manibrockmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:manibrockmeyer@gmail.com) or 417.887.0600

### HEAVENLY DUSTERS NEEDED

Can you spare a couple of hours a few times a year? If so, the Heavenly Dusters need your help. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Diane Hendley at 208.400.0762 (cell number).



**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Sunday, March 28th  
Palm Sunday—1:00PM

### DRIVE—THROUGH HOLY COMMUNION

*Drive-through Holy Communion  
after the Saturday 4PM Mass & Sunday 9AM Mass*

**PRAYER CHAIN & MASS INTENTIONS**  
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*Application must be postmarked by Tuesday, April 1, 2021*

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Apply online: <https://dioscrg.org/camp-re-new-all/>

# LENT

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### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 2:30PM—3:15 PM &  
7:00 PM—7:30 PM

4th, 5th Sundays of Lent & Palm Sunday  
March 14th, 21st & 28th:  
2:00 PM—3:00 PM

### METANOIA: A LENTEN RETREAT WITH FR. DAVE PIVONKA

Join us every Wednesday morning from February 24th—March 24th at 10:00AM for an hour of retreat, centered around Fr. Dave Pivonka's Metanoia series: and it will all be done virtually via Zoom. Each week will feature a video presentation, then a short reflection and Q and A session, lasting only about an hour each week.

Encounter Christ's call this Lent: to repent, to change, to be converted. Metanoia Series Trailer: <https://youtu.be/4WAhYLVtiAM>

Sign-up for the group here: <https://immaculateconception41.flocknote.com/LentenRetreat>

### BISHOP RICE'S LENTEN YOUTH MISSION OF MERCY

#### CHILDREN'S HAVEN, JOPLIN, MO

Children's Haven is the only residential shelter in the Joplin area where kids can stay without a parent while the parents retain custody of their children.

The goal is to keep the family intact.

The funds from this year's Lenten Youth Mission of Mercy will be used to provide a new playground for the Children's Haven facility.

This period of growth for our children is to encourage the traditional works of Lent:  
Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving.

### **Fridays of Lent Fish Fries**

4:30 PM—6:30 PM

Donations Accepted

Community Room A—Carry Outs Available  
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**March 12th**





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To submit an application, go to [scspk12.org](http://scspk12.org) click "About" and "Employment Opportunities" and then select the desired position.

## **SCOUTING FOR FOOD**

### **MARCH 22ND & 27TH**



It's Scouting for Food time! The Cub Scouts of I.C. Pack 210 are distributing paper bags after all Masses March 20th & 21st. To help, take a bag home, fill it with food, personal hygiene items, diapers, or other donations for I.C. St. Vincent de Paul. Then bring your bag back to any mass the following weekend, March 27th and 28th, and hand it to an I.C. Troop 210 Scout outside the church. In the past, I.C. Scouts have collected more than 1,600 items from parishioners during Scouting for Food weekend. Help us fill the food pantry again this year!

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**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](http://www.virtus.org). Preregistration is necessary: go to [www.virtus.org](http://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.**

## **PERPETUAL ADORATION**

**Holy Trinity's Church' Nave—2818 E. Bennett St.**  
**Please call: Nicola Mullins 417.300.0840**  
**Adoration Hours: Weekdays 1:00PM—5:00PM**  
**Please observe social distancing and wear a mask.**

## **MEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETING**



Our next meeting will be Sunday night, March 28th, 7:00PM. The Rosary will be prayed at 6:30PM in Community Room B.

**Contact Bruce Horine at 417.833.7913 with questions.**

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RETIREMENT SOLUTIONS**

Nearing or at retirement? "Retirement Solutions for Life" is a guide for retirement that is built for uncertain markets like the one we are in today. Free webinar sponsored by the Knights of Columbus: March 10, 2021 @ 7:00PM. Anyone is welcome to attend – members, non-members, wives, spouses and friends. Registration is required. Website address for registering is <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYtcuivpzovGdEvEtHuHzs44AunE5inpCG> and in the Council field show 13681. Questions? Contact: Darrell Hinkebein, K of C Agent—417.827.4949—[Darrell.hinkebein@kofc.org](mailto:Darrell.hinkebein@kofc.org)



**MARCH 27, 2021**

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**CONTACT: HEATHER 417.720.4213**  
**FOR A FORM TO SUPPORT CCSOMO**  
**Please pray with us on March 27, 2021 at 10:00AM**  
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## **SPIRITUAL DIRECTION**

Sr. Charlotte Flarlong, a School Sister of Notre Dame, is a trained spiritual director. She is available for individual and group spiritual direction in the Springfield area. Sr. Charlotte is available to meet online via zoom with individuals who would like to begin spiritual direction. CONTACT; Sr. Charlotte 417.231.5300 or [char.flarlong@gmail.com](mailto:char.flarlong@gmail.com)

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