

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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.



30TH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

October 29, 2017

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WELCOME

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY MASSES

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

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00PM

SCHEDULE OF WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Wednesday & Friday: 6:20AM

Thursday: Communion Service at 6:20AM

Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM

Wednesday: 6:30PM

SACRAMENTAL MINISTRY

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday on the Hour: 3:00PM & 7:00PM

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.

EMERGENCY CALLS FOR THE ANOINTING 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 or Fr. Chaz.

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.

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary—3:00 PM on Sundays.

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

October 29, 2017—Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 29TH

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM SUNDAY MASSES
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel
9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal CRB
12:00PM Parish Trick or Treat w/lunch
3:00PM Mid-America Singers Concert CHURCH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH—

6:20AM MASS—CHAPEL
8:30AM MASS—(4TH, 5TH, & 6TH GRADES)—CHURCH
Noon-1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
5:30PM Hand Bell Choir CR
7:00PM RCIA Meeting CRA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST—

6:20AM MASS—CHAPEL
8:30AM MASS—(1ST, 2ND, & 3RD GRADES)—CHURCH
Noon-1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
5:30PM ALL SAINTS—HOLYDAY MASS—CHURCH

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST—ALL SAINTS' DAY

6:20AM MASS—CHURCH
8:30AM MASS—CHURCH
10:00AM Adult Religious Education PMR
Noon-1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
6:20PM PSR & Youth Group CRA
5:30PM MASS—CHURCH

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND—ALL SOULS' DAY

6:20AM Communion Service—CHAPEL
8:30AM MASS—CHAPEL
10:00AM Scripture Study CRA
Noon-1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
7:00PM Scripture Study CRA

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD—

6:20AM MASS—CHAPEL
8:30AM MASS—(ALL SCHOOL MASS)—CHURCH
Rosary for Vocations following in the Chapel
9:00AM—1:00PM
First Friday Eucharistic Adoration—CHURCH
9:00AM Centering Prayer CRA
Noon-1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL
1:00PM Benediction

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL
8:30AM Centering Prayer Outreach CRA
3:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH
4:00PM SUNDAY VIGIL Mass
5:00PM—8:00PM CCM Spaghetti Dinner CRA
7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,

NOVEMBER 5TH

7:00AM, 9:00AM, & 11:00AM SUNDAY MASSES
8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel
9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal CRB

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



MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30TH—

6:20AM + Mary James
8:30AM + Harvey Michael

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST—

6:20AM Gregorio (Int.)
8:30AM + Emily Gee
5:30PM The Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST—ALL SAINTS' DAY

6:20AM + Bernice Schenk
8:30AM + Ronald Wilson
5:30PM + Joanne Busch

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND—ALL SOULS' DAY

6:20AM Communion Service
8:30AM + Thomas James

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES, RELIGIOUS

6:20AM + Dominic Ha Tien Nhat
8:30AM + Kitty Collier

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH—

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO, BISHOP

8:30AM + Purgatorial Society

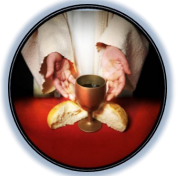
Saturday Vigil Mass for Sunday

4:00PM + Diane D'Alessandro

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—

NOVEMBER 5TH

7:00AM + Deacon Bill McNamee
9:00AM The Parish Family
11:00AM + Marguerite Ewing



ALL SAINTS' DAY

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, October 31st

5:30PM

Wednesday, November 1st

6:20AM, 8:30AM, AND 5:30PM

ALL SOULS' DAY

Thursday, November 2nd

6:20AM COMMUNION SERVICE, 8:30AM MASS

Sunday, October 29th

12:00 NOON: Halloween Party

3:00 PM Springfield Mid-America Singers

5:30 PM Project Andrew Dinner (SEAS)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

Scripture Readings for **THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **NOVEMBER 5, 2017**

Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8–10; Psalm: 131:1, 2, 3;
1 Thessalonians 2:7b–9, 13; &
Gospel: Matthew 23:1–12

PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Carlos Contreras, Lorraine D'Alessandro, Robert Gerhardy, Judy Gibson, Jane Hendershott, Pauline Katzfey, Gail LaRoche, Mamie Lawless, Diane Martin, Doris Meekins, Michael Menne, Mary Miller, Loretta Polk, Cecelia Ray, Flor Rivera, Leonie Rivera, Jan Royster, Judy Rupp, Mary Shanahan, Douglas Strickland, Pam Sullivan, Jake Wilson, and all who need more prayers.

People are listed for 4 weeks, then transferred to the Prayer Intention book, unless family notifies us otherwise.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship - joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need.

NOVEMBER 3, 2017

FIRST FRIDAY

ADORATION OF THE

BLESSED SACRAMENT

9:00AM—1:00PM 1:00PM BENEDICTION



**CATHOLIC
CAMPUS MINISTRY**



Join us at the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Immaculate Conception Parish on Saturday, November 4th, from 5:00PM–8:00PM. This is a donation only event with a 50/50 raffle and attendance prizes. All donations will help Catholic Campus Ministry build up the future leaders of our church with leadership, faith, and service.

Contact Bev Franklin at (417) 865-0802 for more information.



**Feed your Soul
and help
CCM Ministry
GROW!!!**

**PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES PREPARING FOR
THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
CANDIDATES MEET
NOVEMBER 12TH & NOVEMBER 19TH
AT 8:45AM**

From Father Tom's Desk



They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love

At age 17 Jennie Todd found fault with everything about the church from the teaching methods to the time worship was held. She resented her parents forcing her to go to church and Sunday School every week. She would sit in her class with her arms folded across her chest, slumped in a folding chair in the back of the class. She refused to make friends or to participate in class discussions. It was clear to everyone Jennie did not want to be there.

One night, though, Jennie came home to find her parents huddled in the driveway in their bathrobes. Their house was engulfed in flames. They watched all their worldly possessions consumed in blazes as the fire department desperately worked in vain. It was a tragedy she would never forget.

Then shortly after the fire, something happened that took Jennie by surprise. Some of the girls from her Sunday School class came to visit her. One of the girls handed her an envelope. Jennie opened the envelope with trembling hands to discover it was filled with money. "It's from everyone in the class," one of the girls told her. "We took a collection."

Jennie was overwhelmed by the love and affection she was shown that day. She never really wanted to be part of the class, but the class showed her how much they cared for her. "I received a lot more than money that day," she reflected, "I received unconditional love and a fresh realization of what it means to belong to the church."

Our society bombards us almost daily with the message that we should care only about ourselves. "You owe it to yourself," we hear in advertisements for vacation trips. "You deserve the best," we hear from people selling expensive products. Jesus' teachings run exactly counter to this prevalent attitude. The mark of a Christian is the love we show for one another. The popular hymn says it best, "They'll know we are Christians by our love."

ChristianGlobe Networks, Inc., ChristianGlobe Illustrations, by King Duncan

Love: Committing Oneself Fully

One of my professors spoke of a young couple who wanted to write their own wedding vows. Instead of vowing to stay together "until death," they wanted to say, "For as long as our love shall last." As my professor noted, "Mistaking affection for love could mean they would divorce following their first real argument."

If we allow our culture's definitions of "love" to define what Jesus meant, then surely we will miss his point. Neither lust nor affection is at the heart of the faith.

So what then did Jesus mean when he said that we are to love God and neighbor?

Scholar Douglas Hare points out that "love" in the biblical tradition is marked by concretely expressed commitment. To love is to have an unwavering commitment to another, a commitment that expresses itself tangibly. "Love," as Jesus uses it here, is a call to commit one's self fully and concretely to both God and neighbor.

Father Tom

by Donald M. Tuttle

SUNDAY ROSARY IN THE CHAPEL

The Rosary will be prayed in the Chapel at 8:30AM on Sunday mornings. Please take time to join us and pray for each other and for special needs.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION'S PCCW WHITE ELEPHANT & ANNUAL BAKE SALE



DO YOU HAVE ANY WHITE ELEPHANTS

HIDING IN YOUR CLOSETS, DRAWERS, OR ATTIC?

The Women's Council will begin accepting white Elephant items on Saturday, October 21st. Please place items in the deck box by the double doors of Community Room A. Large items should be brought on Friday, November 10th. Please **DO NOT BRING TV'S, COMPUTERS, OR CLOTHING!!** Call Sandie De Frank at 417.300.1930 for more information.

OUR PARISH COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN ANNUAL BAKE SALE—NOVEMBER 11TH & 12TH

Ladies and gentleman, start planning your baking now! We are asking all households to contribute HOME baked goods to our annual bake sale on Saturday & Sunday, November 11th & 12th. The money raised will help our St. Vincent de Paul, along with Rare Breed, Birthright, and LifeHouse; and also our Seminarians, our Parish, and Community & International Projects, etc. This is our only fundraising project for the year; we appreciate all your HOME baked goodies! To volunteer to help: Noreen Penn, 881.1234; or Karen Soetaert, 887.7929.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS



Baptism Preparation classes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 8th & 15th, 6:15PM, in the Parish Meeting Room. Call Sharon Weideman, parish office, 887.0600, to register and schedule a short interview. **Two sessions are required for the parents of infants and young children.**

Request Cards for Mass Intentions and for Memorial Remembrances are available in the Gathering Area

If you would like to request a *Mass Intention* or a *Loving Memorial Remembrance* for someone, cards are available in the Gathering Area.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4th, remember to set your clocks BACK 1 hour. (Fall Back)

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

WELCOME TO SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Springfield Catholic School System is accepting registration for the 2017-2018 school year. Our system is made up of three (3) elementary schools (preschool-8th grade) and one (1) high school. For a tour, enrollment information, or to check availability at various grade levels, please contact the schools in which you are interested.

Immaculate Conception: 417-881-7000

St. Agnes: 417-866-5038

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton: 417-887-6056

Springfield Catholic High School: 417-887-8817

Tradition of Faith, Service, and Academic Excellence!

• **Employment Opportunities**—ALL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND APPLICATIONS are available on the Springfield Catholic Schools website at www.scsapk12.org.

• **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL** is now accepting applications for a 7th and 8th grade Language Arts teacher for the current 2017-2018 school year. Applicants must be an active Catholic and a certified teacher. For more information or questions, contact Theresa Coleman, 417.881.7000 or email, tcoleman@scsapk12.org.

• **SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** is accepting applications for a full-time position of **Night-time Custodian**. For additional information, please contact Mr. Sam Wutke at 417.887.8817 Ext 012 or swutke@scsapk12.org OR Mrs. Jeanne Skahan at 417.887.8817 Ext. 013 or email jskahan@scsapk12.org.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT VIRTUS TRAINING

Virtus—Pre-registration is necessary: click on "registration" on the left, or call your parish office for assistance. Schedule may be found on the diocesan event calendar at www.dioscg.org or www.virtus.org. The next sessions are: Saturday, November 4th, 9:00AM-NOON, *Immaculate Conception*, Springfield; Saturday, November 4th, 9:00AM-NOON, *St. Joseph the Worker*, Ozark; Monday, November 6th, 6:00PM-9:00PM, *Our Lady of the Lake*, Branson.

ADOPT-A-TURKEY BEGINS THIS WEEKEND



St. Vincent de Paul's Adopt-a-Turkey fundraiser begins this weekend, October 28th & 29th. Look for your Turkey this weekend, and as always we are very grateful for your generosity. Without it we would not be able to cover the rising cost of the food.

MONTHLY MASS AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Everyone is invited to join Catholic Charities staff and volunteers at monthly Mass in the Carmelite Chapel, 424 E. Monastery St., Springfield. Mass begins at noon on the first Wednesday of each month. Bishop Emeritus Leibrecht will be the celebrant on November 1st. Father Colby Elbert will be the celebrant on December 6th.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

HOLY TRINITY'S CHAPEL—2818 E. BENNETT ST.

PLEASE CALL Chuck Ball, 417.887.6703

TO SCHEDULE A TIME BEFORE THE

✠ **BLESSED SACRAMENT** ✠

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET & ROSARY—3:00PM ON SUNDAYS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

THANK YOU for your generous support on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$689.00. While only some are called to go to the Missions to serve, all of us are called, by our Baptism, to support the Church's missionary work by our prayers and - financial help. To continue answering this call, visit MISSIO.org.

SACRED HEART CHILI COOK-OFF

Sacred Heart Church in Springfield, 15th Annual Chili Cook-Off is Saturday, November 4th, 5:00PM-7:00PM. Cost is \$5 in advance or \$7 at the door. Tickets may be purchased by calling the parish office, 869.3646. Come and enjoy all the various delicious chili's made by our wonderful cooks. Proceeds will be used to support our Parish Liturgical Environment.

CONTEMPLATIVE OUTREACH OF SPRINGFIELD

Is launching its new, quarterly "Diving Deeper" series which will include the following topics: Lectio Divina, Refinement of Centering Prayer, The Human Condition, Divine Therapy, The Night of Sense, The Welcoming Prayer Practice and The Discernment Practice. National speakers will be available for most presentations which will run from November 4, 2017-May 4, 2019. We will begin LECTIO DIVINA (Listening to the word of God in Scripture) on November 4th, at Immaculate Conception Church, Mass at 8:30AM, registration at 9:15AM, program at 9:45AM-2:00PM. Lunch provided. To ensure we have sufficient food and materials, please RSVP Barb DePue at email democatsx2@gmail.com if you plan to attend. There will be an opportunity to participate in a \$15 free-will offering to cover the cost of lunch and supplies.

RARE BREED OPEN HOUSE

Rare Breed Youth Outreach Center, 301 N. Main St., will have an open house on Friday, November 3rd from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. The public is invited to tour the center, speak with staff and volunteers, and enjoy appetizers. We hope to see you there!

SPRINGFIELD CHAPTER OF THE MISSOURIANS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY

We will meet Monday, November 6th, 7:00PM, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at 2818 E. Bennett. Please join us in our work to end the death penalty in Missouri. For more information contact Donna Walmsley at 417.459.2960.

AREA PCCW BAZAARS

ST. AGNES CATHEDRAL—NOVEMBER 4TH

Saturday, November 4th, 9:00AM-5:00PM, and Sunday, November 5th, 8:00AM-1:00PM. A variety of vendors available and several parish tables to browse, and a Bake Sale table. Saturday morning breakfast with homemade cinnamon rolls & coffee for sale. Please join us and support Tuition Assistance and Harmony House.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH—NOVEMBER 4TH

PCCW 10th Annual Bazaar! We have returning and new vendors. Raffle, lunch may be purchased, and baked goods for sale. Dates: Saturday, November 4th, 9:00AM-5:00PM; Sunday, November 5th, 8:00AM-2:00PM.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH—NOVEMBER 11TH

Saturday, November 11th, 8:00AM-6:00PM, and on Sunday, November 12th, 8:00AM-1:00PM. Lots of baked goods, White Elephant sale, and enjoy lunch in the Bistro.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH—NOVEMBER 11TH

Saturday, November 11th, 9:00AM-7:00PM, and Sunday, November 12th, 9:00AM-1:00PM, 2818 E. Bennett St. in the Parish Center. There will be more than twenty booths from baby quilts, to wood crafts, and more. Enjoy delicious meals by the Men's Club and Knights of Columbus; smoked meats and sides; breakfast; and a spaghetti dinner on Saturday evening.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH—NOVEMBER 11TH

Saturday, November 11, 8:00AM-3:00PM. Lots of baked items, candy, canned goods, and especially Divinity candy! (We always have special requests for it.)

SACRED HEART CHURCH—DECEMBER 1ST

In conjunction with the Midtown Victorian Homes Tour, Sacred Heart Church, 1609 N. Summit, Springfield, is planning its 12th annual Craft/Vendor Christmas Bazaar in the church hall Friday, December 1st, 5:00PM-9:00PM, and Saturday, December 2nd, 10:00AM-4:00PM. In addition to the many vendors and crafters, we will again be offering homemade Holiday Cookies by the pound.

2018 SPRING TRIP WITH FR. LEWIS

Travel with Fr. Lewis Hejna on our Italy South trip. Where: Calabria, Taormina, Syracuse, Mount Etna, Catania, Sicily, Amalfi Coast, Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii and Rome. Trip Dates: May 26th-June 7th, 2018; Cost: \$4,600.00; Airfare and ALL Included. To register, please call 855.842.8001 or 508.340.9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 21-22, 2017

Envelopes:	\$ 11,822.20
Plate:	\$ 925.26
Weekly Total:	\$ 12,747.46
Weekly Need to Meet Budget:	\$ 20,400.00



Yearly Budget:	\$ 1,083,000.00
Year-to-date Collection:	\$ 322,246.40

(3.76% below yearly budget)

Home Missions:	\$ 10.00
Sponsor-A-Child:	\$ 50.00
World Mission Sunday Collection	\$ 689.00

Parish Repair & Maintenance:	\$ 146.00
Building Fund:	\$ 10.00
Remaining on Debt Collection:	\$ 189,015.50