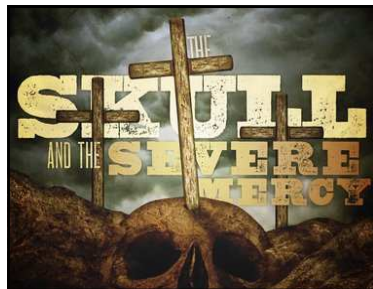


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The Mission of Immaculate Conception Parish is to be a family-centered sacramental community comprised of compassionate witnesses to God's word, love, and presence.

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YEARS



**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
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November 24, 2019

**"...This is the King
of the Jews..."**

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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

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IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE—NOVEMBER 24, 2019

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, November 24th

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

8:30AM Rosary in the Chapel

8:45AM Confirmation Class—CRA/CAFETERIA

9:00AM RCIA Dismissal—PMR

9:00AM & 11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

2:00PM Mass of Life & Dinner

Monday, November 25th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL

8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—4TH & 5TH GRADES

5:30PM Bell Choir—CR

6:30PM Baptism Class—PMR

7:00PM Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)—CRA

Tuesday, November 26th

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL

8:30AM Mass—CHURCH—ALL SCHOOL MASS

NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

7:00PM Adult Continuing Education—PMR

7:00PM Pao Sheng Wu Shu Class—CRB

Wednesday, November 27th

6:20AM Communion Service—CHAPEL

8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL

NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

5:30PM Mass of Thanksgiving—CHURCH

7:00PM Choir Practice—CR

Thursday, November 28th—Thanksgiving Day

Parish Offices Closed

6:20AM Mass of Thanksgiving—CHURCH

8:30AM Mass of Thanksgiving—CHURCH

NOON—1:00PM - Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

Friday, November 29th

Parish Offices Closed

6:20AM Mass—CHAPEL

8:30AM Mass—CHAPEL

NOON—1:00PM Prayer Intercessor—CHAPEL

Saturday, November 30th—Sunday Vigil

9:00AM Heavenly Dusters cleaning church

2:30PM—3:15PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH

4:00PM Sunday Vigil Mass

4:00PM RCIA Dismissal—PMR

7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation—CHURCH

Sunday, December 1st—First 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 25th

6:20AM Barbara Page (Int.)

8:30AM Michele Scott (Int.)

Tuesday, November 26th

6:20AM + Teresa Ngoan Thi Ngoan

8:30AM Fr. Clement Machado (Int.)

Wednesday, November 27th

6:20AM Communion Service

8:30AM + Sue Somers

5:30PM + Rae Marie Keppel

Thursday, November 28th—Thanksgiving Day

6:20AM Faithful Departed

8:30AM St. Agnes Class of '52 & Loved Ones (Int.)

Friday, November 29th

6:20AM Family Reconciliation

8:30AM + Cynthia Williams

Saturday, Vigil Mass, November 30th

4:00PM + Jerry & Ann Pickering

Sunday, December 1st—First Sunday of Advent

7:00AM The Parish Family

9:00AM + James Spencer

11:00AM Ted & Judy Esswein (Int.)

Mass of Life

Sunday—November 24th—2:00PM

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
Amen



BOOK OF LIFE

Please take an opportunity to place the names of our faithful departed in the Book of Life on the Gathering Area Table.

Bishop Rice's

November Prayer Intention

Let us remember to pray for our departed family and friends, that they may rest in the peace of Christ.



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETING



Our next meeting will be this Sunday night, November 24th at 7:00PM with the Rosary (optional) at 6:30PM in Community Room B.

Contact Bruce Horine at 417.833.7913 with questions.

MASSES FOR THANKSGIVING

WEDNESDAY: 5:30PM & THURSDAY: 6:20AM & 8:30AM

DECEMBER 6, 2019 FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

9:00AM—1:00PM 1:00PM BENEDICTION

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 1, 2019

Isaiah 2:1-5/ Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Romans 13:11-14/ Matthew 24:37-44

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.



PARISH UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

Mass of Life

(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

Sunday, November 24th—2:00 PM
Remembering Our Faithful Departed



Thanksgiving Day Masses

Wednesday, November 27th: Mass 5:30 PM

(No 6:30 PM Mass on Wednesday)

Thursday, November 28th: Masses 6:20 AM & 8:30 AM

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!



From Father Tom's Desk



Give Me Your Sins

St. Jerome was one of the distinguished church fathers who helped to guide the Church in matters of faith and the Bible. He translated the Ancient Greek manuscripts into Latin to help put the Bible in the language of the people. He wanted the people to read and know the Bible. He lived in the actual town of Bethlehem for a time to get a feel of how Jesus lived during his earthly journey among us. The rich oral traditions of the church share how St. Jerome, while living in Bethlehem, had a dream that Jesus visited him. The dream was so powerful and convincing that St. Jerome rounded up all his material blessings and offered them to Jesus. He heard the Lord declare: "I do not want your possessions." So being a good church leader, he offered all his money to Jesus. Jesus once again declared, "I do not want your money." Finally, in desperation, St. Jerome cried out "Jesus, what do you want from me?" Jesus simply replied, "Give me your sins. That is what I came for--I came to take away your sin. Give me your sin."

Eric S. Ritz, The Ritz Collection, www.Sermons.com

For That I Am Especially Thankful

During a harvest festival in India, an old widow arrived at her church with an extraordinarily large offering of rice - far more than the poor woman could be expected to afford. The itinerant pastor of the church did not know the widow well. But he did know that she was very poor and so he asked her if she were making the offering in gratitude for some unusual blessing. "Yes," replied the woman. "My son was sick and I promised a large gift to God if he got well." "And your son has recovered?" asked the pastor. The widow paused. "No," she said. "He died last week. But I know that he is in God's care; for that I am especially thankful."

Traditional

Better Not Bitter

If we are not thankful then we can become bitter. If we are not thankful, then it becomes too easy to sit around and ponder the question: why me?

Dr. Jim Moore, retired pastor of St. Luke's UMC in Houston wrote a book entitled "You Can Grow Bitter or You Can Grow Better". He writes that he got the idea for the title from a young woman who once came to him in a most tragic moment in her life. She had tears in her eyes and her knuckles were white as she twisted a handkerchief. She had just received word that her twenty-six year old husband had been killed in a farming accident, leaving her alone with three pre-school age children. One moment he was alive and vibrant, the next moment gone. "I don't know how I am going to be able to get along without him," she sobbed. "But I do know one thing. I can either get bitter or I can get better."

One way that we can get better rather than bitter is to develop a thankful heart. We must learn to be grateful to the Lord with whom we shall spend eternity. Our morning prayer should always begin: O Thou who has given me so much, I pray that you give me yet one more thing-- a grateful heart.

Staff, www.eSermons.com

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. These boxes will be delivered in early December and I know they will bring smiles to many faces. Thank you for your generosity in helping our PCCW achieve our goal this holiday season.



PCCW HOLIDAY SALE SUCCESSFUL!

Once again our PCCW had a very successful Holiday Sale thanks to all the generous donations of white elephants and baked goods. If you visited our sale you could see that we had many wonderful items on display and the baked goods were fantastic. We actually ran out of baked goods after the 9:00AM Mass. 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.

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. 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.

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

The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed on Tuesday, November 26th at 6am. Adoration 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 8th 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

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VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

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



CAFETERIA VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED!

I.C. SCHOOL 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](#). 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.

SILENT SATURDAY

Contemplative Outreach of Springfield is hosting a Silent Saturday on December 7th at Holy Trinity Church: 9AM Mass; 9:45AM—10AM Registration; 10AM—12 NOON Silent Prayer. Info: Barb DePue 417.881.1381/democatsx2@gmail.com

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PRAYER CHAIN

(417) 887-0600, Ext. 130

email: staff@ic-parish.org

ONE CHURCH—EAST TO WEST—UNITED IN CHARITY

Support our local anti-poverty agency: Catholic Charities November 17, 2019, marks the Third Annual World Day of the Poor. This year, Pope Francis' message is taken from Psalm 9:19: "The hope of the poor will not perish forever." It is fitting that the date of this celebration falls on the date for the annual Second Collection for Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri (CCSOMO), our local anti-poverty agency. CCSOMO is our Catholic community's united and hopeful response for our neighbors in need throughout the lower third of the state, where the Top 10 of Missouri's poorest counties call home (and none of its wealthiest)!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES & LIFEHOUSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFEHOUSE CRISIS MATERNITY HOME IS CURRENTLY IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE RESPITE CHILDCARE FOR OUR RESIDENTS. We offer childcare on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8:30AM-11:30AM. If you, or someone you know, are interested in helping us with this vital ministry, contact Jill Bryant at 417.720.4213 or jbryant@ccsomo.org.

WILL YOU HELP US PRAY? Catholic Charities of Southern Missouri take prayer requests from LifeHouse residents, staff, and from across the diocese and every Tuesday at noon volunteers gather in the Monastery chapel to pray over these needs. CONTACT: Jill Bryant at 417.720.4213 or jbryant@ccsomo.org.

'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

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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
2. Scroll down to the map, click on Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau
3. Click on "Donate"

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

14TH ANNUAL CRAFT VENDOR SALE

Sacred Heart Parish is hosting our 14th Annual Craft/Vendor Sale. All of the booth spaces are rented with crafters and vendors. Our wonderful Holiday Cookies for sale by the pound. We are one of the stops on the Mid-Town Victorian Homes tour. Our dates are Friday, December 6th, 5:00PM—9:00PM and Saturday, December 7th, from 10:00AM—4:00PM.

WE COULD USE BIKES FOR BOYS & GIRLS



All bikes can be taken to Adventure Bicycle Company, 3250 E Battlefield St., Unit H. Or, if they need to be picked up, we do have resources that can do that. They can contact Didem at Boys and Girls Clubs at 417.862.9249. Any and all size bikes are welcomed and in any condition.

RECTORY KITCHEN REMODEL



In the August 2018 Sunday Bulletin there was the following information concerning the rectory kitchen:

Work on Rectory Kitchen: \$30,000.00. Replace appliances that have inoperative components, redo plumbing to keep the pipes to the sink from freezing during cold weather, and replace cabinets that have served us well.

The rectory kitchen renovation was approved last August 2018 by our Finance Council and approval was received from Bishop Rice to proceed with the project. Renovation was begun in October by Eric Stuhlsatz, ELS Construction. Eric and his family are parishioners of our parish.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE WEEKEND of November 9/10, 2019

Envelopes:	\$	14,862.75
Plate:	\$	1,391.70
Weekly Total:	\$	16,254.45
Weekly Need to Meet Budget:	\$	20,840.39

Annual Budgeted Collection:	\$	1,099,956.00
Year-to-Date Budget:	\$	401,877.00
Year-to-date Collection:	\$	399,820.58
		(.51% below budget)

Sponsor a child	\$	35.00
Parish Repair & Maintenance:	\$	185.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	210.00
CCSoMo	\$	700.00
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