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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord.

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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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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - DECEMBER 13, 2020

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

ALL MASSES WILL BE IN THE MAIN CHURCH

Sunday, December 13th—Third Sunday of Advent

7:00AM SUNDAY MASS

Knights of Columbus Breakfast after Masses

8:30AM Rosary

9:00AM SUNDAY MASS—LIVESTREAMED

11:00AM SUNDAY MASS

11:00AM Children's Dismissal—CRB

2:00PM —4:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

6:00PM High School Youth Group—CRA

Monday, December 14th

6:30AM Daily Mass

8:30AM School Mass—4th & 5th Grades

LIVESTREAMED

7:00PM RCIA—CRA

Tuesday, December 15th

6:30AM Daily Mass

8:30AM DAILY MASS—1st, 2nd & 3rd Grades

LIVESTREAMED

Wednesday, December 16th

8:30AM Daily Mass—6th, 7th & 8th Grade—

LIVESTREAMED

6:30PM Daily Mass

Thursday, December 17th

6:30AM Daily Mass

8:30AM Daily Mass—LIVESTREAMED

7:00PM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Friday, December 18th

6:30AM Daily Mass

8:30AM Daily Mass—All School Mass

LIVESTREAMED

7:00PM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Saturday, December 19th—Sunday Vigil

2:30PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:00PM SUNDAY VIGIL MASS

7:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00PM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Sunday, December 20th—Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

2:00PM—4:00PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:00PM CHRISTMAS NOVENA

GLUTEN FREE HOSTS AVAILABLE
Please notify us before Mass if you would
like to receive a Gluten Free Host.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 14th—Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

6:30AM Jack Schiltz (Int.) 8:30AM + Margaret Ann Fry

Tuesday, December 15th

6:30AM Evelyn Koesler (Int.) 8:30AM + Kimberly Harrick

Wednesday, December 16th

8:30AM Fr. Joseph Lai Tri (Int.)

6:30PM + Marie Gallagher

Thursday, December 17th

6:30AM Myrtle Crippin (Int.)

8:30AM + Earl Straus

Friday, December 18th

6:30AM + Bryon Ellingson 8:30AM + Evelyn Peterson

Saturday, Vigil Mass December 19th

4:00PM + Mamie Lawless

Sunday, December 20th—

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:00AM The Parish Family

9:00AM + Ann Meese

11:00AM + Adolfo Orendain Sr.



The Christmas Novena offers a half-hour haven of peace during a season

7:00 PM December 17th—23rd

which moves at such a frantic pace. There is definitely a spiritual benefit by participating during this hectic time from this evening prayer. Whether you are able to attend one evening, several or all the evenings. Your attendance at the Novena will be one of the best gifts you give yourself for Christmas.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS

2:30 PM & 7:00 PM

SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

2:00PM—4:00 PM November 29th, December 6th, 13th & 20th

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR ...

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 20, 2020

2 Samuel 7:1-5 8B-12, 14A, 16/ Psalm: PS 89:2-3,4-5, 27, 29/ Romans 16:25-27 / Luke 1:26-38

PARISHIONERS WHO NEED SPECIAL PRAYERS

Kathy Lukavich, Mike Wilkens, John Carpenter, Cheryl Haik, Dorothy Pfaff, Mark Stark, George Preisinger, Francis Barnes, Anne Davies, Stephen Kiely, Donald Borneman, Sherri Hawkins, Janice Hill, Sophia Griesbaum, Andrew Conklin, Cora Gumucio, Steve Schoen, 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: Tom Hall, the husband of Cheryl; Anthony Daniel Daus, Jr. the father of Greg; Dorothy Marie Lincoln, the mother of Kelly Morgan; Michael Brownlow; 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.

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 Christmas. A suggested offering is \$15.00, any donation will be accepted. Please PRINT clearly and circle In Honor *or* In Memory of _____ and submit by Sunday, December 20th.

From Father Tom's Desk

The Inner Peace Virus

There is an email going round that warns of a very powerful virus spreading in epidemic proportions. The virus is called "Inner Peace." Be on the alert, it says, for symptoms of inner peace that could pose a serious threat to what has, up to now, been a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world. Some signs and symptoms of inner peace:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experiences.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom.)
- Frequent, overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love extended by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

The person sending that warning might have read our story of John the Baptist which also threatens an outbreak of joy and hope and light in a world that had long forgotten how to experience these things.

Sharon Moon, Rejoice and Proclaim Jubilee

Humor: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

I read somewhere about an astronomer and a pastor who were seated next to one another on an airplane flight. When they became aware of their vocations, the astronomer said, "I believe that religion can be summed up in the words, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." "Yes," said the pastor, "about as much as astronomy can be summed up in the words, "Twinkle, twinkle little star, how I wonder what you are." No, there is more to it than ethics.

James McCormick, Selected Sermons, www.Sermons.com



tather Tour

Join us at 7:00 PM for the Christmas Novena—December 17th—23rd

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED for the Week of November 28/29, 2020

13,036.77 Sponsor A Child \$ 95.00 Envelopes: \$ Plate: \$ Parish Repair & Maintenance \$610.00 187.00 Weekly Total: 13,223.77 Home Mission \$ 467.00 Catholic Charities of Southern MO \$ 10.00 **Weekly Need to Meet Budget:** 20,840.39 **Annual Budgeted Collection:** \$ 1,119,956.00 DDF to date \$ 78,497.00

Year-to-Date Budget: \$ 472,673.48 Year-to-date Collection: \$ 372.530.47

(21.18% below budget)

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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SERVICE NIGHT!



High School Youth Group will be meeting Sunday, December 13th from 6:00PM—7:30PM in Community Room A for a

Christmas Party and Advent Service Night!

PARTY: Wear an ugly Christmas sweater or any other Christmas gear you have. There will be snacks!

SERVICE:

- 1. We will prepare care packages for the residents at Springfield Villa to lift their spirits during this holiday season.
- 2. Bring in any items from the Angel Tree (see suggestions below). We will wrap them and get them ready to be given to those in need.

ANGEL TREE SUGGESTIONS: infant, child or adult clothing including hats, gloves, boots, shoes. (New items please), educational books, puzzles, games Contact Mani in the parish office (mbrockmeyer@ic-parish.org or 887-0600) with any questions. Please wear a mask.:)

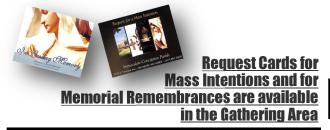
48TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE VS. WADE

On January 22nd there will be a livestream from St. Agnes Cathedral, with Bishop Rice as the celebrant, offering Mass and the rosary for the protection of human life.

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ DioceseofSpringfieldCapeGirardeau

KNIGHTS STRIKING-OUT

On January 31st, with registration at Noon, and bowling starts at 1:00PM, the Knights of Columbus invite you to their 26th Annual Bowl-A-Thon. The event will benefit: Catholic Charities of Southern MO; Least of These, Inc., a Christian County Food Pantry; and The Kitchen, Inc. Registration Forms: Gathering Area



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP MEETING

Our next meeting will be Sunday night, December 27th, 7:00PM. The Rosary (optional) will be prayed at 6:30PM in Community Room B.

Contact Bruce Horine at 417.833.7913 with questions.





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



HIGH SCHOOL DISCIPLE GROUPS!

All high school students are invited to join a small Disciple Group! Sign up with friends or meet new people! Each small group will have adult leaders and will make their own

arrangements for meeting times. More information on the gathering table. Questions?

Contact Mani at mbrockmeyer@ic-parish.org or call the church office at 417.887.0600.

YEAR END GIVING & CURRENT REQUESTS

s for GIVING

It is the time of year when we express thanks for the many blessings we have received. With that in

mind, I ask you to consider an end-of-year donation to our parish of Immaculate Conception.

Your end-of-year donation helps to keep our ministries vibrant and effective to fellow parishioners, our school family, those in need, staff salaries, and our parish plant in good repair. Please consider a gift to Immaculate Conception Parish.



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Enrollment for Springfield Catholic Schools grades pre-school—12th is now taking place: Go

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PERPETUAL ADORATION

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Nicola Mullins 417.300.0840
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VIRTUS—Pre-registration is necessary: go to 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. See www.virtus.org for future sessions.

Sessions: April 16th, 5:30PM—8:30PM, The Catholic Center.



The Angel Tree Has Arrived!

Please take an Angel home with you and return your thoughtful gift to the Angel Tree by December 12th/13th. Angel gifts are needed for infants, girls, boys, women, and men. (New items

please.) Suggested Items: infant, child & adult clothing, other items such as hats, gloves, boots, shoes, (gift certificates) educational books, puzzles, and games.

If you wrap your gift, attach your Angel to the gift wrapped package with the following information: the size and for whom.

Our gifts will be given to families in need: in our parish, at Sacred Heart Church in Springfield, and the homeless. Your generous gifts are greatly appreciated!



PERPETUAL ADORATION

Perpetual Adoration at Holy Trinity will be suspended for Christmas and New Year's Celebrations starting Tuesday, December 22, 2020 and will resume Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Please observe mask and social distancing.

"I throw myself at the foot of the Tabernacle like a dog at the foot of his Master."- St. John Vianney

Adoration Hours: Weekdays 1:00 PM—5:00 PM

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. If you are unable to attend, consider making a donation to keep our candles burning bright.



ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

Lord our God.

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the people,
he is the wisdom that teaches
and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise
to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
R/. Amen.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS IN THE CHURCH @ 6:30PM



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 www.virtus.org and click on "registration" on the

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