

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

MAY 16, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. 5:30 PM 05/18 **NO MASS**
 Wed. 8:00 AM 05/19 **NO MASS**
 Thurs. 8:00 AM 05/20 **NO MASS**
 Fri. 8:00 AM 05/21 **NO MASS**
 Sat. 5:30 PM 05/22 Edward Pfahl
 Deceased Members of the Marvin & Mary Riegel Family
 Sun 7:00 AM 05/23 Our Parish Family
 Sun 10:00 AM 05/23 Conrad & Gertrude Haslag

MAY 2021	Rosary	Song Leader(s)	Servers	Sacristan	Lector	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Usher
Sat – May 22 5:30 PM	Sylvester & Evelyn Kremer	Mia Peters, Geri Fick	Abby Rogers, Ean & Mason Smith	Debbie Stegeman	Rita Stiefermann	Sylvester & Evelyn Backes	Diane Nilges, Rita Stieferman	Bonnie Haslag	Doug & Sandy Kremer
Sun. May 23 7:00 AM	Keira Jaegers	Looking for Volunteers	Brody Troesser, Taylor Baumhoer, Natalie Boessen	Judy Skaggs	Madison Pfahl	Charles Haslag Family	Janice Backes, Erica Robertson	Stephanie & Lily Borgmeyer	Matt & Jack Robertson
Sun. May 23 10:00 AM	Dan & Florence Schaefer	Paul Williams	Drew Riegel, Ben & Adeline Muenks	Julie Brandt	Laverne Robinson	Mitch Bonnot Family	Laverne Robinson, Jennifer Backes	Hubert & Joan Backes	Steve & Nate Brandt

CLEANING CHURCH: MAY 16 – 23 – Ron & Brenda Kliethermes, Debbie Brunnert

Sunday Collection Report

May 8-9

Offering	\$7,462.95	Osage County Needs	\$28.00	Infirm Priest	\$200.00
Votive	\$50.00	Catholic Missourian	\$26.00	Catholic Home Mission	\$10.00
Communication & Education	\$45.00				

Offering Report

Weekly Budget	\$8,000.00	Fiscal YTD Budget	\$358,000.00
Weekend Offering	\$7,462.95	Fiscal YTD Offering	\$356,876.69
Budget vs. Offering	-\$535.05	Fiscal YTD vs. Offering	-\$1,123.31

LOOSE CREEK BULLETIN & RESERVATIONS

Bulletin items due by Wednesday at noon.

To reserve the cafeteria or school, contact the school/parish secretary

Jackie Bax:

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E-mail: jackie.bax@icloosecreek.org.

BONNOTS MILL BULLETIN

Bulletin items due by Wednesday evening.

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IC PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE: <https://www.facebook.com/ICParishLooseCreek/>

IC PARISH YOUTUBE CHANNEL: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1emSIFT8eBN3Z7RRj7nx0A/featured>

Bishop McKnight's May Prayer Intention is for the Local Church: May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, this month by our support in charity for all mothers who struggle in poverty to raise their children.

LOW GLUTEN HOST: For those following a gluten free diet; low gluten hosts are available at all Masses. Please notify the priest before Mass if you wish to receive this type of host.

SUMMER HOURS: The church/school summer hours will start on Monday, May 24, 2021. Jackie will be in the office from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM on Wednesday and Thursday. If you have any questions on bulletin items, or other items, please send in an email to jackie.bax@icloosecreek.org or called 573-690-1867.

MESSAGE FROM FR. TONY: Feast of the Ascension

Today we celebrate Ascension Sunday, or the Seventh Sunday of Easter. This feast is transferred in most dioceses, including Jefferson City, from Thursday to Sunday in order to accommodate working people and families. It should not be taken as “just another Sunday,” but rather as the decisive moment when Jesus takes leave of His disciples and commands them: “Go!”

There was no time for idleness or fear anymore. Jesus gave one final promise to his disciples before He ascended to Heaven: That He would send the Holy Spirit to strengthen, comfort, and guide the Church. This we celebrate next Sunday on Pentecost Sunday. The Holy Spirit has guided the Church for over two thousand years, in all kinds of difficulties and persecutions. Many good and faithful Christians, who are known only to God, gave their lives rather than deny their Lord and Savior.

We need to wake up and get busy with the work that was given to us by Jesus: To spread the Good News of salvation to all the world. This is a command from God, not an invitation or suggestion. The world needs to hear the Good News now more than ever.

So, let us ask ourselves: Are we busy spreading the Good News by our words and actions, or are we simply “putting in our time” and waiting to die? No matter who we are or what our age, we are commanded by Jesus to “Go.” For some that literally means to leave all behind and follow Jesus in ordained ministry or religious life. For most, however, the command means to live our lives in full view of the world and its opposition to the faith handed on to us by the Apostles not in fear, but boldly.

The question is not, “Will I make a difference in the world by my Catholic faith?” but, “What kind of difference will I make in the world?” Fr. Tony

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CANOPY: Please be aware that construction on the new canopy on the front of the church has started. During this time you may need to enter through the handicap entrance on the west side. We apologize for the inconvenience.



MEMORIAL DAY MASS @ IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH: There will be a Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 31, 2021, at 8:00 A.M. at Immaculate Conception Parish. Reception will follow Mass in the school cafeteria. The Veterans and others will meet at the Court House Monument at 10:00 A.M. in Linn. Everyone is welcome.

MASS FOR VISITATION OF MARY: There will be a Mass on Monday, May 31, at 5:00 PM for the Visitation of Mary. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

PARISH CLEAN UP DAYS: Looking for volunteers to help with cleaning out of the rectory basement and the picnic shed. The dates for the cleaning have been set for Wednesday, June 23, and Wednesday, June 30, at 6:00 PM. EVERYONE welcome!!!

PICNIC TIME: Loose Creek Picnic will be on **Sunday, June 13, 2021.**

"We are excited to be offering a hybrid parish picnic this year with 2 different options!" We will hold a drive thru BBQ fundraiser at church like we did in 2020 and an “in-person” event at Loose Creek Community Center with the following activities: quilt auction, beer garden, and soda stand, sandwich stand (serving only hamburgers, cheese burgers, pork steak sandwiches and chips), live music from 12:00 – 4:30 PM, raffle and 50/25/25. There will be limited seating on the grounds. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs. **The picnic packets are in the back of church. Please stop by church to pick up the picnic information. If you're not already on the work list and would like to help, please reach out to one of the picnic committee members.** **PICNIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Jackie Bax 690-1867; Amy Wilbers 690-5422; Jennifer Backes 301-8424; Carter Peters 694-7995; Ashley Atkins 619-6996; Jessica Voss 301-8080, Sharla Buthod 291-3224 and Kevin Thoenen 690-3272. Thank you!

100th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION: With joy and gratitude we invite everyone to help celebrate the 100th birthday of Pauline Bescheinen on Sunday, May 16. Please join us from 1 to 4 pm in the IC school cafeteria. Bring your favorite memories, and if you wish, wear a special or vintage hat from the past. No gifts, please.

90th BIRTHDAY: Our own Catherine Muenks will be turning 90 on May 26. A small private family celebration is being planned but if the Spirit moves you to send her a card, the address is 70 County Road 602, Loose Creek, MO 65054! She's such a blessing!

School NEWS

SCHOOL NEWS: We had a fantastic week to end the school year! Miss Plassmeyer and the 5th-graders kicked off our week with a prayer service that reflected on the many blessings that we had this school year and reminded us to always have a grateful heart. Our 8th-graders were able to enjoy their 8th-grade trip on Monday and we celebrated their graduation at Mass on Tuesday. We wish each of them the absolute best as they branch out to their high school years. We had a full day of IC Eagle fun with Field Day and Carnival on Thursday. The kids enjoyed relay races, obstacle courses, bubble gum blowing and sunflower seed spitting contests, water activities, and throwing whipped cream pies at Ms. Luebbert. Thank you to the Home and School officers and parent volunteers who helped make the Carnival a blast! We ended our school year with an Aloha Friday. Father Tony, students, faculty, and staff all dressed in their Hawaiian wear to celebrate a great year and instill hopes of a safe and blessed summer. Thank you to all of our students, faculty, staff, families, and school volunteers for making the 2020-2021 school year a success in fulfilling our mission to be followers of Jesus in faith, knowledge, and service. Many Blessing, Ms. Luebbert

SCRIP NEWS: Scrip rebated earned for April was \$811.55. The Scrip Committee summer schedule – first and third Saturday’s from 8:00-9:00 a.m., in the school computer room. Dates: June 5, 19; July 3, 17; and August 7. All Wednesday’s 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the school computer room, May 19, 2021 thru August 11, 2021.

Meetings & Events

OSAGE COUNTY 911 CENTER BLOOD DRIVE: There is a Blood Drive this next Wednesday, May 19, 2021, from 12:00-5:00 pm hosted by the Osage County 911/Emergency Management Center. It will be at the Linn Fire Station #1 at 210 W. Main Street. Give them a call to make you appointment.

Good News!

Due to the number of people who have received the Coronavirus Vaccine and in response to the lower levels of transmission, the Bishop has made the following changes in the Liturgy (Mass):

Regular Mass attendance resumes, beginning June 1, 2021.

To clarify: Those with existing health problems are ordinarily excused from Mass attendance. All others in general good health are obligated to attend the Sunday Mass. (Saturday fulfills this obligation.)

The return of the Offertory Procession (Bringing up the gifts)

Return to regular collections at Mass.

The Sign of Peace may be offered.

The distribution of the Blood of Christ may resume.

Holy Water fonts should be kept clean and sanitary but do not need to be emptied after every Mass.

These changes will begin on May 15- 16, 2021.

Masks are optional, as is social distancing.

If you are not comfortable with these changes it is your right not to join in the Sign of Peace.

Receiving the Blood of Christ remains optional, but it is encouraged.

Glory to God that, even though there are many suffering from the virus, we can return to a relatively “normal” worship experience. Fr. Tony

