

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

AUGUST 15, 2021

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. 5:30 PM 08/17 Jerome & Teresa Jaegers
 Wed. 7:45 AM 08/18 Our Parish Family
 Wed. 2:30 PM 08/18 Our School Family
 Thurs. 7:45 AM 08/19 Deceased Members of the Vincent Muenks Family
 Fri. 7:45 AM 08/20 Helen Winkelman
 Sat. 5:30 PM 08/21 Francis, Mary, Dennis, August and Oliva Stegeman
 Sun 7:00 AM 08/22 Our Parish Family
 Sun 10:00 AM 08/22 Dennis Libbert and Chloe Robinson

AUGUST 2021	Rosary	Song Leader(s)	Servers	Sacristan	Lector	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Usher
Sat Aug. 21 5:30 PM	Doug & Sandy Kremer	Kim Luebbert, Geri Fick	Brody & Adam Thoenen, Derek Troesser	Terri Muenks	Rita Stieffermann	Mike Troesser Family	Sandy Kremer, Mark Luebbert, Rita Stieffermann	Mark & Linda Kremer	Dennis & Gail Luecke
Sun Aug. 22 7:00 AM	Mary Gentges	Looking for Volunteers	Matthew & Henry Robertson, Brody Troesser	Charlotte Robertson	Lindsey Haslag	Charles Haslag Family	Erica Robertson, Judy Skaggs, Marion Starr	Luke & Marian Kremer	Matt & Jack Robertson
Sun Aug. 22 10:00 AM	Sharla Buthod	Emerson Williams, Laurie Bonnot	Adyson & Maci Wilbers, Natalie Wilbers	Cindy Robertson	Amie Peters	Chris Stegeman Family	Jon & Cindy Robertson, Amelia Stegeman	Jessica, Abby & Beau Rogers	Dan & Florence Schaefer

CLEANING CHURCH: Aug. 15-22 - Carla Laughlin, Fred & Diane Mengwasser

Sunday Collection Report

August 8-9

Offering	\$4,251.00	Catholic Missourian	\$13.00	Missions	\$75.00
Votive	\$76.00	Religious Retirement	\$135.00	Osage County Needs	\$386.01

Offering Report

Weekly Budget	\$	Fiscal YTD Budget	\$
Weekend Offering	\$4,251.00	Fiscal YTD Offering	\$39,140.00
Budget vs. Offering	\$	Fiscal YTD vs. Offering	\$

LOOSE CREEK BULLETIN & RESERVATIONS

Bulletin items due by Wednesday at noon.

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

Jackie Bax:

Phone: (573) 897-3516 - (573) 690-1867

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 August Prayer Intention is for the Local Church: As we begin this school year, may all recognize our shared mission to hand on our Catholic faith to the next generation.

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.

Immaculate Conception Parish - Loose Creek

Mass Times: Weekend: Saturday - 5:30 PM, Sunday 7:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

Weekdays: Tuesday - 5:30 PM, Wednesday - 7:45 AM, Thursday - 7:45 AM and Friday - 7:45 AM

Effective August 10, 2021

MESSAGE FROM FR. TONY: The gospel today begins with a scene everyone can understand: A journey. “Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste...”

She has just been told that she is to be the Mother of God. And rather than keeping this news to herself, or wondering how she will cope, she sets out on a journey, to visit her cousin, Elizabeth — and we have “The Visitation.”

Too often, we think of the Blessed Mother as a quiet, serene, passive figure. But today, I’d like to ask you to think of her differently. Mary, in fact, is a person of action, on the move. This is a woman who is going places. She is a woman on a journey — constantly, by necessity, traveling. After this journey to see Elizabeth, we next find Mary embarking on a difficult trip, while pregnant, to Bethlehem.

Then, she is on the move again, fleeing to Egypt, to escape death. We meet her again, journeying to Jerusalem, where her son goes missing – and we follow her as she goes in search of Him.

We can only imagine what other travels she took in the course of her life ... but we can’t forget the most difficult of all, as she walked with her son to Calvary.

Today, on this feast, we celebrate her ultimate journey – her Assumption into heaven. The woman who spent so much of her life setting out in haste, searching, fleeing – finally is given a place of rest, a place “prepared by God,” as Revelation puts it. This day, we honor that, and honor how God has “looked with favor on his lowly servant.”

Though she has left this world, Mary is not removed from it. As our mother and our intercessor, she remains close to us. All of us, like Mary, are on a journey. All of us are traveling to places we may not understand, to destinations we cannot see. This is life. We ask Mary to help guide us on our way.

The road is long. The journey isn’t easy through this. “our exile,” this “vale of tears.” We pray to have the trust and courage to travel whatever road we must take – just as Mary did.

Like us, Mary was often in a hurry. We pray for her companionship as we ourselves “set out in haste” to all the places we need to be. And we turn our hearts to this woman “full of grace,” imploring her to “pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.”

Because we are all on a journey.
And we have so much further to go.
Fr. Tony

LIVE STREAM MASSES: We will be taking a break from the live streaming of the 5:30 PM Mass, until September. A decision will be made at that time to continue. If you would like to volunteer to learn how to do this, please contact, Fr. Tony. Thank you.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Our next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 6:30 PM in the cafeteria.

175TH CELEBRATION: The 175th celebration is set for October 9, 2021 – Follow their page on Facebook for more updates about the event - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/895507427910568>. We are also looking for volunteers throughout the day helping with parking, games, set up, parade, etc. If interested, please contact Caleb Bax at cbax@legendsbk.com OR 573-821-1061 for more details. Next meeting dates will be: August 24, 2021, September 13, 2021, and October 5, 2021, starting at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria.

175th CELEBRATION PARADE: Shine up those classic cars, trucks, dust off those rusty old tractors and horses. Join us in the parade for the 175th Celebration. (Autos older than 1990 and tractors older than 1980 will be allowed to participate, others upon request.) We will be looking for organizations like: VFW, K OF C, Scouts, 4H, youth groups and school groups to participate. Consider individual class floats or a group float. Participants will be limited to Loose Creek area residents and or individuals with ties to the area. Watch the bulletin and check out the parish Facebook page for further details. See attached parade entry form. Please contact Ralph Schaefer at 573-418-7608 or email mustagschaefer@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Children ages 4-5 years, who will not be entering kindergarten this coming year, are welcome to attend Sunday school starting on August 29, September 12, and 26, 2021. Sunday school will be held in the IC School Kindergarten classroom. Parents who are interested in your child attending, please text or call Emily Frank at 573-291-9880.

PSR CLASSES: Parents of children in grades 2 through 8 who will be attending PSR (Public School Religion) classes this school year, and did not attend last year, are asked to contact Carol Haslag at 897-4231 or text (314) 852-2340. Classes are at 7 pm on Wednesday nights at Immaculate Conception School and will start on September 8, 2021, and run through April, 2022. Second graders will be preparing for the sacraments of First Penance and Holy Eucharist. Grades three through eight will be learning about the basics of the Catholic faith.

ANNOUNCEMENT: If your group or organization will be using the school facilities for meetings or events, please contact Jackie to get your information set on the yearly calendar. Deadline will be August 31. If you have already turned in your meeting nights, thank you in advance. You can reach Jackie at jackie.bax@icloosecreek.org or 573-897-3516.

PARISH WEBSITE: Please check out our new website at <https://icloosecreek.diojeffcity.org/>. The website is a great place to find both parish and school information including church bulletins, events, school forms, handbooks, parish and school organizations, and so much more.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL NEWS: What a busy week here at Immaculate Conception School! Please notice our freshly cleaned blue awnings and painted parking lot. Also, take a gaze at the handmade barn quilt, crafted by Mrs. Stieffermann, on the street side of the school above the school name. Teachers are in overdrive preparing their classrooms, participating in Google training, and attending our Back to School meetings to launch this school year off with a blast. We are blessed with an outstanding group of faculty and staff that are dedicating lots of time preparing for this school year. Home and School provided a delicious lunch for staff and teachers on Monday, August 10th. Open House was Wednesday evening, August 11th. It was fantastic to see all of our smiling school families there. I would like to end with a prayer for all those who volunteered their time over the summer to keep our school focused on its mission to be followers of Jesus in faith, knowledge, and service. Prayer for our volunteers (anonymous, n.d): "It's not for money, it's not for fame. It's not for only personal gain. It's just for the love of fellowmen, it's just to lend a helping hand. It's just to give a little self, that's something you can't buy with wealth. It's not for medals worn with pride, it's just for the feeling deep inside. It's that reward deep in your heart, it's feeling that you've been a part, of helping others far and near, that makes you a volunteer." Many blessings, Ms. Luebbert

SCRIP NEWS: **Scrip rebates earned for July were \$611.38.** Scrip will be sold in the computer lab from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on the following Wednesday's in August, 08/11/2021 and 08/18/2021. Also on the first Wednesday's of the month, 09/01/2021, 10/06/2021, and 11/03/2021. After these dates the Scrip committee will reevaluate for the holiday schedule.

SCRIP CHANGES: **Effective immediately,** scrip orders will no longer be filled at the school office. Orders can be dropped off at school, however, orders will only be processed by the scrip committee. We will continue to sell scrip every Wednesday from 5-6 pm in the computer room and the first and third Saturday mornings of the month until school is back in session. More information will be coming related to these changes. If you have any questions please contact, Scrip Coordinator, Julie Smith, at 573-690-9531 or by emailing iclcscrip@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting the scrip program and our school.

Meetings & Events

K OF C APPRECIATION DINNER: The Knights of Columbus, will be hosting an appreciation dinner on August 22nd, at the Bonnots Mill Parish Hall. We will be honoring the clergy of our parishes, as well as administrators, teachers and staff of our Catholic schools. All Knights and their families are invited to join in showing our appreciation. Please come any time after 3:00pm and we plan on eating around 4:00pm. All Knights attending are asked to bring a side dish or desert. Please RSVP the number of you family attending. Thanks Tom Jansen - tjansen@jcymca.org - 573-619-7418

RETIRED RELIGIOUS FUND: Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

HOLLY EYNARD BENEFIT: Holly Eynard was diagnosed in 2018 with Neuromyelitis Optica & Transverse Myelitis (MNO) a rare and disabling neurological disease. Join us Saturday, August 28, at the Loose Creek Community Center. There will be a live auction, silent auction, and pork steak dinner. BYOB. Tickets are \$25.00 per plate. Early purchase tickets are available at Bailey's Learn and Play in Loose Creek. Contact Wes Bailey (573)619-3204 or Jennifer Bailey (573)694-6109 for auction donations. Additional information can be found on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BenefitforHolly>.

OUR LADY OF SNOWS MARY'S HOME PARISH PICNIC: Sunday, September 5, 2021, serving 11:00 AM- 7:30 PM, cafeteria style and carry-out meals available with outside seating available for carry-out meals. See flyer in back of church for details.

SAVE THE DATE: September 19, 2021--St. Louis of France FALL FESTIVAL in Bonnots Mill. Please contact one of the committee members if you're interested in making a donation to our online silent auction. God bless! -- Danielle Wilbers, Dana Stuecken, Stacey Haslag, Kimberly Hentges, Cindy DeOrnellis, and Kim Jansen

ST ANNE'S: The following cook groups have been assigned to weddings/dinners this fall:

- Duck's Unlimited Dinner - September 11, 2021 - Cook/dishwasher group #8
- Boeckmann Wedding - September 18, 2021 - Cook/dishwasher group #3
- Grothoff Wedding - October 2, 2021 - Cook/dishwasher group #4

If husbands or sons are available to fry chicken or help with lifting, text Barbara Backes 573-694-0648. If you are unable to work, please find a replacement from another cook group. If you need an updated work list, contact Barbara. Thanks for your time and talent. Barbara 573-694-0648

THANK YOU NOTE: I would like to say thank you for the prayers, get well cards and emails. Your prayers and thoughts are greatly appreciated. Betty Thoenen

Immaculate Conception Parish Fundraiser Auction!



FUNDRAISER AUCTION FOR RESTORATION OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: While we work on more furniture pieces, we have some rectory kitchen items repurposed into cute farmhouse decor up for bid. The hanging wire basket with florals is 14" long. The antique tin colander and cake pan stand come with accessories pictured (kitchen towel, wooden spoon, plant). It can be quickly changed-up for any season and the colander can sit on its side for another display option.

To place a bid, leave your bid in the comments below or email your bids to iclcprishcouncil@gmail.com or contact Amie Peters at 573-690-7484. All bids will be posted on Facebook. Bidding will close on these items on Sunday, August 22 at midnight. Bid in whole dollar amounts. Accessories not included.

PARISH ROSARY: Beginning on August 10, there will be a Rosary prayed bi-monthly on the second and fourth Tuesdays. The Rosary will begin after the Tuesday evening Mass. We will be offering this month's intentions for the beginning of the new school year but would also like to offer this as a time for parishioners to bring their own intentions and allow us to pray as a faith community together.

A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Anthony Rinaldo 12 Days: July 15 - 26, 2022 Discount/ Check Price - \$3799

Dear Friends,

It is a joy to invite you to join me on our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Since our youth we have been hearing the Gospel stories about Jesus walking and teaching in Jerusalem, Capernaum, and Galilee. He worked miracles around the Sea of Tiberius, Jericho and Cana. He was born in Bethlehem, grew up in Nazareth, and was crucified at Golgotha. We will be seeing all those places and much more. Our pilgrimage will give us an opportunity of walking in the footsteps of Jesus, our Blessed Mother and the first disciples.

Each day we will celebrate Mass and reflect on the Gospel text appropriate to the place we visit. This will be a pilgrimage of a lifetime and it will forever change the way you read and understand the Scriptures. I hope you will be able to join me on what promises to be a grace-filled journey to the Land from which has come our salvation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Fr. Tony Rinaldo

Please Feel Free to Contact me directly: frtony13@yahoo.com or 573-473-8654