

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 22, 2021**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. 5:30 PM 08/24 Richard Porting
Wed. 7:45 AM 08/25 Williams & Clara Kirsch
Thurs. 7:45 AM 08/26 Deceased Members of the Ralph Bailey Family
Fri. 7:45 AM 08/27 Deceased Members of Art Orscheln Family
Sat. 5:30 PM 08/28 Leo & Louise Backes
Sylvester & Brian Muenks
Sun 7:00 AM 08/29 Francis Schaefer
Rick Crowe
Sun 10:00 AM 08/29 Our Parish Family

AUGUST 2021	Rosary	Song Leader(s)	Servers	Sacristan	Lector	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Usher
Sat Aug. 28 5:30 PM	Kevin & Terri Muenks	Kim Luebbert, Geri Fick	Addisyn Nilges, Andrew & Kaylee Muenks	Diana Bailey	Diana Bailey	Chris Wilbers Family	Kevin & Terri Muenks, Diane Nilges	Lisa, Katlyn and William Kremer	Doug & Sandy Kremer
Sun Aug. 29 7:00 AM	Joel & Diane Muenks	Looking for Volunteers	Taylor Baumhoer, Natalie Boessen, Lilly Borgmeyer	Glenn Robertson	Kathy Robertson	Sean Haslag Family	Janice Backes, Nina Crowe, Erica Robertson	Bev & Donnie Luetkemeyer	Charles & Frances Rustemeyer
Sun Aug. 29 10:00 AM	Amie Peters	Paul Williams	Hayden Backes, Edie Bauer, Olivia Bonnot	Gina Thoenen	Laverne Robinson	Kevin Thoenen Family	Jennifer Backes, Jason Boyce, Sharla Buthod	Gina Thoenen	Jason & Lee Verslues

CLEANING CHURCH: Aug. 22-29 - Kathy Muenks, Frances Rustemeyer, Carol Schaefer

Sunday Collection Report

August 14-15

Offering	\$5,805.00	Religious Retirement	\$220.00	Osage County Needs	\$100.00
Votive	\$66.00				

Offering Report

Weekly Budget	\$	Fiscal YTD Budget	\$
Weekend Offering	\$5,805.00	Fiscal YTD Offering	\$44,945.00
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.

Kim Jansen:

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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: Jesus, in this Sunday's gospel reading, challenges His listeners by telling them that they must eat His Body and drink His Blood!

To the Jews this was insane! The Law given to Moses makes it clear that they are never to consume the blood of animals, let alone human beings.

Jesus first has to get their attention, then He can explain what He means: He is referring to an intimate union with Him by receiving His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

This is a "hard saying" since to refuse to do so means that we are not His disciples, only casual hearers. Many of them walked away confused and sad, never finding the grace of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Then He asks His disciples, "Will you also go away?" For once, Peter gets it right when He says, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life?"

In times of trouble and anxiety, when we are tempted to "walk away" from the Lord, we need to hear those words in our own hearts: "Will you also go away?" And, like Peter, we need at those times to answer back, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

May we never stray from Our Loving Lord, especially when we are confused, angry, hurt or worried.

Our hope is in the name of the Lord, who made Heaven and earth. 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.

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. Grades 7 and 8 will be preparing for confirmation.

YOUTH MINISTRY: The Youth Ministry classes will be on Wednesday, September 1 & 15, at 6:30-8:00 P.M. in the school cafeteria. Please contact Kimberly Borgmeyer at 573-619-3765 for any information.

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.

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.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL NEWS: We are having a fantastic start to the school year! It is great seeing all the students' smiles and hearing their voices and laughter fill the classrooms again. We had a back-to-school Mass at 2:30 pm on Wednesday. What a blessing to see the pews full of our students praying and joining together to give thanks to God for the blessing of our school and community! We have so many things to be grateful for this year including all our new technology, new library furniture, online learning programs, new math and reading resources, freshly painted classrooms, and so much more. But, we are most thankful for the wonderful community of families, faculty, staff, and students that join our mission to be followers of Jesus in faith, knowledge, and service. Many blessings, Ms. Luebbert

SCRIP NEWS: **Scrip rebates earned for July were \$611.38.** 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 sell scrip every Wednesdays between 5-6 pm and the first and third Saturdays of the month between 8:00 – 9:00 am in the computer room. After these dates, the Scrip committee will reevaluate for the holiday schedule. 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 22, 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: Make a difference. "Every dollar makes a difference in covering our expenses," says a Trappist abbot. Hundreds of US religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for 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

OSAGE DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET: The Osage Ducks Unlimited Banquet, will be held on Saturday September 11, at the Loose Creek Community Center. Prime Rib dinner. Doors open at 5:00 P.M. Dinner at 6:30 P.M. Tickets available from Jeff Mertens 573-680-2205 or at www.ducks.org/events to purchase online.

MUMS: The Ladies Club is selling mums in the following colors: Yellow, burgundy, peach or purple. They are \$9 each. To place an order, please contact Myra Versluis at 573-694-1742 or mail check to Myra at 185 County Road 600, Loose Creek. Checks can be made out to "Ladies Club". Please place order by Monday August 30. Mums will be delivered by September 9. Thanks!

CONVENT PROJECT: We would like to show our appreciation for Sr. Bernita's hard work that she does for our parish, by visiting the nursing homes, elderly and home bound parishioners. She is an asset to our parish. With the remodeling of Sr. Bernita house, we are in need to replace various items in the house. If you would like to make a donations to the project, make your check payable to Convent Project and put in an envelope marked, Convent Projects, in the collection basket by September 15, 2021.

Immaculate Conception Parish Fundraiser Auction!



FUNDRAISER AUCTION FOR RESTORATION OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS: If you were a student at IC these may look familiar! These boxes were once attached to student desks to hold their books. We repurposed them with a chalkboard front, which can be written on with chalk markers. They're ready to hang and fill with everything from towels to office supplies. They come with the florals pictured. To place a bid, leave your bid in the comments below or email your bids to icelprishcouncil@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 29 at midnight. Bid in whole dollar amounts.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH QUILT GROUP LIST 2021-2022: The IC Parish quilt group list is available in the back of church. Captains will be receiving a letter soon. This year we are giving the captains the option of just collecting money and the Sewing Circle will take care of getting the quilts. If you have any questions please contact Christy Muenks at 573-649-0897.

POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE: Pope Francis wants you to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Getting the vaccine, the Pontiff says, is an act of love; Francis and six Catholic cardinals and archbishops made a public service announcement released Wednesday in which they urged people to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Thanks to God's grace and the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. The Pope said in the video, seated at a desk in the Vatican and wearing a white cassock and skull cap, getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable he said. I pray to God that each of us can make his or her own small gesture of love; Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI were both first vaccinated against COVID-19 on January 14.

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