

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. 5:30 PM 09/07 Richard & Matthew Muenks
Wed. 7:45 AM 09/08 Our Parish Family
Thurs. 7:45 AM 09/09 Richard Porting
Fri. 7:45 AM 09/10 Henry, Pauline, Ferd, Clem and Cletus Rustemeyer
Sat. 5:30 PM 09/11 Jerry Zahner
Frank and Johanna Thoenen
Sun 7:00 AM 09/12 Our Parish Family
Sun 10:00 AM 09/12 Carter Peters Jr.

SEPTEMBER 2021	Rosary	Song Leader(s)	Servers	Sacristan	Lector	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Usher
Sat Sept. 11 5:30 PM	Herbert & Joan Backes	Kim Luebbert, Geri Fick	Abby Rogers, Ean & Mason Smith	Debbie Stegeman	Rita Stiefermann	Herb & Joani Backes	Roger Backes, Mark Luebbert, Rita Stiefermann	Cindy & Shelly Stegeman	Greg Muenks, Cole Nilges
Sun Sept. 12 7:00 AM	Keira Jaegers	Looking for Volunteers	Brody Troesser, Taylor Baumhoer, Natalie Boessen	Janice Backes	Cheryl Gentges	Gary Kremer Family	Nina Crowe, Erica Robertson, Judy Skaggs	Diane Haslag	Rick & Denise Wolfe
Sun Sept. 12 10:00 AM	Sharla Buthod	Paul Williams	Jackson Crede, Trevor & Dylan Crowe	Sharla Buthod	Rita Linhardt	Jason Verslues Family	Jennifer Backes, Jon & Cindy Robertson	Brenton Voss	Mark Williams, Mitch Bonnot

CLEANING CHURCH: Sept. 5 – 12 - Kathy Robertson, Cindy Robertson, Erica Robertson

Sunday Collection Report

August 28-29

Offering	\$5,572.75	Religious Retirement	\$50.00	Mission	\$30.00
Votive	\$84.00	Holy Day	\$500.00		

Offering Report

Weekly Budget	\$	Fiscal YTD Budget	\$
Weekend Offering	\$5,572.75	Fiscal YTD Offering	\$57,064.75
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:

(573) 897-2813 or (573) 619-4279

st.louisoffrance@gmail.com/ kimjansen128@gmail.com

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

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

PARISH WEBSITE: Please check out our new website at <https://icloosecreek.diojefcity.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.

Bishop McKnight's September Prayer Intention is for the Local Church: For a greater appreciation for the gift of friendship; that bonds of friendship may strengthen our resolve to be a people of communion in divisive times.

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

PARISH ROSARY: September Dates – 14th, and 28th following the Tuesday 5:30 P.M. Mass.

MESSAGE FROM FR. TONY: A man has been deaf, maybe his entire life. But then something happens. He meets Jesus. He can't quite believe it. Years of silence have been broken. For the first time ever, he's hearing things, small things, little noises. Breathing. Laughing. The emotion is overwhelming. It must have been a shock. He met Jesus. It was an encounter with the living God!

Because Jesus touched him, shared his humanity and divinity with him—the man's ears were opened and his tongue was freed.

"Here is your God," Isaiah writes. "He comes to save you... Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared..." Here is your God.

Here is our salvation, told in the story of one man—a story so amazing that the people who witnessed it just couldn't keep it to themselves. Whether we realize it or not, his story is our story.

To all of us who feel isolated, cut off, living in silence... Christ reaches out.

To all of us who feel lonely or different, damaged or confused, to all of us who struggle to understand... Christ bends down and touches us.

To all of us who have closed ourselves off from love, from change, from the possibility of miracles... Christ calls out: "Ephatha! Be opened."

This miracle teaches us that an encounter with Christ brings something we all need: Clarity. It brings understanding. What was uncertain becomes clear.

Everything suddenly make sense!

And after letting Christ into our lives, we are finally able to express something that we could never quite put into words. We are made new.

So, with this miracle on our minds, we ask ourselves: What does this gospel say about us? What kind of deafness hangs over us?

Do we tune out what God is telling us, and listen instead to the noise and voices of the world around us?

Change is hard. We can become comfortable in the midst of our own deafness – whether physical or spiritual. But Christ calls out to each of us: "Ephatha! Be opened!" Let Jesus in. Because if we do... the result may be nothing short of a miracle.

Fr. Tony

175TH CELEBRATION: The 175th celebration is coming on Saturday, October 9, 2021. A flyer is attached in your email and watch your mailboxes as a hard copy will be mailed soon. Continue to follow the Facebook page at – <https://www.facebook.com/groups/895507427910568> for updates. 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: 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 mustangschaefer@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 September 12, and 26, 2021. Sunday school will be held in the IC School Kindergarten classroom during the 10:00 Mass. 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 sixth will be learning about the basics of the Catholic faith. Grades 7 and 8 will be preparing for confirmation.

YOUTH MINISTRY STUDENT/PARENT MEETING: The 8-12 Grade students and parents, please join us for an interactive and informational meeting about teen ministry for IC and St. Louis of France parishes. Will be on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, in the school cafeteria starting at 6:30 PM.

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



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL NEWS: Ms. Contryman and the third-grade class led our weekly prayer service by reminding us to look for miracles in our routine daily life. This year, our students will have the opportunity, at any time, to thank God for a daily miracle by taking a smiley face note, writing the miracle they are thankful for, and dropping it into our SMILE basket. This IC SMILE basket will be offered up at each all-school Mass throughout the school year. Each class enjoyed a visit with Father Tony on Wednesday. Each class had the opportunity to attend adoration on Friday and several grades also participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Many of our junior high students gave up their recess on Tuesday to participate in a special rosary prayer service for Nicholas Eynard and his family. We are very proud of our IC students for living their mission to be followers of Jesus in faith, knowledge, and service. Many blessings, Ms. Luebbert

GRANDPARENT'S DAY: Grandparent's Day is Friday, September 10, 2021. We are looking forward to honoring our grandparents for a special afternoon drive-thru parade. Details for the day will be sent to IC families.

JR. DEPUTY TRAINING: The Jr. Deputy program will be at IC School next Thursday, September 9 with all Bells and Whistles making noises around 8:15 AM for the fifth and sixth grade classes.

SCRIP NEWS: Scrip rebate earned for August was \$654.76. The new process for filling scrip orders started August 23, 2021 and is as follows: Scrip orders, paper and electronic, will be filled on Monday and Wednesday evenings and Fridays, prior to the end of the school day, if a committee member is available. Scrip orders placed on Saturday, Sunday, Monday or orders received in the school office on Monday via students or drop offs will be filled Monday evening. Orders will go home in backpacks on Tuesday or available for pickup in the school office.

Orders placed online or received in the school office Tuesday and Wednesday will be filled Wednesday evening. Orders will go home in backpacks on Thursday or available for pickup in school office. Orders placed online or received in the school office on Thursday and Friday will try to be filled Friday before the end of the school day only if a committee member is available.

Orders filled on Friday will be sent home in backpacks with students on Friday. If orders from Thursday and Friday cannot be filled on Friday, they will be filled Monday evening and go home in backpacks Tuesday or available for pickup. Any orders or payments sent to the school office must be in a sealed envelope. A Scrip to Go Order Form is included in this bulletin. Scrip is always available via egift cards and reloads on the Raised Right Scrip App. Scrip Selling Schedule September through November 2021: First Wednesday of every month from 5-6 pm in the computer lab. (09/01/2021, 10/06/2021 and 11/03/2021.) For any questions, please email iclcscrip@gmail.com or call Julie Smith, Scrip Coordinator at 573-690-9531.

Meetings & Events

CATHOLIC FINANCIAL LIFE BRANCH 1152: The meeting and breakfast will be on Tuesday, September 7, 8:00 AM at BJ's Restaurant, Linn.

OSAGE COUNTY NEEDS: The Osage County Needs collection will be the weekend of September 4-5, 2021. Thank you for your generosity.

IC RECYCLE PROGRAM WEEKEND: Please bring your bagged aluminum cans to the trailer parked next to the gas tanks September 4-5. **Please NO PLASTIC ITEMS. THANKS!**

K OF C COUNCIL 2027 MEETING: The monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, September 14. Rosary to end abortion at 7:15 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM at the Bonnots Mill Hall.

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.

ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE FALL DINNER: September. 19, 2021--St. Louis of France FALL FESTIVAL in Bonnots Mill. Serving German Pot Roast and Ham; from 11:00 AM – 6:00 P.M. Drive-thru or carry out. Silent Auction starts on September 12, at 5:00 PM on Facebook. See flyer in back of church for more details.

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.

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's 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.

BOOKPLATES FOR THE ST. AUGUSTINE HYMNAL: There are still bookplates available for the remaining St. Augustine hymnals even though the funding is complete. Thanks to the many bookplate donors and a generous donation from St Anne's sodality. If you'd like to purchase a bookplate in honor of a loved one, please place a \$16 donation in the offering basket (it will go into the general church funds) and then text or email Kim Luebbert (573)690-0176 or luebbertk626@gmail.com with the name of the loved one(s) you are honoring and who the gift is from. More than one bookplate can be donated and there are 113 still available. It's a memorial that will remain in our pews for years to come.

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,

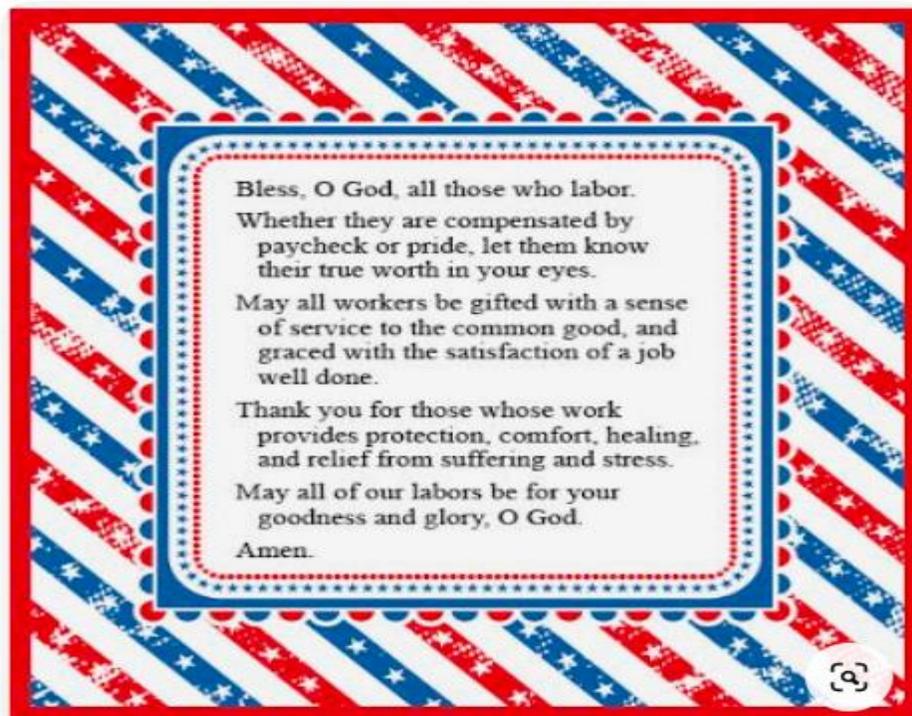
It is a joy to invite you to join me on our pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Since our youth we have been hearing the Gospel stories about Jesus walking and teaching in Jerusalem, Capernaum, and Galilee. He worked miracles around the Sea of Tiberius, Jericho and Cana. He was born in Bethlehem, grew up in 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

LABOR DAY PRAYER



Immaculate Conception Parish Fundraiser Auction!



FUNDRAISER AUCTION FOR RESTORATION OF THE STATUE OF THE VIRGIN MARY **CLASS:** It is an entertainment center Description: This entertainment center is from the convent and is 99 1/4" x 27 1/4". It's in great condition and made of real wood construction. It features 2 glass door cabinets with glass shelving on top, pull out drawers and additional storage below. This is very nice as is or can be repurposed to suit your needs. Additional pictures available on IC Facebook auction page. To place a bid, leave your bid and name of item in the comments of the Facebook post for this auction. You may also email your bids to icelprishcouncil@gmail.com, or contact Amie Peters at 573-690-7484. All bids will be posted on Facebook. Bidding will closed on these items on Sunday, September 12, at midnight. Bid in whole dollar amounts.



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

With Father Tony's blessing, I jumped at the chance to design and paint this barn quilt for I.C. School. Barn quilts have a story to tell and are rich in symbolism. This barn quilt is no different. The primary colors of red, yellow, and blue were intentionally chosen to represent the basic concepts that are taught in elementary school. Blending of primary colors creates secondary colors. In life, blending of all the skills taught in grade school creates a multitude of skills that lay a foundation needed throughout our lives.

Placing the school in the middle of the quilt represents the vital role of the parish in educating our youth to carry on the faith to future generations. The cross is the central focus reminding us that Jesus has to be first in our lives. Yellow squares radiate from the cross reminding us to be light of Christ in our school, parish, and world.

Each block in a quilt is important. If a piece is missing, the quilt's overall beauty and message is not complete. In the same way each student, parent, pastor, teacher, staff member, and parishioner hold an important role in the parish community and Catholic school. When any of these are missing, our mission cannot be fully carried out.

My creation allows me the opportunity to express my appreciation to Immaculate Conception for greatly enriching my life. I hope it also adds a special touch to our 175th celebration. As we celebrate our past and commit ourselves to the future, let's continue to value our Catholic school, be Christ centered, and be the light of Christ to the world.

It is with great honor that I present this barn quilt to Immaculate Conception School.

God Bless You!
Mrs. Rita Stiefermann