

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 6, 2022**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. 5:30 PM 02/08 John Ruetters
Wed. 7:45 AM 02/09 Our Parish Family
Thurs. 7:45 AM 02/10 Our Parish Family
Fri. 7:45 AM 02/11 Diane Borgmeyer
**Sat. 4:00 PM 02/12 Ben & Cora Muenks
Cap Bonnot**
Sun 7:00 AM 02/13 Deceased Members of Joseph Kliethermes and Thessen Families
Sun 10:00 AM 02/13 Our Parish Family

FEBRUARY 2022	Rosary	Song Leader(s)	Servers	Sacristan	Lector	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Usher
Sat Feb. 12 4:00 PM	Roger & Barbara Backes	Mia Peters, Laurie Bonnot	Addisyn Nilges, Andrew & Kaylee Muenks	Diana Bailey	Diana Bailey	Sylvester & Evelyn Backes	Sandy Kremer, Kevin & Terri Muenks	Monica & Madelyn Backes	Dale & Alex Reinkemeyer
Sun Feb. 13 7:00 AM	Joel & Diane Muenks	Looking for Volunteers	Hunter Hoelscher and Henry Robertson	Janice Backes	Lindsey Haslag	Paul Gentges Family	Judy Skaggs, Marion Starr, Janice Backes	Lindsey & Kamryn Haslag	Rick & Denise Wolfe
Sun Feb. 13 10:00 AM	Sharla Buthod	Emerson Williams	Luke Jaegers, Cole & Nate Jaegers	Gina Thoenen	Marla Robertson	Jason Verslues Family	Amelia Stegeman, Dale Williams, Jennifer Backes	Hubert & Joan Backes	Dan & Florence Schaefer

CLEANING CHURCH: February 6-13 - Kelly & Abby Kempker, Barbara Toebben

Sunday Collection Report

January 29-30

Offering	\$5,086.00	Holy Day	\$20.00
Votive	\$61.00		

Offering Report

Weekly Budget	\$8,320.00	Fiscal YTD Budget	\$249,600.00
Weekend Offering	\$5,086.00	Fiscal YTD Offering	\$250,863.60
Budget vs. Offering	-\$3,234.00	Fiscal YTD vs. Offering	+\$1,263.60

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>

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.

Bishop McKnight's February Prayer Intention is for the Local Church: For those who are ill, depressed, or forgotten in society; may the charity and mercy of the local parish community manifest the healing presence of God and counter the culture of indifference.

YEAR END STATEMENTS: End of year contribution statements were mailed out this year. If you have any questions, please contact, Jackie at 897-3516.

BOOKPLATES FOR THE ST. AUGUSTINE HYMNAL: If you'd like to purchase a bookplate in honor of a loved one, please place a \$16 donation (per bookplate) in the offering basket 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 38 still available**. It's a memorial that will remain in our pews for years to come.

MESSAGE FROM FR. TONY:

Peter and Andrew, James and John heard the call of the Lord, dropped everything and followed Him. They were common, everyday people, fishermen. They were not the sort of people that anyone would suspect could take the position of leadership in the Church. But they were called, and they said yes. God worked His wonders through them. They and their companions were not an easy bunch to train in the Lord's way. They just couldn't seem to get the message straight. They fought with each other over who would have the greatest authority in the Kingdom of Heaven. They ran in fear when Jesus was arrested. They had a difficult time learning the ways of the Lord, but they did learn and as a result we are here, members of the Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they were able to transform their lives and share the joy of serving Christ to others.

This Sunday's readings have led me to a reflection on my vocation to the priesthood and I wish I could find a way to communicate to you, and particularly to our young people, my feelings about being a priest. For me, the priesthood is the greatest life possible. Sometimes I'm called upon in emergency situations to bring the sacraments to a person I have never met. If I only did that once in my life, my life would have meaning and purpose, but this is an everyday event for a priest. We pray the Liturgy of the Hours, which is basically psalms and readings from scripture. We prepare homilies, and sometimes we need a break from preaching. Sometimes you need a break from our preaching.

Then there is the Mass. The Mass! One of the greatest joys of my life is to be able to celebrate Mass. It is beyond belief that God would allow human beings to act in His Person and recreate the offering of His Son at the Last Supper and on the Cross, but that is what happens every time the priest celebrates Mass. God takes care of his priests, true, but He also expects more from them than anyone other than a priest could imagine. The priesthood is the greatest life in the world because it is all about Jesus. The priest acts in the person of Jesus, in Persona Christi, by virtue of the call of Christ and the action of the Holy Spirit. At the same time, when I'm at priests' meetings, I'll often think, and quote: "We are an odd looking bunch of men!" Priests have more quirks, more weaknesses than the average man. Maybe that's because we don't have wives to keep us in line!

Sometimes I think that the kind of men called to be priests are the best proof that God can work through anyone. Look at our readings for today: Isaiah feels unworthy, Paul, once a persecutor of the faith, now its greatest defender and teacher. In the Gospel, Jesus calls Peter, James and John, fishermen, and Levi (Matthew) a tax collector. And that is what makes being a priest so very exciting. The priest realizes that somehow or other God does His work despite the human being he uses. No one should feel discouraged from thinking about being a priest or a sister because he or she does not feel worthy enough. Who is?

For myself, I was a "blue-collar" working man, and older than most men entering seminary. But, here I am, by the grace of God. No one should be discouraged if they feel called to serve Christ and the Church as a priest, or a religious sister for that matter, because friends and family might want something else for them. To discourage a vocation to this life is to discourage a person from entering into the greatest adventure in the world!

I believe we need to encourage our young people to seek among themselves those who would be open to the call of the Lord and encourage them to follow Him, in whatever vocation they have been given by God.

May more and more of our young men and women receive the call. May they listen to the call. May they follow, and, may they allow the Spirit to work through them, for the glory of God and the building up of His Kingdom on earth.

Fr. Tony

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school is on February 27, 2022, and will be held in the IC School kindergarten classroom during the 10:00 Mass. If interested, please call Emily Frank at 573-291-9880.

PSR CLASSES: SECOND THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE PSR CLASSES: Classes will be on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at 6:30 at IC School. Please contact Carol Haslag at 897-4231 or text (314) 852-2340 for any questions.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS RESTORATION: We're almost there! Between our auction sales and donations, **we've collected \$11,577 of the nearly \$16,000 needed.** A big 'Thank You' to all those who quickly responded with generous donations! If you would like to make a donation to the restoration effort in any amount, please drop an envelope in the general collection marked, "Stations of the Cross". Please include your name or if in memory of a loved one. The cost of sponsoring an individual station is \$1,100, but any amount is appreciated. Any funds raised beyond the expense of this restoration will be applied to other projects as approved by Fr. Tony. To make a donation by mail, please send your check to our mailing address at PO Box 8, Loose Creek, MO 65054.

WELCOME WEEKEND: Ladies, do you feel like your life lacks purpose? Do you just "go through the motions" everyday? Come join us for Welcome weekend February 19-20, 2022. Welcome is a weekend of meditation, prayer, renewal, and discovery of God's purpose for your life. Register online at <http://www.saint-george-parish.org> to reserve a spot. The weekend is limited to the first 20.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL NEWS: Our Catholic Schools Week was filled with faith, excellence, and service. Our students had fun decorating their classroom doors, participating in a scavenger hunt, decorating cookies, and so much more. We also celebrated our families by creating a special family photo poster. Thank you to the School Advisory Board who organized a special faculty and staff lunch from Annie's Station on Tuesday and to the local business who provided a donation to pay for this special lunch. Thank you to all of our families, faculty, staff, volunteers, and parishioners for your continued support of our IC School. Smiles, Ms. Luebbert

TAPES FOR EDUCATION



RECEIPTS: Linn Thriftway has invited our school to participate in the "Tapes for Education" program this year. Points earned will be used to purchase educational equipment for our school. Please save Thriftway register tapes dated January 1, 2022, to April 30, 2022. Send your register tapes to school or place them in the container in the church vestibule. Spread the word to family and friends.

SCRIP MESSAGE: Scrip rebate earned for January was \$732.92. During the months of January through May, the Scrip Committee will be selling scrip out of the box the first Wednesday of each month from 5:30 pm to 6 pm in the school computer room. **Scrip Sell dates for January through May:** March 2, April 6, and May 4. **Please note:** Scrip orders are filled Monday and Wednesday evenings and Friday afternoons. Orders will go home in backpacks or available for pick up the day after being filled. Orders filled Fridays will go home in backpacks on Fridays.

SCRIP CONTEST: The Scrip committee is having a contest running January 1, through February 28, 2022 (end of Scrip year). The contest is on all Scrip Physical Cards, Reloads, and EGift Cards. For every \$100 face value purchased during this time, we'll enter your family's name into a hat. On March 1, one winner is drawn which will get to pick from any \$25 value or less Scrip card from our Scrip box! The Scrip committee thanks you for your continued support to technology for IC school.

Meetings & Events

Boy Scout Troop 76 will be meeting on Monday, February 7, at 7:00-8:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

Cub Scout will be meeting on Monday, February, 21, at 7:00-8:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

OSAGE COUNTY NEEDS: The Osage County Needs collection will be taken up this weekend February 5-6, 2022. Thank you for your generosity.

IC RECYCLE PROGRAM WEEKEND: Please bring your bagged aluminum cans to the trailer parked next to the gas tanks February 5-6. **Please NO PLASTIC ITEMS. THANKS!**

GAME DAY: The Game Day people are getting together at Annie's in Loose Creek at around 1:00-1:30 once a month on the first Thursday of every month. If you have questions/concerns, please contact Linda Peters at 573-690-7473 or e-mail at petersrLL@yahoo.com.

KC COUNCIL 2027 MEETING: The monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, February 8. Rosary to end abortion at 7:15 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM at the Bonnots Mill Hall.

SAVING BEST CHOICE UPCS: The Willing Workers are collecting Best Choice UPCs and would very much appreciate any assistance the parish can give us. We have collected these for many years and are grateful to all those who have helped us with these. The money we receive from the UPCs goes to helping in the community with Cub & Boy Scouts charters, donations to the Senior Citizen group, and supplying treats for the school children, to name a few. You can send them to school with the children or call Joani Backes and she will pick them up from you. Her # is 897-2734. Thank you!

BREAKFAST DRIVE THRU: The Argyle/Koeltztown Vol. Fire Dept. will be hosting their drive-thru Breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at the K of C Hall in Argyle serving from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend. See flyer in back of church for more details.