

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 6, 2022

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**Effective March 19, 2022, Saturday evening Mass at IC will be at 5:00 PM.**  
**MASS INTENTIONS**

Tues. 5:30 PM 03/08 Henry & Mary Nilges

Wed. 7:45 AM 03/09 Our Parish Family

Thurs. 7:45 AM 03/10 Deceased Members of Vincent Muenks and Ted Kirsch Families

Fri. 7:45 AM 03/11 Helen Winkelman

Sat. **4:00 PM 03/12** Leon Verslues

Danny Brunnert

Sun 7:00 AM 03/13 Ben & Cora Muenks

Sun 10:00 AM 03/13 Our Parish Family

MARCH 2022	Rosary	Song Leader(s)	Servers	Sacristan	Lector	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Usher
Sat Mar. 12 4:00 PM	Herbert & Joan Backes	Kim Luebbert, Judy Verhoff	Addisyn Nilges, Andrew & Kaylee Muenks	Diane Nilges	Stacey Peters	Mark Kremer Family	Sandy Kremer, Kevin Muenks, Diane Nilges	Sandy Kremer	Herb & Joani Backes
Sun Mar. 13 7:00 AM	Dennis & Judy Skaggs	Looking for Volunteers	Henry Robertson, Case Kliethermes	Glenn Robertson	Cheryl Gentges	Gary Kremer Family	Janice Backers, Nina Crowe, Erica Robertson	Diane Haslag	Luke & Marian Kremer
Sun Mar. 13 10:00 AM	Sharla Buthod	Mia Peters	Melissa Verslues, Elizabeth Voss, Lucy Warren	Amie Peters	Marla Robertson	Mitch Bonnot Family	Jennifer Backes, Jason Boyce, Sharla Buthod	Rachel, Trevor and Dylan Crowe	Curtis & Luke Brandt

**CLEANING CHURCH: March 6 – 13 - Kathy Robertson, Cindy Robertson, Erica Robertson**

**Sunday Collection Report**

**February 25-26**

Offering	\$13,414.00	Three In One	\$20.00
Votive	\$57.00		

**Offering Report**

Weekly Budget	\$8,320.00	Fiscal YTD Budget	\$282,820.00
Weekend Offering	\$13,414.00	Fiscal YTD Offering	\$289,458.98
Budget vs. Offering	<b>+\$5,094.00</b>	Fiscal YTD vs. Offering	<b>+\$6,638.98</b>

**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](mailto: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>

**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.

**FUNERAL:** Click on Funeral Planning. The direct link is: <https://icloosecreek.diojeffcity.org/parish-life/funeralplanning/>

**Bishop McKnight's March Prayer Intention is for the Local Church:** For the Universal Church; that her mission of salvation may be advanced in every place under the patronage of Saint Joseph.

**MESSAGE FROM FR. TONY:** I want to address a difficult question: Why does God allow the devil to tempt us? We see today that even Jesus experienced temptation. He was led by the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil; The Spirit led Him, so that the devil tempted Him. Temptations have a purpose.

1. It is good to recognize our weaknesses. It is part of our common humanity.

Ever since our first parents ate the forbidden fruit, we humans have developed an almost limitless capacity to deceive and allow ourselves to be deceived. When we want something wrong, we easily fall into self-deception.

2. When we are tempted, we grow in humility, and we recognize our dependence on God. In response to the devil's temptations, Jesus says that we don't live by bread alone; but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; Temptation, when we see it's true danger, can bring us to our knees. When we give in to temptation, when we sin, we do it alone. At first we feel that we are freeing ourselves from restrictions, but in fact we are falling into bondage. On the other hand, resisting temptation requires God's help. It takes humility to ask for help, but in the end it leads to freedom.

3. The third purpose of resisting temptation is to gain strength. We are weak, but every time we stand with Jesus, every time we resist temptation, we gain power. When we fall into temptation, we lose strength. But if we turn away from temptations, we gain strength.

God allows the devil to tempt us so that we can gain humility, confidence and strength, to become his true servants. As Jesus said in response to Satan's last temptation: The Lord your God you will worship and Him only you will serve.

Fr. Tony

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday school is on March 6, and 20, 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:** Will meet Wednesday, March 16, at IC school at 6:30 for class, and then will attend Stations of the Cross at 7 pm. Please contact Carol Haslag at 897-4231 or text (314) 852-2340 for any questions.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Spiritual & Worship Committee is looking for groups or volunteers to help with Stations of the Cross this year during Lent. Stations of the Cross will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:00, on March 9, 16, 23, 30, and April 6. Please call or email Lisa Kremer 573-680-5154 or [lpcece177@gmail.com](mailto:lpcece177@gmail.com).

### **LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE**

Tuesday after Mass from 6-7 pm, Fridays from 6-7 PM

Saturdays, March 5, and March 12: 3:15-3:45 PM

Saturdays, March 19, forward: 4:15-4:45 PM

Or by appointment: Call the rectory at 573-897-2922 (No Penance Service on Tuesday, March 22)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT LOOSE CREEK:** Everyone is invited to attend the Stations of the Cross. They will be every Wednesday during the Lenten season at 7:00 PM at Immaculate Conception.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT BONNOTS MILL:** The Stations of the Cross will be led by the Bonnots Mill youth each Wednesday during Lent at 7 PM at St. Louis of France Church.

**CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Every Friday in Lent at 3:00 PM.

**RICE BOWLS:** There are Rice Bowls available in the vestibule of church for your use during the Lenten season. You may turn in your donations during Holy Week. Thanks for your sacrifices for others.

**CHRISM MASS:** Bishop W. Shawn McKnight invites you to attend our annual Chrism Mass at St. Andrew's in Holt Summit on **Tuesday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m.** This liturgy unites the diocese in recalling the gifts of the holy priesthood and the Most Holy Eucharist. The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens are blessed and the Sacred Chrism is consecrated at this time. These holy oils impact the lives of those who are preparing to enter into the Church, those who are ill, and all preparing for confirmation and Holy Orders.

### **SCHEDULE FOR THE TRIDUUM**

#### **Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper**

7:00 PM at IC in Loose Creek (**Adoration until 10 PM or Later**) - 6:30 PM at St. Louis of France Church w/Fr. George

#### **Celebration of the Lord's Passion**

7:00 PM at IC in Loose Creek - 6:30 PM at St. Louis of France Church w/ Fr. George

**Holy Saturday - NO 5:00 PM MASS.** Confessions by appointment.

#### **Easter Vigil**

8:30 PM at IC in Loose Creek

#### **Easter Sunday**


Masses at 7 AM and 10 AM at IC in Loose Creek - Mass at 8:30 AM at St. Louis of France Church in Bonnots Mill



## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL NEWS

**SCHOOL NEWS:** Mrs. Markway and the sixth-grade class began our week with a prayer service focused on the upcoming season of Lent as a time of prayer, fasting, and giving that begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday. They also reminded us that our prayer, fasting, and giving was to be accomplished for the right reasons and not for show as spoken in Matthew 6:1, "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven." Thank you to Mrs. Muenks and our 8th-graders for artistically creating the Stations of the Cross in Church. They look fantastic, will serve our community for the season of Lent, and they managed to complete them in time even with missing art 3 weeks in the past month due to snow days! All of our students participated in a Rosary for World Peace after Ash Wednesday Mass and started each school hour with a Lenten prayer. I would like to continue our spotlight this week by shining on our PE and Computer teacher, Ms. Roling. We are very blessed that Ms. Roling joined our IC team this school year. She sees all of our 115 students throughout a day of PE or computers and manages to adjust lessons to engage grade levels from kindergarteners all the way through 8th-graders. With a positive smile, she finds creative ways to have PE in the cafeteria on bad weather days which seem to have outnumbered the nice weather days this year. We also appreciate Ms. Roling filling in as a sub numerous times this year! Ms. Roling attended IC in Jefferson City during her elementary school years, Helias High School, and she just completed her teacher certification program. Ms. Roling enjoys athletics and coaches basketball, track, and cross country. When she is not busy with all her teaching and coaching duties, she enjoys spending time hunting and fishing on their family farm and playing slow pitch softball. Thank you, Ms. Roling, for joining our team and bringing many smiles to our students, faculty, and staff here at IC. Smiles, Ms. Luebbert

**IC SCHOOL THEME SHIRT SPONSORS:** We are looking for someone to sponsor our 2022-2023 IC School theme t-shirts. If you are interested in sponsoring the shirts in memory of a loved one, please contact Ms. Luebbert at [anne.luebbert@icloosecreek.org](mailto:anne.luebbert@icloosecreek.org) by April 1, 2022.

**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 February was \$559.93.** Scrip rebated earned for the full fiscal year (03/01/2021-02/28/2022) was \$10,137.51. Congrats to the winner of the Scrip contest Brett & Jena Dudenhoeffer! Thanks to all for your support! 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 through May:** 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.

### Meetings & Events

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

**Cub Scout** will be meeting on Monday, March, 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 March 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 March 5-6. **Please NO PLASTIC ITEMS. THANKS!**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Parish Council Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 - 6:00 PM, Library.

**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](mailto:petersrLL@yahoo.com).

**LOOSE CREEK AREA SENIOR CITIZENS:** The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 17, 2022, at the Loose Creek Community Center at 12:00 pm. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. So if you are single, bring one gift. If you are a couple, bring two. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Linda Peters at 573-690-7473. **NEW** members are always welcome!

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2027 OF BONNOTS MILL FISH FRY:** The Knights of Columbus will be holding a fish fry, Friday, March 25. It will be at Loose Creek and will be drive through only. Meals will be served **from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.** Please help spread the word to make this event a success. Money raised at the fish fry events are given to local Catholic Schools.

**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](mailto: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 only 20 left.** It's a memorial that will remain in our pews for years to come.

**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!

**PICNIC RAFFLE:** If you or a business you work for would like to donate a prize for the main raffle, please contact, Amelia Stegeman (573) 690-2903 or email: [amelia.stegeman85@gmail.com](mailto:amelia.stegeman85@gmail.com) by **Monday, March 21**, so we can get the raffle tickets printed and acknowledge contributors.

**ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE PARISH CHICKEN DINNER:** The Chicken dinner is on **Sunday, March 20, 2022**, at the Bonnots Mill Parish Hall, serving 12:00 – 6:00 PM. Meals: \$13 each. Dine In or Take Your Food To Go! See flyer for more details in back of church.

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH CHICKEN DINNER:** The Chicken dinner is on Sunday, March 20, 2022, at Westphalia. Drive Thru Only, \$12 per meal, serving 11:00 am – 6:00 pm See flyer for more details in back of the church.

**SENIOR CITIZENS DAY** will be held at Fatima High School on Wednesday, March 23. A musical program will be in the gym at 11:30 AM and lunch for all attending starting at 12:40 PM, courtesy of the Osage County R-III Board of Education. Bus transportation will be provided as follows: **Bus A – Frankenstein** at 10:20 AM/**Bonnots Mill** General Store at 10:35 AM/**Loose Creek** at 10:50 AM. **Bus B** – Argyle at 10:45 AM/**Koeltztown** at 10:50 AM. **Bus C** – Freeburg at 10:35 AM/**Rich Fountain** at 10:50 AM. **Bus D** – Meta at 10:35 AM/**Folk** at 11:00 AM. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this FREE transportation. A special invitation is extended to the Pastors of each church to accompany members of their congregation on this outing. We welcome your attendance.

**CATHOLIC MEN:** What does the Catholic Church teach us about living as a single or married man? We will have a meeting Wednesday, March 16, at the IC school cafeteria at 7:00 pm, to explore topics and materials for future meetings, that will be held the third Wednesday of each month. Come and give us your ideas. Fr Tony has agreed to join us to guide us on our journey. Contact Joan Muenks at 573-301-6494.

**TIME AND TALENTS FORM FOR IC PARISH:** Your *Time and Talents* are gratefully appreciated. This year we have added the Parish Council Nominations to the end of the *Time and Talents* form. Each household is requested to complete and return the completed form by March 31. You can submit by e-mail to [jackie.bax@icloosecreek.org](mailto:jackie.bax@icloosecreek.org), drop off at the school office or place in basket in the vestibule of church.



**DAYLIGHT SAVING MARCH 13, 2022:** Remember to set clocks forward one hour.