

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 20, 2022**

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. 5:30 PM 03/22 Our Parish Family
Wed. 7:45 AM 03/23 Our Parish Family
Thurs. 7:45 AM 03/24 Our Parish Family
Fri. 7:45 AM 03/25 Al and Mike Hentges
Sat. 5:00 PM 03/26 Deceased Members of Lawrence & Anna Backes Family
Sun 7:00 AM 03/27 Francis Schaefer
Travis Muenks
Sun 10:00 AM 03/27 Our Parish Family

MARCH 2022	Rosary	Song Leader(s)	Servers	Sacristan	Lector	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Usher
Sat. Mar. 26 5:00 PM	Doug & Sandy Kremer	Kim Luebbert, Judy Verhoff	Brody & Adam Thoenen, Derek Troesser	Debbie Stegeman	Brenda Voss	Fred Mengwasser Family	Kevin & Terri Muenks, Diane Nilges	Lisa/Katlyn and William Kremer	Sylvester & Evelyn Backes
Sun Mar. 27 7:00 AM	Joel & Diane Muenks	Looking for Volunteers	Hunter Hoelscher, Case Kliethermes	Janice Backes	Lindsey Haslag	Mike Pfahl Family	Nina Crowe, Judy Skaggs, Marion Starr	Lindsey & Kamryn Haslag	Norman Muenks, Warren Muenks
Sun Mar. 27 10:00 AM	Marla Robertson	Ruth Kliethermes	Natalie & Noah Wilbers, Edie Bauer	Gina Thoenen	Julie Brandt	Mark Williams Family	Amelia Stegeman, Jon & Cindy Robertson	Diane & Morgan Grothoff	Steve & Nate Brandt

CLEANING CHURCH: March 20 – 27 - Charlotte Robertson, Myra Verslues, Jennifer Warren

Sunday Collection Report

March 12-13

Offering	\$4,767.98	Osage County Needs	\$51.00	Infirm Priest	\$100.00
Votive	\$62.00	Three In One	\$290.00		

Offering Report

Weekly Budget	\$8,320.00	Fiscal YTD Budget	\$299,460.00
Weekend Offering	\$4,767.98	Fiscal YTD Offering	\$304,227.98
Budget vs. Offering	-\$3,552.02	Fiscal YTD vs. Offering	+\$4,6786.98

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.

Office Hours: 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM on regular school days.

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

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: To understand today's Gospel, we need to know something about fig trees first of all. We know that in that area of the world they produced fruit about ten months out of the year. It was three years before they usually bore any fruit at all. There was a law in Leviticus that the fruit of the tree could not be eaten for three years after the first three of growth. In the seventh year, the fruit was considered all right, but should be offered to God. After that, the fruit could be picked at any time.

Now this story is about a landowner who probably lived in the city and hired a type of gardener to take care of his crops.

I am not a patient man, and it would seem to me that the landowner was correct in saying that the tree should be pulled out because it really wasn't going to do anything after all this time.

But the gardener, a much more patient man, wants the owner to wait another year in hopes that with fresh soil and manure, it might actually blossom and bear fruit. If not, then it could be cut down.

If we think of the owner of the vineyard as God, maybe we can see the gardener as Jesus Himself. Each of us is a vine that must produce some fruit or be destroyed. Notice that God is seen as very patient, having given a fair amount of time for the fruit to appear. He is not angry in His judgment, but He does judge.

He also listens to the pleas of the gardener for more time. Maybe we just need a richer soil or some fertilizer to help us to be fruitful.

In any case, God the owner, gives us that extra time. He is merciful and hopeful. But there will come a point when the tree will have to die. Will it die early or die after bearing much fruit? We don't know. And we don't know when. This is a perfect reading for Lent because we, too, need the time perhaps, to suffer a little to strengthen us, but always in the firm belief that God wants us to succeed and will give us the time that we need to turn ourselves around and bear fruit for others to the glory of God. Fr. Tony

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school is on March 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 30, 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.

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS: Spiritual & Worship is seeking donations toward the Easter flowers, please send \$20 to Lisa Kremer 2074 Highway A Bonnots Mill, MO 65016 or place in the collection basket. If donation is in memory of loved one, please include name with donation. Thank you

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

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

Saturday: 4:15-4:45 PM

(No Penance Service on Tuesday, March 22)

By appointment: Call the rectory at 573-897-2922

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOOSE CREEK: Each Wednesday during the Lent at 7:00PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE, BONNOTS MILL: Each Wednesday during Lent at 7:00PM.

SCHOOL 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 are 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. Lale and the fourth-grade class began our week with a prayer service making a comparison to how turning away from sin is like peeling away layers of an onion. We can take things like jealousy, hate, and lies, peel them away, and replace them with love, truth, and joy for others. We closed out our 3rd quarter this week and are excited for a fantastic 4th quarter to end the school year. This week we would like to shine some light on Ms. Alese Stratman, our grades K-4 art teacher. Alese is currently attending Lincoln University with a major in Social Science and Secondary Education. You may also see her working at Dave's Pizza and Wings in Linn. When Alese is not engaging our students in some creative art work or serving up pizza, she enjoys spending time with family and friends. She also loves to create some of her own artistic creations when time allows. Thank you, Alese, for sharing your artistic talents and smiles with our students here at IC. 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 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

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

GAME DAY: The Game Day people are getting together at Annie's in Loose Creek at around 1:00-1:30 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.

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.

K OF C BLOOD DRIVE: The Bonnots Mill Knights of Columbus Council #2027 is sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood Drive on March 22, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Loose Creek Community Center, 173 County Road 403, Loose Creek Mo. Please plan to support this worthy cause. To schedule an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter BonnotsMillKofC. Thank You.

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 by **Monday, March 21**, so we can get the raffle tickets printed and acknowledge contributors.

PICNIC COMMITTEE MESSAGE: Picnic date will be Sunday, **June 12, 2022**. The Picnic committee has begun finalizing the work list for this year's event. If you will be unable to fulfill your responsibility this year, please contact Jessica Voss (573) 301-8080 or Kevin Thoenen (573) 690-3272 by close of Friday, March 25. Please note, the committee will not accept any request to switch times or find replacements for individual spots after March 25. We are excited to return to our roots with a traditional picnic! Thank you! 2022 Picnic Committee

ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE PARISH CHICKEN DINNER: 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: 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.

ARGYLE K OF C FISH FRY: The Argyle Knights of Columbus will be hosting their last Lenten fish fry of the season on Friday, April 1, 2022, at the K of C Hall in Argyle, serving from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

FATHER GEORGE'S 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: UPDATE-- Father George Kramer, Bonnots Mill, will celebrate his 60th anniversary of being a priest with a Mass at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 2, at the Bonnots Mill parish hall. A luncheon will follow. Anyone attending is asked to bring an appetizer and/or dessert. If you have any questions, contact Kim Jansen at (573) 619-4279, Carol Haslag (573) 897- 4231, Brenda Starke (573) 619-2469, or Yvonne Hoerschgen, (573) 897-4158.

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.

PARISH CEMETERY CLEANUP: March is cleanup month in our parish cemeteries. April 1, 2022, is the deadline for removing items from the ground to have the cemeteries ready for the mowing season. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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, drop off at the school office or place in basket in the vestibule of church.

VITAE FOUNDATION INAUGURAL PRO-LIFE GOLD CLASSIC SPONSORED BY LEGENDS BANK: The Vitae Foundation is excited to announce a brand-new event, “the Inaugural Pro-Life Golf Classic” Sponsored by Legends Bank! The event will take place at the Osage Country Club in Linn on Friday, May 20, 2022. This new event, sponsored by Legends Bank, is critical to supporting our life-saving mission, to create a culture of life. Please consider joining us at the event as a participant and /or sponsor. We would love to have your support as a: Corporate Sponsor; Exclusive Sponsor; Cart Sponsor; Program Sponsor; Hole Sponsor and Friend of Vitae Foundation Sponsor. 5-Person Scramble - \$50 per Golfer. Registration limited to only 15 teams. Deadline to register is Friday, May 13, 2022. See flyer in the back of church for details.

The AJ Schwartz foundation has been very generous to our parish and school for many years. It would be nice to express our gratitude to this foundation by sending a note of thanks and appreciation from our parishioners!

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