

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

APRIL 3, 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. 5:30 PM 03/05 Cletus Haslag
Wed. 7:45 AM 04/06 Deceased Members of Vincent Muenks and Ted Kirsch Families
Thurs. 7:45 AM 04/07 Harold & Jacquilin Muenks
Fri. 7:45 AM 04/08 Diane Borgmeyer
Sat. 5:00 PM 04/09 Henry & Mary Nilges
Cheryl Wilbers
Sun 7:00 AM 04/10 Alvin Kliethermes
Rick Crowe
Sun 10:00 AM 04/10 Our Parish Family

APRIL 2022	Rosary	Song Leader(s)	Servers	Sacristan	Lector	Offertory	Eucharistic Ministers	Greeters	Usher
Sat – April 9 5:00 PM Palm Sunday	Sylvester & Evelyn Kremer	Kim Luebbert, Geri Fick	Addisyn Nilges, Andrew & Kaylee Muenks	Diana Bailey	Kevin Muenks, Stacey Peters	John & Kathy Muenks	Kevin & Terri Muenks, Diana Bailey	Dale Peters Family	Dennis & Gail Luecke
Sun – April 10 7:00 AM Palm Sunday	Mary Gentges	Looking for Volunteers	Henry Robertson, Hunter Hoelscher	Rita Linhardt	Cheryl Gentges, Judy Skaggs	Glenn & Kathy Robertson	Judy Skaggs, Marion Starr, Janice Backes	Bev & Donnie Luetkmeyer	Matt & Jack Robertson
Sun - April 10 10:00 AM Palm Sunday	Sharla Buthod	Mia Peters, Laurie Bonnot	Anne & Jane Boyce, Jackson Crede	Sharla Buthod	Laverne Robinson, Julie Brandt	Joe Laughlin Family	Sharla Buthod, Dustin Jaegers, Larry Orscheln	Brian Hoskins Family	Dan & Florence Schaefer

CLEANING CHURCH: APRIL 3 - 10 - Kara Troesser, Brenda Voss, Dedie Troesser

**Sunday Collection Report
March 26-27**

Offering	\$6,281.00	Three In One	\$10.00
Votive	\$65.00		

Offering Report

Weekly Budget	\$8,320.00	Fiscal YTD Budget	\$316,100.00
Weekend Offering	\$6,281.00	Fiscal YTD Offering	\$316,919.98
Budget vs. Offering	-\$2,039.00	Fiscal YTD vs. Offering	+\$819.98

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.

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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 April Prayer Intention is for the Local Church: For the opening of hearts and minds closed to the Good News of Christ's Resurrection from the dead.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school is on April 10, 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: The next class for grades 2 through 8 will be on April 6, at 6:30. Please contact Carol Haslag at 897-4231 or text (314) 852-2340 if you have any questions.

MESSAGE FROM FR. TONY: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Today we are invited by the Church to consider death. The raising of Lazarus shows us that Christ has power over death. The Raising of Lazarus helps us also to understand the importance of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection as the action which completely breaks the power of death in the world. By His dying on the Cross and then rising from the dead, Jesus bursts through the ultimate barrier. By this action, He completely forgives us our sins and opens up for us the way to Eternal Life.

The death on the Cross of the Son of God and His resurrection from the dead is what brings us our ultimate liberation, leading us to our final union with God in heaven. It is this, the greatest of all the Christian mysteries that we celebrate at Easter and which becomes for us the highlight of the whole year.

In this account, we see many aspects of the personality of Jesus, most notable of these being His great sensitivity towards Martha and Mary (and all who are hurting).

When Martha goes to greet Jesus, she does so with an admonition in her voice. She says, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died.' But she also expresses her faith in Him when she adds, 'But I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, He will grant you.'

Jesus immediately responds saying that her brother will rise from the dead and then goes on to say, 'I am the resurrection and the life.'

As the story goes on, Jesus continues to show deep compassion to Martha and Mary. His sigh, as He asks where Lazarus is lying, communicates the fact that He really cares about their suffering and loss. Lazarus truly is His friend and He grieves for Him just as much as anyone else does. "Jesus wept." He is moved with empathy for Martha and Mary, and each of us, as we face the death of a loved one.

When Lazarus comes out of the tomb Jesus says: "Unbind him, let him go free." By these words, Jesus shows us that death is something that restricts us while what He brings will ultimately release us from all our bonds.

We see that our resurrection will be the ultimate granting of liberty to us. It will allow us to be united with the one who is the source of all freedom, the source of all life and happiness forever. Fr. Tony

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

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

Saturday: 4:15-4:45 PM

Tuesday, April 12, @ 6:00 PM Penance Service, followed by individual Reconciliation at IC Church

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

TIME WITH JESUS: Good Friday all are invited to spend some "Time with Jesus" between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 3:00 PM.

LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, LOOSE CREEK: On Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 PM.

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

SCHOOL STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday in Lent at 3:00 PM.

OUTDOOR STATIONS: The outdoor Stations of the Cross will once again be set up behind church for those that would like to walk, or drive through and meditate on the passion and crucifixion of our Lord. The stations will be set up April 9, and will stay up through Holy Saturday. Please come and reflect any time throughout Holy Week. Many blessings to all for a joyful Easter season.

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 - 4-14-2022

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 - 4-15-2022

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 - 4-16-2022

8:30 PM at IC in Loose Creek

Easter Sunday - 4-17-2022

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: Miss Borgmeyer and the 2nd-grade class began our week with a prayer service reminding us to be a little more like Jesus. Miss Borgmeyer also encouraged all of our IC students to take the opportunity to attend NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) in their future when they have the opportunity as 8th-graders. This weekend, our grades 4-8 families will participate in our community-wide County Road Litter Pickup Service Project. Families give of their time to pick up trash along several county roads in our community. This is a wonderful way for us to give service during the Lenten season and help keep God's world and our community beautiful. On Thursday evening, our second-grade families had a First Communion meeting and practice to prepare their minds and hearts for the Sacrament of First Communion later this month. Each class had the opportunity to attend Eucharistic Adoration and reconciliation on Friday. We also continue to have Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm on Fridays during Lent. Thank you to our IC School Foundation for their generous support and a check for \$1,350 to help fund our new playground and cafeteria hallway door. We are truly grateful and blessed to have the support of our community as we continue to follow Jesus in faith, knowledge, and service. Smiles, Ms. Luebbert

VOLUNTEER MASS AND RECEPTION: All volunteers are invited to join us on Friday, April 29, for the Volunteer Mass at 10:30 A.M. Weather permitting, an outdoor luncheon will follow Mass. We want to thank all who volunteer in so many ways to help our school throughout the year. We hope many of you will be able to join us in prayer and celebration. **Please RSVP to Jackie by Monday, April 12,** if you will be able to join us for lunch. We are grateful for all you do for Immaculate Conception School!

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. 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.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE: The Wellness Policy of Immaculate Conception school guides our school in establishing a School environment that promotes students' health, well-being, and ability to learn. Membership is open to the general public. If you would be interested in serving, contact Mrs. Stieffermann at rita.stieffermann@icloosecreek.org by April 15.

Meetings & Events

Boy Scout Troop 76 will be meeting on Monday, April 4, at 7:00-8:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

Cub Scout will be meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 7:00-8:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

OSAGE COUNTY NEEDS: The Osage County Needs collection will be taken up this weekend April 2-3, 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 April 2-3. **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 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.

SAVING BEST CHOICE UPCS: The Willing Workers are collecting Best Choice UPCs and would very much appreciate any assistance the parish can give us. 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!

KC COUNCIL 2027 MEETING: The monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, April 12. Rosary to end abortion at 7:15 PM, meeting at 7:30 PM at the Bonnots Mill Hall.

CATHOLIC FINANCIAL LIFE BRANCH: The Catholic Financial Life Branch 1152 will be meeting and breakfast on Tuesday, April 5, 8:00 AM at BJ's Restaurant, Linn.

Silent Auction!

PICNIC SILENT AUCTION: Please contact Erica Robertson (573-619-6752) or Melissa Hoskins (573-619-8769) by May 31, if you would like to contribute an item for the silent auction. A special thanks to all our generous contributors.

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.

VIRTUS TRAINING-PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN: What a precious gift our children and grandchildren are! Our God has greatly blessed us. It is important that each of us take an active role in protecting that special gift. One of the ways we do this is by being eyes and ears for each other when it comes to the safety of our youth. We must take responsibility to protect all of our children and take comfort in knowing that others are watching out for the protection of our own children and grandchildren. Therefore, everyone needs to complete the Protecting God's Children Training. It can be completed in two hours. Please choose from one of the following: 1. The training can be completed **online** by going to virtus.org and setting up an account as a new registrant. There you will be able to complete your training, agree to a Code of Conduct and complete a background check. 2. As promised an **in person** training has been scheduled with Father Tony as our facilitator. Join us on **Wednesday, April 27 at 6:30 P.M. in the school cafeteria.** You will still need to set up an account to register as well as complete the Code of Conduct and background check. 3. If you have already been **trained**, login to see if your background check and Code of Conduct are up to date. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Mrs. Stieffermann at rita.stieffermann@iclosecreek.org

VITAE FOUNDATION INAUGURAL PRO-LIFE GOLF 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!

AJ Schwartz Foundation
c/o Central Trust Company
111 East Miller
Jefferson City MO 65101

SEWING PROJECT VOLUNTEERS: Looking for volunteer to take on a small sewing project for church. If interested, contact Amie Peters @573-690-7484 for details.

Pilgrimage & Spiritual Retreat to New Mexico with Fr. Matthew Flatley October 24 - 29, 2022 Visit; Loretto Chapel, Christ in the Desert Monastery, Georgia O'Keefe Home, Cathedral of St. Francis, Santuario de Guadalupe, San Miquel Mission, Santa Fe, Albuquerque and more. E-mail mflatley@diojeffcity.org, call 573-202-3590 or visit <https://www.traveltymepilgrimages.com/pilgrimage-to-new-mexico-with-matthew-flatley> to learn more.