

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Est. 1789—the oldest Parish in Southeast Missouri*

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ONE CHURCH, EAST TO WEST : LOVING JESUS, SERVING JESUS, SHARING JESUS

## March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Sacrament of Reconciliation — Saturday, 4 to 4:45 p.m. or by appointment**

From Bishop Edward M. Rice:

Dear Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, It is with a heavy heart, yet with confidence that this is the correct decision, that I decree that effective at 6 p.m., March 17, 2020, and until further notice, all public celebrations of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, including daily Mass, in the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau are suspended. The general dispensation to attend Sunday Mass remains in force until further notice. I make the decision to suspend public Masses out of an overabundance of concern for the long-term health and wellbeing of the People of God of the diocese. In addition, I must be concerned for the health and wellbeing of the priests entrusted to my care. Finally, local health departments and government agencies are now setting limits on how many people can gather in one place. We must cooperate with our local government leaders for the common good. Therefore:

- All Masses offered by priests are to be private, according to the Liturgical Norms and not open to the public. Pastors are reminded of their canonical obligation to offer one Mass per week for the people.
- All the faithful should participate in “local” Live-streamed Masses, or on EWTN, or their local Catholic radio station on Sundays and Holy Week.
- Funeral Masses are to be offered for the deceased with only immediate family present. Christian Burial could be recommended with a Memorial Mass at a later date. No funeral meals are to be held.
- Weddings may be celebrated with only the couple, parents, witnesses, and priest/deacon.
- Baptisms outside of Mass may be celebrated with only the parents, godparents, and immediate family present.
- Confessions/Anointing of the Sick/sick calls to the home should be arranged privately.
- All Stations of the Cross, Liturgy of the Hours are to be cancelled or Live-streamed.
- All events, meetings, Bible study, etc., are to be cancelled until further notice.
- Confirmations, First Reconciliation, First Communions are to be postponed until after this crisis has ended.
- Unless otherwise determined at a later date, this also applies to Holy Week and Easter Sunday.
- The Triduum could be celebrated for the Elect/Candidates only (at the discretion of the pastor).
- The Elect/Candidates can also be received later in the Easter Season.

I encourage pastors to be creative in meeting the spiritual needs of the people without violating the local health departments. Let us remember to pray for all medical personnel who come in contact with the virus. Let us pray for those searching for a cure. Let us remember those who have fallen ill. Let us pray for those who have died. May Our Lady, Help of Christians along with St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us and grant us peace and protection.

WEEKLY	
Date	Amount
MAR 22	Pending
MAR 15	\$1,710.00
MAR 8	\$2,203.00
	Central & Eastern Europe - \$340.00

TOTAL INCOME		TOTAL EXPENSES
FEB	\$13,916.44	\$15,395.46
JAN	\$13,369.79	\$15,385.97
DEC	\$21,889.79	\$12,069.51

*Thank you!*

Church hours for the week of March 30 - April 3 will be Monday through Thursday, 9 am - 11 am. The office will be closed to the public. Please utilize the dropbox located by the front door. Messages can be left at 748-5183. Thank you.

*Thank you for your support!*

Father Dominic would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support of our church through contributions received online and dropped off. *We all need to pray for each other, for our parish, and for our country that we soon see an end to this stressful emergency. May God bless you all.*

**Travel with Fr. Dominic Ibok on a trip to the Holy Land.** Sites/Places to be visited include: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, Via Crucis, Last Supper, Gethsemane, Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and more. Dates: **November 4-14, 2020.** Cost: **\$4,099.00 (airfare and all included).** To register, please contact 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370, or register online at **www.proximotravel.com**. Questions can be answered by contacting Proximo Travel, P O Box 561, Auburn, MO 01501 or by calling 508-854-8001.

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** April 4 - Loretto Alexander/Melinda Graham  
 April 11 - Becky McKay/Melissa Maness  
 April 18 - Malinda Darter/Brittany Darter  
 April 25 - Janie Cunningham/Judy Daniels



## SCHOOL NEWS

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau has announced all classes will be suspended through April 24th. An evaluation will be made at that time on whether to resume classes or continue with the suspension. Stay tuned for further updates.