

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

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*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

*March 29th, 2020*

## Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home  
Remember those who must choose between  
preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for  
our children when their schools close,  
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips  
Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money  
in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home  
Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country,  
Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically  
wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace  
of God to our neighbors.

Amen.



Prayer: Historic Saint Paul Catholic Church, Lexington, KY

### Mission Statement

Called to be disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to live His Gospel by answering daily, "Yes, here I am Lord". Strengthened by the sacraments and trusting in God's saving grace, we joyfully commit ourselves to sharing our gifts for the continual renewal of our parish and the Maplewood community.

## **From Deacon John:**

### **HOW TO ATTEND MASS WHILE AT HOME:**

[wordonfire.org](http://wordonfire.org) Daily mass, and you can go back over a week to watch previous masses. It is recorded each morning, but may be watched anytime. Great homilies by Bishop Robert Barron.

[Dailytvmass.com](http://Dailytvmass.com) daily mass from Ontario, Canada

Google “catholic mass online” for a variety.

NOTE: add “YouTube” to your google search. It is like a video you can watch from the beginning. You can start it anytime, pause it if necessary, and continue until you finish.

St Louis Cathedral mass: KTVI, channel 2.2 at 9:00 a.m.

For those with cable TV watch EWTN which has 2 masses daily...must be watched “live”.

### **HOW TO MAKE A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION: CONNECT WITH EUCHARIST**

<This can be done anytime and in any place—including your home while in self-isolation. It is often done during communion time when watching mass on a computer/cell-phone or TV. It can also be done during personal prayer time or while reading scripture.>

#### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

*My Jesus,*

*I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament,*

*I love you above all things,*

*and I desire to receive you into my soul.*

*Since I cannot receive you sacramentally,*

*come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace you as if you were already there*

*and I unite myself wholly to you.*

*Never permit me to be separated from you.*

**AMEN.**

May God bless you in a special way,

Deacon John

I am available to talk, to listen to you, to pray together. Contact me at 314-922-2420 or [johnflanigan@hotmail.com](mailto:johnflanigan@hotmail.com) I AM PRAYING FOR YOU EACH DAY.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Spring Green Social** for the Maplewood Community scheduled for April 19th is **CANCELLED**.

More information to follow about rescheduling.

## ST. LUKE'S MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

St. Luke's Friday night Men's Softball League is accepting new teams. If interested please contact Tim at 314-973-1422.

**HELP WANTED** St. Luke's Men's Guild is looking for someone to clean up McMahan field (at Dale & Bellevue) on a regular basis. You will be compensated for your time. For more information, please contact Tim Day at 314-781-2776.



## Easter Memorial Flowers

*Joe Amend  
Harold & Madelen Biggers  
Don Bouvatte  
Mary Busch  
Etha Davis  
LaDonna Davis  
Ruth Gustafson  
Harvey R. Hammann  
Myrtle & Otto Hamman  
Richard Hamman  
Adele & Orville Kloeckener  
Richard Konersmann  
Kurt Martin  
Stanley & Ula McClure  
Mary & Henry Muth  
June Seady  
Alberta Thigpen  
John Thigpen  
George & Mabel Watson  
Nancy & Tony Watson  
Paul Watson  
Linus & Ann Westermann*

## Marriage/Family Life Update.

"The Archdiocese of Saint Louis Office of Marriage & Family Life is dedicated to preparing couples for a joy-filled sacramental marriage with all the beauty and graces it offers. To service this mission during this time social distancing and gathering restrictions due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), Marriage Preparation classes from the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be presented as live webinars during the months of March and April. The class dates and times remain the same as published on the archdiocesan website <https://www.archstl.org/marriage-family-life/for-marriage/marriage-prep/fbclid/iwar34qze4mzva4hq8uv2ohk8nh-svp9r7zvqpyfhzgbogqgssjscahlj1vkvx8>

**2020 U.S. Census Quick Facts** Census Day 2020 is approaching! By April 1, every home in the U.S. will receive information from the U.S. Census Bureau on how to respond to the U.S. Census. It is important that all Missourians are counted in the census so that our state may have accurate representation in Congress and adequate funding for local hospitals, first responders, and critical social programs. Your responses will be kept anonymous. The MCC has put together a one-page fact sheet on the 2020 U.S. Census that you can find at [mocatolic.org](http://mocatolic.org). For even more info on what to expect and how to respond, visit [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

## Knights of DeSoto Council #903-

New Membership:

HOW: Invite a good Catholic man that wants to be a GREAT Catholic man!

Have him go to the website: [KOFc.org/join](http://KOFc.org/join)  
Enter Member Reference #3189937, and Discount Code MOKOFC

WHEN: Now until March 31, 2020

WHY: Joining allows the candidate to join the 'State Council' – a holding spot until we bring them into our council. The Knights of Columbus is the largest charitable, fraternal Catholic globally!

Online members are FULL K of C members, with access to FULL benefits.

## Schedule For The Week

### Sunday, March 29

8:30 a.m. Mass-**Suspended**  
9:30 a.m. Reconciliation-**Postponed**  
8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pancake Breakfast-**Cancelled**

### Monday, March 30

10:30 a.m. Senior Exercise-**Cancelled**

### Tuesday, March 31

7:00 p.m. Choir-**Cancelled**

### Wednesday, April 1

9:00-10:00 a.m. Parish Hall Walking-**Cancelled**

### Thursday, April 2

9:00 a.m. Small Faith-**Cancelled**  
9:30 a.m. Quilting-**Cancelled**

### Friday, April 3

8:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross  
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Adoration-**Cancelled**  
9:00-10:00 a.m. Parish Hall Walking-**Cancelled**

### Saturday, April 4

8:00 a.m. Men's Mass/LaSalette-**Cancelled**  
4:00 p.m. Mass-**Suspended**

### Sunday, April 5

9:30 a.m. Reconciliation-**Postponed**  
8:30 a.m. Mass-**Suspended**

## Weekly Offering



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Online Giving at:

<https://>

[www.osvonlinegiving.com/1357](https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1357)

### March 14th/15th:

1st Collection: TBD

2nd Collection: TBD

Online Giving: \$1,212.00

**Safety.** In times when there are concerns about exposure to disease or spreading of a virus,

**Online Giving** is a convenient option to continue to support your church and its mission. Your support is vital and can still happen regardless of where you are.

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];

Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);

Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;

Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

# COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS DISEASE STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](https://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

## Stewardship

*Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the Spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Romans 8:8*

Be filled with the Spirit! Put God at the center of your life, and use the blessings given to you to fulfill the divine plan for our world. Become an open channel through which God's love and peace can flow. Selfishness and greed can block this flow; commitment to the will of God will increase it. We cannot serve the Lord if Stewardship is not part of our lives. We must turn to the Lord and trust in him. He is the hope for our world.

As "Good Stewards" in the difficult time in our world we must "Trust in God". Please continue to support our Immaculate Conception Parish. Even though Mass is cancelled, support of the parish is vital. Contribute On-line, or mail in your weekly financial support of the parish so that it will be strong and sustaining when this crisis is over. Most of all, pray for those effected by the virus and for an end to the pandemic.

**GOD IS OUR HOPE FOR THE WORLD!**



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Ken Amend

**Schedule**

Saturday Mass: 4:00pm Sunday Mass: 8:30am  
Daily Mass: 8:00am  
Confessions: Saturday's from 3:15 pm-3:45 pm,  
or by appointment.  
SVDP Food Pantry: Saturdays from 9:30-11:00am

**Ministry Schedule-Suspended**

**Saturday EM's:** *Suspended until Masses resume*  
**Saturday Lectors:**  
**Saturday Servers:**  
**Saturday Usher Captain:**  
**Saturday Gifts:**  
**Sunday EM's:**  
**Sunday Lectors:**  
**Sunday Servers:**  
**Sunday Usher:**  
**Sunday Greeters:**  
**Sunday Gifts:**



**Hope and Healing**

"There is no grief like the grief that does not speak."  
Henry Longfellow.



Monday, March 30, 8:00 am  
Communion Service  
Tuesday, March 31, 8:00 am  
For the people of the parish  
Wednesday, April 1, 8:00  
For the people of the parish  
Thursday, April 2, 8:00a.m.  
For the people of the parish  
Friday, April 3, 8:00a.m.  
For the people of the parish  
Saturday, April 4, 4:00p.m.  
For the people of the parish  
Sunday, April 5, 8:30a.m.  
For the people of the parish

**Please Pray For:**

Alice Hezel, Gary Gray, Ellen Simmons, Chuck Ellermann,  
Mona Tillman, Heidi Barks, Madelyn McClure,  
Paul Rygelski, Mary Johnston, Ed Langhammer,  
Jim White, Everleigh Lauber, Jack & Pamela Warner,  
Pam MacDonald, Nancy Maurer, Linda Amend  
Tim & Mindy Kippenberger (family of Rita Kippenberger)  
Terry & Ron Kippenberger (family of Rita Kippenberger)  
Lisa Massack (sister of Joshua Capstick)  
Jamie Jackson (Granddaughter of Annabelle Moran )  
Pam Brown (former parishioner)  
Tony Simmons (son of Tom & Ellen Simmons)  
Sr. Barbara Paul (former parishioner)  
Jan Pilla (daughter in law of Eddie Pilla)  
Nick Simmons (son of Tom & Ellen Simmons)  
Carl & Susan Case (brother and sister in law of Pat Curtis)  
Mary Lucas (friend of Al & Maureen Daniels)  
Drew Becker (son of Paul Becker)  
John Biondo (brother of Maria Gray)  
Deimeke Family  
Sylvia Squires (former parishioner)  
John Graves (brother of Karen Bish)  
Lisa Hanley Blake (daughter of Celene Hanley)

**PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY**

**Col. Peter White, USAF, son of Jim & Lucy White**  
**Senior Chief Matthew J Paul, USN, son of Maria and Gary Gray**  
**William Patrick Flynn, USN, son of Patrick & Michelle Flynn**

To add your loved one's name (s)  
contact Eva at the rectory. 314-645-3307 or email at  
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The grief over an abortion experience is often so deep that it seems to be silent. Women and men may bear this burden for years thinking that there is no hope of forgiveness or peace. Project Rachel/Project Joseph offers free, private, professional counseling for anyone who is suffering because of an abortion experience. Call Project Rachel/Project Joseph at 314-792-7565 to begin your journey of healing and reconciliation.

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