

Welcome to

# Immaculate Conception Church

Mattoon, Illinois

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**  
320 N. 21ST STREET - MATTOON, IL  
[www.mattoonimmaculateconception.org](http://www.mattoonimmaculateconception.org)

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS!**

Contact Parish Office at 235-0539 to make an appointment with Father Steve to register.

**PARISH STAFF**

**Pastor: Rev. Stephen T. Sotiroff**

Office - 235-0539

**Deacon Eugene Uptmor . . . . . 235-2189**

Thursday Office Hours 9:30-3:00

**Carol Kleinert, DRE . . . . . 235-2189**

**Parish Administrative Assistant**

**Safe Environment Coordinator**

Kim Coffey . . . . . 235-0539

E-Mail: [immaculate@mchsi.com](mailto:immaculate@mchsi.com)

Fax . . . . . 235-0593

**Principal of St. Mary School**

Nicole Durbin . . . . . 235-0431

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Weekday 8:30 a.m. (M, T, W & F)

Holy Day 8:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism**

Contact Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. New parents seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for an infant or child are asked to attend ONE pre-baptism session. Call the parish office at 235-0539 for information and to register.

**Sacrament of Marriage**

Contact Parish Office at least (6) months before the date to make arrangements.

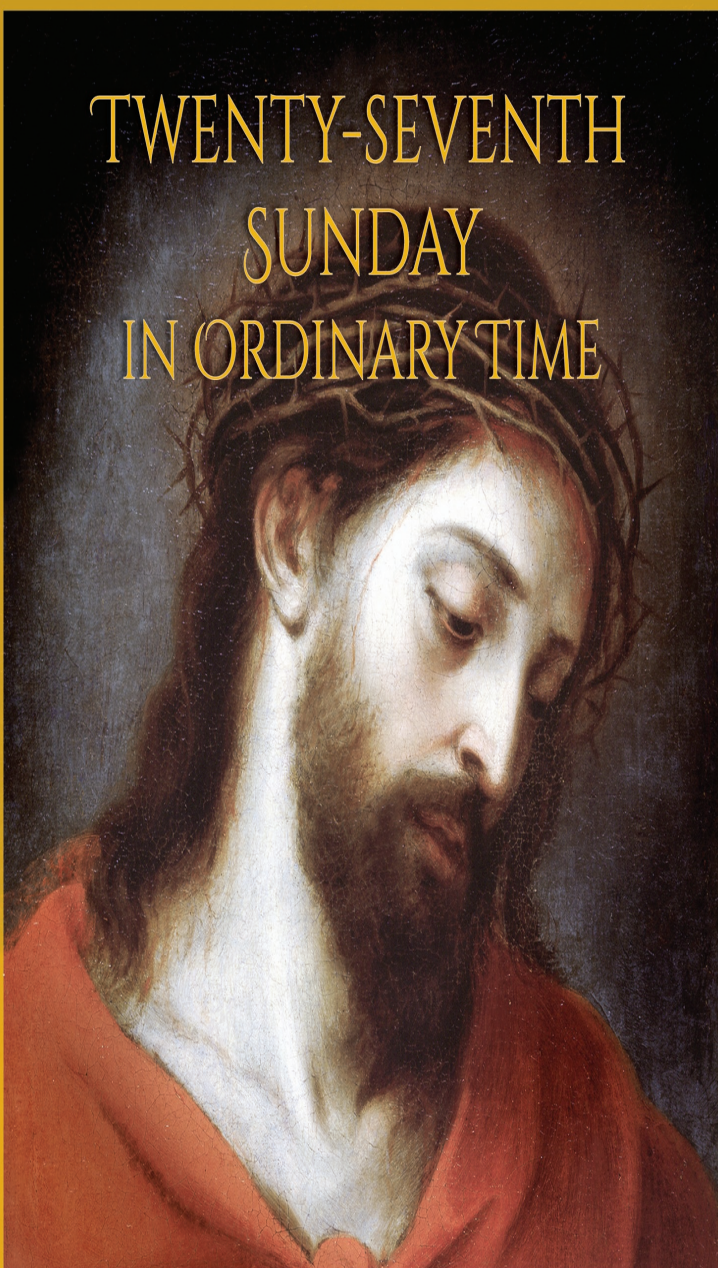
**Victim Assistance for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois**

**Patricia Kornfeld, Victim Assistance Coordinator**  
**217-321-1155**

**DEADLINE FOR PARISH BULLETIN**

Monday at 10:00 a.m.

TWENTY-SEVENTH  
SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME



“BUT WHEN THE TENANTS SAW THE SON, THEY SAID TO ONE ANOTHER,  
‘THIS IS THE HEIR. COME, LET US KILL HIM AND ACQUIRE HIS INHERITANCE.’  
THEY SEIZED HIM, THREW HIM OUT OF THE VINEYARD, AND KILLED HIM.

WHAT WILL THE OWNER OF THE VINEYARD DO TO THOSE TENANTS  
WHEN HE COMES?”

-Mt 21:38-40

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Mattoon, Illinois

OCTOBER 5, 2014

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce.”

Matthew 21:34

## INTRODUCTION

We focus today on the image of the vineyard: God’s own people, loved, nurtured and cared for. But the lovely image carries a warning. God expects fruits from the vineyard– results from us. God wants us to grow and flourish. Both our actions and our inactions have consequences. What are we doing to be the fruitful people God wants?

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 5:1-7: *God’s vineyard is abandoned and ruined.*

Philippians 4:6-9: *Keep doing what you have learned, and be at peace.*

Matthew 21:33-43: *God expects his vineyard to produce.*

## REFLECT ON TODAY’S READINGS

- What or who has helped you during a period of rejection?
- Describe a time when you were so set in your ways that you wouldn’t accept repeated invitations to change.



## NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 5, 2014

1:30 P.M.

AT MORTON PARK

CHARLESTON, IL

The Life Chain hour is a time for prayerful self-analysis, repentance and serious commitment to helping end abortion in our nation.



## Your Stewardship Gifts At A Glance

Fiscal Year July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

September 28, 2014

Collection/OnLine Giving (145 Envs)	\$ 8,680.15
World Mission Sunday	\$ 10.00
All Saints Day Offering	\$ 18.00



OCTOBER 6-12

## MONDAY

8:30 Garnelle Schaefer

## TUESDAY

8:30 Emma Brown

## WEDNESDAY

8:30 Tony Sheehan

## THURSDAY

8:30 Communion Service

## FRIDAY

8:30 Jim Bennett

## SATURDAY

5:30 Carl & Pauline Browning

## SUNDAY

8:00 People of the Parish

10:30 Ben Newton



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thanks to ALL the parishioners who contributed to the Catholic Relief Services– Middle East Crisis Collection. We sent \$1,200.00 to Catholic Relief Services this week!!

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**ANGELS CLASS SCHEDULED!**

The class on “Angels” has finally been scheduled for **Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 3:10 to 4:40 p.m. in the Parish Center.**

Catechist credits have been granted for this class by the Diocese. The class will include CD presentations by Fr. Bill Halbig and Msgr. Stuart Swetland. There will also be material presented from Peter Kreeft’s book on Angels; a book by Rev. Pascale Parente on The Catholic Church’s Teaching on Angels; the Catechism of the Catholic Church’s teachings on Angels; and a slide show presentation. Please contact Carol at 235-2189 if you plan to attend. Thank you.

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To all persons who contributed to our Country Store Booth with donations of money, plants, books, fresh produce, white elephant items, and who spent an hour or two working with us, we sincerely THANK YOU. It was a beautiful day. The canopies the Wetzel’s provided were needed and greatly appreciated. Again, many Thanks to the Knights, who set up our booth. Bless You All!!

Ladies Guild

**REST IN PEACE**

We commend to your prayers the souls of **Mary Lou Barber** (wife of Dick Barber) and **Bob Miller** of our parish family. May they all rest in God’s eternal care.

**PARISH LOAN**

<b>Amount Owed:</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>
<b>Amt. Paid:</b>	<b>\$ 155.00</b>
<b>Unpaid Balance:</b>	<b>\$39,441.00</b>

**PLEASE HELP US ELIMINATE THIS LOAN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BY USING THE GOLD “MAJOR PROJECTS ENVELOPE.”**



On behalf of Catholic Charities, we would like to THANK the Senior Girl Scout Troop 2025 for sponsoring a donation drive to benefit our *Blessed Baby Program*. We received many needed and useful items. God Bless Everyone for your donations!

Barbara Fletcher, Blessed Baby Program Coordinator



Thank You to all who supported and helped with our Annual Tootsie Roll Drive. We were able to collect over \$6,000. Special “thank you” to Bob James for organizing the drive and Don Upton for his many hours standing on street intersections.

Our next meeting will be October 13 at 7:30 p.m. All members please attend.

**“SOWING THE SEED OF FAITH” RELIGIOUS VOCATION SUPPORT MASS AND BANQUET**

The Effingham Knights of Columbus invite all Catholics in the Springfield Diocese to a Mass and Banquet on Sunday, October 12, 2014 to support Religious Vocations in the Springfield Diocese. It has been 3 years since the previous Mass and Banquet and seminarians supported 3 years ago will be attending this banquet as priests. The theme for this event is **“SOWING THE SEED OF FAITH”**. People answering the call to a Religious Vocation have had the Seed of Faith sown within them like all of us, but their Seed of Faith is special because of their own special relationship with God. Their Seed of Faith has been watered, fertilized, provided warmth and nurtured with prayers, encouragement and support from priests, nuns, families, friends and their Parish family. This Mass and Banquet will help show the encouragement and support of Catholics in the Springfield Diocese for those entering the religious life. The event will begin with a 4:00 P.M. Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki, Bishop of the Springfield Diocese at St. Anthony of Padua Church (101 E. Virginia Avenue) with a Fourth Degree Honor Guard. A Social Hour and Banquet will follow at the Effingham K of C Council facility (1501 W. Fayette Avenue) with Bishop Paprocki as the keynote speaker. 100% of the proceeds from the banquet will be given to seminarians and other religious of the Springfield Diocese. Banquet Tickets are \$30 each and an order form is available on the Council’s website at [www.effinghamkc.com](http://www.effinghamkc.com) or you may contact Jesse Davis (217) 690-2641, Greg Koester (217) 821-7731 or Jim Miller (217) 343-7480 for tickets or questions. If you are unable to attend the Mass and Banquet, please consider making a donation. In addition, you may sponsor a ticket or a table of 8 for the seminarians, postulants and novices, priests, nuns and religious sisters in the Springfield Diocese who have been invited. And finally, if you know of a person considering a religious vocation, let us know so we can invite them to the Mass and Banquet.

## ST. MARY

### School News

First Grade enjoyed a trip to County Market last Thursday. They read a story in their Reading book about neighborhoods and received a tour of the store. The students got a “behind the scenes” look at the store and employees. Thank You County Market for a wonderful experience!

There will be a School Board meeting on Tuesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

The students will listen to a presentation about Fire Safety from the Mattoon Fire Department on Wednesday, October 8. This presentation is part of our Risk Watch Program.

Picture Retakes will be on Thursday, October 9. If you would like your child’s picture retaken, please send a note or phone the school office.

There will be **NO SCHOOL** of Friday, October 10 due to a Teacher’s In-Service.

#### Looking Ahead:

October 13– No School

October 16-17– Vision and Hearing Testing

“Like” and “Share” us on Facebook and become our friend. Stay up to date with events and happenings at the school.

**Virtue Word: Endurance**– Our ability to withstand adversity and hardship– practice perseverance and patience when obstacles arise, open to the lessons they bring– don’t give up– hold on– hones our character and seasons our souls

*“Endurance is not just the ability to endure a hard thing, but to turn it into glory.”*

- William Barclay

Nicole Durbin, Principal

#### SERVING IN AFGHANISTAN



**Blake Brown**

**Please pray for him  
and his loved ones!**



## PRAYER VIGIL FOR LIFE

The EIU Catholic Newman Center, 500 Roosevelt Avenue, Charleston, will host the **October 20** Prayer Vigil for Life. Praying the Scriptural Rosary will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 6:30 with Fr. John Titus as celebrant and homilist. The 7:30 business meeting will be conducted in the lounge of the Center. Pro-Life literature, jewelry, letter/bumper stickers, etc.. will be made available. Everyone is urged to join us in prayer to return respect to all life.

### IN APPRECIATION

On behalf of the family of **Mary Lou Barber**, we wish to thank everyone for providing food for the luncheon.

Ladies Guild

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

**Cereal, Peanut Butter, Tuna,**

**Tuna Helper, Spaghetti,**

**and Spaghetti Sauce**

**Thanks for your continued support!**



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## 40 Day Prayer Campaign for Life

September 24 - November 2, 2014

What can I do to help end abortion? **PRAY**

#### Part 1 - Individual Prayer

Come to the church for an hour of dedicated prayer on these 2 dates:

- October 6, 2014 from 8-5
- October 13, 2014 from 8-5

Choose your time slot and help us fill each of these 40 days with prayer. A sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

#### Part 2 - Peaceful Prayer Vigil

Join us outside the Planned Parenthood office in Effingham on **Tuesday, September 30 from 10-2**. Choose your time slot and be a part of this prayerful witness. A sign-up sheet is at the back of church.

Please contact **Marguerite Bennett** at 234-3643 for more information.

Prayer and fasting during the full 40 days is encouraged. This campaign is in solidarity with the nationwide “40 Days for Life” campaign.

*Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you.*

*(Jeremiah 1:5)*

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTACT PEOPLE

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

**Finance Council**  
**Pat Dust** 235-4279  
**Pastoral Council**  
**Bill Lenkner** 235-5767  
**Board of Education**  
**Duane Deters** 235-5362  
**Golden Hearts**  
**Malcolm O'Neil** 234-8101  
**Junior High Youth Group**  
**Monica Genta** 273-5517  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**Allen Drake** 234-3040  
**Ladies Guild**  
**Betty Brandvold**  
**Quilters**  
**Virginia Kastl** 234-2067  
**Scriptural Prayer Group**  
**Judy Rawlings** 235-3846  
**Share The Word**  
**Anne Marie Konesko** 254-6362  
**Julie Niemerg** 259-9459

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
**Brian McMichaels** 258-NEED  
**Welcoming Committee**  
**Carol O'Neill** 234-8101  
**Communion To The Sick/Homebound**  
**Debbie Reinhart** 234-3439  
**Building, Grounds & Repair Committee**  
**Mark Sheehan** 235-2064

### CALVARY CEMETERY

**Moni Sheehan** 235-5751  
**Linda Wentz** 235-2488

### ST. MARY PARENT GUILD

**Tiffany Hatchel, Pres.** 276-4143  
**Andrea Barr, Co-Pres.** 273-5801  
**Jessica Yost, Vice Pres.** 317-0870  
**Tiffany Gibson, Sec.** 549-3512