# Immaculate Conception, Mattoon St. Columcille, Sullivan

## Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 19, 2021





#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH 320 N. 21ST STREET - MATTOON, IL www.mattoonimmaculateconception.org

Welcome new parishioners! Please call the office (217-235-0539) to make an appointment to register!

#### PARISH STAFF:

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## IC Mass Schedule

Saturday4 PM (also 8:30 AM on First Saturday)Sunday8 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PMWeekday7 AM (Mon. Wed., and Fri. )5:30 PM (T. & Th.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation–30 minutes before Weekday Mass and Saturday 2:30-3:30 PM

## ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH, Sullivan IL

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St. Columcille Mass ScheduleSaturday6 PMWeekday5:30 PM (Wednesdays)

Sacrament of Reconciliation before and after 5:30 PM Mass on Wednesdays with Eucharistic Exposition ending with Benediction at 6:30 PM.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH Mattoon, Illinois ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH Sullivan, Illinois DECEMBER 19, 2021 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Luke 1:39-45

#### **Prepare For Next Sunday's Readings**

In next Sunday's Gospel, (December 26) the Feast of the Holy Family, our Gospel reading identifies this feast as a part of the Christmas season. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers. Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God. When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son. and he is in his Father's house.

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

**1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28:** *Hannah dedicates her son, Samuel, to the Lord.* 

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24: We are God's children now. Luke 2:41-52: The boy Jesus is found in the Temple.



**DECEMBER 20-26** MONDAY 7:00AM- Jeff Boshart **TUESDAY- St. Peter Canisius** 5:30PM- Gene Crean and Deceased **Members of the Crean Family** WEDNESDAY 7:00AM- Lucy Saenz **THURSDAY- St. John of Kanty** 5:30PM-Madonna Ohm **FRIDAY-** Christmas Eve 4:00PM-Lillian & Evelvn Welch 9:00PM- People of Our Parish Midnight- Charlie Scott **SATURDAY- Christmas Day** 8:00AM- Don White **SUNDAY-** The Feast of the Holy Family 8:00AM- The Behl Family 10:30AM- Merle Lawson NO 5:00PM MASS!!! (4:00PM at St. Columcille)

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Fiscal Year– July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 Contributions left during the week can be put through the secure slot in the vesting room. The basket for your donations at Mass is in the center aisle near the Baptismal font. Thank you for your continuing generosity!

Weekly Budget	11,500.00
12/12/21– Parish	10,386.00
Deficit/Surplus for Weeks	- 1,114.00
Year-To-Date Budget	264,500.00
Year-To-Date Collected	235,058.96
Deficit/Surplus for Year	- 29,441.04
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## **IC CHURCH BALANCE**

OF PREVIOUS PROJECTS= \$14,915.75

PLUS	1/3	OF	NEW	PARKING	LOI	=\$36,333.77	

Amount Owed:	\$51,249.52
<b>Major Project Funds:</b>	\$ 400.00
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 3,326.97

#### A Pilgrim's Progress....

Those who have had the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to Rome may have gathered in St. Peter Square at noon on Sunday when from the balcony, the Holy Father will lead pilgrims in the Angelus, bless articles, and offer some remarks and announcements. Last Sunday Pope Francis spoke about the Gospel for Gaudete Sunday. His words help us to continue to prepare to welcome Christ in all the ways we encounter the Lord.

St. Luke tells us St. John's preaching had touched the hearts of his listeners and in their enthusiasm for the coming of the messiah asked the Baptist: "What should we do?" Pope Francis draws a parallel. If someone we love is coming to our home what should we do? Clean the house? Prepare the best meal possible? Perhaps offer a gift? How then should we prepare for the Lord's arrival? Christ elevates the question by challenging us: What should I be doing with my life? What am I called to? Who will I become?

Pope Francis continues: "life has a task for us. Life is not meaningless. It is not left to chance. It is God's gift to discover the Truth about ourselves and to work hard to accomplish our life's mission. We should never be afraid to ask Christ what should I do? As Peter asked Jesus at Capernaum: "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life!" How can I contribute to the good of Christ's risen body the church? To the good of society? None of God's gifts are given to us to grasp to ourselves but rather to be shared with others.

After St John the Baptist is asked what should we do the Gospel lists specific responses for each group. They all involved, as we remember, the corporal, spiritual works of mercy, and living God's commandments. This reminds us, Pope Francis teaches, that "faith is incarnated in concrete life." Our faith is not an abstract theory. Faith touches us personally and transforms each of our lives."

Pope Francis concludes: "what should we do concretely as we draw near to Christmas? Let's choose something concrete, even if it is small, that is adapted to our situation in life. For example: I can call a person who is alone, visit the elderly or the ill, serve someone in need." Even still: ask forgiveness, grant forgiveness, clarify a situation, pay a debt." Perhaps I have neglected prayer or to ask the Lord for his forgiveness."

As we continue to prepare to welcome the Lord anew at Christmas and in all the circumstances of our lives, let us keep this wisdom Pope Francis offers us close and keep it real. Sail On, fr john

#### St. Columcille:

Wed., Dec. 22nd at 5:30 pm: David Elzy

Christmas Eve Fri., Dec. 24th at 6:30 pm: St. Columcille Benefactors

Christmas Day Sat. Dec. 25th at 10:00 am: Hal Walker NO 6:00 pm Mass

Feast of the Holy Family Sun., Dec. 26th at 4:00 pm: Tom & Peggy Howen

Advent Vespers will take place at St. Columcille on December 19 at 7:00 pm in Church. All are welcome!

#### Additional Opportunities for the Sacrament of <u>Reconciliation at St. Columcille:</u>

#### Wed., Dec. 22nd from 6:30-7:30 PM

#### Upcoming Mass Schedule at St. C.

Vigil Mass for Mary, the Holy Mother of God Solemnity, Dec. 31st at 6:00 PM Vigil Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord, Jan. 1st at 6:00 PM

David Walker will be "retiring" after the mass of Christmas day. You may leave your personal note of appreciation to David in the offering basket at mass or mail it to him at Mr. David Walker, 234 N. Missouri, Atwood, 61913. Mr. Brock Hammond will be playing as available in the new year.

**Daytime Bible study at St. Columcille will start up again on Wednesday, January 5**<sup>th</sup>. We will be studying Pivotal Players from Word on Fire. This is a four-week session examining the lives and accomplishments of Fulton Sheen, Flannery O'connor, St Augustine and St Benedict and how they affect the Catholic church. Classes will meet at the parish hall at 1:00 pm and last about an hour. Workbooks are not required. Please contact Gail Loveall if you have questions at 217-254-4185.

Sullivan Prayer List: Chuck Woodworth, Dan & Leslie Guillory, Vaughn DeVorse, Michael English, Sam Slaughter, Dave Hudspath, Ron & Gayle Moody, Geri Lanham, Carole Blasche, Fr. Sohm, Donna Walker, Toby Howard, Kathy Frier, Kelly Sullivan, Fritz New, the Cook Family, Marvene Walker, Art Welsh, Gary Smith, Ron & Marylyn Crnich and Rebecca.

#### Advent Vespers Advent Vespers will take place at St. Columcille on December 19 at 7:00 pm in Church. All are welcome!



#### St. Columcille Church

Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 2:30 pm-5:30 pm Church Hall 516 W Jackson St

MASKS AND APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED. To schedule, please call ImpactLife at 800-747-5401

or register online at <u>www.bloodcenter.org</u>

Please eat prior to donation and bring Photo ID. Last date to donate elsewhere 10/25/21

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Rural King is sponsoring a "December Church Week" from now through December 24th. We will receive 10% of the total purchase if you register your receipt online at www.ruralking.com/churchweek before January 7th. Receipts may also be placed in the collection

and the parish office will do it for you!

#### Immaculate Conception Calendar of Events:

Sun., Dec. 19: Family of Faith in Lower Level at 9:15 AM

Sun., Dec. 19: Blood Drive from 10:00 AM-1:30 PM in PC

Wed., Dec. 22: Adoration from 5:30—6:30 AM and 7:00 —8:00 PM in Church

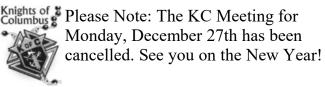
#### St. Vincent de Paul News:

St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank the Immaculate Conception and St. Columcille parishioners for their generous donations to our Thanksgiving collection. Your generosity will allow us "to do a little good" for those who are struggling in our community.

A special thank you is also extended to the Knights of Columbus for their donation gift. This year 32 families received Christmas food baskets loaded with a ham, eggs, fresh and canned foods, milk, and other items. We are so grateful for your support and prayers throughout the year.

## Please Note:

Our next Adult Faith Formation class, "Wisdom: God's Vision for Life," begins at 9:30 AM, Thursday, January 6, 2022, in the Parish Center. Please send an email to <u>carlajanewill@yahoo.com</u> or leave a voice message at 217-235-0431 to register.



#### Readings for the Week of December 19, 2021

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38 Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56 Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10&14/Lk 1:57-66 Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27&29/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: *Vigil:* Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

*Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 *Day:* Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1 -5, 9-14

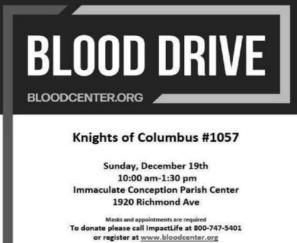
#### Seminarian Addresses:

Phillip Gorrell, Bishop Simon Bruté Seminary 2500 Cold Spring Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46222

Rev. Mr. Paul Lesupati & Alex McCullough St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology 200 Hill Dr. St. Meinrad, IN 47577

**COME on HOME for CHRISTMAS** Many will remember Bishop Joseph McNicholas of our diocese (1975-1983) who died in 1983. In Advent 1977 he created the Come on Home for Christmas initiative to welcome and reconcile those who were no longer practicing the Faith. At the entrance to church are some prayer cards Bishop McNicholas created with a prayer you can pray every day for those who we miss so much. It also has a prayer for those individuals to pray themselves. Please share them with those you know and want to encourage to return. If we continue to pray

and sacrifice and encourage those we love to do so as well, I believe many more will Come On Home for Christmas.



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IC EUCHARISTIC EXPOSTION

As we prepare to enter a new calendar year and celebrate the holy day of MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD, our monthly 24 Hour Eucharistic Exposition leading to our First Saturday mass continues!

**NEW YEAR'S EVE AND DAY** 

THANK YOU to those whose participation continues to make this opportunity the great font of Grace that it is for our parish and the world. We have an amazingly generous group of faithful who commit to keep watch with the Lord each month. I am especially awed by those who cover the "third shift" hours month after month. Every prayer and every sacrifice is received and makes a difference in the Providence of God.

It is the discipline of the Church that when the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in the monstrance someone must be present at all times. That is why the sign-up sheet is available near the Reconciliation Room all month long. It is preferable, of course, that we have multiple commitments for each hour. If you are present before the Lord and no one has come to replace you please call the # on the sign up sheet.

All are welcome to come and pray at every hour but unless someone has signed the COMMIT-MENT SHEET for a specific time Exposition cannot continue.

The church is typically locked on Exposition nights about 9 PM. There is a keypad at the NE door to allow admission. To obtain the code please call the parish during regular office hours.

All Knights of Columbus are encouraged to pray especially during the 7:00 - 8:00 PM hour on Friday evening.

Why not welcome the new calendar year by spending some Quality time with the Lord?

#### **Natural Family Planning Classes:**

Sat. Jan. 15th 9:30-11:00am on WebEx

Sat. Feb. 26th 2:00-3:30pm at St. Francis

To register call or text Kate Pruemer at 217-821-1840 or email: kpruemer@gmail.com



#### **Immaculate Conception**:

Fr. John Sohm, Michael English, Michelle Simpson, Connie Harris, John Lawson, Bonnie Kinney, Ryan Hardin, the Cook Family, Christopher Kermis, Patty Lawson, Geri Lanham, Max Rose, Liz Slater, Sunny Henne, Mike Kuncl, Pat and Guy Levingston, Michael Brinza, Jared Brown, Mary O'Dell, Ruby Anne Kovack, Mary Ann White, Kent Metzger, Chris Bugle, Zack Davisson, Michael Grady, Angie Fox, Addison Graham, Wesco Family, Sara Clayhorn, Mark Buran, Don Clark, Ann Clark, Louise Farrell, Wendy Carter, Virginia Kastl, Edna Probst, Rich Fafara, Lynden and Margie Henning, Karl Rabe, Sheila Rosine, Betty Bailey, Max Ohm, Zale Vincent Walk, Mary Magnotta, Lois Neff, Gwen Johnson, Jim Pendell, Tammy Howard, Ralph Vanneste, Wyatt Edwards, Eddie Sullivan, Alice Farmer, Loretta Tucker, Teresa Miller, Kelly Sullivan, Elisa Gonzalez, Liz Newton, Dennis James, Don Clark, Jr., Cassandra and Nora Oliger, Joyce and Joe LaFleur

If you have a loved one who should be added to our parish prayer list, please call the parish office.

**TO REPORT ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR BY CLERGY-EVEN IF IT IS IN THE PAST–** individuals are encouraged to call the Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation number (217) 321-1155. Individuals may also contact Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.25.ABUSE, or contact your local police authority.

#### 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.

CHOICES Pregnancy & Health-234-3312 Www.choices4pregnancy.org Project Rachel-888-456-4673

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number 217-321-1155

DEADLINE FOR PARISH BULLETIN- Monday at 10:00AM

## **Upcoming Mass schedule at IC:**

Christmas Eve Masses at 4:00 PM, 9:00 PM and Midnight

Christmas Day Mass at 8:00 AM

Feast of the Holy Family: Sun., Dec. 26th: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Dec. 31st: Vigil Mass for Mary, Holy Mother of God Solemnity at 4:00 PM

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## SERVERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE: 9PM & MIDNIGHT

## PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU ARE WILLING TO FILL THESE POSITIONS 235-0539. THANK YOU!!!

<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>: 4PM– Servers: Ryan Smith & McKinley Ueleke Lector: Ned Hoppin

9PM- Need Servers Lector: Steve Connor

Midnight– Need Servers Lector: Chris Suerdieck

## **CHRISTMAS DAY:**

8AM- Servers: Joseph & Jacob Robinson Lector: Josh Robinson

## **REGIFTING FOR ST. MARY HOUSE**

Receive some treasures for Christmas you are ready to share? We can use them for our bucket raffle at the January Soup Supper. Drop them off at the IC Rectory or on the table in the vestibule. Thank you! Every donation helps women and children move forward in faith and in life!

#### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTACT PEOPLE **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. COLUMCILLE**

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