

Immaculate Conception, Mattoon

St. Columcille, Sullivan

January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE

Lord

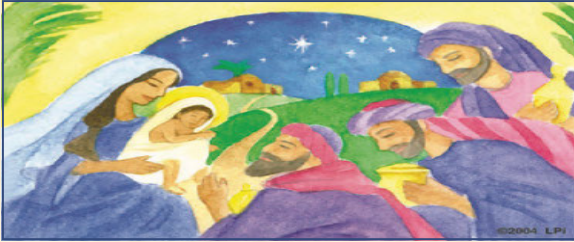
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ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH

Sullivan, Illinois

JANUARY 2, 2022



“We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.”

Matthew 2:1-12

Prepare For Next Sunday’s Readings

In next Sunday’s Gospel, (January 9) the Baptism of the Lord, our Gospel reading tells us that we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received. The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another “epiphany.” On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus’ relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God’s own Son. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11: *Isaiah tells the people to prepare a way for the Lord.*

Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7: *Jesus Christ saved us and renewed us with his Holy Spirit.*

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22: *Jesus is baptized by John.*



JANUARY 3-9

MONDAY– The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00AM– Lee Slater

TUESDAY– St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

5:30PM– Max Gibes

WEDNESDAY– St. John Neumann

**7:00AM- Deceased Members of the
Conner Family**

THURSDAY– St. Andre Bessette

5:30PM– Priestly Vocations

FRIDAY– St. Raymond of Penyafort

7:00AM– Eileen Simon

SATURDAY– Baptism of the Lord Vigil

4:00PM- Nan Welton

SUNDAY– Baptism of the Lord

8:00AM– Herman & Della Kremer Family

10:30AM– Bernice & Bill Kirts

5:00PM- Mary Tillman

Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

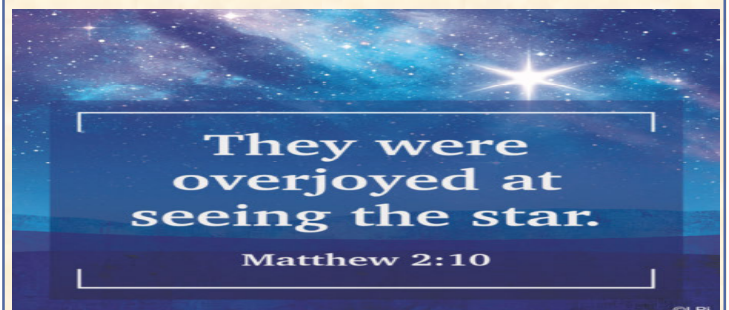
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 & 6a & 9b/Jn 3:22-30

**The Family of Faith Children
gave to Fr. John their holiday
donations for our local CHOICES
Pregnancy Center which totaled
\$764.92 WOW!!!!!!! Thank You
boys and girls for your very
generous gift!!!**



A Pilgrim's Progress....

Today we anticipate the 12th day of Christmas with our celebration of the Epiphany. It is a Greek word meaning to reveal. As we celebrate the manifestation of God in Christ to the gentile nations through the magi we are challenged to be revelations of Christ in our own lives as well.

As the children of Israel were saved that first Passover by marking the lintels of their homes (horizontal beam atop their front door) with the blood of the lamb, we mark our doors with the Epiphany blessing reminding all who pass through of the intercession of the magi and Christ's blessing on our lives and homes. The magi's initials +C+M+B+ can also remind us of the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat* (May Christ Bless this House).

The gifts the magi presented before the Word Made Flesh can also challenge us to live our lives as a gift to Jesus Christ and make the Lord present to others. Gold, was a gift "fit for a king." It was highly valued, yet pure and simple as well. In a similar way our faith must be constantly "refined," as we strive to conform our lives to the Word of God and not manipulate God's Word to rationalize our choices.

The Christ child was given frankincense in recognition of his priesthood. The chief among the council of priests in ancient Rome was known as the pontifex. This became another title for the pope. In Latin pontifex means "bridge builder." As the Sacraments are God's bridge connecting us to His divine life, our fidelity to the Sacramental life empowers us to witness more faithfully each day.

The gift of myrrh, used to help prepare the physical body for burial, reminds us that the Christ child was born to suffer and die for each of us. Epiphany reminds us that the cross never stands very far from the crib. As St. Rose of Lima reminded us, it is the only ladder by which you and I can climb to Heaven.

Just as the magi, eluded the evil plans of King Herod, so you and I can be messengers of hope and peace in this new year by keeping our lives focused on the Light of Jesus Christ.

Sail On, fr john

I.C. JANUARY LITURGICAL ROLES

LECTORS

January 8, 2022

4:00 Sally Laue

January 9, 2022

8:00 Josh Robinson

10:30 Cheryl Gambill

5:00PM– Steve Conner

January 15, 2022

4:00 Janet Snow

January 16, 2022

8:00 Brent Holmes

10:30 Denise Cooling

5:00PM– Chase Rich

January 22, 2022

4:00 Ned Hoppin

January 23, 2022

8:00 Joan Pryor

10:30 Mark Ferguson

5:00PM– Cheryl Gambill

January 29, 2022

4:00 Sally Laue

January 30, 2022

8:00 Karen Gill

10:30 Vanessa Duncan

5:00PM– Steve Conner

ALTAR SERVERS

January 8, 2022

4:00 Liam & Lucy Strader

January 9, 2022

8:00 Joseph & Jacob Robinson

10:30 Logan England, Colin Beals

5:00PM– Liam & Owen Burton

January 15, 2022

4:00 Andy Karpus, Ryan Smith

January 16, 2022

8:00 Andrew & Matthew Will

10:30 Kat & Alana Perez

5:00PM– Ayden Scott, Josie Auer

January 22, 2022

4:00 Jack & Owen Burton

January 23, 2022

8:00 Cameron Strohl, Beau Farris

10:30 McKinley Ueleke, Logan England

5:00PM– Colin Beals

January 29, 2022

4:00 Liam & Lucy Strader

January 30, 2022

8:00 Jason & Dave Skocy

10:30 Reagan Duncan, Kat Perez

5:00PM– Josie Auer

St. Columcille:

St. John Neumann
Wed., Jan. 5th at 5:30 pm: Bob Esker

Baptism of the Lord Vigil
Sat. Jan. 8th at 6:00pm: Jim & Ruth Matthews

Daytime Bible study at St. Columcille will start up again on Wednesday, January 5th.

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.

There will be No Mass, Reconciliation or Exposition at St. Columcille on January 12th.

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.

Immaculate Conception Calendar of Events:

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

Thurs., Jan 6: Adult Faith Formation class begins at 9:30 AM in the PC

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 carlajanewill@yahoo.com or leave a voice message at 217-235-0431 to register.



The next KC Meeting will be Jan. 10th at 7:30 PM in the KC Hall.

KC Bingo returns on Jan. 13 and 27th!

Rural King "December Church Week"



Register receipts from December 10th through December 24th 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!

LOOKING FOR A FUN, NEW WAY TO BE MORE ACTIVE?

BINGOCIZE[®] is a 20 session health promotion program sponsored by Catholic Charities that combines the game of bingo with fall prevention exercises. Come play bingo and meet new people while learning about techniques to reduce falls.
Call the Senior Center for more information/ sign up: Ph: 217-728-8521

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\$20 suggested donation

COME JOIN THE FUN! We meet twice a week!

WHEN: Every Tues. and Thurs. starting January 4 (no holidays)

**WHERE: Moultrie Co. Senior Center
114 E. Jefferson, Sullivan**

TIME: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

PRIZES!!!!
Final Deadline is Jan. 11

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!

PEACE MEAL DELIVERY:

Immaculate Conception will be delivering Peace Meal the week of January 10th-14th. If you can give 1 hour of one day please sign the calendar located on the bulletin board in the back of Church.

Thank you!

Tornado Relief:

Our Diocesan Catholic Charities has an online giving option available at www.cc.dio.org under the Tornado Relief Option. Funds collected will be forwarded to the Diocese of Owensboro for Relief efforts.



Thank you to all who sent cards or contributed to the Christmas gift bags for our homebound and nursing home residents. We heard many happy comments from those touched by our Parish's generosity.

Natural Family Planning Classes:

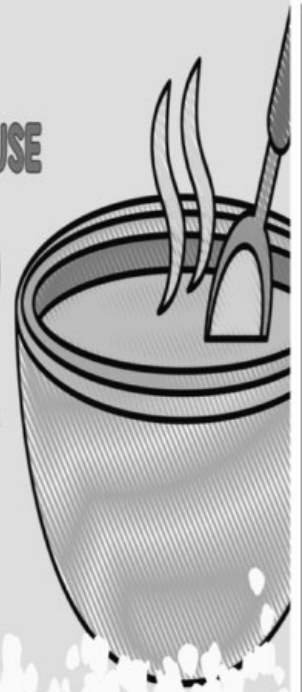
Sat. Jan. 15th 9:30-11:00am on WebEx

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

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

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- 2) Brainiac Package: Samsung Chromebook, Under Armour Backpack, Thermos & Gift Card.
- 3) Hibernation Package: 50" TV, Recliner & Throw.

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5 for \$20

Smaller raffle items also available to win. Winner need not be present.

With your support Hedwig Haus is growing to four temporary homes for women and their children in need. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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 Kunch, 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

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DEADLINE FOR PARISH BULLETIN- Monday at 10:00AM

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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

PARISH STAFF:

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Deacon Gene Uptmor: 217-235-2189, E-Mail:

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Carla Will – Christian Formation Dir.: 217-235-0431

E-Mail: carlajanewill@yahoo.com

Julie Robinson: Senior Ministry Co.: 217-235-0539

E-Mail: st.columcille.sullivan@gmail.com

Kim Coffey – Parish Administrative Assistant, Safe Environment Coordinator, Phone: 217-235-0539

Fax- 217-235-0593 E-Mail: icchurchsec@gmail.com

IC Mass Schedule

Saturday 4 PM (also 8:30 AM on First Sat.)

Sunday 8 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM

Weekday 7 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

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Rev. John E. Sohm – Pastor Emeritus

St. Columcille Mass Schedule

Saturday 6 PM Weekday 5:30 PM

(Wednesdays)

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

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PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTACT PEOPLE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. COLUMCILLE

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Todd Farris 217- 273-0502

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Golden Hearts
Madelaine Masse 217-294-1885

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Kelly Scott 217-273-5788

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Julie Robinson 217-235-0539

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Deacon Gene 217-235-2189

Share The Word
Sue Auer 217-317-4924

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Rosa Olvera 217-205-7479

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Cheryl Smith 217-258-NEED

Social Committee
Tim Knepple 217-273-8991

CALVARY CEMETERY:
 North 19th Street, Mattoon
Linda Wente 217-235-2488

St. Columcille Organizations and Contact People

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