

Immaculate Conception, Mattoon

St. Columcille, Sullivan

The Baptism of the Lord: January 9, 2022



THE BAPTISM *of the Lord*

"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Mattoon, Illinois

ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH

Sullivan, Illinois

JANUARY 9, 2022



“When Jesus had been baptized and was praying,
Heaven was opened.”

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Prepare For Next Sunday’s Readings

In next Sunday’s Gospel, (January 16) we begin the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. To situate today’s reading within the context of John’s Gospel, we note that John’s report of this event follows Jesus’ call of his first disciples. John tells us that Jesus and his disciples were invited to this wedding at Cana, as was Jesus’ mother, Mary. Marriage and wedding feasts are metaphors used in Scripture to describe God’s salvation and the Kingdom of God. Here at the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, John’s Gospel seeks to establish that Jesus is going to re-interpret and fulfill Yahweh’s promise to Israel. Jesus establishes the New Covenant. A hint about what this New Covenant will be like is made evident in the deed that Jesus performs. Asked to do something to address the awkward situation that the absence of wine at a wedding feast would create, Jesus’ miracle produces vast quantities of wine—six jars holding thirty gallons each are filled to overflowing with choice wine.

This lavish response to a simple human need is a vision for us of the abundance of God’s kingdom. It challenges us to respond generously when confronted with human need today. We respond as best we can, fully confident that God can transform our efforts, bringing the Kingdom of God to fulfillment among us.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 62:1-5: *God delights in Israel and will rejoice as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride.*

1 Corinthians 12:4-11: *All spiritual gifts originate from the same Spirit.*

John 2:1-11: *Jesus performs his first sign at a wedding feast in Cana.*



JANUARY 10-16

MONDAY

7:00AM- NO MASS

TUESDAY-

5:30PM- Communion Service

WEDNESDAY

7:00AM- Communion Service

THURSDAY- St. Hilary

5:30PM- NO MASS

FRIDAY

7:00AM- Bob Esker

SATURDAY- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00PM- Johnna Cottle

SUNDAY- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM- Aarns & Gooden Families

10:30AM- People of Our Parish

5:00PM- Wayne & Madonna Fuller

OUR GIVING

493 Registered Families

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
12/19/21- Parish	10,887.00
12/25/21- Christmas	7,456.00
12/26/21- Parish	13,177.50
01/02/22- Parish	18,015.00

Deficit/Surplus for Weeks + 15,035.50

Year-To-Date Budget	299,000.00
Year-To-Date Collected	<u>284,594.46</u>
Deficit/Surplus for Year	- 14,405.54

IC CHURCH BALANCE

OF PREVIOUS PROJECTS= \$14,915.75
PLUS 1/3 OF NEW PARKING LOT=\$36,333.77

Amount Owed:	\$51,249.52
Major Project Funds:	\$ 2,595.00
Unpaid Balance:	\$ 731.97

A Pilgrim's Progress....

While the Christmas season officially ends with today's feast of the Baptism of the Lord, it is an admirable practice to continue to keep some tangible reminders of our Christmas celebration in our midst through the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, on the 40th day, February 2nd. It is even more admirable to live the pledge of Dicken's Ebenezer Scrooge: "I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year!." Have you and I, like the magi, been so transformed by our encounter with the Christ Child this Christmas, that we are prepared to enter this new year by "another way?" How different will "Christmas yet to come" (and every other season) be because of our renewal?

Scrooge's conversion by the end of "A Christmas Carol" was simple even if difficult. Following a good examination of conscience, inspired by "spiritual visitors," he grew in self-understanding and decided to pay Bob Cratchit a just wage and to help Bob's family. For Scrooge, the renewal brought by Christmas was not a matter of mere sentiment, it brought practical consequences and changed behavior. As Niall Gooch, reminds in the Christmas issue of the Catholic Herald, bringing about peace on earth and good will to all "isn't a command to feel a certain way, it is an imperative to act in a certain way." After giving them the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus tells his disciple to "go and do likewise."

The key to avoiding any "post-Christmas blues" it would seem then, is not in being preoccupied with how we "feel," but rather focusing on how our actions are "manifesting" the virtues of Christmas and Epiphany: peacemaking, goodwill, and charity. It means becoming living signs of the gifts the magi presented to Christ by a purer faith, more consistent worship, and a more genuine sacrifice. We can focus on the invitations and opportunities each day brings by not comparing ourselves to others but by God's grace becoming "a bit better today than yesterday."

I can't think of a better way to live our Baptismal promises than by "keeping Christmas well all year round."
Sail On, fr john

Thank You to All

Who participated in our IC Eucharistic Exposition for the First Saturday of 2022.

Our numbers were amazing especially in light of the busy personal schedules over this Christmas season.

I know your prayers and sacrifices will continue to reap many graces. – fr john

Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition:

Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, reserved in the tabernacle, is available every day. Our parish churches are open during daylight hours.

Eucharistic Exposition on Wednesdays at IC from 5:30-6:30 A.M. and 7-8 PM

And from 7:30 A.M. the Friday before First Saturday until 8:00 A.M. on First Saturday.

For February this will begin on Friday, February 4th after the 7:00 AM Mass.

At St. Columcille on Wednesday following 5:30 P.M. Mass until Benediction at 6:30 P.M.

Eternal rest **grant unto them**, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

We offer condolences to the family of Loretta Tucker on her recent death.

Readings for the Week of January 9, 2022

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Ps 40:2&5,7-8a,8b-9,10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19;10:1a/Ps 21:2-3,4-5,6-7/Mk 2:13-17

PLEASE NOTE:

IN AN EFFORT TO CUT COSTS: TAX STATEMENTS FOR ST. COLUMCILLE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WILL BE MAILED, FAXED OR EMAILED ONLY IF REQUESTED BY THE DONOR. THANK YOU!

A handwritten-style graphic that says "thank you" in a cursive font. The word "thank" is on the top line and "you" is on the bottom line. There are several small heart symbols scattered around the text, some above and some below.

To my parish family for all your prayers, flowers, cards and kind words of encouragement during my dad's fight with cancer and his passing. I am so **blessed** to have all of you in my life!
God Bless! Kim Rose-Coffey

St. Columcille:

Wed., Jan. 12th at 5:30 pm: No Mass

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

Sat. Jan. 15th at 6:00pm: Rita Ackrill

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.

January Van Trip:

Join Julie on **Thursday, January 13th** for dinner at Stadium Grill then we will return to our very own KC Hall to play Bingo with our Knights! Van will leave from the IC Parish Center at 4:45 PM for dinner and return in time for Bingo to start at 6:30 PM. Call the parish office to reserve your seat or If you would prefer a home pick up and drop off can also be arranged.

Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women Meeting:

The IC CCW will meet on **Tuesday, January 18th at 6:15 PM in the Parish Center**. All women of Immaculate Conception are members of IC CCW and are encouraged to attend our meetings. We will have refreshments and a hot cocoa bar while we share ways we can be of service to our Church!

Please note that the **DIOCESE WIDE ANNUAL COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN CONFERENCE** will be held here, at Immaculate Conception on **September 28, 2022!** Stay tuned for details!

Immaculate Conception Calendar of Events:

Sun., Jan. 9: Family of Faith meets in the CFC at 9:15AM

Mon., Jan. 10-Fri., Jan. 14: IC will deliver Peace Meal to Mattoon Residents. See sign up sheet for details

Mon., Jan. 10: K of C Meeting at 7:30 PM in KC Hall

Wed., Jan. 12: Adoration from 5:30—6:30 AM and 7:00 —8:00 PM in Church

Wed., Jan. 12: Brookstone Rosary at 10:00 AM at Brookstone South, Mattoon

Thurs., Jan 13: Adult Faith Formation class at 9:30 AM in the PC

Thurs., Jan. 13: Parish Van Trip and Bingo, see details

Thurs., Jan. 13: K of C Bingo at 6:30 PM in the KC Hall

Fri., Jan. 14: Golden Hearts will meet at 11:30 AM in the Parish Center.



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

KC Bingo returns on Jan. 13 and 27th at 6:30 pm in the KC Hall!

Thanks from Impact Life

For two more “very successful” blood drives in December at St. Columcille and IC.

Your caring and sacrifice helps dozens of people in Central Illinois hospitals.

Our next blood drive at IC will be on “Super Bowl Sunday” February 13th, and at St. Columcille in April.

**A word of thanks to all who sent Christmas gifts as well as to everyone who sent greetings with assurances of prayer. God Bless you all! - Fr John Sohm
Mason Point, Masonic Way, Sullivan, Illinois 61951**

Brookstone Rosary:

We will gather to pray the Rosary with our friends and neighbors at Brookstone South, Mattoon on **Wednesday, January 12th at 10:00 AM**. Masks required and temperatures taken. Join us!

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!

**ST. COLUMCILLE AND
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PARISHES**

**Are invited to participate in the
DIOCESE of SPRINGFIELD
MARCH for LIFE**

FRIDAY JANUARY 21ST

**Our bus for all ages will leave IC Parish
Center parking lot at 7:30 A.M.**

**With a 7:50 A.M. stop at St. Columcille,
Sullivan**

**MASS at the CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

**10:00 A.M. followed by March to the
Illinois State Capitol**

**Bring a sack lunch which we can eat
before returning home late afternoon.**

Call the Parish Office to reserve a seat.

**A free will donation accepted to cover the
bus.**

Golden Hearts

**Golden Hearts will meet on Friday, January
14, 2022. Our guest speaker will be Amanda
Honn, Executive Director of Catholic
Charities of Coles, Douglas and Edgar
Counties.**

**Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. Please bring a
dish to share. Hope to see you.**

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**

**Coles County Catholic Worker
Soup Supper**

Sunday January 30th

**Immaculate Conception Parish
Center**

3:30-7:00 P.M.

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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, 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, Teresa Miller, Kelly Sullivan, Elisa Gonzalez, Liz Newton, Dennis James, Don Clark, Jr., Cassandra and Nora Olinger, 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

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DEADLINE FOR PARISH BULLETIN- Monday at 10:00AM

Considering Colleges?

Quincy University and the Diocese of Springfield are working together to offer scholarships to our Diocesan youth.

We also have scholarship information from the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Attention Men: White House Jesuit Retreat

All men of the parish are invited to join us at our annual men's retreat at White House. This will be a silent, guided retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It's a peaceful break from the chaos and confusion of everyday life. It's like a 3-day vacation with Christ on their beautiful 80-acre campus high on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River. All meals and private lodging are provided. Our retreat begins the evening of March 17th and concludes March 20th. There is no set fee to attend a retreat at White House! White House operates on a free will basis, asking those in attendance to simply give what they feel they can at the conclusion of the retreat. Reserve your spot by calling:

Don Kriesel: 217-273-9806, Tim Genta: 217-246-8676 or Bill Carter: 217-294-2938
Or visit www.whretreat.org to find other dates.

CHOIR NEWS AT IC!

We are starting an IC Youth choir to sing as some Sunday, 10:30 am Masses. This choir is for ages 3rd grade after receiving the sacraments (confirmation, 1st communion) through 8th grade. Rehearsal for the masses starts at 9:45 am prior to each mass. No previous choir experience is required to join the choir, just a willing heart and a joyful song.

Sunday Masses for Youth Choir: January 23rd, February 27th, March 27th, and April 24th.

Students in HS are welcome to join the Adult choir which will sing the following 1030am Masses. Rehearsal for this choir is at 9:45 am on the date of the mass.

Sunday: January 2nd, January 16, January 30th, March 6th, March 20th, April 3rd, May 1st

Holy Days: Ash Wednesday March 2nd, Holy Thursday April 14th, Good Friday April 15th, Easter Vigil April 16th. Rehearsal for these masses will be 30 minutes prior to the mass time.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTACT PEOPLE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. COLUMCILLE

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Director of Christian Formation Carla Will	217-235-0431	Linda Wente	217-235-2488
Golden Hearts Madelaine Masse	217-294-1885	<u>St. Columcille Organizations and Contact People</u>	
Knights of Columbus Kelly Scott	217-273-5788	St. Elizabeth Council of Catholic Women	
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