Immaculate Conception, Mattoon St. Columcille, Sullivan

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 23, 2022



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IC Mass Schedule

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

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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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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JANUARY 23, 2022 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled."

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Prepare For Next Sunday's Readings

In next Sunday's Gospel, (January 30) the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection. After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not vet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19: The Lord assures Jeremiah that he will deliver him from all who fight against him.

1 Corinthians 12:4-31: Paul describes love as the greatest of virtues.

Luke 4:21-30: Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.



JANUARY 24-30

MONDAY – St. Francis de Sales & St. Marianne Cope

7:00AM- Diana Hough

TUESDAY- Conversion of St. Paul

5:30PM- Charles Morris

WEDNESDAY-Sts. Timothy & Titus

7:00AM- Fr. Vincent Worland

THURSDAY-St. Angela Merici

7:00AM- Ken & JoAnn Davis

FRIDAY-St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00AM- Eileen Simon

SATURDAY – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00PM- People of Our Parish

SUNDAY- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00AM-Sharon Kuhns

10:30AM- Eileen Simon

5:00PM- Mack Smith

Readings for the Week of January 23, 2022

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/

Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-

11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk

4:35-41

OUR GIVING

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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
01/16/22– Parish	12,348.00
01/16/22– Major Projects Fund	340.00
Deficit/Surplus for Weeks	+ 848.00
Year-To-Date Budget	322,000.00
Year-To-Date Collected	315,871.96
Deficit/Surplus for Year	- 6,128.04

Route 66

This one time only change for the title of my bulletin comments is inspired by the recent anniversary of my nativity. It was Bishop Paprocki actually who suggested that I might celebrate by taking a drive on "Old Route 66." This will be as close as I get for a while. Did spend a few days last week in rural Cobden (home of the 1964 Amazing Appleknockers of single class state basketball tournament fame) with Fr Seth Brown. Cobden is conveniently located near Murphysboro, the Illinois BBQ capital. I was able to make a considerable dent in a large stack of accumulated reading material.

In light of this week of prayer for Christian unity, a highlight of my reading was an article by George Weigel on the difference Christianity has made in our world. In pre-Christian times the hope of immortality was centered on our physical offspring. We would primarily live on through our family. Christ stressed the hope of individual life after death. We have value not as members of any certain demographic (sex, social class, ethnicity) but as individuals. In calling us to render "unto God the things that are God's" (Matt. 22:15-21), Christ reminded us that if there are things of God's that are not Caesar's, then Caesar is not God. State power is limited through the sanctuary of human conscience.

Christianity taught us that heroism is not restricted to any elite. Christian martyrs continue to come from every social class, age, and occupation. Achievement is not limited to the accumulation of power or athletic prowess. Conquering of the will can be the greatest achievement. Seeking the voice of God within rather than the cheers of the crowd is the greatest journey.

St. Benedict and the rise of monasticism reminded the world through their motto "Ora et Labora," prayer and work, that human labor has great dignity. It is not just for slaves and servants. Our labor is called to model the creativity of God himself. The self-governing rule of law, modeled by the monastic rules of life, where leadership was typically selected by a universal vote, anticipated self-government. St. Augustine's great classics The City of God (taught that we are responsible to transcendent Truth while living in the world) and his Confessions, (the first modern autobiography) modeled a self-criticism that has been essential in the development of science and modern democracies. By refuting that the natural world is controlled by "spirits" and demigods Christianity helped science to develop. It is no coincidence that modern scientific theories in such fields as genetics and astronomy were developed by Catholic monk/priest scientists (Mendel & Lemaitre). The western idea of the university is a product of Catholic Christianity.

It was the "investiture controversy" of the 11th and 12th centuries, helping to establish the right of the Church to choose her own leadership without government interference that laid the groundwork for the concept of religious freedom. As Britain's chief rabbi Jonathon Sacks wrote: the "self-evident truths of the Declaration of Independence (life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, i.e.) are anything but self-evident. They would have been unintelligible to Plato, Aristotle, and every hierarchical society the world has ever known. They are self-evident only to people (Jews and Christians) who have internalized the Hebrew Bible." There would be no human rights today without the legacy of Mt. Sinai and the meaning of the history of Jerusalem. Amidst our confusing times let us continue to pray, study, and work for the unity our Lord intended when He prayed that "all might be one."

Deo Vindice, Sail On, fr john



Upcoming Retreat at Vandalia: February 25-27: Come and Rest in the Sacred

Fr. Shannon Collins, MSJB will lead us through this weekend as we explore the Sacred Riches of the Catholic Church. The Traditional Latin Mass will be celebrated each day, Additional details and registration information can be found at www.osmm.org

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.

St. Columcille:

Wed., Jan. 26th at 5:30 pm: Christopher **Dunlavy**

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil Sat. Jan. 29th at 6:00pm: Lucille Tessier

St. Columcille Council of Catholic Women will meet on Monday, January 24th at 6:00 pm for their annual dinner and installation of new officers. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to join us!

Daytime bible study will start The Prophets, Messengers of God's Mercy, on Wednesday, February 2 at 1:00 and going to Easter. We will meet at the parish hall to explore an overview and explanation of the prophets from Ascension Press. There is a workbook. The cost is \$26.95. To register or for questions, please contact Gail Loveall 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, Toby Howard, Kathy Frier, Kelly Sullivan, Fritz New, the Cook Family, Marvene Walker, Art Welsh, Gary Smith, Ron & Marylyn Crnich and Rebecca.

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!

New in the I.C. Parish Library: (located in the room off the side chapel off the sanctuary) A TIME TO DIE by Nicolas Diat "monks on the threshold of eternal life."

Your Attention Please:

Next Weekend Jan. 29-30th after all Masses at St. Columcille and IC Delicious St. Hedwig Fudge will be available for a free will offering in support of our Catholic Worker Houses for Women and Children in need. Thanks for making a difference!

Immaculate Conception Calendar of Events:

Mon., Jan. 24: KC Meeting at 7:30 PM in KC Hall Wed., Jan. 26: Adoration from 5:30—6:30 AM and 7:00 —8:00 PM in Church

Wed., Jan. 26: Deanery CCW Convention planning meeting at 2:00 PM in Parish Center

Thurs., Jan 27: Adult Faith Formation class at 9:30 AM in the PC

Thurs., Jan. 27: KC Bingo at 6:00 pm in the KC Hall Sun., Jan. 30: Coles County Catholic Worker Soup Supper Drive Through from 3:30—7:00 PM in the Parish Center

Knights of The next KC Meeting will be Jan. 24th at 7:30 PM in the KC Hall.

> KC Bingo will be on 27th at 6:00 pm in the KC Hall!

On Saturday, January 29th at 6:30pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Decatur is hosting a healing service. . If you or anyone needs prayers for healing, please feel free to come. Our prayer team members will be masked. Any questions can be emailed to Fr. Michael Trummer: mtrummer@dio.org

How Can You Help our Coles County Catholic Worker Houses Fundraising Soup Supper?

- * Buy and Sell Raffle Tickets
- * Make Soup and bring to the IC Parish Center after 10:30 mass on Jan. 30th
- * Bake cookies and drop them off at the IC Parish Office or bring to the IC Parish Center after the 10:30 mass on Jan. 30th
- * Most Importantly: Pray, Pray, Pray for the women and children we serve and will serve in the years to come. And please pray for the success of this event.

Thank you for making a difference!

Ad Orientem

Every Sunday at our Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, when Bishop Paprocki is at home, he celebrates the 10:00 A.M. mass ad orientem. An increasing number of our diocesan priests celebrate the mass ad orientem from time to time as well. The phrase means towards the east. For practical purposes it does not have to mean compass point east, but "liturgical east." Churches were built with the nave and altar facing east for many centuries. Later when church properties did not always allow for eastern facing churches, towards the east has come to mean toward the altar (and usually the crucifix and tabernacle as well). Liturgical east here at IC and St C would actually be north. At the Cathedral it would be west.

For nineteen centuries mass was celebrated with the people and the priest facing the same direction. The liturgical changes after Vatican II (1962-1965) allowed mass to be celebrated facing the people, but the Council did not mandate that priests do so. In fact, the rubrics (directions for the priest on how to offer the mass) direct the priest when to turn and face the people. The rubrics assume the mass is celebrated ad orientem.

Eastern Rite Catholics and the Orthodox continue to face east for the celebration of the Liturgy. Judaism and Islam take it for granted that we should pray toward the "rising sun," the central place of Revelation: toward Jerusalem and the land holy to all three of the world's great monotheistic faiths.

When mass is celebrated ad orientem the priest faces the people when speaking to the people. When the priest is praying to God on behalf of and with the people, he is facing toward the "east," toward the crucifix, and the tabernacle. At these moments the priest and the people are all are facing toward God together.

As I talked about on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, as the priest offers the Eucharistic sacrifice in the person of Christ, all the faithful unite their sacrifices with the sacrifice of Christ and offer them spiritually with the priest. At an ad orientem mass all are united in the sacrifice of Christ as the interior and spiritual orientation of the mass is reflected and manifested by the physical posture of priest and people facing God together. The ordained priest participates in this action of the Lord as head, while the assembly participate in the same action as the Mystical Body. It is one Christ who offers and is offered in the mass.

At other moments of the mass, such as the homily, when the priest addresses not God the Father, but the assembly, he faces the people. To speak of the priest with his back to the people can be seen as an insult to the lay faithful. It makes it sound like it is only what the priest is doing is important. The lay faithful are not just watching the liturgy unfold. The priest is not the center of what is happening. Jesus Christ is. We do not say the people in the front pew stand with their backs to all the people in church behind them. When the ad orientem posture is used, all face the same direction together because all share in the same sacred action. The priest is not a performer and the Baptized are not spectators. The mass unites us together in a one act of worship directed toward God.

As a way of our parish, along with myself, becoming more familiar with this form of the Roman Rite which is growing throughout the U.S., I will begin to celebrate our 8:30 A.M. First Saturday mass ad orientem. Pray we will all be open to the work of the Holy Spirit among us. Deo Vindice, fr john

Coles County Catholic Worker Soup Supper: NOW A DRIVE THROUGH ONLY

Event!
Sunday January 30th
Immaculate Conception Parish Center
3:30-7:00 P.M.

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Old Palms:

Old Palms can now be returned to Church to be burned to become the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. Please return before February 20th. Thank you!



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, 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 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.

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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

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: February 27th, March 27th, and April 24th.

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

Sunday: 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.

Council of Catholic Women News:

Mattoon Deanery parish ladies are encouraged to attend a **convention planning meeting** on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at our parish center. This will be to make plans for the Diocese wide CCW Convention that will be held HERE on September 28, 2022! Convention details to follow!

Coles County Catholic Worker Soup Supper Raffle: Drawing to be held: January 30, 2022

Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20

One of THREE Prize Packages to choose from! *Winner need not be present to claim prize.



Option 1:

Four Tickets to see My Fair Lady at the Fox Theater, St. Louis March 22nd at 7:30 PM

Option 2:

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