

Immaculate Conception, Mattoon

St. Columcille, Sullivan

November 3, 2019

Principles and Practices of the Spiritual Life

The Journey Continues

Immaculate Conception Parish Mission

4 - 7 NOVEMBER 2019

Monday through Thursday

Two Daily Options:

1. Morning Conference 9:30 - 10:30
OR
2. Evening Conference 7:00 - 8:00

DAILY MASS
8:30 am

Contact Information:

217-235-0539

Coffee after Morning Mass.
There will be a social after the evening conferences.



Fr. Emmerich is a priest of the Holy Name Province of the Dominican Order and is currently ministering with Western Dominican Preaching.

For the past thirty-seven years he has been involved in giving retreats to Mother Teresa's Priests and Sisters in Mexico, Poland, Guatemala, Calcutta, Russia, and Africa. He currently resides at Saint Albert Priory in Oakland, CA.

Father Emmerich returns to Immaculate Conception for the parish Mission, to reflect on the goodness, beauty, and truth of the gift of faith.

Steps to Wholeness

After a reflection on the classical Catholic definition of prayer, and taking his cue from St. Teresa of Avila's requisites for a vital prayer life (which is where we left off last year), Father's conferences will spell out the concrete steps needed in the life of every wounded Christian — Christians wounded by Original Sin and by personal sin.

Many are familiar with the writings of the Catholic convert Peter Kreeft, a professor of philosophy who has written over eighty wonderful books on Christian philosophy, theology, and apologetics. In one of his books he reminds us that we are addicted to sin. No one is addicted to patience, charity, humility, etc. We are addicted to sin and thus he calls us "sinaholics." Thus Father Emmerich will focus on the steps needed by "sinaholics" that give us access to the life of grace as St. Teresa recommends.

By leading the parishioners of Immaculate Conception in an exploration of the guiding principles that lead to a deep inner peace in the midst of a troubled world, his conferences will focus on recovery from the effects of sin in our lives, and explore other issues of our spiritual warfare. He will briefly review the role of feelings and emotions in our lives. And he will help lead us through the way to heal our resentments, and much more as he exams the Steps that lead to the fullness of life and love.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
Mattoon, Illinois

ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH
Sullivan, Illinois

NOVEMBER 3, 2019

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Luke 19:10

Prepare For Next Sunday's Readings

In next Sunday's Gospel, (Nov. 10), in today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses. Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, "... for to him all are alive."

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14: *Jewish martyrs give witness to their faith, even unto death.*

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5: *Paul encourages the Thessalonians and asks for their prayers.*

Luke 20:27-38: *Jesus answers a question from some Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead.*

Readings for the Week of November 3, 2019

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37



When there is a Funeral Mass (M-F)— there is No Morning Mass

NOVEMBER 4-10

MONDAY

8:30AM J. Logan, Dorothy & Jean Gover

TUESDAY

8:30AM Tony Sheehan

WEDNESDAY

8:30AM Jeff Croy

THURSDAY

8:30AM Deceased Members of the Aarns & Gooden Families

FRIDAY

8:00AM Joseph Walk

SATURDAY

4:00PM Wayne & Madonna Fuller

SUNDAY

8:00AM People of Our Parish

10:30AM Mitch Webb

Your Parish & Faith Stewardship
Giving at a Glance

537 Registered Families

Fiscal Year— July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020



Total Weekly Budget	10,500.00
10/27/19— Parish	7,294.01
Deficit/Surplus for Weeks	- 3,205.99
Year-To-Date Budget	168,000.00
Year-To-Date Collected	149,132.10
Deficit/Surplus for Year	- 18,867.90

IC CHURCH LOWER LEVEL FLOOR

CFC SOFFITS, GUTTERS, PAINTING

CHURCH & RECTORY PLUMBING

Amount Owed:	\$57,196.00
Major Project Funds:	\$ 261.00
Unpaid Balance:	\$37,456.75

Wednesday, November 6 at 5:30 pm: For the People

Saturday, November 9 at 6:00 pm: Norman Kinkelaar

(Server: Voyles, Lector: Jane Jenkins, Ushers: Jud Cameron & Steve Deters, Extraordinary Ministers: Gary & Jane Stewart)

Collection Total: \$825.00

Collection for Moultrie County Food Pantry will take place this weekend. Thank you for your continued generosity!

The Sullivan Knights of Columbus will meet in the parish hall at 7pm on Tuesday, November 5.

The Rosary for Life will be prayed 30 minutes prior to Mass next weekend.

Thank you to our good neighbors from McMullin Young Funeral Homes for providing again this year the beautiful Art of the Holy Land Catholic Calendars.

As always, any St. Columcille envelopes that are placed in the collection at Immaculate Conception are forwarded to St. Columcille and included in our contributions.

Our Thanksgiving Mass will be Wednesday evening at 5:30 pm, November 27th. Come and pray together in Thanksgiving for God's blessings in our lives.

A few statistics from Fiscal Year 2019 from the Decatur Catholic Charities serving Macon, Moultrie and Shelby counties:

- Catholic Charities Food Pantry served 24,458 individuals
- Catholic Charities Meals on Wheels served 94,616 meals
- Four Seasons Resale Store gave away as much clothing as was needed to 1,998 individuals.

Sullivan Prayer List: Michelle Keller, Carole Blasche, Fr. Sohm, Hal Walker, David Walker, Art Welsh, Gary Smith, Ron and Marylyn Crnich, Donna Walker, Toby Howard, Kathy Frier, Kelly Sullivan and Rebecca.

A Pilgrim's Progress

"For if he were not expecting those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought, that they might be delivered from their sin." 2 Maccabees 12: 44-45. Especially during these days of November the Church encourages us to spend time in prayer for our faithful departed.

Until November 8 a plenary indulgence applicable to the souls in purgatory is granted to the faithful who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead. An indulgence is the remission of the temporal punishment due for sins already forgiven. To obtain an indulgence for a loved one we must have the intention of obtaining it and perform the works at the time and in the manner prescribed. This includes:

- An interior disposition of complete detachment from sin (even venial)
- Receive the sacrament of confession
- Receive Holy Communion each day for each indulgence
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary)

A good prayer to pray when visiting the cemetery is: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in peace. Amen. One indulgence may be gained each day. If our disposition is not perfect the indulgence becomes partial.

Simply by performing the requirements of the indulgence God's mercy will bring a soul in Purgatory home to heaven. Praying for our loved ones buried in the cemetery reminds us that we too will someday be depending on the prayers of the Communion of Saints (on Earth and in Heaven) to be praying for us. Our prayers reap immeasurable benefits for the souls in purgatory who we trust will be praying for us when they enter into Heaven.

This week can be a very fruitful time to visit Immaculate Conception's beautiful Calvary Cemetery on N. 19th St. And a grace-filled time to visit the final earthly resting places of all of our beloved dead.

2019 IC ACSA

This Year's Goal:	\$ 72,369.00
Gifts Thus Far:	\$ 19,060.00
% of Participation:	20%



With Immaculate Conception:

Fr. John Sohm, Max Rose, Jacob Kirts, Joyce McCoy, Angie Fox, Addison Graham, Ken Davis, Wesco Family, Sara Clayhorn, Mark Buran, Pat Hutchings, Don Clark, Susie Huckstead, Louise Farrell, Wendy Carter, Virginia Kastl, Edna Probst, Rich Fafara, Lyn Henning, Arlet Hertel, Karl Rabe, Sheila Rosine, Betty Bailey, Max Ohm, Mary Clark, Zale Vincent Walk, Mary Magnotta, Bernie Flood, Lois Neff, Gwen Johnson, Jim Pendell, Tammy Howard, Ralph Vaneste, Joe Hood, Wyatt Edwards, Eddie Sullivan, Alice Farmer, Loretta Tucker, Teresa Miller, Ed Dhom, Kelly Sullivan, 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.

I.C. WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 11/3 PSR—9:15 AM-CFC
- 11/3 Coffee & Catechesis—9:15 AM-CFC
- 11/4 Parish Mission—see bulletin for details
- 11/4 K of C Meeting-8:00 PM—KC Clubhouse
- 11/5 Parish Mission-see bulletin for details
- 11/6- Men's Prayer Huddle— 5:30AM— IC Chapel
- 11/6 Parish Mission-see bulletin for details
- 11/7 Parish Mission-see bulletin for details
- 11/8 Golden Hearts-11:30 AM-PC

SOCKS FOR SOLDIERS:

Alpha Upsilon "Socks for Soldiers" will take place in our community from October 1-November 11th to collect new black or white, men's or women's, tube or crew socks for distribution to our soldiers. Donations can be placed in the box in the back of church. Thank you for your generous support of our military.

Peace Meal Delivery:

If you can give one hour of one day during the week of **November 18-22** to help with the Peace Meal delivery, please sign the calendar located on the bulletin board in the back of church. The meals are to be picked up between 10:30—11:00 am at the Fellowship Center Kitchen, 301 Lafayette Avenue East, Mattoon. **Thank you!**

Ladies Bunco:

Calling all Ladies!! Come join us for a fun filled evening of Bunco! The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Charles, Charleston will be hosting Bunco on Friday, November 15th at 6:30 in Moriarty Hall. \$10 per person to play and snacks will be provided. BYOB and bring a friend!

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

Project Rachel-888-456-4673

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

DEADLINE FOR PARISH BULLETIN

Monday at 10:00AM

Seminarian Education:

Bishop Thomas John Paprocki wants to hear from you about the diocese's potential capital campaign to support the education of our seminarians. Over the next several weeks, Bishop Paprocki is asking every parishioner to fill out a planning study survey to gather your feedback. You are invited to visit www.dio.org/seminariancampaign, to learn more about the proposed effort and complete an online survey. The password for the survey is: study.

Or you can attend one of the Focus Group Meetings :

- Monday , November 18, 7:00 pm, Christ the King Church, 1930 Barberry Dr., Springfield 62704
- Wednesday, November 20, 7:00 pm, Christ the King Church, 1930 Barberry Dr., Springfield 62704

you are invited

November Van Outing:

Monday, November 18th the parish van will leave from the Parish Center at 8:30 am and make its way to St. Louis to visit the Seminarians of our Diocese at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, including Austin Sudkamp. While there we will tour the campus, enjoy lunch (cost on your own) and see a few additional sites. Van will return to the Parish Center at 4:00 pm. A donation for gas will be taken.

Cancer: Surviving and Thriving :

**Tuesdays, November 12-December 17
4:00 pm—6:30 pm**

**Moultrie County Health Department
Taught by Parishioner, Sheila Greuel**

Cost: \$20, suggested donation for workbook

If you are currently battling cancer or have done so in the past, consider joining us for this important course. Please don't let transportation stop you, arrangements can be made to assist with transportation. Register to Sheila at 217-725-6081 or contact Julie at the parish office at 235-0539.

Looking Ahead...

Friday, November 8th at 11:30 am Golden Hearts will meet in the Parish Center.

Saturday, November 9th Middle School Youth Group will meet. They will begin with 4:00 pm Mass then have fellowship in the CFS from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm for grades 6-8.

Friday, November 15th Immaculate Conception Parishioners will be bell ringing for Salvation Army. Please contact Carla to sign up.

Monday, November 18th Parish van trip to St. Louis to visit Seminarian, Austin Sudkamp.

Wednesday, November 20th at 11:30 am at Downtown Diner, our St. Elizabeth of Hungary Widows group will meet.

Coffee & Catechesis

Join us for Coffee & Catechesis in the Christian Formation Center. All adults are invited to join us for Bishop Robert Barron's DVD Series, "The Mystery of God: Who God Is & Why He Matters," during the PSR Hour, 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM, as we discuss our faith and enjoy a hot cup of coffee!

Questions: Call/Text Carla Will @ 217-663-0923 or email carlajanewill@yahoo.com

Knights of Columbus

Our K of C Meeting on Monday, November 4th: will be moved from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm Due to the Parish Mission. Meeting will include care raffle report and planning for 2020 events. Please plan to attend after the Mission.

Dan Lawrence

During Mass:

We invite those who would like Communion brought to them to use the first two rows.

Thank you.

**Catholic Radio for Mattoon
102.5 FM
Catholic Radio for Sullivan:
88.9FM & 96.5FM**

Congratulations to Fr. Adam Pritchard

Who has received his new assignment as chaplain at St. Anthony of Padua Hospital in Effingham. Fr Adam will continue to reside at Immaculate Conception parish in Mattoon for the time being. We thank him for his service to our two parishes and wish him well as he begins his new duties.
-fr john

2019 Triennial National Collection for the ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

Dear Friend in Christ,

The next National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA is scheduled for the weekend of November 10, 2019. The AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or the U.S. Military, has no parishes for a weekly in-pew collection, and must rely principally on private donations to fund an annual operating budget of over \$8.2 million.

Please help me continue to provide priests for the Church and the military chaplaincy and to minister to the Catholic military men and women, and their families, who are part of this global Archdiocese—*parishioners and families from your diocese*— with a donation to the 2019 Triennial National Collection for the AMS.

With sentiments of unwavering gratitude, I remain
Sincerely in Christ,
The Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio,
Archbishop for the Military Services, USA



**High School Youth Group
Fundraiser at Villa Pizza!**

**Wednesday, November 6th
Open to Close**

**Please mention
Immaculate Conception
when paying and
Jon Arena will donate a
percentage of your bill.**

Thank you!

Important Considerations....

During this month of All Souls, as we pray for our faithful departed, it is good to review some of our funeral and burial practices. The Church raises no objection to the practice of cremation. Cremation does not affect the soul of the deceased nor does it prevent our omnipotent God from raising up the deceased body to new life. If cremation is chosen the key principle to remember is that the cremains (cremated remains) are to be treated with the same respect as a full body burial. All of the cremains should be buried within thirty days after death and not stored at home or divided among loved ones.

To avoid any appearance of pantheism, naturalism, or nihilism cremains are not permitted to be scattered in the air, on land, or water. They may not be preserved in mementos such as jewelry or other objects. As Catholics we do not keep cremains of our loved ones in our homes. They are to be preserved in a sacred place such as a cemetery or church.

Cremains should not be co-mingled. Co-mingled remains cannot be buried at Calvary Cemetery. From this time forward cremains cannot be placed within headstones. Headstones designed to hold cremains cannot be placed in Calvary Cemetery. All cremains need to be buried in order to assure their safety from weather or accidents, or vandalism at the cemetery.

These practices help to express our Catholic faith in the resurrection of the body. We believe that through Baptism the departed became temples of the Holy Spirit and members of the Communion of Saints. Our bodies do not belong to us in death any more than they do in life. As I Corinthians 6:20 reminds us we “have been purchased at a great price,” that is, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Proper Christian burial is an important part of closure at the passing of a loved one and encourages family members and the whole Christian community to pray for and remember our faithful departed. It upholds the relationship between the living and the dead and discourages any tendency to relegate the death of any Christian to a purely private matter.

Eternal Father,

**I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family.
Amen.**

