

Immaculate Conception, Mattoon

St. Columcille, Sullivan

March 1, 2020



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH, 320 N. 21ST STREET - MATTOON, IL

www.mattoonimmaculateconception.org

Welcome new parishioners! Please call the office & make an appointment to register!

PARISH STAFF:

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IC Mass Schedule

Saturday 4 PM

Sunday 8 AM & 10:30 AM

Weekday 8 AM (M & F)

5:30 PM (T & Th), 7 AM (Wed)

Sacrament of Reconciliation –30 minutes before Daily Mass & 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 6:00 PM on Wednesdays with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction at 6:30 pm

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



“Jesus fasted for forty days and forty nights and was tempted.”

Matthew 4:1-11

Prepare For Next Sunday’s Readings

In next Sunday’s Gospel, (March 8), for the Second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus’ retreat to the desert to his Transfiguration. Each year on the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel tells the story of Jesus’ temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear the story of Jesus’ Transfiguration.

The story of Jesus’ Transfiguration is told in the three Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In each of those Gospels, the Transfiguration follows Jesus’ first prediction of his death and his teaching about the costs of discipleship. Jesus’ Transfiguration is a promise of Jesus’ glory, his Resurrection.

On a mountain in today’s reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God’s Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus’ baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God’s relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God’s complete Word.

The Transfiguration occurs in the presence of just three of Jesus’ disciples: Peter, James, and John. In Matthew’s Gospel, those disciples are among the first whom Jesus calls. The three men are identified as an “inner circle” among Jesus’ disciples when Jesus asks them to accompany him to the Garden of Gethsemane just before his arrest.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 12:1-4: God promises Abram a great blessing.

2 Timothy 1:8-10: Through God’s grace we are called to holiness.

Matthew 17:1-9: Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.



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

MARCH 2-8

MONDAY

5:30PM Madonna Fuller

TUESDAY– St. Katharine Drexel

5:30PM Anthony V. Sheehan II

WEDNESDAY– St. Casimir

7:00AM Joe Fuesting

THURSDAY

5:30PM Jeff Suerdieck

FRIDAY

8:00AM Margaret Flynn

SATURDAY– Bi-Lingual Mass

8:30AM Special Intention of Pat Genta

SATURDAY -Second Sunday of Lent

4:00PM Ray Collings

SUNDAY– Second Sunday of Lent

8:00AM Joe, Margaret & Richard Behl

10:30AM People of Our Parish

Your Parish & Faith Stewardship Giving at a Glance

523 Registered Families

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



Total Weekly Budget	10,500.00
02/23/20– Parish	14,786.25
Deficit/Surplus for Weeks	+ 4,286.25
Year-To-Date Budget	346,500.00
Year-To-Date Collected	334,816.56
Deficit/Surplus for Year	- 11,683.44

IC CHURCH LOWER LEVEL FLOOR

CFC SOFFITS, GUTTERS, PAINTING

CHURCH, RECTORY PLUMBING & PARKING LOT

Amount Owed:	\$93,635.00
Major Project Funds:	\$ 545.00
Unpaid Balance:	\$53,160.25

St. Casimir:

Wednesday, March 4 at 5:30 pm: Harry & Mary Bell

Saturday, March 7 at 6:00 pm: Danny Robinson

(Lector: Jim Luedke, Servers: Emma Drake & Emerson Risley, Ushers: Jane Jenkins & Jud Cameron, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Jeff Drake & Jodi Hughes)

Collections: \$496.00

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered every Wednesday of Lent at 4:30 pm.

Wednesday, March 11 will begin a new bible study at St. Columcille. We will start a ten session series on the book of Revelation by Ascension Press. The classes will start at 10 am at the parish hall. The workbooks for this class are \$26.95. Any questions? Call Gail Loveall 217-254-4185

Mass at Courtyard Estates will be on Monday, March 16th at 1:30 pm. Please note the date change.

St. Columcille van trip! Father will be taking the IC parish van to Neoga to their high school student's trial performance of Godspell on Wednesday, March 18th. Van will leave from Courtyard Estates at 11:30. Performance begins at 12:30 pm. Call the office to register for a seat in the van.

St. Columcille collection for the Moultrie County Food Pantry will take place next weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

The Saint Columcille Lenten fish fries are scheduled for March 13 and March 27 from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Adult meals are \$8.00, Youth 6-12 are \$3.00, and under 6 are free. Carry outs are available. Join us!

A Lenten Day of Recollection: Seven Daily Habits of Holy, Apostolic People will be held Wednesday March 25th from 8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M. at St. Columcille Church Sullivan. Talks, Eucharistic Exposition, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Lunch, Rosary, Holy Mass- all are invited. Please call parish office to register. **Please note, there will be NO additional evening Mass on March 25th.**

Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 pm each Friday of Lent at St. Columcille.

The Decatur Deanery Council of Catholic Women will meet at St. Mary's Parish in Paris on March 10th. Registration at 9:30 am and meeting will last until approximately 2:00 pm.

Sullivan Prayer List: Michelle Keller, Carole Blasche, Fr. Sohm, Hal Walker, Donna Walker, David Walker, Art Welsh, Gary Smith, Ron and Marylyn Crnich, Toby Howard, Kathy Frier, Kelly Sullivan, Jack Creek, Steve Loveall, Fritz New, Jan May, Sheila Littleton and Rebecca.

A Pilgrim's Progress...

Each year our Gospel on the 1st Sunday of Lent relives for us the forty days and forty nights Our Lord spent in prayer and fasting in the desert at the beginning of his public ministry. All of Christian discipleship calls us to the imitation of Christ. This includes fasting, understood as self-denial for a spiritual reason. Fasting is not a mere diet, beyond a horizontal focus on ourselves and our neighbors (not a bad thing), it's purpose is primarily to draw us closer to Christ. Fr. Ed Broom, an Oblate of the Virgin Mary offers ten considerations for our Lenten fasting via the Catholicexchange.com website:

1. Eat less and receive the Most Holy Eucharist more. "do not work for food that perishes, but for food that endures for eternal life." John 6:27
2. Control your tongue. "we should be slow to speak and quick to listen" James 3
3. Embrace the Heroic Moment. St. Jose Maria Escriva suggests as soon as we hear the alarm clock get up, pray and start the day. The great saints never hit the snooze button
4. Control those wandering eyes. "Blessed are the pure of heart, they will see God." Mat. 5:8
5. Punctuality. Being on time is a sign of respect for others "he who is faithful in small things will be faithful in larger things." Mat. 25:23
6. Listen to others. Allowing others to speak without interrupting and imposing our own ideas is an act of humility.
7. Be thankful rather than complain. "if the only prayer you said in your whole life was Thank You that would suffice."- Meister Eckhart
8. Smile, even if you don't want to. "Joy is the infallible sign of the presence of God." -Pierre Teilhard de Chardin "Rejoice in the Lord, I say it again: rejoice in the Lord." Phil. 4:4
9. Pray even when you do not feel like it. In the Garden of Gethsemane (Lk 22:39-46) as he was sweating blood, Jesus prayed fervently. A set time and place helps us to persevere in prayer.
10. Encouragement. Be a Barnabas, a "son of encouragement." Acts 4:36. The 5th Station invites us to embrace the example of Simon of Cyrene and help others carry their cross. An encouraging word or message, living one of the Spiritual or Corporal works of mercy

All of these practices can be acts of self-denial and help to bring us closer to Christ.

Happy Fasting!

Pax et Bonum, fr john

During Lent, the Knights of Columbus will be leading the Rosary before every Weekend Mass at Immaculate Conception Parish. We are asking for your written prayer intentions that will be offered up, according to God's will, before every recitation. These intentions can be placed into our "Rosary Intentions" Box which that will be located in the church vestibule. The box will have a slot on top and will remain sealed during the entire season of Lent.



With Immaculate Conception:

Fr. John Sohm, Max Rose, Mark Welton, 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, Zale Vincent Walk, Mary Magnotta, Bernie Flood, Lois Neff, Gwen Johnson, Jim Pendell, Tammy Howard, Ralph Vanneste, Joe Hood, Wyatt Edwards, Eddie Sullivan, Alice Farmer, Loretta Tucker, Teresa Miller, Kelly Sullivan, Margie Henning, Elisa Gonzalez, Rex Bill, Madonna Collinsworth, Liz Newton, Richard Barber, Don Clark, Jr., 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

- 3/1 PSR: 9:15AM-CFC
- 3/1 Coffee & Catechesis:9:15AM, CFC
- 3/3 RCIA Class: 6:30 PM, PC
- 3/4 Men’s Prayer Huddle: 5:30 AM. IC Chapel
- 3/4 Spanish Prayer Group: 6:00 PM, PC
- 3/4 Eucharistic Adoration: 7:00 PM-8:00 PM, IC Chapel
- 3/5 Prayer Group: 8:30 AM, PC
- 3/5 Adult Faith Formation Classes: 9:30 AM, PC
- 3/5 Adult Faith Formation Classes: 6:30 PM, PC
- 3/6 24 Hour Adoration Begins: 8:30 AM, IC
- 3/6 KC Fish Fry: 4:30—7:00 PM, KC Hall
- 3/6 Rosary: 6:30 PM, Church
- 3/6 Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM, Church
- 3/7 First Saturday Mass: 8:30 AM, Church
- 3/7 Server Training: 9:30 –11:00 AM, Church



Friday, March 6th First Friday Eucharistic Adoration begins. Lent is a great time to come and spend some time with the Lord. Sign up now.

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

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**

Change for Choices!

Make choices that everyone can live with! Your “change” can help our four area centers (and mobile medical unit) meet the needs of those who too often have been rejected, deceived, and feel like they have nowhere to turn. Please pick up a bottle and be generous in the cause of Life. They may be returned to the basket in church at any time. To volunteer at our Mattoon Choices office please call Shannon at 234-3312.

Join Us!

Lenten Day of Recollection:

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UNIVERSAL LENTEN REGULATIONS

Please take note of the following Lenten regulations:

Abstinence– Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and ALL the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting– Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person’s needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed. *When health and ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.*

To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Every Friday of Lent at I.C.:

KC Fish Fry 4:30—7:00 PM in KC Hall
Rosary at 6:30 PM in Church
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM in Church

Save the Date!

St. Columcille and Immaculate Conception will be taking a chartered bus to the Priestly Ordination in Springfield on Saturday, May 23rd. This will be for the Ordination of Peter Cheneke, among others. The bus will leave from Immaculate Conception at 7:30 AM and from St. Columcille at 7:45 AM. Call the parish office to reserve your seat!

Men's Pray Huddle For Lent

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving are the Spiritual Disciplines and Pillars of the Penitential Season of Lent. **The Men's Prayer Huddle is 5:30-6:30 AM Every Wednesday in the chapel at IC. It offers Adoration, Morning Prayer and Fellowship. Confession and Daily Mass follow.** Let this Lent bring spiritual growth with lasting effects that that will impact you and your neighbor.

Readings for the Week of March 1, 2020

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

2019 IC ACSA

This Year's Goal:	\$ 72,369.00
Gifts Thus Far:	\$ 40,881.00
% of Participation:	41%

PEACE MEAL DELIVERY

If you can give 1 hour of one day during the week of **March 9-13** to help with the Peace Meal delivery, please sign the calendar located on the bulletin board in the back of church.

Thank You!

Upcoming Natural Family Planning Classes:

**Saturday, March 7th 9:00—10:30 AM
at St. Anthony, Effingham.**

To register, please call or text Kate Pruemmer, FCP at 217-821-1840 or email her at kpruemmer@gmail.com

Catholic Charities of Coles, Douglas and Edgar Counties:

Catholic Charities served a record number of individuals in 2019. 7,405 received food assistance through our food pantry, mobile food runs, or deliveries to Humboldt TLC. Clothing was given to 2,661 with a value of over \$23,000. We helped 830 with needed housewares and 34 new babies received a Blessed Baby package of new clothing, formula, lotion, diapers, etc. Medical equipment was loaned and furniture was given to 2,371 individuals for a total value of \$28,097. Our MedAssist program for long term medications now also includes help with immediate medications. We work as advocates to obtain the long term meds, but for the immediate meds, we helped with \$2,868 worth of meds. 590 students received backpacks of new school supplies and 72 TI-84 calculators were donated to Mattoon High School for student use. Approximately 50 individuals were helped with free legal advice. We were blessed with over 10,000 volunteer hours and over 31,700 customers shopped in our resale store! We want to thank everyone that helped to make 2019 a successful year for us!" **A collection will be taken next weekend for the good works of Catholic Charities.**

Thank you to all who worked so hard to make our Knights of Columbus Casino night a success! Please support our generous sponsors!

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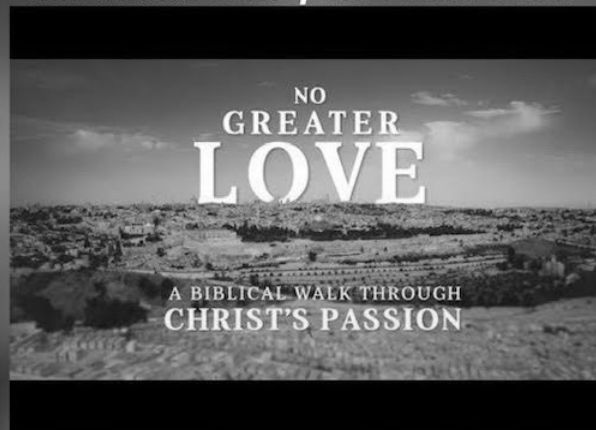
Our Sorrowful Mothers Ministry Vandalia, IL

**Upcoming Lenten Retreat
March 27-29**

**Fr. Elias Mills will present on
"The Four Last Things"**

Details can be found at www.osmm.org

**Thursdays @ 9:30 AM
March 12, 19 & 26 and April 2
Immaculate Conception Parish Center**



**Join us for this biblical pilgrimage
that reveals Christ's amazing love for us.
Free! No workbook required.**

Be ready for the grace of Holy Week! No Need to pre-register. Come, join us!

Immaculate Conception Altar Server Training



New Altar Servers must attend and complete 3 of the 4 Saturday trainings in order to be added to future Altar Server Schedules. All current servers should attend at least 1 training. Any child who has received the Sacrament of First Communion may attend.

Saturday Training Schedule:

February 22 @ 9:30-11:00 AM
February 29 @ 9:30-11:00 AM
March 7 @ 9:30-11:00 AM
March 14 @ 9:30-11:00 AM

All trainings will be in Immaculate Conception Church.



Visions of Our Future

Fulton Sheen's Plan for a Great America

Dr. Peter Howard of the Fulton Sheen Institute presents Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen's teaching on the true meaning of freedom, the critical role of the Holy Eucharist, and how our nation's special relationship with the Blessed Mother strengthens our hope for the future. **Sunday March 8th from 6 –9 PM, at Immaculate Conception Parish Center. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free with snacks and drinks provided.**