

Immaculate Conception, Mattoon

St. Columcille, Sullivan

March 22, 2020



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

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

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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



“The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.”

John 9:1-41

Prepare For Next Sunday’s Readings

In next Sunday’s Gospel, (March 29), for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, today’s Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John’s Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today’s reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life. The Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin’s power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 37:12-14: God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

Romans 8:8-11: The Spirit of God dwells in you.

John 11:1-45: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Readings for the Week of March 22, 2020

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

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Total Weekly Budget	10,500.00
03/15/20– Parish	6,481.26
Deficit/Surplus for Weeks	- 4,018.74
Year-To-Date Budget	378,000.00
Year-To-Date Collected	<u>362,295.14</u>
Deficit/Surplus for Year	- 15,704.86

IC CHURCH LOWER LEVEL FLOOR

CFC SOFFITS, GUTTERS, PAINTING

CHURCH, RECTORY PLUMBING & PARKING LOT

Amount Owed:	\$93,635.00
Major Project Funds:	\$ 1,115.00
Unpaid Balance:	\$49,910.25



Thank You to those who continue to mail in their contribution envelopes. During these trying times, perhaps you might be interested in our On-Line Giving program. It’s easy! Just go to our parish website mattoonimmaculateconception.org, click on the Give link (upper right) and then click on the Create New Account link. Simply follow the prompts to set up your account. Now you can relax in knowing that you’ve fulfilled your stewardship commitments, even when you are unable to attend church.

Bishop Paprocki Announces Fast from the Eucharist and asks all Priests to Celebrate Mass

"Sine Populd' My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, The current circumstances surrounding the Novel Coronavirus are truly remarkable and unprecedented, certainly in our lifetime. As Christians, we have concern for the physical health of our families, friends, and neighbors, and we also have concerns and obligations to pray and fast on behalf of all of those impacted by this pandemic. The virus appears to present serious health risk to those who happen to be among the most vulnerable—the elderly and those with compromised immune systems. Our Lord Jesus Christ called us to a particular concern for such brothers and sisters, when he said: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40) It is specifically with those most vulnerable among us in mind that I am calling for a great sacrifice in our diocese. In addition to changes announced to date, I am asking our entire diocesan community to engage together in a fast from the Eucharistic for the sake of the physical and spiritual healing of all those in our diocese, nation, and world. Prior to his election as Pope Benedict XVI, Cardinal Ratzinger wrote, while he was Prefect for the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, "Since apostolic times, no doubt, the fast from the Eucharist on Good Friday was a part of the Church's spirituality of communion. This renunciation of communion on one of the most sacred days of the Church's year was a particularly profound way of sharing in the Lord's Passion; it was the Bride's mourning for the lost Bridegroom (cf. Mk 2:20). Today too, I think, fasting from the Eucharist, really taken seriously and entered into ... could lead to a deepening of personal relationship with the Lord in the sacrament."¹ As dioceses around the country are cancelling public masses in order to help stem the spread of the Coronavirus, in our Diocese, I am encouraging us to embrace this moment as a spiritual fast, as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI described. During this period of fasting from the Eucharistic, we will refrain from any public celebration of the Mass or any public service, in which the Blessed Sacrament is distributed. Also, during this time, I ask the priests of our diocese to celebrate the mass "sine populo," that is, without a congregation, privately in their churches, during hours when the churches are closed. This includes all weekdays and Sundays, effective March 18th, 2020, continuing through the Easter Vigil and ongoing until further notice. Masses celebrated by priests sine populo at the Cathedral will be streamed live via the diocesan Facebook page, and I encourage all the faithful to watch one of these masses or one of the many other live masses on EWTN, Word on Fire with Bishop Barron, and other outlets. In place of receiving the Blessed Sacrament, I encourage the faithful to make a spiritual communion. I ask our local Church to embrace this spiritual sacrifice together, with the intention of an end to the spread of the Coronavirus, for the healing of those afflicted by it, and for strength for those who are providing care for the afflicted. I also pray that this Eucharistic fast will draw us closer to our Lord and cultivate a hunger and new appreciation for the Blessed Sacrament.

~ Most Reverend Thomas John Paprocki

LITURGICAL AND FAITH LIFE CHANGES DUE TO CORONAVIRUS IN THE DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

Given the unprecedented developments related to the Novel Coronavirus, our shared faith life in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is undergoing significant change. As Christians, we embrace these changes as a spiritual sacrifice on behalf of all those affected by the virus, especially in light of the particular risk posed to some of the most vulnerable among us. During this remarkable time, when many of the liturgies and public practices of the faith are on hold, Bishop Paprocki has asked us to increase, rather than decrease our prayer and fasting, in solidarity with our brothers and sisters locally, nationally, and worldwide. Below is a summary of the changes and guidelines for changes in our shared faith life. These changes, unless otherwise noted, remain in effect until further notice. It is simply not possible, at this point, to predict when public gatherings will once again be allowed.

Masses

In response to Bishop Paprocki's call for a diocesan fast from the Eucharist, effective March 18, 2020 and until further notice, the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has replaced all public Masses and liturgical celebrations with private Masses, celebrated by priests "*sine populo*," that is, with no congregation physically present. The Catholic faithful are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.

During this time, the faithful are encouraged to pray with the scripture readings of the Mass, which can be found [here](#), and watch the mass on EWTN or on one of the local, private Masses being streamed live by one of our priests. In place of reception of the Blessed Sacrament, the faithful are encouraged to make a [spiritual communion](#), pray the rosary, and to [pray this particular prayer](#) for the end to the spread of the Coronavirus, the healing of those afflicted, and strength for those caring for the sick.

Confirmations and First Communion Masses Cancelled, New Schedule to be Established

All Confirmations and First Holy Communions in the Diocese of Springfield are cancelled through December, 2020.

Given the number of Confirmations and First Holy Communions on the schedule for the next several weeks, an entirely new schedule will need to be built for the year. Further, it is not possible even to begin planning for rescheduling until there is clarity on when public gatherings will be allowed to resume. So, the entire schedule is being withdrawn, and it will be rebuilt as soon as we have clarity on how long large gatherings of people are to be suspended.

We understand that the postponement of these sacraments of initiation is deeply disappointing to all involved. We also appreciate the desire for clarity on the rescheduling, but it simply will not be possible to work it out at least for several weeks. We beg for patience as this is sorted out, as all those involved are doing the best they can in times of uncertainty and unprecedented change and disruption.

Last, all students who have prepared for Confirmation will not be required to re-do their course work and other preparation.

RCIA

Initiation into the Church will not be possible during the Easter Vigil this year. Instead, the Rite of Initiation will be rescheduled to another time this year, outside the Easter Vigil, when it is safe to resume regular public gatherings.

Weddings

Regrettably, government guidelines and mandates regarding gatherings of any kind will impact most weddings. It may be possible to celebrate a private wedding mass, in keeping with the government restrictions regarding crowd size, and reschedule the reception at a later date. If you have a wedding scheduled within the next several weeks, we encourage you to contact your parish directly. It is unclear how long restrictions will remain in place. This will make it nearly impossible to reschedule concrete dates at this point. Please recognize that pastors and parish staff are doing their best in this difficult time.

Funerals

Private funerals will continue to be offered, limited to the immediate family only, in keeping with the government restrictions regarding crowd size, with the option to schedule a public Memorial Mass at a future date. The specific dates and scheduling of Memorial Masses will not be possible at this time, given the indefinite period of restrictions on public gatherings. Please contact your parish to schedule a Mass of Christian Burial and discuss these matters with your pastor.

Baptisms

Baptisms may still be celebrated but must be celebrated privately and limited to immediate family and godparents only.

Anointing of the Sick

Clergy remain committed to caring for the sacramental needs of the faithful, especially in a time of concern. Please remember that, at this time, the Anointing of the Sick is reserved primarily for those in danger of death. Please call your parish office to request the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Non-Sacramental Parish Activities

All non-sacramental parish activities are cancelled across the diocese, until further notice.

Church Buildings Open for Private Prayer

While we encourage the faithful to adhere to guidelines of social distancing and avoidance of public spaces, etc., we also acknowledge the importance of prayer at this time. Our churches will generally remain open during normally scheduled hours for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Please confirm hours and availability via your parish website. Also, anyone who is sick or believes he or she may have come into contact with the virus is to remain home, and anyone visiting a Church or any other public place for prayer is strongly encouraged to follow [CDC guidelines](#) for prevention and hygiene.

Confessions

While communal penance services are cancelled, individual Confessions remain available. Confessions will be heard either behind the screen or face to face with a minimum of six-foot physical separation. Please refer to your parish website for schedules and specific details. Anyone in need of confession who is sick or believes he or she may have come into contact with the virus should contact the parish office for a private visit with a priest. Further, just as with visiting churches during this time, anyone visiting a church for the Sacrament of Reconciliation is strongly encouraged to follow [CDC guidelines](#) for prevention and hygiene.

Parish Support

Amid the many concerns currently facing us, please also remember that your parish depends on your generosity and support. With the cancellation of masses, our parishes have lost offertory collections that are essential to pay staff and bills for the maintenance of our churches. Please visit your parish website and consider making your offertory gift online during this unprecedented time.

Support for those in Need

Many people will suffer disruption, health challenges, and economic hardship during this time. The faithful are encouraged to support Catholic Charities and/or their parish St. Vincent DePaul Society or other charitable groups.



With Immaculate Conception:

Fr. John Sohm, Max Rose, Mark Welton, Molly Grady, Michael Grady, Jacob Kirts, Joyce McCoy, Angie Fox, Addison Graham, 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, Wyatt Edwards, Eddie Sullivan, Alice Farmer, Loretta Tucker, Teresa Miller, Kelly Sullivan, Margie Henning, Elisa Gonzalez, Rex Bill, Madonna Collinsworth, Liz Newton, Richard Barber, Judy Smith, 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.

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, Sheila Littleton and Rebecca.

A Spiritual Communion

For those unable to share in the Holy Eucharist the Church recommends praying:

An Act of Spiritual Communion

**My Jesus, I believe that You
Are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
And I desire to receive You in my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You
sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite
myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be
separated from You. Amen**

ALL CANCELLATIONS!

- PSR and Coffee/Catechesis, Fish Frys & Bingo*
- Women's Prayer Group, Parish Easter Egg Hunt*
- Brookstone Rosary– March 24*
- Day of Recollection– March 25*
- Our Sorrowful Mother's Lenten Retreat*
- All Fundraisers– Catholic Charities– 3/28*
- Lenten Penance Service– April 5*
- Ordination Bus Trip– May 23*
- Server's White Sox Ball Game– June 11*

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son,
Jesus. Amen.

--- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTACT PEOPLE

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Finance Council			
Pat Dust	235-4279		
Pastoral Council		Communion To The Sick/Homebound	
Todd Farris	273-0502	Debbie Reinhart	234-3439
Golden Hearts		24 Hour Eucharistic Exposition	
Madelaine Masse	294-1885		
Knights of Columbus/Squires		St. Vincent de Paul Society	
Matt England	433-6832	Cheryl Smith	258-NEED
Ladies Guild		Social Committee	
Betty Brandvold		Tim Knepple	273-8991
We Care Ministry			
Denise Cooling	254-7300		
Liturgical Roles		Scriptural Prayer Group	
Deacon Gene	235-2189	Judy Rawlings	235-3846
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