

# Immaculate Conception, Mattoon

## St. Columcille, Sullivan

### March 29, 2020



The new tabernacle at St. Columcille was previously in storage at IC and used one night a year on Holy Thursday for IC's Eucharistic Adoration. The tabernacle we had been using at St. Columcille will now be used for Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration at St C. Thank you to Henry Unkraut of IC for crafting a beautiful tabernacle to be used at IC for the Holy Thursday Eucharistic Adoration. I pray these beautiful gifts will help to inspire a deeper reverence for the presence of our Eucharistic Lord. –fr john



**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH**

Mattoon, Illinois

**ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH**

Sullivan, Illinois

**MARCH 29, 2020**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



**“I am the resurrection and the life.”**

**John 11:1-45**

**Prepare For Next Sunday’s Readings**

*In next Sunday’s Gospel, (April 5), Palm Sunday, today we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Today’s liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.*

*The events of Jesus’ Passion are proclaimed in their entirety in today’s Liturgy of the Word. Those events will be proclaimed again when we celebrate the liturgies of the Triduum—Holy Thursday’s Mass of the Lord’s Supper, the Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion, and the Easter Vigil. In communities that celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation with catechumens, these liturgies take on special importance because they invite the catechumens and the community to enter together into the central mysteries of our faith. These days are indeed profound and holy.*

*We find reflections of ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus’ darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross.*



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

**MARCH 30-APRIL 5**

**MONDAY**

**Richard Busbey**

**TUESDAY**

**Jim Johnson**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Fr. Dennis Kollross**

**THURSDAY– St. Francis of Paola**

**Carolyn Suerdieck**

**FRIDAY**

**Gary Roytek**

**SATURDAY– St. Isidore**

**Fr. William P. Welsh & Wayne/Madonna Fuller**

**SUNDAY– PALM SUNDAY**

**Mike Boehl**

**People of Our Parish**

*Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven. The events of Jesus’ Passion, death, and Resurrection are called the Paschal Mystery. No amount of study will exhaust or explain the depth of love that Jesus showed in offering this sacrifice for us. After we have examined and studied the stories we have received about these events, we are left with one final task—to meditate on these events and on the forgiveness that Jesus’ obedience won for us.*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Isaiah 50:4-7: The Lord’s Servant will stand firm, even when persecuted.**

**Philippians 2:6-11: Christ was obedient even to death, and God has exalted him.**

**Matthew 26:14-27:66: Jesus is crucified, and his body is placed in the tomb.**

**Readings for the Week of March 29, 2020**

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42





## A Pilgrim's Progress...

Whether you are reading the hard copy of this bulletin or online, thank you for your perseverance and prayers. Together we will continue to navigate the spiritual, physical and mental challenges of our current situation.

Our parish is making every effort to stay in communication with the most vulnerable around us. As much as permitted I am continuing hospital visits, sick calls, and appointments. While all non-sacramental parish activities are on hold our parish churches remain open during the day. Everyone is encouraged to take time to come and pray in the Eucharistic presence of the Lord who waits for us in the tabernacle. Please continue to use common sense and appropriate "social distancing." I am celebrating by Bishop's direction a "private mass" each morning before unlocking the church. While we know every mass is offered for all the living and deceased, I am offering mass for the mass intentions that have been previously scheduled for each day in our parishes. If you would like to reschedule a mass you have requested please call the parish office.

These masses are being recorded each day and then are available for viewing online typically by 8:00 A.M. They are available on the Facebook and website for each parish. They are also on youtube.com and searching for john titus. From time to time there will also be videos directed to our students.

I will continue to offer the opportunity for individual confessions during what would be our regular mass times in both parishes each day.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for our youth throughout the diocese has been postponed until 2021. The Easter Triduum will not be celebrated as public liturgies this year. Please pray along at home during the times these liturgies are being celebrated in our parish churches and know that they will be recorded and broadcast 2-3 hours after their scheduled start times. On a more mundane level I have decided to postpone the new parking lot project at Immaculate Conception and cancel our parish bus trip outing to the priesthood ordination May 23rd and the server outing to the White Sox game June 11th. Hopefully such postponements and cancellations will soon be a thing of the past. I am also adjusting various contractual services our parishes receive and reviewing every possible way we can reduce expenses.

Our parish staff is striving to keep up to date information available via the internet. The diocese website has frequent updates at [www.dio.org/coronavirus](http://www.dio.org/coronavirus)

As I mentioned at mass two Sundays ago, I have been praying frequently for and with Fr. James Dunne who is buried in IC's Calvary Cemetery. He was a young Irish priest who came to serve our parish before WWI. He served briefly as a military chaplain and returned to Mattoon dying on December 7, 1918 from the Spanish Influenza worldwide epidemic. I am sure Fr. Dunne understands the challenges our community and our world are experiencing right now and is interceding for us.

Together let us continue to embrace those virtues St. Paul recommended to the Church in Corinth. With patience, kindness, humility, truth, trust, hope (and common sense) we can continue to journey towards Easter and all that God has planned for us.

Wash your hands and say your prayers,

Pax et Bonum, fr john

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### St. Columcille Mass Intentions:

**Wednesday, April 1st:** 2019 Confirmation and First Communion Class

**Saturday, April 4th:** Danny Robinson

**Thank you to those that have continued to mail in your contribution envelopes. For those that are interested, we also have an online giving option at St. Columcille!**

**Just go to our parish website at [www.stcolumcillesullivan.org](http://www.stcolumcillesullivan.org), once there click the "Give" button for options including credit and debit card giving! Please be assured that the "Give Now" option really does go straight to St. Columcille!**

**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.

## 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, 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 for the end to the spread of the Coronavirus, the healing of those afflicted, and strength for those caring for the sick.**

### 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,

### 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.

### Baptisms

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

### Anointing of the Sick

Please remember that, at this time, the Anointing of the Sick is reserved primarily for those in danger of death. Please call the 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 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.. 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.

## **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, St. Vincent DePaul Society, the Haven or local food pantries.



**Confirmation and First Holy Communion scheduled for this fall for St. Columille and Immaculate Conception will be rescheduled for 2021. Families will be notified when we have a new date.**

*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](http://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.*



**What about the Holy Triduum? Father will be offering these privately then uploading them to our websites and his youtube channel approximately 2 hours after he completes them.**

Holy Thursday: Father will celebrate at 5:00 pm, look for it after 7:00 pm  
Good Friday: Father will celebrate at 3:00 pm, look for it after 5:00 pm  
Easter Vigil: Father will celebrate at 8:00 pm, look for it after 10:00 pm  
Easter Sunday: Father will celebrate at 8:00 am, look for it after 10:00 am

**Please note, during these Liturgies the Church will remain locked.  
Please Pray along at home!**





### 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, Dennis James, 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.*

### 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  
All Fundraisers– Catholic Charities– 3/28  
Lenten Penance Service– April 5  
24 Hour Adoration for April  
Ordination Bus Trip– May 23  
Server's White Sox Ball Game– June 11*

## FIRST SATURDAY 24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AT IC

Will not be held this month. Church will remain open Friday evening April 3rd until 7:00 P.M. and re-open about 7 A.M. Saturday. As always you are invited to come and pray before our Eucharistic Lord in the tabernacle at all hours the church is open. Our First Saturday bi-lingual mass will be available via youtube.com, facebook, and on our parish websites approximately 8:00 A.M. Saturday A.M. Confessions will be heard from 7:30 A.M.- 9:00 A.M.

To fulfill Our Lady's request at Fatima as much as possible please continue to offer a daily Holy Rosary for peace in our world, receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation shortly before or after First Saturday, meditate for 15 minutes on one or more of the mysteries of the Holy Rosary, and strive to live our daily duties out of love dedicating everything to God.

**Father John has created a youtube channel!**

**You can view his videos from either Immaculate Conception's or St. Columcille's websites ([mattoonimmaculateconception.org](http://mattoonimmaculateconception.org) or [stcolumcillesullivan.org](http://stcolumcillesullivan.org)) by clicking "watch online" Additionally, search youtube for John Titus. Find him online and subscribe, no account needed!**

### Seven Daily Habits of Holy Apostolic People

While we have had to postpone our day of recollection until a time when more will be able to attend these practices are ones that we need to be incorporating into our lives right now. During the apparitions of Our Lady to the children at Fatima, she encouraged a Holy Rosary prayed each day for the intention of peace in the world. How different our world might be today if more of us embraced this request. Ven. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen made a Eucharistic holy hour every day of his priesthood. He insisted anything good he was a part of grew out of the graces of this prayer. What better time for us to embrace this practice in our own lives?

**The Booklet, Seven Daily Habits of Holy Apostolic People is available in Church. Please use this as a reference for Prayers, etc.**

## The Seven Daily Habits are:

I) Morning Prayer: Why not begin your day with the Morning Offering?

II) Let's keep our days focused on Christ by praying the Angelus morning, noon, and evening. Traditionally 6 A.M. (yes there is a 6:00 in the morning), Noon, and 6 P.M. During the Easter season the Regina Coeli is prayed.

III) The Holy Rosary

IV) Silent Prayer : "Be still and know that I am God." –Psalm 46:10,  
"Give God 20 minutes of silence a day." – Ven. Fulton Sheen

v) Scripture and Spiritual Reading: Daily Mass readings are on the Bishop's website [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and the Laudate ap

VI) Holy Mass and the Holy Eucharist "The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." CCC 1324

At this time when much of the world is experiencing an involuntary fast from the Holy Eucharist we are encouraged to watch broadcast masses and come to church to make a holy hour in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle.

VII) Nightly Examination of Conscience

G Gratitude to God for the blessings of the day

R Request for God's light

A Account of our actions and attitudes

C Charting a course/ Make a resolution for tomorrow

E Entreat God for Grace: energy and enlightenment