Immaculate Conception, Mattoon

St. Columcille, Sullivan

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: August 7, 2022

Thanks to your generosity, we have met our $25,000. Match goal! Thank you!

WOW!
AMAZING!
BRAVO!

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to all who helped or contributed to the St. Mary House Breakfast fundraiser! We are overwhelmed and humbled by the very generous response of time, talent and treasure! Thanks to your generosity we were able to raise over $14,000 for the house and its mission of helping Moms and Kids!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
Mattoon, Illinois

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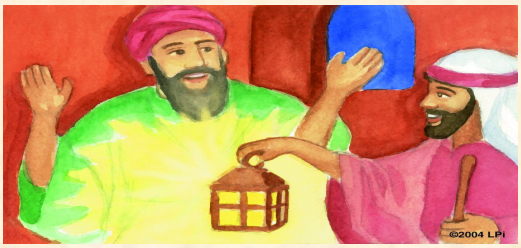
AUGUST 7, 2022

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"You also must be prepared."

Luke 12:32-48

Prepare For Next Sunday's Readings

Next Sunday, having reminded the apostles and the crowd that facing the coming judgment takes patience, Jesus now goes on to speak of how difficult it will be to wait. He tells them that he has come to set the earth on fire. Peace is the ultimate end of the Kingdom of God, but peace has a price. Jesus is warning the crowd that wherever the Word of God is heard and acted upon, division occurs. Fathers will be divided against sons and mothers against daughters. A commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. It is good to be reminded once in a while that the decision to do the right thing, the good thing, is not always easy and without conflict. Jesus himself did not make easy decisions and avoid conflict. He reminds his followers to be prepared for difficult decisions and conflict as well.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10: ***Jeremiah is punished for criticizing the wealthy for their corruption and their injustice to the poor.***

Hebrews 12:1-4: ***Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus.***

Luke 12:49-53: ***Jesus has come not only to bring peace but also division.***

MASS INTENTIONS
Immaculate Conception

AUGUST 8-14

MONDAY– St. Dominic
7:00AM– Peggy McGrath
TUESDAY– St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
5:30PM– Wayne & Madonna Fuller
WEDNESDAY– St. Lawrence
7:00AM- Bob Esker
THURSDAY– St. Clare
5:30PM– Tony Sheehan
FRIDAY– St. Jane Frances de Chantal
7:00AM– Eileen Simon
SATURDAY– 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil
4:00PM- Tony Sheehan
SUNDAY– 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM– The Behl Family/Fr. McGivney Mass
10:30AM– Charlie Scott
5:00PM- People of Our Parish

Readings for the Week of August 7, 2022

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 19:13-15

OUR GIVING

483 Registered Families

Fiscal Year– July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Weekly Budget	**11,500.00**
07/31/22– Parish	9,913.00
07/31/22– Major Projects Fund	270.00
Deficit/Surplus for Weeks	**- 1,587.00**
Year-To-Date Budget	57,500.00
Year-To-Date Collected	52,216.75
Deficit/Surplus for Year	**- 5,283.25**

A Pilgrim's Progress…..

As the bell tower of IC Church rang out the Salve Regina at 8 PM Friday evening July 29th it was a perfect Alleluia and Amen as two friends and I pulled into the rectory drive ending five days of pilgrimage to some prayerful sites in our American Midwest. We began the previous Sunday with a prayer at the tomb of Servant of God Bishop Simon Brute at the old Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier in Vincennes, Indiana. Bishop Brute's story is one of faith and heroism. After navigating the ravages of the French Revolution his U.S. pioneer diocese included for a time what is now Mattoon and Sullivan.

Other stops on our journey included what I have long considered the most beautiful church in the U.S., the Cathedral of the Assumption in Covington, Ky. And then: Mother of God Church, Covington; St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Immaculata (with her 100+ outdoor steps rosary climb on Mt. Adams), Old St. Mary's for Exposition, and the chapel of Mt. St. Mary Seminary, all in Cincy. Next: The Basilica of St. Mary in Marietta, prayed outside the shuttered Cathedral in Steubenville and the university chapel and replica of the Portiuncula on campus at Franciscan University. "Just happened" to "run into" Michael Kuznicki, a former 5th grade PSR student of mine at St. Charles and recent graduate of Rose Hulman in Terre Haute, now working at Franciscan, stopping in for Exposition at St. Peter Church in Steubenville.

Pittsburgh stops included St. Paul's Cathedral, seeing the replica of the Holy Steps and site of the relics at Old St. Patricks, the relic chapel at St. Anthony, and making a stop at St. Nicholas Croatian Church. A quick trip over to St. Joseph Cathedral in Wheeling, W. Va. was followed by a stop for prayer at St Peter Church in Mansfield and then St. Peter Church in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. A highlight of the pilgrimage was a stop at the Cathedral of Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary in Toledo, Ohio (a new favorite!). It offers unrivaled beauty and peacefulness. Don't miss an opportunity to visit here.

A stop by Hillsdale College in Michigan provided the opportunity to say a quick hello to Grace Mauck Lucchetti, who works on campus. Grace and husband Frank were married at IC in January. After a stop at Hillsdale's St. Anthony parish it was off to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and museum in Fort Wayne, IN. It's unique window of the wedding feast at Cana is the only one I have ever seen showing the couple and servers enjoying glasses of wine. A stop by St. Mary Cathedral in Lafayette, IN. then pointed us toward home. A brief prayer and visit at the site of Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison's victory at the Battle of Tippecanoe (11-7-1811) and some delicious frog legs near Covington made the week complete.

If you have read this far then know that you were prayed for during this pilgrimage. I prayed especially for the benefactors, workers, and all the women and children who will be welcomed to our St. Mary House of Hospitality. This pilgrimage was a perfect example of how devotion to Our Lady leads us a greater love for her son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. One doesn't have to travel far to experience beautiful churches built to honor God and his saints. The faith and the sacrifice that built these magnificent churches built them for the ages. It is a testimony to the Glory of God and helps us to appreciate all that is good, and true, and beautiful.

Deo Vindice, Sail On! fr john

<u>Please Note:</u>
Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy Day will be:

7:00 AM & Noon at Immaculate Conception

5:30 PM at St. Columcille

Please continue to save your Change for Choices!

Catholic Radio for Mattoon
102.5 FM

St. Columcille:
St. Lawrence, Deacon &Martyr
Wed., Aug. 10th at 5:30 pm: Hal Walker

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil
Sat. Aug. 13th at 6:00 pm: Tom & Peggy Howen

Fr. Sohm Update: Fr. Sohm has settled into his new home at Aspen Creek. Cards may be mailed to Fr. John Sohm, Aspen Creek, 411 N. West Street, Sullivan, IL

NEXT weekend will be our monthly Rosary for Life! Join us before Mass!

St. Columcille will be hosting a blood drive on August 15th from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM through Impact Life, the local blood provider for our area. Appointments can be made by calling 1-800-747– 5401 or at www.bloodcenter.org

Mass at St. Columcille for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy Day will be on August 15th at 5:30 PM.

Sullivan Prayer List: Steve Loveall, Cole Shelton, The Ellis Family, Van Anderson, 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.

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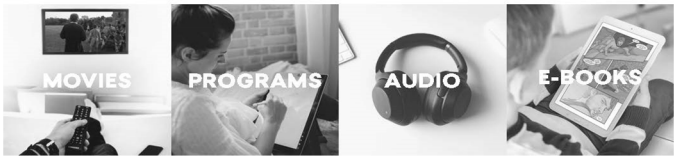

Immaculate Conception Calendar of Events:

Sun., Aug. 7: Coffee & Doughnuts on the Plaza after 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses
Sun., Aug. 7: K of C Family Picnic at Coffman's starting at 2:00 PM
Mon., Aug. 8: K of C Meeting at 7:00 PM in KC Hall
Wed., Aug. 10: Adoration from 5:30—6:30 AM & 7:00 –8:00 PM
Wed., Aug. 10: Rosary at Brookstone South, Mattoon at 10:00 AM
Thurs., Aug. 11: KC Bingo at 6:00 PM in KC Hall
Sat., Aug. 13: Pool Party at Lytle Pool from 8:00 PM—10:00 PM
Sun., Aug. 14: Ice Cream Social on Church Lawn at 6:30 PM

Immaculate Conception and St. Columcille Family Pool Night

Saturday, August 13,
8-10 PM
Lytle Pool, Mattoon
All parishioners invited for a free night of fun!

Ice Cream Social & Summer Strings, featuring Fr. Seth Brown on the viola!

Sunday, August 14th
6:30 PM
Join us at the corner of 21st & Richmond. Please bring lawn chairs or blankets.

Natural Family Planning Classes:

Friday, August 12th 6:30-8:00pm
online

To register call or text Kate Pruemer at 217 -821-1840 or email: kpruemer@gmail.com

PEACE MEAL DELIVERY:

Immaculate Conception will be delivering Peace Meal the week of August 22-26. If you can give 1 hour of one day please sign the calendar located on the bulletin board in the back of Church.
Thank you!

Rosary at Brookstone South, Mattoon on Wednesday, August 10th at 10:00 AM. Join us!

Please Note:

You are invited to an Open House to celebrate the life of Del Willison. Many knew Del as a Teacher, Mentor, and Friend and were impacted within his nearly 60 years of teaching and mentoring.
The Open House will be held at our Parish Center on Thursday, August 11th from 4 - 7 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Del Willison Scholarship at the Open House or by calling the MCUSD#2 Administrative Service Center at 217-238-8800.
To submit stories, memories, tributes, and/or photos for a slideshow please email to jessicaclosson@mcusd2.com

Attention all Ladies:

SDCCW invites all women of diocese to convention in Mattoon - The Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (SDCCW) are inviting all women of the diocese to their 93rd annual convention called "Women of the Bible" on **Wed. Sept. 28 at Immaculate Conception Parish in Mattoon . It takes place from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** The program starts at 9 a.m. with Mass by Bishop Paprocki at 11 a.m. The speakers are Dr. Dee Stern a grief therapist and chaplain at St. John's Hospital in Springfield. Dr. Stern, who recently authored the book "Comforting the bereaved through listening and positive responding: What are the bereaved trying to tell us?" will give a talk titled "Comparing their grief to how women grieve today." Patty Winn, a character of true faith and grit, will use her talents to portray historical and biblical characters and present "Women at the well." Women of all ages are welcome to attend the convention which seeks to enhance, enrich, and renew family life with the beauty and riches that God planned for it from the time of creation. The cost is $50 and includes breakfast and lunch. Registration is due by Sept. 7. Make checks payable to SDCCW and mail the payment to Jody Secondino-Crandell, 12872 N. 1900th St., Paris, IL 61944. For more information, contact Jody at or call 812-208-4293. **Ladies, we are praying for a large turnout from our parishioners! Registration forms are available on the table in the back of Church.**

We offer our sympathies to the family of Marjorie Peel of our parish family.

Eternal rest **grant unto them**, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

St. Mary House Updates:

Beginning on Friday September 9th the goal of our St. Mary House Board is to have volunteers scheduled to be "On the House." Our goal is for every day of the week to be divided into three hour "shifts." From 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., and 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Ideally volunteers would sign up for a regular "shift" on a weekly or monthly basis.

Volunteers are not baby sitters, cooks, dishwashers, or uber drivers. The role is to provide a presence from the community to our guests. "On the House" volunteers often get to know our guests and help them move forward in their lives by sharing their own witness and life experience. They can provide a friendly smile and a listening ear. Sometimes families serve "On the House" together. They might initiate an afternoon of board games or playing at the school playground. There could be an early evening movie and popcorn.

Each guest will also have a contact person with whom they establish short and long term goals and a plan for moving out of the House and on with their lives. Adult "On the House" volunteers are expected to complete a Protecting God's Children training and background check.

If you are interested in serving as an "On the House" volunteer please call or email the IC parish office. An orientation will be held at the end of August.

Immaculate Conception:
Fr. John Sohm, Alice Farmer, Ginger Douglas, Vicki Kull, Madonna Collinsworth, Marianna Sparks, Hilary Smith, Colt, Bryce Summary, Eleanor Rentschler, Maggie Kirts, Linda Sullivan, Sally Wolff, 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, Mary O'Dell, Ruby Anne Kovack, Kent Metzger, Chris Bugle, Michael Grady, Angie Fox, Addison Graham, Wesco Family, Sara Clayhorn, Mark Buran, Ann Clark, Louise Farrell, Wendy Carter, Virginia Kastl, Edna Probst, Rich Fafara, Margie Henning, Karl Rabe, Sheila Rosine, Betty Bailey, Max Ohm, Zale Vincent Walk, Mary Magnotta, Lois Neff, Jim Pendell, Tammy Howard, Ralph Vanneste, Wyatt Edwards, Eddie Sullivan, 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.

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.

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

Knights of Columbus

Bingo will be held on August 11 and 25 at 6:00 PM in the KC Hall.

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be August 8th at 7:00 PM in the KC Hall.

Our next Knights of Columbus blood drive will take place on Sunday , August 21st from 9:00 AM –1:30 PM in our Parish Center.

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross and Fr. Peter Harman

This Tuesday, August 9th, we keep the optional memorial of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (a.k.a. Edith Stein). St. Teresa Benedicta was born in Germany in 1891, the youngest of ten children in her Orthodox Jewish family. After "flirting" with atheism, this brilliant philosopher became a Catholic at age 30 and entered a discalced Carmelite convent 4 years later. When things got dangerous in Nazi Germany she transferred to a Carmel in Holland. After Nazis took control there she was sent to the Auschwitz death camp and died in 1942. She was canonized as a martyr and her life bears witness to her fidelity to the Cross which lies at the center of every authentically lived life. St. Teresa saw the Cross as a unifying force in her identity as a "Jewish-Catholic" woman of faith.

On August 10th, Fr Peter Harman begins his new assignment as Pastor of St. Anthony in Effingham. I was in Rome with a group from our diocese, primarily to attend the diaconate ordination of Fr. Peter in October of 1998 when Edith Stein was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II. I was grateful to attend her canonization as well.

I had known Fr. Peter since his days as a grade school paper boy, faithfully delivering the Quincy Herald Whig. He grew up at St. John the Baptist parish in Quincy where friends of mine belonged. Fr. Peter spent the summer at my parish in Sigel after completing college seminary at St. Meinrad and before studying theology at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. After priesthood ordination in 1999 Fr Peter served parishes in Springfield before returning to the PNAC where he has served as rector since 2016. Several times over the years, I have called on Fr. Peter for his advice and direction particularly on questions of moral theology and medical ethics. Fr. Peter is not only brilliant but more importantly a man of a deep Catholic faith and personal integrity. I am grateful he is returning to serve back in his home diocese and that he will be our neighbor at St. Anthony. Please pray for Fr. Peter as he begins his new assignment with energy and enthusiasm. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, pray for us!

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS AND CONTACT PEOPLE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION & ST. COLUMCILLE

Finance Council
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Fr. John 217-235-0539

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Debbie Reinhart 217-234-3439

Director of Christian Formation
Carla Will 217-235-0431

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Madelaine Masse 217-294-1885

Knights of Columbus
Kelly Scott 217-273-5788

Ladies Guild
Julie Robinson 217-235-0539

Liturgical Roles
Deacon Gene 217-235-2189

Share The Word
Sue Auer 217-317-4924

Spanish Speaking Outreach
Rosa Olvera 217-205-7479

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Cheryl Smith 217-258-NEED

Social Committee
Tim Knepple 217-273-8991

CALVARY CEMETERY:
North 19th Street, Mattoon
Linda Wente 217-235-2488

St. Columcille Organizations and Contact People

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lac62@mchsi.com, 217-246-0739

Pastoral Council : Kathy Woodworth

Finance Council: Mike Mossman