# Immaculate Conception, Mattoon St. Columcille, Sullivan

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: January 28, 2024

All Masses, Eucharistic Exposition, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated in the IC Parish Center.

### How can I help with the St. Mary House Soup Supper?

Attend and bring your friends and family!

# Soup Supper and Raffle Benefit



Donate a dessert: Just bring it to the St. C. Parish Center after Noon on Sun., Jan. 28th

## Coles County Catholic Worker Houses

Helping Women & Children

Sunday, January 28, 2024

3:00 ~ 7:00 p.m.

St. Columcille Parish Center in Sullivan

Soups, Sandwiches, Desserts

Big Raffle Items:

Gas Griddle\* Boos Cutting Board\*
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**Bucket Raffle!** 

#### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH Mattoon, Illinois

ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH Sullivan, Illinois .JANUARY 28, 2024

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"He taught them as one having authority."

Mark 1:21-28

### **Prepare For Next Sunday's Readings**

Next Sunday's Gospel, Jesus cured Simon's motherin-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present. This Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness. We also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God.

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7: *Job laments his sufferings and his life.* 

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23: Paul explains the conditions under which he preaches the Gospel and the reasons why he will not accept financial help from the Corinthians.

Mark 1:29-39: Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and many others as well.



#### **JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 4**

**MONDAY** 

7:00AM- The O'Malley Family

TUESDAY

5:30PM- Mack Smith

WEDNESDAY-St. John Bosco

7:00AM- Vocations for the Priesthood

THURSDAY

5:30PM- Marge Roytek

FRIDAY- The Presentation of the Lord

7:00AM-Cliff Nale

SATURDAY-St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

8:30AM – The Dunlavy Family

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil

4:00PM- Richard R. Roytek

**SUNDAY-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

8:00AM-People of Our Parish

10:30AM- Craig Frantz

#### Readings for the Week of January 28, 2024

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6 -7/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1 -2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11, 11d-12, 12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40, Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

#### **OUR GIVING**

**454 Registered Families** 

Fiscal Year-July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Weekly Budget	11,750.00
01/21/24– Parish	8,116.00
01/21/24– Major Projects Fund	305.00
Deficit/Surplus for Weeks	- 3,634.00
Year-To-Date Budget	352,500.00
Year-To-Date Collected	<u>342,586.16</u>
<b>Deficit/Surplus for Year</b>	<b>- 9,913.84</b>

#### A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

AS THE GOD OF LIFE, WE KNOW THE LORD DESIRES OUR HEALTH AND WELL BEING. THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL GIVE US THE OPPORTUNITY TO CELE-BRATE THE CHURCH'S PASTORAL CON-CERN FOR THAT WELL BEING IN A COU-PLE OF UNIQUE WAYS. NEXT SATUR-DAY IS THE FEEAST OF ST. BLAISE. BOTH AT THE SATURDAY MORNING BI-LINGUAL MASS AND AT ALL THE WEEK-END MASSES THERE WILL BE THE OP-PORTUNITY TO SHARE IN THE BLESSING OF THE THROATS THROUGH THE INTER-CESSION OF THIS BISHOP AND MARTYR.

ST BLAISE (+316) HAD A REPUTATION AS A PIOUS PHYSICIAN IN HIS NATIVE CITY OF SEBASTAE IN WHAT WOULD LATER BE KNOWN AS ARMENIA AND TODAY AS TURKEY. WHEN HIS CITY'S BISHOP DIED, BLAISE WAS CHOSEN TO REPLACE HIM. HE BECAME KNOWN AS A HEALER NOT ONLY OF PHYSICAL BUT SPIRITUAL AILMENTS AS WELL. EVEN WILD ANI-MALS WERE BROUGHT TO HIM SEEKING CURES. AFTER EMPERORER LUCINIUS DEMANDED HIS DEATH, BLAISE WAS ENROUTE TO PRISON WHEN A YOUNG MOTHER APPROACHED HIM WITH HER CHILD CHOKING ON A FISH BONE. PRAYERFULLY DISLODGING THE OB-STRUCTION, THE SOON TO BE MAR-TYRED BLAISE HAS BEEN INVOKED EV-ER SINCE FOR THROAT AILMENTS AND OTHER ILLNESSES.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> (WHICH WHEN NOT A SUNDAY IS THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES) IS THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK. IMMACULATE CONCEP-TION WILL OFFER A SPECIAL MASS FOR THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY  $11^{TH}$  AT 10:30 A.M. THE SACRAMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE DUR-ING OUR 6:00 P.M. MASS AT ST. COLUMCILLE ON FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>.

THE RITE OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK REMINDS US THAT OUR AFFLIC-TIONS ARE TO BE LIVED IN UNION WITH THE VIRTUE OF HOPE. WE KNOW OUR LORD IS THE LORD OF LIFE. HE DESIRES NOTHING MORE THAN OUR GOOD;

ULTIMATELY OUR ETERNAL SALVATION. WE KNOW THAT ILLNESS, ONE OF THE CONSEQUESNCES OF ORIGINAL SIN, IS BROUGHT ABOUT WHERE THE LAWS OF NATURE AND FREE WILL INTERSECT. JUST AS THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK WILL BRING US CLOSER TO THE HEALING, BE IT PHYSICAL OR SPIRITUAL, THAT IS MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO OUR SALVATION, SO THE SACRAMENTAL OF THE BLESSING OF THROATS WILL HELP THE DISPOSED TO BE OPEN TO ALL THE HEALING GRACES OUR LORD DESIRES TO SHARE WITH US.

BLESSED CANDLES, WAX AND RIBBON, REMIND US OF THE GOODNESS OF GOD'S MATERIAL WORLD AND OF HOW GOD USES MATERIAL THINGS TO DISPOSE US TO GRACE AND IN THE SACRAMENTS EVEN MAKES THEM THE MEANS OF GRACE.

SAINT'S FEASTS ALSO REMINDS US OF THE POWER OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER. AT EVERY MASS WE INVOKE THAT GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES, ALL THE ANGELS AND SAINTS WHO PRAY WITH US THORUGH CHRIST TO THE FATHER, IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS WE INVOKE THE PRAYERS OF ST. BLAISE AND SHARE IN THE SACRAMENTS WE KNOW THAT GOD WILL BLESS US THROUGH THEM AS WELL.

DEO VINDICE, SAIL ON, fr. john

# Save the Date For

**Our Morning "LENTEN HUDDLE"** Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> at Immaculate Conception Begins with Holy Mass at 8:30 A.M. Then Three Presentations to Inform and Inspire Our Lenten Journey to Easter

- "How the Ten Plagues of Egypt Lead Us to Freedom from Sin"
- -Thomas Schniers, Mater Dei High School Breese, Il "The Way of the Cross as Told by the Shroud of Turin"
- -Fr. Seth A. Brown, Mother of Dolors, Vandalia &St. Joseph Ramsey
- "A 19<sup>th</sup> Century School Boy's Presentation of Genesis and Beyond"
  - -Dr. Patrick Coulton, Professor Emeritus, E.I.U. A Light Lunch and Discussion / All Are Welcome! A phone call to register will help with planning: 217-235-50539

#### St. Columcille:

St. John Bosco, Priest

Wed., Jan. 31st at 5:30 PM: The Reckert Family

Thurs.. Feb. 1st at 7:00 AM: Jim & Ruth Matthews

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil Saturday, Feb. 3rd at 6:00 PM: Cole Shelton

1-14-24 Vigil Regular Collection: \$864.00

**Recent Special Collections:** 

Campaign for Justice & Hope: \$390.00 Retirement Fund for Religious: \$600.00 Catholic Children's Home: \$570.00 K of C Choices Ultrasound: \$1,395.00

Reminder: There will be a CCW Meeting on Monday, January 29th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the parish are invited to join

**Collection for Moultrie County Food Pantry will** take place next weekend. Thank you!

Sullivan Prayer List: Judy Marucco, B.J. Stirrett, Donna Walker, Pat Neuhauser, Kay Keller, Sally Bradshaw, Van Anderson, Chuck Woodworth, Dan & Leslie Guillory, Michael English, Dave Hudspath, Gayle Moody, Carole Blasche, Toby Howard, Kathy Frier, Kelly Sullivan, Fritz New, the Cook Family, Marvene Walker, Gary Smith, Ron & Marylyn Crnich and Rebecca.

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

IN AN EFFORT TO CUT COSTS: TAX STATEMENTS FOR ST. COLUMCILLE AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION WILL BE MAILED, FAXED OR EMAILED ONLY IF **REQUESTED BY THE DONOR. Requests can be** made to icchurchsec@gmail.com for Immaculate Conception or st.columcillesullivan@gmail.com for St. Columcille. THANK YOU!

#### **Annual Men's White House Silent Retreat**

Our annual parish men's retreat at White House Retreat in south Saint Louis County will take place from March 14-17. Give it a chance and see what it can do for your life! Reserve your spot by calling: Bill Carter: 217-294-2938, Don Kriesel: 217-273-9806, Tim Genta: 217-246-8676 or visit www.whitehouseretreat.org

#### **HAPPY GALENTINES DAY!**

All ladies of St. C. and IC are invited to a "Happy Hour Open House" on Wednesday, February 7th from 4:00—6:00 PM in the KC Hall. Come enjoy drinks and appetizers with the other ladies of our parishes. No meeting, no agenda, just a chance to relax and visit.

Bring a friend!

#### **Old Palms:**

Old Palms can now be returned to be burned to become the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. Please return before February 12th. Thank you!

#### **Social Committee Update:**

Thank you to everyone who attended the Epiphany Brunch. The Social Committee is overjoyed by the number who participated, you've inspired us to repeat "brunch" for you for the first Sundays of the next two months (February 4 and March 3). Please bring your friends and families for breakfast/brunch after the 8:00 a.m. Mass but before 10:30 a.m. Mass. As with all Social Committee activities, this is free. Thanks, again, to everyone for coming. The Social Committee welcomes new members! There is a sign up sheet in the entrance.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition at IC:**

Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. reserved in the tabernacle, is available every day. Our parish churches are open during daylight hours. Eucharistic Exposition on Wednesdays at IC from 5:30-6:30 A.M. and 7-8 PM And from 7:30 A.M. the Friday before First Saturday until 8:00 A.M. on First Saturday. For FEBRUARY this will begin on Friday, February 2nd after the 7:00 AM Mass.

At St. Columcille on Wednesday following 5:30 P.M. Mass until Benediction at 6:30 P.M.



Please continue to save vour Change for Choices!

#### FEBRUARY LITURGICAL ROLES

**February 3, 2024** 

4:00PM: Lector: Ned Hoppin

E.M: Bill Hendrix, Lawrence Gaskill

Servers: Josie Auer

Blessing of the Throats: Deacon Gene, Bill Hendrix, Lawrence Gaskill

**February 4, 2024** 

8:00AM: Lector: Chris Suerdieck E.M: Madelaine Masse, Helen Rohr Servers: Bennett & Brielle Condron

Blessing of the Throats: Deacon Gene, Chris Suerdieck, Bob James

10:30AM: Lector: Duane Deters E.M: Cheryl Gambill, Roy Blanchette Servers: McKinley & Lane Ueleke

Blessing of the Throats: Deacon Gene, Roy Blanchette, Keegan Kirts

**February 10, 2024** 

**4:00PM:** Lector: Steve Conner E.M: Pat Sheehan, George Whalen

Servers: Colin Beals February 11, 2024

8:00AM: Lector: Brent Holmes E.M: Greg & Jill Capitosti

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Will 10:30AM Lector: Denise Cooling E.M: Mark & Julie Niemerg

Servers: Ayden Scott, Logan England February 14, 2024- ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00AM: Lector: Madelaine Masse E.M: Mary Gooden, Helen Rohr

Servers: Joe Tillman Ash

Distributors: Deacon Gene, Dave Skocy, Madelaine Masse

NOON: Lector: Chris Suerdieck E.M: Pat Sheehan, Jeanne Gross

Servers: <u>Ash</u> **Distributors:** Deacon Gene, Chris Suerdieck, Bob James

**7:00PM: Lector:** Todd Farris **E.M:** Mark & Julie Niemerg

Servers: Beau Farris

Ash Distributors: Deacon Gene, Roy Blanchette, Todd Farris

February 17, 2024

**4:00PM**: **Lector:** Sally Laue **E.M:** Judy Rawlings, Rosa Olvera

**Servers:** 

February 18, 2024

8:00AM: Lector: Karen Gill E.M: Mary Gooden, Jeanne Gross

Servers: Cameron Strohl

10:30AM: Lector: Melissa Sanders E.M: Sheila Greuel, Rick Wright Servers: Liam & Owen Burton

#### FEBRUARY LITURGICAL ROLES

February 24, 2024

4:00PM: Lector: Ned Hoppin

E.M: Lawrence Gaskill, George Whalen

Servers: Josie Auer February 25, 2024

8:00AM: Lector: Celeste Rogers E.M: Madelaine Masse, Jerry McDaniel

Servers: Beau & Todd Farris 10:30AM Lector: Cheryl Gambill E.M: Lisa Lawson, Roy Blanchette Servers: Londyn Webb, Colin Beals

Altar Servers are needed: Ash Wednesday at Noon and February 17 at 4PM. Please call the Parish Office at 235-0539 if you can serve. Thank You!

#### My Stewardship Offering of Prayer, Gifts, and Service this week:

<u>Prayers</u>: the peace of Jerusalem, Christian Unity, our children, grandchild (born and unborn), a lung transplant recipient and donor, donor's family, priests, deacons, seminarians, daily rosary for peace, conversion of sinners, Amy, Monte, Kristie, Kevin, Zach, Connor, the cold and homeless

<u>Service</u>: served at the food pantry, attended two out of town funerals, soup for family friend, attended a visitation

<u>Generosity:</u> donation to St. Mary House fundraiser, gifts to family members

Save the Date!
St C/IC Youth Mission Trip June 2-June 7<sup>th</sup>
Join Us in Louisville, Ky. an Urban Service
and Immersion Experience
8<sup>th</sup> Grade thru High School \$100/student with
participation in group fundraising events.
Registration forms coming soon!

### MONICAL'S PIZZA FUNDRAISER

Monday, February 12th eat at EITHER Mattoon or Sullivan Monicals and 20% of orders will be donated to our youth group mission trip to Louisville, KY! Flyer coming soon!



#### **Immaculate Conception:**

Fr. Jason Stone, Mike Denning, Fred Sherer, Gavin Waterman, Devin Deisher, Jill Emmerich Ginder & Baby, Joe Hood, Connie McNeilus, Shorty Pierce, Chandler Rhine, Teresa Valdez, Carole Maxey, Peggy Fuesting, Mary Alice Ames, Joseph Brinza, Elizabeth Brinza, Carol O'Neill, Alice Farmer, Madonna Collinsworth, Bryce Summary, Linda Sullivan, Sally Wolff, Michael English, Michelle Simpson, Connie Harris, Bonnie Kinney, Ryan Hardin, Cook Family, Patty Lawson, Liz Slater, Sunny Henne, Mike Kuncl, Pat and Guy Levingston, Mary O'Dell, Ruby Anne Kovack, Chris Bugle, Michael Grady, Angie Fox, Addison Graham, Wesco Family, Sara Clayhorn, Mark Buran, Ann Clark, Louise Farrell, Wendy Carter, Edna Probst, Rich Fafara, Karl Rabe, Sheila Rosine, Betty Bailey, Zale Vincent Walk, Chris Magnotta, Jim Pendell, Wyatt Edwards, Eddie Sullivan, 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

#### **Immaculate Conception Calendar of Events:**

**Sun., Jan. 28**: Soup Supper from 3:00—7:00 PM at St. Columcille Parish Center

Tues., Jan., 30: RCIA Faith Inquiry Class continues at 6:30 PM in the FOFC

Wed., Jan. 31: Adoration from 5:30—6:30 AM and 7:00 —8:00 PM in PC, use door code

Thurs., Feb. 1: Hebrews "The New and Eternal Covenant" Catholic Faith Formation class continues at 9:30 AM in the FOFC

Thurs., Feb. 1: Thursday Night Adult Faith class "The Creed" continues at 6:30 PM in the FOFC Fri., Feb. 2-Sat., Feb. 3: 24 Hour Eucharistic Exposition begins after Friday AM Mass and continues until Saturday AM Mass

Sat., Feb. 3 & Sun., Feb. 4: Blessing of the throats at all Masses

Sun., Feb. 4: Social Committee Brunch between Sunday Masses in the KC Hall

### Knights of Knights News and Notes:

Columbus The Next Knights of Columbus meeting will take place on Monday, February 12th at 7:00 PM in the KC Hall. Please make plans to attend!

BINGO: KC Bingo will be held on Thursday, February 8 & 22 from 6:30 -8:30 PM in the KC Hall. Join us!

Our next blood drive will be held on February 18th from 9:00 AM—1:00 PM. Sign up coming soon!

**Anointing of the Sick Mass & Luncheon** Friday, February 10 Mass at 10:30 AM Luncheon to follow in the KC Hall All are invited!

# Thank You!

Thank You to all those who sent Christmas cards to our homebound and nursing homes residents.

So many have expressed gratitude and want you to know how much they were appreciated!

### Blessings in a Backpack

Immaculate Conception and St Columcille "Family of Faith" members packed 400 "Blessings in a Backpack" sacks, Sunday, January 21. These sacks will be distributed to Franklin Preschool students in need. Father John blessed the food, those who packed the sacks and those who will receive them.

Food is purchased locally or received from the Eastern Illinois Foodbank to be packed for distribution. Please consider financially supporting our "Blessings in a Backpack" Ministry by making a monetary donation to Immaculate Conception Church with a note that funds are for the Backpack Program. Please continue to pray for these families in need.







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