# Immaculate Conception, Mattoon St. Columcille, Sullivan 3rd Sunday of Easter: April 14, 2024



# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

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# IC Mass Schedule

Saturday 4 PM (also 8:30 AM on First Saturday)

Sunday 8 AM, 10:30 AM

Weekday 7 AM (Mon. Wed., and Fri. ) 5:30 PM (T. & Th.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation—30 minutes before Weekday Mass (Monday-Friday) and Saturday 2:30-3:30 PM

# ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH, Sullivan IL

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### St. Columcille Mass Schedule

Saturday 6 PM Weekday 5:30 PM (Wed.) 7:00 AM (Thurs.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation before and after 5:30 PM Mass on Wednesdays with Eucharistic Exposition ending with Benediction at 6:30 PM.

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# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH Mattoon, Illinois

ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH Sullivan, Illinois APRIL 14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



"That it was written that Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day."

Luke 24:35-48

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

Next Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter is also called Good Shepherd Sunday. In this Gospel, we hear how Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds. The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12: Peter announces an act of healing in the name of Jesus Christ.

1 John 3:1-2: God revealed his love for us by calling us children of God.

John 10:11-18: Jesus says that he is the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep.



### APRIL 15-21

**MONDAY** 

7:00AM- Madonna Fuller

**TUESDAY** 

5:30PM- Arthur Welsh

WEDNESDAY

7:00AM- NO MASS

**THURSDAY** 

5:30PM-Shorty Pierce

**FRIDAY** 

7:00AM- Helen Dust

SATURDAY- Fourth Sunday of Easter Vigil

4:00PM- People of Our Parish

**SUNDAY- Fourth Sunday of Easter** 

8:00AM- Karen Robinson

10:30AM- Alice Vanneste



### Readings for the Week of April 14, 2024

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1/Ps 31:3-4, 6&7&8, 17&21/Jn

6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1-8/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 6:35-40 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn

6:60-69

# OUR GIVING

**454 Registered Families** 

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

Weekly Budget	11,750.00
04/07/24— Weekly Envelopes  Deficit/Surplus for Week	19,797.00 + <b>8,047.00</b>
Year-To-Date Budget Year-To-Date Collected Deficit/Surplus for Year	481,750.00 475,670.76 - <b>6,079.24</b>
4/07/24 – Major Projects Fund	1,415.00

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# **St. Columcille:**

Wed., April 17th at 5:30 PM: Cole Shelton

Thurs., April 18th at 7:00 AM: Lynn Bork

4th Sunday of Easter Vigil Saturday, April 20th at 6:00 PM: Fr. John Sohm

3-31-24 Vigil Regular Collection: \$2,253.00

St. Columcille Recent Second Collections: Catholic Relief Services: \$320.00

Aid to Church in East./Cent. Europe: \$524.00

Catholic Charities: \$1,015.00 Thank you for your generosity!

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.

# Thank You!

Thank you to all who supported our parishes "Bake Sale/No Bake Sale! Due to your generosity, we raised \$2,000. for Fit-2-Serve. Thank you!

The Immaculate Conception Council of Catholic Women would like to thank you for your generous contribution to the Holy Thursday envelope that funds funeral lunches here at Immaculate Conception. Post COVID necessitated a change to funeral lunches in our parish and we are able to offer families a catered lunch with homemade desserts due to your generosity. Additionally, we invite families of the deceased to make a contribution to continue this ministry if they are able but they are never "billed" for this ministry. So far, God in his abundant generosity has taken what we give and makes it enough. Thank you!





NEXT SUNDAY
MAKE YOUR
APPOINTMENT NOW:
Knights of Columbus
Impact Life Blood Dive
Sunday, April 21st from
9:00 AM -1:00 PM

IC Parish Center To Schedule: Scan, call 1-800-747-5401 or www.bloodcenter.org

# Calling all Bunco Babes and Bunco Beginners!



Come and join us!

No charge and NO experience needed! We'll teach you this fast-moving game and have a night of fun and fellowship!

When: Friday, April 19, 6:30 P.M. Where: Knights of Columbus Hall

Bring: A snack to share.

Coffee and water provided.

Cold drinks available for purchase.

Sign up requested but not required. Walk-ins welcome! Sign-up sheet is in the church entrance.

Hosted by Immaculate Conception Social Committee.

Contact Mary Knepple (217-273-9320) or Suzi Coffman (217-460-1078) for further information.

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# Spiritual Knowledge From Within: Third Sunday of Easter (Year B)

"Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." <u>Luke 24:38–39</u>

Imagine if Jesus appeared to you. What if He showed you the wounds in His hands and feet and invited you to touch Him so as to believe. Would you believe? Most likely you would, to a certain extent. It would be the beginning of an experience that could be life-changing, just as it was for these disciples. Our Lord's appearance to the disciples led to their transformation from men who were confused and doubtful to men who were filled with joy and zeal. Eventually, they would go forth preaching about Jesus as witnesses to His death and Resurrection with courage and with a desire that all who heard them would turn to Jesus as their Savior.

In the first reading of today's Mass, Saint Peter is recorded as doing this very thing. After healing a crippled man at the gate of the Temple, a crowd gathered in amazement and Peter preached to them about Jesus. He concluded His sermon by saying, "God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

Today, we are entrusted with the same mission given to our Lord's disciples, and we must preach with the same zeal, courage and conviction with which they preached. First, we must become as certain as they were about Jesus' triumph over sin and death. We must turn from all sin and believe that the fullness of life is found only in Christ Jesus. But then we must commit ourselves to the proclamation of this faith with every fiber of our being.

Begin by considering how deeply you believe in Jesus as the Savior of the World. Though it might be tempting to think that having Jesus appear to you in person would help deepen your faith in Him, the truth is that the first disciples were not primarily convinced because of the physical appearances of Jesus. Rather, this gift came primarily through the spiritual touching of their minds. After appearing to the disciples physically, we read that Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures." This was what convinced them more than anything—the spiritual gift of understanding. And that gift is offered to you today, just as it was to the first followers of Jesus.

Saint Thomas Aguinas explains that the spiritual gift of understanding is a gift that reveals to us the very essence of God. He explains that it is a much deeper form of knowledge than that which is obtained through our five senses. Thus, simply seeing something with our eyes, touching it or hearing it is not nearly as convincing as the knowledge obtained through the spiritual gift of understanding. The gift of understanding enables us to "read inwardly" and to penetrate the very essence of something. For that reason, the physical appearance of Jesus might have been the first step toward believing, but it wasn't until these same disciples encountered our Lord within their souls, perceiving the very essence of His Resurrection inwardly, that they were forever changed. Only this form of knowledge could then convince them to go forth and proclaim the message of salvation.

Reflect, today, upon your own knowledge of Jesus and the transforming power of His Resurrection in your life. Has God spoken to you within the depths of your soul? Have you perceived this inward knowledge and had your mind opened? Listen attentively to our Lord—not just with your ears but primarily with your spirit. It is there, within you, that you, like the first disciples, will come to know and believe in the life, death and resurrection of Christ so that you can then go forth empowered to proclaim these truths to others.

My revealing Lord, You showed Yourself to Your disciples not only physically but spiritually, revealing Your very essence to them interiorly. Please bestow this gift upon me, dear Lord. May I come to know You and believe in You with all my heart. As I do, please use me as an instrument of Your mercy to others. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Sunday, May 5th 2024 from 9 am to 3 pm Donativos son bienvenidos / FREE will offering!



- · Bailables Folklóricos / Mexican folk dances
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Our parish celebration of Cinco de Mayo is on Sunday, May 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the PC It will include a Silent Auction to help raise funds to support our sister parish in Venezuela and our local Spanish Speaking Outreach.

# We need YOUR help providing items for the auction.

Attention BAKERS: Please consider donating your specialty -- a cake, pie, pan of cinnamon rolls, or ??? -- as long as it can sit on the table at room temperature.

THEME "BASKETS": With some friends, or on your own, collect several items to fit a theme of your choice and put them together in an actual basket or other container.

SINGLE ITEMS: Donate a new in-original-packaging item or perhaps a substantial gift certificate.

Email Kathy Holmes with questions or to ask for a direct link to the donation request form kahiota75@consolidated.net

### **Widows Luncheon:**

Widows of Immaculate Conception and St. Columcille are invited to our monthly luncheon on Wednesday, April 17th at 11:30 AM at Stadium Grill, Mattoon.

ARE YOU A BAPTIZED CHRISTIAN BUT HAVE NEVER BEEN CONFIRMED OR SHARED IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST AS A FULLY INITIATED

CATHOLIC? A new Inquiry Class continues Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30PM in the Family of Faith Center (west Richmond Ave door). Come Join Us! Call Fr. John or Deacon Gene with questions: 217-235 -0539

# St. Vincent de Paul:

St. Vincent de Paul will meet on Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 PM in the KC Hall. All are welcome!

Webinar about Assisted Suicide - Learn more about why legalization of assisted suicide is not good for Illinois. Join a weekly, 30-minute, informational webinar every Thursday at 12:30 pm. Email <a href="mailto:dmoore@dio.org">dmoore@dio.org</a> to get a link to join the webinar.

Illinois March for Life: Wednesday, April 17th the parish van will be leaving from Immaculate Conception at 7:30 AM and St. Columcille at 7:45 AM for Illinois Right to Life Mass, Rally and March at the State Capitol complex. Mass will be at 10:00 AM at Sangamon Auditorium on the UIS Campus. Rally and March at Noon. Call the parish office to reserve your seat in the van. Intended audience is Jr. High through adults.

# Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion <u>Training:</u>

For all current EM's as well as anyone with an interest to become a Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:

Sunday, April 28 at 9:15 AM in the Family of Faith Center for Catechesis

Sunday, May 5 at 9:15 AM in Church for practicum.

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**Immaculate Conception**:

Judy Montgomery, Linda Probst, Jared Brown, Mike Denning, Fred Sherer, Devin Deisher, Connie McNeilus, Teresa Valdez, Carole Maxey, Peggy Fuesting, 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, 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

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

**Sun., April 14**: Family Catechesis at 9:15 AM in the FOFC

**Tues., April 16:** RCIA Faith Inquiry Class at 6:30 PM in the FOFC

**Wed., April 17**: Adoration from 5:30—6:30 AM and 7:00—8:00 PM in Church

Wed., April 17: Illinois March for Life in Springfield. Van departs at 7:30 AM

Wed., April 17: Widows Luncheon at Stadium Grill at 11:30 AM

Wed., April 17: St. Vincent de Paul Meeting at 6:30 PM at KC Hall

**Thurs., April 18:** Oremus: A Guide to Catholic Prayer Faith Formation class continues at 9:30 AM in the FOFC

Thurs., April 18: Thursday Night Adult Faith class "The Creed" continues at 6:30 PM in the FOFC Fri., April 19: Bunco at 6:30 PM in the KC Hall Sun., April 21: Family Solidarity at 9:15 AM in the

**Sun., April 21**: KC Blood Drive From 9:00 AM—1:00 PM in the PC



**FOFC** 

Knights News and Notes: The Next Knights of Columbus meeting will take place on Monday, April 22nd at 7:00 PM in the KC Hall. Plan on attending.

BINGO: KC Bingo will be held on Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 PM in the KC Hall!

PEACE MEAL DELIVERY: We need you!
Immaculate Conception will be delivering
Peace Meal the week of April 29-May 3. If you
can give 1 hour of one day please sign the
calendar located in the entrance to Church.
Thank you!

# FORMS DUE NOW! St C/IC Youth Mission Trip June 2-June 7

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 available!

If you did not receive one, please call the parish office.



Deacon Alex McCullough



Deacon Bruce Scott

#### **Priestly Ordination Bus Trip**

On Saturday, May 25th we will leave the IC Parish Center parking lot at 8:00 A.M. and the St. Columcille Church lot at 8:15 A.M. for the Priestly Ordination of our own Alex McCullough d Deacons Bruce Scott and Troy Niemerg who have had summer assignments with us plus Daniel McGrath & Jayke White. The Ordination lass will take place at the Cathedral of the maculate Conception in Springfield. We will return that evening around 4:30 PM. Your call and \$20 to the parish office reserves your seat AND buys your buffet lunch at Golden Corral Buffet and Grill, Springfield after the Ordination. Be a part of this joyful event for Alex and all Transitional Deacons soon to be ordained riests and for our Diocesan Church.



**Deacon Troy Niemerg** 



Deacon Daniel McGrath



Deacon Jayke White



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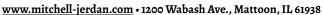


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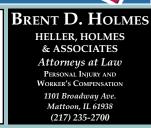


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