

Immaculate Conception, Mattoon

St. Columcille, Sullivan

6th Sunday of Easter: May 5, 2024



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Welcome new parishioners! Please call the office (217-235-0539) to register!

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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

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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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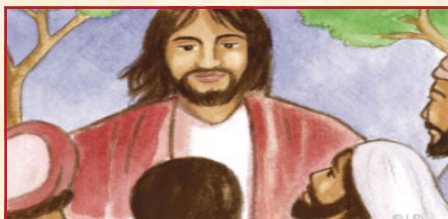
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ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH

Sullivan, Illinois

MAY 5, 2024

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“No one has greater love than this:
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

John 15:9-17

Prepare For Next Sunday’s Readings

Next Sunday, is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus was taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirits. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers. So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. Jesus’ ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11: *Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.*

Ephesians 1:17-23: *God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at this right hand.*

Mark 16:15-20: *Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.*



MAY 6-12

MONDAY

6:30AM– Jack Collinsworth

TUESDAY

5:30PM– Larry Kramer

WEDNESDAY

7:00AM– Vocations for the Priesthood

THURSDAY

5:30PM– David Barnes

FRIDAY– St. John, St. Damien

7:00AM– Anthony & Dorothy Cellucci

SATURDAY– Ascension of the Lord Vigil

4:00PM- People of Our Parish

SUNDAY– Ascension of the Lord

8:00AM– Patricia Hutchings

10:30AM– Madonna Fuller



Readings for the Week of May 5, 2024

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6&9/Jn 15:26-16:4

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 7-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23-28

OUR GIVING

454 Registered Families

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

Weekly Budget	11,750.00
04/28/24– Weekly Envelope	7,794.25
Deficit/Surplus for Week	- 3,955.75
Year-To-Date Budget	517,000.00
Year-To-Date Collected	<u>502,082.91</u>
Deficit/Surplus for Year	- 14,917.09
04/28/24– Major Projects Fund	335.00
March Tithing	5,218.00

St. Columcille:

Wed., May 8th at 5:30 PM: Cole Shelton

Thurs., May 9th at 7:00 AM: Jim & Ruth Matthews

The Ascension of the Lord Vigil
Saturday, May 11th at 6:00 PM: Henry & Kathryn Bork

4-21-24 Vigil Regular Collection: \$601.00

Our thanks and congratulations to Sue Langenfeld on being selected as the 2024 St. Columcille Woman of Distinction! Thanks for all you do for our parish!

The Rosary for Life will take place before Mass NEXT weekend. Please consider joining us!

Please Note: Mass at St. Columcille on Saturday, June 8th will take place at 4:00 PM followed by a meal and parish celebration to mark our parish feast day as well as hear important updates regarding St. Columcille. \$5.00 will secure your meal for the evening. (pay that evening.) A sign up sheet is now available in the back of Church or notify Julie in the parish office of your RSVP. We ask that you complete your reservation by June 1st. 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.

St. Hildegard von Bingen Schola:

Please join the St. Hildegard von Bingen Schola on Sunday May 5th at 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Effingham for their spring concert. This one hour concert of sacred choral music is free and open to the public. Beginning at 2:30 pm Ronan Bailey will perform a piano prelude of classical music. Come early for a good seat! The students are under the direction of Barbara Konrad. St. Hildegard, ora pro nobis!

Brookstone Rosary

We will pray the Rosary at Brookstone South on Wednesday, May 8th at 10:00 AM. Please come and join us!

Called and Sent: Dive Deep with God

What: A fun and powerful retreat for high school students filled with prayer and fellowship

Dates: Sunday, July 14 - Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Who: Anyone in who will be in High School in the Fall of 2024

Location: Our beautiful lakeside retreat center! Villa Maria Retreat Center, 1903 E Lakeshore Dr. Springfield, IL

Cost: \$200.00 per person.

Meals: Includes all meals

Arrival Time: 5:30 P.M. on Sunday, July 14th

Departure Time: 3:00 P.M. on Wednesday, July 17th

Information and sign up available at: <https://dio.org/event/called-and-sent-retreat/>

Students signing up for retreat, call the parish office for scholarship information.

RETIRO ESPIRITUAL DE PENTECOSTÉS

He aquí, yo estoy a la puerta y llamo; si alguno oye mi voz y abre la puerta, entraré y cenaré con él, y él conmigo.



SABADO 18 DE MAYO, 2024
De 8 am a 6 pm

- Exposición del Santísimo!
- Alabanzas!
- Predicadores: Enrique Rodriguez, Doris Nordin, Ramona Rebollo, Enrique Rodriguez Jr., y Dago Menjivar.
- Imposición de manos por el padre Juan Titus

COMPLETAMENTE GRATIS!!

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Lugar: Immaculate Conception
320 N 21st St, Mattoon, IL 61938
Información al 217 205 7479

EN ESPAÑOL

ATTENTION PLEASE!

All ladies are invited to a Spring Garden Party Happy Hour Open House on Wednesday, May 8th from 4:30—6:30 PM in the IC Parish Center. Come enjoy drinks and appetizers with the other ladies of our parish.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training:

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

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

Family of Faith Corner:

Family of Faith's Vacation Bible School for Immaculate Conception & St. Columcille Parishes is scheduled for Thursday, May 30th, and Friday, May 31st, from 6-7:30 PM.

Send an email to carlajanewill@yahoo.com to register for VBS.

Parents meet with Father John while children meet with catechists to learn about the life of St. Therese of Lisieux and her parents Saints Louis and Zelig Martin. Dinner provided both evenings.

Not yet a member of Family of Faith: Please send an email to carlajanewill@yahoo.com to register.

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

Prayers: for two friends that had surgery, for U.S. and Israeli hostages, for guidance, to put helping hands and hearts to work, for my son's cancer treatment, granddaughter's health, family's health, employees to know Jesus, faithful departed, all religious, police academy graduates and their families

Service: assisted serving dinner with our "Haven Helpers," at the food pantry, served mass

Generosity: donated to help a co-worker and volunteer Cowden fire fighter with her "Jeep Spring Fling"

Catholic Charities Fund Raiser May 18th

The Walkway, Mattoon

Dinner at 5:00 PM, Glo Bingo at 7:00 PM

Tickets: \$50/person

Volunteers will be selling tickets after each Mass THIS weekend! Come have a great time and support a worthy cause!

Thank you to all who have supported our fundraising for the high school mission trip that was scheduled for June. Unfortunately, too many conflicts resulted in not enough students being able to participate. Funds raised will be applied to our high school diocesan retreat July 14-17 at the Villa Maria Retreat Center on Lake Springfield. It is open to all incoming freshmen through seniors.

Widows Luncheon:

Widows of Immaculate Conception and St. Columcille are invited to our monthly luncheon on Wednesday, May 15th at 11:30 AM at La Luna Mexican Restaurant, Mattoon as we support our High School students summer retreat "Called and Sent"! All widows are encouraged to join us!



Fundraiser Event!

Help our Immaculate Conception & St. Columcille High School students raise money for their 2024 Summer Retreat "Called and Sent"

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

10:30 AM - 8:30 PM

1412 Broadway Ave., Mattoon

10% of your bill will be donated to help cover expenses!



Choices Pregnancy and Health Baby Bottle Blessing Campaign!

As a parish we support the good works of Choices all year long but we have a special opportunity from Mothers Day to Fathers Day to be a blessing to Choices!

All you do is take a baby bottle, save your change (or bills or checks!) from Mothers Day to Fathers Day and then return the baby bottle in the collection or to the parish office and we will take care of the rest!

Choices Pregnancy & Health (formerly the Crisis Pregnancy Center) exists to empower women to make an informed decision about their pregnancy by equipping them with the facts about all of their options. They provide accurate information, compassionate care and practical assistance to women with an unplanned pregnancy. Choices provides: free pregnancy tests, limited OB ultrasound, accurate information, counseling, material needs, parenting and childbirth classes and referrals.

IC Parishioner, Alex McCullough Priestly Ordination:

**Alex will be ordained to the
Priesthood on May 25, 2024**

**We ask that you consider offering
prayers on his behalf, and adding it to
a Spiritual Bouquet we are
collecting for him.**

Please complete the insert sheet, and return it to the basket in the back of Church by May 20th.

Alex has been assigned at the Parochial Vicar of Christ the King Parish, Springfield for his first assignment beginning on July 1, 2024

This year our IC Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession will follow the 10:30 A.M. Mass on June 2nd. We will process from I.C. ½ mile to the altar at Calvary Cemetery for the Benediction. Those choosing to gather at Calvary in advance for the Benediction are welcome to do so.

A Pilgrim's Progress

Last Saturday April 27th, marked the 56 anniversary of the murder of five of the nine children of the William and Lydia Cox family of rural Mattoon. Their funeral mass was held at Immaculate Conception on May 1, 1968 with 1200 people present. The impact this tragedy had on the Cox family and the entire community is inestimable. Memories and heartaches are renewed with every anniversary as well as when the children's murderer comes up for parole. This is why we continue to pray for the Cox family, and all touched by this sorrow.

I recently read a 38 year old online article from the Watchtower publication of the Jehovah Witnesses where Mr. Cox shared his experience of his family's heartache. Before they died both Mr. and Mrs. Cox became involved with the Jehovah Witnesses. As I read the article it became clear Mr. Cox was given a lot of false information about the teaching of the Church. As he lived with his family the aftermath of all they had endured it is clear he did not receive the support he needed that would have been more helpful to him from the Catholic community. This is not a judgment on anyone but awakened in me a renewed awareness that we are given the truths and community of our Faith to strengthen us in all of life's challenges because we never know what the next hour is going to bring.

There remains an incredible amount of misinformation about what the Church teaches in many areas. All of which cannot be imparted in a Sunday homily. That's why our Catholic formation does not end in 3rd grade, in 8th grade, or at any point this side of eternity. It is increasingly apparent we cannot rely on the "culture" around us or a "generic Christian indifferentism" to provide us with the solid Truths we need to live each day especially when great challenges arise.

While our adult ed. offerings have paused for the summer months (our Tuesday night inquiry classes for newcomers continue) great offerings like the Bible in a Year and the Catechism in a Year, are available every day through ascensionpress.com.

Don't stop learning. Don't stop praying.
Deo Vindice, Sail On, fr john



Immaculate Conception:

Charmaine Owens, 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 Kunch, 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 Olinger, 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

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Immaculate Conception Calendar of Events:

- Sun., May 5:** May Crowning at 8:00 AM Mass
- Sun., May 5:** Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training at 9:15 AM in Church
- Sun., May 5:** Cinco de Mayo Sister Parish Fundraiser from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM in the Parish Center
- Tues., May 7:** RCIA Faith Inquiry Class at 6:30 PM in the FOFC
- Wed., May 8:** Adoration from 5:30—6:30 AM and 7:00 —8:00 PM in Church
- Wed., May 8:** Brookstone Rosary at 10:00 AM at Brookstone South, Mattoon
- Wed., May 8:** Ladies Spring Garden Party Open House from 4:30—6:30 PM in the PC
- Thurs., May 9:** KC Bingo at 6:30 PM in the KC Hall
- Sun., May 12:** Family of Faith at 9:15 AM in the Family of Faith Center



Knights News and Notes:

The Next Knights of Columbus regular club meeting will take place on Monday, May 13th at 7:00 PM in the KC Hall. Plan on attending.

BINGO: KC Bingo will be held on Thursday, May 9th and 23rd at 6:30 PM in the KC Hall!

Knights of Columbus Bags Tournament

June 15, 2024

Mattoon Knights of Columbus Hall

312 N. 20th Street Mattoon, IL

Sign-in & Warm Up 11:00 – 1:00

Bags Fly at 1:00

1st Place \$300 2nd Place \$200 3rd Place \$100

\$30 per team \$15 per person

Bring your own partner and bags

Gun raffle drawing at 3:00 p.m.

Smoked pulled pork, slaw, baked beans provided free of charge by the Knights.

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Priestly Ordination Bus Trip



Deacon Alex McCullough



Deacon Bruce Scott

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 and Deacons Bruce Scott and Troy Niemerg who have had summer assignments with us plus Daniel McGrath & Jayke White. The Ordination Mass will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate 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 Priests and for our Diocesan Church.



Deacon Troy Niemerg



Deacon Daniel McGrath



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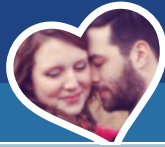
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