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**St. Columcille, Sullivan**

**5th Sunday of Lent: March 22, 2026**

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Sullivan, Illinois

**MARCH 22, 2026**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



*“Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.”*

*John 11:1-45*

**Prepare For Next Sunday’s Readings**

*Next Sunday we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter. Sunday’s liturgy begins with the procession with Palms (Sunday) to remind us of Jesus’ triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Jesus acts in obedience to the Father even in death, so that sins may be forgiven. There are many vantage points from which to engage in Jesus’ Passion. In the characters of the Gospel, 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. 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.*



**MARCH 23-29**

**MONDAY– St. Turibius**

**7:00AM– Barbara J. Nordin**

**TUESDAY**

**10:00 AM-Funeral Mass for Cassie Stahler**

**5:30PM– Fr. Joe Ring**

**WEDNESDAY– The Annunciation of the Lord**

**7:00AM– Fr. Daren Zehnle**

**THURSDAY**

**5:30PM– For All Grandmothers**

**FRIDAY**

**7:00AM– Ray & Marianna Sparks**

**SATURDAY–**

**8:30AM– Vicki Kull- Bi-Lingual Mass**

**Palm Sunday Vigil**

**4:00PM– Living & Deceased Members of the Kriesel/Vodvarka Families**

**SUNDAY– Palm Sunday**

**8:00AM– People of Our Parish**

**10:30AM– Bruce & Marcia Krile**

**Readings for the Week of March 22, 2026**

**Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41-62/ Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11**

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

**Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11/ Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38**

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

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

**Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12,13Jn 11:45-56**

**OUR GIVING: 573 Parish Households**  
**Fiscal Year– July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026**

<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>11,750.00</b>
03/15/26– Weekly Offering	11,352.00
03/15/26– OnLine Giving	1,275.00
<b>Week Total:</b>	<b>12,627.00</b>
<b>Deficit/Surplus for Weeks</b>	<b>+ 877.00</b>
Year-To-Date Budget	434,750.00
Year-To-Date Collected	406,859.10
<b>Deficit/Surplus for Year</b>	<b>- 27,890.90</b>

**St. Columcille:**

**The Annunciation of the Lord**

**Wed., March 25 at 12:10 PM: Mike & Matt McClellan**

**Thurs., March 26 at 7:00AM: Tom Dean**

**Palm Sunday Vigil**

**Sat., March 28 at 6:00 PM: Living & deceased members of the Mike & Agnes Welsh Family**

3-15-26 Vigil Collection total: \$1,567.00

**Lenten Friday Devotions: NOTE TIME CHANGE!!**

Join us for the remaining **Fridays during Lent** for the **Rosary at 3:00 PM** and the **Stations of the Cross at 3:30 PM** in the church. This year, our devotions will be with the intention of our Fallen-Away Catholics at Saint Columcille Parish. Take this time to reflect and pray as we walk with Christ on His journey to Calvary. All are welcome!

**Fish Fry Fridays**

Join us at Saint Columcille Parish Hall for our final **Fish Fry Friday on March 27** from **5:00-7:00 PM!** Enjoy an **all-you-can-eat** meal featuring fish, potatoes, slaw, applesauce, hushpuppies, drinks, and desserts. **Adults: \$12, Kids (6-12): \$6, Under 6: FREE.** Proceeds benefit **Choices Pregnancy Center and the Council of Catholic Women.** We need help with Set-Up and Clean-Up Crews. Please contact Kathy Woodworth or Lori Creek if you can help. We hope to see you there!

**Fish Fry Fridays – Bakers Needed!**

Attention all bakers! We need baked goods for the upcoming Lenten Fish Frys. If you would like to bake and donate, or just donate a store-bought baked item, please contact Kathy Woodworth or Lori Creek!

**Sullivan Prayer List:** Msgr. Leo Enlow, Fr. Bob Spriggs, Dawn Becker, Jack Creek, Sheila Littleton, The Mosier Family, Judy Marucco, B.J. Stirrett, Donna Walker, Pat Neuhauser, Sally Bradshaw, Van Anderson, Chuck Woodworth, Dan Guillory, Dave Hudspath, Gayle Moody, Carole Blasche, Toby Howard, Kathy Frier, Kelly Sullivan, Fritz New, the Cook Family, Marveen Walker, Gary Smith, Ron & Marylyn Crnich and Rebecca

**Lenten Penance Service:**

**Immaculate Conception at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 29th.**

**Additional Opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Columcille on Wednesday, April 1st from 3:30-5:30 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM**

**Why Cover Crucifixes and Statues During Lent?**

The Roman Missal (our prescribed book for liturgical instruction) states: “in the diocese of the United States the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent may be observed.” Families are also encouraged to imitate this practice at home. Why? Veils alert us to the distinct time that we are in. When we walk into church we immediately notice something is different. The last two weeks of Lent (formerly known as Passiontide) are meant to be an immediate preparation for the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday).

The veils help us to focus on the words being said at mass and more fully enter into the striking words of the Passion narrative. Especially if you see them each day at church, the veils help to produce a heightened sense of anticipation for Easter Sunday. Their unveiling before the Easter vigil is a metaphor of our earthly lives. We now live in a veiled world in exile from our true heavenly home. It is only through our own dying and rising with Christ that the veil is lifted and we see the beauty of eternal life.

**Brookstone Rosary:**

We will be praying the Rosary at Brookstone NORTH on Wednesday, March 25th at 10:00 AM. Join us for this grace filled time! All are welcome!

**Recent Second Collections at St. C:**  
**Church in Latin America: \$200.00**  
**Church in Central/Easter Europe: \$477.00**  
**Catholic Times: \$35.00**

# ATTENTION PLEASE!

## **EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITON AT IC**

Because the First Saturday of April is Holy Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> and there is no morning mass on Holy Saturday, we will hold our 24-Hour Eucharistic Exposition at IC 1 week earlier. We will begin our 24-Hour Eucharistic Exposition after 7:30 A.M. Friday mass March 27<sup>th</sup> and continue until 8:30 A.M. mass on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>.

I thank those who so faithfully make the commitment each month to sign up for an hour or half hour of quiet time before the Lord. It is only those who do so that make this grace filled time for our parish and far beyond possible.

I am continually amazed and grateful that the hours which get committed to first are in “the middle of the night” and not during the daylight hours. I know the sacrifices involved do not go unnoticed by the Lord and great are the graces gained and shared. – fr john

### **During Lent:**

**The Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 PM and Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 PM on Fridays at Immaculate Conception. Join us!**

**The IC Knights of Columbus LAST FISH FRY OF THE SEASON WILL BE MARCH 27TH.**

**We will be serving from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.**

**The price for fish dinner is \$12 as it has been the last couple years. There will be an all you can eat fish price of \$15.**

The menu is as follows:

fried or baked/grilled fish

Baked Idaho potato or sweet potato

Slaw, Hush puppies

Grilled cheese sandwich & drink

Desserts provided by the IC St. Vincent de Paul

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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 12:10 PM (Wed.)

7:00 AM (Thurs.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation beginning at 11:00 AM on Wednesdays with Eucharistic Exposition.

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## A Pilgrim's Progress

Next Saturday evening IC Parish Center hosts the annual Catholic Charities Dinner. The Mattoon regional Catholic Charities serves folks in Coles, Edgar, Douglas, and Moultrie Counties. This year's event includes a delicious meal and dinner mystery theatre (featuring our own Lane Richardson and troupe). Doors open at 5:00. Act 1 begins at 6:00 PM. Dinner at 7:00 PM. Followed by Act 2 and 3 and raffle drawing. Tickets are available after mass and in the parish office for \$30 an individual.

On Wednesday of this week, March 25<sup>th</sup> we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. All Lenten disciplines are dispensed. This feast, which almost always, falls during Lent marks the conception of Jesus, nine months before Christmas, the Nativity of the Lord. It marks the intersection of the two great cycles of the Church year, Christmas and Easter. Amidst Lent we sense that we are a long way from Bethlehem. The baby has become a man. It reminds us that the great events of our salvation can be traced to a simple beginning: a young woman's yes to God. And so it is in our own faith walk with the Lord. May we strive to echo Mary's prayer that our only desire may be God's desire. Amen.

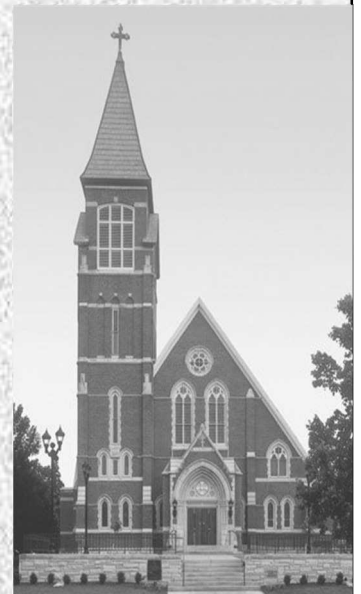
This year our Easter Vigil mass returns to Immaculate Conception at 8:00 PM Holy Saturday night. Masses on Easter Sunday include: 6:30 AM Calvary Cemetery (in case of rain IC Church), 8:00 AM IC Church, and 10:30 AM St. Columcille.

Deo Vindice, Sail On! fr john

## New Online Giving At Immaculate Conception

If you've been thinking about Giving Online - now is the time to sign up. We now have a new Online Giving provider for Immaculate Conception. PushPay is our new provider.

Online Giving for IC can be set up at: [www.mattoonimmaculateconception.org](http://www.mattoonimmaculateconception.org) Click the GIVE button along the top toolbar to the right and follow the prompts. Online Giving can be done with a credit card, a debit card, or a checking or saving account. It can be On-Going/Recurring or a One Time gift. You can give to regular Church support, IC Capital Campaign, Sister Parish, as well as any Diocesan special collections you would like to support. You can also click the QR Code:



**(This Change does not impact Cash or Check Giving thru your monthly envelopes)**

***Please contact Kim in the Parish Office with questions or concerns.***

### Recent Second Collections at IC:

**Church in Latin America: \$1,825.00**

**Church in Central/Easter Europe: \$1,491.00**

**Catholic Charities: \$4,802.00**



**Immaculate Conception:**

Msgr. Leo Enlow, Fr. Bob Spriggs, Martha Worland Juhl, Chuck Brown, Sally Fleming, Marguerite Bennett, Lana Cline, Jennifer Bullock, Billy & Lila Wade, Cameron Bianco, Scott Cedar, Duane Schlabach, Barb Kirts, Julie Ohm Wilkerson, Ella Orsi, Ella Chamberlain, Pat Sheehan, Desra Lindemann, Cathy Strohl, Robert Smith, Donna Lawson, Jennifer Kosnicki, Bert Kastl, Kristian Beadles, Jared Brown, Fred Sherer, The Deisher family, Teresa Valdez, Carole Maxey, Peggy Fuesting, Elizabeth Brinza, Carol O'Neill, Alice Farmer, Madonna Collinsworth, Bryce Summary, Linda Sullivan, Sally Wolff, Michelle Simpson, Connie Harris, Bonnie Kinney, Ryan Hardin, Cook Family, Liz Slater, Pat and Guy Levingston, Mary O'Dell, Michael Grady, Angie Fox, Addison Graham, Wesco Family, Sara Clayhorn, Mark Buran, Ann Clark, Louise Farrell, Wendy Carter, Edna Probst, Rich Fafara, Sheila Rosine, 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

*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.

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**DEADLINE FOR PARISH BULLETIN- Monday at 10:00AM**

**Immaculate Conception Calendar of Events:**

- Sat. March 21:** Luminaries for Life on the Plaza before each weekend Mass
- Sun., March 22:** Why We Confess Class concludes at 6:00 PM in the Family of Faith Center
- Mon., March 23:** KC Meeting at 7:00 PM in the KC Hall
- Tues., March 24** Nazareth Catholic Academy meets all day in the Family of Faith Center
- Tues., March 24:** Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 5:00 PM in Church
- Tues., March 24:** OCIA Faith Inquiry Class continues at 6:30 PM in the FOFC
- Wed., March 25:** Adoration from 5:30-6:30 AM & 7:00 —8:00 PM in Church, use door code
- Wed., March 25:** Rosary at Brookstone North at 10:00 AM
- Wed., March 25:** Spanish Prayer Group at 6:00 PM in the PC
- Thurs., March 26:** The Creed Class continues at 9:30 AM in the Family of Faith Center
- Thurs., March 26:** Why We Worship Class continues at 6:30 PM in the Family of Faith Center
- Thurs., March 26:** KC Bingo at 6:30 PM in the KC Hall
- Fri., March 27:** Men's Group at 5:30 AM in the LL of Church
- Fri., March 27-Sat., March 28:** Adoration beginning after 7:00 AM Mass in Church on Friday and continues until Saturday, 8:30 AM Mass
- Fri., March 27:** KC Fish Fry from 4:30—7:00 PM in the KC Hall
- Fri., March 27:** Stations of the Cross and Rosary beginning at 6:30 PM in Church
- Sat. March 28:** Catholic Charities fundraiser begins at 5:00 PM in the PC
- Sun. March 29:** Lenten Penance Service at 2:00 PM in Church



**Knights of Columbus bingo will continue on Thursday, March 26 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the KC Hall. Join us!**

**Knights News and Notes:**

**The Next Knights of Columbus club meeting will take place on Monday, March 23rd at 7:00PM in the KC Hall.**

**Springfield Diocesan Council of Catholic Women News: The 2026 High School Female Graduate Scholarship Application is now available on the table at the entrance to Church. DUE APRIL 15th!**

**“Could You Not Watch One Hour?”  
St Columcille and Immaculate Conception**

On Holy Thursday night (April 2nd) our Lord challenged his first disciples to stay awake and pray with him for one hour. On this night when the Church marks the institution of the Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist he invites us to do the same. It is a grace-filled way to begin the Sacred Triduum, the three holiest days of the year, by spending some time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in the quiet of our parish church. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule to commit to specific time to pray. We must have every time filled in order to have Adoration.

**St Columcille 6:30-8:00 P.M.  
Immaculate Conception 8:30-11:00 P.M.**

**Holy Triduum Schedule:**

Holy Thursday: Mass, April 2nd at 5:30 PM at St. C., 7:30 PM at IC  
**Adoration Following**  
Good Friday Service, April 3rd at 3:00 PM at St. C., 7:00 PM at IC  
(a day of Abstinence)  
Easter Vigil Mass, April 4th (at Immaculate Conception at 8:00 PM)  
Easter Sunday Mass, April 5th at 6:30 AM at Calvary Cemetery, :  
8:00 AM at IC and 10:30 AM at St. C.

**Blessing of the Easter Food and Baskets: Holy Saturday Morning, April 4th** we will gather for morning Prayer and Blessing of the food and baskets at **8:30 AM at Immaculate Conception.**



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