

Immaculate Conception, Mattoon

St. Columcille, Sullivan

Easter Sunday: April 5, 2026



• EASTER SUNDAY •

**HE IS RISEN,
INDEED!**

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Mattoon, Illinois

ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH

Sullivan, Illinois

APRIL 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY



“Jesus had to rise from the dead.”

John 20:1-9

Prepare For Next Sunday’s Readings

Next Sunday we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Our Gospel tells us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn’t recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion. We also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. Thomas’s human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen. We are among those who are “blessed” because we believe without having seen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47: *All who believed were together and had all things in common.*

1 Peter 1:3-9: *We have new hope because of Jesus’ Resurrection.*

John 20:19-31: *Thomas believes because he sees Jesus.*



APRIL 6-12

MONDAY

7:00AM– Don Monroe

TUESDAY

5:30PM– Wayne & Madonna Fuller Family

WEDNESDAY

7:00AM– Maria

THURSDAY

5:30PM– Fr. Jim Neuman

FRIDAY

7:00AM– Kathleen LeVeck

SATURDAY– Divine Mercy Vigil

4:00PM– Shorty Pierce

SUNDAY– Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00AM– Wayne Probst

10:30AM- People of Our Parish

Readings for the Week of April 5, 2026

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2&5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20&22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2&5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2&4, 22-24, 25-27/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1&14-15, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

OUR GIVING

573 Parish Households

Fiscal Year– July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026

Weekly Budget	11,750.00
03/29/26– Weekly Offering	6,691.00
03/29/26– OnLine Giving	2,007.00
Week Total:	8,698.00
Deficit/Surplus for Weeks	- 3,052.00
Year-To-Date Budget	458,250.00
Year-To-Date Collected	430,996.10
Deficit/Surplus for Year	- 27,253.90

St. Columcille:

Octave of Easter

Wed., April 8 at 12:10 PM: Fr. Jim Neuman

Octave of Easter

Thurs., April 9 at 5:30 PM: Mary Dunlavy

2nd Sunday of Easter Vigil

(Divine Mercy Sunday)

Sat., April 11 at 6:00 PM: Return of Family Members away from the Holy Catholic Church

3-22-26 Vigil Collection: \$800.00

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
Thanks to everyone who supported our fish fry's in ANY way! We could NOT do it without lots of help and support!**

The Rosary for Life will be prayed before Mass NEXT weekend. Join us!

Sullivan Prayer List: Msgr. Leo Enlow, Fr. Bob Spriggs, Cheryl Murphy, Dawn Becker, Jack Creek, Sheila Littleton, The Mosier Family, Judy Marucco, B.J. Stirrett, Donna Walker, Pat Neuhouser, 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

THANK YOU!

Thanks to everyone for your generous support of the St. Joseph Table at both parishes. Our contributions were a blessing to those in need!

Brookstone Rosary:

We will be praying the Rosary at Brookstone SOUTH on Wed., April 8th at 10:00 AM.

We will be praying the Rosary at Brookstone NORTH on Wednesday, April 22nd at 10:00 AM. Join us for this grace filled time! All are welcome!

Special Collection Opportunities:

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**Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions at IC
April 12th from 2:30-3:30 P.M.**

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament & Praying of the Chaplet and Sacrament of Reconciliation

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!

PEACE MEAL DELIVERY:

Immaculate Conception will be delivering Peace Meal the week of April 27-May 1. If you can give 1 hour of one day please sign the calendar located in the entrance to Church. Thank you!

COME JOIN US! Card Club open to all! Coming to Immaculate Conception Lower Level on Monday, April 13th at 1:30 PM. Our plan is to continue monthly on the second Monday of each month. Have an interest? Join us! Show up and we will figure out the games and teams!

T H A N K Y O U !

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! Additionally, thanks to all who volunteer to work funeral lunches and provide the homemade desserts!

Widow's Luncheon:

Widows of Immaculate Conception and St. Columcille are invited to our monthly luncheon on Wednesday, April 15th at 11:30 AM at the Airport Steakhouse Private Room

One Stop Community Christmas Fundraiser: We are partnering with NOTHING BUNDT CAKES to raise funds for One Stop Community Christmas. We will be taking orders after masses on 4/11 and 4/12.

Pick up of the cakes will be 4/25 from 9:00AM to 1:00PM at the Knights Hall Garage entrance. There are 11 different flavors of Mini-bundt cakes for \$7.00 each. If you have any questions please contact Steve Conner at 540-755-1220.



Choices Pregnancy and Health Baby Bottle Blessing Campaign! Please continue to save your change for Choices!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

320 N. 21ST STREET - MATTOON, IL

www.mattoonimmaculateconception.org

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

PARISH STAFF:

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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

He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

The traditional paschal greeting of believers is inspired by Luke 24:34 and the experience of Christ's first disciples.

We welcome through the waters of Baptism this Easter, Payton and Jen Hartbank and their infant daughter Vivian; all members of Immaculate Conception.

As the fruit of our Lenten preparation, each of us renew our Baptismal promises at the masses of Easter. It is good for us to spend some time reflecting on St. Basil the Great's (330-379) teaching on what it means to live the life of Baptism:

"We imitate Christ's death by being buried with him in Baptism. It means, first of all, making a complete break with our former way of life. We have to begin a new life. When runners reach the turning point on a racecourse, they have to pause briefly before they can go back in the opposite direction. So also when we wish to reverse the direction of our lives there must be a pause or a death, to mark the end of one life and the beginning of another."

"When we imitate the burial of Christ by our Baptism, we are in a sense buried in the water as a symbol of the renunciation of our sins of our unregenerate nature. Baptism cleanses the soul from the pollution of worldly thoughts and inclinations. You will wash me, says the Psalmist, and I shall be whiter than snow. We receive this saving Baptism only once because there was only one death and one resurrection for the salvation of the world and Baptism is its symbol.

Welcome to the new life of Easter. He is Risen Indeed!

Deo Vindice, Sail On! fr john

APRIL LITURGICAL ROLES

April 11, 2026

4:00PM Lector: Sally Laue

E.M: Lawrence Gaskill, Judy Rawlings, George Whalen, Bill Hendrix

Servers: Mark Welton

April 12, 2026

8:00AM Lector: Brent Holmes

E.M: Madelaine Masse, Jerry McDaniel, Greg & Jill Capitosti

Servers: Parker Salmela, Greyson Eaton

10:30AM Lector: Vanessa Duncan

E.M: Cris & Gissella Gonzalez, Mark & Julie Niemerg

Servers: Vincent & Londyn Webb

April 18, 2026

4:00PM Lector: Joe Tillman

E.M: Lawrence Gaskill, Mark Welton Judy Rawlings, George Whalen

Servers: Pat Dust

April 19, 2026

8:00AM Lector: Karen Gill

E.M: Greg & Jill Capitosti, Jerry McDaniel, Helen Rohr

Servers: Andrew & Matthew Will

10:30AM Lector: Matt England

E.M: Rick Wright, Alic Bianco, Logan England, Cheryl Gambill

Servers: Maggie Fisher, Maria Aydt

April 25, 2026

4:00PM Lector: Sally Laue

E.M: Lawrence Gaskill, Bill Hendrix, Rosa Olvera, June Kriesel

Servers: Roy Blanchette, Mark Welton

April 26, 2026

8:00AM Lector: Todd Farris

E.M: Jeanne Gross, Jerry McDaniel, Madelaine Masse,

Servers: Cameron & Aubrey Strohl

10:30AM Lector: Duane Deters

E.M: Lisa Lawson, Dennis Alexander, Mark and Julie Niemerg

Servers: Zoie Snyder, Ayden Scott

IC CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN GOAL

\$900,000.00

IC CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN CEMETERY MONEY RECEIVED

\$148,484.00

IC CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN MAJOR PROJECTS MONEY RECEIVED

\$565,946.00

IC CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN MONEY TOTAL MONEY RECEIVED

\$714,430.00



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:

- Tues., April 7:** Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 5:00 PM in Church
- Tues., April 7:** OCIA Faith Inquiry Class continues at 6:30 PM in the FOFC
- Wed., April 8:** Adoration from 5:30-6:30 AM & 7:00—8:00 PM in Church, use door code
- Wed., April 8:** Rosary at Brookstone South at 10:00 AM
- Wed., April 8:** Spanish Prayer Group at 6:00 PM in the PC
- Thurs., April 9:** The Creed Class continues at 9:30 AM in the Family of Faith Center
- Thurs., April 9:** KC Bingo at 6:30 PM in the KC Hall
- Thurs., April 9:** Why We Worship Class continues at 6:30 PM in the Family of Faith Center
- Sat. April 11:** Youth Choir practices at 2:30 PM
- Sun., April 12:** Youth Choir sings at the 8:00 AM Mass
- Sun., April 12:** Family of Faith meets at 9:15 AM in the Family of Faith Center
- Sun., April 12:** KC Blood Drive from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM in the PC

Knights News and Notes:

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

Knights of Columbus bingo will continue on Thursday, April 9 & 23 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the KC Hall. Join us!

The Knights would like to thank everyone who attended our fish fries. Our success would not be possible without the excellent turnout we experienced. We would also like to thank the St. Vincent de Paul Society for all of our delicious desserts. Thanks also to all our Brother Knights who took time out of their schedules to help. See you next year!

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

January 12-21, 2027

Join Fr. Dean Probst and Fr. Charles Delano on a trip to the Holy Land, visiting the area of the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem and Jerusalem, Enjoy celebrating Masses and Prayer Services at the places of Jesus' birth, preaching, miracles and crucifixion and resurrection. Cost is \$4099/person from St. Louis airport. Contact Fr. Dean at 217-494-6326 or email rdprobst@gmail.com for brochure.

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