# *Immaculate Conception, Mattoon*

# *St. Columcille, Sullivan*

## *The 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time: October 25, 2026*

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






### 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*

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*St. Columcille Mass Schedule*
*Saturday at 6:00 PM,*
*Wednesday at 12:00 PM and Thursday at 7:00 AM*
*Sacrament of Reconciliation beginning at 11:00 AM on Wednesdays with Eucharistic Exposition.*

***When traveling consult www.masstimes.org***

***Deadline for Parish Bulletin - Monday at 10:00AM***

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
*Mattoon, Illinois*

## ST. COLUMCILLE CHURCH
*Sullivan, Illinois*

*October 25, 2026*

***THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***

***"You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself."***

***Matthew 22:34-40***

### Prepare For Next Sunday's Readings

*Next Sunday, we hear how every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.*

### *SCRIPTURE READINGS*

**Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14***: John describes his vision: those who have endured the trials and worship the Lamb.*

**1 John 3:1-3:** *We are God's children now.*

**Matthew 5:1-12***: Jesus teaches what it means to be happy.*

## MASS INTENTIONS
*Immaculate Conception*

***OCTOBER 26-NOVEMBER 1***

**MONDAY**
**7:00AM– Dave Cisna**

**TUESDAY**
**5:30PM– Lillian & Evelyn Welch**

**WEDNESDAY- Sts. Simon & Jude**
**7:00AM– Francis & Shorty Pierce**

**THURSDAY**
**5:30PM– Fr. Dennis Logue, SVD**

**FRIDAY**
**7:00AM– Fr. Bob Spriggs**

**SATURDAY– All Saints Vigil**
**4:00PM– Tim Wilkerson**

**SUNDAY– All Saints**
**8:00AM– People of Our Parish**
**10:30AM– Mitch Webb**

***Readings for the Week of October 25, 2026***

*Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17*
*Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21*
*Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16*
*Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35*
*Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6*
*Saturday: Phil 1:18-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5/Lk 14:1, 7-11*

### *OUR GIVING*
*448 Parish Households*
***Fiscal Year– July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027***

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|---|---|
| **Weekly Budget** | **11,750.00** |
| **10/4/26– Weekly Offering** | **6,531.00** |
| **10/4/26– On-Line Giving** | **2,580.00** |
| **Week Total:** | **9,111.00** |
| **Deficit/Surplus for Weeks** | **- 2,639.00** |
| **Year-To-Date Budget** | **176,250.00** |
| **Year-To-Date Collected** | **161,508.00** |
| **Deficit/Surplus for Year** | **-14,742.00** |

***St. Columcille:***

***Sts. Simon & Jude***
***Wed., October 28 at Noon: Return of Family Members Away From the Holy Catholic Church***

***Thurs., Oct 29 at 7:00 AM: Carol Ann Moore***

***All Saints Vigil***
***Sat., Oct. 31 at 6:00 PM: Marty Reynolds***

**10-11-26 Collection: $1,466.00**
**Thank you for your generosity!**

**We are in need of Rosary leaders at St. Columcille. If you are willing, please sign up on the sign up sheet or let Kathy Woodworth know. Anyone/any age can volunteer to be a Rosary leader. Thank you!**

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

***Sullivan Prayer List***: Msgr. Leo Enlow, Cheryl Murphy, Jack Creek, 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




***Our parishes have a FORMED subscription.***
***To set up your free account visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. (Immaculate Conception Mattoon)***

***Volunteer Opportunity:***
***IC & St. C. parishioners will volunteer at the Mattoon Food Pantry at 5:45 PM on Thursday, November 19th. Consider joining us!***

***Eucharistic Adoration & Exposition at I.C.: For NOVEMBER this will begin on Friday, NOVEMBER 6th after the 7:00 AM Mass and continue until the Saturday, NOVEMBER 7th 8:30 AM Mass. There will be a Holy Hour for Vocations from 7:00 –8:00 PM Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 1057, all are welcome.***

**All Saints and All Souls:**

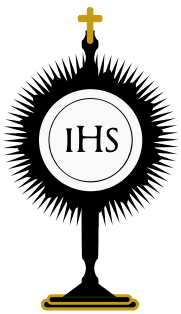
All Saints Day, November 1st, falls on Sunday this year. Yeah! "Two Holy Days of Obligation for the price of 1." Monday, All Soul's Day November 2nd, there will be 2 masses at IC. 7:00 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. The evening mass will include the distribution of candles for all those buried from Immaculate Conception since All Soul's Day last year. Our All Soul's mass at St. Columcille will be on Wednesday November 4th at 12:00 noon. The Book of the Names of the Dead is in the vestibule at each church for the recording of names. They will be remembered at each mass during November, the month of All Souls. You may bring photos of your departed loved ones to be displayed in the vestibule of either church.

***One Stop Christmas –New this year, we need a volunteer to manage the Christmas tree that is set up in the back of the church with gift tags. This would be a great family project for anyone who wants to take it on. They'll be setting up and taking down the tree as well as making sure it's well-stocked with gift tags for parishioners to take. If you'd like to take this on, please call Steve or Pat Conner. Phone below.***

***The portal is open for volunteer sign ups for One stop set up Dec 11th at 5:00 Pm, and for the One stop day December 12th from 7:00 am -5:00 to serve shoppers and till 7:00 pm to tear down. Immaculate Conception sponsors the 0–4-year-old toy table. You can sign up at www.onestopcommunitychristmas.com, click the volunteer tab at the top of the page.***

***One stop continues from December 14th-the 24th in very limited fashion for families who need it. This means we will still need helpers on those days and then following Christmas we will inventory anything left over and pack it to go back into storage on December 28th. Sign ups to help on any day other than December 11th and 12th will be directly through Steve and Pat Conner at 540 207 7805.***






# ATTENTION PLEASE!

***COME JOIN US! Card Club open to all! Continuing for as long as we can remember to close the doors and shut the lights off in Immaculate Conception Lower Level on Monday, November 9th at 1:30 PM. We will 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!***

***Immaculate Conception welcomes parishioner Kristen Watson to the role of Senior Ministry Coordinator. Thank you to Julie Robinson for her service in this position. Julie will continue to be the secretary for St. Columcille as well as the bulletin publisher for both parishes.***

IC ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2026
Members of IC St. Vincent de Paul wish to thank all the parishioners of Immaculate Conception Church and St. Columcille for your continued support and generosity during this past year. Between October 1, 2025 and September 30, 2026, a total of $31,800 was disbursed:
Rent: $10,781
Utilities: $ 8,253
Food: $ 7,459
Rectory Assistance $ 1,600
Transportation/Car Repairs: $ 1,150
Clothing/Household Items $ 574
Lodging: $ 842
30 Christmas Baskets: $ 1,141

Our meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday evening of each month in the K of C building at 6:30 p.m. We welcome you to join us for any or all of the meetings.
Clients are seen the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the church basement. Our hotline for emergency assistance (217-258-6333) is available 24/7 for immediate assistance.

The Thanksgiving Day Mass offering is for the works of IC St. Vincent de Paul. Your prayers, generosity, and support are so appreciated! Thank you for helping us to "do a little good" for those living in our community.

A Pilgrims Progress

The Church begins the upcoming month of November with the Solemnity of all Saints in honor of the Church Triumphant. We honor all the souls who are now celebrating the fullness of eternal life in Heaven. This includes the thousands of formally canonized saints as well as all those that have not been officially recognized by the Church. All Saint's Day reminds us that every human person's existence was willed by God before time began. Each of us were a thought in the mind and heart of God, who desires us to live a share in the life of the Holy Trinity in Heaven for all eternity.

On November 2nd as throughout the month of November, we remember in our prayers in a very intentional way the souls of those who have died and are being purified, as sacred scripture teaches and the 2000 year lived experience of the Church affirms, for the life of Heaven. United in God's Communion of Saints, we, the Church Militant on Earth, continue to offer prayer and sacrifices for our brothers and sisters experiencing Purgatory, the Church Suffering.

Physical death has not separated our loved ones from our ability to assist them with our prayers. And just as we continue to be edified by the witness of the saints during their earthly lives, we also seek the prayers of this great "cloud of witnesses" on our behalf in our daily lives now.

Among the amazing educational offerings available for free to IC and StC parishioners (which includes family movies and children's programing) on FORMED.ORG is a four-part series: Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well.

This series can help to answer many questions we all have about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? How do we prepare for the life to come? It also explains the meaning of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

If you have never checked out FORMED.ORG and all it has to offer our families check it out this week.
Deo Vindice, Sail On! fr. john

***Ground Zero Tour***
***Immaculate Center Parish Center, 1920 Richmond Avenue, Mattoon***
***6:30 P.M. Monday November 16th***

***IC is hosting 1 of several stops of this Illinois Right to Life educational program on the dangers surrounding the new physician-assisted suicide law that went into effect in September '26.***

***For the first time in our state's history, doctors can prescribe lethal medication to patients for the purpose of ending their lives. Under the new law when a person dies after taking these drugs, the underlying illness-not physician-assisted suicide-is recorded as the cause of death. The lethal medication is not recorded on the death certificate.***

***Vulnerable patients and their families will now face extraordinarily difficult decisions involving terminal diagnoses, depression, disability, financial pressures, possible coercion, and questions about whether every alternative has truly been explored.***

***You will come away from this event with a better understanding of what this law does, what choices remain available and where you can turn for help.***

***This issue can potentially impact each of our families. All are encouraged to attend.***




***Immaculate Conception***:

Msgr. Leo Enlow, Elenor Rentschler, Deb Branson, Mary Gooden, Sheila Littleton, Judy Racette, Carol Welton, David Uphoff, Todd Farris, Marilyn Carrell, Sean Roth, Evan Morris, Drew Carman, Gary Kastl, Mark Uphoff, Terree Goldstein, Martha Worland Juhl, Chuck Brown, Sally Fleming, Marguerite Bennett, Lana Cline, Jennifer Bullock, Billy & Lila Wade, Cameron Bianco, Scott Cedar, Duane Schlabach, Barb Kirts, 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, 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, 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 Oliger

***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 informaiton or 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 10:00 AM

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

***Sun., Oct.25:*** Middle School Youth Group Bowling at 5:00 PM at Thunder Lanes Bowling, Neoga
***Mon., Oct. 26:*** K of C Meeting at 7:00 PM in the KC Hall
***Tues., Oct. 27***: Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 5:00 PM in Church
***Tues., Oct. 27***: OCIA Faith Formation Class continues at 6:30 PM in the FOF Center
***Wed., Oct. 28***: Adoration from 5:30-6:30 AM & 7:00—8:00 PM in Church
***Wed., Oct. 28***: Rosary at Brookstone North at 10:00 AM
***Wed., Oct. 28***: Spanish Prayer Group at 6:00 PM in the PC
***Thurs., Oct. 29:*** Revelation, Adult Faith Formation Class continues at 9:30 AM in the FOF Center
***Thurs., Oct. 29***: Life After Death, Adult Faith Formation Class continues at 6:30 PM in the FOF Center
***Fri., Oct. 30-Sun., Nov. 1***: Spanish Speaking Retreat on IC Campus
***Mon., Nov. 2***: All Souls Day Masses at 7:00 AM & 6:30 PM

***Catholic Radio for Mattoon***
***90.5 FM***

***Brookstone Rosary:***
***We will be praying the Rosary at Brookstone NORTH on Wednesday, October 28th at 10:00 AM.***
***Join us for this grace filled time! All are welcome!***

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## Knights News and Notes:

**The Next Knights of Columbus meeting will take place on Monday, October 26th at 7:00PM in the KC Hall.**

**Knights of Columbus bingo will continue on Thursday, November 12 from 6:30-8:30 PM in the KC Hall. Join us!**




## Diaper Drive for CHOICES!

**Our local "CHOICES: Pregnancy & Health Center" is in great need of diapers in the following sizes:**
**Newborn,**
**Size 5,**
**Size 6**

**Donations will be accepted through the month of October. Please place your donations on the table in front of our St. Joseph statue in church.**

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