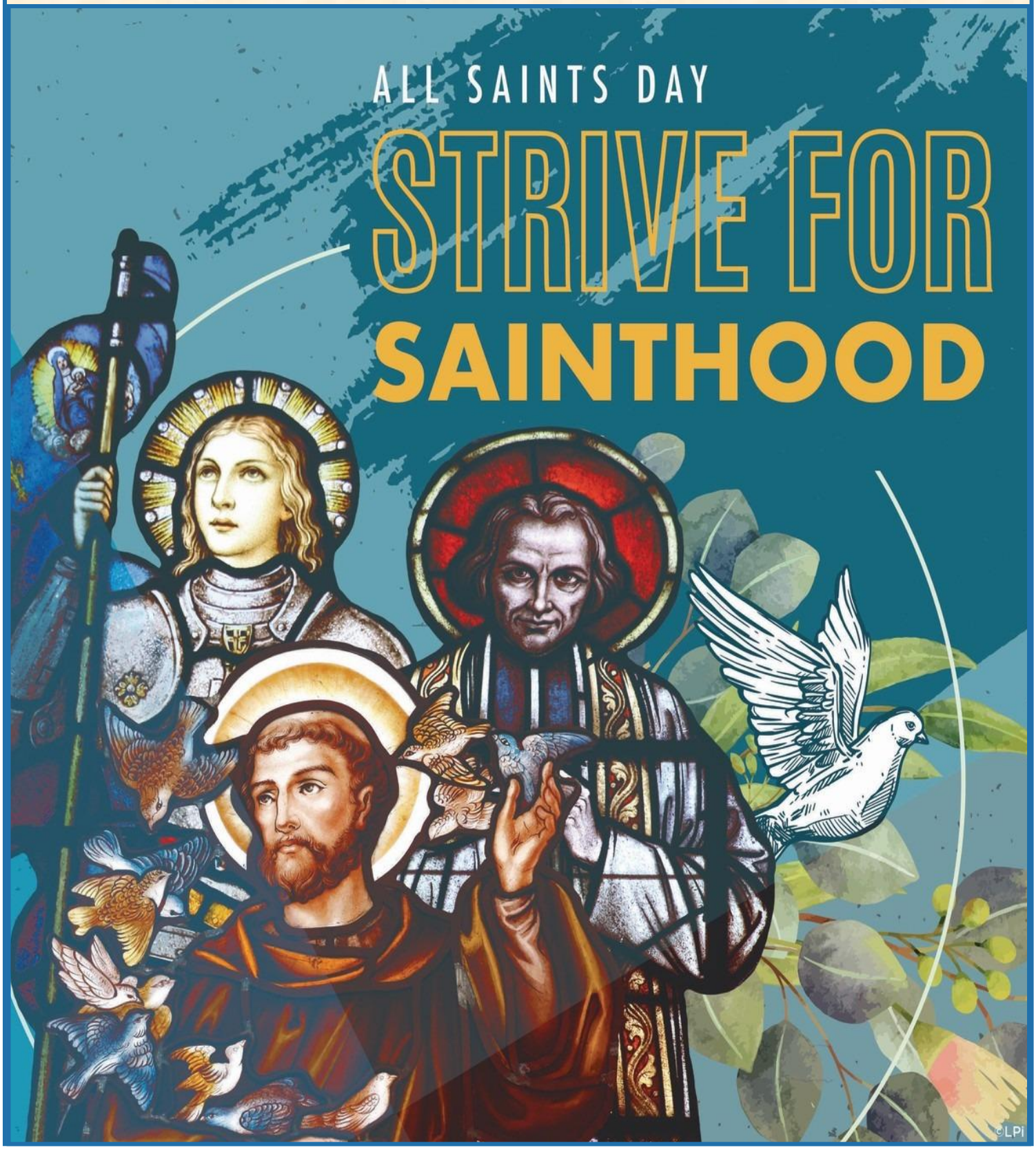
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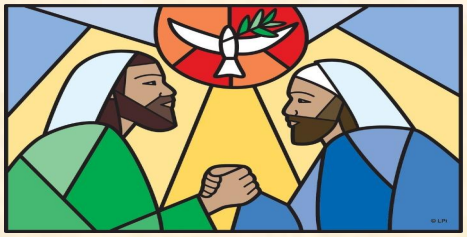
All Saints Day: November 1, 2026



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NOVEMBER 1, 2026
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."
Matthew 5:1-12

Prepare For Next Sunday's Readings

Next Sunday's Gospel, Jesus talks about what it means to be prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus wants his disciples to understand that the exact day and time cannot be predicted. He teaches the disciples that they must remain vigilant so that they will not be caught unprepared. Jesus warns about the destruction of Jerusalem, the tribulation of the end times, and the coming of the Son of Man. When read in this context, today's parable is a warning to the Christian community to remain vigilant and prepared to receive Jesus, the Son of Man who will return at the end of time. The question remains for us to ask ourselves, Are we ready to receive Jesus? Will we be prepared to receive him?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Wisdom 6:12-16: ***Wisdom will come to those who seek it.***

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: God will raise all those who have died.

Matthew 25:1-13: ***Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, teaching his disciples the importance of being prepared to receive the Kingdom of Heaven.***

MASS INTENTIONS
Immaculate Conception

NOVEMBER 2-8

MONDAY– ALL SOUL'S DAY
7:00AM– Marianna Sparks
6:30PM- For All Our Beloved Dead

TUESDAY– St. Martin de Porres
5:30PM– The Abbott Family

WEDNESDAY- St. Charles Borromeo
7:00AM– Nancy Henry

THURSDAY
5:30PM– Wayne Probst

FRIDAY
7:00AM– Fr. Dennis Logue, SVD

SATURDAY–
8:30AM- Vicki Kull- Bi-Lingual Mass
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil
4:00PM– Francis & Shorty Pierce

SUNDAY– 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM– Evelyn & Lamarr Knepple
10:30AM– People of Our Parish

Readings for the Week of November 1, 2026

Monday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, & 7, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26-27, 28-30, 30, 31-32Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8&9/Lk 16:9-15

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

Weekly Budget	**11,750.00**
10/25/26– Weekly Offering	5,918.00
10/25/26– On-Line Giving	1,430.00
Week Total:	**7,348.00**
Deficit/Surplus for Weeks	**- 4,402.00**
Year-To-Date Budget	188,000.00
Year-To-Date Collected	168,856.00
Deficit/Surplus for Year	**- 19,144.00**

St. Columcille:

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Wed., Nov. 4 at 12:00 PM: All of Our Beloved Deceased

Thurs., Nov. 5 at 7:00 AM: Dawn Becker

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil Sat., Nov. 7 at 6:00 PM: Danny Robinson

10-18-26 Collection: $1,221.00

St. C. is hosting a diaper drive for Choices Pregnancy & Health. Please bring in diapers through Thanksgiving to support Mothers and their babies!

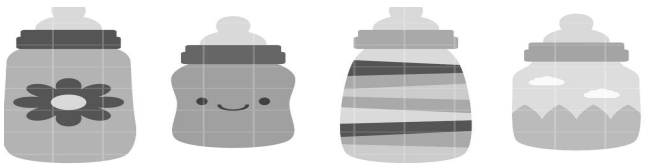
Collection for the Moultrie County Food Pantry will take place NEXT weekend. Thanks for your generosity!

St. C. CCW ladies will again host their Holiday Pie Sale of Fresh Baked Pecan: ($22. and Pumpkin: $15.) Order by Nov. 9 for Nov. 21st pick up. To order: Contact any CCW member. ALSO, Quilt tickets are also available! Thanks for your support!

Thank you for your generosity!

Sullivan Prayer List: Msgr. Leo Enlow, Cheryl Murphy, Jack Creek, The Mosier Family, Judy Marucco, 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

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



All Souls:

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.

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.

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



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From Houses of Hospitality
St. Mary House and St. Hedwig House:

Thank you to all who supported our Trivia Night by attending, donating, planning and working.

$4325.00 was raised to assist women and children. This vital ministry relies upon your support and prayers. May God bless you all.

Catholic Radio for Mattoon
90.5 FM

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.

A Pilgrim's Progress

It's been well said the best advertisement for our Catholic faith is the lives of the saints. They are the men and women throughout history who "got it" and put it into practice. On the flip side, the worst advertisement would be those Catholics who are not striving to be saints.

This week has been designated VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK. This is very appropriate because the vocation all the Baptized share is the vocation to become a saint. God has a plan for each of our lives and our happiness in this life depends on how well we discern and live God's plan whether that be in the married or single life or as a consecrated religious, or in holy orders.

Manson Anane Adjei (1 of our 19 diocesan seminarians), a native of Ghana, has designated Immaculate Conception as his home parish. Today he shares with us more of his story. Please continue to keep him in your prayers along with all those discerning their best path to God's call to a life of fulfillment, generous service, and salvation in Jesus Christ.

Deo Vindice, Sail On, fr. john

Called to Holiness: My Journey of Faith, Discernment, and Vocation by Manson Adjei

As we celebrate All Saints' Day and begin National Vocation Awareness Week, I am reminded that God calls each of us in different ways and at different stages of life. Some discover their vocation early, while others arrive at it through unexpected experiences and circumstances. My own journey has taught me that it is never too late to respond to God's call, because God does not call everyone in the same way or lead everyone along the same path.

My desire to become a priest began when I was about eight years old. However, as I grew older and entered high school, that desire gradually faded. I continued to university, but after completing my studies, the desire for priesthood returned. I entered the seminary and spent six years in formation before eventually leaving. At that point, I could hardly have imagined that I would one day return to

seminary. Life took me in another direction, leading me to pursue a master's degree and later doctoral studies. Along the way, I met different people and cultures and gained experiences that shaped my understanding of faith, ministry, and service. Interestingly, after all these years and unexpected turns, I find myself once again in priestly formation, this time as a seminarian for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

My experience at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology has been wonderful. The Benedictine monks have been very welcoming, kind, and supportive, truly reflecting the Benedictine spirit of hospitality. Seminary life, however, is not all prayer and quiet reflection! Academic responsibilities keep coming, with weekly readings, assignments, papers, midterm examinations, and end-of-semester preparations. My courses in Scripture, Sacramental Theology, Fundamental Theology, and other areas of formation have been both challenging and enriching. I am learning Spanish for the first time; our cherished Spanish speakers should speak to me only in Spanish when they meet me, but please be kind, as I am a neophyte in the language.

One of the highlights of my week is our Wednesday ministry assignment. Together with two other seminarians, I travel to Bellarmine University in Louisville, Kentucky, for campus ministry. It is always enjoyable to interact with students, share experiences, and accompany young people in their faith journeys. The friendship and fraternity among my brother seminarians also make life at Saint Meinrad meaningful.

On the family side, I come from a large family of four brothers and five sisters. Although we are separated by distance, we remain closely connected. One of my younger brothers is currently completing the final requirements toward being called to the Bar as a lawyer, and we are all eagerly praying for his success.

Looking back on my vocation journey, I have learned that God's call does not follow a single pattern or timetable. Not everyone who enters the seminary becomes a priest, and not everyone who leaves has necessarily reached the end of that journey. Sometimes, what appears to be a detour becomes part of a much larger story. The important thing is to remain open to where God may be leading us.

As we observe Vocation Awareness Week, I especially encourage our young people, and indeed everyone, to remain attentive to God's invitation. Whether it is marriage, priesthood, religious life, or dedicated Christian service, every vocation offers an opportunity to grow in holiness and serve others. No one should think it is too late to begin asking where God might be calling them.

Finally, I offer my heartfelt gratitude to everyone at Immaculate Conception Church and St. Columcille Church for your kindness, prayers, encouragement, and continued support. Please continue to pray for my brother seminarians and me as we journey toward priesthood. Please know I am praying for you and your families.

May all the saints whose lives we celebrate inspire us to respond faithfully to God's call, wherever it may lead.

God bless you all!
Manson ANANE ADJEI
Seminarian, Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
200 Hill Drive, Meinrad, IN 47577

COME JOIN US! Card Club open to all! Monday, November 9th at 1:30 PM in the IC Lower Level. 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!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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Knights News and Notes:

The Next Knights of Columbus meeting will take place on Monday, November 9th 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. This will be the last one of the season! Join us!



Immaculate Conception:
Msgr. Leo Enlow, Marilyn Grady, 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 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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DEADLINE FOR PARISH BULLETIN- Monday at 10:00AM

Immaculate Conception Calendar of Events

Sun., Nov. 1: Spanish Speaking Retreat on IC Campus
Mon., Nov. 2: All Souls Day Masses at 7:00 AM & 6:30 PM
Tues., Nov. 3: Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 5:00 PM in Church
Tues., Nov. 3: OCIA Faith Formation Class continues at 6:30 PM in the FOF Center
Wed., Nov. 4: Adoration from 5:30-6:30 AM & 7:00—8:00 PM in Church
Wed., Nov. 4: Spanish Prayer Group at 6:00 PM in the PC
Thurs., Nov. 5: Revelation, Adult Faith Formation Class continues at 9:30 AM in the FOF Center
***Fri., Nov. 6*:** Spanish Prayer Group Coffee at 6:00 PM in the PC
***Fri., Nov. 6-Sat., Nov. 7*:** Adoration begins after 7:00 AM Mass on Friday and continues until Saturday, 8:30 AM Mass.

One Stop Christmas

One Stop Christmas – 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 pm 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.

Brookstone Rosary:
We will be praying the Rosary at

Brookstone SOUTH on Wednesday, November 4th at 10:00 AM. And

Brookstone NORTH on Wednesday, November 18th at 10:00 AM. Join us for this grace filled time! All are welcome!

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 in the following way:

*Rent: $10,781	*Utilities: $8,253	*Food: $7,459
*Rectory Assistance $1,600	*Lodging: $842	*Clothing/Household Items $574
*Transportation/Car Repairs: $1,150	*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.

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