Immaculate Conception, Mattoon

St. Columcille, Sullivan

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: November 8, 2026





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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 12:00 PM (Wed.) 7:00 AM (Thurs.)

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

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NOVEMBER 8, 2026
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**"Behold, the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him!"
Matthew 25:1-13**

Prepare For Next Sunday's Readings

Next Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks about how his disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities. This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31: ***The virtues of a good wife are extolled.***

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6: ***Let the day of the Lord not overtake you like a thief.***

Matthew 25:14-30: ***Since you were faithful in small matters, come, share your master's joy.***

MASS INTENTIONS
Immaculate Conception

NOVEMBER 9-15

MONDAY– NO MASS at IC due to the funeral Mass of Monsignor Leo Enlow in Quincy
TUESDAY– St. Leo the Great
5:30PM– Ruby Anne Kovack
WEDNESDAY- St. Martin of Tours
7:00AM– For All Military Personnel
THURSDAY- St. Josaphat
5:30PM– David Hess
FRIDAY- St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
7:00AM– Verna Ochs
SATURDAY– 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil
4:00PM– Wayne & Madonna Fuller Family
SUNDAY– 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM– People of Our Parish
10:30AM– Barbara J. Nordin

Readings for the Week of November 8, 2026

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18&23, 27 and 29/Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6/Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10/Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18/Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

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

Weekly Budget	**11,750.00**
11/01/26– Weekly Offering	8,940.00
11/01/26– On-Line Giving	1,040.00
11/01/26-All Saints Day	1,010.00
Week Total:	**10,990.00**
Deficit/Surplus for Weeks	**- 760.00**
Year-To-Date Budget	199,750.00
Year-To-Date Collected	179,846.00
Deficit/Surplus for Year	**- 19,904.00**

St. Columcille:

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Wed., Nov. 11 at 12:00 PM: Carol Ann Moore

St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr
Thurs., Nov. 12 at 7:00 AM: Tom Dean

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Vigil
Sat., Nov. 14 at 6:00 PM: Fr. John Sohm

10-25-26 Collection: $987.00
Thank you for your generosity!

Recent Second Collections at St. C.:
Catholic University of America: $155.00
Church in Africa: $405.00

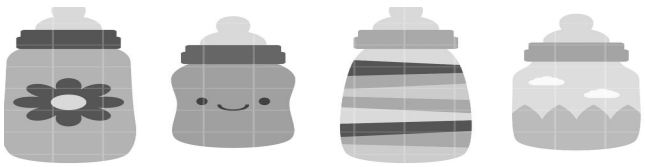
St. C. is hosting a diaper drive for Choices Pregnancy & Health. Please bring in diapers through Thanksgiving to support Mothers and their babies!

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!

Sullivan Prayer List: 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 & Health

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



IC CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN GOAL
$900,000.00

IC CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN CEMETERY MONEY RECEIVED
$164,259.00

IC CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN MAJOR PROJECTS MONEY RECEIVED
$720,342.00

IC CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN MONEY TOTAL MONEY RECEIVED
$884,601.00

As of October, 2026

Follow Springfield Illinois Vocations! – The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has launched new Vocations social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram at **@spivocations**. These accounts are designed especially to reach young men who may be discerning a call to the priesthood, while also sharing stories, encouragement, events, and resources that help foster a culture of vocations throughout our diocese. You can help! Follow **@spivocations** on Facebook and Instagram, and share the accounts with young men, parents, teachers, coaches, youth ministers, and others who may know someone asking where God is calling him. Sometimes a simple share can help put the right message in front of the right person at the right time.

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



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

Widows Monthly Luncheon:
All Widows of IC and St. C. are invited to lunch on Wednesday, November 18th at 11:30 AM at the Benny's Restaurant, Mattoon

Catholic Radio for Mattoon
90.5 FM

ATTENTION PLEASE!

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.

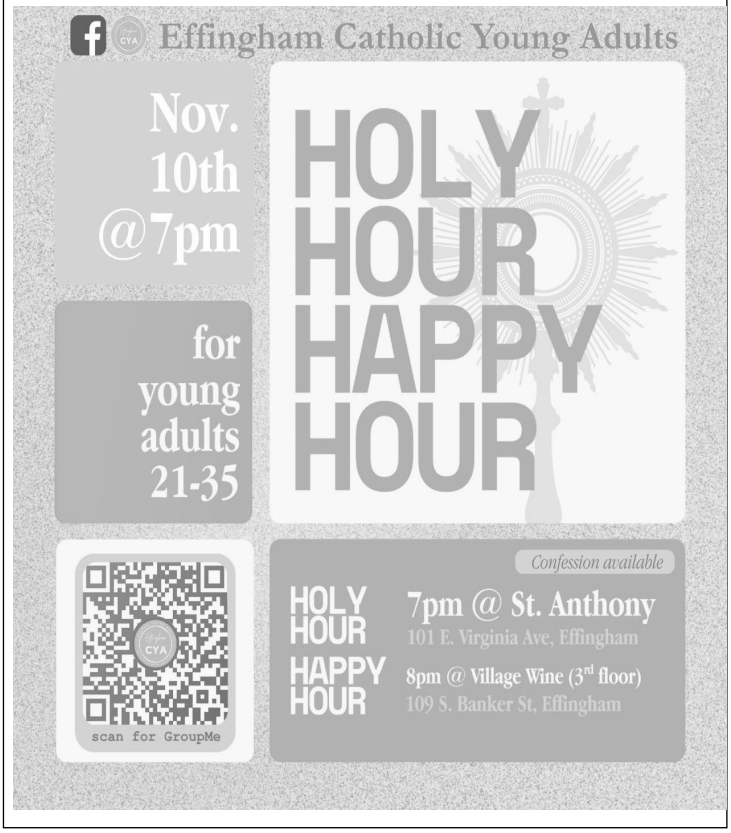
COME JOIN US! Card Club open to all! Monday, November 9th at 1:30 PM in the IC Lower Level. We will continue monthly on the second Monday of each month. Have an interest? Join us! Show up and we will figure out the games and teams!

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!

Thanks to all who supported our recent K C blood drive! Thanks to your generosity we were able to collect **17 pints!**



The Catholic Connection: Veteran's Day and St. Martin of Tours
By Janet Meyer, Catholic Stand

Veteran's Day and St. Martin's Feast Day

This connection comes through St. Martin of Tours. His feast day is also November 11. Some would suggest there is no coincidence.

It starts with Armistice Day. According to Military.com:

In legislation that was passed in 1938, November 11 was "dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be hereafter celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day.'" As such, this new legal holiday honored World War I veterans.

World War II and the Korean War followed "the war to end all wars." With more soldiers to remember, in 1954, Congress changed November 11 from Armistice Day to Veterans Day to include all veterans.

Catholic Roots of Veterans Day

In the early hours of 11 November, final terms were laid out and at 5.12 am, the armistice was signed. It declared the "cessation of hostilities by land and in the air six hours after the signing". Terms of the agreement included: the immediate German withdrawal from the territories they had acquired during the conflict; the disarmament and demobilization of the German military; and the release of Allied prisoners. The terms made it impossible for Germany to resume any fighting.

It is the date that is important. The "cessation of hostilities" was to begin on the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month".

Was this intentional? Note that this was St. Martin's feast day long before it became Armistice Day. This Saint of Tours, being well-known, many prayed for his intercession to end the war. They saw the hand of God in signing the Armistice on this special day. They might be right. The Badger Catholic says "Traditionally, November 11 had previously served as a day of signing peace treaties in honor of Saint Martin.

St. Martin was a Christian Roman soldier. He served for many years in a cavalry unit in France. Eventually, though, he said to his commander, "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ." He remained a soldier for the next 3-5 years (depending on the source) but ultimately got his wish. This saint, who started service as a soldier, ultimately became a Bishop. He served God in both capacities.

There is a story of Martin sharing his cloak with a beggar that is well-known. He was still a soldier at the time. Biographer Sulpicius Severus tells it this way:

Accordingly, at a certain period, when he had nothing except his arms and his simple military dress, in the middle of winter, a winter which had shown itself more severe than ordinary, so that the extreme cold was proving fatal to many, he happened to meet at the gate of the city of Amiens a poor man destitute of clothing. He was entreating those that passed by to have compassion upon him, but all passed the wretched man without notice, when Martin, that man full of God, recognized that a being to whom others showed no pity, was, in that respect, left to him. Yet, what should he do? He had nothing except the cloak in which he was clad, for he had already parted with the rest of his garments for similar purposes.

Taking, therefore, his sword with which he was girt, he divided his cloak into two equal parts, and gave one part to the poor man, while he again clothed himself with the remainder. Upon this, some of the by-standers laughed, because he was now an unsightly object, and stood out as but partly dressed. Many, however, who were of sounder understanding, groaned deeply because they themselves had done nothing similar. They especially felt this, because, being possessed of more than Martin, they could have clothed the poor man without reducing themselves to nakedness.

After sharing his cloak, this happened:

That night in a dream, Martin saw Christ wearing that portion of cloak that he had given the beggar, and heard him saying to the angels that surrounded him, "Martin the catechumen has clothed me with this garment."

All of this occurred before Martin became a baptized Christian. After the vision, he had himself baptized. Martin's desire became to live entirely for Christ.

As bishop of Tours, Martin preached around the countryside, performing many wonders, from communication with animals to raisings from the dead... The saint's biographer, Sulpicius Severus, compared Martin to the Apostles and attributed to him amazing miracles that included healings, exorcisms, visions of angels, and temptations by devils.

But the triumph worth winning, as Martin's life attested, was in the victory over self and the allurements of the world.

This is the victory we are all called to. On Veteran's day, and the rest of the month, remember the Catholic connection. Thank our veterans but also pray for them. I will pray that they (and I) learn to be like this soldier and bishop of the 4th Century. My prayer is that we all grow in the desire to live entirely for God.



Immaculate Conception:
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

Diocesan Child Abuse Reporting and Investigation Number 217-321-1155

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Immaculate Conception Calendar of Events

Sun., Nov. 8: Family of Faith meets at 9:15 AM in the FOF Center
Mon., Nov. 9: Card Club meets at 1:30 PM in the Lower Level
Mon., Nov. 9: KC Meeting at 7:00 PM in the KC Hall
Tues., Nov. 10: Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 5:00 PM in Church
Tues., Nov. 10: OCIA Faith Formation Class continues at 6:30 PM in the FOF Center
Wed., Nov. 11: Adoration from 5:30-6:30 AM & 7:00—8:00 PM in Church
Wed., Nov. 11: Spanish Prayer Group at 6:00 PM in the PC
Thurs., Nov. 12: Revelation, Adult Faith Formation Class continues at 9:30 AM in the FOF Center
Thurs., Nov. 12: KC Bingo at 6:30 PM in the KC Hall
***Fri., Nov. 13*:** Mexican Foods Cooking Class at 6:00 PM in the PC
Sun., Nov. 15: Family of Faith meets at 9:15 AM in the FOF Center

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 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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