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For all of Hancock County

Nationwide Mass Times

Call 1-734-794-2100 or www.masstimes.org

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Does Your Marriage Need Help?

Call 800-470-2230 or www.retrouvaille.org

Membership in the Parish

We give a hearty welcome to all new families moving into our Parish. Please register in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Families who plan to move from our parish community are requested to inform us.

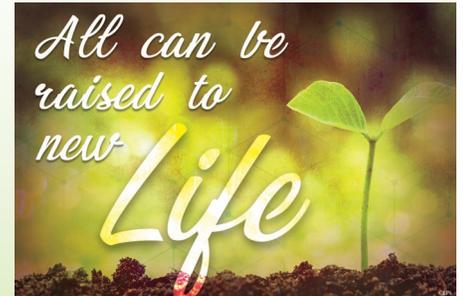
Bulletin Articles

Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

Cycles of Faith

"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." As we draw near to the great feast of Easter, the Church gives us here some food for thought regarding the idea of resurrection and eternal life. Today's Gospel shares the story of a dead man who came to life again by the power of Jesus. Lazarus, who had been lying lifeless in a tomb for four days, "came out" of the tomb, burial cloths draped around his body, in a moment that must have been absolutely astonishing! This miracle could not have been explained by anything other than divine power over life and death.

It's important to consider that this story is not so much about Jesus' own resurrection but rather it is about OURS. Jesus uses the occasion of this restoration of his friend, Lazarus, to teach that we ALL can be raised to new life through the power of the Lord. Jesus tells us that we too can overcome death by believing in him: "everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."



Easter, of course, will confirm for us that death has no power over the God of life. But today, during these closing days of Lent, we are reminded that we can share in this source of life by believing in Jesus. So now is a perfect time to double-check our faith in him. Is it authentic? Do we really accept the supernatural reality of who Jesus is? Do we believe that he can conquer even the most frightening moment of human existence: death itself?

If we find ourselves falling short of faith in these things, let us turn to the Lord and ask that he will increase our faith so that, with Martha, we can truly say, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God."

Celebration of the Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick • Celebrated twice a year at the weekend Masses. Anyone who is ill, infirmed or going to surgery may request the anointing by contacting Fr. Terry.

Baptism • Baptism takes place on Sundays during Mass or following Mass. Contact Fr. Terry to set a meeting to prepare for the sacrament and set a date. Baptism for older youths and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil or before marriage.

Reconciliation • Before Mass on Saturday at 4:30 pm, after any Mass, or by appointment with Fr. Terry. Communal services during Advent and Lent. First Reconciliation is celebrated during Advent.

Confirmation • Is celebrated in the seventh and eighth grades or at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop visits every two years and we alternate between the two parishes.

Eucharist • First Eucharist is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade.

Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or religious life.

Marriage • Contact Fr. Terry at least 6 months before setting a date for marriage. Couples are to attend Engaged Encounter or the Sponsor Couple Program.

Mass attendance is mandatory for those requesting Sacraments, Fr. Terry.



Life Over Death

Our theme on this 5th Sunday of Lent centers on the gift of life in contrast to hopelessness and death. The cold and bleakness of winter gives birth to the season of Spring and new life; the darkness of night passes over to daybreak and the light of a new day; the child in the mother's womb grows and is born and a new person enters the world; a person steeped in the darkness of sin repents and returns to the Lord

From Father's Desk

who, offers new life and hope. All of these examples are a reality which, should give all of us in this Season of Lent the motive to turn away from those things which brings darkness and death to our spirits and to rise to new life as Lazarus did in our gospel today. The Sacrament of Reconciliation also restores us to new life and heals our brokenness. May our journey of Lent give birth to Easter—the celebration of the Risen Christ within each one of us. Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

As our season of Lent quickly draws to a close, we are reminded today that God's creative and life giving presence is always at work, bringing light out of darkness and new life out of death. The prophet Ezekiel reminds us that God's spirit is within us. Realizing this allows us to endure not only our eventual physical deaths but any difficulty, disappointment or crisis we may encounter. God's desire to bring all things into loving union with him is eternal.



We express our sympathy to Gloria Tharp on the death of her husband, Donald Tharp. May God enfold him in His tender Love.

Our prayers go out to Eva Bulleit on the death of her husband, Bob Bulleit. May Christ now share with him Eternal Life.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the youth in the high school presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross. Also, a BIG thank you to the youth who presented the stations. You may see pictures from the evening event on the Youth Group page of our website icscchurch.org

Easter Egg Hunt

The Immaculate Conception and St Columba Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at St Columba on Saturday April 15th at 10:00am for the preschool-5th grade. The Easter Bunny will also be there to visit with the children. Bring your camera! Lots of candy and prizes. Bring your children and grandchildren. Invite their friends!

Candy Donations

We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy to stuff our eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Candy donations may be placed in the baskets at church or may be dropped off at the parish office.

No Religious Education

Due to Spring Break, there will be no religious education classes on April 5th and due to Holy Week we will not have classes on April 12th. Classes will resume April 19th.

Parish Website – www.icscchurch.org

Take a look at our parish website for news and resources. On our website, you will find current events happening in our parishes along with upcoming events planned. You will find pictures, Mass times and the Catholic News Service. Need information about our religious education program, just click the Faith Formation tab. Perhaps you need some Lenten resources then consider the Spiritual growth section. Thinking about getting married or wanting your baby baptized then see the Sacrament page. On our website, you will find many resources to help you. Take a look around and let us know if there is anything we can add to help meet your needs.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 4

8:00 am † Dot Bratcher SC
By Ron Spalding

Wednesday, April 5

5:30 pm † Joe Lewis IC
By Dan & Shirley Hagman

Thursday, April 6

8:00 am † Theresa Rose McCarty SC
By Dot Pooser

Friday, April 7

No Mass

Saturday, April 8

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, April 9

8:30 am † Anna Payne SC
By Helen Payne Family

10:30 am † Bob Bulleit IC
By Mike & Sheila Ogle

Readings for the Week

April 2, 2017

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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

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

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52-56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-7/Jn 10:31-42

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

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Faith Sharing Question

John 11:1-45

Jesus shows a range of emotions (from weeping to anger) in the story of the raising of Lazarus. What does this teach us about Jesus' humanity?

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Ezekiel was a sixth century BC prophet during Israel's exile in Babylon. How do you imagine the captive Israelites reacted to his vision of the dry bones?

Romans 8:8-11

Paul challenged the Christians in Rome to see their faith in the resurrected Christ in new ways. What is Paul's point here in asserting believers are now living "in the spirit"?

Immaculate Conception Mission Statement

As people chosen by God through our baptism, the parish of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is called to make Christ visible in our family, community and the world. We proclaim God's word in worship, through the sacraments, in hospitality, teaching, repentance, forgiveness and service.

Our goal is that all people may come to know and share in the salvation of Jesus Christ.

Bulletin Board

Tuesday, April 4

5:00 pm Rosary SC
 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross SC

Wednesday, April 5

NO Relig Ed K-Adult IC
 6:00 pm Lenten Confessions IC

Thursday, April 6

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross IC
 NO RCIA IC

Friday, April 7

4:30 pm Last Lenten Fish Fry SC
 6:00 pm Lenten Confessions SC



Liturgical Roles

Sunday, April 9

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Denny Long
 Dot Pooser, Sandy Davis

Lector: Tim Heavrin

Server: Katie Poole

Cross Bearer: Jerry Davis

Gift Bearer: Wes & Jennifer Poole

Hospitality: David Winchell, Bob Durbin
 Debbie Hawes, Lula Marsch

Vocation Statue: Bob Durbin

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Bob Ogle
 Denis Wheatley, Jody Wheatley

Lector: Yvonne Booty

Server: Carter Lyday, Lettie Ogle

Cross Bearer: Vanessa Hess

Gift Bearer: Leonard & Linda Thomas

Hospitality: Clayton & Gloria Gray
 Samantha Drury, Jessalyn Gray

Vocation Statue: Lynn Powers

Children's Liturgy: Alisha Wheatley

In Need of Special Prayer

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, April Bolin
 Stephen Emmick, Georgene Poole

Homebound and Heartland Villa

Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp,
 Christina Hagan, Olivia Murphy, Frances
 Payne, Shirley Mobley, Florence Roby,
 Lillie Lanham, Clyde Toler, Mary Coyle
 Regina Walz, Frances Storm

**Please call the Parish Office to add or
 remove names from this bulletin prayer list.**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I am driving throughout the United States, I enjoy seeing the billboards that dot the highways speaking for God. A couple of my favorites: "Life is short. Eternity is not. --God"; and "Let's meet at my house this Sunday, before the game. -- God." God must have a pretty big advertising budget because he has billboards in pretty much every state!

One billboard I saw read, "You asked God for a sign, and here it is!" After a chuckle, I realized that we are always looking for a sign. We say we believe, but sometimes, we act like we just want to be sure.

In the Gospels, Jesus performs miracles and healings so that people would believe. The healing of Lazarus was surely a profound moment for all who were there. Jesus was able to show that he has power over even death itself, a foreshadowing to his resurrection that will occur in the not too distant future. For all who doubt, be assured that Jesus is the giver of life. He has given living water to the woman at the well, sight to the blind, and now has raised a man from the grave.

As Easter draws ever closer, how many more signs do you need? What else can Jesus do to convince you that his call on your life comes from the source of all life? As the US Bishops' pastoral letter on stewardship lays out, we have been challenged, we are asked to choose, and then our lives will be transformed. May all the signs of God around us, even billboards on the side of the road, move us to choose a path of giving of ourselves like Jesus. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Easter Ham

St. Columba is taking orders for smoked Easter Hams! Cost is \$35 and payment must be made at time of the order. All orders must be turned in by April 4th. Hams will be ready for pickup on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Contact Mike Fallin or the church office if you wish to place an order.



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception		St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00	Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 3-19-17	<u>\$2,325.00</u>	Collection 3-19-17	<u>\$2,397.00</u>
Difference under	\$944.00	Difference over	\$89.00
Mass Attendance	145	Mass Attendance	58/90
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00	Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 3-26-17	<u>\$3,243.00</u>	Collection 3-26-17	<u>\$1,522.00</u>
Difference under	\$26.00	Difference under	\$786.00
Mass Attendance	138	Mass Attendance	53/70
Week # 39 of 52		Week # 39 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$127,491	Fiscal YTD Goal	\$90,012
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$121,470	Fiscal YTD Actual	\$94,796
IC Building Acquisition Fund			
Total Families Pledged	60		
Total Amount Pledged	\$190,163		
Total Paid 3-26-17	\$177,898		

St. Columba Mission Statement

We, St. Columba Parish, are a living family of God committed to deepening and sharing our faith. We immerse ourselves deeper in our baptism to reach out to those in need, call people to recognize their talents and pray for guidance to lead all people to experience the light of Christ.