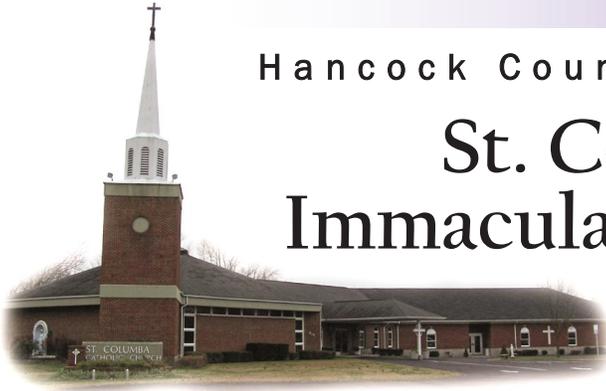


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Nationwide Mass Times

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Phone 270-295-3494
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm
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Cycles of Faith

2nd Sunday of Advent

"In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar...and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee...and Lysanias was tetrarch of?" Did you need to pinch yourself awake during the first few lines of this Sunday's Gospel? John the Baptist received quite a prelude today as Luke described the religious and political leadership of the time period. Scripture is divinely inspired, and we believe that everything that made it into the Bible is there for a reason. These lines remind us of an important truth. The Christmas story isn't a fairy tale or nursery rhyme. It's not a parable we say to give meaning to the holiday. At Christmas, God's presence is made tangible in a precise moment in time. The birth of Christ is a historical event. As precursor to Jesus' preaching, the ministry of John the Baptist is also a historical event.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." John's call to repentance and the forgiveness of sins happened in a particular time and place. But that does not mean it is limited to first century Palestine! God continues to move in our daily lives. What we hear in today's Gospel - and what we anticipate at Christmas - occurs in our daily lives. God works in concrete ways in time and space. He did that 2,000 years ago, and He continues to do so today!

This Sunday, examine your own Christmas preparations. Is there anything you need to repent of before the Christmas season? Are there low points in your life, valleys to "be filled" by the love of God? Are their mountainous obstacles in your spiritual life? How can they be "made low"? Are you making decisions that have moved you away from God? This Advent season is the time for them to "be made straight and ? made smooth." Prepare the way in your heart for Christ today!



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.



From Father's Desk

Advent: Repentance & Preparation

On this 2nd Sunday of Advent, we are called to look within ourselves and to be honest about sorrow and repentance. John the Baptist, challenged the Pharisees not to be insincere but to show some evidence of real reform. This season of waiting for the Lord is a real opportunity for all of us to examine our lives and ask ourselves, "Am I spending some of my time in quiet prayer and reflecting on the true meaning of

Christmas or am I too busy shopping and putting up decorations and wondering about Christmas gifts?" Let us remember that Christmas is Jesus' birthday and that our Christmas will be special and holy if we include the Season of Advent preparing our hearts as well. On the first Christmas, the innkeeper told Mary and Joseph there was no room for them and the child—let us make room for Jesus by taking Advent seriously. Come Lord Jesus and be born in our hearts. Fr. Terry

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Making straight the path of Christ is not only the vocation of John the Baptist but of every baptized believer. God desires to lead us with His mercy and justice. These are essentials in God's kingdom and some of the gifts Christ's future coming will bring. But our world's systems do not place emphasis on these values. Wanting greater profits, downsizing companies in order to reduce expenses, using others for personal or corporate gain, and valuing institutions over people are just a few of the "values" we encounter every day. We are called to straighten the path to Christ. In a world that places value on things that are counter to our call, how do we respond? We need to learn to discern what is of real value and then take the risk of bringing it into the marketplace.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to Camille Clark, Bella Conway, Aubrey Poole and Charlie Severs who celebrated their First Reconciliation on December 5th! Please continue to keep these students in your prayers as they prepare for their First Eucharist.

Religious Ed Christmas Celebration and Penance

The religious ed classes will be having classroom Christmas celebrations on Wednesday, December 12th. Also, the 3rd-7th grade youth will have the opportunity to go to confession during their party time.

Advent Parish Penance Service

Advent is a time to prepare. A time to prepare for Christmas; a time to prepare for the Lord. Let confession be a part of your preparation. Join us for an Advent Penance Service on Monday December 17th at 6:00pm at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. All are welcome.

Christmas Caroling

Join Fr. Terry and Santa for Christmas Caroling on Thursday December 20th. Everyone will gather at Immaculate Conception parish office at 3:00pm. Carolers will visit our shut-ins and proceed to Heartland Villa and The Oaks. The group will end the evening at St. Columba for a light dinner, hot chocolate and Christmas goodies!

Flower Donations

Give a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Use your Christmas flower envelope and write the name of your loved one on the envelope. All names will be listed in a special bulletin insert at Christmas.

Advent Reading

As you enter church you will find free reading materials for Advent. Please take and enjoy. Feel free to share with others after you have finished any of the books available. Also check out our web site for additional resources. www.icscchurch.org

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 11

8:00 am † Alice Devine SC
By Larry & Joann Roby

Wednesday, December 12

5:30 pm † Bobby Vandgrift IC
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

Thursday, December 13

8:00 am † Bill Yancy SC
By Layman & Mary Hawkins

Friday, December 14

8:00 am † Jeanie Hanks IC
By John & Lynn Powers

Saturday, December 15

5:00 pm † Justin Gross SC
By Rodney & Dana Gross

Sunday, December 16

8:30 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Regina Emmick
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week

December 9, 2018

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

The prophet Baruch offers words of encouragement and hope to the Israelites held in captivity in Babylon. How do you seek divine guidance in moments of despair and distress?

Second Reading

St. Paul offers a prayer for the Philipians so that they may "discern what is of value." What do you value most in this life?

Gospel Reading

Luke is careful to place the preaching and activities of John the Baptist in its political and religious historical context. Why do you think this information was so important to Luke and his community?

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

Wednesday, December 12

12:00 pm Senior Potluck Lunch SC
 6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC

Santa's Sacks

Help us prepare Santa Sacks for those in need in the community by donating green beans, mac & cheese and stuffing and new toys for newborn-8th grade. You may bring your donations to Mass beginning next Sunday November 25th thru December 16th. Baskets will be available as you enter church. The give-away is scheduled for Thursday December 20th. Please contact Noel Quinn if you are interested in helping with the give-away.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, December 16

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Eddie Gray

Dian Heavrin, Sandy Davis

Lector: Steve Basham

Server: Lawson Ward

Cross Bearer: David Payne

Gift Bearer: Kevin Ward Family

Hospitality: George Bozarth Family

Vocation Statue: Mary Masterson

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: McKensie Severs

Mary Woodward, Lexi Hodge

Lector: Loretta Stokes

Server: Jacob Hodge, Gracie Kennedy

Cross Bearer: Carter Lyday

Gift Bearer: Steve Lyday Family

Hospitality: Jason Curry Family

Vocation Statue: Dan & Shirley Hagman

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I remember growing up in Catholic school and having to make construction paper Advent wreaths every single year! The little yellow flames would be cut out and held until each new candle was lit. Great idea, except for the fact that the chance you could find the flames greatly diminished as each week passed. I will bet over 50% of the wreaths never received a 4th flame! Of course by then, most kids in elementary school had moved on to Christmas. Christmas was not a day. It was an entire experience of vacation from school.

You may or may not have an Advent wreath in your home or office, but those flames are rather insignificant to the flame that should be burning in our hearts during this season. How are you finding ways to light your fire? How are you preparing the way for Christ to come into your life and the lives of those around you in a more profound way?

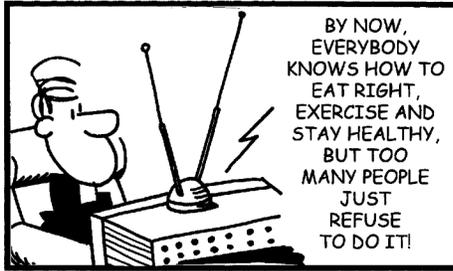
The ritual of an Advent wreath is a good idea for anyone. But don't think that your preparations are done simply because you have one. You are called to be a flame to others during this season, reminding them of why we celebrate this time at all. Each person is a candle to be lit, and you have the gifts, given to you by God, to light them. At Christmas, you want God to look at you and see all the light generated by those He lit through you. Now is the time. Don't wait until Advent is almost over. You might not be able to find your own flames if you wait too long.

-- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Host a First Sunday Lunch at Immaculate Conception

First Sunday Lunch was well attended, and hosts have signed up for January and February. We are still in need of host for March, April and May! Consider being a host. Hosts will decide the lunch menu and request volunteer assistance where needed. Host names and numbers will be posted in the bulletin and parishioners are invited to contact the host and volunteer, donate or contribute to the meal. Families, friends or groups can volunteer to host. Please consider being a host and sign up as you enter church or contact the church office.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,208.00
Collection 12-2-18	<u>\$2,510.00</u>
Difference under	\$698.00
Mass Attendance	136
Week # 23 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$73,784
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$72,215

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,264.00
Collection 12-2-18	<u>\$2,542.00</u>
Difference over	\$278.00
Mass Attendance	66/92
Week # 23 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$52,072
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$51,949
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 12-2-18	\$43,483

In Need of Special Prayer
 Phyllis Emmick, Kevin Gearlds,
 Gloria Gray

Homebound or Nursing Homes
 Betty Brickey, Frances Storm, Mary Hinton,
 Lillie Lanham, Dorothy Beauchamp,
 Thomas Flood, Shirley Mobley,
 Carl Pendley, Gene Toler

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



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.