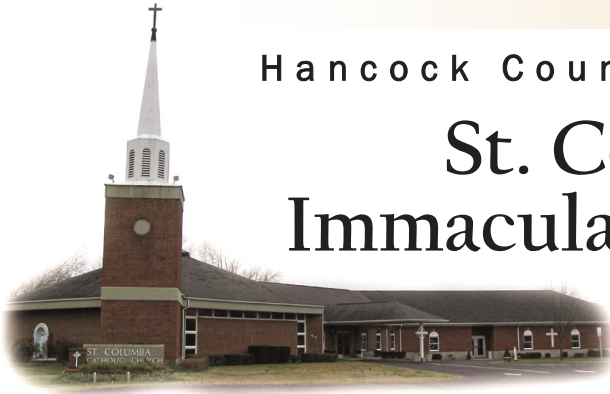


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Nationwide Mass Times

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

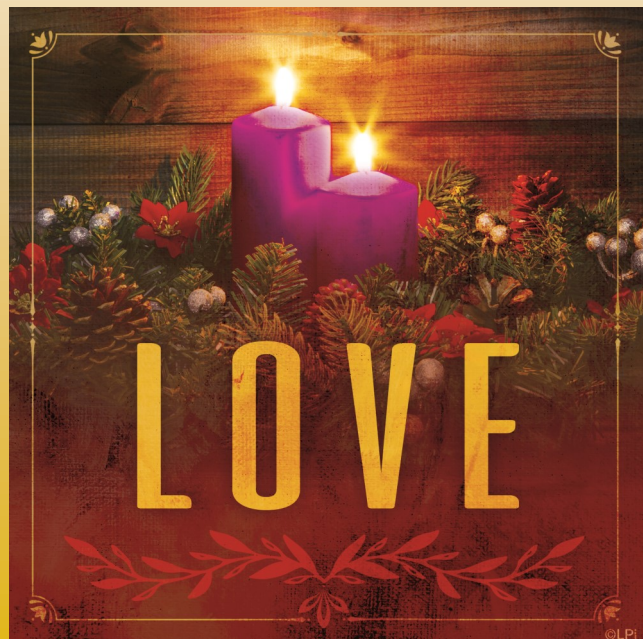
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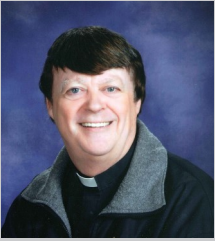
Cycles of Faith

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. "Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'" Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. "The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?





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

Christmas Hams for Sale!

St. Columba will be selling Hams for Christmas for \$35. What a bargain!!!! Hams will be sold on a first come basis. Please have your money at the time of ordering. Orders and money need to be turned in by December 17th. Pickup will be on Sunday December 22nd after Mass at both IC and SC. To order, contact Mike Fallin at 270-295-3169 or 270-922-7707 or call the parish office at 270-927-8419



Flower Donations

Give a donation for Christmas Poinsettias in memory of a loved one. Use your Christmas flower envelope and write the name of your loved one on the envelope. All of the names will be listed in a special bulletin insert in the December 22nd bulletin.

Santa's Sacks

Help us prepare Santa Sacks for those in need in the community by donating green beans, stuffing, mac & cheese and new toys for newborn-8th grade. You may bring your donations to Mass until December 15th. Baskets will be available as you enter church. The set up is scheduled for Wednesday December 18th with the give-away on Thursday December 19th. Please contact Noel Quinn if you are interested in helping.

Derby Dinner Playhouse Parish Trip

We are set to go on Tuesday **December 10th** for our Annual Parish Christmas excursion! This year we will be visiting the Derby Dinner Playhouse for the hilarious musical tale of Buddy the Elf. The Charter Bus will leave at 3:15pm and return around 10:30pm. Contact Denise if you have any questions. Looking forward to a wonderful adventure with our church family!



Parish Advent Penance Service

Prepare your hearts for the coming of Christ! Join us at Immaculate Conception for an Advent Penance Service on Thursday December 12th at 6:00pm.

Knights of Columbus to Host Parish Family Night

The K of C is hosting a Family Night for both St. Columba and Immaculate Conception families on Sat. Dec. 14th beginning at 6:00pm at IC Parish Hall. They are asking people to bring a party finger food dish to share. Games and fun activities are scheduled. They have also invited a special guest who wears a red suit! So bring your children and grandchildren to share their Christmas wish with Santa Claus!

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9

(not a holy day of obligation)

8:00am † People of the Parish IC

Tuesday, December 10

8:00 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Ken and Marji Martin

Wednesday December 11

NO Mass IC

Thursday, December 12

8:00 am † Judith Hockenberry SC
By John and Karen Godare

Friday, December 13

8:00 am † Paul & Anastasia Johnson IC
By Marilyn McCaslin

Saturday, December 14

5:00 pm † Kay Johnson SC
By Mike and Shelia Ogle

Sunday, December 15

8:30 am † Dexter Marsch SC
By Carl Freyvogel
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week Of December 8, 2019

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

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

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71: 3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

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

Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11: 2-11

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel Reading

John the Baptist preached about the importance of producing "good fruit" as evidence of a sincere repentance. What good works are you doing as we continue through the season of Advent?

Catholic Quotes

I am not afraid...I was born to do this.
—St. Joan of Arc

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

Sunday, December 8

9:30am Breakfast with Santa SC
 8:30am Rite of Acceptance SC
 6:30pm Knights of Columbus IC

Monday, December 9

8:00am Special Mass to IC
 celebrate the Feast of
 the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday, December 10

7am -7pm Adoration IC
 3:15pm Parish Trip to Derby
 Dinner Theatre—IC Parking lot

Wednesday, December 11

6:00pm Rel Ed K-12 IC
 6:00pm School of Leaders IC

Thursday, December 12

7am -7pm Adoration SC
 6:00pm Advent Penance IC
 Service

Saturday, December 14

6:00pm K of C Family Night IC

Liturgical Roles

Dec. 15, 2019

St. Columba 8:30am

Eucharistic Min: Butch Meriwether
 Randy Miller
 Judy Pate

Lector: Mary Johannemann

Server: Joseph Quinn

Cross Bearer: John Neff

Gift Bearer: Denny/Denise Long
 & Joseph/Nicole Quinn

Hospitality:

Vocation Statue: Denny/Denise Long

Dec 15, 2019

Immaculate Conception, 10:30am

Eucharistic Min: Bob Ogle
 Heath Stokes
 Falyn Stokes

Lector: Loretta Stokes

Server: Drew Lyday/Gavin Herrmann

Cross Bearer: Carter Lyday

Gift Bearer: Heath Stokes Family

Hospitality: Heath Stokes Family

Vocation Statue: Bob Ogle



New Openings for Adoration

Spend a little extra time with Jesus during Adoration! We have openings for Adoration at St. Columba on Thursdays at 5:00pm and 6:00pm. Please contact Denise if you are interested or would like more information.

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?



Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

Religious Ed Confessions

Fr. Terry will be hearing confessions for grades 3-6 Wednesday, December 11th to help the students prepare their hearts for Christmas.

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception

Weekly Goal\$3,385.00
 Collection 11-24-19\$2,900.00
 Difference under\$485.00
 Mass Attendance 114

Weekly Goal\$3,385.00
 Collection 12-1-19\$2,815.00
 Difference under\$570.00
 Mass Attendance 130

Week # 23 of 52

Fiscal YTD Goal \$77,855
 Fiscal YTD Actual \$74,089



St. Columba

Weekly Goal\$2,500.00
 Collection 11-24-19\$1,938.00
 Difference under\$562.00
 Mass Attendance 62/90

Weekly Goal\$2,500.00
 Collection 12-1-19\$3,854.00
 Difference over\$1,354.60
 Mass Attendance80/116

Week # 23 of 52

Fiscal YTD Goal \$57,500
 Fiscal YTD Actual \$59,771

SC Building Repair Fund

Total Families Pledged 58
 Total Amount Pledged \$51,518
 Total Paid 12-1-19 \$49,471

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.