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Nationwide Mass Times

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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.

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Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do.

However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before

our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.



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.

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.

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

Eucharist • First Eucharist is typically 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 mo before setting a date to begin marriage preparation. Couples may be asked to attend Pre Cana or Engaged Encounter.

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



The Price for Following Jesus

They say that nothing is free anymore and following in the footsteps of Jesus is no exception. The cost of discipleship which begins with baptism, does call us first to be faithful in our promises to Jesus - to reject sin and the works of the devil. Jesus never abandons us in our daily journey and He never leaves us no matter what we have to endure. Do we really believe this?

Sometimes we want to be in total control, and our trust in God can be weakened, but "if every hair on our head has been counted", we can be assured that our lives are in the hands of our Lord. In following Christ, may we not get bogged down with externals and materialism, but depend more on the grace of God that will keep us on the right road to our heavenly goal. Have a good week!

Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel Reading

Jesus continues to teach his followers the challenges of discipleship. What do you find most challenging in following Christ?



Independence Day

Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

Prayer of Thanksgiving for Freedom

Freedom is enshrined in our US Constitution. The First Amendment of our constitution protects our freedom of speech. However, our speech may not infringe upon another's freedom. Freedom does have its limits. And we must protect everyone's freedoms, not just ours. On this 4th of July, let us remember from whom all our freedoms originate, our good and gracious God.

Let us pray...

God, giver of all good gifts,
Help us to be thankful for rest and food,
and remember that, in all we do or say,
you are with us, here this day.
We are thankful for all you do
and for everything you have given us.
But above all we are thankful for our freedoms
and the ability to protect others' freedom.
We are free because of you.
We ask for your continued blessing on all your creation.
Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Mass Intentions

Wednesday, July 1

5:30 pm † Kay Johnson IC
By Mike and Shelia Ogle

Thursday, July 2

8:00 am † Dexter Marsch SC
By Carl Freyvogel

Saturday, July 4

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, July 5

8:30 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Regina Emmick
10:30 am † Troy Russelburg IC
By Ellis and Sharon Russelburg

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date June 28, 2020

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 [cf. 1]/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



www.icscchurch.org

Join St Columba Facebook Live on Sundays 8:30am

A listing of online Mass locations and times are listed on our website

TV Channels for Mass

DirecTV CH 370
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Antenna CH 45 at 6:00am FOX

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, June 30

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Thursday, July 2

7am -5pm Adoration SC

Saturday, July 4



MINISTRY NEWS

Liturgical Roles

With the temporary changes in the Mass the following ministers will be scheduled. If you can help please contact Denise

- Lector
- Hospitality/Usher
- Disinfecting Team

Wednesday July 1 5:30pm

Immaculate Conception

Lector: Volunteer
Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family
Disinfecting Team: Marilyn McCaslin,
Margaret Hodge

Thursday July 2 8:00am

St. Columba:

Lector: Volunteer
Hospitality/Usher: Judy Pate/Gerald Davis
Disinfecting Team: Judy Pate, Sandie and
Gerald Davis

Saturday July 4 5:00pm

Immaculate Conception

Lector: Volunteer
Hospitality/Usher: Charles/Peggy Howard
Brenda Adkins
Disinfecting Team: Charles/Peggy Howard
Brenda Adkins

Sunday July 5

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Peggy Meriwether
Hospitality/Usher: Butch Meriwether
Denny Long
Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn
Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Connie Wheatley
Hospitality/Usher: Curry Family
Disinfecting Team: Charles Shadwick
Nathan Powers



WHY DO WE DO THAT? -

Calling Priests Father

Question:

Why do Catholics call priests Father?

Answer:

One of the common objections evangelical Christians have to Catholics is our practice of calling priests by the title Father. They will often cite a passage in Matthew's Gospel in which Jesus tells his followers: "Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven" (23:19). It seems pretty straightforward, but when we put this verse in context, we see that Jesus is speaking out against religious leaders who had forgotten what their proper role was and who were bad examples through their own hypocrisy and elitist attitudes.

In other Gospels, we find Jesus himself using the title father for different characters, such as in the Parable of Lazarus and the Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31) and the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). If we put the verse from Matthew into the full scope of Jesus' teachings, he isn't saying that we can't use words like "father," "rabbi," or "master." Rather, he is telling us that we should be mindful of the full meaning of those titles and not to misuse them.

To call a priest "Father" is more than a sign of respect for the office of the priesthood. It goes all the way back to the way St. Paul understood his own work as a missionary and evangelizer. Paul wrote, "I am writing you in this way not to shame you but to admonish you as my beloved children ... It was I who begot you in Christ Jesus through my preaching of the Gospel. I beg you, then, be imitators of me. This is why I have sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful son in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

Yes, we have God alone as our heavenly Father, but there are also those here with us who nurture and nourish our faith through their teaching and care. This is why the title of Father has been applied to the church's pastors in different ways since the earliest days of the Church, including monks and nuns using the title "abbot" and "abbess" (from abba) for their spiritual leaders and Christians around the world recognizing the "Holy Father" or "pope" (from papa) as the head of the family that is the Church. The title Father is a reminder that priests have a special responsibility to care for, protect, feed, listen to, and nourish those who have been entrusted to them, all after the example of our Father in heaven who never ceases to give us what we truly need.



Vocation Awareness

"Whoever finds his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it". Our relationship with Jesus should be the most important one in our lives. When we make Jesus the center of our lives, we will chose to lose our life for him and for one another, just as he gave his life for us. Our reward will be the fullness of life only he can give. If you've ever thought you might have a vocation to priesthood,

contact the vocations office for resources to assist you with your discernment: 270-683-1545, www.owensborovocations.com, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception

Weekly Goal\$3,385.00
Collection 6-21-20\$2,824.00
Difference under \$561.00
Mass Attendance 65

Week # 52 of 52

Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$176,020
Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$158,682

St. Columba

Weekly Goal\$2,500.00
Collection 6-21-20\$1,511.00
Difference under \$989.00
Mass Attendance48

Week # 52 of 52

Fiscal YTD Goal\$130,000
Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$129,716

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.



Job Opportunity In The Church Office

Immaculate Conception and St. Columba are seeking a qualified candidate for the

position of part-time bookkeeper and secretary. Applicant should have good organizational skills, telephone skills, bookkeeping skills and general office skills. Candidate will need to have knowledge of Microsoft programs, basic office functions and accounting software. This position consists of working Monday thru Thursday for approximately 19 hours per week. Interested candidates may email a resume and cover letter to Fr. Terry Devine, at terry.devine@pastoral.org or mail to Immaculate Conception Church, PO Box 219, Hawesville KY 42348.

Discover Authentic Masculinity

Discover Authentic Masculinity, Why Men Need Band of Brothers and Why Strong Fathers are Needed. These are



just a few of the titles listed in a short video series designed for men called **Into the Breach**. Check it out on our web site www.icscchurch.org by clicking on our Adult and Young Adult pages



Immaculate Conception Picnic Canceled

The parish council has decided to cancel the parish picnic due to the COVID 19 Pandemic. We realize the picnic has long been a tradition of the church both socially and financially. It is our hope that we will soon be able to gather together and look forward to spending time socially with each other.

Since the picnic is a large contributor to the budget Fr. Terry and the Finance council are asking the parishioners to participate in a second collection. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to help support the loss of the picnic income. Anytime during the month of July we ask you to place a second giving in the collection basket marked picnic. You may also mail your donation in to the church office.

We pray for all who have been affected by the coronavirus and for the end of the pandemic. God Bless You as we move forward in these uncertain times and gradually strive to return to some form of normal in our parish. Please contact Fr. Terry or the staff if you have any questions, concerns or needs.



June 28 Stephan D. Basham
 June 29 Trina Ogle, Garrett Ogle
 June 30 Clayton Gray, Jason Curry
 July 2 Martha Wheatly, Jacob Hodge, Garrett Pate
 July 4 Katherine Poole



June 28	Adam & Jennifer Higdon	7yrs
June 29	Norman & Nancy Wheatley	57yrs
	David & Laura Chapman	29yrs
June 30	Bruce & Marcia Roby	48yrs
July 4	Mike & Aimee Newell	39yrs
July 5	James & Christina Hawkins	29yrs



First Communion

We welcome our First Communicants to the banquet table of the Lord! First Communion will be celebrated on Sunday July 12th at 8:30am for the children at St. Columba and Sunday July 19th at 10:30am for the children at Immaculate Conception. Please keep our First Communicants and their families in prayer as they complete their preparation to receive this special sacrament.

St. Columba: Ellen Meserve, Julia Taylor.

Immaculate Conception: Chance Lyday, Isabella Gilmore, Sophia Greathouse, Carter Severs



Confirmation Date Scheduled

A date to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation has been scheduled for August 20th at 6:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Save the date! More info will follow as the day gets closer.

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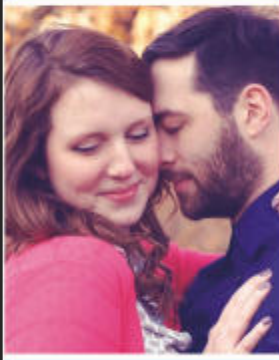
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