

The Epiphany of the Lord/ January 3, 2021

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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

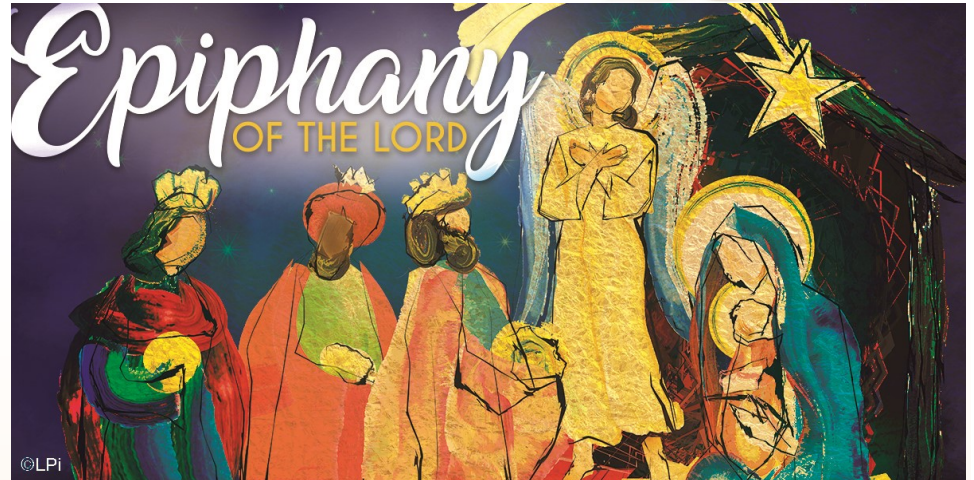
Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

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“Where is that thing?” mumbled Bob as he searched frantically on his dimly lit desk for the current electric bill. “I know I put it right on top of these papers this morning!” Growing in frustration and bordering on anger, he flies stuff around, moves books and opines why simple tasks need to be so hard. Enter his wife, who calmly says, “Maybe it would help if you put the light on, dear.” The desk light goes on and lo and behold, there is the electric bill right where Bob left it earlier. All it took was a little light!

We stubbornly refuse to turn on the lights! Either we are distracted, determined, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Or perhaps, we fail to do the obvious. We would rather live our lives with the dimmest of lights or even in total darkness. Why are we afraid to do something so that we can actually see? It might help us to find quicker and better answers to problems, the meaning of life, relationships, happiness, and what is ultimate truth. Yet, we stumble along, moving things from one side to the other, getting angry, feeling cheated, being unsettled, resigning ourselves to the agony of defeat once again.

“And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.” The light has come into the world in the person of Jesus Christ! We no longer have to fumble in the darkness. We have been gifted with the illumination we need to see our way through things and find what we really are looking for. All these years later, however, so many are still reluctant to accept him. Perhaps they are unconvinced, disinterested, preoccupied, stubborn, apprehensive, or all of the above. Everyone has their own reason for not wanting to turn on the switch.

But there are so many answers to so many of our problems in this humble Child of Nazareth. A simple birth teaches us about God’s tender wedded relationship with humanity. It speaks to the expanse of God’s salvation across the globe, and the incarnate Divine wonders and blessings that are a part of our life moment to moment. It calls us to understand the design of world order God intended as found in the Beatitudes, the sacredness of every human life and all of creation and the meaning of things we struggle with most, like suffering and death. We have a lot of Good News to share, not just with a privileged few but with all the world. All races and creeds can receive God’s healing word. God continues to manifest himself even now! Use the light to find what you are really looking for!



Epiphany of the Lord

Today marks the feast of our Christmas season which is the Epiphany or Manifestation of our Lord. This special celebration recalls the visit from the three astrologers from the East. This feast reassures us that Jesus (the Christmas gift sent by the Father) is for all of humanity. The foreigners, also called the Gentiles (non-Jews)

brought their gifts to the child after following the star of Bethlehem. We, too, are called to follow Christ and to present our lives and the gift of ourselves to the One who has given us everything. May our spiritual resolution in the new year be to follow Christ and to give to Him the gift of ourselves, so that we might better manifest His presence to those around us. God's special blessings to all in 2021.

Fr. Terry



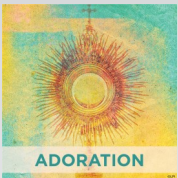
Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

The magi's visit to discover the "newborn king of the Jews" caused great anxiety for the religious leaders of Jerusalem, including King Herod. Why do you think some people are not open to the good news of Jesus Christ?

Baby Gifts for Birthright

Our local Birthright assists pregnant women and new mothers in need. Help support Birthright in Owensboro by donating baby gifts such as maternity and infant clothing, blankets, bottles or diapers during the month of January. Baskets will be available as you enter church.



Opening for Adoration at IC

Spend a little extra time with Jesus during Adoration! We have an opening for Adoration at Immaculate Conception for 10:00am on Tuesdays. Please contact Denise if you are interested or would like more information



Blessing Your Home for the New Year

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk at the Masses for Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing one's home in the New Year. The digits which appear at the beginning and end of the line designate the new year. "CMB" stands for the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar). The initials also signify the Latin prayer "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" or "May Christ Bless This Dwelling". Please feel free to take a piece of chalk home with you as you leave Mass and bless your home. Use the chalk to write above the front door or porch the inscription: **20+C+M+B+21**. As you are writing the inscription you may pray the following prayer

Let us pray. O Lord almighty God, bless this house, that in it there may be health, purity, strength, humility, goodness, mercy, obedience to the commandments and thanksgiving to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell within. Through Christ our Lord... Amen

Safe Environment

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities at 270-526-3871; local law enforcement at 270-927-1311 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available in this parish on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website: (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

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.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 6

5:30 pm † Vic Johnson IC
By Dan and Shirley Hagman

Thursday, January 7

8:00 am † Kevin Gearlds SC
By SC Adult Ed Class

Saturday, January 9

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, January 10

8:30 am † Frances & Willie Jo Emmick SC
By Mary Emmick
10:30 am † Mildred Riley IC
By Denis and Martha Wheatley

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date January 3, 2021

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3 4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7 11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11



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

www.icscchurch.org

Join St Columba Facebook Live on Sundays 8:30am

TV Channels for other Masses

DirecTV CH 370
Dish CH 261
Antenna CH 45 at 6:00am FOX

Bulletin Board

Tuesday, January 5

7am -7pm Adoration

IC

Thursday, January 7

7am -4pm Adoration

SC

Sunday, January 10



Wednesday January 6 5:30 pm

Immaculate Conception

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

Thursday January 7 5:00pm

St. Columba:

Lector: Volunteer
Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer
Disinfecting Team: Volunteer

Saturday January 9 5:00pm

St. Columba

Lector: Volunteer
Hospitality/Usher: Dot Pooser
Disinfecting Team: Charles Shadwick

January 10

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Tim Heavrin
Cross Bearer: David Emmick
Hospitality/Usher: David Emmick
Butch Meriwether
Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn
Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Loretta Stokes
Cross Bearer: Volunteer
Hospitality/Usher: Lyday Family
Disinfecting Team: Charles Shadwick
Nathan Powers



We extend our sympathy and prayers to Rosemary Emmick, Laura Chapman, Wayne and Tommy Roberts for the recent death of their father. May the Lord embrace them and their father in His eternal Love



Why Do We Do That?

Question: What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition.

First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people’s actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As [St. John Paul II observed](#), “chastisement appears to be ... a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss” (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that “has the primary aim of redressing the disorder” and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn’t necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God’s Spirit within them.

Need a Summer Job!!

We are giddy with joy because staff applications are open!!!! Interview weekend begins Feb 19, 2021 so applications must be in by then. Go to our website for more information and apply today!
<http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org/>



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Christmas season beautiful. To all who decorated our churches and parish halls, to the choirs for providing joyous song, to those who served at Mass as hospitality, lectors, and cross bearers and to those who helped to keep us safe by disinfecting after every Mass. Thank you all for your support! Blessings in the New Year!

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 12-20-20\$4,355.00	Collection 12-20-20.....\$3,878.00
Difference over\$1,182.00	Difference over.....\$1,378.00
Mass Attendance 77	Mass Attendance 47/52
Week # 25 of 52	Week # 25 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$79,325	Fiscal YTD Goal \$62,500
Fiscal YTD Actual\$84,935	Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$54,529

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.