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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
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We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?



Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism • Baptism takes place on Sundays during Mass or following Mass. Please call Fr. Terry to schedule a date and for baptismal prep. Baptism for older youths and adults either occurs at the Easter Vigil or before receiving other sacraments.

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

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.

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.

Reconciliation • Before or after any Mass, or by appointment with Fr. Terry. First Reconciliation is celebrated during Advent.

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



Baptism: Our Spiritual Rebirth

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, who was baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John the Baptist. This sacred ceremony preceded the ministry of Jesus and His preaching on the kingdom. By virtue of our baptism, we too are called to serve Christ by living lives which reflect a Christ-like attitude. Just as Jesus

brought others to the love of His father, we, too, are challenged to bring others to Christ and to use our abilities to bring about God's Kingdom here on earth. Keeping our Baptismal promises (reject sin and profess our faith) is not always easy, but Jesus tells us that all things are possible when we put our lives into His hands. Let us always be grateful for our own baptism and may we be faithful in following in the footsteps of our Lord, who took His baptism seriously. Have a good week!

Fr. Terry



Mass Intentions

Wednesday, January 13

5:30 pm † Kay Johnson IC
By Tony Johnson

Thursday, January 14

8:00 am † Mary Young SC
By Ann Johnson Family

Saturday, January 16

5:00 pm L&D Fam of Charles & Peggy Howard SC
By Charles & Peggy Howard

Sunday, January 17

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † Phyllis Emmick IC
By Karl and Betty Herzog



Immaculate Conception & St. Columba Religious Education

Wednesday January 13, 2021 6:00pm at IC Parish Hall

We ask parents to please attend this very important meeting to discuss the upcoming changes to our religious ed program. To reduce numbers we ask only one parent attend. Social distance and mask required

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel Question:

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?



The January Gathering Guides for our religious ed families have been mailed. If you have not received your guide please contact Jill Frakes or the parish office

Why do Catholics baptize infants, while some other Christian denominations wait until adulthood?

To understand when we baptize, it's important to know what baptism is. Baptism removes original sin, and we are reborn into the family of God, adopted as His sons and daughters. We become joint heirs with Christ and sharers in his mission. Early on, baptism was given immediately upon personal conversion, such as the three thousand baptized at Pentecost. Some Christian churches today emphasize baptism specifically as personal conversion. As such, they would not baptize young children who have not yet consciously chosen to follow Christ. As the Church slowly grew, whole households were baptized together upon the deep conversion of one of the leaders (Acts 16). From this evidence, we can surmise that may have included children who were just beginning to hear the Christian message. This would not have been uncommon, especially for Jewish converts. Circumcision marked entrance into the Old Covenant for men. This occurred, without the express consent of the infants, to male children eight days after their birth. In the second century, processes had begun to more gradually incorporate people into the Church. The basis of this "catechumenal model" is still used in parishes today for adults wishing to convert to Catholicism. The familial transmission of faith still retains an important place. Throughout his ministry, Jesus emphasized the importance of baptism for salvation. As Catholics see it, *"The Church and the parents would deny a child a priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth. Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them"* (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1250-1251).



Date January 10, 2021

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

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42



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

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, January 10

Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday, January 12

7am -7pm Adoration IC
 5:00pm IC Finance Council IC
 6:00pm IC Pastoral Council IC

Wednesday, January 13

6:00am Parent meeting IC Parish Hall
 Religious Ed

Thursday, January 14

7am -4pm Adoration SC



Wednesday January 13 5:30 pm

Immaculate Conception

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

Thursday January 14 8:00am

St. Columba:

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

Saturday January 16 5:00pm

St. Columba

Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Dot Pooser
 Disinfecting Team: Charles & Peggy
 Howard

January 17

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Joseph Quinn
 Cross Bearer Ron Spalding
 Hospitality/Usher: Denny Long
 Scott Basham
 Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn
 Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Kenny Woodward
 Cross Bearer Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Curry Family
 Disinfecting Team: Amy Severs Family

In Sympathy We extend our sympathy and prayers to

John Ogle and the Ogle family on the recent death of Parker Ogle. May the Lord embrace them in His eternal Love.



Why Do We Do That?

Question: Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

Answer:

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion. And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer? The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that "all the faithful say the prayer" with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that "No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer." And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer. Per instructions from our Bishop we currently are asked to refrain from holding hands due to the COVID pandemic.

Burgoo and Boston Butt Meat Sales



Thank you to everyone for their help with our parish fundraiser. So many people pitched in with cooking, cutting up vegetables, sales, wrapping, pickup, and delivery! It was a wonderful team effort!! Thank you to the people of both parishes that supported this fundraiser. Special thanks to Steve Ogle and Shelby Emmick for your donation of time and supplying us with the necessary needs to make this successful. Also thank you to the Eileen Basham family for donating all of the supplies for the Burgoo. Our profit is \$3303.40. Great job everyone!!!!



Baby Gifts for Birthright

Our local Birthright assists pregnant women and new mothers in need. Help support our Owensboro Birthright 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.

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal.....\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 12-27-20.....\$2,017.00	Collection 12-27-20.....\$1,257.00
Difference under.....\$1,156.00	Difference under.....\$1,243.00
Mass Attendance.....68	Mass Attendance.....45/41
Christmas Collection.....\$1,775.00	Christmas Collection.....\$1,120.00
Mass Attendance.....102	Mass Attendance.....109
Weekly Goal.....\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 1-3-21.....\$3,210.00	Collection 1-3-21.....\$3,730.00
Difference over.....\$37.00	Difference over.....\$1,230.00
Mass Attendance.....74	Mass Attendance.....42/44
Week # 27 of 52	Week # 27 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$85,671	Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$67,500
Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$91,938	Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$60,583

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.