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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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GOSPEL MEDITATION

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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.





Temptation

As we read on this first Sunday of Lent that not even Jesus was spared by the temptations of the devil, our biggest challenge is to have the courage and willpower to say NO to the devil just as Jesus did. This season of Lent will give us the opportunity to prepare ourselves for the most holiest week of the year that will climax in the death and rising of Jesus Christ. The devil will have many opportunities to tempt us during this season of sacrifice, denial, practicing acts of love and charity. It is only by prayer and closeness to Jesus that we will be successful in rejecting the devil. Let us pray as we journey into these six weeks for the strength to reject the ways of evil and to put to death those things which keeps us in bondage and enslavement. Only with Jesus can we resist the temptations of the evil one and come to new life in the Lord.

Have a good Lent! Fr. Terry



Lenten Opportunities for You!

- **Lenten Reading**—Browse thru the baskets with reading materials ranging from daily prayer to some outstanding books. Books are free, and we encourage you to pass them on to someone else after reading. Spend a little time every day preparing your mind and heart for Jesus this Lenten season.
- **Lenten Confessions**— Fr. Terry will be hearing confessions after every Mass during Lent. Just let him know you wish to go to confession. You may also call Fr. Terry to make an appt
- **Pray the Stations of the Cross**- We are not able to have communal Stations of the Cross but you are invited to come to church anytime on the days of Adoration, Tuesdays at IC from 7am-7pm and at SC on Thurs 7am-4pm, to pray your own individual Stations of the Cross. Materials will be available for you to use. Please remember to wear a mask.
- **Attend Adoration**—You are invited to participate in Adoration on Tuesdays at IC from 7am-7pm and at SC on Thurs 7am-4pm. Remember to wear your mask.
- **Pray the Rosary**—The Rosary will be led every Tuesday at 1:00pm at IC and at 9:00am at SC during Adoration. Remember to wear your mask
- **Give your pocket change**—Every Sunday we will be collecting pocket change in our Water with Blessing Buckets. Feel free to drop in your loose change!!
- **Listen to the Bible in a Year!** - Join Fr. Mike Schmitz as he walks you thru the Bible in a year with daily readings, reflection and prayer. You may visit our parish website for the link or go to www.media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts
- **Contribute to our Lenten Project**—We continue to support Water with Blessings and help sponsor Water Women in Kenya but we also wish to answer the call to help St. Benedicts Homeless Shelter in Owensboro. Thank you for the overwhelming response to the Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser. Coming up next month will be more ways you can help support our Lenten Project.
- **Live Study with Dr. Edward Sri**—Dr Edward Sri author of the best-selling study *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion*, will guide participants deeper into the *No Greater Love* study LIVE on Facebook and on their website, www.ascensionpress.com, starting February 24, 2021, at 7:00 PM EST!
- **Mt. St Joseph Zoom Retreat**—A four part Lenten retreat facilitated by Sr. Cheryl Clemmons. Call Maryann Joyce at 270-929-0206 for more info.
- **Participate in Holy Week** activities Beginning with Palm Sunday on March 28, Holy Thursday April 1st, Good Friday April 2nd, Holy Saturday April 3rd and Easter Sunday April 4th!
- **Into The Breach**—Following the model of “Dadvent,” join men from across the Diocese on Wednesday nights during Lent (Wed, Feb 17th – Wed, March 31st, 2021) at 8PM over Zoom for discussion around the video series “Into the Breach,” produced by the K of C. For more info go to www.icscchurch.org and click on the Lent page for more info on this and other Lenten opportunities.

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, February 24

5:30 pm † Betty Nally IC
By Joseph Nally

Thursday, February 25

8:00 am † Bob Payne SC
By Eileen Basham

Saturday, February 27

5:00 pm † George Allard II SC
By Faye Wettstain & Mary Hawkins

Sunday, February 28

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am †Flo Gray IC
By Judy and Larry White

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date February 21, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
[cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6
[1]/Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



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

Bulletin Board

Saturday February 20

5:30pm Ashes to be distributed SC

Sunday, February 21

Ashes to be distributed at Mass IC and SC

Tuesday, February 23

7am -7pm Adoration and Individual Stations of the Cross available IC

1:00pm Rosary IC

Thursday, February 25

7am -4pm Adoration and Individual Stations of the Cross available SC

9:00am Rosary SC

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

We hear about Jesus' temptation in the desert and his inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe his good news. As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance?

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Wednesday February 24

Immaculate Conception: 5:30pm

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family

Disinfecting Team: Marilyn McCaslin

Thursday February 25

St. Columba: 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer

Disinfecting Team: Volunteer

Saturday February 27

St. Columba 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Dot Pooser

Disinfecting Team: Brenda Adkins

Sunday February 28

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Pat Roberts

Cross Bearer John Neff

Hospitality/Usher: Denny Long

Scott Basham

Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn

Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Mary Woodward

Cross Bearer Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Curry Family

Disinfecting Team: Amy Severs Family



Why Do We Do That?

Question: Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

Easter Flowers

Donate for Easter flowers during Lent in memory of a loved one. You may do so by using the envelope in your giving packet and write the name or names of your loved ones on the envelope before dropping it in the collection. We will have a special bulletin insert on Easter Sunday with the names of all the loved ones noted.

Fish Fry Canceled

Just a reminder that this year due to COVID restrictions it was decided to cancel St. Columba Fish Fries. We hope to resume our Fish Fries next year.



In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Lynn Powers over the recent loss of her dear sister. May the Lord embrace her in His eternal Love.

Sunday Collections

We are sorry but due to the weather we were unable to count the collection. The collection and attendance will be published in next weeks bulletin

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.