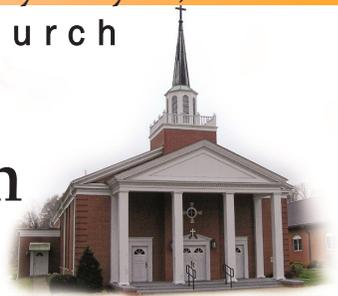


Pentecost Sunday / May 23, 2021

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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.retrouville.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

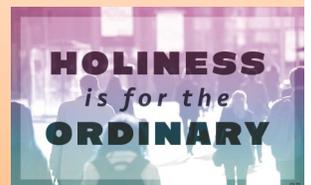
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Begin by taking a moment to calm yourself, focus on your breathing and become aware of the life force that flows through your veins. Center yourself in the words and affections of St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit, "Breath in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy." Sanctifying, bringing things to wholeness, blessing, restoring and creating are just some of the fruits of the presence of the Holy Spirit. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not always about proclaiming loud cries of praise or singing alleluia from a roof top. It is about unfolding and encountering the ordinary in an extraordinary way. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means being filled with the fullness of God's life and in touch with the power and wonder of God's presence. It's about becoming holy.

It is not just for saints or people who have a religious vocation. Holiness is for the ordinary, simple run-of-the-mill person who desires to love God, others, and all of creation. When an ordinary, humble person becomes connected with life and the wondrous power of God's love, they begin to live life more deeply, a bit more reverently, desire a simple fare and find themselves relishing in ordinary beauty. Their senses become attuned to the Author of life and they realize that they are not alone. The Holy Spirit connects all of the dots of human experience and existence, bringing everyone to center on the Divine Presence. The Holy Spirit does not just breathe "on me" but "in me" and is the force behind every breath I take. Take a moment to soak that thought in. There is the Divine Presence of the Holy Spirit in me, right now. When a person becomes in touch with truth, they know that when inspired by the Holy Spirit, his or her actions are not solely their own. They realize that they are moved by Divine Grace and drawn to things not found in secular affairs.

We live in a world where it is hard to discover truth. Real truth is veiled by so many imposters that it is hard to find, especially for those who are young. It is easy to get fooled and duped and often, without full conscious awareness of doing so, we choose to walk down a path of self-absorption and destruction. It is only the Holy Spirit, through the ministry of the church most especially, who guides us to truth and shows us the way to be the graced and holy human beings God made us to be. The wonders and inspirations of today's Feast of Pentecost are necessary to share with both those we love and those who only casually cross our paths. The first disciples, touched by the Holy Spirit, brought the Gospel to the ends of the earth one step at a time. Is it unrealistic to ask that we assist in that same mission by helping people understand who they are and who God is one at a time? Ask the Holy Spirit to alleviate the fear in your heart that prevents you from doing so.





Come Holy Spirit

On this Sunday, we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, which was promised by Jesus just before His Ascension into heaven. The Holy Spirit, which flows from the love of both Father and Son, is a gift which enables all Christians to do the work that Jesus call them to do. Being faithful to our baptismal promises in our world today might be a struggle, but the Spirit enables and encourages us not to give up but to persevere. The Holy Spirit not only leads us, He also gives us the ability to recognize and acknowledge the talents and gifts in ourselves and within others in building up the Kingdom of God. The Holy Spirit also challenges us to be peacemakers and helps us to become more Christ-like in our dealings with others. Come Holy Sprit and enkindle in us the fire of Your love and help us to renew the face of the earth.

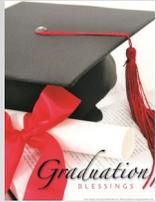
Have a good week. Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

Jesus assured his disciples that his Father would send the "Spirit of truth" to believers offering guidance and divine gifts. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?



Congratulation to our Seniors

This Sunday we are celebrating the seniors in our parishes. We wish our graduates the best as they take this next step in life. Congratulations and you will be in our prayers. Adam Gregory, Michael Payne, Karly Booty, Gracey Emmick, Rheanne Phillips, Sam Snyder, and FalyN Stokes.

7 Things Every High School Graduate Should Hear

1. Live with intention. College and the work force will be full of opportunities. Think carefully about your priorities for your new start.
2. Make the right friends. There will be plenty of new people! Concentrate on the ones who motivate you to be a better person.
3. It's a big world! Look for new perspectives, new opportunities, and new ideas that push you to grow.
4. Find a mentor. Building relationships with people who have "been there, done that" can be a great help.
5. Give yourself away. You may not need to volunteer anymore, but you'll surprised what you learn, how you grow, and who you meet when you serve.
6. Before you go, learn how to do your laundry, address an envelope, schedule a doctor's appointment, use public transportation, & cook basic meals (ramen doesn't count)
7. Remember that God is in control. And that's a good thing!

Interested in Practicing Natural Family Planning?

Thanks to a partnership with the St. Augustine Institute, the Diocese of Owensboro is now offering FREE instruction in the Billings Method of NFP throughout 2021! This offer includes 5 sessions with one of our trained instructors and any Catholic married or engaged couple in our Diocese (where at least one spouse is a practicing Catholic) is eligible. Contact Martha Winn to begin today! 270-796-2972 or 270-791-9434.

Marriage Preparation Update

PreCana, Engaged Encounter, and ReMarriage (formerly "Once More With Love") marriage preparation programs will be utilizing an Online PreCana course until the end of the Pandemic. For more information and registration, visit Owensborodiocese.org/marriage-preparation

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, May 26

5:30 pm † Tom and Jeanette Fault IC
By Franklin & Sylvia Wheatley Fam

Thursday, May 27

8:00 am † Billy Burgess SC
By Shirley Toon

Saturday, May 29

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, May 30

8:30 am † Ray and Ruby Neff SC
By Lula Marsch
10:30 am † Mildred Riley IC
By Larry and Judy White

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date May 23, 2021

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13 [Sir 36:1b]/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



A listing of online Mass locations and times are on our website: icscchurch.org
You may also join St

Columba Live on our Facebook page on Sundays at 8:30am.

TV Channels for other Masses

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

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, May 23

PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:30/10:30 Mass to Honor the Graduates SC/IC

Tuesday, May 25

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Thursday, May 27

7am -4pm Adoration SC

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Changes to COVID Disinfecting Guidelines at Mass

Teams please note the recent changes to the disinfecting schedule. We now only need to use sanitizing wipes to disinfect all high touch areas such as door knobs, push plates, light switches, bathroom faucets, flush handles and commode seats. Pews do not need to be disinfect-ed. The **spray can** disinfectant will also be used on **Saturday Night only** due to the turn around time of Mass on Sunday morning. We no longer need to use the garden sprayer. Please contact Denise if you have any questions.

Wednesday night Mass

Disinfecting Team: Marilyn McCaslin

Thursday morning Mass

Disinfecting Team: Volunteers

Saturday May 29

Immaculate Conception 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer

Eucharistic Min: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer

Disinfecting Team: Fr. Terry

Sunday May 30

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Peggy Meriwether

Cross Bearer Shelby Basham

Hospitality/Usher: Butch Meriwether
David Emmick

Disinfecting Team: Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Yvonne Booty

Cross Bearer Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Lyday Family

Disinfecting Team: Connie and Laura
Wheatley

Sunday Collection

The Sunday collection will be in next weeks bulletin



Why Do We Do That?

Question:

Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

Answer:

The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or "Pentecost" in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration.

It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multinational crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples — and every baptized person — receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God.



PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts
I received in my Baptism and Confirmation.
I want to receive the fire of Your love
as Your disciples did at Pentecost.
Come with wonder and awe,
with wisdom, understanding, and counsel,
with courage and faith in You.
Holy Spirit, may my actions witness
to Your presence in my life.
Help me to see the ways my strengths
can serve others in their weakness.
In all my interactions, I want to radiate
love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
Breathe new life into the world through me. Amen.

COVID-19 Changes for Mass

***Effective immediately, the Diocese is adopting the Governor's new Executive Order regarding face masks.

- Any person who has received the final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine at least 14 days prior is not required to wear a face covering during Mass or at parish events outside of the Mass.
- The Bishop is meeting with the other Bishops in the state next week to discuss the Sunday Dispensation, Holy Communion on the tongue, distribution of the Chalice to the faithful, and holy water fonts..
- People are still asked to distance 3-6 feet per household.
- Choirs of vaccinated members can practice and assemble during the Liturgy.
- We ask our Eucharistic Ministers to please wear a mask during distribution of communion.
- We recommend the sign of peace continue to be a gesture or hand wave
- Live streaming of the 8:30am Mass will continue for those unable to attend.
- The parish hall will continue to be available with audio and video of the Mass
- The use of good hand washing and hand sanitizer is strongly encouraged.

We will continue to keep you informed as changes develop. Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have any questions please contact us.

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.