

Immaculate Conception & St. Columba

# ALLELUIA

If then you were *raised* with Christ,

seek what is above,

where Christ is *seated*

at the right hand of God.

Think of what is *above*,

not of what is on earth.

For you have died, and your *life*

is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ your life *appears*,

then you too will

appear with him in *glory*.

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4



# Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## Easter joy, peace and new life be ours!

### Springtime & Resurrection:

Just as everybody was happy to hear that Spring had officially arrived last week, so it is with the special announcement of the Christian world that Christ is not dead, but that He is truly alive! For the past five weeks we have been spiritually preparing for the celebration of the Resurrection event and it is with hope that we feel this new life in our hearts. When one sees colored Easter eggs, new clothes, and Easter flowers there is a joyful feeling within and this is spirit lifting! May the Risen Christ who conquered sin and death fill your hearts with joy and hope!

No matter how it is told in story, the Easter message is always the same. Nearly two thousand years ago, Jesus, the Son of God, suffered death on the cross and rose to new life three days later on what we call Easter Sunday. The age old Easter proclamation of "ALLELUIA" should be just as fresh in our hearts as it was to the women at the tomb on that early morning. This new season of joy and hope should lift our sagging and drooping spirits as we are invited by Jesus to leave sin behind and to rise to new life. No one is exempted from this invitation to resurrection and new life because, the Lord died for everyone of us. The post-resurrection accounts also assures us that Jesus will be with us always and that we never walk alone. May the Lord give all of you Easter joy and peace and let us always know that we never walk alone. May the Lord give all of you Easter joy and peace and let us always be grateful for the gift of each other.

God bless you all. Fr. Terry

### LIVE THE LITURGY

Alleluia, the Lord is risen! Mary of Magdala went to Jesus' tomb and found that it was empty. She was the first witness of the Resurrection and announced the empty tomb to other disciples. We are called to be witnesses too. Can you imagine the joy the disciples experienced when they realized that Jesus was actually raised from the dead? Sometimes our faith in the Resurrection can run lukewarm. We don't fully doubt that Jesus was raised but we aren't fully convinced either. Once we become convinced our lives, no matter where our roads take us, will automatically radiate with joy. Like Mary, we are called to then share that joy with others so that they may realize that it is the Lord and come to believe.

### Welcome and Congratulations

We congratulate Ashley Laslie, Janie Quinn, Justin Kurz, and Janice Sheldon.. After months of study in RCIA they have all received the sacraments of initiation during Holy Saturday Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday. Welcome to the Catholic Church! Thank you to their sponsors (Gayle Ogle, Mary Hodge, Kevin Kurz, Noel Quinn) and their catechist, Fr. Terry

### Religious Education

Religious education classes resume this Wednesday April 19th. Next week we will celebrate our end of the religious education year with an outdoor movie theatre! Make plans to attend. Parents are invited. More information in next week bulletin.

### Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated candy for the Easter Egg Hunt and for the youth who helped stuff and hide the eggs! You are all awesome!

Mass Intentions  
**No weekday Masses**  
**while Fr. Terry is on vacation.**

### Saturday, April 22

5:00 pm People of the Parish

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### Sunday, April 23

8:30 am Michael Aldridge

By Ruth Madden

SC

10:30 am † Clay Quinn

By Denis & Martha Wheatley

IC

### Readings for the Week

April 16, 2017

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/ Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/ Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab, 5-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15ab, 16-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

### Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 28:1-10

Why do you think God revealed the resurrection of Christ first to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary?

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

We hear in Peter's speech how he and the other apostles were "chosen by God" to be witnesses to the Resurrection. Who in your life needs to hear your witness to the resurrection of Christ?

Colossians 3:1-4

What do you find most challenging in Paul's advice to the Colossians, "Seek what is above ... not of what is on earth"?

### 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

### Wednesday, April 19

6:00 pm Relig Ed K-Adult

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### Thursday, April 20

6:00 pm RCIA

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# Go share the GOOD NEWS!

## Liturgical Roles Sunday, April 23

### St. Columba, 8:30 am

#### Eucharistic Min: Eddie Gray

Rosemary Emmick, Dian Heavrin

#### Lector: Sara Hendricks

#### Server: Lawson Ward

#### Cross Bearer: Jordan Bozarth

#### Gift Bearer: Denny & Denise Long

#### Hospitality: Denny & Denise Long

Steve Basham, David Payne

#### Vocation Statue: Dot Pooser

### Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

#### Eucharistic Min: Don Richards

Eva Bulleit, Trina Ogle

#### Lector: Loretta Stokes

#### Server: Abby Walz, Hunter Severs

#### Cross Bearer: Danielle Bumm

#### Gift Bearer and Judy Powers, Lynn Powers

#### Hospitality: Mark & Amanda Walz

Cheryl Gammon, Joyce Hare

#### Vocation Statue: Bob Ogle

#### Children's Liturgy: Mary Woodward

## In Need of Special Prayer

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, April Bolin  
Stephen Emmick

### Homebound and Heartland Villa

Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp,  
Christina Hagan, Olivia Murphy, Frances  
Payne, Shirley Mobley, Florence Roby,  
Lillie Lanham, Clyde Toler, Mary Coyle  
Regina Walz, Frances Storm

Please call the Parish Office to add or  
remove names from this bulletin prayer list.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

At Easter, we celebrate that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, conquered death, rose from the dead, and remains very much alive. To the world of non-believers: what!? It is quite a big reality to swallow. But for the believer, it is a reality that inspires us to the point where we find ourselves constantly sharing the Gospel with everyone we meet! Right?

So what does Easter mean to you? The question is not what do you believe. The question is what impact does Easter have on you? How do your actions demonstrate the power of Easter? What does it mean we you hear that we, the Church, are an Easter people?

You may be saying right now that you have no intention of becoming an evangelist, passing out Bibles to all you meet. But I would like to suggest that you actually have a more powerful way of evangelizing others: everyday stewardship. Actions speak louder than words and the way you live your life can be a great testimony to all those you encounter. By acknowledging the gifts you have been given, cultivating those so they grow to an increase, and then sharing them fully with God and with others in God's name will give testimony to your belief that Jesus is alive and seeking a relationship with each of his people.

If more of us won't live our lives in this manner, then non-believers and non-intentional disciples will ask the question, "What difference does Easter make anyway?" Jesus died and rose for you and me. To be sure, it DOES make a difference. —Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## We say Alleluia and thank you to:

- ◆ All who helped to lead the "Stations of the Cross" for Lent
- ◆ Art & Environment Teams of SC and IC for making our churches beautiful
- ◆ The readers on Palm Sunday, on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday
- ◆ Those who had their feet washed on Holy Thursday
- ◆ The Eucharistic Ministers who participated the Eucharist procession
- ◆ Those who kept watch in adoration on Holy Thursday
- ◆ The choirs, their dedication and beauty
- ◆ All who served as ministers, and the un-noticed
- ◆ Fr. Terry who presided at all our Liturgies

Each of you gave your part to make our celebrations meaningful.

## EASTER



## Sunday Collections

Due to printing schedules, collection information will be in the next 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.