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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

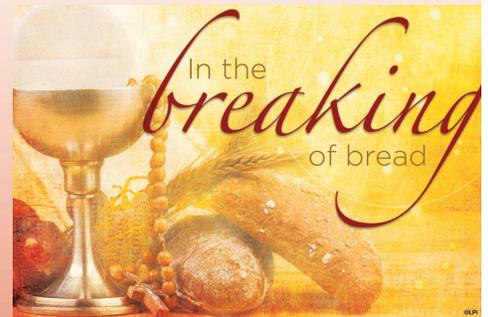
Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

Cycles of Faith

"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him." The disciples on the road to Emmaus had already heard reports about Jesus' resurrection. It was at the forefront of their minds, but in spite of this, they did not recognize Jesus when he stood right before them.

Why not? Perhaps because they weren't looking for him. Maybe they didn't really believe that he was alive. Or it could be that his appearance was not the same as it had been before. Whatever the case, it's very interesting to learn that it was actually while celebrating the Eucharist that these men finally realized who was right there with them! "He was made known to them in the breaking of bread."

Living as we do some two thousand years later, it is easy to imagine that recognizing Jesus was a snap for those who walked the earth when he did. We can run the risk of feeling sorry for ourselves that we don't get to see Jesus in person the way THEY did. But look here! It was through the Eucharist that Christ was made known to them, and we too have that gift right in front of us. We celebrate every week the same "breaking of bread" at the altar during Mass. Jesus is present with us, body, blood, soul, and divinity, even if we don't recognize him! He is there, present in our midst.



If our eyes of faith are feeble, we can pray that the Lord will help us to know his presence in the Eucharist. Just as he came to comfort and accompany his first disciples, he wants to do the same for us through the Most Blessed Sacrament. We only need to be sure that we are always on the lookout to find him in our midst.

Celebration of the Sacraments

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

Baptism • Baptism takes place on Sundays during Mass or following Mass. Contact Fr. Terry to set a meeting to prepare for the sacrament and set a date. Baptism for older youths and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil or before marriage.

Reconciliation • Before Mass on Saturday at 4:30 pm, after any Mass, or by appointment with Fr. Terry. Communal services during Advent and Lent. First Reconciliation is celebrated during Advent.

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.

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

Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or religious life.

Marriage • Contact Fr. Terry at least 6 months before setting a date for marriage. Couples are to attend Engaged Encounter or the Sponsor Couple Program.

Mass attendance is mandatory for those requesting Sacraments, Fr. Terry.



Our Journey to Emmaus

Everyone of us have had our struggles and hardships. The disciples who are heading for Emmaus are like us in many ways. Sometimes Jesus can seem so distant and we may find ourselves pondering whether He is really present as we journey down the different roads of like. Just when we feel like throwing in the towel and giving up, the Risen Christ comes to remind us that the Messiah and the Kingdom of God are real and that we too can share in this ultimate victory. If we are really open to the Holy Spirit, we will see His nature, scripture, etc. Only with an open and sincere faith can we too, feel our hearts burning as we follow the Risen Christ on our different roads to Emmaus. During the Season of Easter may our dreams and hopes come alive in resurrection and new birth. Fr. Terry

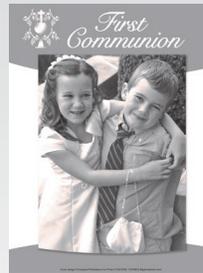
From Father's Desk

LIVE THE LITURGY

Does your celebration of the Eucharist ever transform you? Today we are presented with the story of what happened on the road to Emmaus. The disciples are simply journeying with Jesus, whom they do not recognize, talking about all that happened over the past days. They were quite bewildered as they did not know what to think about the empty tomb. Each year, we gather to celebrate the Resurrection and many of us wonder, what does it all mean? Jesus journeys with us every moment of our lives, yet we often do not recognize him. When we gather each week, the word of God, the homily that is preached, and the Eucharist that is received all help us lift the veil that often hides the wonder, power, and presence of God. Will you be open today to being taught, led, and transformed by Christ? He is walking with us, eager to open our eyes so that we can see.

First Communion Retreat

Next week we will celebrate First Communion with Annabelle Ballard, Kyley Wiseman and Isabella Volocko. To help with their preparation a retreat day and practice is scheduled for Saturday May 6th from 9:00am to 11:30am at Immaculate Conception parish hall. Parents are also asked to make plans to attend this fun and educational day.



Bring Flowers for our Mary Crowning

Next week we will have our Mary Crowning. We ask everyone to bring flowers to Mass so that we may honor Mary with flowers this day.

First Sunday Donuts and Potluck

Join us next Sunday after Mass at St. Columba for donuts and coffee and at Immaculate Conception for our monthly potluck! Immaculate Conception's potluck will have the added feature of celebrating with our First Communicants. So come over and make the celebration special with your presence and congratulate our First Communicants.

Thank you to our Religious Education Family

Thank you to everyone who helped this year with our Religious Education program. It takes many, many people to support our program. Thank you to all of our catechists, those who helped prepare meals, for the ones who monitored the play areas, and for those of you who stepped in last minute to cover for someone. Thank you to our parents who supported and encouraged their youth to be present on Wednesday nights. You are all a marvelous group of people and may God Bless you for all your love and sharing with the youth of our parish.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 2

8:00 am Fred Goodwin SC
By Ruth Madden

Wednesday, May 3

5:30 pm † Betty Lowe IC
By John & Lynn Powers

Thursday, May 4

8:00 am † June Fowler SC
By Kay Adkins

Friday, May 5

8:00 am † Jo Ann Ogle IC
By Bob Ogle

Saturday, May 6

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, May 7

8:30 am † Robert & Ora Roby SC
By Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

10:30 am † David Sterett IC
By Dick & Donna Murphy Family

Readings for the Week

April 30, 2017

Sun: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Mon: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16/Mt 13:54-58

Tues: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wed: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a/Jn 14:6-14

Thur: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Fri: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Sat: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Faith Sharing Question

Luke 24:13-35

Luke tells us in the Resurrection story on the road to Emmaus that Jesus "was made known to them in the breaking of bread."

What does this teach us about the Eucharist?

Acts 2:14, 22-33

We hear today part of Peter's speech delivered in the streets of Jerusalem on the feast of Pentecost. How does Peter use the prophecies of King David to prove the resurrection of Christ?

1 Peter 1:17-21

Peter advises fellow believers in the Resurrection to "conduct yourselves with reverence." What is your reaction to Peter's counsel?

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

Saturday, May 6

1st Eucharist Retreat SC

Sunday, May 7

1st Sunday - Donuts SC

- Potluck IC

1st Eucharist at IC

Mary Crowning



Liturgical Roles

Sunday, May 7

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Rosemary Emmick

Denny Long, Mary Masterson

Lector: Peggy Meriwether

Server: Bailey Poole

Cross Bearer: Shelby Basham

Gift Bearer: Joe Hagman Family

Hospitality: Joe Hagman Family

Vocation Statue: Faye Wettstain

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Amy Hess

Sarah Hess, Alisha Wheatley

Lector: Trey Curry

Server: Laura Wheatley, Abby Walz

Cross Bearer: John Wheatley

Gift Bearer: Steve & Ronna Ogle

Hospitality: Rachael & Ben Gily

Ellen Gaynor, Adrian Mattingly

Vocation Statue: Lori Ogle

Children's Liturgy: Aimee Lyday

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

The road to Emmaus is one of my favorite Gospel stories because it shows a Jesus that is masterful at reaching people. First, when he comes upon those walking on the road, he asks them what they are talking about and then asks them to explain. How often are we too eager to just start talking at people when we feel they need to hear what we have to say? Jesus offers an invitation for them to share first. Allowing them to share first opens them up for what Jesus will do next.

Second, Jesus takes time to interpret for them the words of the prophets. He gave them their turn and now it is his. Not only wise, but a movement of respect. After a long walk, they invite Jesus stay with them and dine. Third and finally, Jesus breaks bread with them and they are able to see that he is no ordinary traveler. He is the risen One. He could have just told them who he was, but allowing them by their experience to uncover who he was had the greater impact.

Jesus demonstrated to us in these actions how to be gracious and impactful when sharing the good news. If we are to be good stewards and fruitful disciples then we must imitate him in this regard. This Easter season let us practice the following: 1) Allow others first to share what they have to say. 2) Then be willing to take the time to explain fully or to the best of our ability our faith. And 3) help others find a way to experience firsthand the message you have shared. No one can understand love without witnessing love. In this way, your words and deeds will become a pathway to Jesus for others. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Knights of Columbus to sell Pork Burgers

The Knights of Columbus are selling Pork Burgers to help in their charitable activities. You may order a 2lb roll (\$7) to make your own burgers or you can order 1/4lb patties in boxes of 3lbs (\$11) or 5lbs (\$18) that are ready to grill. Place your order with any K of C member or call Charles Hagman at 270-922-0145.

Gasper River Summer Camp

Camps are filling up fast and parents are encouraged to register their youth soon! You may go to their website www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org to register online or to download forms. Scholarship assistance is available by contacting Denise Long at the church office.

National Day of Prayer - May 4th

God of Abraham, Isaac, Moses, we cry out to you for wisdom and compassion. You led the early Jews out of slavery, to freedom. You led the disciples of Jesus after the crucifixion to courageously preach the Gospel.

Today, we seek your wisdom to preach the good news in our country. Grant wisdom and faith to our elected leaders, the people we choose to lead our country, to make choices that are based upon your teaching. Where laws are made that go against your will, give us courage to change policy, not based upon our comfort, but upon principles taught in Scripture. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, our brother and Christ, who lives and reign with you, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

3rd SUNDAY OF 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.