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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

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.” We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these “gods” because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with “who is God” and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised “more.” But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only “feels” true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God’s kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It’s a choice we all have to make.



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.

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



Jesus Awaits Our Decision:

It is amazing how each person is faced with decisions throughout life—small decisions as well as big ones. Since we are all responsible for our decisions and must be willing to face the outcome or circumstances, we must be careful in how we choose. In our readings this weekend the theme is on choice or better yet as Joshua states, “Choose God or else.” In our gospel, some disciples decide to leave Jesus because His teachings and

ways are too hard to understand. Jesus invites us to choose His way and not the ways of the world. On a spiritual note we too are challenged to make a decision to follow Jesus or not. It is probably one of the most important decisions we will ever have to make! Let our prayer today be that of Joshua, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Have a good week, Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

Jesus’ bread of life discourse ends with the report that “many of Jesus’ disciples” no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?



Religious Education starts Wednesday, September 8th

Faith formation classes will begin soon on Wednesday, September 8th. Have you registered your K-12 grade child yet? Forms are on the tables in the back of church. You may drop the completed form in the collection basket. If you have any questions please contact Jill at the church office.

Catechist Meeting

A Catechist meeting is scheduled on Wednesday September 1st at 6:00pm at IC church office. We ask our catechist to please be present as we prepare for the upcoming Religious Ed year beginning on September 8th.



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

What is NOT a name of the four sets of rosary mysteries?

- A) Joyful
- B) Awakening
- C) Glorious
- D) Luminous

Last week answer was B—5 There are 5 decades in a Rosary

RCIA

RCIA stands for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* and is the process by which adults are prepared to enter into the Catholic Faith. This process is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. You do not have to join the Church to attend these sessions and there is absolutely no pressure to commit. If you know of anyone who may be interested or who may have questions about our faith, please contact Fr. Terry at 270-860-0924. Classes start in September.



Tuesday, August 24

8:00 am † Owen Pate SC
By Judy Pate

Wednesday, August 25

5:30 pm † Bernard French IC
By Gitter French

Thursday, August 26

8:00 am † Robert Scott SC
By Martha Fullenwider

Friday, August 27

8:00 am † Roy Wheatley IC
By Bob Ogle

Saturday, August 28

5:00 pm † Dexter Marsch IC
By Lula Marsch

Sunday, August 29

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † L&D Frank Herzog Fam IC
By Karl Herzog

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date August 22, 2021

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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
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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.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, August 23

Mower of the Week—Mike Fallin SC

Tuesday, August 24

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Thursday, August 26

7am -4pm Adoration SC

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

Mass ministers are needed! Mass ministry forms are located on the table as you enter church and you may drop the completed form in the collection basket. If you did not complete a ministry form then you will not be scheduled. If you are signing up for a new ministry Denise will contact you to schedule an appointment and will be happy to walk you through the steps and get you on the schedule! New schedules thru the end of September have been emailed or mailed out to the current ministers. Paper copies are available at the back of church. Saturday night ministries will continue as volunteer. Please help Fr. Terry by volunteering to minister.

Sunday August 29

St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord	Judy Pate
Lector	Sherry Pike
Eucharistic Min	Judy Pate
Altar Servers	Aubrey & Hazel Poole
Cross Bearer	Steve Basham
Greeter/Usher:	Rosemary & John Neff
Gift Bearers	Jill & Joey Frakes

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord	Bob Ogle
Lector:	Angie Curry
Eucharistic Min	Paul Haycraft
Altar Servers	Aiden Haycraft Jane Quinn
Cross Bearer	Kamiah Haycraft
Greeter/Usher:	Paul Haycraft Family
Gift Bearers	Paul Haycraft Family

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Why Do We Do That?

Question: We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

Answer:

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As

the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, “In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we’re there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!



Back to School Prayer

God of all knowledge and understanding, we seek your guidance and direction as both students and teachers begin a new school year.

Bless all students who are preparing to go back to school.

May they grow closer to you in everything they do at school.

In math and science, help them to see your beautiful plan in the world.

May they discover new stories and values as they learn to read and write.

In arts and music, help them to be creative and in sports, help them to treat their teammates and opponents fairly.

Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.

May they listen with open ears, and open heart, and an open mind to all their teachers at school.

May they treat their classmates with care, kindness, and respect.

Bless their teachers and aides that help them to learn.

Look with favor upon those who have given so much to be teachers.

Give them the wisdom and patience they need to be good teachers.

In addition, bless their parents with the ability to be the first teachers in the faith that they received from their parents.

We ask all of this in the name of THE good teacher, Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

College Outreach

The college outreach parish life team wants to send our college youth a prayer card to begin their year at school. We are asking parents to please contact the office with their youth’s address. Thank you



Adult Faith Formation Classes

Join our adult study group at St. Columba beginning September 12th in St Joseph’s classroom following the 8:30am Mass. Dive deeper into the Sunday readings and discover how the scripture readings of the day can truly be reflected in your life. All are invited. Refreshments are served.

Sunday Collections

Collection will be 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.