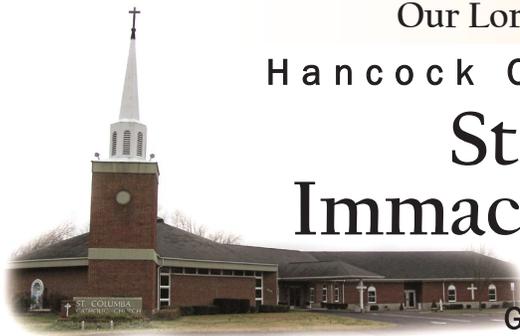


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Nationwide Mass Times

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

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come. Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.



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



Christ the King

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the cycle we call Ordinary Time. Next week we begin the Season of waiting as we prepare ourselves for the Celebration of remembering the birthday of our Savior Jesus Christ. On this last Sunday of the Church year we too are challenged to a life style which hopefully reflects that Christ is the top priority in our lives and this His Kingship is indeed reigning over us. In the gospel,

we are again reminded that our heavenly reward will be based on our acts and works of love to our brothers and sisters. Just as we sometimes consider making new resolutions at the beginning of a new year, which will begin next Sunday with the 1st Sunday of Advent. May the Lord always bless us in His mercy and kindness as we continue our journey of faith.

Have a good week! Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

In his trial Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not of this world. What do you think prevents the Kingdom of God from being more fully present in our world?



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the First Station of the Cross?

Last weeks answer: Original Sin

Flower Donations

Give a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Use your Christmas flower envelope and write the name of your loved one on the envelope. All of the names will be listed in a special bulletin insert at Christmas.



Advent is a time when we can step back from the hectic routine, slow down and contemplate the Mystery of the Incarnation. It marks the beginning of a new liturgical year in the Church that slowly builds momentum towards Christmas as the weeks go by. This year,

November 28 launches us into a whole new year of Catholic feasts, fasts and celebrations that ask us to pray more and hope harder, to draw closer and deeper into our relationship with Jesus Christ. For the next several weeks I will have resources available in church and on our website to help you pray and reflect in anticipation of drawing closer to our Lord as we await his coming. Please use these resources and share them with your family and friends.

NO Religious Ed Classes K-12, Catechist Meeting Canceled

There will be no Religious Ed classes K-12 on November 24th due to Thanksgiving break. Classes will resume December 1st. Please note the catechist meeting for December 1st is canceled and youth will be returning to class on December 1st.



Thank you to everyone who planned, decorated and helped with our Thanksgiving Lunch last week. It was truly a blessing to see so many of our parishioners gathered together.

Support our Blessing Box by bringing easy to carry and eat foods! For example instant soup, Vienna sausages, spam, canned ham, tuna, pop tarts, granola bars, etc. Also with winter coming new gloves, hats, scarfs and socks would be great.



Tuesday, November 23

8:00 am † George Allard II SC
By Allard Family

Wednesday, November 24

5:30 pm † Harris Family L&D IC
By Rosie Harris

Thursday, November 25

8:00 am Deacon Gayle & Ada Rhodes SC
By Noel Quinn

Friday, November 26

No Mass

Saturday, November 27

5:00 pm † Ruth Madden SC
By Paul Madden

Sunday, November 28

8:30 am † George Allard II SC
By Allard Family
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date November 21, 2021

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



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.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, November 21

9:30am Adult Study Class SC



Tuesday, November 23

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Wednesday, November 24

6:00pm NO Religious Ed K-12

Thursday, November 25

NO Adoration SC



Sunday, November 28



Please Help!

Mass ministers are needed. We are in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cross Bearers and Gift Bearers, Altar Servers and Greeters. Contact Denise and she will be glad to walk you thru the steps. Ministry forms are in the back of church and can be easily completed and dropped in the Sunday collection. You may also call the church office, contact Denise or Fr. Terry.

Sunday November 28, 2021

St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord	Judy Pate
Lector	Steve Basham
Eucharistic Min	Rosemary Emmick
Altar Servers	Aubrey/Hazel Poole
Cross Bearer	John Neff
Greeter/Usher:	Shelby Basham
	Dan Allard
Gift Bearers	Kevin Ward Family

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord	Angie Curry
Lector:	Falyn Stokes
Eucharistic Min	Mary Woodward
Altar Servers	Gary Elder
Cross Bearer	Carter Severs
Greeter/Usher:	Wade Gaynor Family
Gift Bearers	Wade Gaynor Family



Why Do We Do That?

Question:

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

Answer: The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone. The opportunity is presented to us to better learn and understand each part of the Mass, which in turn should help us deepen our appreciation for its beauty and meaning. We will be a better Church if we have a clearer understanding and knowledge of Who and what we celebrate.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

If you brought your child to the restroom during the Liturgy of the Word, you might walk away with one of two interpretations of Jesus as King. The first and second readings are bold and victorious. We see Christ coming on the clouds for the final judgment of heaven and earth. The Gospel sets a very different tone. Jesus is under arrest and facing death before Pontius Pilate. We know how this story will end. So if Christ is King, what does it mean? Is he a glorious conqueror or a suffering servant? "My kingdom does not belong to this world." Here is the heart of Jesus' reign. He is a king – and his "subjects" are alive and well on earth – but, ultimately, Jesus' kingdom transcends our earthly concepts of power. Jesus faced down the temptation of a solely earthly kingship. At the close of his 40 days in the desert, the devil offered him the kingdoms of the world. Jesus only had to sacrifice his heavenly values and worship Satan. The same temptations to distort the kingship of Christ are present to us today. Jesus' invitation also endures. "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." It is important for us to belong to the full truth of Christ's kingdom. First, our own hearts must be transformed. Our own rebellions in favor of selfishness and against holiness must be conquered by God's grace. Second, we must work to transform the world as best we can in our own corner of it. Like Jesus shows us by his life and death, this doesn't mean domination. It means service, sacrifice, respect, and love. Our lives must "testify to the truth" of Jesus Christ, who lays down his life for his people. That is the true beauty of Christ the King!



Loving God, who created and sustains the universe, who loved us all into being, and who gives us every good thing. We thank you for the blessings that you bring into our lives. We thank you for the gift of life itself, which you gave us in our mothers' wombs. We thank you for the fresh start of each new day, which is a sign of your renewing and creative love. And we thank you for our friends, our families, our neighbors and our coworkers, whose human love is an image of your divine care. Increase our gratitude this Thanksgiving Day, and help us to recognize all the good things that we have, both large and small. And magnify our desire to share what we have with others, so that they too may be grateful to you, Loving God. + Amen

Sunday Collection

Due to Holiday printing schedule the 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.