

# Merry Christmas!

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH



JOHN 1:14



## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As your pastor, I want to express my sincere hope that all of you will be blessed with a Holy Christmas and a great New Year as these days are fast approaching. I express my prayers and gratitude for all the gift cards and goodies that have been given to me and so much more! Blessings again for the New Year 2022 and may we always be like our Blessed Mother Mary who always puts her trust in her Son and may we all be blessed with peace, good health and prosperity as we give thanks to our God.

Love, Fr. Terry and Everly



## Gospel Meditation

### The Nativity of the Lord

“He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188).” The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God’s intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God’s beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.



Accepting the truth of God’s birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.



### Want to Know More?

Keep up with what is happening at St. Columba and Immaculate Conception Catholic Churches. “Like” us on Facebook and check out our Web site at [www.icschurch.org](http://www.icschurch.org) We also offer **Facebook Live Mass** every Sunday 8:30am for those who are not able to attend Mass in person. Please help us spread the news to join us on Facebook! They do not have to have a Facebook account to view Mass. They may visit our Web site at [www.icschurch.org](http://www.icschurch.org) and click on the Mass page and then the St. Columba Catholic Church picture. If anyone needs assistance with viewing the Mass please contact Denise at the parish office.



Thank you to all who donated towards the cost of our poinsettias and a BIG THANK YOU to all who helped decorate! Our church is beautiful!

## Mass Intentions

### Friday, December 24

#### Christmas Eve

5:00pm † Stephen Emmick SC  
By Regina Emmick  
10:00pm † Pat Ogle IC  
By Denis and Martha Wheatley

### Saturday, December 25

#### Christmas Day

10:30 am † Frank Herzog Fam IC  
By Karl Herzog

## Immaculate Conception

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## 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.



## 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.*



**St. Columba**

Sunday 8:30am

Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am

\*Saturday 5:00pm

\*(October–March)

**Immaculate Conception**

Sunday 10:30am

Wednesday 5:30pm

Friday 8:00am

\*Saturday 5:00pm

\*(April–September)



**New Years Eve Mass**

Immaculate Conception

8:00am

**New Years Day Mass**

St. Columba

5:00pm



A listing of online Mass locations and times are listed on our website

[www.icscchurch.org](http://www.icscchurch.org)

Join St Columba Facebook Live on Sundays 8:30am

TV Channels for other Masses

DirecTV CH 370

Dish CH 261

Antenna CH 45 at 6:00am FOX



**A Note from the Adult Ministry Office:**

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the warm welcome my family and I have received as I've stepped into the role of Adult Ministry Leader. Words don't express my excitement over our faith community.

My role is to provide a variety of opportunities for everyone ages 18-108 to grow in their faith and love of Jesus Christ. Where to begin? Let's come together for the Holy Mass.... And then in adoration, or scripture study groups, or book clubs, rosary walks, movie nights, Mardi Gras parties, fish fries, chili cook-offs, missions, or any of the many other activities that I hope and pray will deepen our love for the Lord and our neighbors.

This Christmas, I'm asking that you offer prayers for our church and community. Pray that Thy will be done, and that we are all willing servants bearing God's love to Earth as it is in Heaven.

Lastly, always feel free to make an appointment with me. I welcome and appreciate a chance to get to know each of you better.

This is going to be fun. Holy Spirit, lead us!

--Neena Gaynor, Adult Ministry Leader

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**Parish Registration**

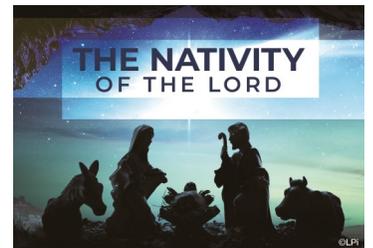
**Question:** Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass?

**Answer:** Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

**The Nativity of the Lord**

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.



**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.*

# Poinsettias Donated in Memory

## Immaculate Conception Parish

Harold and Dorothy Hagman

Rev. William Hagman

Francis Paul Hagman

Phyllis Emmick

Glen, Lena, Mike, and Frankie Stevens

Pat Ogle

Mary Rose Hagman

Bethany Payne

Flo Gray

Coy and Mary Agnes Ogle

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Eva and Mitchell Cecil

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Tammy Millay

Keith Johnson

Denis Wayne Wheatley

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Robert Bulleit

## St. Columba Parish

Stephen Emmick

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Herman and Mary Simmons

Eva Howard

Jim and Nina Howard

Mary Long

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Kevin Gearlds

Ruth Madden

Owen Pate

Wonderful Counsellor, draw me closer to You Lord and never let me go! I know that You are close to the brokenhearted and You save those who are crushed in spirit. I pray that I feel Your presence even more in this season of celebration and it's increased awareness of loss. Draw near to me, Lord, for I know that with You, I lack nothing. Prince of Peace, guide my heart, and may Your perpetual light shine upon my loved ones.

Amen.