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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.

Bulletin Articles

Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world.

If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.



The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

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.



Lord - We Want To See:

This Fourth Sunday of Lent centers around the theme of vision and blindness. No one chooses blindness and darkness and protection of our eyes is so crucial if one wants to enjoy the gift of good vision. But what about protecting ourselves from the disease of spiritual blindness which blocks our vision of God in our lives? Sin is a build-up of many things which covers and eliminates our ability to see Christ in our world and His presence in others. Lent is a time of purification and reconciliation when we are invited by the Church to remove those items which hinder us from good spiritual vision. The Sacrament of Reconciliation would be an example of "cleaning the slate" and getting ready for an Easter in which we want to see the Risen Christ within ourselves!

God bless you, Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent His only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers. Who in your life needs to hear this message?



This weekend we will introduce and officially welcome new members to our parish family.

St. Columba

Linda and Thomas Hamilton
Pamela and Stephen Smith
Joyce and Kenneth Payne
Martha and Henry Fullenwider

Immaculate Conception

Gwan and James Bickett

Free Lenten Reading

If you have not done so, please browse our special Lenten readings. You will find baskets with reading materials ranging from daily prayer books to some outstanding books called *Why We're Catholic*, *I Heard God Laugh* or *Return: How to Draw Your Child Back to the Church*. Take time to browse the materials and pick something out! Books are free, and we encourage you to pass them on to someone else after reading. Spend a little time every day preparing your mind and heart for Jesus during this Lenten season.

Lenten Family Prayer Experience-March Gathering Guide

This month as part of the March Gathering Guide we invite our parish families to participate in our Lenten Family Prayer Experience. The prayer experience is a self guided journey into Jesus' passion where as a family they will visit stations to guide them on their journey. Afterwards they will spend some time to pray, reflect and share together their experience. Several opportunities are available for families to participate. Please wear your mask and we will be practicing social distancing between families. Plan to spend approx. 30 minutes for the experience which will begin at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Families may attend any time between 6:00-7:00pm on one of the following dates: March 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th. Fr. Terry will be available for confessions on March 23rd and 24th during the event. Please contact Jill Frakes or Denise Long if you have any questions.



Lenten Confessions

Fr. Terry will be hearing confessions after every Mass during Lent. Just let him know you wish to go to confession. You may also call Fr. Terry to make an appt.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 17

5:30 pm † Rob Douglas Jr IC
By Margaret Vanover

Thursday, March 18

8:00 am † Leon Rhodes SC
By Chic and Martha Morris

Saturday, March 20

5:00 pm † Jeannie Hanks SC
By Patti Roberts

Sunday, March 21

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † L & D Hagman Family IC
By Charles Hagman

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date March 14, 2021

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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

www.icscchurch.org

Join St Columba Facebook Live on Sundays 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.

Bulletin Board
Sunday, March 14

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Tuesday, March 16

7am -7pm Adoration and Individual Stations of the Cross available IC

1:00pm Rosary IC

Wednesday, March 17



Thursday, March 18

7am -4pm Adoration and Individual Stations of the Cross available SC

9:00am Rosary SC

Sunday, March 21

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

6:00pm Lenten Family Prayer Experience IC

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Wednesday March 17

Immaculate Conception: 5:30pm

Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family
 Disinfecting Team: Marilyn McCaslin

Thursday March 18

St. Columba:8:00am

Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer
 Disinfecting Team: Volunteer

Saturday March 20

St. Columba 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Dot Pooser
 Disinfecting Team: Charles & Peggy Howard

Sunday March 21

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Rosemary Emmick
 Cross Bearer: Andrew Hagman
 Hospitality/Usher: Butch Meriwether David Emmick
 Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Faly Stokes
 Cross Bearer: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Curry Family
 Disinfecting Team: Amy Severs Family



Why Do We Do That?

Question: Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

Answer:

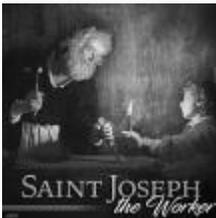
The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

Easter Flowers

Donate for Easter flowers during Lent in memory of a loved one. You may do so by using the envelope in your giving packet and write the name/names of your loved ones on the envelope before dropping it in the collection. We will have a special bulletin insert on Easter Sunday with the names of all the loved ones noted.



On December 8, 2020, Pope Francis declared that the Church will be celebrating the Year of St. Joseph. The Year of St. Joseph began on December 8, 2020 and will end on December 8, 2021. This is a historic event for the Church because it is the first time celebrating a Year of St. Joseph. We celebrate Saint Joseph's feast day on March 19th, but many celebrate this great saint for the entire month of March. He is considered the patron saint of the Universal Church, of workers, of fathers, of the poor, of craftsmen, and of a happy death among others. As a family each night this month pray and ask St. Joseph to intercede for us, or say a Novena to him.

Opening for Adoration at Immaculate Conception

Spend a little extra time with Jesus during Adoration! We have an opening for Adoration at Immaculate Conception for 8:00am on Tuesdays. Please contact Denise if you are interested or would like more information.



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Ray Neff. Lula Marsch's father, Cathy Boswell's grandfather and John Neff's uncle. May the Lord grant them comfort.

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 3-7-21..... \$3,117.00	Collection 3-7-21..... \$3,261.00
Difference under \$56.00	Difference over..... \$761.00
Mass Attendance 85	Mass Attendance 41/69
Week # 36 of 52	Week # 36 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$114,228	Fiscal YTD Goal \$90,000
Fiscal YTD Actual\$117,441	Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$85,570

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.

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