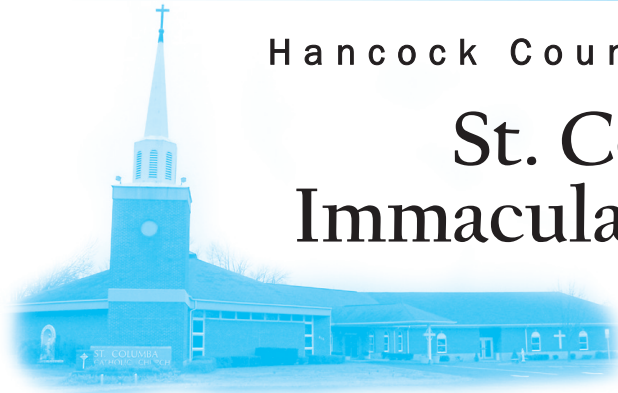


Hancock County Catholic Church

St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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For all of Hancock County

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Today Jesus instructs us to be generous enough to serve others without expecting repayment. At least, without expecting to be repaid in THIS life. It's interesting that the Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise that if we follow this teaching, we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." In other words, God will "repay" our generosity on earth by welcoming us into heaven. Really, what better investment could there possibly be?

It can be tempting to think of our money as purely our own. We work hard to earn it. Or we receive it from others who wanted US to have it. Or luck came our way (and too bad for you that it didn't come your way). We thus feel possessive of our money and often struggle with the idea of giving it away or lending it without hope of being paid back (with interest!). But today's Gospel challenges us with a different perspective. In essence, Jesus tells us to use our money for the sake of others, not just to assure our own earthly comfort. As difficult as this request may be, its important to remember that Jesus honors the sacrifice! This is why he promises repayment in heaven. He understands that it "costs" us a great deal to part with the security of using our money for ourselves alone. He understands that in caring for the poor, we risk putting ourselves in their company.

But God's ways are not the ways of the world. Instead of investing everything in a bank, Jesus asks us to invest in the poor. After all, no bank on earth can possibly provide the infinite rate of return that Jesus promises.

"WHEN YOU ARE INVITED BY SOMEONE TO A WEDDING BANQUET, DO NOT RECLINE AT TABLE IN THE PLACE OF HONOR. A MORE DISTINGUISHED GUEST THAN YOU MAY HAVE BEEN INVITED BY HIM." - LK 14:8

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 April 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.



From Father's Desk

Seeing Christ in Others:

Sometimes it is so difficult to see Christ in others but, we must look with the eyes of faith. Yes, every person has faults but, Christ made the other person and died for us all. When we follow in the footsteps of Jesus we must ask for the gift of humility and to empty ourselves of anything that hinders us in being Christ like. Jesus was born in poverty and never looked down on anyone, in fact, he brought out the good in others and raised their dignity to a higher level. Let us examine our actions and attitudes this week and ask ourselves how compassionate we are to others. In conclusion, let us remember the words of Our Lord, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you so do it to me." Have a good week, Fr. Terry

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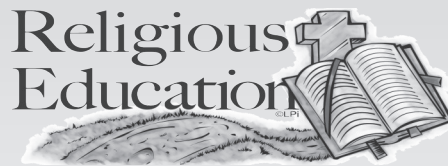
Humility, rooted in a true knowledge of ourselves and our willingness to put the needs of others before us, is the hallmark of the Christian. Being truly humble allows us to bring a depth of wisdom to our relationships with God and others so that they can always be in proper order and on proper course.

Catechist Meeting

We will be having a meeting for our religious education teachers on Wednesday August 31st at 6:00pm at IC Parish Center. We ask all of our teachers to please come to this important first of the year planning meeting.

Religious Education Begins September 7th

We invite all youth preschool -12 and adults to participate in our religious education program beginning Wednesday September 7th at IC Parish Center. Mass will be offered at 5:30pm at IC. A meal will be offered in IC Parish Hall at 6:00pm and classes will run from 6:30-7:30pm at IC Parish Center. Parents may pick up registration packets the night of the first class.



For the safety of our children we are asking parents to:

- Drop off their children so they may either enter the side door next to the old courthouse or the side door next to the church. Children and adults should not enter thru the front or back doors. If you need to come inside, please park either on the street, in the old courthouse parking or behind the church facing Clay Street so you will not block traffic.
- Please do not drive thru the alley way between the hall and office.**
- Do not drop off your children early. Playground monitors are not available until 6:00pm. If your child arrives early there will not be anyone to watch them.
- Parents coming to Mass we ask you to please take your children to Mass with you. Again there is not anyone to watch your child at that time
- f you are late bringing your child to class, you may drop them off at the basement door of the parish center. Small children should be escorted to the classroom by their parent.
- Parents may pick up their child at 7:30pm near the basement door drive-thru style, by entering the parking lot via Wood Street and exiting on Clay Street. If you need to come into the building, please park your car facing Clay Street so you will not block traffic.
- For the safety of the children please do not avoid parent drive-thru pickup by asking your child to come and meet you in a parking lot. Grade school children will only be released in the parent pick up line, to the parent or escorted to the car by the teacher.

We look forward to a wonderful religious education year. For more information, please contact Denise at 927-8419.

Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, August 30**
8:00 am † Mike Pate SC
- Wednesday, August 31**
No Mass
- Thursday, September 1**
NO Mass
- Friday, September 2**
8:00 am † Deny Wayne Wheatley IC
By Bill & Phyliss Emmick
- Saturday, September 3**
5:00 pm † Joel Howard IC
By Nelda Grant
- Sunday, September 4**
8:30 am † Charles Winchell SC
By Carolyn Mulligan
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week

- August 28, 2016
 Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 68:4-7, 10-11/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14
 Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97-102/Mk 6:17-29
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-14/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-21/Lk 6:1-5
 Next Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-6, 12-17/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Faith Sharing Question

- Luke 14:1, 7-14
 Do you think the host of the party ("the leading Pharisee") regretted inviting Jesus to his banquet in light of the parable?
 Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
 Why do you think God favors the virtue of humility?
 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
 What would you say is the point of the contrasts offered by the author of Hebrews?

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

Wednesday, August 31

6:00 pm Catechist meeting IC

The Parish Office will be closed for the holiday September 2- September 6

Due to the holiday weekend, the September 1st Sunday donuts and potluck will be cancelled.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, September 4

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Dian Heavrin
Ruth Madden, Judy Pate

Lector: Bob Payne

Server: Lawson Ward

Cross Bearer: Gerald Davis

Gift Bearer: Brad Gregory Family

Hospitality: Butch & Peggy Meriwether
David & Shelly Poole

Vocation Statue: Tina & Shelby Nelson

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Martha Wheatley
Emily Woodward, McKensie Severs

Lector: Mary Woodward

Server: Lettie Ogle, Ryan Ogle

Cross Bearer: Falyn Stokes

Gift Bearer: Kristen Ogle/Courtney West

Hospitality: Kristen Ogle/Courtney West
Steve/ Ronna Ogle

Vocation Statue: Jody & Alisha Wheatley

Children's Liturgy: Alisha Wheatley

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I really loved watching Tim Russert, former NBC News Washington bureau chief and moderator of "Meet the Press," who passed away in 2008. I guess what I loved the most about him was his tremendous sense of humility. He was a brilliant political mind, but he always conducted himself as a humble servant of the people and, being a devout Catholic, of his God.

There is a story about Russert's audience with then Pope John Paul II. Saint John Paul II said to Russert, "You are the one called Timothy, the man from NBC? They tell me you are a very important man." The response? "There are only two of us in the room and I am certainly a distant second." This story is quite something standing on its own merit, but many say that Russert was like that with most people, whether they be successors to St. Peter or not.

This type of gracious humility is so very important in our walk as good stewards. When it is through God's gifts that we achieve a certain standing in the world, city, or our parish community, we must never lose sight of the generosity of God that made that possible. It is through and because of God that we are parent, son, daughter, spouse, friend, or companion. The constant striving to keep God front and center allows us to more clearly see the opportunities to use our gifts because it is through this gracious humility that our grip on them is loosened.

People like the late Tim Russert serve as examples of the assertion, "God is God, and I am not." To live in right relationship with God means that we have the chance to rejoice in the gifts given to us and share them freely, knowing that we are sharing with others not just ourselves, but God himself. By our stewardship, we become instruments of grace and windows into a reality much greater than ourselves. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

In Need of Special Prayer
Anna Payne, Phyllis Emmick, April Bolin,
Tim Heavrin, Joan Peak, Mike Powers,
Mary Helen Buck, Morgan Muskin
Homebound and Heartland Villa
Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp,
Barbara Grant, Christina Hagan,
Olivia Murphy, Frances Payne,
Geneva Glasscock, Wilbur Jarvis, Shirley
Moble, Florence Roby, Lillie Lanham
Clay Quinn, Regina Walz
**Please call the Parish Office to add or
remove names from this bulletin prayer list.**

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00
Collection 8-21-16	<u>\$2,992.00</u>
Difference under	\$277.00
Mass Attendance	75/134
Week # 8 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$26,152
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$23,119
IC Building Acquisition Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$189,526
Total Paid 8-21-16	\$170,418

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 8-21-16	<u>\$3,096.00</u>
Difference over	\$788.00
Mass Attendance	89
Week # 8 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$18,464
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$20,852
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	63
Total Amount Pledged	\$77,157
Total Paid 8-21-16	\$72,105

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.

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 September 8th, 6:00 pm.



Providing a Safe Environment

The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all people who have been sexually abused, especially those abused by a person working, either paid or unpaid, for the Church. If you need to make a report of abuse, from either the past or present, please contact the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line (270-852-8380). A copy of the revised diocesan sexual abuse policy can be found in the back of church or in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site (www.rcdok.org/safe).

St. Stephen Cathedral is Pleased to

Welcome Sister George Mary Hagan, OSU

Please join the Cathedral parish on Monday, September 26th, at 7:00 pm in the Vaughan Community Center, for an informative and historic presentation on the migration of the faithful Roman Catholics into western Kentucky. After years of persecution by the Protestants in Maryland, they traveled through the Cumberland Gap and settled in Bardstown, KY. Bardstown became the Catholic Seat of all Catholic churches further west. This group of fervent Catholics finally settled in Western Kentucky near Whitesville. All are invited!

WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

Question: On August 29 we celebrate the Passion of St. John the Baptist; can you tell me more about his role in relation to Jesus?

St. John the Baptist is understood to be the precursor, the one who prepares Jesus' way. A careful reading of the Gospel texts also reveals other aspects of the relationship between John and Jesus. The Gospels have John affirming that he himself was not the Messiah. The Gospels do speak of John's disciples so such insistence shows evidence that some understood John to be the Messiah and began to follow him. The Gospel writers make certain that John clarifies his role to eliminate this possible confusion. In the synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke), John speaks of the One who is to come after him, against whom he cannot even begin to measure up. In John's Gospel, John directs his disciples specifically to Jesus, the Lamb of God. In all four Gospels, Jesus does not begin his public ministry until John is arrested. All this leads some Scripture scholars to speculate that Jesus possibly began his formation as a disciple of John. Through John's tutoring and guidance, Jesus came to understand his own vocation. Once John is arrested, Jesus picks up where John left off, bringing his own style and message to that of John, developing it into something uniquely his own.

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide

was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. With the help of counselors, theologians, and priests, you can go from pain and loneliness to hope and healing. Practical advice meets pastoral care, with the help of experts and others who have suffered through divorce. As they witness to their pain and to the redemptive power of Christ, you will laugh, cry, and identify with their journey from heartache to healing. Pre-registration Aug 13 thru Sept. 5, 2016
Session Dates: Sept.5 thru Nov. 28, 2016 Monday evenings, (except for Sept. 26, 2016) from 6:00-8:00 pm in St. Romuald Parish Hall. Registration Fee if \$20.00. For more information contact Deacon Mike Wiedemer at 270-756-0120, Rosa Hockenberry at 270-314-1669 or call the St. Romuald parish office at 270-756-2356.



St. Columba Picnic Signs

It's time to put out our signs advertising our Picnic coming up **September 17th**. Many adopted our signs last year to use year after year to help our church advertise for the picnic. Place it in your yard, your neighbor's yard or some other visible place. White Duck tape can be used to change the picnic date on the signs.

Raffle Tickets are out. You can pick up your tickets at Church on Sunday. Our raffle drawing will be at 7:30 pm. Don't forget these items will be needed:

Country Store Baskets - baskets and items for kids and families

Cakes - Each Family is requested to bring in two (2) cakes for the Cake Booth

Kids Games - new or gently used stuffed animals

Adult Scripture Study at St. Columba & Immaculate Conception

Our adult classes will continue to study the Bible. Lou Fleck will lead the group at St. Columba Sunday mornings following the 8:30am Mass beginning September 11th. Her class will start the Jeff Cavins series "Book of Revelations". Books are \$20.

Margaret Powers will once again lead the adult study group on Wednesday Evenings at Immaculate Conception beginning September 7th. They will continue with the study of the Book of Hebrews. Adults are invited to participate in Mass at 5:30pm, a meal at 6:00pm, and then class from 6:30-7:30pm in the conference room in IC Office.

Catechist Retreat

This year's annual retreat opportunity for all religious education teachers is Saturday August 27th from 10:00-3:30pm at Mount St Joseph. The retreat entitled the Church's Best Kept Secret is based on Catholic social teachings. Please contact Denise if you would like to attend.