



# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## Immaculate Conception

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## St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

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For all of Hancock County

## Nationwide Mass Times

Call 1-734-794-2100 or [www.masstimes.org](http://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](http://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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'" Jesus knew these self-righteous religious leaders were complaining. And he knew they needed to learn a lesson. So, in addition to giving a lived example of welcoming the company of "tax collectors and sinners," Jesus also directly taught the skeptics about the importance of welcoming those who have been lost. Today's Gospel gives a powerhouse lineup of three parables that all teach a similar message: rejoice over the lost sheep, rejoice over the lost coin, and rejoice over the return of the lost son.

The theme can be summarized in the simple directive: rejoice don't reject. When someone who isn't part of the "fold" appears in church, this is cause for rejoicing! It should not be cause for gossip, sideways glances, or nervous whispers about what to do or say. Rather a genuine smile and word of welcome would be in order at the very least, and a heartfelt invitation to join the community would be totally appropriate.

Too often we become complacent about our Christian company. We get used to seeing the same people every Sunday and forget about the "lost" men and women who are outside the bounds of our comfort zone. Jesus gives us the image of an active shepherd who goes "after the lost one until he finds it," and a diligent widow who will "sweep the house, searching carefully" until she finds her coin. He tells us of a father who "ran to his son, embraced and kissed him," in spite of the separation they had faced. We too are called to take initiative in seeking out those who are lost, and to rejoice heartily when they finally do come back home.



## 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

### Lost and Found:

All of us have faced the dilemma of having misplaced items which can cause fear and anxiety, such as keys, receipts, purse, wallet, etc. We can worry about the list items in our lives and the joy of finding them, but what about our souls and our personal relationship with JESUS. In the Old Testament, God reminded His people through Moses, Judges, Kings, and Prophets that they had fallen away from their God. Likewise in our gospel today, JESUS is concerned about those who had wandered away, calling them to conversion and a change of life. Even today God does not want to lose any of us and calls us each day of our lives to change and renewal. Let our prayer this week challenge you and me to take a look at our relationship with JESUS and to consider how deep and secure it is. Is it strong? Do we take it for granted? Are we in danger of losing it? Have a great week! Fr. Terry

### Congratulations to our new Sophia Award Winners

Congratulations to Pat Roberts of St. Columba and Roy Lee & Gayle Ogle of Immaculate Conception who won and accepted the Sophia Award. What great models you are of the Catholic faith. Your service and ministry to the church has been recognized and we acknowledge you as servants of the Lord. Please join them for Mass and the recognition celebration on September 25th at 2:00 pm at St. Stephen Cathedral. Thank you for all you do for our Parishes.

### Join Bishop Medley And Celebrate Your Marriage!

Join us on Sunday, September 18th at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro for the annual Marriage Celebration. Mass begins at 2:00 pm with a reception immediately following in the Fr. Vaughan Community Center. All are invited and families are welcome, we only ask that those coming RSVP to Charlotte Hedges at (270)683-1545 or charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org . Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office

### LIVE THE LITURGY

The challenge we face today is to love as God loves. Often, our way of loving differs greatly from God's way. Our way of loving can be burdened with demands and expectations. When we love, we sometimes seek love in return. Sometimes we allow our weaknesses and needs to color how we love or taint love with conditions. Our goal is to love unconditionally with boundless mercy.

### WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

Question: Every week in our bulletin I see a Mass on Sunday for the people of the parish. Is it there to fill in an intention, or is someone requesting it every week?

The pastor of a parish is charged with the well-being of the community. There are many aspects of this task, including the physical, spiritual, and social concerns of maintaining and building a community of faith. Each week, by church law, the pastor offers Mass on Sunday for the people of the parish. It is a tangible and practical way that the pastor prays for those entrusted to his care. No one requests it, nor is it offered only when there is an open intention. In fact, the pastor may not accept a stipend for it. The spiritual needs of the people are the primary concern of the pastor. His prayer for them is the first way he cares for them. You may also see Mass intentions for those listed in a memorial, or deceased members of the parish, or past members of a group or organization. These too are ways the pastor remembers the needs of all the members of his parish, asking the Lord to bless and protect them, bringing us all to eternal life.

### First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

A parent meeting for the youth preparing for their First Reconciliation is scheduled for Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the lobby of IC Parish Center. Fr. Terry will be sharing information about this important Sacrament of healing and parents will receive information to help their child better prepare and what to expect at their First Reconciliation Service.

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, September 13

8:00 am † George Allard SC  
By Betty Allard

#### Wednesday, September 14

5:30 pm † June Fowler IC  
By Kay Adkins

#### Thursday, September 15

8:00 am † Roger Basham SC  
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

#### Friday, September 16

8:00 am Gene/Emma/Albin Johnson IC  
By Noel Quinn

#### Saturday, September 17

##### After picnic

8:30 pm People of the Parish SC

#### Sunday, September 18

8:30 am † Charles Bozarth SC  
By BM & LH

10:30 am † David Sterett IC  
By Charles & Pat Hagman

### Readings for the Week

September 11, 2016

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1, 6-8, 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

### Faith Sharing Question

Luke 15:1-32

Who among your family and friends would you consider "lost" in their relationship with God?

Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

When do you offer prayers of intercession?

1 Timothy 1:12-17

What does Paul's life story tell us about God?

### 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, September 11**

Confirmation Retreat Day at Gasper River

**Tuesday, September 13**

5:00 pm IC Finance IC

6:00 pm IC Pastoral IC

**Wednesday, September 14**

6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC

**Thursday, September 15**

6:00 pm RCIA IC

**Saturday, September 17**

4:00 pm St. Columba Picnic SC

**Deanery Youth Rally**

The high school and confirmation youth will be attending a Deanery Youth Rally at St Romuald on Sunday September 18th. We will leave by bus at 1:30pm from IC Church parking lot and return at 8:00pm. This is a great opportunity to meet other catholic youth from our deanery and enjoy some great games, food and speakers!

**Liturgical Roles**

**Sunday, September 18**

**St. Columba, 8:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Judy Pate

Denny Long, Sandra Davis

**Lector:** Peggy Meriwether

**Server:** Mary Beth Emmick

**Cross Bearer:** Scott Basham

**Gift Bearer:** Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

**Hospitality:** Bob & Patty Durbin  
Debbie Hawes, David Winchell

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Amy Hess

Heath Stokes, Mary Woodward

**Lector:** Sarah Hess

**Server:** Laura Wheatley, Dennis Wiseman

**Cross Bearer:** Ty Durbin

**Gift Bearer:** Joyce Hare, Landon Hare

**Hospitality:** Jody Wheatley Family

**Vocation Statue:** Rachael Gily

**Children's Liturgy:** Angie Curry

**In Need of Special Prayer**

Anna Payne, Phyllis Emmick, Tim Heavrin,  
Joan Peak, Mike Powers

**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.**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

I remember driving to work and hearing on the radio about some plane that had crashed into the World Trade Center. I assumed at the time it was some daredevil stunt that had gone wrong. Upon my arrival, I went into the parish center and turned on the television. As I was watching live coverage, I saw a second plane hit the second tower. As the events unfolded, a crowd gathered around the screen. I ran to open the church and light candles in anticipation of people who would be arriving to pray. We did not know what was really happening, but we knew it was horrible and we knew that people would be drawn to the parish to pray, unsure of what else to do. There was a wide range of people who came by that day. Some we knew only from Sunday Masses; others were heavily involved in various ministries. A few were Catholics from another parish, while some were not Catholic at all. On that day, it did not matter where you were from or if you had ever graced the front door of our church. We knew who you were. You were family.

Tragedy and misfortune bring people together who, on a good day, fail to see that they have anything in common. What they have failed to realize previously is that they have the most important thing in common: they have one Creator and they are created in his image. Even though I pray that another day like that first 9-11 never befalls our country again, the sense of welcoming and family on that day and the days that followed is one I often recall.

Regardless of the reason why someone shows up at our church door, we need to be ready to welcome him or her with open arms. Hospitality can lead to many wonderful things, for both the faithful and the prodigal among us. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Confirmation Candidate and Parent Meeting**

An important meeting for our confirmation candidates and their parents is scheduled for Sunday September 18th from 11:30 - 1:30pm at IC Parish Hall. Lunch will be provided. This meeting will help parents and candidates understand more about the Sacrament of Confirmation and the expectations for their first year of preparation. The confirmation program is a two-year program so if your child is either in the 6th or 7th grade they may begin their preparation. Please contact Denise at 927-8419 if you have any questions.



**Sunday Collections**

<p><b>Immaculate Conception</b></p> <p>Weekly Goal .....\$3,269.00</p> <p>Collection 9-04-16 .....<u>\$3,420.00</u></p> <p>Difference over .....\$151.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance .....51/98</p> <p>Week # 10 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$32,690</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$29,593</p> <p><b>IC Building Acquisition Fund</b></p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$189,526</p> <p>Total Paid 9-04-16 \$170,818</p>	<p><b>St. Columba</b></p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00</p> <p>Collection 9-04-16 .....<u>\$2,551.07</u></p> <p>Difference over .....\$243.07</p> <p>Mass Attendance .....117</p> <p>Week # 10 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal .....\$23,080</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$25,356</p> <p><b>SC Building Repair Fund</b></p> <p>Total Families Pledged 63</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$77,157</p> <p>Total Paid 9-04-16 \$72,350</p>
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**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.*