

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

27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'" What a humble attitude this would be! Jesus challenges us today not to boast, not to seek special praise, not to consider ourselves worthy of some great reward when we follow him. Rather, he honestly reminds us that it is simply our duty to do all we "have been commanded."

God made us. Our lives are a result of his loving initiative. Giving ourselves back to him through "the obedience of faith" (as the Second Vatican Council called it), is truly the only appropriate response. Of course we are free NOT to practice this

obedience. We are free to reject God, to ignore his commandments, even to make ourselves his enemies. But nonetheless it remains true that what we ought to do is to love God and follow his ways. And Jesus suggests today that this simple obedience should be a given in our lives. Following the commandments is merely what we are obliged to do.

But, let's not forget that we are also free to do more. Because of the nature of love, we can never really exhaust it. We can always love more, serve more devotedly, give more generously. Perhaps Jesus is calling us to focus less on meeting the bare-bones requirements of Christianity, and instead to shift our efforts farther in the direction of going above and beyond the call of duty. Instead of asking what is the least I HAVE to do, we would do well to ask, what ELSE can I do? What else can I do to show my gratitude to God for all he has given me? What else can I do to serve his people and nurture the world he has made? Let us aim to become truly profitable servants.



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

Faith - A Priceless Treasure:

Whenever we care for our valuables and possessions, we often go out of the way in protecting them from harm and loss. We have our homes insured, our cars, etc. We can also be the owner of many insurance policies revealing our concern for those things that we treasure. How about our faith, which is the theme in the readings this weekend? Do we see our faith as just as important as other valuables in our lives? How sad

when we put more emphasis on material things and leave out the spiritual ones. Maybe our prayer this weekend can be that of the apostles, "Lord, increase our faith." Do we see a need to strengthen (as St. Paul stresses) that rich deposit of faith that we have. It is only with prayer and the Lord that our faith will be able to move mountains and to be faithful as we journey to our heavenly inheritance. No one can do this for us! Let us never take for granted the gift of faith which has been instilled in us. God bless you. Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

When we approach life with faith and encounter times of crisis or frustration, the normal response is to cry out to God because we cannot do anything about the situation. We look for an intervention from God and even a solution to the problems we are encountering. There is often a subtle expectation for God to fix them. However, we must remind ourselves that resolutions to our problems or the world's will come in God's timeframe. Faith trusts in something far greater than problem-solving.

Pilgrimage to St Meinrad

Sunday October 16th immediately following the 10:30 am Mass at Immaculate Conception we will be going to St. Meinrad for lunch and attending the Marian Devotion at Monte Casino. Please contact the church office if you want to go. We will take the bus if we have enough confirming they want to attend.

Respect Life

During the month of October, as we remember our Blessed Mother and the gift of the rosary, we also pause to remember that the source of all life, which is a gift, comes from our God. God is not the author of death, but of life, Life is sacred and precious and no one has the right to take this gift away. We are speaking about the issue of abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, etc. If we are claiming to be pro-life, our ethics must be consistent as we proclaim life to be sacred in all the above areas. Let us today acknowledge the gift of life and let us honor the gift by protecting what God has given us. May our faith always be a witness and may our faith give birth to new life. Fr. Terry.

WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

Question: A coworker confided in me that years ago she had an abortion. She goes to church, but feels too guilty to receive Communion, even though she went to confession. What can I do to help her?

Answer: In the whole debate on the legality of abortion one rarely hears anything said about the emotional trauma many women experience following an abortion, sometimes years later. Violence in any form, but especially done to oneself and to an innocent person, can leave a wake in its path of guilt, fear, sadness, self-hatred, shame, and regret. Women and men often hold in their feelings because of fear of rejection and embarrassment. Obviously, your coworker trusts you very much to share her story with you. The best thing you can do, besides offering your support and a listening ear, is to recommend Project Rachel. This is a healing ministry for those who have been involved in an abortion. Founded in Milwaukee in 1984 by Victoria Thorn, locations are all over the country. Staffed by counselors and priests trained to provide spiritual and psychological care for those suffering from the effects of abortion, Project Rachel is for men and women. Information is available from the local parish, the diocesan pro-life office, or by looking online for Project Rachel websites.

Mass Intentions

**No Weekday Masses
While Fr. Terry is on Vacation**

Saturday, October 8

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, October 9

8:30 am † Lillian Emmick SC

By Betty Allard

10:30 am † Fr. Gabriel Okolla IC

Readings for the Week

October 2, 2016

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/2

Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1-2, 7-10/Lk

10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1-3, 13-15/

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1-2/

Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-75/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-7/Lk

11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1-4/2

Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

Faith Sharing Question

Luke 17:5-10

How does the exercise of your daily obligations increase your faith?

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

In what ways do you resonate with Habakkuk's complaint to God?

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Why do you think this author speaks so highly of Paul?

2016 Diocesan Marian Congress

"Mary, Mother of Mercy and the Rosary"

Guest speaker: Fr. Thomas Petri, O.P.

Free & Open to the Public

Sunday • Oct. 23, 2016 • 2-5 p.m.

St. Joseph Catholic Church •

434 Church St. Bowling Green, KY

Contact: Kathleen Baumgarten at

270-842-2525

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, October 5

6:00 pm Religious Ed. K-Adult IC

Thursday, October 6

6:00 pm RCIA IC

Sunday, October 9

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, October 9

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Butch Meriwether
Ruth Madden, Amy Allard

Lector: Steve Basham

Server: volunteer

Cross Bearer: Jordan Bozarth

Gift Bearer: Bob & Patty Durbin

Hospitality: Denny & Denise Long
Lula Marsch, Liz Parker

Vocation Statue: Faye Wettstain

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Margaret Powers
Alisha Wheatley, Cheryl Gammon

Lector: Don Richards

Server: Hunter Severs, Abby Walz

Cross Bearer: Vanessa Hess

Gift Bearer: Dan & Shirley Hagman

Hospitality: Leonard & Linda Thomas
Judy Powers, Ellen Gaynor

Vocation Statue: David & Joan Wettstain

Children's Liturgy: Beth Curry

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Some weeks seem to move steadily downhill as soon as they start. Your boss hits you with some hard criticism. Driving around town seems to be a constant experience of getting cut off and tailgated. The waiter at the restaurant felt pretty sure that your burnt and dried out lunch was not his problem. The kids didn't plan ahead once again and the entire science fair project is due: tomorrow!

Then an angel of God in the form of a friend, acquaintance, or stranger says one nice thing, does one good deed, or offers a small gift of kindness and suddenly the entire week changes. The power of good is always able to defeat the bad in our lives, but it is amazing that so much bad can be overcome by such a small amount of good—truly amazing.

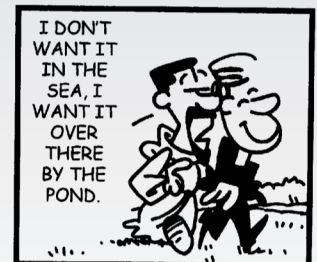
Jesus told us that with a little faith, we could accomplish great things. The faith of a mustard seed can move mountains or uproot a tree from the earth and replant it in the sea. It does not take much to make a big difference in the world.

If we apply this understanding to stewardship, then we can see that small gifts of time, talent, or treasure can yield great harvests. Yes, we are called to offer all we have back to God and his people, but that does not change the fact that through small offerings of ourselves we can change the greater reality in the lives of many.

For many years, I had a tapestry hanging in my office with a quote from the Quaker theologian, Rufus Jones. He said, "I pin my hopes to quiet processes and small circles, in which vital and transforming events take place." With our stewardship, we have the chance to transform the world around us, even when it seems like what we can offer is so very small at the time. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Our Lady of Monte Cassino Shrine

Everyone is invited to attend the Sunday afternoon Pilgrimage services in honor of Our Blessed Mother. The service lasts about an hour and consists of an opening hymn, a short sermon, and rosary procession. It ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn. The service begins at 2:00 pm on each Sunday in October. The small chapel of Monte Cassino is located on a hill near the Archabbey. The shrine, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a testament to the age-old tradition of seeking God. For further information, call 812-357-6585.



Sunday Collections

In Need of Special Prayer
Anna Payne, Phyllis Emmick, Tim Heavrin,
Joan Peak, Whitney Emmick,
Stephen Emmick

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, Frances Storm

**Please call the Parish Office to add or
remove names from this bulletin prayer list.**

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00
Collection 9-25-16	<u>\$2,147.00</u>
Difference under	\$1,122.00
Mass Attendance	57/100
Week # 13 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$42,497
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$36,849
IC Building Acquisition Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$189,526
Total Paid 9-25-16	\$171,033

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 9-25-16	<u>\$1,609.00</u>
Difference under	\$699.00
Mass Attendance	85
Week # 13 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$30,004
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$30,849
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	63
Total Amount Pledged	\$77,157
Total Paid 9-25-16	\$72,960

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.