



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

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?" The widow in today's parable didn't give up. She kept "bothering" the judge by coming to him and asking for a decision in her favor. Ultimately, her persistence caught his attention and influenced his behavior. Jesus seems to be teaching us today that this quality of faithful persistence is a good one to have. Thus, he advises us to call out to God not once, not twice, but "day and night." This is a fitting image for the idea of continual prayer; it goes on all the time without ceasing.

As this Gospel reading says in the opening line, Jesus wanted to teach his disciples how to "pray always without becoming weary." It's interesting that the method he used for this instruction was to emphasize the reward of such persistent prayer. The parable's conclusion assures us that for those who pray without giving up, God "will see to it that justice is done for them speedily." Perhaps this attractive promise is supposed to keep us from losing hope, from throwing in the towel, from becoming "weary" when our requests don't seem to be getting heard.

Following the example of this determined widow, we need not fear to repeatedly make our requests known to God. In fact, we should make a point of it! If we only offer our prayers of petition halfheartedly, without real conviction, persistence, or sincerity, they are not as powerful as they could be. But when we truly commit to taking these requests before the Lord, day after day (and night after night!) then we are displaying a kind of profound faith in God's ability to act on our behalf. So, full of hope and trust, let's keep "bothering" this truly just Judge!



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.



Pray and Never Lose Heart

In our readings this weekend we hear again about God's love and concern for his people. His message throughout the centuries remains the same "Pray and never lose heart". In the Old Testament God used great leaders like Moses and Joshua to perform signs and wonders to bring out to those in fear that they had not been abandoned. Yes-God defeated the enemies of his people and wants us to know that we too should never feel lost or abandoned in the battles of daily living. When we cease to pray and to lose heart we begin to drift apart from the Lord and all seems lost. But like Moses (with raised hands) we too must not lose heart as we too fight the battles of this earthly life. Let us be grateful today for the Lord's everlasting presence and concern in our lives. God Bless You, Fr. Terry.

From Father's Desk

LIVE THE LITURGY

When we take the time to prayerfully reflect on Scripture, we discover that we find pathways to God. Sacred Scripture allows us to know God more deeply and heightens our awareness of how God acts in all of the events of our lives. Sacred Scripture tells the story of God's love relationship with his people and demonstrates his patient willingness to wait for us to freely love him in return.

Religious Education

Religious Education classes will resume this Wednesday on October 19th

Trunk or Treat and Pet Blessing

Dress up in your favorite costume and come trick or treating at our annual Trunk or Treat. Don't forget to bring your pets for a special blessing by Fr. Terry! Wednesday October 26th from 6:00-7:30pm at IC Church Parking Lot. Homemade chili, hotdogs, drink and ice cream. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prize for the best decorated car. Anyone wishing to set up their cars and hand out candy please contact the church office or Denise at 927-8419.

Hancock County Sorghum Festival

The confirmation and HS youth will be selling ice cream and fried apple pies at the Sorghum Festival October 22-23rd. Come out and support the youth! Parents and youth please contact Denise to sign up to work a shift.

Religious Education Registration

Parents are reminded to please return their registration envelopes and completed forms in to Denise as soon as possible.

ODYC Deadline

HS and Confirmation youth wanting to go to ODYC November 18-19 are reminded the deadline to sign up is this Wednesday in class. Consents and more information will be mailed to the parents in a couple weeks.

Trail of Treats

The confirmation youth will be handing out candy during the Trail of Treats at Vastwood Park on Halloween night. Youth may sign up in class to work a one- hour shift. This is fun service opportunity for the community.

Candy Donation

The confirmation youth are looking for donations of candy to hand out during the Trail of Treats. Candy donations may be left at the church in the marked baskets. Thank you for your support.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 18

10:00 am † Patsy Frey HV
By Laura & Bill Goins

Wednesday, October 19

5:30 pm † Bob Gray IC
By Harold Gray Family

Thursday, October 20

8:00 am † Mike Pate SC
By Judy Pate

Friday, October 21

8:00 am Brasher,Hagman,Johnson,
Quinn L/D IC
By Noel Quinn

Saturday, October 22

5:00 pm † Billie Jean Bunch SC
By Eddie & Monti Millay

Sunday, October 23

8:30 am † Kim Canary SC
By Judy Pate
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week

October 16, 2016

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-8/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Faith Sharing Question

Luke 18:1-8

What do you think the parable of the persistent widow tells us about God?

Exodus 17:8-13

Why do you think God chose to support Moses and the Israelites in this manner?

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

What is your reaction to the author's assertions on how Scripture should be used?



We express our sympathy to John and Rosemary Neff on the death of John's mother, Shirley Richards. May all receive the comfort and support of the Lord.

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 19

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

Thursday, October 20

6:00 pm RCIA IC

Friday, October 21

HS Youth to visit "Haunted House"

Saturday, October 22

5:30 pm Breast Cancer Bunco IC

**The Parish Office will be closed
October 19th to 26th**

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, October 23

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Judy Pate

Bob Payne, Rosemary Emmick

Lector: Steve Allard

Server: Lawson Ward/Denny Long

Cross Bearer: Steve Basham

Gift Bearer: Kevin Ward Family

Hospitality: Butch & Peggy Meriwether
Liz Parker, Eddie Gray

Vocation Statue: Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Trina Ogle

Volunteer, Eva Bulleit

Lector: Connie Wheatley

Server: David Jurss, Trey Curry

Cross Bearer: Falyn Stokes

Gift Bearer: Amanda Fuchs Family'

Hospitality: Heath Stokes Family

Vocation Statue: Connie Wheatley

Children's Liturgy: Volunteer

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Book of Exodus recounts the story of Moses telling Joshua to lead his men into battle against Amalek in defense of Israel. The sign that God was with them would be Moses on a hilltop with his hands raised holding the staff of God. If his hands were to fall, then Amalek would have the advantage and Israel would be defeated.

As time wore on, the arms of Moses grew strained, so Aaron and Hur provided a rock for Moses to sit on and they each supported an arm. His hands then remained steady until evening fell. Joshua defeated Amalek and Israel survived.

This story reminds me of Good Friday at my home parish, where altar servers hold candles on each side of the cross while the people come forward for veneration. It is a long time to stand there, so there are many servers that switch places so the burden is lighter. Without one's fellow servers, it would be too much for some of the less experienced and weaker ones.

This is how it is with the body of Christ. Without all of us playing our part and supporting one another, we are susceptible to defeat. When one of us is tired and growing weak, then our brothers and sisters in Christ need to be there to hold us up.

Too often the Church, and in particular the parish community, suffers undo pain and hardship because some members of the body choose to withhold their gifts. But if we are to be "Christ" to the world, then we all need to play our part in the body. Together we will serve the Lord in a way that can not only transform us, but the world in which we live. Together we are strong, even against the greatest of all contrary forces. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

"Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory."

The Good News of Salvation is that through Jesus Christ, we have been redeemed and freed from sin and death. To serve the Lord as a priest, deacon, or religious sister or brother means to proclaim this Good News of salvation for all people each and every day. How is God calling you to proclaim his salvation for others? To learn more about discerning your vocation, contact the Vocations Office at 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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
Mobley, 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.**

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| Immaculate Conception | |
| Weekly Goal | \$3,269.00 |
| Collection 10-09-16 | <u>\$2,516.00</u> |
| Difference under | \$753.00 |
| Mass Attendance | 107 |
| Week # 15 of 52 | |
| Fiscal YTD Goal | \$49,035 |
| Fiscal YTD Actual | \$42,953 |
| IC Building Acquisition Fund | |
| Total Families Pledged | 58 |
| Total Amount Pledged | \$189,526 |
| Total Paid 10-09-16 | \$171,413 |

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| St. Columba | |
| Weekly Goal | \$2,308.00 |
| Collection 10-09-16 | <u>\$1,994.00</u> |
| Difference under | \$314.00 |
| Mass Attendance | 60/92 |
| Week # 15 of 52 | |
| Fiscal YTD Goal | \$34,620 |
| Fiscal YTD Actual | \$36,143 |
| SC Building Repair Fund | |
| Total Families Pledged | 63 |
| Total Amount Pledged | \$77,157 |
| Total Paid 10-09-16 | \$73,728 |

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.