



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

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Jesus doesn't tell us when he will come again; but he does tell us all we need to know. First, he leaves no doubt in our minds that he will in fact return--this isn't a question we have to debate. And secondly, he tells us what we need to do to be ready: stay awake! As long as we don't doze off while we're waiting, everything will be all right.

So our task is a relatively simple one. We are called to be on the lookout. We are supposed to be ready for the Lord when he appears. This is a straightforward instruction to be sure. But it does contain an inherent challenge: it's often much easier to hit the snooze button than to get up and at 'em. It's our task, however, to make sure we don't give in to the temptation to fall back asleep.

This is what the season of Advent helps us to do. It's like the Church's alarm clock, ringing with persistence in our ears: Wake up! Throw off the covers of apathy and distraction! Jesus is coming! Get up and get your house in order before he arrives!

What exactly this means will be different for all of us--the particular behaviors we need to change, the specific virtues we need to develop--all of this is unique to each individual. But our common goal is the same--to clean house in our hearts and make ourselves ready to welcome the Lord. Yes, his return at the end of time will be a momentous event, but even if we never experience it during our lifetime, Jesus still wants to come to us here and now, to dwell in our hearts through the presence of his Spirit. This Advent, let's be ready to welcome the Lord every minute of every day.



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 May 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.



Advent: How will we prepare?

Every year at about this time we begin to develop a list of names in regards to gift-giving and lists of other things as well. As things begin to pick up in our world of commercialism, so the Church asks us to look into our spiritual lives and make some serious preparations as well. Speaking of a shopping list, what about making a spiritual list, in which we can discern our needs in our relationship with the Lord and others. Maybe we

From Father's Desk

are in need of a few spiritual blue-light specials, which include patience, charity, humility, forgiveness, hope and better and healthier attitudes. As Santa asks small children what they want this coming Christmas, so our Lord is asking the same question: What would you like this coming Christmas? Let us spend this Advent Season pondering this all-important question and may our season of waiting and preparation be spiritually fruitful in our lives. Fr. Terry

Religious Education

Religious education classes resume this Wednesday November 30th. Also Fr. Terry will be available to hear confessions for the 3rd-7th grade this evening. See everyone then!

Santa Sacks

Help us prepare Santa Sacks for those in need in the community by donating green beans and stuffing. You may bring your donations to Mass thru December 11th. Baskets will be available as you enter church.

Thank You Chaperones

Thank you to our chaperones who gave up their weekend to attend ODYC with our youth. The youth had a great time! And Thank you to Alan Murphy for driving our bus and seeing us safely to and from our destinations. You all are truly a blessing.

Christmas Caroling

Fr. Terry invites you to join him and the squires for an evening of Christmas Caroling, cookies and hot chocolate on Monday evening December 19th. We will meet at the parish office at 3:00 pm. Please contact Fr. Terry or the church office if you can would like to participate.

First Reconciliation

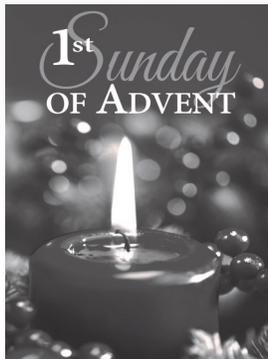
Please pray for the youth celebrating their First Reconciliation on Wednesday December 7th at 6:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Kiley Wiseman, Isabella Volocko and Annabelle Ballard. This will also be an opportunity for our high school youth to go to confession after First Reconciliation.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Gathering on this First Sunday of Advent, we are reminded that we are called to be ever vigilant; living in expectation of the second coming of Christ. With the busyness of our lives, it is easy to gloss over these beautiful four weeks and preoccupy ourselves with other things. However, now is the time to stop, wait, listen, and prepare ourselves for Christ's unexpected coming.

Advent

Today begins Advent. Check out our website icschurch.org for some advent resources for you and your family. We also have available as you enter church free reading materials for you and your family as we wait during Advent for the coming of Christ!



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 am † Anna Payne SC
By Helen's Family

Wednesday, November 30

5:30 pm † Philip McGovern IC
By Dan & Shirley Hagman

Thursday, December 1

8:00 am † Theresa Rose McCarty SC
By Dot Pooser

Friday, December 2

8:00 am James O. King Jr. IC
By Bob Ogle

Saturday, December 3

5:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday, December 4

8:30 am † Ora Roby SC
By Dot Pooser

10:30 am † Delma McManaway IC
By Bob Ogle

Readings for the Week

November 27, 2016

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/
Mt 24:37-44

Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt
9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4
-9/Mt 3:1-12

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus warned his followers to be ready for his return and the advent of the end-time. How are you preparing for the return of the Son of Man?

Isaiah 2:1-5

In what ways do you see our nation open to hearing and obeying God's word?

Romans 13:11-14

Paul cultivated a sense of urgency for the faith with the Christians in Rome. How can we do likewise in our faith communities?

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, November 30

6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult

IC

Thursday, December 1

6:00 pm RCIA

IC

Sunday, December 4

1st Sunday - Donuts SC
- Potluck IC

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, December 4

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Bob Payne

Denny Long, Sandy Davis

Lector: Tim Heavrin

Server: Lisa Hendricks

Cross Bearer: Dwayne Duncan

Gift Bearer: Wes & Jennifer Poole

Hospitality: David Winchell, Bob Durbin
Debbie Hawes, Lula Marsch

Vocation Statue: Bob Durbin

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: McKensie Severs

Sara Hess, Danielle Bumm

Lector: Katherine Woodward

Server: Ministries

Cross Bearer: performed by

Gift Bearer: Youth

Hospitality:

Vocation Statue: Ronna Ogle

Children's Liturgy: Trina Ogle

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

This week we hear that ominous Gospel passage where Jesus tells us about people being taken from where they are and what they are doing when they least expect it, while others remain. This has been distorted by some for support into a spectacular idea of rapture, leading to many books and movies. A profitable genre has been created that sometimes preys on people's fears.

But in following Jesus Christ, there is no fear. What we are called to do is live each day as it were our last. Be mindful of all the opportunities around you to share love and the gifts God has given you. We will all be held accountable in the end, but it is not what we have done that will save us. Our salvation lies in the grace freely given to us by Jesus. When we choose to receive that gift and intentionally follow him, we are led to giving over our entire being totally to him.

This Advent, let's not allow ourselves to be caught up in all the craziness of the season, but instead give ourselves over to God to use for his glory. The Incarnation born in a manger is calling you. Have no fear! Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On December 8th, we celebrate what is the basis of Mary's sanctity, namely, her Immaculate Conception, which means that through a special grace from God, and in virtue of the foreseen merits of the Savior of the world, the Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, was preserved free from the slightest stain of original sin. This year it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are Thursday December 8th at 8:00 am at SC and at 6:00 pm at IC. This is also the feast day of Immaculate Conception Parish.

Christmas Hams for Sale!!

St. Columba will be selling Hams for Christmas for \$35. What a bargain!!!! This year only 75 hams are being purchased, and will be sold on a first come basis. Please have your money at the time of ordering. Orders and money need to be turned in by December 14th. Pickup will be on Sunday, December 18th after Mass as both IC and SC. To order, contact Mike Fallin at 270-295-3169 or 270-922-7707 or call the parish office at 270-927-8419

First Sunday Donuts and Potluck

Next week join us for some yummy donuts after Mass at St Columba and some good home cooking at our potluck after Mass at Immaculate Conception.

In Need of Special Prayer

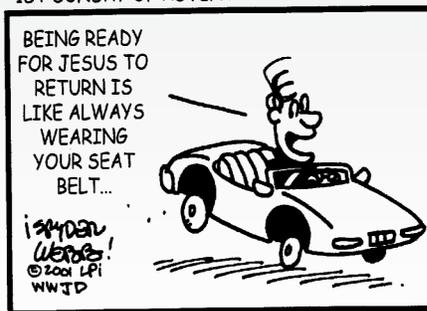
Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Stephen Emmick, Joe Froeater

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.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday Collections

Due to printing schedules, the Collection Information will be in next bulletin

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.