



# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## Immaculate Conception

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## St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Phone ..... 295-3494  
Meetings are 3rd Wednesday at 4:30 pm  
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm  
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351  
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

"Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God." John the Baptist had an important message to impart. He was called by God to prepare the people of Israel to recognize Jesus' true identity. In a sense, he helped establish credibility for Christ by confirming that he was in fact the Messiah. Jesus didn't just have to claim it on his own; John also "testified" to the fact. We, of course, also benefit from the witness of John the Baptist recorded for us in the Gospels. And we have additional witnesses from the rest of the people throughout the Gospels who knew and recognized Jesus as the Son of God. But we also have the benefit of two thousand years of Church history! We have countless testimonies of saints and believers throughout the centuries who have known Jesus in their own lives and acted accordingly.

This raises two questions. First, are we willing to believe these testimonies from those who have gone before us? Consider how much credence we give to the experiences and the stories of our forefathers and foremothers in the faith-- whether they are blood relatives or members of the larger communion of saints. Sometimes these personal accounts of coming to know the Lord are much more powerful than any "proof" or intellectual proposal about Christianity. They do require a degree of faith and trust, but they nonetheless provide us with real evidence about the impact of being close to Christ.

Secondly, let us consider whether or not we are willing to give testimony to who Christ is to us? It's one thing to believe in Jesus; it's another thing to share that faith with others. But like John the Baptist, we are called to share the truth so that others may come to believe.



## 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.**



### Identifying ourselves:

On this second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the theme is "Who are we?" And how do we identify ourselves to others in following the Lord. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah identifies himself as a servant to God and St. Paul informs the Corinthians that they have been consecrated and called to be a holy people. John the Baptist informs his followers to follow Jesus, who is the Lamb of God. The Second Vatican Council ('62-'65) defined us as a people of God—a community of the baptized consecrated in Christ Jesus to do the will of God. Let us all work together (recognizing our identity) keeping our eyes always focused on Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Have a good week! Fr. Terry

From Father's Desk

### LIVE THE LITURGY

It is important to know who we are and from where we come. Having a clear sense of identity allows us to make choices that further express and develop our ultimate purpose and goals. We are reminded today of Jesus' unique identity as God's Son and that by our baptism we are given the gift of sharing in that same intimate relationship with God. May knowledge of this make a difference in how we live our lives!

### Baby Gifts for Birthright

Support Birthright in Owensboro by donating baby gifts such as clothing, blankets, bottles or diapers. Birthright assist mothers in need. Baskets will be available as you enter church.

### Opportunities for Life Volunteers Needed

Opportunities for Life needs you. A girl facing a difficult decision regarding the life of her unborn baby needs you. A baby whose mom is thinking about abortion needs you. You can help her and her baby. Opportunities or Life is the Kentucky Catholic Church's ministry to abortion vulnerable women and men. OFL volunteers offer hope and resources to callers who find the courage to seek our help. Helpline volunteers answer the help line from their homes at times that are convenient for them. OFL will be offering training workshops in your Diocese to prepare volunteers for service in this life affirming ministry. If you have a heart for life affirming ministry work you are invited to contact OFL for more information. (888)-496-3638

### First Eucharist Parent meeting

A parent meeting for their children who are preparing for First Eucharist is scheduled this Wednesday January 18th at 6:30pm at IC Parish Office. Parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting on how to help their child prepare for this very special sacrament.

### WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

Question: Why do we baptize infants when the Bible says "repent and be baptized"? How can an infant repent?

Answer: When you take a trip, you do not wait until you run out of gas before you fill the tank—at least not on purpose! You fill your tank and pack your bags as you anticipate a trouble-free journey. We can make a similar case for the baptism of children as they begin their spiritual journey. In the early church, only adults were baptized when they professed faith in Jesus as the Messiah. As the church grew, children were baptized and raised in faith. The Bible does not limit baptism to adults. Several passages point to infant baptism. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them," while Paul would baptize people "and their household." He did not limit baptism to adults. Ultimately, our whole life is an act of repentance, a continual struggle to turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. We believe that baptism is more than a symbolic act of faith. It forgives original sin as well as personal sin, and brings us into the church, where we begin our journey of faith.

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, January 17

10:00 am Harold & Mary Flood HV  
By Rosemary Neff

#### Wednesday, January 18

5:30 pm Denis & Martha Wheatley IC  
By Connie Wheatley

#### Thursday, January 19

8:00 am † George Allard SC  
By Betty Allard

#### Friday, January 20

8:00 am Elie & Lottie Vititoe IC  
By David & Ellen Gibson

#### Saturday, January 21

5:00 pm † Bethany Payne SC  
By Mike & Sheila Ogle

#### Sunday, January 22

8:30 am People of the Parish SC  
10:30 am † Patsy Frey IC  
By Vic & Barbara Hagman

### Readings for the Week

January 15, 2017

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40/1 Cor 1:1-3/  
Jn 1:29-34

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110/  
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25-8:6/Ps 40/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47/Mk  
3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27/1 Cor  
1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

### Faith Sharing Question

John 1:29-34

Only in the Gospel of John do we hear the title "the Lamb of God" used in reference to Jesus. What does this title mean to you?

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

According to the prophet Isaiah, what motivated God to call Isaiah to be his "servant"?

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

In his opening words to the Corinthian Christians, how does Paul promote unity of all the faithful?

### 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**

**Tuesday, January 17**

5:00 pm SC Finance SC  
 6:00 pm SC Pastoral SC

**Wednesday, January 18**

6:00 pm Relig. Ed K-Adult IC  
 6:30 pm 1st Eucharist parent Meeting IC Office

**Thursday, January 19**

6:00 pm RCIA IC

**Toys for Parish Picnics**

Now is the time of year when parents are bagging up old toys and stuffed animals to make room for the new toys received at Christmas. During our Church picnics, we give away donated and in good shape, toys and stuffed animals as prizes in the children's game booth. If you have any toys or stuffed animals you wish to donate, you may do so by bringing them to the church office. Thank you.

**Liturgical Roles**

**Sunday, January 22**

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

**Eucharistic Min:** Dian Heavrin  
 Sandy Davis, Judy Pate  
**Lector:** Bailey Poole  
**Server:** Sara H. & Lawson Ward  
**Cross Bearer:** Dwayne Duncan  
**Gift Bearer:** Scot Basham Family  
**Hospitality:** Dan Allard Family  
**Vocation Statue:** Bobby & Alice Fallin

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Mary Woodward  
 Alisha Wheatley, Amy Hess  
**Lector:** Sarah Hess  
**Server:** Laura Wheatley, Grace Kennedy  
**Cross Bearer:** Ty Durbin  
**Gift Bearer:** George & Cheryl Gammon  
**Hospitality:** Jody Wheatley Family  
**Vocation Statue:** Noel Quinn  
**Childrens Liturgy:** Angie Curry

**In Need of Special Prayer**

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Donald Tharp  
 Stephen Emmick, Robert Bulleit, April Bolin,  
 John & Marlene Wheatley, Georgene Poole

**Homebound and Heartland Villa**

Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp,  
 Christina Hagan, Olivia Murphy, Frances  
 Payne, Shirley Mobley, Florence Roby,  
 Lillie Lanham, Clyde Toler

Clay Quinn, Regina Walz, Frances Storm  
**Please call the Parish Office to add or  
 remove names from this bulletin prayer list.**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Can you imagine what kind of response I would get if I asked my three children, "Who would like to volunteer to clean up the kitchen after dinner today?" Six eyeballs staring at me like I had two heads! If I couch my request in terms of volunteerism, I have suggested that they don't have any real ownership in this matter. Perhaps they do sometimes think that their mother and I are simply hired hands to take care of them, but rest assured, I have not received a paycheck for services rendered lately.

When you and I give a donation of blood, we volunteer our time and blood to the Red Cross. The Red Cross does not employ most of us, nor do we own a part of the Red Cross. We can only volunteer ourselves for the cause.

As parishioners we are part of a parish family. We belong to our parish community. We do not visit on a Sunday morning, since we cannot visit a place that is home. The call of the body of Christ occurs in every parish and our response should be that of the psalmist, "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." Real stewardship never counts the cost and never asks for volunteers. We step forward because we belong to something greater than ourselves and the head of that community is Jesus. After dinner at my house, someone needs to clean up the kitchen. In your parish community, someone needs to respond to the call of Jesus. In both cases, no volunteers are needed. We will rely on family instead.  
 Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Ski or Snowboard or Tube Paoli Peaks**

For those signed up to go skiing or tubing at Paoli Peaks we will be leaving on the church bus next Sunday January 22 immediately following the 10:30am Mass. Plans are to go over to DQ for lunch and be at Paoli by 2:00pm CST. Cost to Ski or Snowboard is \$40 and Tubing is \$25 plus you will need money for food. We should arrive back to IC Church parking lot by 8:00pm. Contact Denise if you wish to go and have not signed up yet. HS and MS youth may attend without parents but will need parental consent. Grade school children must be accompanied by parents. Make up day for bad weather will be Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>.



**Sunday Collections**

<p><b>Immaculate Conception</b></p> <p>Weekly Goal .....\$3,269.00                  Collection 1-8-17 .....\$2,720.70                  Difference under .....\$548.30                  Mass Attendance ..... 152</p> <p>Week # 28 of 52                  Fiscal YTD Goal..... \$91,532                  Fiscal YTD Actual ..... \$89,126</p> <p><b>IC Building Acquisition Fund</b></p> <p>Total Families Pledged 60                  Total Amount Pledged \$190,163                  Total Paid 1-8-17 \$175,038</p>	<p><b>St. Columba</b></p> <p>Weekly Goal .....\$2,308.00                  Collection 1-8-17 .....\$4,989.00                  Difference over.....\$2,681.00                  Mass Attendance ..... 41/92</p> <p>Week # 28 of 52                  Fiscal YTD Goal ..... \$64,624                  Fiscal YTD Actual ..... \$70,703</p> <p><b>SC Building Repair Fund</b></p> <p>Total Families Pledged 65                  Total Amount Pledged \$79,535                  Total Paid 1-8-17 \$75,243</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.*