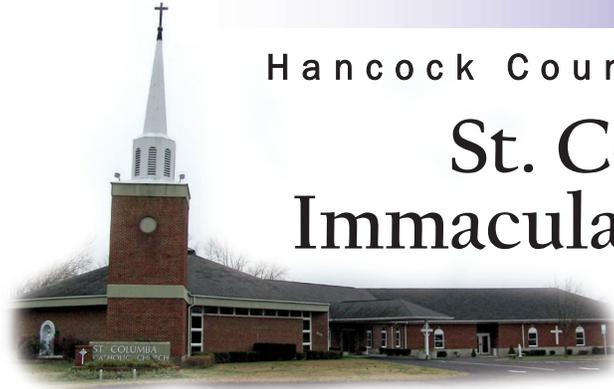


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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.

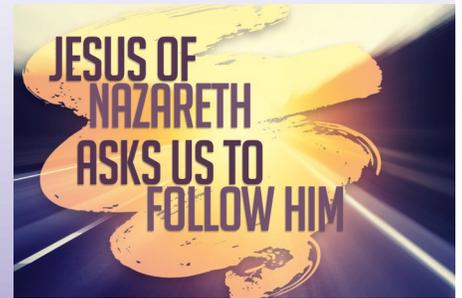
Cycles of Faith

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him." Peter, Andrew, James, and John's lives would never be the same. They were going about their usual business—fishing on the Sea of Galilee—when Jesus approached them and said, "Come after me." And that's just what they did. "At once they left their nets and followed him." Such a quick response to such a radical request!

What compelled these men to leave their livelihood to follow the Lord? His promise to them was that he would make them "fishers of men." Perhaps they thought that promise sounded fabulous. But it seems more likely that it was Christ himself who drew the men. There must have been something utterly attractive about him, and completely trustworthy. Otherwise, it seems unbelievable that these men would have been so quick to respond to his call.

This compelling man is the same Christ who calls us. We hear his voice in a different way, of course, through the Church and through the Bible, through his Spirit in our hearts, but it is nonetheless the same Jesus of Nazareth who asks us to follow him. Have we allowed ourselves to be drawn by his voice? Are we open to a real encounter with the Lord who changes lives?

If our relationship with Jesus does not transform us, if it does not change us into different, better people moment by moment and day by day, then chances are that we are not truly encountering him. He is too powerful to be inconsequential. It might take some courage and commitment to come into authentic contact with the Lord, but when we do, our lives will never be the same.



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.



Sharing in the Mission of Christ

When Jesus walked and lived on this earth, he made it clear that he had a job to do, that is, the will of the Father. He came to preach that His Father wanted all to know of His mercy, healing, and forgiveness. Jesus revealed this loving Father by the way he taught and lived his life. As Jesus taught his apostles for about three years he knew the day that they too would partake in this mission of proclaiming the gospel

From Father's Desk

message. Today, Jesus is counting on you and me to "fill those shoes" as we walk in our journey of faith. The strength of the Holy Spirit is still with us to give us hope and perseverance in our daily struggles. Like Jesus may we too be dedicated in doing the work of revealing God's presence to all we meet in the coming week. God Bless You!
Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

Sometimes we get so accustomed to walking in shadows and even in darkness that we forget that there is a light that can illuminate our lives more clearly. That light is Jesus Christ. Have you ever been looking for something in a dimly lit room and when someone shines a light, you suddenly find what you seek? This is how the Gospel works. At first we may not realize that we need it but then when someone shares its good news with us it all becomes clear. Jesus invites us out of darkness and calls us to come after him.

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

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.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Unity. What does "unity" mean? For those of us who claim Christ as our model of living and savior of humanity, it means we are one. This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has as its theme the Scripture citation 2 Corinthians 5:14-20. The first line contains our mission statement... "For the love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore all have died." If that is not a mandate for unity, then there is none. We are one in the death of Christ and therefore live in unity with all other Christians.

God, who are unity in three holy persons--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--you have called us to live in peace with all people.

You have also called us to work toward unity in purpose to spread the Gospel to all nations. Graciously give us the courage and strength to work toward unity, and act toward each other as brothers and sisters.

We ask this in the unity of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 24

8:00 am † Mike Pate SC

Wednesday, January 25

5:30 pm † Joel Howard IC

By Mary Ann Kruger

Thursday, January 26

8:00 am † Marion Albin O'Bryan SC

By Dot Pooser

Friday, January 27

No Mass

Saturday, January 28

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, January 29

8:30 am † Barbara Kay Grant SC

By Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

10:30 am † Delma McManaway IC

By Denis & Martha Wheatley

Readings for the Week

January 22, 2017

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

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117/Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 4:12-23

Matthew records Jesus' first public words as: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Why do you think Jesus emphasizes a disposition of repentance needed for the kingdom of heaven?

Isaiah 8:23-9:3

The prophet Isaiah speaks of a new beginning for Israel. According to Isaiah, how do the Israelite people react to God's intervention?

1 Corinthians 1:10-13

Paul writes about his concerns over reported "divisions" within the Corinthian congregation. How does Paul attempt to unify the community?

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 24

5:00 pm IC Finance IC

Wednesday, January 25

6:00 pm Relig Ed K-Adult IC

Thursday, January 26

6:00 pm RCIA IC

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.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, January 29

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Denny Long

Mary Beth Emmick, Rosemary Emmick

Lector: Peggy Meriwether

Server: Bailey Poole

Cross Bearer: David Payne

Gift Bearer: George Bozarth Family

Hospitality: George Bozarth Family

Vocation Statue: Rosemary Neff

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Bob Ogle

Lexi Hodge, Marilyn McCaslin

Lector: Rachael Gily

Server: Abby Walz, Falyn Stokes

Cross Bearer: Nathan Gily

Gift Bearer: Keith Booty Family

Hospitality: Roy & Gayle Ogle

John & Lynn Powers

Vocation Statue: Eva Bulliet

Childrens Liturgy: Mary Woodward

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

So the NFL season is almost over. Only the Super Bowl remains. For some fans, the season is already over since their team is now sitting at home. It is amazing the allegiance some people have to their teams. Some people bleed Green Bay green and yellow or believe the only team is supposedly America's team, the Dallas Cowboys. Of course, if you are reading this outside the States, perhaps you live and breathe a team like the New Zealand All Blacks or the Calgary Flames.

In the early church, people took their allegiance to certain leaders to an extreme. Paul chastised them for thinking that the baptism of one community or the teachings of a certain leader were superior to the anything else in this new movement of Jesus followers. He reminded them that there is to be no division in Christ and that all things flow from Christ, not from the leaders in the community. Those who follow Jesus are one body of Christ: a place where there is no room for competition or condescension.

Sometime our stewardship efforts in a parish become all about the parish. We seek to get people to do more stuff and give more money and we lose sight of why we live a stewardship way of life in the first place: Jesus. It is wonderful to watch our parishes grow into more vibrant communities that lead people to Jesus. We should rejoice to be in such a parish family. But one day there will be no parishes and those who have received his gifts freely and have followed him will live with Christ as one forever. In your stewardship, always keep Jesus as the main thing. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“Come after me and I will make you fishers of men”

It was just another ordinary day at work for Peter, Andrew, James, and John before Jesus stopped by. Have thoughts of a religious vocation interrupted your daily routine at work or school? Jesus may be calling you to serve him in an extraordinary way. For more information on vocations to the priesthood contact the vocations office: www.owensborovocations.com, 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org



Sunday Collections

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| <p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00</p> <p>Collection 1-15-17\$3,054.00</p> <p>Difference under\$215.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 143</p> <p>Week # 29 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$94,801</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual\$92,180</p> <p>IC Building Acquisition Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 60</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$190,163</p> <p>Total Paid 1-15-17 \$175,238</p> | <p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00</p> <p>Collection 1-15-17\$2,406.00</p> <p>Difference under\$98.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 74/61</p> <p>Week # 29 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal\$66,932</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$73,109</p> |
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In Need of Special Prayer

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Donald Tharp
 Stephen Emmick, Robert Bulleit, April Bolin,
 Uriah Bradley, 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.

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.