



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

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world." Speaking to his followers, Jesus tells them of the influence they are meant to have. Like the seasoning that gives food its flavor, they are to be "the salt of the earth" and like a lamp on a lampstand that "gives light to all in the house." Clearly, their influence on the people around them is meant to be positive and substantial. But what is the source of this irreplaceable influence?

Elsewhere in the Gospels, Jesus declares that HE is "the light of the world" (cf. Jn 8:12). So when he tells his disciples that "your light must shine before others," he is speaking about the light that comes from following him, from believing in him, from living their lives for him and with him. The light of Christ brightens the world, showing us the truth and meaning of our existence. And to the extent that we have that light in our hearts, it naturally spreads out to impact those around us.

So, today we must ask ourselves whether or not we are shining the way we are meant to as Christians. Do we brighten up our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our parishes? Are people encouraged, inspired, edified, and supported by our presence? Do we bring the kind of flavor that enriches life with a taste of the authentic truth, beauty, and goodness that comes from God alone? Or have we become a bit bland, like salt that "loses its taste" or light that is hidden "under a bushel basket"? It's important to be on guard against any tendency to let our faith be reduced to a mere routine or ritual. Rather, when we nurture our faith to be a living force that defines us and our actions, it will be a source of joy and renewal not only for us, but for the whole world.



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.



You are the Light & Salt of the Earth

This weekend, Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount, this time challenging and encouraging his followers to become a light to others and like salt to preserve their priceless gift of faith. In this day and age, it is not always easy to be a light in the midst of darkness and sin, but again it is only with the help of Jesus that we are able to reveal our faith to others who are in need of truth.

From Father's Desk

It is also hard to preserve the gift of faith when our faith is tested by the world, but Jesus has promised to remain with us and not to abandon those who follow him. This coming week, let us respond to the call of Jesus to bring hope to others with our light of faith by not just words but by our actions as well. God Bless you, Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY -

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls for us to be a sign of God's revelation to the world. We come together today to be enflamed with love for God, that all we encounter might see our light and come to the Father.

Cursillo

Our next Cursillo Weekends are: March 9-12 (Men); March 23-26 (Women) at Immaculate Conception, Hawesville. Cost is only \$75. Interested candidates can contact the Parish Office to find a Cursillo Sponsor or contact: Men's Weekend-Kelley Wheatley, 270.316.5609, wheatleysdd@att.net; Women's Weekend-Julie Tiell, 270-962-7109, j.a.ritzheimer@gmail.com. Come and See!

Baby Gifts for Birthright

Thank you for supporting Birthright in Owensboro. Your generosity was outstanding!

SAVE THE DATE:

Mardi Gras Celebration moved to Sunday, February 19th

Come and support the youth sponsoring our Mardi Gras Celebration at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall as they work together to raise money for our upcoming Lenten Project. We will once again help to reduce disease and illness for adults and children in Kenya by providing clean water with the assistance of Water with Blessings. Our goal, to sponsor throughout Kenya, Water Women, with the help of Fr. Joe and The Sisters. The Mardi Gras Party is from 4:30pm-7:00pm. There will be Games for the Kids! Awesome food like Gumbo, Jambalaya, Chili, Corndogs and more! Entertainment like "Who Wants to be a Catholic Millionaire" and Our Magic Show presented by Gowen Productions! Keep an eye on the bulletin for more information!

Who wants to be a Catholic Millionaire

The HS youth will be hosting the Catholic Millionaire game during our Mardi Gras event. We are looking for sponsors for our 3 game show contestants, Lexi Hodge, Prestyn Emmick, Will Lewko and Ben Gily as our alternate. Each contestant will have the opportunity to win up to \$100 by answering progressively difficult questions regarding the Catholic faith. Each correct answer will earn \$10 and give the contestant the chance to advance to the next question. There is a maximum of 10 questions with a potential to win \$100. Each candidate may have multiple sponsors willing to donate the amount won by the contestant. All winnings will be donated to our Lenten Project to support Water Women thru Water with Blessings. Please contact the office if you want to sponsor one of the contestants.

Ski Trip to Paoli Peaks

Due to weather conditions our ski trip to Paoli has been rescheduled again for February 12th. Plans continue the same with leaving at 11:30am and returning by 8:00pm. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 7

8:00 am † Mike Pate SC
By Jeff & Julie Bishop

Wednesday, February 8

5:30 pm † Maxine Beavin IC
By M/M Ernie Luebbeckese

Thursday, February 9

8:00 am † Bobbie Buckman SC
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

Friday, February 10

8:00 am † Etta Myrl Bickett IC
By Clayton & Gloria Gray

Saturday, February 11

5:00 pm † Betty Lowe
By Mark & Anna Strickland

Sunday, February 12

8:30 am † Charles Bozarth SC
By Eddie & Rachel Gray
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week

February 5, 2017

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20-2:4a/Ps 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 5:13-16

In his Sermon on the Mount, Jesus offered metaphors of discipleship—"salt of the earth" and "light of the world." How do these simple metaphors help you understand the challenge of discipleship?

Isaiah 58:7-10

In today's reading, the prophet Isaiah issued a call to action to the Israelites to clothe, feed, and shelter the hungry and homeless in their midst. According to Isaiah, how will God respond to these acts of compassion?

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

As Paul reflects on his early encounters with the Christians in Corinth, he recalls his fundamental proclamation of "Jesus Christ, and him crucified." What do you find appealing in Paul's message?

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, February 8

- 10:00 am Liturgy Planning IC
- 12:00 pm Senior Citizen Potluck SC
- 6:00 pm Relig Ed K-Adult IC

Thursday, February 9

- 6:00 pm RCIA IC

Sunday, February 12

- Fish Fry meeting after Mass SC
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC

Marriage Blessing

February 12th is World Wide Marriage Day. Fr Terry invites all married couples to Mass the weekend of February 11th and 12th for a special Marriage Blessing.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, February 12

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Butch Meriwether
Ruth Madden, Dian Heavrin

Lector: Steve Basham

Server: Jim Fallin

Cross Bearer: Jordan Bozarth

Gift Bearer: Michele Gregory Family

Hospitality: Tim & Dian Heavrin
Lula Marsch, Liz Parker

Vocation Statue: Denny & Denise Long

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Alisha Wheatley
Jessalyn Gray, Cheryl Gammon

Lector: Yvonne Booty

Server: Hunter Severs, Jacob Hodge

Cross Bearer: Vanessa Hess

Gift Bearer: Dan & Shirley Hagman

Hospitality: Leonard & Linda Thomas
Ellen Gaynor, Judy Powers

Vocation Statue: Vic & Barbara Hagman

Childrens Liturgy: Aimee Lyday

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

I recently watched the film adaptation of "Godspell" with my teenage daughter. I had such fond memories of watching it when I was young, back in the day. I listened to the soundtrack so many times and learned to play many of the songs on my guitar. The exclamation from the show, "You are the light of the world!" has always been firmly planted in my mind.

After about ten minutes, my daughter looked at me with that look only a teenage girl can display. "What is this?" she asked with a certain level of condescension. Yes, the film did not hold up so well in the eyes of the twenty-first-century critic. So we laughed most of the way through it.

What attracted me to the film and the soundtrack in the first place wasn't Jesus in a Superman shirt or the idea of the apostles wondering around the urban jungle. I was attracted to the message. I was attracted to that assertion in the song, "You are the light of the world."

There will always be people who see the Gospel of Jesus Christ as dated, irrelevant, and even hokey. You and I are called to be the light of the world? Good stewards must never shy away from living lives that truly bear witness to the reality of the Gospel. The parables of Jesus have as much meaning for us today as ever. Look around. The world we live in needs a little light for sure. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Fish Fry Meeting

A Fish Fry meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 12th in the parish hall immediately following Mass at SC. Everyone interested in helping with the Fish Fry is invited to attend.

Liturgy Planning Committee

The liturgy planning committee is scheduled to meet Wednesday February 8th at 10:00 am at IC parish office. Plans to prepare for Lent and Easter will be discussed.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00</p> <p>Collection 1-29-17<u>\$2,917.00</u></p> <p>Difference under\$352.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 124</p> <p>Week # 31 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$101,339</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual\$97,462</p> <p>IC Building Acquisition Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 60</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$190,163</p> <p>Total Paid 1-29-17 \$175,263</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00</p> <p>Collection 1-29-17<u>\$1,619.00</u></p> <p>Difference under\$689.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 44/77</p> <p>Week # 31 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal\$71,548</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$76,904</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.