



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

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Are we true worshippers? Do we praise and honor God the Father in the way Jesus described to the Samaritan woman at the well? It seems that this woman was caught up in logistics about WHERE to worship more than HOW to worship. Her people worshiped in one place, the Jews in another. She was puzzled by this and, even though she could see that Jesus was a prophet, she challenged him because she thought perhaps he wasn't a true worshipper of God. The Lord's response to her was to shift the focus away from a particular physical location for honoring God. In essence, he told her that what mattered was that we worship God by being filled with his Spirit, "the Spirit of truth, [who] will guide you to all truth," as Jesus will say later in John's Gospel (16:13). This woman, whose life was marked by such a sad string of broken relationships, had been missing the point.

Worshipping God means more than merely practicing a community ritual or frequenting a sacred site. If we don't come to truly know God by welcoming his Spirit into our hearts, then our worship will be empty and our lives will always be missing something. The deep fulfillment that is meant to come from following the Lord is a fruit of being filled with his Spirit. Without drinking fully of this "living water" that is available to all of us through the waters of baptism, we will always be seeking something more, like this poor woman. Instead, may we be true worshippers, who drink with satisfaction from the Lord's own "spring of water welling up to eternal life."



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.



The Living Water

This Sunday we hear the story about the Samaritan woman who was in need of water. Instead of receiving the ordinary water she thirsts for—she found Jesus Christ. Like the Samaritan woman with her many faults, we too are often searching and looking for many things in life and Christ is always drawing us closer and deeper to His heart which is our peace. Just like the woman at the well we too can receive the fullness of Christ in our lives and proclaim all the good things that He has done for us. The gift of inner peace and conversion in today's gospel also reveals that Christ shown no favoritism despite the fact that the Jews and the Samaritans disliked one another. On this third Sunday of Lent may we too thirst for the living water so that our thirst may be satisfied—the living water who is Jesus Christ. God Bless You, Fr. Terry

From Father's Desk

LIVE THE LITURGY

Today Jesus meets the woman at the well. After her time with Jesus she tells others about this man who is able to see into the depths of a person's life. Is Jesus that person for you? Have you allowed him into the depths of your life? Do you go out and tell others about this Jesus, as the Samaritan woman does? Do you share the good news by the way you live your life?



Anointing of the Sick

Next weekend we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Reach out and invite all who are sick in body or spirit to come to Mass next weekend for this healing sacrament.

ANOINTING
of the **SICK**

Easter Ham

St. Columba is taking orders for smoked Easter Hams! Cost is \$35 and payment must be made at time of the order. All orders must be turned in by April 4th. Hams will be ready for pickup on Palm Sunday, April 9th. Contact Mike Fallin or the church office if you wish to place an order.

Living Stations of the Cross

Our High School youth will be presenting a Living Stations of the Cross this Wednesday March 22nd at 6:30pm at IC Parish Hall. Everyone is invited to come and pray with our youth as we journey with Jesus to the Cross.



We express our sympathy to Rob & Lisa McCormick on the death of Lisa's father, John Himes. May he find peace with our Lord.

We send our prayers to the families of Dale and Marcia Reddin and Jamie & Kevin Ward on the death of Dale's mother, Betty Reddin. May God embrace her with His Love.

Lenten Project Continues with Water Women

This year our Lenten Project continues to establish Water Women in Kenya with the help of Fr. Joe Mungai and the Sisters of Hope. Every 8 seconds a child dies from an illness related to drinking contaminated water. For \$60 you can save the lives of many children. For \$60 a mother will become a Water Woman and will receive a life-saving water filter. She will receive special education on disease, health, sanitation, how to filter and upkeep their system. She will meet monthly for further education, prayer, support and accountability. In return she will filter water for her family and 3 other families. We invite you to take a bottle of water home with you and collect your change or place a donation in it and return it during Holy Week. Your donation will save the lives of many children in Kenya! Learn more about our project on our website www.icschurch.org or visit Water with Blessings at www.waterwithblessings.org

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 21		
10:00 am	† Mike Pate	HV
Wednesday, March 22		
5:30 pm	Johnson, Hagman, Brasher, Quinn L & D By Noel Quinn	IC
Thursday, March 23		
8:00 am	† Frances Ballard By Philip & Jeanetta Ballard	SC
Friday, March 24		
8:00 am	† Ruth Willett Blake By C. Franee	IC
Saturday, March 25		
5:00 pm	† Maxine Beavin By Jeff & Julie Bishop	SC
Sunday, March 26		
8:30 am	People of the Parish	SC
10:30 am	† Clay Quinn By Mike & Sheila Ogle	IC

Readings for the Week

March 19, 2017
Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:3-4, 18-21ab/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Faith Sharing Question

John 4:5-42

Only the Gospel of John records the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. What do you see as the defining moment in this episode?

Exodus 17:3-7

Three thousand years ago, the Israelites tested God in their desert journey by questioning Moses, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?" How does our contemporary society challenge and question God?

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Paul speaks of attaining "peace with God" through one's faith in Christ and experiencing the "love of God" through the work of the Holy Spirit. What does this reveal about our triune God?

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, March 21

- 5:00 pm Rosary SC
- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross SC
- 5:00 pm SC Finance SC
- 6:00 pm SC Pastoral SC

Wednesday, March 22

- 6:00 pm Relig Ed K-Adult IC
- 6:00 pm Lenten Confessions IC

Thursday, March 23

- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross IC
- 6:00 pm RCIA IC

Friday, March 24

- 4:30 pm Lenten Fish Fry SC
- 6:00 pm Lenten Confessions SC



Liturgical Roles

Sunday, March 26

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Dian Heavrin

Sandy Davis, Amy Allard

Lector: Bailey Poole

Server: Lawson Ward

Cross Bearer: Dwayne Duncan

Gift Bearer: Scot Basham Family

Hospitality: Scot Basham Family

Vocation Statue: Butch & Peggy Meriwether

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Marilyn McCaslin

Bob Ogle, Gayle Ogle

Lector: Pat Ogle

Server: Kolton Wiseman, Hunter Severs

Cross Bearer: FalyN Stokes

Gift Bearer: Keith Booty Family

Hospitality: Leonard & Linda Thomas

Harold Hagman, John Powers

Vocation Statue: Dan & Shirley Hagman

Children's Liturgy: Aimee Lyday

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I think about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of the RCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than ever.

The woman went frequently to the well looking to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts. The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran to the town telling of her encounter with the One who may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did not need it anymore.

I encounter people all the time that spend their days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There is no need to travel up that hill.

This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search of something that can only quench your thirst temporarily. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting, living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new life has only just begun. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at St. Columba on Saturday April 15th at 10:00am for the preschool-5th grade. Lots of candy and prizes. Bring your children and grandchildren. Invite their friends!

Candy Donations

We are asking for donations of individually wrapped candy to stuff our eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. Candy donations may be placed in the baskets at church or may be dropped off at the parish office. Please do not give the candy to Fr. Terry, especially if it is chocolate!!! :) :) just kidding!

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00</p> <p>Collection 3-12-17\$3,032.00</p> <p>Difference under\$237.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 127</p> <p>Week # 37 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$120,953</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual\$115,637</p> <p>IC Building Acquisition Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 60</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$190,163</p> <p>Total Paid 3-12-17 \$177,673</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00</p> <p>Collection 3-12-17\$1,813.00</p> <p>Difference under\$495.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 58/68</p> <p>Week # 37 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal\$85,396</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$90,877</p>
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In Need of Special Prayer

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Donald Tharp
 Stephen Emmick, Robert Bulleit, April Bolin,
 Georgene Poole

Homebound and Heartland Villa

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