

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

2nd Sunday of Easter; Sunday of Divine Mercy

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" Three times in today's Gospel, Jesus speaks these words to his disciples. He knew they were in need of peace! Following the Crucifixion, they had huddled in fear, hiding behind locked doors, "for fear of the Jews." But the risen Christ burst into this prison of anxiety to set the disciples free.

We may wonder why, after his first greeting of peace, Jesus immediately showed the disciples the wounds of his crucifixion, still present in his now glorified body. Why would he speak of peace and then show them the scars from the violence of the cross? Perhaps it is because those wounds earned our forgiveness. And this forgiveness is our peace.

Although we may not suffer from the fear of martyrdom as these first disciples did, we all need the peace that comes from being forgiven, and from forgiving. Our sins enslave us by preventing us from experiencing the fullness of life. But Jesus' mercy is greater than our sins. He wants to forgive us. And, as he taught us, we are supposed to "forgive those who trespass against us" as well. Perhaps we harbor grudges towards neighbors or family members who have hurt us. We are called to extend forgiveness to them, just as Christ extends forgiveness to us. In this way, we can cooperate with Christ by spreading peace to others. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you," he told the disciples gathered in the room. We too are sent to be messengers of Christ's peace and mercy.

Especially today, on this Sunday of Divine Mercy, may we accept from Jesus his promise of forgiveness. Then, we will truly be able to "go in peace."



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.



Faith Replacing Doubt

Missing out can be a real frustration! Being in the wrong place at the wrong time is also a reality in our lives, e.g. missing a TV program that you had been waiting for all week; a long distance phone call from a friend or parent and not being at home for the call. We sometimes miss the boat as the old saying goes! Today, we remember the doubting Thomas who was in the wrong place at the wrong time. He missed seeing

From Father's Desk

Jesus in the Upper Room. He probably felt disappointed, frustrated, and empty. (Will I ever see the risen Jesus?) How does Thomas handle this? He doubts! In the end Thomas did see the Risen Christ, but doubting is very human for us all and sometimes we struggle in faith too. Let us in this Easter Season pray to see the Risen One in our brothers and sisters and that we may reflect the Presence of the Risen One in the most doubting moments of our lives.

In appreciation....What a wonderful Holy Week we all had! The pews were nearly filled each evening and the spirit of those there made the services so meaningful. We thank all those who helped out in the various ministries and who gave of their time.

A special thanks to all who helped organize and conduct our East Egg Hunt. May the Lord bless us all as we have begun this Season of Easter Joy! Fr. Terry

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Breathing is necessary for living. Without air and the ability to breathe, we would die. It is no wonder then that Jesus breathed on the disciples and gave them the Holy Spirit. As our physical breath is essential to physically live, the Holy Spirit is essential to personally and socially live. Jesus shows his friends that God is within them, sustaining them with his gifts and providing them with the fullness of life and love. We take God's role in our lives for granted and we give ourselves more credit than we ought. Much of what we treasure and accomplish every day is due to God's inner presence moving and acting within us calling us to new life.

End of the Year Religious Education Celebration

Join us for our end of the year party this Wednesday April 26th from 6:00-8:00pm! An outdoor movie and concession stand has been set up for great fun. Burgers, corndogs, nachos, candy and more! Parents are invited to come and join in on the fun! The movie and concession will be set up outside behind the church office/classrooms. Concession will be open to serving food at 6:00pm and the movie will begin at 6:15pm and should end around 7:50pm. Come to a great evening of fun as we wrap up another great year. In case of rain the movie and concession will be moved inside to one of the classrooms.

First Communion

Please keep in prayer the following youth with their families as they complete their final preparations for receiving their First Communion: Annabelle Ballard, Kyley Wiseman, and Isabella Volocko. First Communion will be celebrated on May 7th during the 10:30am Mass at Immaculate Conception.



Parish Website – www.icscchurch.org

Take a look at our parish website for news and resources. On our website, you will find current events happening in our parishes along with upcoming events planned. You will find pictures, Mass times and the Catholic News Service. Need information about our religious education program, just click the Faith Formation tab. Perhaps you need some resources then consider the Spiritual growth section. Thinking about getting married or wanting your baby baptized then see the Sacrament page. On our website, you will find many resources to help you. Take a look around and let us know if there is anything we can add to help meet your needs.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 25

10:00 am † Deny Wayne Wheatley HV
By Connie Wheatley

Wednesday, April 26

5:30 pm † Patsy Frey IC
By Vic & Barbara Hagman

Thursday, April 27

8:00 am † O. W. Tindle SC
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

Friday, April 28

8:00 am † Denis & Martha Wheatley IC
By Connie Wheatley

Saturday, April 29

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, April 30

8:30 am † Roger Basham SC
By Dot Pooser

10:30 am Victor & Lois Johnson IC
By Noel Quinn

Readings for the Week

April 23, 2017

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-9/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Faith Sharing Question

John 20:19-31

Today's Resurrection account details Thomas' initial doubt that Jesus actually rose from the dead. How do you react to people who "doubt" the resurrection of Jesus?

Acts 2:42-47

Luke presents the early community of believers in Jerusalem of one heart and mind, rejoicing in the Resurrection. How does your faith community compare in response to the good news of the Resurrection?

1 Peter 1:3-9

In Peter's prayer of praise and thanksgiving to God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ, what reasons does he give for believers to "rejoice"?

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, April 26

6:00 pm Rel. Ed.
End of year celebration IC

Thursday, April 27

6:00 pm Closing of RCIA IC

The Parish Office will be closed all week

Gasper River Summer Camp

Camps are filling up fast and parents are encouraged to register their youth soon! You may go to their website www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org to register online or to download forms. Scholarship assistance is available by contacting Denise Long at the church office.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, April 30

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Ruth Madden
Bob Payne, Dot Pooser

Lector: Maria Reine

Server: Mary Beth Emmick

Cross Bearer: George Bozarth

Gift Bearer: Dan Allard Family

Hospitality: Dan Allard Family

Vocation Statue: Kevin Kurz

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Lexie Hodge
Dan Hagman, Mary Woodward

Lector: Ronna Ogle

Server: Gracie Kennedy, Falyn Stokes

Cross Bearer: Dakota Wheatley

Gift Bearer: Steve Lyday Family

Hospitality: Tom & Trina Ogle
Margaret Powers, Shirlene Quinn

Vocation Statue: Heath Stokes Family

Children's Liturgy: Amy Severs

In Need of Special Prayer

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, April Bolin
Stephen Emmick

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.**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

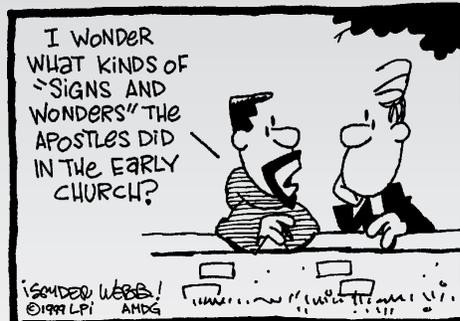
Due to the constant unchecked flow of data and information through the Internet, it can be hard to know when a story is real news or rubbish. It never ceases to amaze me when someone I know has bought into some crazy fake news story. Sometimes the story is just so unbelievable: celebrities who gained two hundred pounds in a month, women having babies who were never pregnant, or people actually being seen who are dead! Like Elvis!

The apostle Thomas found the news that Jesus was alive just too far-fetched to believe. But he didn't first hear the news on the Internet or read it standing in the grocery store checkout line. His friends told him. His fellow apostles told him they had actually seen the Lord with their own eyes. Their testimony was not enough. He needed proof.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us not only hope, but also a reason to be his disciples. We have not seen with our own eyes but, like Thomas, we have a community, the Church, that has relayed the truth to us. This same Jesus now calls us to go forth to spread the Gospel. More unbelievable than that, we have, through the gifts we have been given, a chance to change and even save lives. The day may come that you, moved by this news of the risen Lord, will be an agent of his love to the point where someone will tell the tale that you, a follower of Jesus, actually helped to change his or her life. Pretty unbelievable, right? -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Knights of Columbus to sell Pork Burgers

The Knights of Columbus are selling Pork Burgers to help in their charitable activities. You may order a 2lb roll (\$7) to make your own burgers or you can order 1/4lb patties in boxes of 3lbs (\$11) or 5lbs (\$18) that are ready to grill. Place your order with any K of C member or call Charles Hagman at 270-922-0145.



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception		St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00	Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 4-09-17	\$2,470.00	Collection 4-09-17	\$1,793.00
Difference under	\$799.00	Difference under	\$515.00
Mass Attendance	71/120	Mass Attendance	109
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00	Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 4-16-17	\$3,040.00	Collection 4-16-17	\$4,104.00
Difference under	\$229.00	Difference over	\$1,796.00
Mass Attendance	122/236	Mass Attendance	67/166
Week # 42 of 52		Week # 42 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$137,298	Fiscal YTD Goal	\$96,936
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$132,209	Fiscal YTD Actual	\$104,056
IC Building Acquisition Fund			
Total Families Pledged	60		
Total Amount Pledged	\$190,163		
Total Paid 4-16-17	\$178,143		

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.