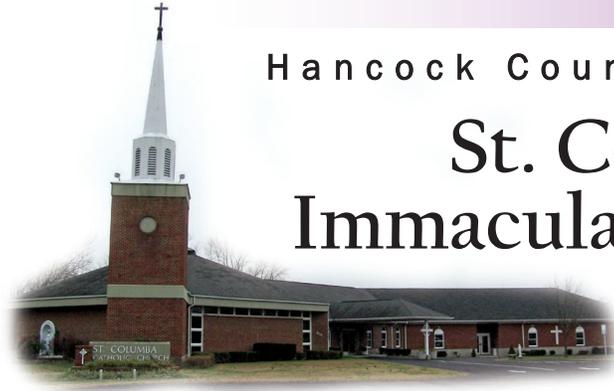


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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.

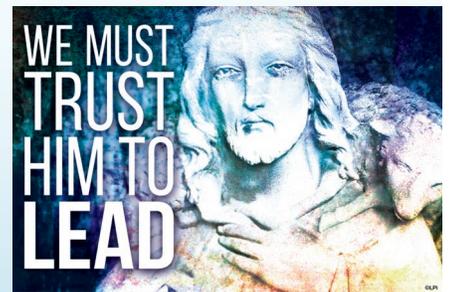
Cycles of Faith

"Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture." Jesus uses the image of a gate today to help us understand how we are to relate to him. He is our path to "pasture," in other words, to the peace and prosperity that we long for. He shows us the way to find all that we need right there before us.

Some people, however, may think that it's better to avoid the trouble of finding the gate and thus choose to enter another way instead. But Jesus says, "Whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber." Although this is all cast in the gentle terms of an analogy about sheep, the message is actually rather stern. Jesus is telling us that if we don't follow him, we are taking the wrong course of action. He is not suggesting a kind of relativistic principle that says, "Following me is one of many good options." No. He is telling us that in order to "have life and have it more abundantly," we must follow the path that goes by way of Christ.

This isn't always the easiest path to follow. It might mean taking the long way around a situation instead of a shortcut. It might mean waiting a little while to get to that pasture instead of hopping the fence and finding it on our own terms. Insisting on using the gate may also make us look like fools to those around us. But to be truly faithful followers of Jesus, we need to trust that his way is the best way. We need to trust that, by letting him lead, we will ultimately end up in the best possible pasture.

In our culture, it is becoming less and less popular to believe in one true religion, but as Christians we know that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the 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.



I Am the Good Shepherd

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we acknowledge the fact that we are totally dependent on our Lord for everything. Jesus proclaims in the gospel "I know my sheep and mine know me." Yes, Jesus does know us through and through like a book—but do we really know Him? Do we keep Him at a distance being afraid that He will call us to change our lives? Jesus also says "my sheep hear my voice and they follow me." Again on this

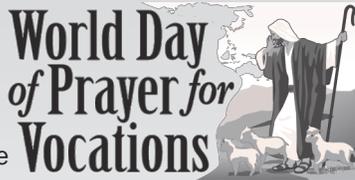
From Father's Desk

Good Shepherd Sunday let us examine our hearts and ask our selves—do we really hear and follow Jesus or do we find our ears listening to worldly ideas and philosophy and following the false shepherds of this world? Today let us commit ourselves to Jesus who leads us through the dark valleys to greener pastures.

As we begin the month of May we honor Mary the mother of Jesus. Mary can teach us so much about her Son, Jesus and how she responded to Him. She invites us to say yes as she did, and to trust in Him no matter what happens. In fact, her advice is "do whatever He tells you to do." In this season of Easter and Resurrection, the month of Mary reminds us that nature is doing her art to proclaim new life—the budding of flowers and dogwood trees, warmer and longer days, etc. Hopefully this season is bringing out the best in us too. May our lives proclaim that the Resurrection of Jesus has changed us and that we too are proclaiming that Jesus is alive in us too. May Mary our mother watch over us and guide us in the footsteps of her Son.
Have a good week, Fr. Terry

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me"

World Day of Prayer for Vocations – Called by Name Sunday May 7th, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It has also been designated a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This year marks its 54th year. As we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, each parish in the Diocese of Owensboro has been invited to participate in



CALL BY NAME, a program of vocations awareness that offers an opportunity for us to pray for priestly vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood. Perhaps you know a man (high school or older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest. We will follow up with them and offer resources for discernment and personally invite them to participate in our discernment programs such as, Come and See weekends, discernment retreats, and Made for More Camp. Please recommend this person by submitting their name online at <https://owensborodiocese.org/called-by-name/> or by contacting the vocations office: 270-683-1545 or jason.mcclure@pastoral.org

LIVE THE LITURGY

Did you ever wonder why so many images of a shepherd show him with a sheep around his neck? When sheep wander, they need to learn who to follow. A good shepherd realizes that in order for the animal to do this, there must be a bond so tight that they then "smell" like each other and the sheep can recognize the scent. Jesus has us around his neck. He wants us to follow him; not just his teachings, but in the relationship with his Father. Jesus shows us, by his life, suffering, death, and resurrection what we ought to do to be fully human and live as children of God. By bonding with those most poor and vulnerable, Jesus calls us to do the same and desires to be our Good Shepherd. As you worship here today, keep in mind an image of Jesus carrying you around his neck. He wants you to recognize him so that you can follow, especially when we find ourselves wandering away.



We extend our sympathy to Margaret Vanover on the death of her son, Rob Douglas Jr.. May the blessing of the Lord be with him and all the family.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 9

No Mass

Wednesday, May 10

5:30 pm † Maxine Beavin IC
By Jeff & Julie Bishop

Thursday, May 11

8:00 am † Mike Pate SC
By Judy Pate

Friday, May 12

8:00 am † Ruth Blake IC
By Pam Hardesty

Saturday, May 13

5:00 pm † Bob Gray IC
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

Sunday, May 14

8:30 am † Dot Bratcher SC
By Ron Spalding
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week

May 7, 2017

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4/Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Faith Sharing Question

John 10:1-10:

Jesus speaks of himself metaphorically: "I am the gate for the sheep." What does this image imply to you?

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

At the end of Peter's Pentecost speech, we hear "three thousand persons" were baptized. What do you think the people found so compelling in Peter's words?

1 Peter 2:20b-25

How does Peter connect our suffering to the suffering of Christ?

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, May 9

5:00 pm IC Finance IC
6:00 pm IC Pastoral IC

Wednesday, May 10

12:00 pm Senior Potluck Lunch SC

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped make our First Communion Celebration special. Congratulations Annabelle Ballard, Kyley Wiseman and Isabella Volocko!!

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, May 14

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Ruth Madden
Dot Pooser, Judy Pate

Lector: Bob Payne

Server: Sara Hendricks

Cross Bearer: Steve Basham

Gift Bearer: Tim & Dian Heavrin

Hospitality: Butch & Peggy Meriwether
David & Shelly Poole

Vocation Statue: Tina & Shelby Nelson

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Katherine Woodward
Emily Woodward, McKensie Severs

Lector: Madeline Curry

Server: Taylor Curry, Jacob Hodge

Cross Bearer: Hunter Severs

Gift Bearer: Jason Curry Family

Hospitality: Jason Curry Family

Vocation Statue: George & Cheryl Gammon

Children's Liturgy: Trina Ogle

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

In the past year, my wireless provider introduced something called HD Voice. Suddenly, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the call. How clearly can you hear the voice of Jesus Christ? In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper, but unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



St. Columba 2017 Fish Fry Report:

Income \$19,738.44
Expenses 11,693.03
Profit \$ 8,045.41

SC Easter Ham Sale Profit =

\$1,443.81

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception

Weekly Goal\$3,269.00
Collection 4-23-17\$3,648.00
Difference over \$379.00
Mass Attendance 77/128

Weekly Goal\$3,269.00
Collection 4-30-17\$2,815.00
Difference under \$454.00
Mass Attendance 78/139

Week # 44 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal\$143,836
Fiscal YTD Actual\$138,967

IC Building Acquisition Fund

Total Families Pledged 60
Total Amount Pledged \$190,163
Total Paid 4-30-17 \$178,283

St. Columba

Weekly Goal\$2,308.00
Collection 4-23-17\$1,902.00
Difference under \$406.00
Mass Attendance 67

Weekly Goal\$2,308.00
Collection 4-30-17\$1,853.00
Difference under \$455.00
Mass Attendance 100

Week # 44 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal\$101,552
Fiscal YTD Actual\$107,891

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.