

# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## Immaculate Conception

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## St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Phone ..... 295-3494  
Meetings are 3rd Wednesday at 4:30 pm  
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm  
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351  
For all of Hancock County

## Nationwide Mass Times

Call 1-734-794-2100 or [www.masstimes.org](http://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](http://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

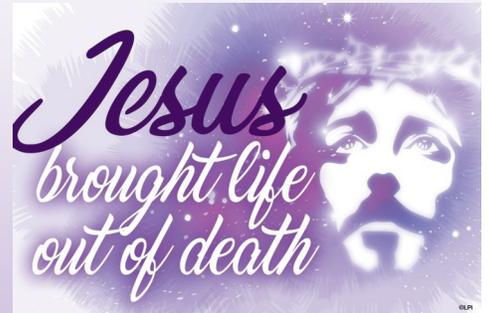
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." When Jesus says paradoxical things like this, we can still trust him. Even when he makes claims that, at first glance, seem impossible, we know that he's not talking gibberish. Why? Because Jesus lived the ultimate paradox: he brought life out of death. His resurrection proves for us that things are not always as they appear. The Crucifixion, which looked like the end of Jesus' influence, was actually a tremendous new beginning.

So when Jesus promises that we will find life through a kind of death, we shouldn't question his claim. Of course in today's Gospel, Jesus isn't necessarily talking about physical death, although the "red" martyrs who suffer for him do in fact find their reward in eternal life.

"White" martyrdom, on the other hand, is a kind of death to self that doesn't involve bloodshed. It means putting love and generous service ahead of our own self-gratification. It means doing these things for the sake of Christ. When he tells us to love our neighbors as ourselves, this is what he's talking about.

So, how can we be white martyrs today? How can we sacrifice our desire for perfect comfort, or entertainment on demand, or status or pleasure or sleep or whatever else for the sake of serving another person? In our families, in our schools and workplaces, in our parishes, in our neighborhoods and our communities, there are myriad opportunities to "lose our lives" for the sake of Christ. But don't forget, in dying to ourselves, we will find our lives in a new way! The fulfillment Christ offers us in return, both now and in eternity, will be far better than anything we try to cling to on our own.



## 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 Price for Following Jesus

They say that nothing is free anymore and following in the footsteps of Jesus is no exception. The cost of discipleship which begins with baptism, does call us first to be faithful in our promises to Jesus - to reject sin and the works of the devil. Jesus never abandons us in our daily journey and He never leaves us no matter what we have to endure. Do we really believe this? Sometimes we want to be in total control, and our trust in God can be weakened, but "if every hair on our head has been counted", we can be assured that our lives are in the hands of our Lord. In following Christ, may we not get bogged down with externals and materialism, but depend more on the grace of God that will keep us on the right road to our heavenly goal. Have a good week! Fr. Terry

From Father's Desk

## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How does your commitment to Jesus Christ affect your life? Our faith is not just a private affair but something that influences all of our relationships. Our baptism brings us into a very intimate relationship with God and makes us a brother or a sister to all of God's children. That identity we share colors how we relate to them and the level of responsibility we have to them. If we open ourselves to truly receive our God as Father and those with whom we journey as brothers and sisters, it can profoundly change and affect us. How has your baptism changed you?

## WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

Question: What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

Answer: Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus—the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5).

## Immaculate Conception Picnic July 8th

Each family is asked to donate the following:

- Two Cans of Baked Beans – 22 Oz. Size, 10lbs of potatoes and 1 bag of onions. Leave in the front of church any weekend after Mass between now and July 8th.
- We also need donations from anyone who has fresh cabbage, tomatoes, or cucumbers. Please contact Amy Hess (812) 719-2827 or the office if you can donate these right before the picnic, July 7th or 8th.
- Kids Games Items (new or gently used McD's toys, stuffed toys, coloring books, etc.) Leave at Church Office any time between now and July 7th.
- Country Store Items (handcrafted items, kids prizes, home décor, toys, etc.) Leave at Church Office any time between now and July 7th.
- Two cakes- Bring to the Parish Hall on the afternoon of Friday, July 7th by 5:00 pm, or on Saturday, July 8th by 12:00 pm

## Sophia Award

The deadline for nominations for the Sophia Award is July 15th. This award is for outstanding senior citizens in our parish who are 65 and older. They should be a good Catholic role model in the parish as well as in the community. To nominate please send information to Cathy Hagan, 600 Locust St. ,Owensboro 42301

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, July 4

8:00 am Jim Bittel SC  
By Tina Nelson

### Wednesday, July 5

5:30 pm † Tranquilina Boyden IC  
By Elizabeth Hagman

### Thursday, July 6

8:00 am † June Fowler SC  
By Kay Adkins

### Friday, July 7

8:00 am † Bob Bulleit IC  
By Bob Ogle

### Saturday, July 8

#### After Picnic

9:00 pm † Susie Pryor IC

### Sunday, July 9

8:30 am People of the Parish SC  
10:30 am † Regina Walz IC  
By Bob Ogle

## Readings for the Week

July 2, 2017

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc-2/Jn 20:24-29

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-12/Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-13/Mt 8:28-34

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-5/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-6/Mt 9:14-17

Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30

## Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 10:37-42

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks about the conditions and rewards of discipleship. What motivates you to follow Christ?

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Why do you think the Shunammite woman was so richly rewarded for her hospitality toward the prophet Elisha?

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Paul encourages the Christians in Rome to "think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus." What challenges do you see in this spiritual exercise?

## 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**

**Sunday, July 9**

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC



**Liturgical Roles  
Sunday, July 9**

**St. Columba, 8:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Denny Long  
Butch Meriwether, Amy Allard

**Lector:** Bob Payne

**Server:** Lawson Ward

**Cross Bearer:** Jimmy Harper

**Gift Bearer:** David Poole Family

**Hospitality:** Tina & Shelby Nelson  
Steve Basham & David Winchell

**Vocation Statue:** Lou Fleck

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Margaret Powers  
Eva Bulleit, Sarah Hess

**Lector:** Angie Curry

**Server:** Andrew Lyday, Tyler Walz

**Cross Bearer:** Morgan Curry

**Gift Bearer:** Clayton & Gloria Gray

**Hospitality:** John & Lynn Powers  
Rachael & Nathan Gily

**Vocation Statue:** Bill & Phyllis Emmick

**Children's Liturgy:** Trina Ogle

**In Need of Special Prayer**

Isabel Crenshaw, Phyllis Emmick,  
Joan Peak, Lois Kennedy, April Bolin,  
Stephen Emmick, Mark Niewerth

**Homebound and Heartland Villa**

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

**Please call the Parish Office to add or  
remove names from this bulletin prayer list.**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

It took five years of marriage before I was ready to have that first baby. Of course, now that I have three children I cannot imagine a life without them. After twenty-five years, I cannot imagine life without my wife as well.

And I know that I am lucky. I know those who have lost children or have been widowed. They couldn't imagine life without their loved ones either.

The tough reality to digest is that we don't own those whom we love. They are all gifts from God, entrusted to each of us as good stewards. If we cling too tightly, we become like the steward who buried his talents in the ground. If we don't care enough, we become like the prodigal son who squandered his gifts on gambling and frivolous living.

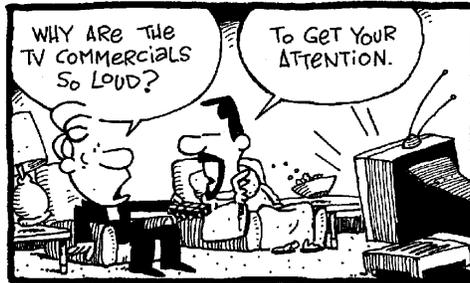
But can we love our loved ones too much? I am not sure it is possible to love others too much if it is genuine love. However, if we truly love them, then we will want to lead them to the One that gave them to us in the first place: God. We do that by demonstrating that no one comes before God in our lives, not even our family.

In this world, our loved ones make living meaningful. But this world is not the end. As much as we love them here, our ultimate goal is for them to live eternally with God. May my wife and kids never think I chose them over God, so that they may choose God over all else, as well. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Vocation Awareness**

"Whoever finds his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" Our relationship with Jesus should be the most important one in our lives. When we make Jesus the center of our lives, we will chose to lose our life for him and for one another, just as he gave his life for us. Our reward will be the fullness of life only he can give. If you've ever thought you might have a vocation to priesthood, contact the vocations office for resources to assist you with your discernment: 270-683-1545, www.owensborovocations.com, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org

**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**Sunday Collections**

<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	
Weekly Goal .....	\$3,269.00
Collection 6-25-17 .....	<u>\$2,818.00</u>
Difference under .....	\$451.00
Mass Attendance .....	84/121
Week # 52 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$170,000
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$163,287
<b>IC Building Acquisition Fund</b>	
Total Families Pledged	60
Total Amount Pledged	\$190,163
Total Paid 6-25-17	\$179,198

<b>St. Columba</b>	
Weekly Goal .....	\$2,308.00
Collection 6-25-17 .....	<u>\$1,748.00</u>
Difference under .....	\$560.00
Mass Attendance .....	104
Week # 52 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$120,000
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$125,376
<b>SC Building Repair Fund</b>	
Total Families Pledged	52
Total Amount Pledged	\$50,848
Total Paid 6-25-17	\$33,378

**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.*