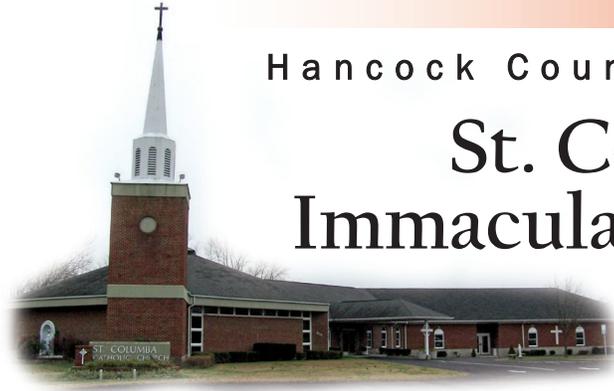


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

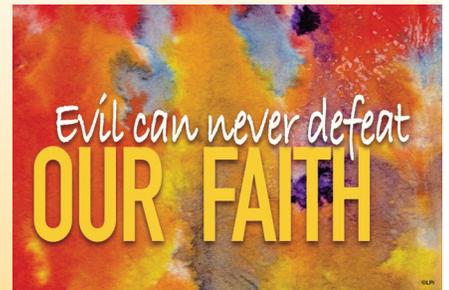
Phone 295-3494
Meetings are 3rd Wednesday at 4:30 pm
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm
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For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil." This is not a pretty picture. Jesus shares a parable in today's Gospel that reminds us of a truth we would rather forget: evil is real, and the devil is at work. The bountiful harvest of our faith is something that Satan wants to destroy. And he has a host of diabolical tactics to help him carry out his wicked plans. But there is one strategy in particular that we must be on guard against.

As the French poet Charles Baudelaire put it, "The devil's finest trick is to persuade you that he does not exist." Sneaky as it may be, this approach is effective! And, unfortunately, the attitude of our modern era is very conducive to buying the lie. Too often we dismiss the idea of the invisible spiritual reality of angels and demons. It doesn't seem "scientific" enough for us because it can't be seen or "proven." But neither can our faith! We believe in a host of invisible realities starting with God himself. We should not be fooled into thinking that the devil is a make-believe cartoon character with red horns and a pitchfork on his shoulder. Alas, no. As the "Catechism of the Catholic Church" reminds us, "Scripture witnesses to the disastrous influence of the one Jesus calls 'a murderer from the beginning'" (CCC 394) and, as we read in the Bible, "Indeed, the Son of God was revealed to destroy the works of the Devil" (1 Jn 3:8). This is not pretend, and so it must be taken seriously. But so too, the reality of Satan must be situated within the broader context of God's supreme power. The devil "cannot prevent the building up of God's reign" (CCC 395). The influence of evil can never defeat the power of our faith, unless we let it do so.



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 Good and Bad

In our gospel today Jesus continues to preach in parables. He reminds us that His loving mercy and care extends to all—the good as well as the bad. In our own lives we are called to see the good in others and to remember that despite different opinions and personalities we are to acknowledge that God still loves all those He has created. Our first reading this weekend from the Book of Wisdom clarifies that God does care for all and that He alone is judge. If God is indeed our source of strength and sovereignty let our prayers this week help us in living in harmony with all—despite one's religious background, political view, race, and so on. Jesus also told His followers that the Kingdom of God was with each one of them, so by our actions may His Kingdom become a reality in our midst! Have a great week! Fr. Terry

From Father's Desk

RCIA

RCIA stands for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* and is the process by which adults are prepared to enter into the Catholic Faith. This process is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. You do not have to join the Church to attend these sessions and there is absolutely no pressure to commit. If you know of anyone who may be interested or who may have questions about our faith, please contact Fr. Terry at 270-860-0924. Classes start September 8th, 6:00 pm.



Vocation Awareness

"I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world"
When we respond to our vocation, what has lain hidden becomes visible. Others come to know Jesus through us when we live our lives for Him. If you've ever thought you might have a vocation to priesthood, contact the vocations office for resources to assist you with your discernment: www.owensborovocations.com 270-683-1545, www.owensborovocations.com, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org

Attention Cursillista and Family

There will be a retreat day at St. Pius X in Owensboro on Saturday September 2. Sign-in time is at 9:30 am. Mass will be at 10:00 am with Fr. Tom Buckman as director. Lunch will be potluck. Baby sitting will be provided from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. The sitter needs to know how many children need babysitting and their ages, so let us know ASAP. Call Martha Wheatley at 270-927-6540.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel Annual Bar-B-Q

The BBQ will be held on Saturday, August 5. The flea market starts at 7:30 and Bingo, cake wheel, country store, and children's games at 11:00. Silent auction and serving begins at 12 noon and goes until 4 PM. There are cash raffle prizes; the drawing will be at 4 PM. For raffle tickets or pre-sale tickets for meat, please call 270-926-4741. Come, bring the family. Join the fun.

Diocesan Women's Marian Conference

"Our Lady of Fatima: The source of hope, healing and peace" is the focus of the next women's Marian Conference. It will commemorate the 100th year anniversary of Fatima and the message it provides for our culture today. The conference is Friday, September 15 from 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM and will continue on Saturday, September 16 from 7:30 AM - 5 PM. This event features three speakers: Fr. Wade Menezes CPM, Susan Brinkmann, and Ralph Martin who all make regular appearances on EWTN. The conference takes place at Sts. Joseph & Paul's Parish Hall in Owensboro. Ages 16 and older are welcome. The cost is \$20 per person and students (16 - 21) are \$10 each. For pre-registration or questions, call Lisa Englert (270) 993-8896 or Lisa Bivins (270) 993-3393.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 25

8:00 am † Ora Roby SC
By Bruce & Rita Tongate

Wednesday, July 26

5:30 pm † Flo & Earl Gray IC
By Larry & Judy White

Thursday, July 27

8:00 am † Mike Pate SC
By Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

Friday, July 28

8:00 am † Regina Walz IC
By Mildred Clark

Saturday, July 29

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, July 30

8:30 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Regina Emmick
10:30 am † Bob Bulleit IC
By Bob Ogle

Readings for the Week

July 23, 2017

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-6/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-6/Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-28/Mt 13:1-9
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52-56/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 13:24-43

We hear today a series of parables describing aspects of the kingdom of heaven: the parable of the weeds among the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. Which parable do you find useful in more fully understanding the mystery of the kingdom of heaven?

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

According to the Jewish sage who wrote Wisdom, what are some of the attributes of God?

Romans 8:26-27

Paul writes of the Spirit aiding us in our weaknesses. In this regard, where do you see the Spirit at work in your life today?

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, July 26

6:00 pm IC Picnic meeting IC Hall

IC Picnic Meeting

We encourage all Chairpersons, the members of the Pastoral Council and anyone interested in coming to attend an "Overview & Planning" meeting on July 26th after Mass at 6:00 pm. We will review this year's picnic and begin to plan for next year. Food will be provided for the meeting.

Coffee and Donuts with the Knights of Columbus

Fr. Terry has invited the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus to St. Columba for 5th Sunday on July 30th. The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to stay after Mass for Coffee & Donuts.

Liturgical Roles Sunday, July 30

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Amy Allard

Bob Payne, Dian Heavrin

Lector: Peggy Meriwether

Server: Lisa Hendricks

Cross Bearer: David Payne

Gift Bearer: George Bozarth Family

Hospitality: George Bozarth Family

Vocation Statue: Butch & Peggy Meriwether

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Margaret Powers

Danielle Bumm, Lexi Hodge

Lector: Rachael Gily

Server: Gracie Kennedy, Laura Wheatley

Cross Bearer: Carter Lyday

Gift Bearer: John & Marlene Wheatley

Hospitality: Mark Walz, Dale Reddin

David Wettstain, Clayton Gray

Vocation Statue: Denis & Martha Wheatley

Children's Liturgy: Mary Woodward

In Need of Special Prayer

Isabel Crenshaw, Phyllis Emmick,
Joan Peak, Betty Brickey, Lois Kennedy,
April Bolin, Mark Niewerth, Frances Storm

Homebound and Heartland Villa

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

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

How time flies! This coming year I will have one child graduate from college, one from high school, and one starting high school. I am exhausted thinking about it. My prayer for all my children is that they take the Holy Spirit with them in all that they do, and call on God to aid them in discerning their future. That is my prayer, but I know that it will not always be easy for them to follow this path. The key will be for each of them, if they choose, to be what God intended them to be, as opposed to trying to be what they want to be.

It sounds great to say to a child, "You can be anything you want to be." But at the core of this statement is often the lie that true happiness lies in fulfilling your will for your life. I have seen many people in my life that reached their goals only to find an emptiness and longing for something more. The reality is that our ultimate fulfillment and joy is becoming the person, not that we wanted to be, but the person that God created us to be. This does not mean that we are stuck in some predestined situation. There are many ways we can live out our destiny and use fully use the gifts God gave each of us. But it does mean that we have chosen a path based on where God is leading us and informed by an insight of the distinct gifts with which we have been created. At the end of that path is a life filled with joy, peace, and contentment.

This is what I want for my kids. May they find their success by discerning God's will and becoming the wonderful people that God intended. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Catholic Women's Retreat: Friends, Faith & Flip Flops | Aug. 25-26

Join women from around the Diocese of Owensboro for a women's retreat at Kentucky Dam Village. This is an opportunity to be spiritually and emotionally refreshed. Speakers are Hallie Lord and Cyndi Spivey. Bishop William F. Medley will be on hand for Mass Saturday morning. Tickets are \$40. Lodging is separate. Learn more, register and pay online at owensborodiocese.org/womens-retreat/.

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00
Collection 7-16-17	<u>\$2,834.01</u>
Difference under	\$434.99
Mass Attendance	62/123

Week # 3 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$9,807
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$8,194

IC Building Acquisition Fund

Total Families Pledged	60
Total Amount Pledged	\$190,163
Total Paid 7-16-17	\$179,428

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 7-16-17	<u>\$2,338.00</u>
Difference over	\$30.00
Mass Attendance	91

Week # 3 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$6,924
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$6,582

SC Building Repair Fund

Total Families Pledged	53
Total Amount Pledged	\$50,848
Total Paid 7-16-17	\$34,288

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.