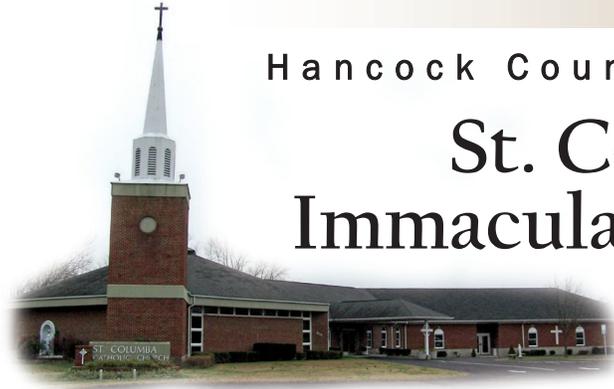


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Nationwide Mass Times

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Peter had expressed horror at the prophetic words announcing that Jesus' suffering and death were imminent. Peter didn't want his friend and teacher to undergo this terrible ordeal. He wanted "no such thing" ever to happen to his Lord. But Jesus sharply rebuked Peter's response, comparing it to that of the tempter, Satan. Just as temptation becomes an obstacle to our doing what is right, so Peter was presenting an obstacle to Christ's mission. Suffering was part of it, like it or not. To deny this difficult element of Christ's work would be to deny the bigger plan of God. And so Jesus rightly told Peter that he wasn't thinking like God thinks.

Of course, since we are human, it's only natural that we should think as human beings do. We, like Peter, tend to recoil at the idea of facing unpleasant or painful circumstances. But clearly God sometimes allows such situations to take place for a greater good. Jesus understood this; even as he prophesied about his death, he also mentioned his resurrection.

Today's Gospel challenges us to think "as God does" by holding both of these elements together. Unlike Peter who only focused on the sad part of the story, we are called to recognize the Resurrection on the other side of the cross, and to be willing to do whatever is necessary to get there. In fact, Jesus tells us later in this Gospel to take up our cross and follow him. That is not the "human" way of thinking. It's the Godly way. Our natural response is to reject and scorn the trials and tribulations that we face, but Jesus wants us to embrace them patiently and "come after" him on the (sometimes rough) road 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 Paradox of God's Wisdom:

Many times we are reminded by the Church that God's ways are not always our ways and following the Lord can be a contradiction especially in comparison to worldly values. It is so easy to profess our beliefs and values, but our actions, ways, and example bring out our feelings and lets others know our real intentions. Peter was even rebuked by Jesus when he was ignoring the reality of the cross and was told that despite

From Father's Desk

what the world thinks, the cross is imperative to the life of the Christian. In other words to deny the cross is to deny Jesus. In our world today no one is exempt from sufferings and struggles, but these times can actually be stepping stones to a deeper relationship with Jesus, who endured suffering for the sake of each one of us. Yes, God's wisdom can be a paradox in our world today, but as St. Paul one said, "I am happy to be a fool for Christ." Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

Even as people of faith we often find ourselves reasoning our way through our trials and difficulties. It makes a huge difference using our own eyes and not those of God. God knows that we live in an imperfect world filled with suffering, pain, difficulties, disappointments, and death; all part of the mix. Jesus shows us by example that when we encounter hardships God transforms them into something better. We do not need to despair. God gives us hope. When we view our lives through God's eyes and not our own this gift of hope and transformation becomes very apparent. We must lose our lives in order to gain them.

St. Columba Picnic Signs

It's time to put out our signs advertising our Picnic coming up **September 16th**. Raffle Tickets are out. You can pick up your tickets at Church on Sunday. Our raffle drawing will be at 7:30 pm. Don't forget these items will be needed:

- Country Store Baskets** - baskets and items for kids and families
- Cakes** - Each Family is requested to bring in two (2) cakes for the Cake Booth
- Kids Games** - new or gently used stuffed animals

Religious Education Classes to begin September 6th

Welcome Back to Class!! Religious educations classes for K-12 will begin Wednesday September 6th at 6:00pm. This will also be the beginning of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist prep and the 2nd year of Confirmation prep. Our adults will also begin their weekly classes at IC. This year will find a few changes.

- Mass is offered every Wednesday at 5:30pm
- Classes will begin at 6:00pm and end at 7:00pm.
- There will be no preschool class.
- We will no longer be having a meal on Wednesday night but will offer a snack during class time.
- Parent drop off and pick up will be at the same location. For the safety of our children we are asking parents to drop off and pick up their children near the basement door of the church office, drive-thru style, by entering the parking lot via Wood Street and exiting on Clay Street. If you need to come into the building, please park your car facing Clay Street so you will not block traffic.
- If you did not pick up your registration packet at the Swim Party, please go inside the first night and pick up your packet from the teachers.
- Please return completed packets to the teachers. Parents please keep the Handbook and informational letter.
- We are asking for a minimum donation of \$5 to help us offset the cost of snacks.

We look forward to seeing your child soon in class as we begin an exciting year learning more about Christ, our Church and Growing in Faith!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 5

8:00 am † Anna Payne SC
By Eddie & Helen Payne

Wednesday, September 6

5:30 pm Denis & Martha Wheatley IC
By Connie Wheatley

Thursday, September 7

8:00 am † Mike Pate SC
By Sean & Erin Borland

Friday, September 8

8:00 am † George Allard IC
By Eileen BASHAM

Saturday, September 9

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, September 10

8:30 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Pat & Donna Ogle

10:30 am † Regina Walz IC
By Mildred Clark

Readings for the Week

September 3, 2017

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2-6, 8-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10-11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus defines true discipleship in the context of his passion prediction. How are you challenged by Jesus' words?

Jeremiah 20:7-9

Jeremiah laments to the Lord for being called to be a prophet. When have you offered a prayer of grief to the Lord?

Romans 12:1-2

Paul advises the Roman Christians to "not conform yourselves to this age." What does being "conformed to this age" look like in twenty-first century America?

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, September 3

1st Sunday Donuts - SC

Monday, September 4

Labor Day

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, September 6

6:00 pm Religious Ed. K-Adult IC

Thursday, September 7

6:00 pm RCIA IC

Sunday, September 10

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, September 10

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Mary Beth Emmick
Denny Long, Amy Allard

Lector: Pam Potter

Server: Lisa Hendricks

Cross Bearer: Shelby Basham

Gift Bearer: Scott Basham Family

Hospitality: Joe Hagman Family

Vocation Statue: Faye Wettstain

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Mary Woodward
Jody Wheatley, Alisha Wheatley

Lector: Danielle Bumm

Server: Dennis Wiseman, Jacob Hodge

Cross Bearer: Andrew Lyday

Gift Bearer: Amanda Fuchs

Adrian Mattingly

Hospitality: John /Marlene Wheatley
Ellen Gaynor, Bob Ogle

Vocation Statue: Sharon Russelburg

Children's Liturgy: Trina Ogle

In Need of Special Prayer

Isabel Crenshaw, Dexter Marsch,
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 many public self-storage facilities can you find in your city or town? They seem to be popping up everywhere. One day I was talking to my neighbor and he was explaining that he just wanted to have his garage back again. He was thinking about moving everything to a storage unit so he could gain what he wanted more than all that stuff: space. We talked about the fact that if he chose to follow through with it there was no shortage of places to house all of it. Of course, we also agreed that it would be better to simply let go of all it. He could sell it or give it away. But, of course, it was good stuff! So good, in fact, one was tempted to rent a whole new space to house it!

I am not against stuff in principle, but I do realize that stuff can become a stumbling block to real freedom. Sometimes our possessions take on an importance that begins to dictate how we act or how we give of ourselves to God and others. An everyday steward seeks detachment from things of this world that will one day pass away. Things that we possess should be seen as pathways into experiences that glorify God, whether they allow us to serve others, enrich our lives lived daily for God, or even help make leisure and recreation time resting in God's presence easier. But the simpler the life, the fewer distractions there are from focusing on those we love and our relationship with God. And besides, do you really think a monthly payment to house stuff you don't really need is the best stewardship way of life? --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Adult Religious Education Classes

Adults will have 2 opportunities to study scripture and the teachings of the church. Beginning September 10th, join us at St. Columba for coffee and refreshments on Sunday mornings from 9:30am-11:00am in St. Joseph's classroom . Our first class will be a short movie on the book of Ruth with the following classes diving in to the Book of Acts with the Jeff Cavins study program.

Beginning September 6th, Immaculate Conception will dig into a study of the Catechism at IC church office conference room on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm . Learn what the church teaches and why thru this great study of the Catechism! Everyone is welcome.



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00</p> <p>Collection 8-27-17\$3,024.00</p> <p>Difference under\$245.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 84/130</p> <p>Week # 9 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal..... \$29,421</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual \$27,428</p> <p>IC Building Acquisition Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 60</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$190,163</p> <p>Total Paid 8-27-17 \$180,253</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00</p> <p>Collection 8-27-17\$4,361.00</p> <p>Difference over.....\$2,053.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 94</p> <p>Week # 9 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal \$20,772</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$22,480</p> <p>SC Building Repair Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$50,848</p> <p>Total Paid 8-27-17 \$34,843</p>
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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.