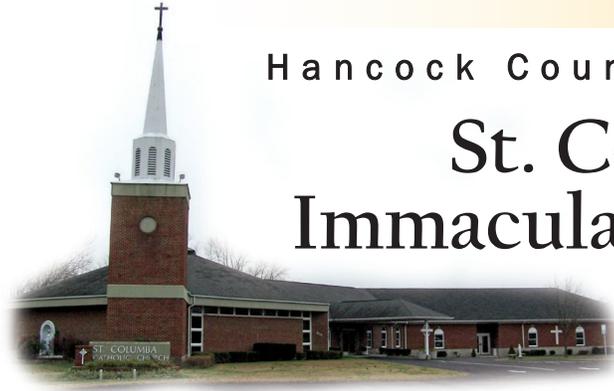


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, "If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."

Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also PRAY together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with "fully conscious, and active participation" (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting "Amen" or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill.

We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to "gather together" with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.



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.



Seeing Christ in others:

Sometimes it is so difficult to see Christ in others, but we must look with the eyes of faith. Yes, every person has faults, but Christ made the other person and died for us all. When we follow in the footsteps of Jesus we must ask for the gift of humility and to empty ourselves of anything that hinders us in being Christ-like.

From Father's Desk

Jesus was born in poverty and never looked down on anyone, in fact He brought out the good in others and raised their dignity to a higher level. Let us examine our actions and attitudes this week and ask ourselves how compassionate we are to others. In conclusion, let us remember the words of our Lord, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me." Have a good week! Fr. Terry

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Relationships are difficult, requiring honesty, dialogue, respect, and tolerance. We can easily offend one another, even by doing the simplest of things. Feelings can be hurt and relationships can become hurtful. Sometimes, our own wounds end up wounding others. When division or discord results, rather than responding with anger, judgment, and vindication, Jesus instructs us to be compassionate, tolerant, respectful, and forgiving. We can do this even when we have to confront someone with the truth, which may not always be well received. Even with our brokenness, we are all an image of God and should do all in our power to properly resolve conflicts.

Religious Education Classes

Religious Ed for the K-Adult classes for both St Columba and Immaculate Conception have started! Last week went great and we were glad to see all the youth returning to religious education nights. We ask parents to please return their completed registration packets next week. If you have not picked up your packet you may do so in your child's classroom. As a reminder

- Check out our website for updated information. www.icscchurch.org
- This is also the beginning of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist prep and the 2nd year of Confirmation prep.
- Mass is offered every Wednesday at 5:30pm
- Classes will begin at IC parish office at 6:00pm and end at 7:00pm.
- 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.
- We are asking for a minimum donation of \$5 to help us offset the cost of snacks. We look forward to a great year learning more about Christ, our Church and Growing in Faith!

Thank You

Thank you to the following people who have volunteered to help with our religious education program this year. Cassandra Durbin, Amy Volocko, Amy Severs, Beth Curry, Mary Woodward, Sarah Herrmann, Mary Hodge, John Ogle, Aimee Lyday, Jamie Ward, Denny Long, Margaret Powers, Lou Fleck, Christal Riley, Rhonda James, Berrie Clark, Amy Hess and Angie Curry.

Confirmation Youth to Escape!

Parents please remember to return your confirmation youth's consent forms and \$10 to class this Wednesday. We will be leaving to go to Escape in Owensboro at 6:00pm.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 12

No Mass

Wednesday, September 13

5:30 pm † Jeanie Hanks IC
By Bob Ogle

Thursday, September 14

8:00 am James O. King Jr SC
By Bob Ogle

Friday, September 15

8:00 am † Tammy Millay IC
By Marilyn MCaslin

Saturday, September 16

After picnic People of the Parish SC

Sunday, September 17

8:30 am † Billie Jean Bunch SC
By Eddie & Monti Millay
10:30 am † Bob Bulleit IC
By Bob Ogle

Readings for the Week

September 10, 2017

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

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus commands fellow believers to be direct and honest with each other when one sins against another. Why is this so challenging?

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Why do you think the Lord put such a heavy burden on the prophet Ezekiel?

Romans 13:8-10

How do you imagine the Jewish Christians in Rome reacted to Paul's assertion that "love is the fulfillment of the law"?

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, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

NO Senior Potluck
6:00 pm Rel. Ed. K-Adult IC
6:00 pm School of Leaders IC

Thursday, September 14

6:00 pm RCIA IC

Saturday, September 16

St. Columba Picnic starts at 4:00 pm
Raffle drawing at 7:30 pm

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, September 17

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Dian Heavrin
Ruth Madden, Judy Pate

Lector: Bob Payne

Server: Lawson Ward

Cross Bearer: Gerald Davis

Gift Bearer: Brad Gregory Family

Hospitality: Butch & Peggy Meriwether
Shelby Winchell, Prestyn Emmick

Vocation Statue: Tina & Shelby Nelson

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Emily Woodward
Katherine Woodward, McKensie Severs

Lector: Mary Woodward

Server: Lettie Ogle, Ryan Ogle

Cross Bearer: Dakota Wheatley

Gift Bearer: Kristen Ogle/Courtney West

Hospitality: Kristen Ogle/Courtney West
Steve/ Ronna Ogle

Vocation Statue: Jody & Alisha Wheatley

Children's Liturgy: Amy Severs

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I have to smile when I read in St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, "Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another." I smile because I know that in today's world few people owe nothing to anyone. We have credit card debt, mortgages, student loans, car loans, and new loans to consolidate old loans. It would seem that we actually owe everything to everyone.

These debts are of this world. I am pretty sure no one residing in heaven is still making mortgage payments. We have created contracts in this world to make possible certain transactions of goods, services, and shelter. But there is one thing that we naturally owe one another and that lasts longer than our time on earth: love.

You do not need to take out a loan to have more love to give. There also is no limit to the love you have been given to share. However, it is the one gift that we sometimes treat with the least respect. We hold back love due to sins of pride, prejudice, and apathy. We distort and manipulate love for our own gain and selfish desires. We can find ourselves placing more importance on the things for which we have taken out loans than the love that is eternal.

I am trying the best I can to get to a point where I no longer owe anything to banks and mortgage lenders. I don't want to leave this world owing anyone for the earthly things I had in this life. But even more importantly, I realize the shame it would be to leave people behind that didn't get enough love from me. There is nothing greater than love. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

St. Columba Picnic Signs

Our picnic is 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.

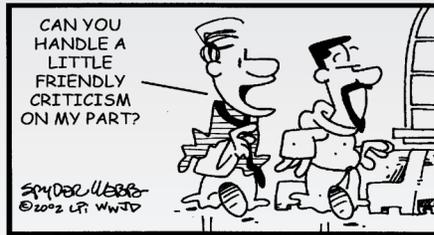
Don't forget these items will be needed:

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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00 Collection 9-3-17<u>\$2,838.00</u> Difference under\$431.00 Mass Attendance 85/102</p> <p>Week # 10 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$32,690 Fiscal YTD Actual\$30,531</p> <p>IC Building Acquisition Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 60 Total Amount Pledged \$190,163 Total Paid 9-3-17 \$180,443</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00 Collection 9-3-17<u>\$2,602.11</u> Difference over.....\$294.11 Mass Attendance 119</p> <p>Week # 10 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal\$23,080 Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$25,082</p> <p>SC Building Repair Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58 Total Amount Pledged \$50,848 Total Paid 9-3-17 \$35,128</p>
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In Need of Special Prayer

Dexter Marsch, Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak,
Betty Brickey, April Bolin, 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.**

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.