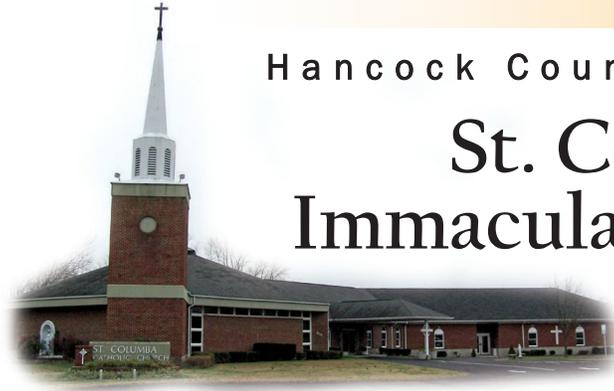


# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## 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  
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For all of Hancock County

## Cycles of Faith

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" The parable Jesus tells today is the story of a king, but in truth it is about Jesus himself. He is the "king" who has forgiven our debts. We are the "servants" whose sins have earned us chastisement. But when we repent and ask for Christ's mercy, he grants it to us without hesitation.

The point of the parable, then, is that we too should extend this mercy to others. We should not be like that "wicked servant" who begged for mercy but would not show it to others. Elsewhere, Jesus teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" (Mt. 6:12). We use different words, but a similar meaning when we pray the Our Father asking God to "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." But are we sure that we mean what we say?

It's important to pause and evaluate how we are doing in this regard. Are we harboring any grudges? Are there people we refuse to forgive? Is there a situation where we are seeking revenge instead of extending mercy? Jesus asks us to do otherwise. He reminds us that we have already been forgiven. We are right now enjoying the benefits of his forgiveness. So we are called to bear in mind our own sins, failings, weaknesses, and "debts" when we deal with others instead of thinking that we are perfectly innocent and acting as if we've never been the beneficiary of mercy. So let us do our best to forgive as we have been forgiven. This doesn't mean approving of wrong behavior; God doesn't ask us to do that. But he does ask us to let go of bitterness and foster mercy instead.



## 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.**



### Forgive as We Forgive

Just as the Lord is beyond measure in all things, so is the Creator's kindness. Paul tells us we are servants of the Lord. Therefore, we respond to the Lord's kindness by showing compassion and generosity to others. Sirach emphasizes the need for genuine forgiveness. We must forgive others if we expect forgiveness. As we pray to Our Father, let us remember that in the Eucharist we experience peace and forgiveness as we "forgive those who trespass against us." Have a good week! Fr. Terry

From Father's Desk

### LIVE THE LITURGY

Relationships are the focus of our reflection again this week, calling us to practice forgiveness unconditionally. This is a difficult thing for us to do. Forgiving someone does not mean that we necessarily tolerate or condone their behavior. Rather, it has to do with letting go of the anger and the hurt that really is more self-destructive than productive. We are called to recognize the brokenness and sinfulness of each other. We may, at times, have to walk away from an abusive or destructive relationship. However, keeping in mind the lessons it taught, we can free ourselves from its hurtful grasp by learning how to forgive as God forgives. It's a tall order.

### Religious Education Classes

A reminder that religious education classes have started and we meet most Wednesdays at 6:00pm at IC parish office. Parents are asked to please return their completed registration packets to the teachers in class. You may check our website for more information.

### First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

A parent meeting for the children preparing for First Reconciliation is scheduled for Wednesday September 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at IC church office. We encourage parents to be present for this important meeting to help prepare their child for this special sacrament.

### Krispy Kreme Donuts Fundraiser

The high school youth attending NCYC are selling Krispy Kreme Donuts. One dozen of glazed is \$8, variety is \$9. Gift certificates are also available. Orders must be in by September 20<sup>th</sup>. Delivery is September 23/24<sup>th</sup>. You may contact one of the following youth to place an order or you may also contact the church office. Falyn Stokes, Anna Durbin, Karly Booty, Andrew Hagman, Dakota Wheatley, Christopher Woodward, Prestyn Emmick, Seth Reine, Abby Booty, Lexi Hodge, Emily Woodward, Ty Durbin, Adam Gregory, Shelby Winchell, Kelsey Rumage, Callie Hagman, or Katherine Woodward.



### Providing a Safe Environment

The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all people who have been sexually abused, especially those abused by a person working, either paid or unpaid, for the Church. If you need to make a report of abuse, from either the past or present, please contact the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line (270-852-8380). The diocesan sexual abuse policy describes the diocese's response to sexual abuse concerns, and can be found in the back of church, in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site: <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe> ).

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, September 19

10:00 am † Ora Roby HV  
By Harold & Sarah Nikart

#### Wednesday, September 20

5:30 pm † Garry Bickett IC  
By Bob Ogle

#### Thursday, September 21

8:00 am † Roger Basham SC  
By Martha Westerfield

#### Friday, September 22

8:00 am † Bill Tucker IC  
By Shirlene Quinn

#### Saturday, September 23

5:00 pm † Clay Quinn  
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

#### Sunday, September 24

8:30 am † Anna Payne SC  
By Helen's Family  
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

### Readings for the Week

September 17, 2017

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

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-10, 17-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

### Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 18:21-35

What does Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant teach us about God's mercy?

Sirach 27:30-28:7

As a Christian, how do you constructively deal with your anger?

Romans 14:7-9

How would others know you "live for the Lord"?

### 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 19**

5:00 pm SC Finance SC  
6:00 pm SC Pastoral SC

**Wednesday, September 20**

6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC

**Thursday, September 21**

5:30 pm RCIA IC

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**Liturgical Roles**

**Sunday, September 24**

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

**Eucharistic Min:** Eddie Gray  
Amy Allard, Dot Pooser

**Lector:** Dan Allard

**Server:** Lisa Hendricks

**Cross Bearer:** Bob Durbin

**Gift Bearer:** Denny & Denise Long

**Hospitality:** Denny & Denise Long  
Steve Basham & Shelby Basham

**Vocation Statue:** Dot Pooser

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Dan Hagman  
Marilyn McCaslin, Aimee Lyday

**Lector:** Shirley Hagman

**Server:** Jacob Hodge, Falyon Stokes

**Cross Bearer:** Emily Woodward

**Gift Bearer:** Jason Curry Family

**Hospitality:** Roy & Gayle Ogle  
Tom & Trina Ogle

**Vocation Statue:** Ronna Ogle

**Children's Liturgy:** Alisha Wheatley

**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.**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

Life was not always easy with my father when I was growing up. Let's just say he made many decisions along the way that led to fear, anger, and sadness for my family and me. Unfortunately, I was the only one in the family that would years later truly forgive him for his actions. My mother and sister held onto the resentment and anger they felt all their lives. For my father and me, reconciliation led to several years of a deepening relationship before his passing in 2011.

Forgiveness is not easy and I do not consider myself better or stronger because I was able to forgive and my family members could not. However, I can say that the blessings I received due to forgiveness and a renewed relationship with my father were far better than the animosity experienced by others. I also learned that forgiveness benefited me far more than my father.

As good stewards of time, we must realize that each passing day will never come again. What we do with that time is completely up to us. We can be wise and use it to build bridges, heal wounds, and cultivate love where there is hate. We can also choose to waste time in fear, resentment, and anger. I thank God often for the gift of my dad. However, I thank God more for the gift of time spent with him and the ability to see him not with my human eyes, but with the eyes of Jesus.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**High School Youth to "Escape"**

The HS youth will be going to "Escape" on Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to bring your signed consents. We will be leaving from IC church office at 6pm and returning at 9pm.



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



**Sunday Collections**

<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	
Weekly Goal .....	\$3,269.00
Collection 9-10-17 .....	<u>\$3,502.00</u>
Difference over .....	\$233.00
Hurricane Harvey .....	3,280
Mass Attendance .....	78/107

Week # 11 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$35,959
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$34,033

**IC Building Acquisition Fund**

Total Families Pledged	60
Total Amount Pledged	\$190,163
Total Paid 9-10-17	\$180,793

<b>St. Columba</b>	
Weekly Goal .....	\$2,308.00
Collection 9-10-17 .....	<u>\$1,851.00</u>
Difference under .....	\$457.00
Hurricane Harvey .....	1,147
Mass Attendance .....	95

Week # 11 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$25,388
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$26,933

**SC Building Repair Fund**

Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$50,848
Total Paid 9-10-17	\$35,138

**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.*