

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Are you envious because I am generous?" The landowner in today's Gospel parable surprised everyone. Contrary to standard practice, he paid all of his laborers the same wage, regardless of how many hours they had worked! Of course this was a very pleasant surprise for those who had begun their job late in the day. And, understandably, it was something of a disappointment for those who had toiled since the morning. From their perspective, they should have gotten more than the others. But in fact the landowner was not cheating anyone; he was simply being especially generous with the latecomers.

This story would have had a special meaning for the Jewish audience listening to Jesus. They, the Chosen People, were the laborers who had started at 9:00 am. They belonged to the group with a long history of worshipping the true God. Non-Jewish Gentiles, on the other hand, had appeared late in the game. Jesus was making the point that just because he would offer the same salvation and mercy to everyone, there should be no reason for the Jews to complain. They had received their promised Messiah; so what if, in God's mercy, he allowed others who had not waited so long to be saved as well? Divine generosity is not meant to be a cause for jealousy.

Now, we may feel removed from the concerns of those Jews. But the basic lesson remains relevant: that we ought to appreciate God's generosity, even when it reaches to those whom we may not expect God to forgive. Those who have long been faithful, for example, might think they deserve more benefits than sinners who repent late in life. But instead, we should all rejoice to see God's mercy extended to EVERYONE, no matter when they joined the fold.



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.



Is God unfair?

The opening statement might seem a little startling, because no one would think of God as "unfair", but our gospel would give us that impression. Why would the owner of the vineyard (God) pay all the workers the same wages when some had worked longer and harder than the others? Would this be considered unjust and wrong? The parable teaches us that God is free to give His unconditional love to whomever He pleases and whenever He chooses. No one can tell God what to do. He shows no favoritism and the death of His Son, Jesus, was His gift to all. Jesus is calling all of us to work in His vineyard (the Church) and that He shows no partiality in His employment. Let us all be His faithful co-workers in using our gifts, talent, and abilities in building up the Kingdom of God! Have a great week! Fr. Terry

From Father's Desk

LIVE THE LITURGY

True love does not measure itself against the love of others. If I am truly in love with God there is no need to compare myself with others or succumb to jealousy if others appear closer than I or because I have loved longer. Authentic love does not consider benefits or privileges. It simply desires to be in the presence of the One who is loved. God invites all of his children into a relationship with him. It does not matter when along our life's journey we accept that invitation. It is only important that we do. In our Gospel today, the owner of the vineyard promised the usual daily wage to everyone, regardless of what time each started working. God promises love and eternal life to all who enter into relationship with him. It does not matter when. This is God's pure merciful gift. It is God's to give as God desires.

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. To allow our teachers time to prepare the classroom we ask our parents to please drop off their children no earlier than 5:50pm. Check out our website for more information. www.icscchurch.org

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

A parent meeting for the children preparing for First Reconciliation is scheduled for Wednesday September 27th 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.

HS and Confirmation Youth to Haunted House

The high school and confirmation youth are going to the Field of Screams on Sat. September 30th. We will leave from IC Church parking lot at 6:00pm. Cost is \$20 plus money for food. Consents may be picked up in class.

Confirmation Candidate, Parent and Sponsor Meeting

An important meeting for confirmation candidates, their parents and sponsors is scheduled for Sunday October 1st from 1:00-3:30pm at St Columba Parish Hall. Several activities are planned for the afternoon including blessing and commissioning of the sponsors, expectations for the year, upcoming important events, education on the sacrament and much more.

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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 26

8:00 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Eileen Basham

Wednesday, September 27

5:30 pm † Jeanie Hanks IC
By Steve & Aimee Lyday

Thursday, September 28

8:00 am † Scott Ward SC
By Joe & Betty Bolin

Friday, September 29

8:00 am † Regina Walz IC
By Bob Ogle

Saturday, September 30

5:00 pm † Special Intention IC
By Elizabeth Hagman

Sunday, October 1

8:30 am † Bethany Payne SC
By Dan & Agnes Murphy
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week

September 24, 2017

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-5/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2-4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-5/Jn 1:47-51
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jr 31:10-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 20:1-16a

How does Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven (as heard in the parable of the workers in the vineyard) invite a new way of thinking about God?

Isaiah 55:6-9

The prophet Isaiah encourages the Israelites in Babylonian Exile to "seek the LORD ... call him while he is near." When do you find yourself calling upon the Lord?

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Early in his letter to the Christians living in Philippi—written while in prison—Paul speaks of his dilemma between wanting to be with Jesus, yet also needing to continue in his ministry to the Gentiles. When have you faced a similar spiritual paradox?

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, September 27

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

Thursday, September 28

5:30 pm RCIA IC

Sunday, October 1

Anointing of the Sick

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Next weekend we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Reach out and invite all who are sick in body or spirit to come to Mass next weekend for this healing sacrament.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, October 1

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Judy Pate

Bob Payne, Sandra Davis

Lector: Peggy Meriwether

Server: Mary Beth Emmick

Cross Bearer: Scott Basham

Gift Bearer: Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

Hospitality: Bob & Patty Durbin

Debbie Hawes, David Winchell

Vocation Statue: Judy Pate

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Lexi Hodge

Ben Gily, McKensie Severs

Lector: Falyn Stokes

Server: Ministries

performed by

Cross Bearer: Confirmation Youth

Gift Bearer:

Hospitality: Heath Stokes Family

Vocation Statue: Rachael Gily

Children's Liturgy: Angie Curry

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

As everyday stewards, I hope that each of us try to live daily lives of generosity for the glory of God. I hope that we are all working to cultivate characteristics of a good everyday steward so that we can grow in maturity of faith and draw closer to Christ. But if we could accurately see on a magical computer spreadsheet how everyone else around us was living life would it impact how we lived out our stewardship way of life? If we found out that others weren't trying as hard as we were or they were not nearly as generous would it give us reason to pause?

In the workplace, school, and general life, people can easily look around and choose to adapt what they are doing to match more closely what others are doing. Why give work more hours if no one else is willing? Why give a 20% tip to a waiter if you suspect everyone else is only giving 15%? Why spend hours studying for a test when no one else is taking it that seriously?

Our lives of stewardship should never be measured against that of others. Even though we are all called to give all we are and all we have to God, each one of us is unique in our response to that call. Instead of any type of comparison that may temper our generosity, we should hold to the truth that the more we give of ourselves the more fulfilled we will feel. Also, as we grow in our relationship with God, the more we will want to glorify him. Stewardship is not a competition. It is a call to serve God without counting the cost. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

NCYC Lunch Fundraiser Sunday October 1st

The youth and chaperones attending NCYC will be hosting a lunch 11:30am-1:00pm on Sunday October 1st in IC Parish Hall. Bring your family to a delicious lunch after Mass prepared by our adult chaperones and served by the youth. On the menu is Spaghetti, salad, bread sticks and assorted homemade desserts. Your generous donations are accepted for the meal. Your assistance in helping the youth attend this educational and spirit filled convention is greatly appreciated!

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00</p> <p>Collection 9-17-17<u>\$1,760.00</u></p> <p>Difference under\$1,509.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 112</p> <p>Week # 12 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal..... \$39,228</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual \$36,058</p> <p>IC Building Acquisition Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 60</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$190,163</p> <p>Total Paid 9-17-17 \$180,843</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00</p> <p>Collection 9-17-17<u>\$1,182.00</u></p> <p>Difference under\$1,126.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 80/49</p> <p>Week # 12 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal \$27,696</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$28,133</p> <p>SC Building Repair Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$50,848</p> <p>Total Paid 9-17-17 \$35,198</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.