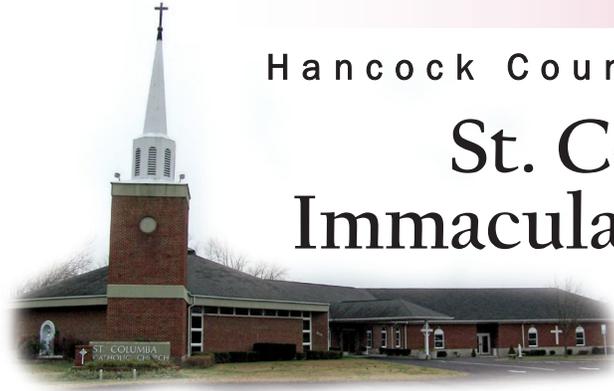


# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## 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

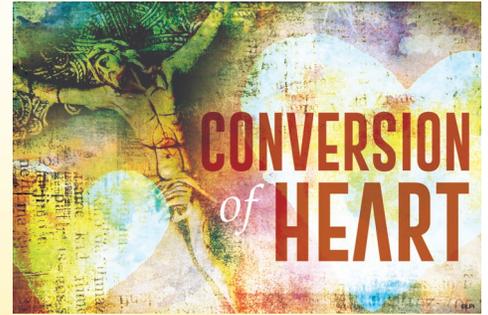
Phone ..... 295-3494  
Meetings are 3rd Wednesday at 4:30 pm  
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm  
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351  
For all of Hancock County

## Cycles of Faith

"Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Ouch. This had to sting. Jesus spoke these shocking words not just to anybody. He spoke them to "the chief priests and elders of the people." The ones who were professional law-keepers. The ones who were religious leaders and teachers. The ones who were, in truth, self-righteous, pompous, and presumptuous. Jesus must have known how offensive it would be to his audience to share this unpleasant fact. But he said it anyway because he knew they needed to hear it.

But the point wasn't to offend. The point was to AMEND. Jesus was urging them to change their lives for the better, to come to God with a humble, contrite heart, seeking forgiveness and mercy. These unrepentant upper-crust leaders were plagued by an inability to see their own sins. They were far too focused on identifying where others were going wrong. And, as was his style, Jesus' preaching was adapted according to his audience. These guys needed to get knocked out of their complacency. So Jesus did what he had to do.

It's important to realize, by the way, that the reason tax collectors and prostitutes were leading the line to heaven wasn't because of their sins. It was because of their sorrow. The people Jesus had in mind when he mentioned this--like Zacchaeus and Mary Magdalene perhaps--had repented from their sinful behavior and begun anew. This is why he praises them. And this is what the Lord longs to see everyone doing, including us. Either we need to acknowledge and repent of our sins, or we are placing ourselves in the same category as the pharisaical priests and elders. And that's definitely not the place to be.



## 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.**



### From Father's Desk

#### Being responsible for one's decision:

Scripture reminds us that God is the Author of life and goodness and that sin and death entered the world through the fault of humanity. Our readings from the prophet Ezekiel informs us that we alone are responsible for our actions and that blaming God and others is not wise. As we live out our faith Jesus invites us to follow in His footsteps and to empty ourselves of those things which are not of Christ. We are also called to hear the message of repentance with God. While the Chief priests and elders in the gospel refused to listen and take Jesus seriously, it was made known that tax collectors and prostitutes were entering the kingdom because they were willing to change their lives. Acknowledging that we are responsible for our decisions, let us empty our selves and put on the attitudes of Jesus. Fr. Terry

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

Saying and doing are two very different things. Often, we say we are going to do the right thing but then we do not. We get distracted by a self-focused concern, apathy, fear, and a number of other excuses. The choice to act with virtue is always before us. The ability to choose is one of God's gifts. Fully living the Gospel means that we choose to "practice what we preach." Faith without action serves no purpose.

#### NCYC Lunch Fundraiser Sunday October 1st

The youth and chaperones attending NCYC will be hosting an IC/SC lunch today October 1<sup>st</sup> 11:30am-1:00pm on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> in IC Parish Hall. Bring your family to a delicious lunch after Mass prepared by our adult chaperones and served by the youth. For those attending the confirmation meeting there will be plenty of time to grab lunch before the meeting. On the menu is Spaghetti, salad, bread sticks, drink and cake. Your generous donations are accepted for the meal. Your assistance in helping the youth attend this educational and spirit filled convention is greatly appreciated!

#### HWY 60 Yard Sale

This weekend is the HWY 60 yard sale. Stop by Vastwood Park and look for our youth booth. We will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, water, lemonade and fried apple pies! Come by and support our youth by grabbing a bite to eat for lunch while you browse around all the yard sales along HWY 60.

#### IC/SC Old Fashion Ice Cream Contest and Social

Time to get out those ice cream recipes and crank out a batch of your favorite homemade for our Ice Cream Contest and Social on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 3:00pm-6:00pm at St Columba Parish Hall. Bring your homemade ice cream to share and enter it in the judging contest. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Awards along with a People's Choice Award will be given. If you hunger for more than ice cream we will also be selling chili, hamburgers, hotdogs, macaroni and cheese, desserts and of course ice cream by the scoop so you can enjoy a smorgasbord of flavors! Corn hole, volleyball, horse shoes, 9 square and croquet will be set up for some outdoor enjoyment! Bring your family and enjoy a wonderful fall afternoon together! Ice cream must be entered by 4:00pm to be in the contest. All proceeds are to support the youth going to NCYC.

#### Hay Wagon Needed for Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp is searching for a hay wagon to provide hay rides during summer camps and youth retreats. Please contact Denise at the church office if you have a wagon you are willing to donate or sell at a very reasonably low price!

#### Just a Reminder

The Confirmation, Candidate, Parent and Sponsor meeting is today Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:00pm-3:30pm at SC Parish Hall.

#### Mass Intentions

##### Tuesday, October 3

8:00 am † David Sterett SC  
By Dolores Murphy Family

##### Wednesday, October 4

5:30 pm Steve Brasher IC  
By Noel Quinn

##### Thursday, October 5

8:00 am † Mike Pate SC  
By Judy Pate

##### Friday, October 6

8:00 am † Orville DeWitt IC

##### Saturday, October 7

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

##### Sunday, October 8

8:30 am † Ora Roby SC  
By Leo & Eileen Basham

10:30 am † Deny Wayne Wheatley IC  
By Connie Wheatley

**Saturday Mass moves to St. Columba**

#### Readings for the Week

October 1, 2017

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-23, 29/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

#### Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus directs the parable of the two sons to the chief priest and elders of the city of Jerusalem. What do you imagine was the reaction of these religious leaders?

Ezekiel 18:25-28

What motivates you to turn away from the sin in your life?

Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

What do you find most challenging for yourself in Paul's call to be humble and selfless in service to others?

#### 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, October 4

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

### Thursday, October 5

5:30 pm RCIA IC

### Sunday, October 8

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC

## Our Lady of Monte Cassino Shrine

Everyone is invited to attend the Sunday afternoon Pilgrimage services in honor of Our Blessed Mother. The service lasts about an hour and consists of an opening hymn, a short sermon, and rosary procession. It ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn. The service begins at 2:00 pm on each Sunday in October. The small chapel of Monte Cassino is located on a hill near the Archabbey. The shrine, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a testament to the age-old tradition of seeking God. For more information, call 812-357-6585.

## Liturgical Roles

### Sunday, October 8

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

**Eucharistic Min:** Rosemary Emmick

Mary Beth Emmick, Dian Heavrin

**Lector:** Mike Fallin

**Server:** Bailey Poole

**Cross Bearer:** David Payne

**Gift Bearer:** George Bozarth Family

**Hospitality:** George Bozarth Family

**Vocation Statue:** Larry & Jo Ann Roby

#### Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

**Eucharistic Min:** Bob Ogle

Jody Wheatley, Dakota Wheatley

**Lector:** Rachael Gily

**Server:** Lettie Ogle, Ryan Ogle

**Cross Bearer:** Carter Lyday

**Gift Bearer:** Keith Booty Family

**Hospitality:** Charles & Peggy Howard  
Steve & Ronna Ogle

**Vocation Statue:** Eva Bulliet

**Children's Liturgy:** Mary Woodward

## 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, Frances Payne,  
Shirley Mobley, Lillie Lanham,  
Clyde Toler, Mary Coyle

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

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Remember a time when jealousy or envy reared its ugly head and you wished you had something that someone else owned? Maybe it was a house, a car, a bank account, or even that luscious green lawn. All humans have had that feeling before and some of us more often than others. After the emotion hit you, hopefully you considered all the good gifts you did have in your life and gave thanks for them. Let's pray that you are still not hanging onto those feelings. Unfortunately, we do live in a world that seems to fuel those desires and push us toward wanting more and more.

But let's level the field here. Did you ever hear of someone who died and was able to take any of those things into the afterlife? The reality is that nothing we have in this life truly belongs to us. We come into this world with nothing and as time goes by more gifts are entrusted to us but we never truly own them. So whom do they belong to anyway?

Of course, you know the answer. All that we have has been entrusted to us by God; to be cherished, cultivated, and then given back to him for his glory. God doesn't need any of these things, and we only need them short-term. All that we need long-term is God. If he is all we need in the end, I bet our lives would be more fruitful and happier if we focused on that now instead of later. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Respect Life

During the month of October, as we remember our Blessed Mother and the gift of the rosary, we also pause to remember that the source of all life, which is a gift, comes from our God. God is not the author of death, but of life. Life is sacred and precious and no one has the right to take this gift away. We are speaking about the issue of abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, etc. If we are claiming to be pro-life, our ethics must be consistent as we proclaim life to be sacred in all the above areas. Let us today acknowledge the gift of life and let us honor the gift by protecting what God has given us. May our faith always be a witness and may our faith give birth to new life. Fr. Terry.

### 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## Sunday Collections

### Immaculate Conception

Weekly Goal .....\$3,269.00  
Collection 9-24-17 .....\$3,394.00  
Difference over .....\$125.00  
Mass Attendance ..... 65/125

Week # 13 of 52

Fiscal YTD Goal .....\$42,497  
Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$39,477

### IC Building Acquisition Fund

Total Families Pledged 60  
Total Amount Pledged \$190,163  
Total Paid 9-24-17 \$180,963

### St. Columba

Weekly Goal .....\$2,308.00  
Collection 9-24-17 .....\$1,829.00  
Difference under .....\$479.00  
Mass Attendance ..... 94

Week # 13 of 52

Fiscal YTD Goal .....\$30,004  
Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$29,962

### SC Building Repair Fund

Total Families Pledged 58  
Total Amount Pledged \$50,848  
Total Paid 9-24-17 \$35,198

## 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.*