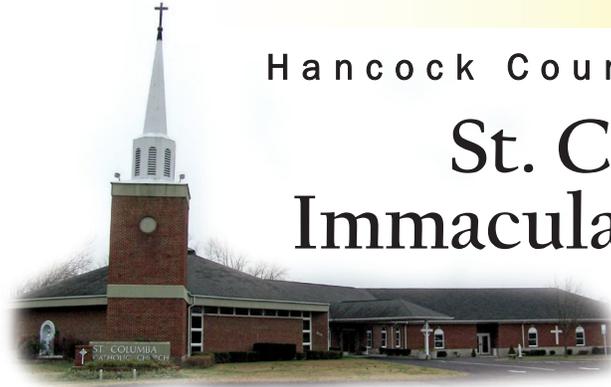


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351
For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." The chief priests and elders listening to Jesus must have been furious. After telling the parable about the tenants who abused the owner's property and killed his son, Jesus had a tough lesson to teach. He compared the Jewish leaders to these terrible tenants. They, like the selfish workers in the vineyard, were guilty of not respecting proper authority and of trying to seize control—not of grapes, in this case, but of religious matters. In short, they were not bearing fruit for God's kingdom, but only for their own prestige and privilege.

Before we spend too much time criticizing them, however, we would do well to examine ourselves. If Jesus were standing in our midst right now, would he have a similar warning for us? We may not be religious leaders, but we are like those tenants in many ways because we have been made stewards of the gifts of God. We receive his help and grace through the sacraments, for example. Are we good stewards of this grace, or do we take it for granted and fail to nourish it to produce good fruit?

And what about the personal gifts that God has entrusted to each of us? We all have certain skills, talents, experiences, and opportunities thanks to God's work in our lives. Do we make the most of these things or do we settle for the easy road? Do we thank God for them or consider them to be our own? God has trusted us with a place in the world, HIS world. He is the ultimate authority here and all things we enjoy come from his hands. May we have the humility and gratitude to use his gifts for his glory and not just our own.



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.



What's Growing in your Vineyard?

As we approach the season of harvesting, we rejoice in God's blessings from our labor and toil as we reap the fruit of the land. If the weather has cooperated and the fields tilled properly and everything else is going smoothly the farmer or landowner will be blessed indeed. Spiritually speaking, our relationship with Jesus is compared today with a parable about the vineyard. Just as a field or garden needs proper care from

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its owner, so we too are responsible for the care of our spiritual lives. Just as farming calls for putting priorities in order, we too must put Jesus on top of the list of our priorities. Just as a "Cornerstone" is of importance to a structure, so Jesus must be the "Cornerstone" of our faith. St. Paul reminds us that when Jesus is first the believer will truly experience a peace which is beyond all understanding. May the Lord be with us in our efforts. Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

How often do we find ourselves wanting what is not ours? Greed, envy, and even gluttony lead us to a bad end. We live in a world that feels very entitled. Many people believe that wants and needs ought to be provided or simply given to them, without any work or effort. It is easy to feel that we have received the short end of the stick or less than what we deserve. However, feeling shortchanged makes it impossible to walk with gratitude in our hearts and feel a sense of responsibility, the two essential elements of the spiritual life. Are we grateful?

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 22nd from 3:00pm-6:00pm at St Columba Parish Hall. Bring your homemade ice cream to share and enter it in the judging contest. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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!

Deanery Rally

A Deanery Youth Rally full of food, fun and faith filled activities for high school and middle school youth is scheduled for Sunday October 15th from 2-7pm at St. Mary of the Woods in McQuady. We will leave from IC Church parking lot at 1:15pm and return at 7:45pm. The evening will conclude with Mass and dinner. Parents may turn in the youth's consent form prior to leaving.

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 prolife, 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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 10

8:00 am † Anna Payne SC
By Helen's Family

Wednesday, October 11

5:30 pm Ollie Quinn IC
By Noel Quinn

Thursday, October 12

8:00 am Scott Ward SC
By Karen Bolin

Friday, October 13

8:00 am Denis & Martha Wheatley IC
By Connie Wheatley

Saturday, October 14

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, October 15

8:30 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Scott & Anne Coomes

10:30 am † Jeanie Hanks IC
By Chico & Martha Morris

Readings for the Week

October 8, 2017

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

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3-5, 8/Lk
10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-6, 9-10/
Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk
11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9,
16/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-
12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-6/Phil
4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 21:33-43

Like the prophet Isaiah, Jesus uses vineyard imagery to confront the religious leaders of Jerusalem. How does this parable of the tenants provoke an examination of conscience in your own life?

Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet Isaiah sang this "vineyard song" to the ancient Israelites around the year 740 BC, twenty years before the invasion of the Assyrian Empire. Why do you think the Israelites did not take seriously Isaiah's prophetic warning?

Philippians 4:6-9

Paul writes to the Philippians about how to find "the peace of God." When have you experienced God's peace?

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 11

12:00 pm Senior Potluck SC
School of Leaders IC

No Rel. Ed. or RCIA during Fall Break
Wednesday evening religious education classes will not meet October 11th due to fall break. Classes will resume October 18th. Have a safe and fun fall break. RCIA classes will not meet Thursday October 12th. Class will resume next week October 19th.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, October 15

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Judy Pate

Bob Payne, Mary Masterson

Lector: Tim Heavrin

Server: Steve Basham

Cross Bearer: Shelby Basham

Gift Bearer: Wes Poole Family

Hospitality: Dan Allard Family

Vocation Statue: Shelby & Sherry Basham

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Amy Hess

Heath Stokes, Mary Woodward

Lector: Ronna Ogle

Server: Laura Wheatley, Dennis Wiseman

Cross Bearer: Ty Durbin

Gift Bearer: John & Lynn Powers

Hospitality: John & Lynn Powers

Jody & Alisha Wheatley

Vocation Statue: Dan & Shirley Hagman

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

You know how the story goes. Your son or daughter swears that while you were gone he or she only invited two friends over to watch a movie and eat popcorn. How those other twenty-five people got there with beer is still a mystery. They were not invited but your young host felt pretty uncomfortable just kicking them out. You did teach them about good hospitality after all.

That sure is a twisted view of hospitality, perhaps, but it does make me reflect on those I am willing to welcome into my home and those I am not. Who is my neighbor? Would I extend hospitality to the person that is alone? I have done so for holidays. But I have known them well. Would I invite someone into my home that I did not know? It could be unsafe. But what if I found myself alone somewhere without any connections. Where would I turn? Who could I trust?

There are no simple answers here but I wonder if we should really have the luxury of not asking the question. If the Christian will not invite in the lost and forsaken, who will? In the coming days, I suggest we all reflect on those in our midst who seem to be alone. Who can we invite into our lives who need something much more important than a party? Who is out there who simply need friends? They may not need a physical shelter but they do need the warmth of Christian hospitality and the kindness of others. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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 further information, call 812-357-6585.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception Weekly Goal\$3,269.00 Collection 10-1-17 \$3,110.00 Difference under\$159.00 Mass Attendance 56/110 Week # 14 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$45,766 Fiscal YTD Actual\$42,587	St. Columba Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00 Collection 10-1-17 \$3,380.00 Difference over.....\$1,072.00 Mass Attendance 100 Week # 14 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal\$32,312 Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$33,342
IC Building Acquisition Fund Total Families Pledged 60 Total Amount Pledged \$190,163 Total Paid 10-1-17 \$181,113	SC Building Repair Fund Total Families Pledged 58 Total Amount Pledged \$50,848 Total Paid 10-1-17 \$35,348

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.

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.