

# 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

"My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?" Today's Gospel parable is unsettling in several ways. The various images of rejection, mistreatment, and violence paint an unpleasant picture. Guests refuse to come to a feast, servants are killed, troops are dispatched. The King continues to try to fill his dinner hall, and then when someone finally does show up, the King throws him out for wearing the wrong clothes. What is going on here?

The message would have been a poignant one for his Jewish listeners. As the chosen people, they were the first to receive the "invitation" to share in the kingdom of God. But the chief priests and elders were uninterested in accepting Jesus and his authority; thus they didn't show up for the feast. But what about those who did come? Something is expected of them as well. Donning a "wedding garment" is like being properly prepared to enter God's kingdom. Just showing up isn't enough.

Here it's important to pay attention to the details. The King first calls his poorly dressed guest "friend." The approach begins with mercy and kindness. But the man gives no defense for himself, and displays no desire to change. It's as if he doesn't really care to be there at all.

The question this raises for us is whether or not we are "dressed" appropriately. We may hang around the banquet hall—going to church, professing to be Christian—but are we sincere guests of the King of kings? Do we truly accept Christ's teachings and live by them, or are we just showing up? The splendors of the invitation Christ gives us should not be taken for granted. We are called to share in a royal feast. May we all be grateful guests.



## 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.**



### Eternal Happiness/Jesus' Invitation

Many times in our lives we receive hundreds of invitations, which can be accepted or rejected. Sometimes, because of our busy schedules we find our selves cutting back on the expectations of others and simply doing the best we can. Sometimes it is necessary to put our priorities in order and re-

#### From Father's Desk

arranging our lives in order to make the best of any given situation. When it comes to our faith and relationship with Jesus, do we arrange our schedules accordingly? Do we make time for Jesus like we make time for everything else? As St. Augustine says, "Our hearts will always be restless until they rest in You." Let us take the invitation of Jesus, concerning eternal life and heaven, seriously and make time to broaden and deepen our relationship with the Lord. Have a great week! Fr. Terry

### LIVE THE LITURGY

Pope Francis constantly reminds us of the wideness of God's mercy and its unconditional character. God is always patiently loving his children and opening the doors to his heart. We must, however, freely choose to accept God's invitation and join in the feast of his love. We desire many things and we have restless hearts. We often attempt to quench our desire with things that are short-lived and shallow. All of us long to be satisfied and at peace. How do we announce to the world, in ways that are convincing and without judgment, that it is really God whom we seek?

### 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!

### The Rite of Welcome

Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> we will celebrate the Rite of Welcome with our Confirmation youth and their sponsors during the 8:30am and 10:30am Mass times. Please welcome and pray for the following candidates and their sponsors as they continue in their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

#### Immaculate Conception

Addie Boutcher Emma James  
Andrew Lyday Abby Walz  
Laura Wheatley Samuel Walz  
Hunter Severs Bethany Wheatley  
Alyson Riley Andrew Boutcher  
Ryan Ogle Rheanne Phillips  
Kyra Conway

#### St. Columba

Bailey Poole  
Waylan Emmick  
Ashlynn Madden  
Lisa Hendricks  
Landyn Emmick  
Lillie Ward  
Adam Gregory

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, October 17

10:00 am † Mike Pate HV  
By Judy Pate

#### Wednesday, October 18

5:30 pm † Charlotte A. Johnston BolingIC  
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

#### Thursday, October 19

8:00 am † George Allard SC  
By Betty Allard

#### Friday, October 20

8:00 am † Dwight Beyke IC  
By Marilyn McCaslin

#### Saturday, October 21

5:00 pm † Rachel Hagan ThompsonSC  
By Bill & Phyllis Emmick

#### Sunday, October 22

8:30 am Raymond Paul Schaefer SC  
By Denny Long  
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

### Readings for the Week

October 15, 2017

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

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

### Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Jesus' parable of the wedding feast ends in a startling way. How do you know if you are properly dressed for the wedding feast (the return of Christ)?

Isaiah 25:6-10a

Seven hundred years before the birth of Christ, the prophet Isaiah foreshadows the messianic age to come with lush imagery. What does this imagery reveal to you about God's nature?

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Paul informs the Philippians he has learned the secret of living well under any circumstance: find strength in Christ. How is this true in your life?

### 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 18

6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC  
Hope everyone had a great fall break!

### Thursday, October 19

5:30 pm RCIA IC

### Sunday, October 22

3:00 pm IC/SC Ice Cream Social SC

## Deanery Rally

The Deanery Youth Rally has been canceled and will be rescheduled for another date. We will announce the date once it has been decided.

## Liturgical Roles

### Sunday, October 22

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

**Eucharistic Min:** Butch Meriwether  
Ruth Madden, Amy Allard

**Lector:** Steve Basham

**Server:** Jim Fallin

**Cross Bearer:** Jordan Bozarth

**Gift Bearer:** Joe & Donna Hagman

**Hospitality:** Denny & Denise Long  
Lula Marsch, Liz Parker

**Vocation Statue:** Bobbie & Alice Fallin

#### Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

**Eucharistic Min:** Margaret Powers  
Alisha Wheatley, Cheryl Gammon

**Lector:** Rachael Gily

**Server:** Hunter Severs, Abby Walz

**Cross Bearer:** Gracie Kennedy

**Gift Bearer:** Dan & Shirley Hagman

**Hospitality:** Eva Bulleit, Sara Wiseman  
Ellen Gaynor, Judy Powers

**Vocation Statue:** David & Joan Wettstain

### 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

Art Buchwald, the longtime humorist for the "Washington Post" who died in 2007 is credited with saying, "The best things in life aren't things." As Christians, we know this statement to be true. Certainly the best things in our lives are not those items that money can buy or things we can create in the material world. Faith, hope, and love are more precious than anything we can see with our eyes. Yet, as humans we often find ourselves longing for the very things that we claim are not nearly as valuable. We lose sight of what is real and true.

Paul wrote in the fourth chapter of his Letter to the Philippians that he has experienced both living with abundance and then with very little. Regardless of what we have in terms of worldly goods, Paul reminds us that God provides for all our needs. God may not provide for our wants, but he does give us what we need.

The flesh seeks what it wants, but the spirit seeks what it needs. In a stewardship way of life, we must always remind ourselves that true wealth never comes from material possessions and money. True wealth comes from the love we share, the faith we develop, and the hope we bring to others. The best things in life aren't free, though. They require work, commitment, and fortitude. We need to cultivate these things daily. If we are serious about living life in this way, we will find that when our days on this earth are through, we really had it all. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Pet Blessing and Trunk or Treat

Join us for our annual pet blessing and Trunk or Treat on Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in IC Parking lot. We will have chili, hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixins! Bring your pet for a special blessing. Visit the decorated cars for a special Halloween treat. Dress up you and your pet in your favorite Halloween costume. This year we will give prizes for the best decorated car, best youth costume, best adult costume and best pet costume! Please contact Denise or the church office if you plan to decorate your car and give away candy to the youth. We will set up cars between 5:00-6:00pm.



## Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal .....	\$3,269.00
Collection 10-8-17 .....	<u>\$2,360.10</u>
Difference under .....	\$908.90
Mass Attendance .....	104
Week # 15 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$49,035
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$44,947
IC Building Acquisition Fund	
Total Families Pledged	60
Total Amount Pledged	\$190,163
Total Paid 10-8-17	\$181,113

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal .....	\$2,308.00
Collection 10-8-17 .....	<u>\$1,550.00</u>
Difference under .....	\$758.00
Mass Attendance .....	49/83
Week # 15 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$34,620
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$35,015
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$50,848
Total Paid 10-8-17	\$35,533

## 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.