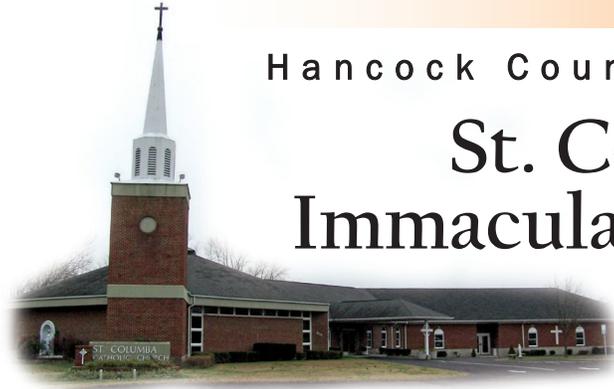


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Jesus gives us a simple moral principle in today's Gospel. He speaks about two kinds of love: love of God and love of neighbor. He tells us that all the other laws and teachings of our faith fall under these two headings. So if we can master these, we will be in good spiritual shape!

First of all, regarding the love of God, Jesus tells us in essence that we must love God completely and entirely, with our whole being—heart, soul, and mind. If we are holding back from a full commitment to God, then we are falling short of this vision. So we would do well to examine ourselves and find those trouble spots where we are hesitant to give God everything. Is there a relationship we hold in our heart that is somehow separating us from God, either by negative association, lingering bitterness, or a kind of idol-worship of the relationship itself? What about our souls? Are we deeply attached to any pastimes, pleasures, or pursuits that cloud our soul from clearly welcoming the presence of God? An examination of our minds is in order as well. How do we direct our thoughts? Do we strive to form our conscience and understanding in the truth, or do we passively allow public opinion or popular consensus to direct our conclusions about the Church, the world, and our own identity?



It follows that the closer we come to loving God with our whole being, the better we will be at loving our neighbors. The more we are filled with God's love, the more that love radiates out to those around us, and the less we concern ourselves about what we can get out of the deal. So let us truly love God, and all the rest will follow.

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

Love—The Key to Jesus

There has been probably thousands of books, poems, songs, and stories written about the topic of love. Talking about it and reading about it is one thing, but experiencing it, is much deeper. Whenever we consider our love for parents, children, and neighbor let us always remember that all love flows from the first source, which is God. We will never be able to comprehend the love that God had for each one of us, because sometimes

we see our failures and limitations as making us un-lovable. Jesus does not love the sin, but He still loves the sinner and never gives up on us. Today in our gospel Jesus invites to follow in His footsteps and to imitate His ways of love calling us to be gentle, kind, non-judgmental, merciful, and forgiving. The great commandment of loving God first in our lives and our neighbor as ourselves can we love others and follow in the footsteps of our Lord. Since the love of God is a pure gift, may we pass that gift on to those who are in most need of it. God bless you. Fr. Terry

Thank You Fr. Terry for your ministry and for all that you do. We appreciate your presence with us. May God bless you in your priesthood. You are in our prayers.

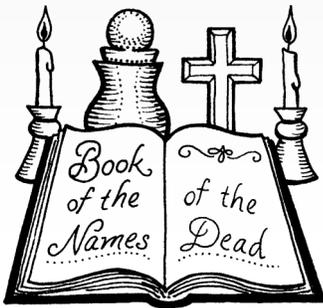


LIVE THE LITURGY

God insists that we treat each other with fairness and love. No compromise is offered here. The great commandment is specific: love God, neighbor, and self. Who is my neighbor? It is not just the person sitting next to me today or the people who live next door. Our neighbor is everyone, especially those most in need: those alien to you or to our country, those who are poor, alone, or abandoned, and even those who are the greatest of sinners. We really struggle with how to live these words. How do we open ourselves to the stranger, the immigrant, those who harm us, those in need, or those with whom we disagree? Pope Francis gives excellent guidance here. We are challenged to stretch our thinking and become more unconditional with others as God is unconditional with us.

All Souls

November being the month of All Souls, a "Book of Remembrance" is provided in Church to write the names of those for whom you want the Community of Faith to remember in prayer. Also, as a beautiful way of remembering our loved ones, we invite you to bring photographs of those who have died and place them around the Church. On Sunday, November 5th Fr. Terry will also have a special candle lighting inviting family members to come forward and light a candle in memory of those beloved parishioners listed here. Following that Fr. Terry will invite anyone who has lost a family member this past year to come forward to light a candle. Eternal rest O God....



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November 2016 to October 2017

St. Columba

- Anna Payne, November 3, 2016
Barbara Grant, December 29, 2016
Roy Hodges, July 4, 2017
Stephen Emmick, July 6, 2017

Immaculate Conception

- George Holland, November 1, 2016
Mary Lee Quinn, January 7, 2017
Clay Quinn, February 12, 2017
Justin McCormick Jr., March 11, 2017
Donald Tharp, March 20, 2017
Bob Bulleit, March 23, 2017
Linda Ramsey, March 14, 2017
Robert Douglas Jr, April 30, 2017
Regina Walz, June 1, 2017
Jeanie Hanks, August 8, 2017
Garry Bickett, August 18, 2017
Orville DeWitt, September 9, 2017

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 31

No Mass

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints Day

- 8:00 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Regina Emmick
5:30 pm People of the Parish IC

Thursday, November 2

- 8:00 am † Regina Walz SC
By Dot Pooser

Friday, November 3

- 8:00 am Emma & Albin Johnson IC
By Noel Quinn

Saturday, November 4

- 5:00 pm † Anna Payne SC
By John Payne

Sunday, November 5

- 8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † Mary Agnes & Coy Ogle IC
By Pat & Donna Ogle

Readings for the Week

October 29, 2017

- Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 22:34-40

Jesus sees love of God and love of neighbor as the two greatest commandments. How well do you follow these commandments?

Exodus 22:20-26

Notice God's utmost concern for the vulnerable and marginalized in these social laws Moses received at Mount Sinai. How do you care for those most in need around you?

1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10

In what ways is Paul proud of the believers in the community in the city of Thessalonica?

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, November 1
All Saints Day

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

Thursday, November 2
All Souls Day

5:30 pm RCIA IC

There will not be a 1st Sunday Potluck due to the upcoming Thanksgiving Potluck on November 12th.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, November 5

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Judy Pate

Bob Payne, Rosemary Emmick

Lector: Steve Allard

Server: Sara Hendricks

Cross Bearer: Steve Basham

Gift Bearer: Kevin Ward Family

Hospitality: Butch & Peggy Meriwether
 Liz Parker, Tina Nelson

Vocation Statue: Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Falyn Stokes

Emily Woodward, Danielle Bumm

Lector: Katherine Woodward

Server: Ministries
 performed by

Cross Bearer: Confirmation Youth

Gift Bearer:

Hospitality:

Vocation Statue: Connie Wheatley

Children's Liturgy: Angie Curry

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

I read an interesting article about how tolerance has become a substitute for love. As Christians we often talk about tolerance toward others when truly the call of Jesus Christ is to love others, not simply tolerate them. The truth is tolerance is a lot easier than love.

In tolerance, we are asked to give nothing away. It costs us nothing to simply allow people to be who they are, where they are, and stay in the state in which they find themselves. Love requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and to offer a part of ourselves to others. This makes us vulnerable and open to possible pain and discomfort. Those whom we seek to love could take advantage of us. It is easy to see why tolerance seems a bit more popular these days.

Jesus could have tolerated the religious hypocrites of his day. He could have tolerated the Romans who oppressed the Jews. He could have simply tolerated the tax collectors, prostitutes, and outcasts of his day. Instead, he loved them. He made himself vulnerable and open to pain. When we look at the cross we see what can be the true price for love. It is easy to see why a policy of tolerance looks more desirable to many. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

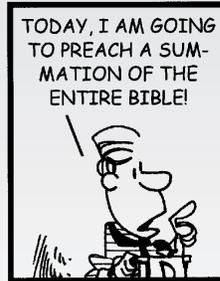
Liturgy Planning Meeting

A liturgy planning meeting for the season of Advent and Christmas is scheduled for Monday November 6th at 9:00am at Immaculate Conception Parish Office. Committee members are asked to make plans to attend. Contact the church office if you have a conflict.

Deanery Youth Rally

The Deanery Youth Rally for the Confirmation and High School youth has been rescheduled for Sunday November 12th. We will leave from IC church parking lot at 1:30pm. Consents will be given out during class and can be turned in before leaving. More info will be sent home from class.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00
Collection 10-22-17	<u>\$2,583.00</u>
Difference under	\$686.00
Mass Attendance	162
Week # 17 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$55,573
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$50,748
IC Building Acquisition Fund	
Total Families Pledged	60
Total Amount Pledged	\$190,163
Total Paid 10-22-17	\$182,363

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 10-22-17	<u>\$2,525.00</u>
Difference over	\$217.00
Mass Attendance	54/97
Week # 17 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$39,236
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$39,604
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$50,848
Total Paid 10-22-17	\$35,673

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.

Old Fashion Ice Cream Contest and Social

Thank you to everyone who attended our fundraiser. We had some delicious ice creams to choose from along with great chili and fixins. Thank you to all the volunteers who prepared food and served at the event. Your generosity was outstanding!

Trail of Treats Candy Donation

The confirmation youth will be handing out candy to the children during the Trail of Treats on Oct 31st. We are asking for donations of candy. If you would like to donate candy you can drop it off at the parish office before Halloween. Thank you for helping our Confirmation youth.

Culver's Supports Youth Attending NCYC

Have dinner at Culvers between 5-8pm on Thursday November 2nd and our youth attending NCYC will receive a portion of the proceeds. Some of your youth will also be present to serve your orders! Spread the word, bring your family and friends to come support our youth and have dinner too!

NCYC Breakfast at St. Columba

Join us for a pancake breakfast fundraiser after the 8:30am Mass at St. Columba on Sunday November 5th. Donations accepted. Funds support the youth attending NCYC.

WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

Question: I wonder if there's anything I can do to influence my friends to get involved in church--and even go more often? Can you help?

Answer: Evangelization is always a delicate balance. Faith itself is a gift, yet it needs to be nourished. So any influence you have needs to be the kind that encourages and invites deeper commitment, stronger faith, and a desire for God. Being preachy or overly pious often has the exact opposite effect. In the Gospel Jesus says you will know a tree by its fruit. Show others the fruit of the church's work and ministry. Look for activities, service projects, special events, outreach programs, etcetera, that you can invite them to. Introduce them to the priest and pastoral staff. Use personal contact to make others feel welcome and comfortable. The best way to be a witness to the faith is by doing. When your friends, cradle Catholics or not, see what you do and what the community of faith does to live and spread the Gospel, they'll want to be part of it. People are drawn to be part of something that is good, helpful, and makes their lives better. You just have to show them that the church is more than just Sunday Mass or a stop-over for Christmas. Jesus called the apostles with little more than "Come and see!" You can too.

IC/SC Thanksgiving Potluck and Birthday Celebration

Join us for a Thanksgiving Potluck on Sunday, November 12th at 12:30 pm at the Immaculate Conception Hall. We will also be celebrating Fr. Terry's birthday. We will be cooking turkeys and hams for the meal. IC is asked to bring salads and cakes. SC is asked to bring vegetables and pies. For more information on dishes to bring call Mary Masterson at 270-315-4549 or Sharon Russelburg at 270-314-1748.

November is called the month of All Souls. More recently it has been called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Can you tell us more about this feast and the remembrances of this month?

November 2, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dovetails with November 1, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

While the Western Church has emphasized the cleansing and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Orthodox Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it. Today, belief in purgatory allows one who has died in Christ to continue growing and developing before meeting God face-to-face. God continually invites communion with these loved ones, but some feel the need to continue growing and developing before entering into full communion with God.

These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the communion of saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death. © 2011 Liturgical Publications Inc

Visiting the Cemetery

Because we know that death is not the end of life, it is not morbid for us Christians to visit the graves of our loved ones when the church celebrates the communion of saints and looks forward to that harvest at the end of time when all will be gathered into the new Jerusalem. We decorate the graves of our loved one because we believe that in baptism they have died with Christ and thus Christ will raise them up. So we place on the grave an evergreen wreath—the ancient crown of victory over death and a reminder of the eternal life promised to us in the first sacrament. Or we light vigil candles, keeping one lit throughout November—a reflection of the light of Christ given to each one of us on our baptism day, and a reminder of the wise bridesmaids who kept their lamps lit while waiting for the groom to come so that the wedding can begin. Remember Mary Magdalene and the other two Marys going to visit Jesus' tomb. Confident that what they found you will one day find, make pilgrimages to the graves of your loved ones this month.

Use the prayer at each grave:

Eternal rest grant unto (name), O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May his/her soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen