

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

"But the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps." The foolish versus the wise. Today's parable sets these two groups in stark contrast to one another. Two crowds of young women wait for a wedding feast. One group comes prepared for the unexpected, the other just assumes everything will go according to schedule. But it doesn't! The Bridegroom is late, and the foolish virgins are left out in the dark--literally--while the wise ones enjoy the feast inside.

The lesson here is not just about having foresight and gathering the corresponding equipment. It's about being ready for the second coming of Christ. Jesus himself is the "Bridegroom." Traditionally we refer to the Church as the "Bride of Christ" and we, as the people of God who constitute the Church, are even now awaiting the real feast, the culmination of time when Jesus returns. But are we standing among the wise or the foolish as we wait?

Jesus tells us today, "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Are we spiritually awake? Do we have extra oil to see us through, or are we hitting the bottom of the barrel and running on spiritual fumes so to speak? Do we think it's enough to do the bare minimum as we wait for Christ--stepping into church without really being present, or calling ourselves Christian without really taking up the challenge of the cross? In order to avoid standing outside the feast with the foolish, we will want to make sure we fill our flasks with oil or, in other words, fill our hearts with the love of God, fill our minds with his word and his teachings, and fill our souls with the virtues that unite us to his will. If we stock up on these important supplies, we can count ourselves among the wise!



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

November—Lest we Forget!

The Church has always professed the belief in the Communion of Saints in which we the living as well as the deceased can pray for each other until we are all reunited in Heaven. We also remember the souls in Purgatory, those who have not yet reached their final goal, but are yet hopeful. During this traditional month to remember the dead, let us realize that our lives here on this earth are only temporary and that our

journey is rather short. It is a special time to look into our hearts and ask ourselves—are we reaching for our heavenly goal, or are we too wrapped up in the things of this world that Scripture says is passing away. While November, with its colder winds and dead leaves, speaks of the approaching season called winter, let us be reassured that the season of spring will speak of new life and restoration. Have a good week!
Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

Are we ready and prepared for what life will ask of us? The answers to life's challenges, especially those that involve purpose, meaning, and happiness are not found in material things or by searching the Internet. Many things in life require a journey of the heart and the acquisition of wisdom. When one acquires wisdom, one acquires priceless wealth. Sadly, pursuing wisdom is not valued by our world these days. Examining our lives, pondering the bigger questions, reflecting on where we have been and where we are going, are invaluable exercises that not only bring us wisdom but open our eyes to God's presence. Those who seek wisdom shall not be disappointed and will always be ready for whatever comes their way.

NCYC – National Catholic Youth Conference

Our youth and chaperones have been working hard to raise funds to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis and we will soon be on our way! We wish to thank everyone for their support and ask for your prayers as we journey to the conference November 15th and return November 19th. Please keep in prayer the following youth and chaperones. Callie Hagman, Katherine Woodward, Dakota Wheatley, Chris Woodward, Prestyn Emmick, Ty Durbin, Falyn Stokes, Anna Durbin, Shelby Winchell, Kelsy Ramage, Adam Gregory, Lexi Hodge, Andrew Hagman, Abbie Booty, Karly Booty, Seth Reine, Emily Woodward, Cassandra Durbin, Mary Woodward, Alisha Wheatley, Jody Wheatley, Yvonne Booty, Fr Terry Devine and Denise Long.

Christmas/New Year's Camp at Gasper

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp is now taking registrations for this very popular camp date December 29-January 1st. Cost is \$125 and is for ages 8th grade-12th grade. See their website or contact Denise for more information. What a great way to end one year and start the next!

Young Adults are Invited to Holy Hour at the Cathedral

On Monday, Nov. 13 from 6-7 p.m., St. Stephen Cathedral will once again host a diocesan Young Adult Holy Hour for ages 18-39. The holy hour includes Exposition and Benediction, Scripture reading and reflection from Fr. Jason McClure, the opportunity to go to confession, and alternating periods of silence and prayerful music. You are welcome to come for the whole hour, or just stop in for a few minutes. Afterwards, we'll go and grab a bite to eat at a nearby restaurant. Please contact Charlie Hardesty at charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org or (270) 683-1545 for more information.

St. Michael Turkey Bingo

St. Michael's invites you to attend their Turkey Bingo on Sunday November 19th at 2:00 pm. Prizes: 20 frozen Turkey and 5 jackpots Tickets are \$2.00 for 25 games.

Mass Intentions

No Weekday Masses

Saturday, November 18

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, November 19

8:30 am † Bob Payne SC

By Vic & Barbara Hagman

10:30 am Deceased Members IC
of Knights of Columbus

Readings for the Week

November 12, 2017

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps /Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Saturday: Dedication: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Ps 98:1-6/Mt 14:22-33

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 25:1-13

The parable of the ten virgins forewarns believers to be prepared for the return of Christ. How do you think this is best accomplished?

Wisdom 6:12-16

The virtue of wisdom is personified in today's reading. What do you think our author means by saying wisdom is "the perfection of prudence"?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14

According to Paul, what is the sequence of events that will occur at the second coming of Christ?

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

- Sunday, November 12**
12:30 pm Thanksgiving Potluck IC
- Tuesday, November 14**
5:00 pm IC Finance IC
6:00 pm IC Pastoral IC
- Wednesday, November 15**
6:00 pm RElig. Ed. K-Adult IC
- Thursday, November 16**
NO RCIA

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, November 19

St. Columba, 8:30 am

- Eucharistic Min:** Mary Beth Emmick
Dian Heavrin, Sandra Davis
- Lector:** Maria Reine
- Server:** Lawson Ward
- Cross Bearer:** David Emmick
- Gift Bearer:** Lanie Hendricks Family
- Hospitality:** Dan Allard Family
David Payne, Denny Long
- Vocation Statue:** Tim & Dian Heavrin

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

- Eucharistic Min:** Trina Ogle
Dakota Wheatley, Cheryl Gammon
- Lector:** Connie Wheatley
- Server:** Gracie Kennedy, volunteer
- Cross Bearer:** Falyn Stokes
- Gift Bearer:** Amanda Fuchs Family'
- Hospitality:** David Wettstain, Mark Walz
Margaret Powers, Noel Quinn
- Vocation Statue:** Jody & Alisha Wheatley
- Children's Liturgy:** Alisha Wheatley

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

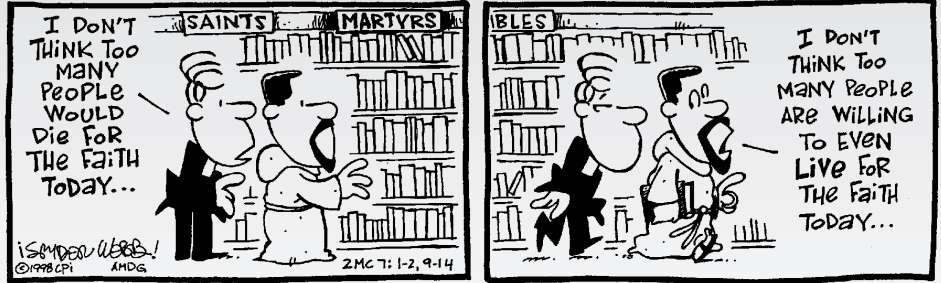
For all I know this Everyday Stewardship reflection is the last one you will ever read. That's not because I fear you will no longer get something out of reading these. At least, I hope not! It is because Jesus may very well return by this time next week. Then there will be no more need for reflections like these in bulletins, on websites, or wherever else you are reading this. You think the odds are against this happening in the next few days? I can gamble from time to time but I guess this is not something I am willing to say won't happen for sure. We do believe Jesus will come again, don't we?

For all of us there are things we put off until tomorrow. Sometimes, that tomorrow never comes. We act like we have all the time in the world. However, time on this earth is for certain one thing that does not exist in unlimited supply. Death is the primary way earthly time ends for us. Yet there will come a time when Jesus returns and if you and I are still living at that time, I hope he finds us ready.

Are you ready for such an event? Have you taken seriously your decision to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Has that decision moved you to live a life of stewardship where all you have and are belongs to God? Or have you put all of that off to somewhere down the road? Chances are you will be reading next week's reflection and nothing too earth changing will have happened. But then, maybe, just maybe, this time is when we all lose that bet. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Rediscover Your Marriage

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, or a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 12, 2018 call 270-852-8346 or email: felliot3232@yahoo.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00 Collection 11-5-17\$2,009.00 Difference under\$1260.00 Mass Attendance 158</p> <p>Week # 19 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal \$62,111 Fiscal YTD Actual \$55,783</p> <p>IC Building Acquisition Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 60 Total Amount Pledged \$190,163 Total Paid 11-5-17 \$182,513</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$2,308.00 Collection 11-5-17\$2,751.00 Difference over \$443.00 Mass Attendance 76/116</p> <p>Week # 19 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal \$43,852 Fiscal YTD Actual \$44,317</p> <p>SC Building Repair Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58 Total Amount Pledged \$50,848 Total Paid 11-5-17 \$35,898</p>
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In Need of Special Prayer
 Dexter Marsch, Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Betty Brickey, April Bolin, Frances Storm, Bill McBrayer

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.