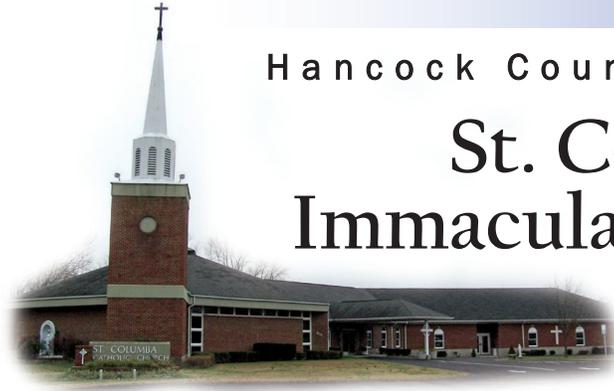


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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
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For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

The Epiphany of the Lord

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." What a wonderful example the Magi give us in their visit to the infant Jesus. First of all, they demonstrate profound faith in God's word, spoken through the prophet Micah: "And you, Bethlehem ... from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel" (cf. 5:2). Embarking on a long and difficult journey, they trust that they will find this newborn king of the Jews in Bethlehem as the prophecy announced.

On their arrival at the home of the Holy Family, the Magi also give us an example of profound humility. These important men, to whom kings look for guidance and advice, do not hesitate to bow down, to "prostrate themselves" and give homage to a tiny babe. Putting their own position out of their minds, they reverently worship the infant Lord even as he sits on the lap of his mother.

The generosity of these three "kings" is also evident as they open their treasure boxes and give to the poor child the richest of gifts. Traditionally, we understand the gold to symbolize the earthly kingship of Christ, the frankincense to represent his divinity, and the myrrh to stand as a symbol of the anointing he will receive upon his death.

Finally, the wisdom of these men is evident in their decision to return to their country "by another way." Understanding the threat that King Herod posed to Jesus, they followed a plan that would help keep the divine child safe even though it meant inconvenience to themselves.

Faith, humility, generosity, and wisdom. These gifts are the real legacy of the Three Kings. Today, let us ask God for the blessing of having these gifts in our lives.



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.



Epiphany of the Lord:

Today marks the feast of our Christmas season which is the Epiphany or Manifestation of our Lord. This special celebration recalls the visit from the three astrologers from the East. This feast reassures us that Jesus (the Christmas gift sent by the Father) is for all of humanity. The foreigners, also called the Gentiles (non-Jews) brought their gifts to the child after following the star of Bethlehem. We, too, are called to follow

From Father's Desk

Christ and to present our lives and the gift of ourselves to the One who has given us everything. May our spiritual resolution in the new year be to follow Christ and to give to Him the gift of ourselves, so that we might better manifest His presence to those around us. God's special blessings to all in 2018. Fr. Terry

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Jesus came for everyone. No one has an exclusive claim on Christ and his birth not only transcends time and space but earthly boundaries as well. Every human being is a child of God. Jews and Gentiles alike are all coheirs, partners and members of the same body. This insight or epiphany is what we celebrate today. It also expresses our hope that one day every nation on earth will recognize and adore Jesus Christ. Jesus' message of peace, justice, reconciliation and love are meant for everyone to hear and understand.

Young Adults Invited to Cathedral Holy Hour

On Monday, Jan. 8, 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 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 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.

Opportunities for Life

January 14th is the weekend designated for the Annual Collection to support Opportunities for Life. OFL is a life affirming ministry of the Bishops of Kentucky. The OFL ministry is available 24 hours a day 7 days a week to offer confidential, non-judgmental emotional support, and information to those affected by an untimely pregnancy. Please be generous in your support of this ministry. In addition to your generous gift, please pray for the OFL volunteers and for those the ministry serve. To learn more about the OFL ministry, please call (888) 496-3638.

Baby Gifts for Birthright

Support Birthright in Owensboro by donating baby gifts such as clothing, blankets, bottles or diapers. Birthright assists mothers in need. Baskets will be available as you enter church.

Cursillo

In this Year of Encounter please consider making a Cursillo Weekend at Mount Saint Joseph: March 1-4 (Men); March 8-11 (Women) Cost is \$ 160 (financial assistance available). For more information please contact Fr. Tom Buckman, Spiritual Director, 270-684-4745, frtom@stpiustenthparish.org; Scott Elliott, Men's Coordinator, 270-302-5660, cursillofe5930@gmail.com; Kim Haire, Women's Coordinator; 270-314-5876, kim.haire@pastoral.org

Religious Ed Classes

The Wednesday night religious education classes for the K-Adult will begin again January 10th. The Sunday morning adult class at St Columba will resume January 7th. May everyone have a Joyous New Year!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 am † Ora Roby SC
By Dan & Agnes Murphy

Wednesday, January 10

5:30 pm † Jeanie Hanks IC
By Jerry & Linda Atwood

Thursday, January 11

8:00 am † Bobbie Buckman SC
By Jackie & Dorothy Kirk

Friday, January 12

8:00 am † Dorothy & Dutch Horrell IC
By Pat & Donna Ogle

Saturday, January 13

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, January 14

8:30 am † Bob Payne SC
By Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

10:30 am † Regina Walz IC
By Dallas & Margaret Powers

Readings for the Week

January 7, 2018

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 2:1-12

How does the visit of the Magi fulfill the prophecies of Isaiah heard in the first reading?

Isaiah 60:1-6

The prophet Isaiah foresaw a day when all nations would proclaim the praises of the Lord through the people of Israel. How did Isaiah envision this happening?

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul spoke to the Ephesians about God's salvation now offered to all people through Jesus Christ. Why do you think some people find this idea threatening?

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.

Baptism OF THE Lord

Tuesday, January 9

5:00 pm IC Finance IC

6:00 pm IC Pastoral IC

Wednesday, January 10

6:00 pm Relig Ed K-Adult IC

Thursday, January 11

5:30 pm RCIA IC

Sunday, January 14

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, January 14

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Mary Beth Emmick
Denny Long, Sandy Davis

Lector: Maria Reine

Server: Lawson Ward

Cross Bearer: Shelby Basham

Gift Bearer: Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

Hospitality: Tim & Dian Heavrin
Joe & Donna Hagman

Vocation Statue: Betty Allard

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Amy Hess
Trina Ogle, Jody Wheatley

Lector: Lori Ogle

Server: Hunter Severs, Gracie Kennedy

Cross Bearer: Charles Howard

Gift Bearer: Eva Bulliet, Linda Thomas

Hospitality: Joyce Hare, Amanda F.
Ellen Gaynor, Adrian M.

Vocation Statue: Sharon Russelburg

Children's Liturgy: Aimee Lyday

In Need of Special Prayer

Dexter Marsch, Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak,
Betty Brickey, Frances Storm. Gary Elder
Bill McBrayer, Eva Howard, April Bolin

Homebound and Heartland Villa

Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp,
Larry James, Marjorie Merimee,
Shirley Mobley, Lillie Lanham,
Carl Pendley, Gene Toler

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

Everyday Stewardship

My mother-in-law was the best gift-giver I ever knew. One could say my parents spoiled me growing up, but there was something about her gifts to me that made me feel overwhelmed. I guess it was that after several years I still was surprised that she would think enough of me to get me something no one else would. She was able to make me feel special every time. Of course, I believe she honored me in this way because I accepted her greatest gift to me, her daughter.

Sadly, my mother-in-law did not live long in this world. She passed away over a decade ago due to an aggressive cancer. Some of her material gifts to me remain, while others are long gone. But the memories and the effect of those gifts remain because it was never all about the gifts themselves. It was about relationship. It was about her and me. It was about love.

What we offer Jesus is never about the gift itself. It is about the motivation behind the action and the effect that action has on the body of Christ. Many of the gifts we give today to God and his people will fade away like the mist of the early morning, but the effects of those actions will last forever. It is about relationship. It is about God and us. It is about love. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

“They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.”

The magi offered Jesus the best they had. The best we can give to our Lord is to love him with our heart, mind, soul, and to follow him faithfully, glorifying him with our lives. If you think God might be calling you to the vocation of priesthood, contact the vocations office for resources to help you with your discernment: 270-683-1545, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, www.owensborovocations.com

EPIPHANY



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00
Collection 12-24-17	<u>\$3,596.00</u>
Difference over	\$330.00
Mass Attendance	110
Christmas Collection	\$4,129.25
Mass Attendance	130/79
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00
Collection 12-31-17	<u>\$7,651.25</u>
Difference over	\$4,382.25
Mass Attendance	129
Week # 27 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$88,263
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$89,438

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 12-24-17	<u>\$4,529.00</u>
Difference over	\$2,221.00
Mass Attendance	126/65
Christmas Collection	\$843.00
Mass Attendance	263
Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 12-31-17	<u>\$4,050.00</u>
Difference over	\$1,742.00
Mass Attendance	56/70
Week # 27 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$62,316
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$70,198

SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,848
Total Paid 12-31-17	\$36,503



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.