

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him." What did Zebedee think about all of this? His sons and his partners, James and John, suddenly left their post and followed Jesus. So there he stood in the boat with a crew of employees, but not one of his sons. We can't help but wonder whether Zebedee was in favor of this promise that his heirs would become "fishers of men." Most likely, this event was the cause of some familial tension.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus instructs us to love and serve others for the love of God. But the Lord also makes it clear that our devotion to him is meant to trump our devotion to anything—or anyone—else. For our part, we are called to allow this divine allegiance to exist in those we love, even when it means a sacrifice for us as well. Parents for example, like Zebedee, are called to encourage their children to follow the Lord's call. A son or daughter's vocation to religious life certainly exemplifies this kind of sacrifice for a parent who might have had a different plan in mind. But in truth every son and daughter has a vocation from God and parents have the opportunity to support and assist their children as they seek to hear and follow God's special plan for their lives.



We don't know for sure how Zebedee responded to the vocation of his sons, but we know that James and John were counted among the Twelve Apostles and that their devotion and dedication helped to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Regardless of what he might have thought as he stood in that boat, we can be quite sure that looking back now, Zebedee can rejoice heartily in the choice of his sons to leave their nets and follow Christ.

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.



Sharing in the Mission of Christ

When Jesus walked and lived on this earth, he made it clear that he had a job to do, that is, the will of the Father. He came to preach that His Father wanted all to know of His mercy, healing, and forgiveness. Jesus revealed this loving Father by the way he taught and lived his life. As Jesus taught his apostles for about three years he knew the day that they too would partake in this mission of proclaiming the gospel

From Father's Desk

message. Today, Jesus is counting on you and me to "fill those shoes" as we walk in our journey of faith. The strength of the Holy Spirit is still with us to give us hope and perseverance in our daily struggles. Like Jesus may we too be dedicated in doing the work of revealing God's presence to all we meet in the coming week. God Bless You! Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

Jesus proclaims today the Gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Jesus challenges us to accept a change of heart, to start believing and thinking differently. The Gospel asks us to take the focus off ourselves and away from self-concern, and place it on our brothers and sisters, especially those most broken and in need, and on our environment. We are called to be stewards of all God has created. This means that we are also called to work on God's behalf ensuring that all that God created and all who God created is cared for and protected.

Opportunities for Life Volunteers Needed

Opportunities for Life needs you. A girl facing a difficult decision regarding the life of her unborn baby needs you. A baby whose mom is thinking about abortion needs you. You can help her and her baby. Opportunities or Life is the Kentucky Catholic Church's ministry to abortion vulnerable women and men. OFL volunteers offer hope and resources to callers who find the courage to seek our help. Helpline volunteers answer the help line from their homes at times that are convenient for them. OFL will be offering training workshops in your Diocese to prepare volunteers for service in this life affirming ministry. If you have a heart for life affirming ministry work you are invited to contact OFL for more information. (888)-496-3638

Baby Gifts for Birthright

During the month of January show your support for Pro-Life by bringing to church a baby gift for Birthright in Owensboro. This organization helps to support pregnant women in need with clothing, baby items, housing, prenatal care, counseling, etc. Baby clothes, blankets, baby supplies and maternity clothes are all needed. Baskets will be available at Church.

Thank You

The family of Eva Myrl Howard would like to thank everyone for their kindness and help in preparing the bereavement meal. We appreciate all the thoughts and prayers. Eva loved her church family!

Confirmation Candidate Sponsor Retreat Day

A confirmation candidate and sponsor retreat day is scheduled for Sunday January 28th from 8:30am to 3:30pm at St Columba Church. This important preparation day will give candidates and sponsors the opportunity to share their faith and learn more about the sacrament of confirmation. Information on the day has been mailed to the candidates and sponsors. Please contact Denise if you have any questions.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

A parent meeting for the children making their First Eucharist is scheduled for Wednesday January 24th at 6:00pm at IC Parish Office. Parents are encouraged to attend this important preparation meeting.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 23

8:00 am † Ora Roby SC
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

Wednesday, January 24

5:30 pm † Deny Wayne Wheatley IC
By Connie Wheatley

Thursday, January 25

8:00 am † Eva Howard SC
By Pat Roberts

Friday, January 26

8:00 am † Jo Ann Ogle IC
By Bob Ogle

Saturday, January 27

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, January 28

8:30 am † Roger Basham SC
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

10:30 am † Philip Johnson IC
By Noel Quinn

Readings for the Week

January 21, 2018

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25a]/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29a]/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12a]/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Faith Sharing Question

Mark 1:14-20

In today's Gospel reading, we hear the first words of Jesus spoken in the Gospel of Mark. Why do you think Jesus connects the kingdom of God with the need for repentance?

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The Ninevites took seriously the warning to repent from the prophet Jonah. What motivates you to repent from your sins?

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, we hear how Paul is convinced that the return of Christ is imminent; in fact, "time is running out." How do you think Paul would react knowing Jesus has still not returned?

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

Tuesday, January 23

5:00 pm SC Finance SC
 6:00 pm SC Pastoral SC

Wednesday, January 24

6:00 pm Relig Ed K-Adult IC
 6:00 pm 1st Eucharist parent mtg IC

Thursday, January 25

5:30 pm RCIA IC

Sunday, January 28

8:30 am Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate Retreat SC

Save the Date

February 11th Mardi Gras Party at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall!!!
 Proceeds will support our Lenten Water Women Project! More info to come.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, January 28

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Eddie Gray

Amy Allard, Ruth Madden

Lector: Dan Allard

Server: Lisa Hendricks

Cross Bearer: Bob Durbin

Gift Bearer: Joe & Donna Hagman

Hospitality: Joe & Donna Hagman

Steve Basham & David Winchell

Vocation Statue: Tim & Dian Heavrin

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Dan Hagman

Jody Wheatley, Aimee Lyday

Lector: Falyn Stokes

Server: Andrew Lyday, Jacob Hodge

Cross Bearer: Emily Woodward

Gift Bearer: Ty & Anna Durbin

Hospitality: Mike & Sheila Ogle

Tom Ogle, Steve Ogle

Vocation Statue: George & Cheryl Gammon

In Need of Special Prayer

Dexter Marsch, Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Betty Brickey, Frances Storm, Eddie Gray, Bill McBrayer, 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

I use GPS wherever I go and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn and the man inside my phone shouts out, "GPS signal lost" or "Rerouting!" The problem is when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don't trust my sense of direction and haven't bought a paper map in close to a decade.

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey, yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the divine we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God through prayer will help us see all we have as gift. God through prayer will lead us away from materialism and selfishness toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God's GPS signal is never really lost.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Called by Jesus to "come after me," Simon and his brother Andrew abandoned their nets and followed him. That is to say they gave their lives to him. Jesus is calling each of us to "come after me." If you would like to learn more about discerning a vocation to priesthood, please contact the Diocese of Owensboro Office of Vocations: 270-683-1545, www.owensborovocations.com, or jason.mcclure@pastoral.org

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00
Collection 1-14-18	<u>\$2,411.00</u>
Difference under	\$858.00
Mass Attendance	103

Week # 29 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$94,801
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$95,002



St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 1-14-18	<u>\$1,904.00</u>
Difference under	\$404.00
Mass Attendance	30/53

Week # 29 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$66,932
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$75,093

SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 1-14-18	\$38,778

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.