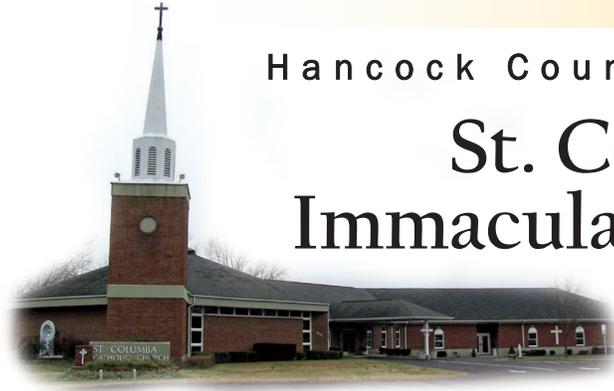


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For most of us, the dynamic between prayer and action is imperfect. Breakfast needs to be made and the kids dressed. Work demands our energy and additional responsibilities fill our evenings and weekends. Then there's the football game or a new TV series to stream. After all, don't we need to relax?

We're all busy. But just imagine Jesus' situation in today's Gospel. He heals Peter's mother-in-law, drives out demons, and cures diseases late into the night. With very little sleep, he arises before dawn to capture some peace and quiet, only to find "those who were with him pursued him."

How often do we feel pursued by the harried commitments, even when we try to seek rest? Perhaps we can learn something from the response of Jesus.

Jesus models two key things: the essential nature of prayer and the essential call of vocation. "He went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." Despite inevitable exhaustion, Jesus prioritizes time with the Father. We might not have easy access to deserts and mountaintops, but today's Gospel challenges us to take intentional time set apart for God. We can designate a "prayer chair" in a corner of our home or leave a little earlier to pick our children up from school so we can snatch time in a nearby chapel. We can pray the rosary on our commute or take the dog for a long walk in silence.

However, when the Apostles arrive, Jesus doesn't linger overlong in the deserted place or make an excuse for why he can't return with his friends. Jesus is true to his calling. He continues on in his state of life, serving the people nearest to him. Like Jesus, we are invited to set intentional time for communion with God so that we can be refreshed and empowered for our communion with others.



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.



Waling in Faith

This weekend we hear about three special people who followed Jesus despite the problems of everyday life. Job suffered the loss of children, livestock and other possessions. He could have thrown in the towel and given up, but he remained faithful. The same can be said of St. Paul who also suffered in various ways while following Jesus. Peter's mother-in-law, sick with fever and helpless, assisted Jesus after she was healed. May we also have the same faith and courage in living our faith despite our setbacks and obstacles. God Bless You, Fr. Terry

From Father's Desk

LIVE THE LITURGY

When we suffer, we can easily find ourselves thinking that we have been abandoned by God or have done something to displease him and are now paying the price. Suffering is not God's fault. The reality of suffering and death is much more complicated than this and even somewhat mysterious. When Jesus preached the Gospel, it was made clear that suffering has meaning and always brings with it new life. It requires faith in order to understand this mystery. The Gospel brings us new life both here and in the life to come. This is truly Good News! When this Good News is understood by the believer it stirs within us a passion to urgently preach this healing and life giving message to others.

Married Couples Blessing

Next weekend Father Terry will bless all of our Married Couples in celebration of World Marriage Day.

SC Lenten Fish Fry

Friday fish fries will begin on February 16th. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, cook, serve, cleanup, etc.. Sing-up sheets are in the back of church. It's always a good time. Come to help or come to eat. Bring your friends.

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

Palms for Ash Wednesday

Next week we are asking everyone to bring in their blessed palms from last Palm Sunday so that we may burn them as ashes for Ash Wednesday.

"All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it"

In the second reading this Sunday, St. Paul talks about his mission to preach the Gospel and bring others to Christ. All Catholics are called to this mission. Some are called to this mission in a particular way, as Catholic Priests or as religious brothers or sisters. 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



We express our sympathy to Fr. Chrispin on the death of his 101 year old father this last week. Below is Fr. Chrispin's address for anyone wishing to send a card:

Fr. Chrispin Onoko
6922 State Route 408
Bardwell, KY 42023

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 6

8:00 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Eileen Basham

Wednesday, February 7

5:30 pm † Rita & Hershel Brasher IC
By Noel Quinn

Thursday, February 8

8:00 am Raymond Schaefer SC
By Denny Long

Friday, February 9

8:00 am Loretta Stokes IC

Saturday, February 10

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, February 11

8:30 am † Charles Bozarth SC
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

10:30 am † Dorothy & Dutch Horrell IC
By Pat & Donna Ogle

Readings for the Week

February 4, 2018

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 [8a]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 [2]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 [4a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 [11a and 9a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 [4a]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

Job struggles with anxious and hopeless feelings. As people of faith, how can we best help family or friends who really believe, "I shall not see happiness again?"

Second Reading

Paul speaks to the Corinthians of his "obligation" to preach the Gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ. What actions does your faith in Christ compel you to do?

Gospel Reading

Mark presents Jesus as a miracle-worker from the earliest stages of his public ministry. In what ways do you think it was a challenge to balance the healing and the preaching?

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, February 7

12:00 pm Senior Potluck SC
6:00 pm Relig Ed K-Adult IC

Thursday, February 8

5:30 pm RCIA IC

Sunday, February 11

4:30 pm Mardi Gras IC
6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC



Liturgical Roles

Sunday, February 11

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Denny Long
Mary Beth Emmick, Rosemary Emmick
Lector: Peggy Meriwether
Server: Bailey Poole
Cross Bearer: David Payne
Gift Bearer: George Bozarth Family
Hospitality: George Bozarth Family
Vocation Statue: Rosemary Neff

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Bob Ogle
Heath Stokes, Marilyn McCaslin
Lector: Rachael Gily
Server: Abby Walz, Falyn Stokes
Cross Bearer: Nathan Gily
Gift Bearer: Keith Booty Family
Hospitality: Roy & Gayle Ogle
John & Lynn Powers
Vocation Statue: Eva Bulliet

In Need of Special Prayer

Dexter Marsch, Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Betty Brickey, Frances Storm, Eddie Gray, Bill McBrayer, April Bolin, Pat Edge
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

Sometimes we can feel like we are living the life of Job: everything is going wrong all at the same time. Everyone finds himself or herself in a valley once in awhile. How we got there is not nearly as important as how are we going to get out. Everyday stewards are called to be grateful for all things, large and small. It is easier to be grateful for obvious things like family, health, and life itself, than it is to look for the ordinary gifts in our life. When we cultivate a sense of wonder and thankfulness for the many little things in life we find ourselves more resilient in times of trial. We can look out our window and see all those gifts in creation. We can look around our home and see all the things people take too easily for granted. Imagine life without some of the simplest things like clothing, warmth, water, and furniture. There are people in this world that long for all of those things. But God has given them for your benefit and for you to share with others.

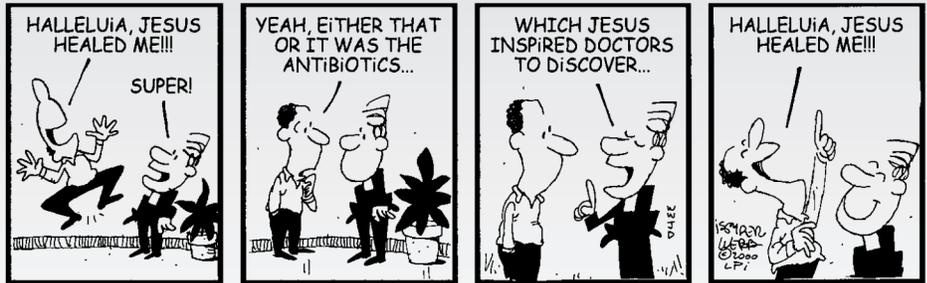
Before Lent begins in a couple weeks, take the time to create a list of at least 10 things that you normally take for granted. Keep that list handy and maybe add to it from time-to-time. When life seems hard and that cloud seems to hang over our heads, bring out the list and let gratefulness lift you up and out of your plight so that once again you can be about your Father's work. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Confessions During Lent

During Lent, Fr. Terry will be available for confessions at IC on Tuesday from 6:00pm-7:00pm and at SC on Friday from 6:00pm-7:00pm. We invite all to come to confession during Lent. You may also contact Fr. Terry and set up an individual time for confession if the above schedule does not allow you the opportunity to participate. Also opportunities for confession are available in other parishes throughout the Diocese. You may check the websites of other parishes by going to www.rcdok.org

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00 Collection 1-28-18<u>\$1,664.00</u> Difference under\$1,605.00 Mass Attendance 120</p> <p>Week # 31 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$101,339 Fiscal YTD Actual \$98,756</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00 Collection 1-28-18<u>\$2,044.66</u> Difference under \$263.34 Mass Attendance63/142</p> <p>Week # 31 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal \$71,548 Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$78,730</p>
<p>SC Building Repair Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58 Total Amount Pledged \$51,518 Total Paid 1-28-18 \$38,818</p>	

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.