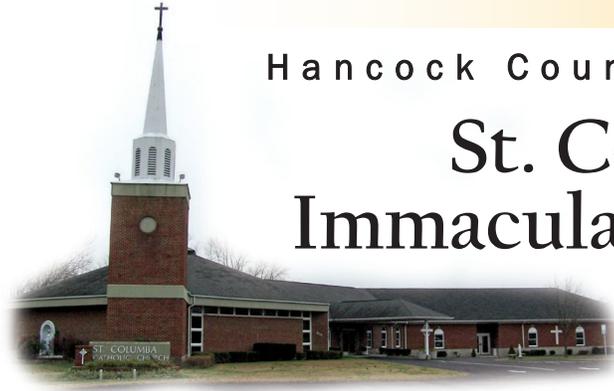


# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## 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

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For all of Hancock County

## Cycles of Faith

### 1st Sunday of Lent

Why do we always go to the desert? We see this example in Scripture time and time again. The Israelites wandered in the desert. King David and prophets were driven into the wilderness. And now Jesus is in the same place. Lent after Lent, we too are invited into a barren, desolate place. Why do we always go to the desert? Throughout Scripture, the desert is a place of testing. It's also a place of hiding and withdrawal. In the Old Testament, David fled into the wilderness to hide from Saul, Elijah from Jezebel, and Jonah from God! In other words, the desert is a place of "retreat." In Christian circles, we use the word to describe a spiritual weekend away. But its meaning comes from warfare, as we well know. To retreat means to draw back, to separate oneself from the fighting. Of course, a military retreat brings its own kind of "battle" - the internal assessment of why the fighting went so poorly. As we enter into this Lenten season, we are invited to retreat into the desert with Jesus. Attending a day or weekend of reflection is a wonderful spiritual practice. This "desert spirituality," however, can fill all forty days. We can fulfill our Lenten resolutions with a purpose - writing daily notes to family and friends can inspire new gratitude, every time we pass up that specific food item can be cause for intercession for deeper sufferings and privations of others. The Gospel tells us that "the Spirit drove him out into the desert." In other words, God wants us to be here. What feels uncomfortable is actually part of our spiritual journey. To be stretched, to be challenged, to confront our own areas of weakness - these things are essential in our walk with God. This Lent, will you go to the desert?



## 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.**



## Temptation

From Father's Desk

As we read on this first Sunday of Lent that not even Jesus was spared by the temptations of the devil, our biggest challenge is to have the courage and willpower to say NO to the devil just as Jesus did. This season of Lent will give us the opportunity to prepare ourselves for the most holiest week of the year that will climax in the death and rising of Jesus Christ. The devil will have many opportunities to tempt us during this season of sacrifice, denial, practicing acts of love and charity. It is only by prayer and closeness to Jesus that we will be successful in rejecting the devil. Let us pray as we journey into these six weeks for the strength to reject the ways of evil and to put to death those things which keeps us in bondage and enslavement. Only with Jesus can we resist the temptations of the evil one and come to new life in the Lord.

Have a good Lent! Fr. Terry

## LIVE THE LITURGY

Repent and believe in the gospel! This is the message that is found on Jesus' lips after forty days in the desert. As the forty days of Lent come before us, we are asked to create a desert experience in our lives so that we can learn anew the ways of God. Our daily cares and concerns can distract us from truth and cause us to become absorbed with the world and secular priorities. Lent is an opportunity to free ourselves from illusion and focus us on what really matters. In doing so, we open up new possibilities for our relationship with God, others, our world, and ourselves.

## Summer Baseball Trip!

Join Fr. Terry on a trip to St. Louis on Friday, June 29th, to watch the St. Louis Cardinals play the Atlanta Braves. Tickets will be \$65 per person. We will enjoy riding in comfort in the New Image Travel coach bus. Game starts at 7:15 pm CDT. Call the parish office (270.927.8419) to get your name on the list for this great summer trip.



## Religious Education Classes Resume

Religious education classes will resume on Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at their usual time of 6:00pm-7:00pm.

## Free Lenten Reading

Don't forget to browse thru the baskets with reading materials ranging from daily prayer books to some outstanding books called *Rediscover Catholicism* or *Rediscover Jesus*. Pick something out! Books are free, and we encourage you to pass them on to someone else after reading. Spend a little time every day preparing your mind and heart for Jesus during this Lenten season.

## Lenten Project – “Give drink to the thirsty...”

The Mardi Gras party kicked off our Lenten project by raising money to sponsor Water Women thru Water with Blessings. So what other ways can you support our Lenten project? Take home with you a bottle of water found on the display as you enter church. Please drink the water and pray for the families that find themselves without safe clean drinking water. Then during Lent, fill the bottle with money in exchange for what you have sacrificed during Lent. Bring your bottle back beginning with Holy Thursday and hear the words, “whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

## Stations of the Cross

Come and journey the Stations of the Cross during Lent every Tuesday 5:30pm at St. Columba and every Thursday 5:30pm at Immaculate Conception.

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, February 20

10:00 am † Ora Roby HV  
By Bob & Mary Johannemann

### Wednesday, February 21

5:30 pm † Etta Myrl Bickett IC  
By The Reardens

### Thursday, February 22

8:00 am † Dot Bratcher SC  
By Ron Spalding

### Friday, February 23

8:00 am † June Fowler IC  
By Bob Ogle

### Saturday, February 24

5:00 pm † Betty Lowe SC  
By Nathan & Tina Powers

### Sunday, February 25

8:30 am People of the Parish SC  
10:30 am Denis Wheatley Family IC  
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

## Readings for the Week

February 18, 2018

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

[cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [Jn 6:63b]/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

## Faith Sharing Question

### First Reading

The story of Noah and the Ark informs us of the covenant God established with Noah never again to allow such a world-wide devastating flood. What does this divine promise tell us about God?

### Second Reading

Peter tells us that Jesus' suffering is intended to lead us to God. In what way is this true in your life?

### Gospel Reading

We hear today Jesus' temptation in the desert and his first spoken words at the start of his public ministry. How do you see these two events connected?

## 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, February 20

5:00 pm Rosary SC  
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross SC

### Wednesday, February 21

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

### Thursday, February 22

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross IC  
5:30 pm RCIA IC

### Friday, February 23

4:30 pm Lenten Fish Fry SC  
6:00 pm Lenten Confessions SC



**The Parish Office will be closed  
February 14th to 21st**

## Liturgical Roles

### Sunday, February 25

#### St. Columba, 8:30 am

**Eucharistic Min:** Butch Meriwether  
Ruth Madden, Dian Heavrin

**Lector:** Steve Basham

**Server:** Lawson Ward

**Cross Bearer:** Jordan Bozarth

**Gift Bearer:** Michele Gregory Family

**Hospitality:** Tim & Dian Heavrin  
Lula Marsch, David Payne

**Vocation Statue:** Denny & Denise Long

#### Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

**Eucharistic Min:** Alisha Wheatley  
Trina Ogle, Cheryl Gammon

**Lector:** Yvonne Booty

**Server:** Hunter Severs, Jacob Hodge

**Cross Bearer:** Nathan Gily

**Gift Bearer:** Dan & Shirley Hagman

**Hospitality:** Mark & Amanda Walz  
Ellen Gaynor, Judy Powers

**Vocation Statue:** Vic & Barbara Hagman

### 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

When I was a teenager, the experience of Catholic retreat basically changed my life. I wasn't lost or hurting, but the 3 days placed me on a path that led to where I am today. Certainly, my experiences of faith before and after that weekend also played a role in the person I have become. However, the power of God I felt in that short period of time had such a profound effect on me it became a type of lens through which I then came to see the rest of my life.

Sometimes we need to get away from it all to realize what really matters in life. We step back and see things more clearly. When we are fully in the world it is hard to get past the busyness and constant noise of modern existence. Distractions are all around us and our attention span can be so limited when it comes to truth.

This Lent, find the time to slow down, to get away from it all, and to rest in the peaceful arms of God. Go to the desert and work on surrendering all you are, and have, and will be to Jesus. Reflect on the many gifts you have been given and discern the best ways to cultivate those for God's glory. As this season begins, be mindful of the fact that this time will never come again. There might be a Lenten season next year, but God is calling you now. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Baby Gifts for Birthright

Thank you for supporting Birthright in Owensboro. Your generosity was outstanding this year!

## SC Lenten Fish Fry

It's time to put out our Fish Fry Yard Signs!! Friday fish fries have begun. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, cook, serve, cleanup, etc.. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church. It's always a good time. Come to help or come to eat. Bring your friends.

## Lenten Confessions

During Lent, Fr. Terry will be available for confessions at Immaculate Conception on Wednesdays from 6:00pm-7:00pm and at St. Columba on Friday, February 16th & 23rd and March 16th & 23rd, 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](http://www.rcdok.org)

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



## Sunday Collections

Due to printing schedules, collection information will be delayed.

## 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.