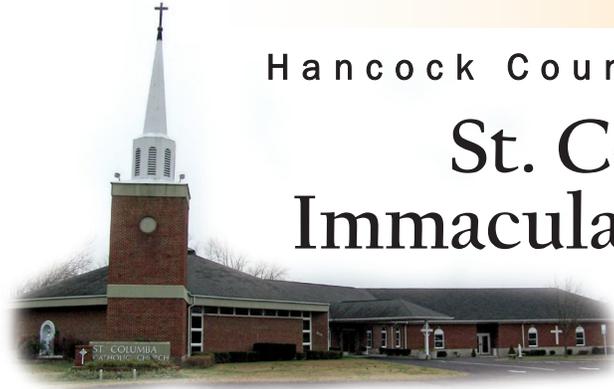


# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## 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 of Lent

We all have things in our lives that don't belong there. Maybe it's the poor way we allow someone to treat us, maybe it's a habitual sin, maybe it's a pattern of thought or attitude that traps us in a cycle of regret, anger, or an inability to forgive. Jesus has bold words for us today: "Take these out of here."

When we hear the story of the Cleansing of the Temple, it can be easy to look down on the animal-sellers and money-changers. However, they set up shop in the Temple for a very practical purpose. People needed to buy animals to sacrifice, they were going to sacrifice them in the Temple: ergo, quite a convenient, successful marketplace! For many of us, the negative influences in our lives don't come out of nowhere. We might have considered them quite practical and reasonable initially. We wanted to keep the peace, so we allowed someone to talk to us disrespectfully. A person hurt us deeply and we weren't prepared to let go of our resentment right away. Over time, these can fester and corrupt our inner life in a way we didn't expect.

The response of Jesus is a strong one. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area." God wants us to be whole, healthy human beings. He knows how destructive it is for our souls to be caught up in sin - our own sin and those of others. God's love for us is startlingly fierce. In a few short weeks we will celebrate the culmination of that courageous love as Jesus goes to his death on the cross.

In the meantime, Lent is an opportunity for cleansing and renewal. If we've allowed into our lives things that don't belong, let today be the day we ask Jesus to clear them out. It's not always easy or pretty, but it's necessary for our hearts to function the way they were made. God will turn our tables over if we ask Him to.



## 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.**



## The Living Water

This Sunday we hear the story about the Samaritan woman who was in need of water. Instead of receiving the ordinary water she thirsts for—she found Jesus Christ. Like the Samaritan woman with her many faults, we too are often searching and looking for many things in life and Christ is always drawing us closer and deeper to His heart which is our peace. Just like the woman at the well we too can receive the

From Father's Desk

fullness of Christ in our lives and proclaim all the good things that He has done for us. The gift of inner peace and conversion in today's gospel also reveals that Christ shown no favoritism despite the fact that the Jews and the Samaritans disliked one another. On this third Sunday of Lent may we too thirst for the living water so that our thirst may be satisfied—the living water who is Jesus Christ. God Bless You, Fr. Terry

## IC Large Orange Coolers

We are searching to find where our large orange drink coolers are being stored. Anyone who knows their whereabouts please call the church office at 2709278419.

## Anointing of the Sick

Next weekend we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during Mass. Reach out and invite all who are sick in body or spirit to come to Mass next weekend for this healing sacrament.

## Easter Ham

St. Columba is taking orders for smoked Easter Hams! Cost is \$35 and payment must be made at time of the order. All orders must be turned in by March 20th. Hams will be ready for pickup on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Contact Mike Fallin or the church office if you wish to place an order.

## Renew and Reuse old Rosaries

A basket will be in the back of church If you would like to donate any old or broken rosaries. They will be repaired and passed on to those who need them.

## Free Lenten Reading

If you have not done so, please browse our special Lenten readings. You will find baskets with reading materials ranging from daily prayer books to some outstanding books called *Rediscover Catholicism* or *Rediscover Jesus*. Take time to browse the materials and 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.

## Pizza and Penance for the HS and Confirmation Youth

The youth will once again have pizza and penance this Wednesday during Lent. They will have pizza in their classroom from 6-7pm while taking the opportunity to see Fr. Terry for confession.

## Donuts and Potluck

Join us for donuts and coffee at St Columba following the 8:30am Mass or a potluck at Immaculate Conception following the 10:30 am Mass.

## Confirmation Retreat at Mt St Joseph

The confirmation youth will be leaving for an overnight retreat at Mt. St. Joseph on Friday March 9<sup>th</sup> and return Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>. Parents should have received consents and info in the mail. Sponsors are invited to spend the evening with their candidate on Friday from 7-10pm. Please contact Denise at the church office if you have any questions.

## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, March 6

No Mass

### Wednesday, March 7

5:30 pm Fr. Chrispin's Father IC

### Thursday, March 8

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

### Friday, March 9

8:00 am † Patsy Frey IC  
By John & Rose Hirsch

### Saturday, March 10

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

### Sunday, March 11

8:30 am † Mary & David Brickey SC  
By Betty Bolin

10:30 am † Regina Walz IC

## Readings for the Week

March 4, 2018

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25.

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21.

## Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

We hear today the giving of the Law to Moses at Mount Sinai. The first three Commandments speak to Israel's relationship with God, while the remaining seven focus on the Israelites' relationships with each other. How do you interpret this disproportionate focus?

Second Reading

Paul asserts that "Christ crucified" was a "stumbling block" and "foolishness" to many. Why do you think this was the case?

Gospel Reading

John concludes his account of the incident in Temple by commenting that Jesus knew "human nature" well, but did not "trust" it. What is it about human nature do you think that Jesus found untrustworthy?

## 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, March 6**

- 5:00 pm Rosary SC
- 5:00 pm IC Finance IC
- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross SC
- 6:00 pm IC Pastoral IC

**Wednesday, March 7**

- 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross IC
- 6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC

**Thursday, March 8**

- 5:30 pm RCIA IC

**Friday, March 9**

- 4:30 pm Lenten Fish Fry SC

**Sunday, March 11**

- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC

**Liturgical Roles**

**Sunday, March 11**

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

**Eucharistic Min:** Amy Allard

Butch Meriwether, Rosemary Emmick

**Lector:** Maria Reine

**Server:** Steve Basham

**Cross Bearer:** Mary Masterson

**Gift Bearer:** George & Donna Bozarth

**Hospitality:** Butch & Peggy Meriwether

Denny & Denise Long

**Vocation Statue:** Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Trina Ogle

Don Richards, Dakota Wheatley

**Lector:** Ronna Ogle

**Server:** Hunter Severs, Abby Walz

**Cross Bearer:** McKensie Severs

**Gift Bearer:** Heath Stokes Family

**Hospitality:** Heath Stokes Family

**Vocation Statue:** Sharon Russelburg

**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.**

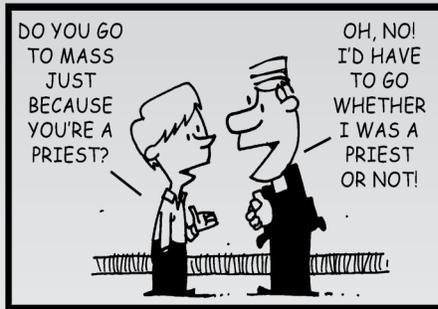
**Lenten Project – “Give drink to the thirsty...”**

Last year St Columba and Immaculate Conception parishes raised \$5,580.00 to establish water women for the people of Kenya. That is 93 filters and 372 families who received clean water in Kenya with the help of the Sisters of Hope and Fr Joe. This year we continue our campaign to give drink to the thirsty. We are off to a great start with our Mardi Gras Celebration profiting \$3,900.00. 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.”

**Shoes for Haiti**

In Haiti a child cannot attend school unless he or she is wearing shoes. Our high school youth are working to collect shoes for the children in Haiti and are asking for donations of new or gently used shoes. All sizes are needed. You may bring your shoes to one of our high school youth or drop them off at the church or office by March 17<sup>th</sup>. The shoes will be taken to St. Joe and Paul to be shipped.

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



**Sunday Collections**

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal .....\$3,269.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00
Collection 2-11-18 ..... <u>\$2,121.00</u>	Collection 2-11-18 ..... <u>\$2,869.00</u>
Difference under .....\$1,148.00	Difference over..... \$561.00
Mass Attendance ..... 131	Mass Attendance ..... 72/71
Weekly Goal .....\$3,269.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00
Collection 2-18-18 ..... <u>\$2,920.00</u>	Collection 2-18-18 ..... <u>\$2,227.00</u>
Difference under .....\$349.00	Difference under ..... \$81.00
Mass Attendance ..... 115	Mass Attendance ..... 75/78
Ash Wednesday .....\$750.63	Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00
Mass Attendance ..... 192	Collection 2-25-18 ..... <u>\$2,330.00</u>
Weekly Goal .....\$3,269.00	Difference over..... \$22.00
Collection 2-25-18 ..... <u>\$2,442.00</u>	Mass Attendance ..... 42/88
Difference under .....\$827.00	Week # 35 of 52
Mass Attendance ..... 133	Fiscal YTD Goal ..... \$80,780
Week # 35 of 52	Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$88,639
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$114,415	
Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$110,649	
<b>SC Building Repair Fund</b>	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 9-11-18	\$39,208

**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.*