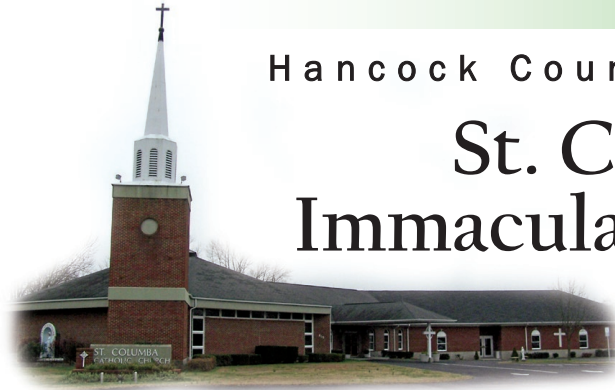


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Nationwide Mass Times

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
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For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

4th Sunday of Lent

Why is the world the way it is? We all wonder that from time to time. Each successive generation projects rose-hued longing on the past and casts furtive glances at the impending future. We see forces beyond our control in nature and in the newspaper. The world is changing and we're being pulled out with the tide. In the face of this confusion, today's Gospel features one of the most oft-quoted Scripture verses of all time: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." But if Christ has come, why is the world so challenging? Why is the world still - to our eyes - being carried off in a proverbial hand basket? Jesus' response is a deeply personal one. "This is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light." Patterns arise, habits are formed, and systems become engrained, but each is the result of an interconnected web of human choices.



Where do we stand? Our answers, perhaps, vary from week to week, hour to hour, missed traffic light to spilled coffee to teenage child's rebellion. The world isn't perfect because we aren't perfect. Our parish is flawed because we're flawed. Our families need work because every one of us needs to be converted. Christianity is a process, not a destination!

This Sunday, Jesus invites us to consider our own lives. Where in our own lives do we prefer darkness to light? What flaws are we trying to hide? Humbly acknowledge those places today. Ask God for the grace to be transformed. Share with your spouse or a friend where you'd like to improve this week. "Whoever loves truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

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.



From Father's Desk

Lord - We want to See:

This Fourth Sunday of Lent centers around the theme of vision and blindness. No one chooses blindness and darkness and protection of our eyes is so crucial if one wants to enjoy the gift of good vision. But what about protecting ourselves from the disease of spiritual blindness which blocks our vision of God in our lives? Sin is a build-up of many things which covers and eliminates our ability to see Christ in our world and His presence in others. Lent is a time of purification and reconciliation when we are invited by the Church to remove those items which hinder us from good spiritual vision. The Sacrament of Reconciliation would be an example of "cleaning the slate" and getting ready for an Easter in which we want to see the Risen Christ within ourselves! God bless you, Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

If we continue to journey through life without genuine self-knowledge, without knowing how our relationships ought to be ordered and what truth is, the path we walk will always be only dimly lit. In fact, when we make the wrong choices or find ourselves forgetting who we are, we can easily find ourselves in darkness. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." Jesus is the light that came into the darkness. It is not enough for us to simply believe that Jesus is the Christ but we must live our lives in witness to this truth. The choices we make and the priorities we establish are going to either speak of someone who really does not care, someone who is confused, or someone who is wholeheartedly convinced of God's love. Which are you?

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.

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 17th. The shoes will be taken to St. Joe and Paul to be shipped.



The Lord invites us to follow him as disciples. Yet our daily lives are so full that we sometimes forget who we are and whose we are. A Parish Mission is a time of listening and reflection for those who wish to be more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Michael J. Cumbie, nationally renowned Catholic Lay Evangelist and Protestant clergy convert, will conduct a three-day Mission in our parish. From the heart of the Deep South, steeped in Evangelical fundamentalist traditions and very anti Catholic, Michael Cumbie underwent a dramatic conversion to Catholicism. He now travels the nation teaching and preaching the very truths that he despised. Many, many souls have come home to the Catholic Church and others have come back to the Catholic Church after hearing Michael's presentations.

Dedicated to tearing down the walls that divide non-Catholic Christians from the Holy Catholic Church, Michael invites you to come and experience these inspirational and possibly life-changing talks.

Please mark your calendars now for this graced moment in our parish life. Hosted at Immaculate Conception Church in Hawesville from March 18th to March 20th—6:00 to 7:00 pm. Refreshments to follow nightly.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 13

8:00 am † Flo & Earl Gray SC
By Larry & Judy White

Wednesday, March 14

5:30 pm † Troy Russelburg IC
By Pat & Donna Ogle

Thursday, March 15

8:00 am † Rob Douglas Jr. SC
By Margaret Vanover

Friday, March 16

8:00 am Special Intention IC
By Elizabeth Hagman

Saturday, March 17

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, March 18

8:30 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Charlie & Linda Kamof

10:30 am † Clay Quinn IC
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

Readings for the Week

March 11, 2018

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 Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

In today's reading the Chronicler details events leading to Israel's exile into Babylon in 597 BC and eventual release from captivity under King Cyrus of Persia in 538 BC.

Why do you think God used foreign powers to rescue his people?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of faith as a "gift from God." Is this how you experience faith in your life?

Gospel Reading

John tells us, "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world." Why do you think some people believed that Jesus came to condemn the world?

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

Sunday, March 11

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC

Tuesday, March 13

5:00 pm Rosary SC

5:30 pm SC Finance SC

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross SC

6:00 pm SC Pastoral SC

Wednesday, March 14

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross IC

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

6:00 pm Lenten Confessions IC

Thursday, March 15

5:30 pm RCIA IC

Friday, March 16

4:30 pm Lenten Fish Fry SC

6:00 pm Lenten Confessions SC

Sunday, March 18

6:00 pm Parish Mission IC

Followed with refreshments in hall

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, March 18

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Denny Long
Todd Payne, Amy Allard

Lector: Sara Hendricks

Server: Bailey Poole

Cross Bearer: Jimmy Harper

Gift Bearer: Joe Hagman Family

Hospitality: Debbie Hawes, Lula Marsch
Bob Durbin & David Payne

Vocation Statue: Lou Fleck

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Margaret Powers
Shirley Hagman, Katherine Woodward

Lector: Mary Woodward

Server: Andrew Lyday, Carter Lyday

Cross Bearer: Morgan Curry

Gift Bearer: Jeannie & Anna Winchell

Hospitality: Joyce Hare, Adrian M.
Clayton & Gloria Gray

Vocation Statue: Bob Ogle

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

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. John 3:16

When I first saw each of my three children, I loved them with a love that I did not realize existed in me. These were flesh of my flesh, bone of my bone, and were the result of the love between their mother and me. This made them mine.

My love for them continues to be so strong as they grow older and I cannot fathom ever losing them. Then I look around and see friends of mine who have lost a child. It makes me want to hold them tighter and not let go.

But as I have continued to grow in this stewardship way of life, I realize that these three wonderful human beings and not really mine. They belong to God. They are entrusted to me in this world, but they belong truly to the One who loves them even more than I do. Yet, it is not easy to offer them back to God, especially due to tragedy. If that day ever were to come, how could I handle it?

Not only did God offer his Son to the world, the offering was done with full knowledge that the Son would die a brutal death. God loves us so deeply he placed Himself in the very position that any parent dreads the most. So this Lent I will look at my children and I reflect on the depth of love a parent has for a child and the even more profound love God has for us. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.

4th SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception

Weekly Goal\$3,269.00
Collection 3-04-18\$4,122.00
Difference over\$853.00
Mass Attendance 165

Week # 36 of 52

Fiscal YTD Goal\$117,684
Fiscal YTD Actual\$114,771



St. Columba

Weekly Goal\$2,308.00
Collection 3-04-18\$2,751.00
Difference over\$443.00
Mass Attendance58/118

Week # 36 of 52

Fiscal YTD Goal\$83,088
Fiscal YTD Actual\$91,390

SC Building Repair Fund

Total Families Pledged 58
Total Amount Pledged \$51,518
Total Paid 3-04-18 \$39,398

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.