

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
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For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

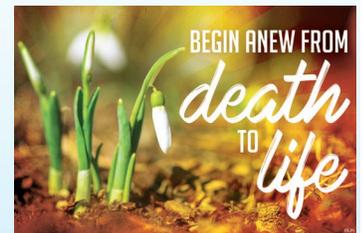
5th Sunday of Lent

"Now there were some Greeks among those who had come to worship at the feast. They came to Philip and asked him, 'Sir, we would like to see Jesus.'" It has begun. News of Jesus has spread beyond native-born, Aramaic-speaking Jews. We don't know if the Greeks mentioned here heard of Jesus from fellow travelers or if news of this intriguing rabbi had reached all the way to their home. What we do know is that this interaction spurred an interesting comment from Jesus: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified." In other words, it has begun. The time has come for the message to move beyond the geographic bounds of Israel.

But what does this message require? The Gospel is clear: "he said this indicating the kind of death he would die." A grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies to its life as only a seed. A caterpillar takes on the appearance of temporary death in order to transform into a butterfly. In the Gospels, sacrifice and death are a way of becoming something more than you were before.

This Lent, new life can come from our sacrifices. When we enter into the season with Jesus, our difficulties can transform our perspective. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

As we abstain from meat and fast from eating between meals, we can grow in compassion for the hungry. We can give alms of our time, sacrificially spending time with the lonely, the sick, and the marginalized. Our little Lenten "deaths" - death to unnecessary preferences, death to selfish living, death to ignorance of other's pain - can bring new life to the world long after the season is over. This is the invitation this Sunday and every Lenten season, to begin anew from death to life.



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.



Life Over Death

Our theme on this 5th Sunday of Lent centers on the gift of life in contrast to hopelessness and death. The cold and bleakness of winter gives birth to the season of Spring and new life; the darkness of night passes over to daybreak and the light of a new day; the child in the mother's womb grows and is born and a new person enters the world; a person steeped in the darkness of sin repents and returns to the Lord

From Father's Desk

who, offers new life and hope. All of these examples are a reality which, should give all of us in this Season of Lent the motive to turn away from those things which brings darkness and death to our spirits and to rise to new life as Lazarus did in our gospel today. The Sacrament of Reconciliation also restores us to new life and heals our brokenness. May our journey of Lent give birth to Easter—the celebration of the Risen Christ within each one of us. Fr. Terry

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We all fear losing that which is familiar. We fear dying. When our securities and familiarities are threatened, the anxiety of uncertainty can lead us into fear and despair. We have difficulty believing that new life comes from death. This is the basis of what it means to hope. There are no dead ends or final endings with God. Through his passion and death, Jesus opens up the possibility for new life and new beginnings for all believers. "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." As our journey of Lent hastens to an end, the mystery of Christ's passion and death come before us to teach us valuable lessons both for this life and the next.

Living & Leading with Love

Will you be a high school sophomore, junior or senior next year? Do you hear Jesus' call to love? Do you want to lead change for good? If so, then Brescia University's "Living & Leading with Love" (L3) Youth Theology Institute, is for you! Generously funded by the Lilly Endowment. For more information or to apply now go to www.brescia.edu/L3 Or contact Dr. Emily DeMoor at 270-686-4229 emily.demoor@brescia.edu



Registration is Now Open

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is sponsoring a marriage retreat called "Encountered the Gift of Marriage" at Kenlake Resort April 13-14. Retreat master will be Bob Perron, co-founder of Catholic Marriage and Family, Inc. Registration information can be found on their Facebook page @OboroFamilyLife.

Save the Date!!!

"Family Day at Gasper" will be Sunday August 19, 2018. The theme will be "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist" with activities, reflections by Fr. Mike Williams, and closing Mass with Bishop Medley. Any questions regarding Marriage and Family Life can be directed to Danny May, Director of Marriage and Family Life, Diocese of Owensboro at 270.683.1545 ext 336 or danny.may@pastoral.org.

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.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 20

10:00 am † Billie Bunch HV
By Mary Belle Hamilton

Wednesday, March 21

5:30 pm Joseph & Nicole Quinn IC
By Noel Quinn

Thursday, March 22

8:00 am † Kevin Hanks SC
By The Emmicks

Friday, March 23

8:00 am † Frances Ballard IC
By Philip & Jeanetta Ballard

Saturday, March 24

5:00 pm † Betty Lowe SC
By Judy Powers Family

Sunday, March 25

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † Bob Bulleit IC
By Dan & Shirley Hagman

Readings for the Week

March 18, 2018

Sunday: 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

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

Around 600 BC, just prior to Israel's exile into Babylon, the prophet Jeremiah spoke of a "new covenant" that God would establish for his people. According to Jeremiah, what makes this covenant unique from past covenants?

Second Reading

Hebrews tells us that Jesus "learned obedience from what he suffered." What has the suffering in your life taught you?

Gospel Reading

Jesus speaks about being "troubled" for his "hour" has come (a reference to his impending suffering and death). What does this struggle tell us about Jesus?

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 18

6:00 pm Parish Mission IC
Followed with refreshments in hall

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

Thursday, March 22

5:30 pm RCIA IC

Friday, March 23

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

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, March 25

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Mary Beth Emmick
Mary Masterson, Judy Pate

Lector: Tim Heavrin

Server: Volunteer

Cross Bearer: David Emmick

Gift Bearer & Chad & Katie Herrmann

Hospitality: David Poole Family

Vocation Statue: Larry & Jo Ann Roby

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Lexi Hodge
Emily Woodward, McKensie Severs

Lector: Lori Ogle

Server: Lettie Ogle, Laura Wheatley

Cross Bearer: Carter Lyday

Gift Bearer: Steve & Ronna Ogle

Hospitality: Nathan & Courtney West
Mike & Sheila Ogle

Vocation Statue: Joan Wettstain

In Need of Special Prayer

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

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

During the Lenten season we observe certain practices of sacrifice and self-denial as an offering to God and as good spiritual training for this race we are engaged in called life. These things are good for us but they should not remain only in Lent. In fact, we should always be about working towards a complete surrender of ourselves to the will of God.

Jesus taught that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it cannot bear fruit. It will remain the same always and will not lead to any type of growth. We are the grains of wheat that need to die to ourselves in order to be born again. However, many of us are the same today as last Lent and the many Lents before that. We have not moved forward to a more mature faith that makes it possible for us to be transformed.

Surrender is not easy. But we need to see our observance of Lent as a way to move forward. No athlete lifts the same weight forever. No dieter finds satisfaction in losing the same 5 pounds year after year. We must work to always be moving toward holiness. This is the commitment of an everyday steward. We are called to pray today than yesterday. We are called to give more today than yesterday. We are called to love more today than yesterday. Standing still is not an option. Our God is calling us to grow in our discipleship and stewardship for the benefit of our souls and the health of the Body of Christ. May this Lent be a time of moving forward and may we all draw ever closer to our God who calls us to leave it all behind and follow Him. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Gasper River Summer Camp

Registration is open to attend summer camp at Gasper River! Campus fill up quickly so visit www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org to get signed up today! Camps available for incoming third graders through young adults. Come and Encounter Jesus Christ this summer!

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00 Collection 3-11-18\$2,256.00 Difference under\$1,013.00 Mass Attendance?</p> <p>Week # 37 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$120,953 Fiscal YTD Actual\$117,292</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00 Collection 3-11-18\$1,706.00 Difference under \$602.00 Mass Attendance 61/77</p> <p>Week # 37 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal \$85,396 Fiscal YTD Actual \$93,096</p>
<p>SC Building Repair Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58 Total Amount Pledged \$51,518 Total Paid 3-11-18 \$39,398</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.