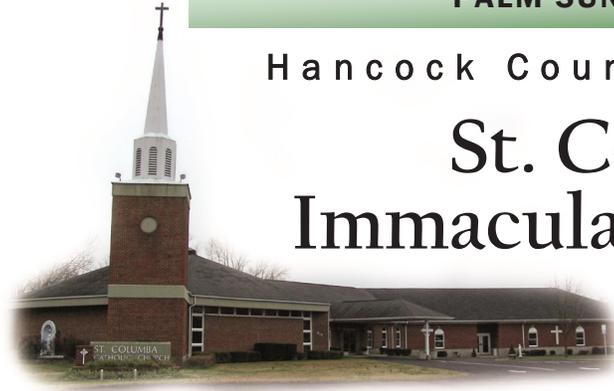


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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

Palm Sunday

Our humanity bleeds through today's Gospel passages in more ways than one. We see both elation and fall, hope in the midst of the darker sides of our natures. If we allow it, these Gospels hold a mirror to our own fickle hearts. The crowds cry "Hosanna" and the Apostles profess allegiance unto death. In a manner of days - even hours - Jesus is betrayed, abandoned, denied, condemned, tortured, and executed. As God, he could have stopped this horrific narrative from unfolding, but he doesn't. He allows free will to play itself out.

There are nearly two millennia between this spectacle and us. We can stand safely removed, if we choose. But Lent invites us to return to this story. Lent invites us to find ourselves in the people we encounter there. Are we the repentant woman at Bethany? Are we naysayers of such lavish piety? Have we acted in a way that betrays those we love or denies what we know to be good and true? Have we fallen asleep in our faith? Have we unfairly accused others of a crime or immorality we imagine, though perhaps they didn't commit? Do we help others carry their burdens? Do we stand in solidarity with those who suffer? Do we care for the dying?

This week, take up today's Gospel again. Look carefully at the Passion narrative and sit with it in silence. Find yourself in the story and ponder its meaning for your own life. Journey with Jesus to the foot of the Cross so that you too may say, along with the faithful centurion, "truly this man was the Son of 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

Will this be a Holy Week?

The long six weeks of Lent are about to leave us and hopefully it has been a season that we have taken seriously in regards to our Lenten observances. Lent is to give birth to a holy and glorious season called Easter, and it is with hope that all of us are now prepared. Holy Week will be as holy as we want it to be. Today we remember Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where later the same cheering crowd will call for the death of Jesus. Holy Thursday calls us to remember the events on Calvary. Easter will usher in the Season of Joy and New Life as we recall the resurrection of our Lord. Please check the schedules of all services and make this Holy Week the best ever.

Fr. Terry



Collection for the Holy Land

On Good Friday, our parishes will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Today some of the most poignant themes of human life come into clear central focus: the feeling of being praised and honored, fear, anxiety, betrayal, despair, doubt, uncertainty, trust, hope, sadness, separation, suffering, death, determination, and courage. These are the emotions and realities that every human being wrestles with often. Jesus, the Son of God, encounters them all. As we journey through life, we have to confront the existential meaning of each of these things. How do they fit into the bigger picture? Jesus shows us most clearly that even those things we fear the most lose their power when we discover that we are being led to new life. Suffering is redemptive. Sin and death give way to grace and life and God's unconditional love conquers all. May we see in Jesus' Way of the Cross the path of truth we all must follow.

Thank you from the Opportunities for Life Ministry:

Thank you for your participation in the recent Opportunities for Life Annual Appeal collection. Through your generous support this statewide ministry offers information, support, encouragement, hope, and referrals to those who are experiencing an untimely pregnancy. Please continue to pray for the Opportunities for Life Ministry and those who are in crisis pregnancy situations.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading

These were the words spoken by the prophet Isaiah during Israel's exile in Babylon, 597-538 BC. What do these words reveal about Isaiah's character?

Second Reading

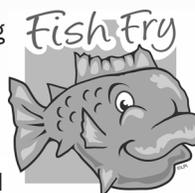
What do you think Paul meant by the idea that Jesus "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped?"

Gospel Reading

As you hear once again the Passion of the Lord on Palm Sunday, how do you keep the story fresh in your mind and relevant to your life as a Christian?

Great Job!

Just a big thank you to everyone who has worked so hard in making our Lenten Fish Fries a great success. So many good people work all day on Friday just to prepare this fundraiser and the cooks along with those who serve the meal and help to clean up afterwards are so appreciated. Thanks to all who bring desserts and a big thank you to all the public whose attendance is so helpful in the parish fundraiser. God Bless You All, Fr. Terry



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 27

No Mass

Wednesday, March 28

No Mass

Thursday, March 29

Holy Thursday

6:00 pm Vic & Lois Johnson IC
By Noel Quinn

Friday, March 30

Good Friday Service

6:00 pm No Mass Intention SC

Saturday, March 31

Holy Saturday

7:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, April 1

Easter Sunday

8:30 am † Ronald Holder SC
By Richard Holder
10:30 am † Jeanie Hanks IC
By Bob Ogle

Readings for the Week

March 25, 2018

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

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: ChrisM Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2a]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35

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 27

6:30 pm Chrism Mass at Sportscenter

Wednesday, March 28

NO Relig. Ed.

Saturday, March 31

10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt SC



March 29

Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00 pm IC



March 30

Cross Walk 3:00 pm
Hawesville

Good Friday Service
6:00 pm SC



March 31

Easter Vigil
7:00 pm SC



April 1

Masses: 8:30 am SC
10:30 am IC

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Judy Pate

Todd Payne, Butch Meriwether

Lector: Steve Basham

Server: Bailey Poole

Cross Bearer: Mike Fallin

Gift Bearer: Kevin Ward Family

Hospitality: George Bozarth Family

Vocation Statue: Mary Masterson

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Aimee Lyday

Mary Woodward, Dan Hagman

Lector: Angie Curry

Server: Jacob Hodge, Laura Wheatley

Cross Bearer: Gracie Kennedy

Gift Bearer: Roy & Gayle Ogle

Hospitality: Roy & Gayle Ogle

Mike & Sheila Ogle

Vocation Statue: Rachael Gily

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I read a story recently about a teacher who donated to one of her former students a kidney. This tremendous act of selflessness came about because the young person had lost most of the function his kidneys due to an illness. Literally, that teacher gave the gift of life to someone who wasn't her own child or another family member. This is certainly radical stewardship.

How far would you go to give of yourself so that another might live? Would you have to love him or her like your own child or parent? No one can deny it would be a difficult decision, especially if your giving put your own health at risk.

Reflecting on these things helps to provide some perspective on the crucifixion of Jesus. Not only did he suffer tremendously at the hands of the Romans, he gave his life for us so we might live forever. What does true stewardship look like? The cross is a symbol to us of total surrender. When we are called to give of ourselves in ordinary ways in daily life we sometimes hesitate and think twice. Perhaps when we are unsure we should look to the cross and there we can find our strength. And then when the call comes to truly sacrifice and place our trust in God, we may have already developed a lifestyle that makes responding, "yes," that much easier.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

No Religious Education

No religious education classes due to Holy Week celebration and spring break. Youth are encouraged to attend Holy Week masses with their families. Classes will resume April 11th.

SC Mutton Glutton Fundraiser

There will be a Mutton Glutton meeting on Sunday April 8th after the 8:30 am Mass. All volunteers who work the fundraiser are asked to attend. Sharon Nesmith will be on hand to discuss the plan.

PALM SUNDAY



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00</p> <p>Collection 3-18-18\$2,868.00</p> <p>Difference under\$401.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 155</p> <p>Week # 38 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$124,222</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual\$120,160</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00</p> <p>Collection 3-18-18\$3,119.00</p> <p>Difference over..... \$811.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance?/89</p> <p>Week # 38 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal \$87,704</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$96,245</p>
<p>SC Building Repair Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$51,518</p> <p>Total Paid 3-18-18 \$39,428</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.

Lenten Project Continues with Water Women How Can You Help



- Take home a bottle of water and before drinking the water Pray for the families in Kenya
- Pray for what you will sacrifice during Lent so you may contribute to our Lenten project
- Then drink your water and when empty use it as a bank to collect money during Lent.
- Bring your water bottle full of money back to church during Holy Week



For more information, you may check out the website www.waterwithblessings.org or contact our parish office.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

The Immaculate Conception and St. Columba Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at St Columba on Saturday March 31st at 10:00am for the preschool-5th grade. The Easter Bunny will also be there to visit with the children. Bring your camera! Lots of candy and prizes. Bring your children and grandchildren. Invite their friends!



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Cemetery Policy Reminder:

It is almost time to begin mowing the cemetery. Just a reminder that the policy is: All flowers and ornaments must be attached to the headstone. Shepherd's hooks with single hooks will be allowed for the purpose of hanging baskets only. If items or mementoes are left on the grass they will be gathered up and discarded. No item may be left in the way of the mower. Please pass this word along to your family and friends. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Most Holy Days of the Year

Make plans to be a part of the most Holy Days of the Year!

Holy Thursday will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception at 6:00pm and is the Mass of the Last Supper. On this night, Jesus shared his last meal with the disciples instituting for us the sacrament of Eucharist and stressing how to be of service to others by his example of washing the feet of the disciples. It is also an opportunity to stay awake with Jesus in prayer and adoration where after communion we will take Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to the garden prepared in the parish hall. Jesus said to Peter and his disciples. “So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?” It is in the garden where Jesus was betrayed and arrested. The church's altar will be stripped and the sanctuary made bare in preparation for Good Friday the day of crucifixion!

Good Friday will be celebrated at St. Columba at 6:00pm. This is a day of fasting not only from food but from Mass! There is no Mass and no celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday. A liturgy is still performed and communion is taken from hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. This communion service is a somber experience remembering Jesus' last day and death on the cross. Notice the bareness of the church and tabernacle doors open and empty! Jesus has been taken away and it was on this night that Jesus met death. This night we will venerate the cross and all will leave with no blessing and no dismissal in somber silence.

Holy Saturday will be celebrated at St. Columba at 7:00pm. Mass will begin outside by the Easter Fire with the lighting of the Paschal Candle. We enter the tomb of darkness with the light of Christ. It is at this Mass where we hear our salvation history in scripture, we initiate new members of our church and we proclaim and renew our baptismal promises. We celebrate Jesus is risen!

Easter Sunday is celebrated at St. Columba at 8:30am and Immaculate Conception at 10:30am. Easter Sunday marks the end of Holy Week and Lent. The Easter Mass is the joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection and his victory of good over evil, sin and death. Easter is the fulfillment of God's promises to man and it is the most important holiday of the Liturgical Year!

You are invited to journey with us during these most Holy Days. Bring your families and celebrate!



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