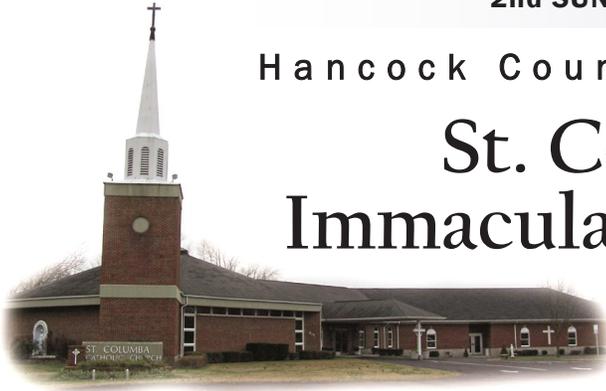


# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## 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

2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

Should we be a little easier on Thomas? The last few days have been a whirlwind. On Thursday, a Passover celebration went horribly awry as Jesus was betrayed and taken into custody for unstated crimes. Less than 24 hours later, the simple arrest has turned into a death sentence to be carried out that very afternoon. Most of the disciples fled, including Thomas. He would have heard of the events of Good Friday secondhand, in shock over the death of his Lord and Master. Then Sunday morning arrives with joy from a few disciples-Jesus is risen! But there is no persistent sight of him, only Mary Magdalene's quick moment in the garden and an empty tomb. Another day passes. The Apostles are gathered that Monday night, but Thomas is absent. He returns to a jubilant report of the risen Lord. Again, Thomas has seen nothing.

The experience must have been surreal. Did Jesus really appear raised from the dead? Did he really suffer and die? Has all of this been some strange hoax? Desperate for an answer, Thomas insists, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

After his resurrection, Jesus' body-mangled and bloody from the crucifixion-is restored. Did it need the scars? A perfected body would have taught us one lesson: everything is renewed as it once was, the past erased. Jesus chooses another lesson, however. He retains his scars that we might know him. In the whirlwind of our lives, we make our own mistakes, our own betrayals and compromises. In the resurrected Jesus, we see a God who does not forget his own sorrow. We are invited to meet him-wound for wound-and place our hand on his own nail-scarred palm, the eternal sign of his everlasting mercy.



## 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

### Faith Replacing Doubt

Missing out can be a real frustration! Being in the wrong place at the wrong time is also a reality in our lives, e.g. missing a TV program that you had been waiting for all week; a long distance phone call from a friend or parent and not being at home for the call. We sometimes miss the boat as the old saying goes! Today, we

remember the doubting Thomas who was in the wrong place at the wrong time. He missed seeing Jesus in the Upper Room. He probably felt disappointed, frustrated, and empty. (Will I ever see the risen Jesus?) How does Thomas handle this? He doubts! In the end Thomas did see the Risen Christ, but doubting is very human for us all and sometimes we struggle in faith too. Let us in this Easter Season pray to see the Risen One in our brothers and sisters and that we may reflect the Presence of the Risen One in the most doubting moments of our lives.

In appreciation....What a wonderful Holy Week we all had! The pews were nearly filled each evening and the spirit of those there made the services so meaningful. We thank all those who helped out in the various ministries and who gave of their time.

A special thanks to all who helped organize and conduct our East Egg Hunt. May the Lord bless us all as we have begun this Season of Easter Joy! Fr. Terry

### LIVE THE LITURGY

What does it take to believe that something is real? We live in an age of computer technology complete with things like Photoshop and other programs that can enhance photographs, create realistic images, and mimic artistic renderings. When looking at a picture of something, we find ourselves wondering if what we are seeing is real or just the result of technological creativity. Early believers came to believe because of what they witnessed in these new communities of faith. They saw people authentically living out Jesus' command to love and to show mercy. What do people witness when they see us in action?

### Knights of Columbus to sell Pork Burgers

The Knights of Columbus are selling Pork Burgers to help in their charitable activities such as our scholarship fund and youth programs. You may order a 2lb roll (\$7) to make your own burgers or you can order 1/4lb patties in boxes of 3lbs (\$11) or 5lbs (\$18) that are ready to grill. The Knights of Columbus members will be taking orders starting this Sunday after church until April 22nd and will be delivered on April 29th. Place your order with any K of C member or call Charles Hagman at 270-922-0145.

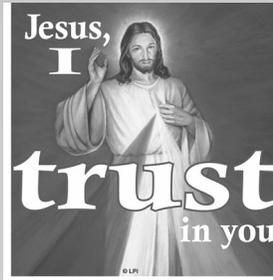
### Lenten Project for Water Women

If you have not turned in your water bottles we ask you to please do so. We will soon get the totals to you! Thank you all for your support and generosity.



### CALLED BY NAME

Sunday April 22nd, the Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday. It has also been designated a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This year marks its 55th year. As we celebrate, each parish in the Diocese of Owensboro has been invited to participate in CALLED BY NAME, a program of vocations awareness that offers an opportunity for us to pray for priestly vocations; to recognize gifts and potential for leadership and service in members of our parish; and finally, to call forth and encourage these members to share their gifts in priesthood. Perhaps you know a man (high school or older) who would, in your opinion, have the qualities to become a priest. Please recommend this person by submitting their name online at <https://owensborodiocese.org/called-by-name/> or by contacting the vocations office: 270-683-1545 or [jason.mcclure@pastoral.org](mailto:jason.mcclure@pastoral.org)



### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, April 10

8:00 am † Ora Roby SC  
By Dan & Agnes Murphy

#### Wednesday, April 11

5:30 pm † June Fowler IC  
By Kay Adkins

#### Thursday, April 12

8:00 am † Roger Basham SC  
By Judy Pate

#### Friday, April 13

8:00 am † Regina Walz IC  
By Shirlene Quinn

#### Saturday, April 14

5:00 pm † Robert Viola IC  
By Ellen Gaynor

#### Sunday, April 15

8:30 am People of the Parish SC  
10:30 am † Joseph Lee Nally IC  
By Betty Nally

### Readings for the Week

April 8, 2018

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

### Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

Luke provides a summary of activities of the founding Church in Jerusalem in the immediate aftermath of Jesus' resurrection. What do you find most remarkable about this original faith community?

Second Reading

John tells us that with our faith in the risen Christ, we are able to "conquer the world." How is this message applicable today?

Gospel Reading

What lessons do you draw from the story of doubting Thomas in John's resurrection narrative?

### 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**

**Wednesday, April 11**

12:00 pm Senior citizen potluck SC  
 6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC

**Thursday, April 12**

5:30 pm RCIA IC

*Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."  
 - Jn 20:28-29*

**Liturgical Roles  
 Sunday, April 15**

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

**Eucharistic Min:** Mary Masterson  
 Mary Beth Emmick, Rosemary Emmick  
**Lector:** Dan Allard  
**Server:** Denny Long  
**Cross Bearer:** Amy Allard  
**Gift Bearer:** Denny & Denise Long  
**Hospitality:** Denny & Denise Long  
 Dwayne & Joyce Duncan  
**Vocation Statue:** Rosemary Neff

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Margaret Powers  
 Cheryl Gammon, Shirley Hagman  
**Lector:** Connie Wheatley  
**Server:** Abby Walz, Laura Wheatley  
**Cross Bearer:** Ty Durbin  
**Gift Bearer:** Mark & Amanda Walz  
**Hospitality:** Jody & Alisha Wheatley  
 Dakota Wheatley, Heath Stokes  
**Vocation Statue:** Joyce Hare

**In Need of Special Prayer**

Dexter Marsch, Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak,  
 Betty Brickey, Frances Storm, Eddie Gray,  
 Bill McBrayer, 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**

What do you own and what owns you? You can find this question asked many times in several different contexts. Are you looking to find some kind of financial freedom? How about trying to live simply in a complex world? Has a mountain of stuff invaded your home garage to the point where parking a car inside is only a dream?

The early Church practiced a radical form of fellowship called koinonia, which literally means "sharing in common." Those who had homes and other major possessions would sell them and then place the proceeds in the care of the Apostles to be shared with the entire community. People focus mostly on the fact that people sold all their possessions for the benefit of the community. However the real point is the action that occurred after every selling: the proceeds were given to Church authority, in essence, to God first. I wasn't just selling my house and then giving the money to random people. My offering was to God and it was for the Apostles (those who personally encountered Jesus and now represented him on earth) to decide how to divide up the wealth.

Why do such a thing? One could say it was so that no one wanted for anything. If we push that thinking too far, as some in history have done, we can create a system that takes from some to give to others. Nothing was taken from anyone in that first Christian community. It was freely given. And perhaps the reason why people were moved to do so lies at the heart of stewardship: because all we have already belongs to God anyway. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**No Religious Education**

No religious education classes due to spring break. Classes will resume April 11th.

**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.

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



**Sunday Collections**

<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	
Weekly Goal .....	\$3,269.00
Collection 4-01-18 .....	<u>\$9,021.00</u>
Difference over .....	\$5,752.00
Mass Attendance .....	224
Week # 40 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$130,760
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$132,679

<b>St. Columba</b>	
Weekly Goal .....	\$2,308.00
Collection 4-01-18 .....	<u>\$4,350.00</u>
Difference over .....	\$2,042.00
Mass Attendance .....	90/197
Week # 40 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$92,320
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$102,133
<b>SC Building Repair Fund</b>	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 4-01-18	\$39,593



**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.*