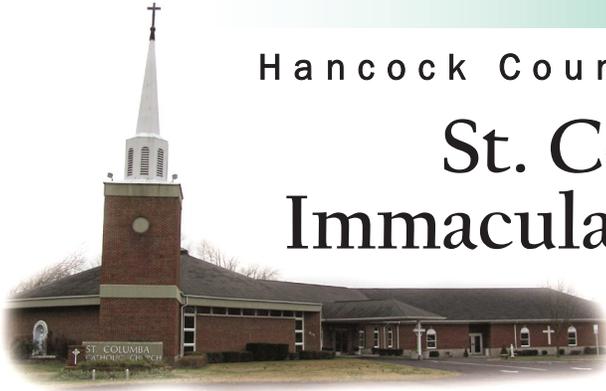


# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## 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

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For all of Hancock County

## Cycles of Faith

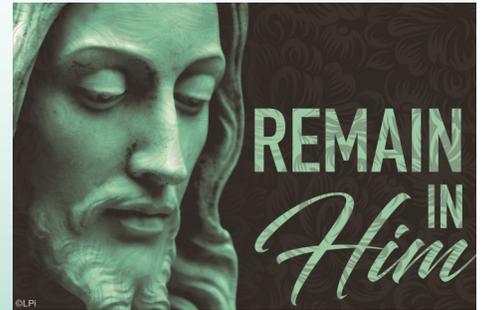
5th Sunday of Easter

Are you ready for a trim? In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar teaching of the vine and the branches. Jesus reminds us that if we remain close to him—living in humility, following God's law, loving our neighbor—we will notice a positive change in our life and the lives of those around us. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." The Holy Spirit is life-giving. He is fruitful. The Spirit of God won't refuse grace to a heart that is open.

As we progress through life, learning how to live and love, we grow. Our personalities flower. We discover what it is to be a blessing to others. We also experience lack, loss, and the results of our failures. We know what it is like to "wither" at times, particularly the times when we willingly separate ourselves from Jesus. "Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on

the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me." For most of us, this experience of being disconnected and off track generates a desire to return to what is right and good, to return to the vine.

But this Gospel is more than "Are you in or are you out?" Even when we remain in God, when we follow Jesus, we are not exempt from the challenge, the pruning. "Everyone that [bears fruit] he prunes." A prudent trim is necessary in the natural world of trees and vines. Dead wood, broken shoots, and diseased branches need to be cut back in order for the plant to bear fruit. Jesus wants us to be healthy! He says as much himself: "By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Take a look at your life today. Where are you bearing fruit? Where do you need to be pruned?



## 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**

**Dependence on God**

In our gospel this weekend we are reminded by Jesus that apart from Him we are lost and barren. Just as branches are dependent on the vine for growth and life o we too need Jesus who is the source of life to provide us with new life and hope. In this season of Easter as we celebrate new life in relation to the Resurrection may we too prune and remove from our lives those things that choke off the life of Christ within us, namely, our sins. When we allow Jesus to come into our hearts and to take up residence it is onl then that we too will bear fruit and become a true friend and disciple of the Lord. God Bless You! Fr. Terry

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

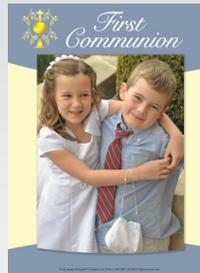
"Let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." Real love, especially unconditional love, cannot exist apart from action. We are called to bear much fruit and become Jesus' disciples. We live in a world that is suffering so badly. By our actions and the way we organize our lives, we can model the Gospel values that many no longer see as important. We can be healers who put mercy into action. We can choose to unconditionally respect human life and challenge those who do not. We can live nonviolent lives, resist the lust for power, and avoid greed in all its forms. It is difficult to live the Gospel message of love. We will often be met with rejection. We need to allow God to prune away everything that makes it difficult to love. Then we have to take the risk and call others to a higher standard, no matter the price.

**Thank You**

Thank you to all who prepared the wonderful reception for our confirmation celebration. The parish hall was beautiful, and the food was awesome!

**First Communion and Mary Crowning**

Next Sunday we will celebrate First Communion and Mary Crowning at both St. Columba and Immaculate Conception. Please keep in prayer the following children who will receive communion for the first time next Sunday. From St Columba Emmitt Meserve and Llana Gilliland. From Immaculate Conception Aubree Mosby, Janessa Payton, Jack Boutcher, Paisley Fuchs and Marlow Edwards. Remember to bring flowers as we honor Mary our blessed Mother.



**First Communion Retreat**

A retreat day and practice is scheduled for Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 11:30am at St. Columba parish hall. Parents are also asked to make plans to attend this fun and educational day.



**Bring Flowers for our Mary Crowning**

Next week we will have our Mary Crowning. We ask everyone to bring flowers to Mass so that we may honor Mary with flowers this day.

**Donuts and Potluck**

Join us next Sunday for donuts and coffee at St Columba following the 8:30am Mass and a potluck at Immaculate Conception following the 10:30 am Mass. Both events will have the added feature of celebrating with our First Communicants. Come join us and congratulate our First Communicants!

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, May 1**

8:00 am Raymond Paul Schaefer SC  
By Denny Long

**Wednesday, May 2**

5:30 pm † Clay Quinn IC  
By Pat & Donna Ogle

**Thursday, May 3**

8:00 am † Bob Payne SC  
By Fred & Alice Howard

**Friday, May 4**

8:00 am † Jeanie Hanks IC  
By Mike & Sheila Ogle

**Saturday, May 5**

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

**Sunday, May 6**

8:30 am † George Allard SC  
By Betty Allard

10:30 am Lisa Case IC  
By Noel Quinn

**Readings for the Week**

April 29, 2018

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1ab]/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24

/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**Faith Sharing Question**

**First Reading**

Today's reading records the initial reaction of the Disciples to Paul's conversion. What do you think would have been the Disciples' main concern?

**Second Reading**

John challenges his community to love one another in both word and deed. What obstacles stand in the way of this charge?

**Gospel Reading**

What do you think Jesus means when he says believers are "pruned" by God in order to bear more fruit?

**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**

**Saturday, May 5**

1st Eucharist Retreat SC

**Sunday, May 6**

1st Sunday - Donuts SC

- Potluck IC

1st Eucharist at IC & SC



Mary Crowning

**Liturgical Roles**

**Sunday, May 6**

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

**Eucharistic Min:** Eddie Gray

Rosemary Emmick, Dian Heavrin

**Lector:** Mike Fallin

**Server:** Steve Basham

**Cross Bearer:** Jordan Bozarth

**Gift Bearer:** David Winchell Family

**Hospitality:** David Winchell Family

Shelby Basham, David Payne

**Vocation Statue:** Dot Pooser

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Cheryl Gammon

Eva Bulleit, Trina Ogle

**Lector:** Loretta Stokes

**Server:** Abby Walz, Hunter Severs

**Cross Bearer:** Samuel Walz

**Gift Bearer and** Judy Powers, Lynn Powers

**Hospitality:** Mark & Amanda Walz

Cheryl Gammon, Joyce Hare

**Vocation Statue:** Bob Ogle

**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**

When I was a teenager, I had an experience that truly changed my life and helped me to give Jesus all of myself. I had been baptized Catholic and always had faith, but it took a specific event to really shake me out of the comfort of my life and set me on a path devoted to God. I didn't get knocked off a horse or find an open tomb, but for me it was powerful enough to make a huge impact.

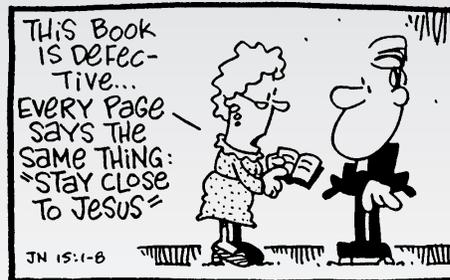
Testimonies of how people came to live as intentional disciples have great power. Often the stories do not include singular events or people; instead they speak of a gradual unfolding of faith. It is often the culmination of several events and the work of more than one person that brings a person to the point of real decision.

Living as good stewards, we can help move people forward in their journey with God. Giving of ourselves freely can move human hearts like few other forces. God working through us can bring others to see that simply saying that Jesus is the Savior of the world does not mean we live our lives differently. It takes more thought and reflection on our part to move past words to intentional acts with intentional results. I don't know if all those involved in that event when I was a teenager knew what an effect their good stewardship would have on me, but I am so thankful they provided a way for God to touch me. I have spent my entire life trying to pay them back by allowing God to touch others through me. Just what person might God touch through you today? -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Thank you to our Religious Education Family**

Thank you to everyone who helped this year with our Religious Education program. It takes many, many people to support our program. Thank you to all of our catechists, those who helped prepare snacks and for those of you who stepped in last minute to cover for someone. Thank you to our parents who supported and encouraged their youth to be present on Wednesday nights. You are all a marvelous group of people and may God Bless you for all your love and sharing with the youth of our parish.

**5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**Sunday Collections**

<p><b>Immaculate Conception</b></p> <p>Weekly Goal .....\$3,269.00</p> <p>Collection 4-22-18 .....<u>\$1,660.25</u></p> <p>Difference under .....\$1,608.75</p> <p>Mass Attendance .....52/92</p> <p>Week # 43 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$140,567</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$139,953</p>	<p><b>St. Columba</b></p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00</p> <p>Collection 4-22-18 .....<u>\$1,457.00</u></p> <p>Difference under ..... \$851.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance ..... 170</p> <p>Week # 43 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal ..... \$99,244</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$107,363</p>
<p><b>SC Building Repair Fund</b></p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$51,518</p> <p>Total Paid 4-22-18 \$39,768</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.*