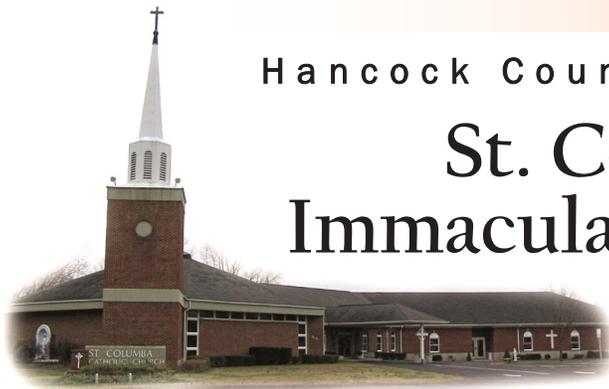


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351
For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

6th Sunday of Easter

"I have called you friends." Authentic friendship can seem hard to come by these days, especially in our transient society. We move away from family, change jobs, switch parishes, and end up in entirely new places with entirely new people. When we look for new friends, we all have different qualities we're looking for. While we may think of certain standards of behavior necessary to be a "good" friend, we would hardly refer to them as rules or "commandments."

In fact, if a friendship or romantic relationship—new or old—becomes characterized by imposed obligations, we would rightly be suspicious. Friendships, we understand, ought to be characterized by freedom. We love the person, even sacrifice for them at times because, within ourselves, we want to maintain the friendship. So why does Jesus use the language of command as he calls the Apostles his friends? "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

Jesus is radically transforming the concept of commandment. In the Jewish heritage of the Apostles, they would hear the word "command" and immediately think of the strict Levitical law and distance from God. In introducing the language of friendship, Jesus ties "commandment" to inner freedom of heart. The disciples have this freedom precisely because they know "what [the] Master is doing." Jesus has invited his followers into intimate friendship all along. He shares openly with them. He has patience with their flaws. He isn't scandalized by their failures. He celebrates their successes. We, too, have been called by love and invited into a relationship with Jesus. It is you and I that Jesus chooses and appoints. He does so personally, not from a distant mountain shrouded in clouds. This "new commandment" to "love one another" is received around the shared table in the breaking of the bread.



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

Love One Another:

Our gospel this weekend recalls Jesus' farewell message to His apostles on the night of the Last Supper. He had been with them for only about three years and time was running out. He had taught so much about love and service and had done so not only in words but also in action. He taught, healed, comforted, and fed thousands at a time. On the night before He died He even washed the feet of His disciples as a service

of total humility. He also said that greatness is reflected in service to another. As He told His apostles to wash the feet of others and to practice the gift of love...so we as His followers are called to do the same. In doing these things for Jesus and neighbors we continue to keep His memory alive! Each time we gather as a church to nourish on the Word of God and to share in the Holy Eucharist, we keep the story of Jesus alive in our hearts. As we receive the Lord may we too love as He loved. Have a good week, Fr. Terry.

LIVE THE LITURGY

"Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love." So many people hunger for love. All of us desire to be intimately connected with others, God, and our world. Many things can work against this and cause us to feel alienated and even profoundly sad. Pope Francis tells us that our "infinite sadness can only be cured by an infinite love." We have been touched by God's love. We are called to bring that love to others so that their sadness and wounds can be healed. We must do this even for those we do not particularly like or who have hurt us. We cannot let anything stand in the way of love.

Congratulation to our First Communicants

Congratulations to all our First Communicants as they receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist. Thank you to their parents and their teachers who helped to prepare them for this special sacrament. Thank you also for those who helped with the reception to help us celebrate and make it special.

Catechist Appreciation Dinner

Religious ed classes are over for the summer and we invite our catechist and a guest to a special dinner in appreciation for your months of service and sacrifice. Please join Fr. Terry and Denise at Bill and Dave's Smokin Pit on Wednesday May 16th at 6:00pm. We look forward to spending some time with you. Thank you again for all that you do to make our religious ed program a success. Our catechist and helpers are Cassandra Durbin, Amy Volocko, Amy Severs, Beth Curry, Sarah Hermann, Mary Woodward, Margaret Hodge, John Ogle, Aimee Severs, Jamie Ward, Berrie Clark, Christal Riley, Rhonda James, Denny Long, Denise Long, Margaret Powers and Lou Fleck.

Stories of Hope & Healing: Rebuilding After Divorce

Attendees will hear short witness stories from a panel who have gone through the pain of divorce and the process of healing. Please let Charlotte Hedges know you are coming. The Tribunal Office will hold information sessions, as a follow-up to the panel discussions, to address specific questions and issues regarding Declarations of Invalidity (Annulments). Locations: St. Romuald | Tuesday, May 15 | 6:30 PM & Our Lady of Lourdes | Tuesday, June 5 | 6:30 PM

Family Day at Gasper

Family Day at Gasper River returns Sunday, August 19, with a day focused on "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist." Includes activities, reflections by Fr. Mike Williams, and closing Mass with Bishop Medley. For more information about Gasper River Catholic Retreat Center, go to <http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org>.

Mass Intentions No Weekday Masses while Fr. Terry is on Vacation

Saturday, May 12

5:00 pm † Venera Dort
By Ellen Gaynor

Sunday, May 13

8:30 am † Eva Howard SC
By Betty Allard
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week

May 6, 2018

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

1 Jn 4:7-10 or 1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 15:9-17 or Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

Peter's insight—"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality"—led to the acceptance of Gentiles into the early Church. How can this insight be applied to the Church today?

Second Reading

John taught his faith community that "God is love" and God's love is shown to us by sending his Son into the world to atone for our sins. What does this tell us about humanity?

Gospel Reading

Jesus taught his disciples that there is "no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." When have you seen someone follow this command?

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, May 9

12:00 pm Senior Potluck SC

Sunday, May 13

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC

Mother's Day Breakfast

Come and celebrate Mother's Day with a scrumptious breakfast prepared by the men of the parish. Next Sunday, May 13th following the 8:30am Mass at St. Columba. All are invited.

SC Mutton Glutton Fundraiser

Volunteers for the SC Mutton Glutton fundraiser are scheduled to be at the River Park Center on Friday, May 11th at 2:00 pm and Saturday, May 12th at 10:00 am. Park on 2nd St. or close by there.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, May 13

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Amy Allard

Butch Meriwether, Dot Pooser

Lector: Maria Reine

Server: Mary Beth Emmick

Cross Bearer: George Bozarth

Gift Bearer: Dan Allard Family

Hospitality: Dan Allard Family

Vocation Statue: Kevin Kurz

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Lexie Hodge

Dan Hagman, Mary Woodward

Lector: Ronna Ogle

Server: Gracie Kennedy, Falynd Stokes

Cross Bearer: Dakota Wheatley

Gift Bearer: Steve Lyday Family

Hospitality: Tom & Trina Ogle

Shirlene Quinn, Margaret Powers

Vocation Statue: Heath Stokes Family

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

"Get Together" was a popular song in 1967 by the Youngbloods. I was not alive when the song was released, but it was a song I played frequently learning how to play guitar when I was younger. The song called for all of us to come together and "try to love one another right now." It was a song that came out in the Vietnam War era and during somewhat of a hippie revolution, but perhaps the words belong to no real moment in time. They are simply the commands of Jesus.

Sometimes we minimize the power of love by cute pop songs and slogans that mean little without action. However, we can never underestimate the power of love. Love can tear down barriers between people, change tears to laughter, and mend relationships torn apart by sin.

No option exists for disciples of Jesus Christ to not love others. Not only are we commanded to do so, but love is a gift we must pass on freely. If we give of our time, talent, and treasure, but choose not to love, we cannot claim to be truly committed disciples and good stewards. As this Easter season draws ever closer to an end, we must allow our love to bear witness to the source of all love, the Risen Jesus. This is our calling until, as the words of the Youngbloods' song states, "the one who left us here returns for us at last." -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Knights of Columbus say Thank You

The Knights of Columbus thank everyone who purchased their Pork Burgers to help in their charitable activities such as our scholarship fund and youth programs. Their most current project was building a wheelchair ramp.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sunday Collections

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| <p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00</p> <p>Collection 4-29-18\$2,903.00</p> <p>Difference under\$366.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance?/125</p> <p>Week # 44 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$143,836</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual\$142,857</p> | <p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00</p> <p>Collection 4-29-18\$1,582.00</p> <p>Difference under\$726.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 79</p> <p>Week # 44 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal\$101,552</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$108,945</p> |
| <p>SC Building Repair Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$51,518</p> <p>Total Paid 4-29-18 \$39,838</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.