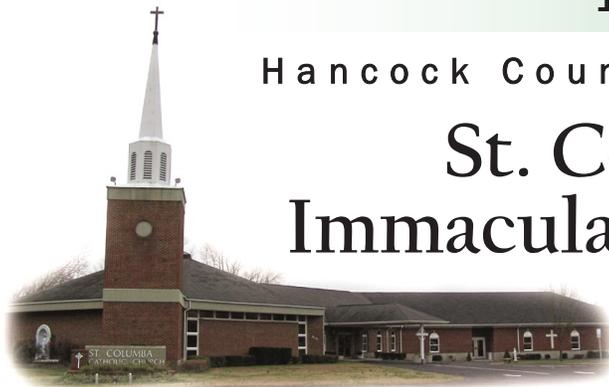


Hancock County Catholic Church

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God." What is a kingdom? Is it the brick and mortar that build up the castle? Is it the expanse of land a king can reasonably defend? Our notions of kingdoms may be romanticized in the modern era, but for the Israelites, a kingdom held deep historical meaning. Thousands of years before the birth of Christ, the Israelites had asked God for a king. After the reigns of David and Solomon, the united kingdom dissolved into factions, and the land was conquered by the Assyrians, Babylonians, and, finally, Romans. For the Israelites, a kingdom was something to build, both structurally and civilly. While this had ended in ruin for their ancestors, many of Jesus' contemporaries longed for the restoration of an earthly kingdom.

Jesus' words in today's Gospel are a radical departure from this perspective. He compares the Kingdom of God to a field, but it appears that the farmer has little to do with its progress. "The seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord, the land yields fruit." Jesus introduces his followers to a new sort of kingdom, a kingdom where God provides the growth.

There is work to be done, of course. "When the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." But for the Kingdom of God to flourish, there are certain things that are outside of our control. We sow seeds of kindness, justice, and integrity? and then we must be patient. As shoots of faith appear, we nurture the growth with encouragement. As Christians, our task is not to build the Kingdom of God under our power alone, but to trust in the life-giving movement 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**

**The Stories of Jesus:**

We all know that Jesus was a master storyteller and that he used stories and parables to bring out to his listeners the message of the kingdom of God. Jesus addressed folks from all walks of life such as merchants, fishermen, bakers, and farmers. Today's readings indicate hope and the potential that all things are possible with deep faith and trust in God. We are reminded in the gospel that the smallest seed has the ability

to grow and to become a huge scrub for the birds to have a home. In our lives our faith, like a small seed, has the potential to grow and to blossom with remarkable results. In allowing this to happen in our lives we too proclaim the message of Jesus and allow His Kingdom to come. Let us be open to the healing of Jesus who wants us to have a faith which is alive and vibrant so that we too may better serve him. Have a good week! Fr. Terry

**LIVE THE LITURGY**

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So, too, in each of our lives, small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right, or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God-given gifts and talents. Our task is to use them creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

**SC Finance and Parish Council Meeting**

A Joint Finance and Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> following the 8:30am Mass in the St. Joseph classroom. Discussion on the development of church policy regarding building security and parishioner safety will be on the agenda. All are invited to attend.

**Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp**

Put some adventure in your summer. Sign up for camp today. Camps range from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Dates are filling up fast! See our website [www.icscchurch.org](http://www.icscchurch.org) and click youth group or go to [www.gaspriverretreatcenter.org](http://www.gaspriverretreatcenter.org) and register online. Scholarships are available by contacting Denise at the church office.

**Young Adult Holy Hour**

Join us for a young adult holy hour on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00 pm at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro. The holy hour will include a short Scripture reading and reflection, the opportunity to go to confession, and alternating periods of silence and prayerful music. You are welcome to come for the whole hour, or just stop in for a few minutes. We provide brochures to help guide you through the holy hour experience. This holy hour is open to ages 18-39. Afterwards, you're invited to join us for dinner at a local nearby restaurant. To learn more contact Denise at 270-929-7555 or email [charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org](mailto:charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org).

**Young Adult Retreat Day**

Need some time away? The beautiful Passionist Monastery in Whitesville will host a Young Adult Retreat Day on Saturday, July 28 for men and women ages 18-30 ish. The day will be focused on helping young adults grow in their spiritual lives, and provide time for prayer, reflection, and relaxation. Cost is \$25 and will include lunch and dinner. Get more information and register by following the link on our website [www.icscchurch.org](http://www.icscchurch.org)



**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.*

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday, June 19**

10:00 am † Barbara Kay Grant HV  
By Martha Payne

**Wednesday, June 20**

5:30 pm † Kevin Hanks IC  
By Larry & Judy White

**Thursday, June 21**

8:00 am † Stephen Emmick SC  
By Mike & Sheila Ogle

**Friday, June 22**

8:00 am † Bethany Payne IC  
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

**Saturday, June 23**

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

**Sunday, June 24**

8:30 am † Eva Howard SC  
By Pat Roberts

10:30 am † JoAnn Ogle IC  
By Pat & Donna Ogle

**Readings for the Week**

June 17, 2018

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [3a]/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18 [13]/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34 [29a]/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Faith Sharing Question**

**First Reading**

The prophet Ezekiel hears this "proverb" of the Lord (the restoration of Israel) while in exile in Babylon around 570 BC. How do you think the captive Israelites reacted to Ezekiel's words?

**Second Reading**

Paul speaks of Christians being "courageous." How does your faith give you strength and confidence?

**Gospel Reading**

Why do you think Jesus often spoke about the Kingdom of God by using parables?

**Bulletin Board**

**Sunday, June 17**

**Father's Day**

Father's Day Breakfast after Mass SC

**Tuesday, June 19**

6:00 pm Big Rivers meeting SC

**Sunday, June 24**

Joint SC Finance and Pastoral Council meeting after 8:30 am Mass SC

**Big Rivers Meeting**

There will be a meeting for the volunteers of the Big Rivers Fundraiser on Tuesday June 19th at 6:00 pm at SC

**Liturgical Roles**

**Sunday, June 24**

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

**Eucharistic Min:** Judy Pate

Amy Allard, Mary Masterson

**Lector:** Tim Heavrin

**Server:** Lawson Ward

**Cross Bearer:** Shelby Basham

**Gift Bearer:** Wes Poole Family

**Hospitality:** David Poole Family

**Vocation Statue:** Shelby & Sherry Basham

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Dan Hagman

Eva Bulleit, Cheryl Gammon

**Lector:** Falynd Stokes

**Server:** Gracie Kennedy, Lettie Ogle

**Cross Bearer:** Andrew Lyday

**Gift Bearer:** Keith Booty Family

**Hospitality:** John & Marlene Wheatley  
Kenny & Mary Woodward

**Vocation Statue:** Connie Wheatley

**In Need of Special Prayer**

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Betty Brickley,  
Frances Storm, Eddie Gray,

Bill McBrayer, Pat Edge, Kevin Gearlds

**Homebound and Heartland Villa**

Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp,

Larry James, Marjorie Merimee,

Shirley Moble, Lillie Lanham,

Carl Pendley, Gene Toler

**Please call the Parish Office to add or remove names from this bulletin prayer list.**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

You could buy a meal for a person who is hungry or for a person who just ate a feast. You could spend time with a lonely person or with someone who has more friends than you. You could step forward to join a parish committee that your experience and knowledge can help, or you can join a ministry where you will constantly struggle to figure out what to do. All of the above actions involve you giving and sharing yourself and your gifts. But not all of these actions will bear good fruit.

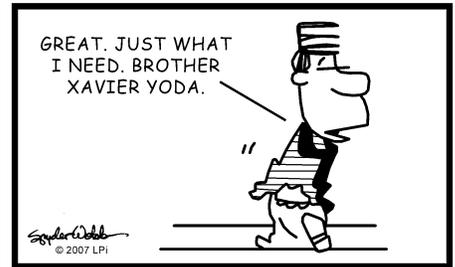
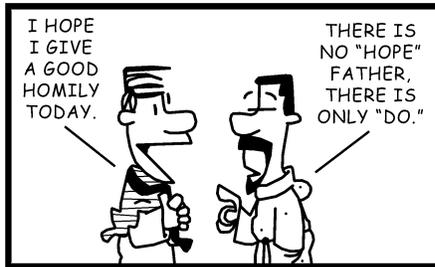
If a sower sows seeds only on rocky or weed-infested soil, nothing of great value will grow. But if that same sower plants his seeds in rich soil, then the harvest will one day be great. In all of the soils, the seed is being sown, but it is not the act of sowing that is the most important factor.

In living a stewardship way of life, we must discern how best to share our gifts. Discernment needs the Holy Spirit and a desire to follow God's will, not our own. Our own desires and misconceptions can cause us to use our gifts unwisely. The more mindful we are of how, when, and why we are sharing ourselves, than the greater the impact for God's glory. God wants all of you, but not in a way that is without understanding and discernment. He wants you to shine as a light to the world through your stewardship just as He came to you as the Light of the World in baptism. You can't shine brightly if the match does not hit the wick. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Theology on Tap: Mary, a Mother for Millennials**

On Monday, June 18 at 6 p.m. at Fetta's in Owensboro, Theology on Tap welcomes Kristin Dorth. Kristin is a religion teacher at Owensboro Catholic Middle School. She will talk about "Mary, a Mother for Millennials," and offer tips on growing in the 10 Marian virtues. Young adults ages 18-39 are welcome, as are all faith traditions. Those attending may place their orders and eat before the presentation which usually begins around 7pm.

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Sunday Collections**

<p><b>Immaculate Conception</b></p> <p>Weekly Goal .....\$3,269.00</p> <p>Collection 6-10-18 .....<u>\$2,639.00</u></p> <p>Difference under .....\$630.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance .....63/88</p> <p>Week # 50 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$163,450</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$159,125</p> 	<p><b>St. Columba</b></p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00</p> <p>Collection 6-10-18 .....<u>\$1,832.00</u></p> <p>Difference under .....\$479.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance .....108</p> <p>Week # 50 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal .....\$115,400</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$124,316</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 6-10-18 \$40,453</p>
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**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.*