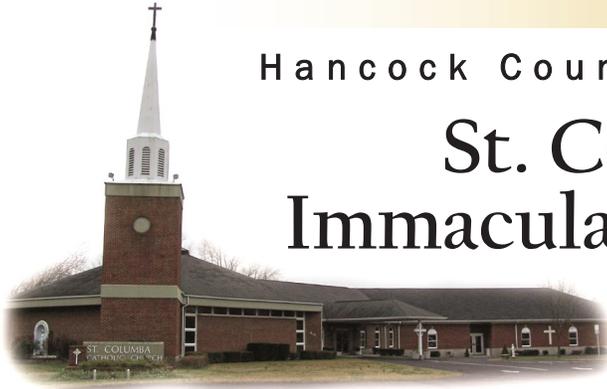


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Nationwide Mass Times

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you have been closely following the Sunday readings, today's Gospel could sound a bit like a broken record. Four weeks ago, the Gospel told of Jesus visiting his home of Nazareth and being poorly received by his family members. Jesus had attracted a large crowd as he preached, and his concerned relatives came to bring him home. Jesus, they thought, was out of his league.

Today Jesus takes things further. He returns to Nazareth. Rather than preaching from his house, he enters the synagogue. He speaks eloquently. The listeners acknowledge that "wisdom has been given him" and recognize the "mighty deeds wrought by his hands," but it is too much for them to bear. "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" The listeners know his whole clan, his male and female relatives. Jesus as carpenter was acceptable. Even Jesus as fringe preacher was interesting enough to draw a crowd. But Jesus as authoritative teacher is too much. "They took offense at him."



As Christians, we have known the truth of Jesus' identity since we were first introduced to him. He is fully human and fully divine. He is the second person of the Trinity. It could be easy to look down on these 1st century listeners for their lack of faith. But where do we expect to learn our own lessons? The more we age, the easier it is to believe we understand the world and how it works. We have experience with people, with the Church, with politics, and with the affairs of daily living. We have developed criteria for first impressions. We categorize. Today we remember that the Christian life requires humility. Jesus' listeners have an expectation of how things should be, and their lack of faith causes doubt in others. "He was not able to perform any mighty deeds there." Do your assumptions limit your perspective? Who can you learn from that you did not expect?

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

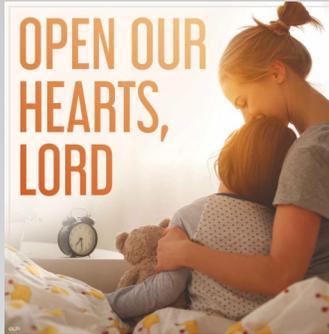
The Grace and Strength to go on

In our readings this weekend the focus is on persevering and doing what must be done even when the obstacles are great. Just as the prophet Ezekiel was rejected by his own people so it is that Jesus also was ridiculed by the folks in His hometown. For the followers of Christ one must remember that the journey will not always be smooth and easy, but Christ calls us to persevere and to keep our eyes focused on Him. In our own

lives we too are called to follow Jesus even when we are faced with ridicule and rejection. Let our prayer be for the strength and the grace to carry out the Lord's will in our lives. Have a good week, Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

It seems that Jesus is always facing some kind of opposition. Today, those from his native place amaze him because of their lack of faith. We oppose Jesus as well. It is not easy to be challenged and realize our great need to change. We grow comfortable with ourselves and our surroundings and resist change. We become defensive when the wisdom Jesus utters asks us to leave ourselves and our concerns and think more about others. We lack faith in God, faith in ourselves, and faith in one another. We are asked to keep our eyes fixed on the Lord and allow ourselves to be stretched. Jesus knows what he is talking about. Do we really believe this?



Young Adult Holy Hour

Join us for a young adult holy hour on Monday, July 9th 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.

Young Adult Retreat Day

Calling all young adults in the diocese! Join others for a full day of prayer, reflection and relaxation at the St. Joseph Monastery in Whitesville on Saturday, July 28. The cost is \$25. Meals are provided. Register and pay online by visiting <https://owensborodiocese.org/young-adult-retreat-day/>.

VOCARE

VOCARE is an annual celebration of vocations to priesthood and religious life in the diocese. This year is our fifth annual VOCARE event and it takes place Friday, September 14, 2018 at the Owensboro Convention Center. Tickets are on sale now for individual seats or whole tables of eight. Please visit <https://owensborodiocese.org/vocare/> for more information.

Providing a Safe Environment

The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all people who have been sexually abused, especially those abused by a person working, either paid or unpaid, for the Church. If you need to make a report of abuse, from either the past or present, please contact the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line (270-852-8380). The diocesan sexual abuse policy describes the diocese's response to sexual abuse concerns, and can be found in the back of church, in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site: <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, July 10

8:00 am Albin Johnson SC
By Noel Quinn

Wednesday, July 11

5:30 pm † Regina Walz IC
By John & Nancy Lewis

Thursday, July 12

8:00 am † Bob Payne SC
By Becky Horn

Friday, July 13

8:00 am Special Intention IC
By Elizabeth Hagman

Saturday, July 14

5:00 pm † Jeanie Hanks IC
By Steve & Aimee Lyday

Sunday, July 15

8:30 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Bob Ogle
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week

July 8, 2018

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

Today, we hear the call of the priest Ezekiel to be a "prophet" for God to the "rebellious" Israelites in captivity in Babylon. What does this tell us about the mercy of God?

Second Reading

Paul speaks of a "thorn in his flesh" that was given as a divine directive to keep him humble and focused on Christ. How do you practice humility in your faith?

Gospel Reading

What do you find most astonishing about Mark's account of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth?

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

Sunday, July 8

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC

Tuesday, July 10

5:00 pm IC Finance IC

6:00 pm IC Pastoral IC

Upcoming Parish Picnics

St. Mary of the Woods,
McQuady July 28
St. Columba.....Sept 15
St. Lawrence/St. WilliamSept 16
St. Mary of the Woods,
WhitesvilleSept 30

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, July 15

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Dot Pooser

Dian Heavrin, Rosemary Emmick

Lector: Maria Reine

Server: volunteer

Cross Bearer: Steve Basham

Gift Bearer: Michelle Gregory Family

Hospitality: Butch & Peggy Meriwether

Denny & Denise Long

Vocation Statue: Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Trina Ogle

Amy Hess, Shirley Hagman

Lector: Yvonne Booty

Server: Hunter Severs, Laura Wheatley

Cross Bearer: Falyn Stokes

Gift Bearer: Heath Stokes Family

Hospitality: Kenny Woodward Family

Vocation Statue: Ronna Ogle

In Need of Special Prayer

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Betty Brickey,

Frances Storm, Beverly Snyder

Bill McBrayer, Pat Edge, Kevin Gearlds

Homebound and Heartland Villa

Mary Hinton, Lillie Lanham

Dorothy Beauchamp,

Thomas Flood, Shirley Mobley,

Carl Pendley, Gene Toler

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sometimes we need a dose of healthy skepticism. Do you see some of the claims on the Internet, in social media, or even on the cover of supermarket tabloids? If we are not careful, we can easily be led astray.

However, when we find ourselves skeptical all the time, unable to trust anyone or anything, we have a problem. Trust is essential in a conversion process, and we all are in a continual process of turning toward and moving closer to God. If we find it hard to trust the promises of God, then we will find ourselves lost and bewildered. Sometimes the biggest obstacle to a stewardship way of life is lack of trust. This is true for individuals as well as parish communities. Do we believe that God will provide for our needs? Do we believe that if we give it all away we will receive even more in abundance? Do we believe that there is true freedom in complete surrender?

Many will say that the principles of a stewardship way of life sound good spiritually and are inspiring. But when really faced with the tough decisions, they will fall back on placing trust in themselves, material goods, or money. Are we true disciples and good stewards as we claim? Where do you place your trust? Have you chosen a path where you are all in or are you still keeping something for yourself because you just aren't sure all this talk of "consider the lilies" is real or just pretty words on a page? -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

"They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him?'"

When a person demonstrates unusual intelligence or wisdom, we ask, "Where did they get all that?" And we may be wondering, "Why them and not me?" We tend to ignore the possibility that such people are not only gifted with above average intellect, but that they have an open mind and heart to the truth of the realities they observe and recognize new possibilities and the need to change how we think and live. Knowledge is the intellectual ability to understand the world in which we live. Wisdom is the choice to discern the truth and implications of that knowledge. Knowledge is knowing how to build an atomic bomb. Wisdom is understanding why it should not be used. It is the wisdom of Jesus, not his intelligence, that amazed the people of the small village of Nazareth. Jesus observed the world in which he lived and realized the need for change in the way we treat one another and our world. That is wisdom. Jesus was not given wisdom. He chose to be wise. Jesus calls us to be wise. What do we choose?

14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

Due to printing schedules, collection information will be in the next bulletin.

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.