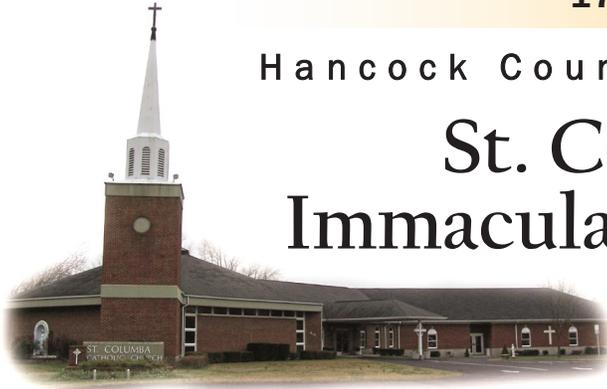


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Nationwide Mass Times

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
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For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have you ever wanted to be part of something bigger? Even the most independent among us likes to make changes and have an impact on others. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus demonstrates one of his most iconic miracles - the multiplication of the loaves. It is a sign of the institution of the Eucharist, when we are fed not by bread but by the Body of Christ.

In the stories of ancient pagan gods, mighty deeds were done entirely under the gods' own power. Mortals may have offered sacrifices to start the chain of events, but they played little role in the miraculous works themselves. Jesus is entirely different. The multiplication of the loaves is a prime example not only of Jesus' power over nature, but of the way he equips his disciples.

First, Jesus asks Philip a question "to test him." Jesus has seen the crowds and "he himself knew what he was going to do," but he wants his disciples to start thinking about the problem and its solution. Andrew offers a suggestion, though he isn't confident in it. "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus honors Andrew's suggestion, takes the offered loaves, and delegates the Apostles to bring order to the crowd. When the crowd has been fed, the Apostles "gather the fragments left over." In the process, they discover with wonder that bread has been produced in super abundance.

In the sacraments, God works through simple matter to make grace real in our lives. He works in and through us as well. Are you facing problems that could have spiritual solutions? Is there a need in your parish or community that you could meet? Whatever our hesitations, Jesus honors our simple loaves and fishes. He invites us to participate in his generous work of redemption, just as we are.



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

Jesus—Source of all Life
In our gospel this weekend we focus on Jesus who is the source of all life. Wherever Jesus went or when He encountered anyone, He brought hope and restoration. Jesus reminded the crowds

who sought miracles to direct their total faith in Him and to believe in His promise, “the one who believes in Me will never be hungry or thirsty and will receive eternal life”. As followers of Jesus, we are reminded also to perform the works of God, that is, to have faith in the One He has sent. Does our faith reflect a deep belief that Jesus is our Lord and that we put Him first in regards to decisions and the way we live our lives? Jesus came into the world to give us the fullness of life and to give us courage and hope. Let us always be assured of His promise that we do not walk alone. Have a great week! Fr. Terry



LIVE THE LITURGY

Living the Gospel does not require much. In fact, less is sometimes more. Simple gestures or random acts of kindness can have unimaginable results and change lives. It is easy to believe that we do not have what it takes to make a difference, but we do! The key is to learn how to be grateful for the little gifts you possess and share them freely and abundantly. It does not take much to satisfy the hungers of the human heart or mend the wounds of sorrow and pain. All we need to know is that God is with us. All people need to know is that we are with them. God provides the rest. Truly be present to those you meet this week and offer them your most precious gift, the gift of yourself.

SC Big Rivers Fundraiser

To help coordinate our volunteers for The Big Rivers Fundraiser see below. If you have not signed up and would like to help please see Mary Masterson, Mike Fallin or Sherry Basham:

- Cake baking - Donated cake supplies will need to be brought to church by July 29th. Groups will be mixing and baking in the parish hall August 2nd and 3rd. The morning shift will be 8am-12noon. Enjoy a cup of coffee and a breakfast pastry while you stir! Our evening shift will run 4pm-8pm and ladies bring your favorite wine and appetizer! Come join in on the fun! We also will need two volunteers with vans or SUV's to drive the cakes to the fundraiser on August 4th. If you can transport please be at SC by 8:15am to get loaded. Contact Mary if you can help.
- Meat Cooking - Cooking will begin at 5:00am August 4th. Help is needed cooking, cutting and loading. Bring your lawn chair and come on back to the BBQ pit behind SC church.
- Servers - Need to be at Panther Creek Park at 9:00am. Look for the big serving tent. People will be there to direct you. Wear your green St. Columba Church shirt if you have one or contact the office if you need one. Should be finished around 2:00pm.
- Carpooling - Meet and leave from SC church parking lot at 8:30am
- Youth and Parent Volunteers for the Games- Contact Denise to help. We will leave from SC church parking lot at 8:30am. Should be back around 1:30pm

Mass Intentions

- Tuesday, July 31**
8:00 am † Alice Devine SC
By Joyce & Dwayne Duncan
- Wednesday, August 1**
5:30 pm † Betty Lowe IC
By Nick & Susan Powers
- Thursday, August 2**
8:00 am † Roger Basham SC
By Mike & Sheila Ogle
- Friday, August 3**
8:00 am † Patsy Frey IC
By Dan & Shirley Hagman
- Saturday, August 4**
5:00 pm † Delma McManaway IC
By Jerry & Linda Atwood
- Sunday, August 5**
8:30 am Patricia Meyers SC
By Faye Wettstain
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week

July 29, 2018
 Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15
 Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 [17d]/Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading
 The prophet Elisha performed a feeding miracle in the name of the Lord 700 years before the birth of Christ. What does this teach us about Divine Providence?

Second Reading
 Paul speaks of the marks of a Christian life: humility, gentleness, patience, and love. How well do you live to this standard of the faith?

Gospel Reading
 We hear John's account of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes by Jesus. Why do you think this is the only miracle in common between all four evangelists?

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

Donut Sunday at SC

Next Sunday come on over to the parish hall after the 8:30am Mass at St Columba for donuts and coffee.

St. Columba Picnic Meeting

There will be a picnic meeting after Mass on August 12th. All Booth Chairs, workers and Pastoral Council members are encouraged to attend.

Upcoming Parish Picnics

St. Columba Sept 15
St. Lawrence/St. William Sept 16
St. Mary of the Woods,
Whitesville Sept 30

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, August 5

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Eddie Gray

Denny Long, Todd Payne

Lector: Steve Basham

Server: Bailey Poole

Cross Bearer: Jimmy Harper

Gift Bearer: Kevin Ward Family

Hospitality: David/Shelly Poole

Debbie Hawes, Lula Marsch

Vocation Statue: Mary Masterson

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Aimee Lyday

Bob Ogle, Shirley Hagman

Lector: Lori Ogle

Server: Hunter Severs, Dennis Wiseman

Cross Bearer: Gracie Kennedy

Gift Bearer: Elizabeth Winchell Family

Hospitality: Mike & Sheila Ogle

Rachael Gily, Amanda Fuchs

Vocation Statue: Dan & Shirley Hagman

In Need of Special Prayer

Patricia Meyers, 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

You sit down at a restaurant and order drinks and an appetizer. Then you order an entrée with a salad. When all of that has been consumed, you order a dessert. You leave after having had a good time, but your pants don't fit so well now. You are so full you regret ordering all those courses. Your eyes were bigger than your stomach. You ordered what you wanted and not what you needed.

In our daily lives, we find ourselves wanting many things. We desire outcomes and good fortunes that we think will make all the difference. However, oftentimes when we receive these things, we only find ourselves wanting more. Worse yet, if we do not get them, we can see our lives as incomplete.

God always provides what we need. It may not be what we want. Our eyes can deceive us into believing that what we receive is not enough to fulfill us. If we trust in God and seek to only live with what sustains us rather than dive into excess, we will find that we are happier, healthier, and at peace. No one should ever make himself or herself feel overcome by too much of anything. God knows what we need even if we cannot see it for ourselves. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

16th Annual Rural Life Celebration

Sunday, August 12, 2018, 5:00 pm @ Owensboro Convention Center

You are invited to a celebration of rural life in the air conditioned comfort of the Owensboro Convention Center on West Second St and Locust St. A free meal will be served start at 5:00 pm with a short program. This year, special recognition will be given to the lives of service of Jerry & Vicky Morris with the first "Be Like Rick" Award, Sylvester Fischer with the Lifetime Achievement Award and an audio visual salute of the life work of Tom Curtsinger. Come help us honor their contributions to our community.

Event sponsored by the Diocese of Owensboro Rural Life Committee.

RCIA starts Thursday, September 6th

As our summer moves on we are asking for names of individuals who might be interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes which will begin in September. Please contact Fr. Terry or the parish office to submit names.



17TH 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.