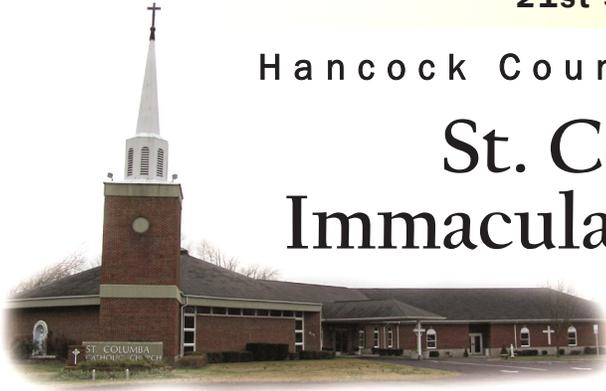


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Nationwide Mass Times

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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Cycles of Faith

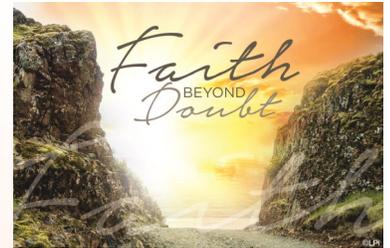
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"This saying is hard; who can accept it?" The words of Jesus' disciples in today's Gospel must sound familiar. At some point in our lives, you and I have said it about some article of our faith. Christianity makes firm demands on our ethical behavior and gives no easy answers for suffering. Many disciples were confused and dismayed by Jesus' words in the Bread of Life Discourse. Not all of them, however, had the same reaction.

When the disciples question Jesus' teaching, he confirms its truth. "The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life." For some, Jesus' reassurance was not enough. These disciples do not question Jesus further or wrestle with their lack of understanding. The mighty deeds Jesus has done fade to the background. "Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him." For them, their doubt proves too much.

Jesus turns to the Twelve, knowing that confusion lives in their hearts as well. Peter answers. "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Notice this is not a confession of perfect understanding. It is a confession of faith in Jesus. The precise words may still confuse them, but they believe the One who said them.

In our own lives, we face doubt, confusion, and disillusionment in our Christian faith. The same choice available to the disciples is available to us. Do you have faith in Jesus, even when you lack perfect understanding? Will you stay or will you go? What do you do with your doubt?



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 awaits our decision:

It is amazing how each person is faced with decisions throughout life-small decisions as well as big ones. Since we are all responsible for our decisions and must be willing to face the outcome or circumstances, we must be careful in how we choose. In our readings this weekend the theme is on choice or better yet as Joshua states, "Choose God or else." In our gospel, some disciples decide to leave Jesus because His teachings and ways are too hard to understand. Jesus invites us to choose His way and not the ways of the world. On a spiritual note we too are challenged to make a decision to follow Jesus or not. It is probably one of the most important decisions we will ever have to make! Let our prayer today be that of Joshua, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Have a good week, Fr. Terry

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Jesus' teaching is hard and challenging. In fact, many who originally believed in him left and returned to their former way of life. They were not able to accept what he had to say or to make the changes that are necessary to conform their lives to the Gospel. We often water down our faith and make it more about securing our place in heaven than leading a life in pursuit of the kingdom of God. Following Jesus and living the Gospel require action now. The Gospel demands that we change the way we conduct the business of our lives. Sadly, many are still afraid of taking risks and cannot accept change. Are we really ready to venture forth into the unknown, or would we prefer to simply return to our old ways of doing things?

Catechist Blessings

On Sunday September 9th we will recognize and bless our Catechist and helpers during the 8:30am and 10:30am Mass times. We thank you for your time and sacrifice in teaching and sharing your faith with the young people of our parishes.

Catechist Meeting

A Catechist K-5th grade meeting is scheduled on Wednesday August 29th at 6:00pm at IC church office. We ask our catechist to please be present as we prepare for the upcoming Religious Ed year beginning on September 12th.

Confirmation Catechist Meeting

The Confirmation catechists will meet on Thursday, September 6th at 6:00pm at IC church office.

Religious Ed Kick-Off for the K-5th Grade

Meet and greet our new Youth Minister Jill Frakes at our kick off on Wednesday September 5th from 6:00-7:00pm behind IC Church. Parents are invited to stay and greet Jill and pick up their registration packets. Class will begin on Wednesday September 12th in the basement of IC parish office. Looking forward to a great year!

Meet and Greet for the 6th -12th Grade

Come and meet the new youth minister on Wednesday September 12th from 6:00-7:30pm at Tell City Bowling. Free bowling!. Bring money for food. Parents may drop off and pick up their youth at Tell City Bowling. Their first class will begin on September 19th. The 6/7th grade class will meet in St Michaels room in the basement of IC parish office. This begins the first year of confirmation prep. The youth grades 8th-12th will meet in the Upper Room in IC parish hall.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 28

8:00 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

Wednesday, August 29

5:30 pm Keith Johnson IC
By Marilyn McCaslin

Thursday, August 30

8:00 am † Ora Roby SC
By Bob & Mary Johannemann

Friday, August 31

8:00 am † Alice Devine IC
By Joan Peak

Saturday, September 1

5:00 pm † Anna Payne IC
By Helen's Family

Sunday, September 2

8:30 am † Ronald Holder SC
By Richard Holder
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week

August 26, 2018

Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/ Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69
Monday: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 [3]/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mk 6:17-29
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 [12]/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

Just prior to his death, Joshua (who succeeded Moses in leading the Israelites into the Promised Land) declared his complete fidelity to the God of Israel: "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." How do you bear witness to your faith to family and friends?

Second Reading

In the closing part of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul addresses household codes of conduct for believers. In this regard, Paul speaks of the love between husband and wife as analogous to the love between Christ and the Church, concluding "this is a great mystery." What do you find compelling in Paul's words on marriage?

Gospel Reading

The Bread of Life Discourse concludes with John reporting that many of Jesus' disciples "no longer accompanied" him. How do you react to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?



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

First Sunday Coffee and Donuts

Come and celebrate Mass at St Columba at 8:30am and then join us for coffee and donuts in the parish hall next Sunday September 2nd.

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.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, September 2

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Judy Pate

Mary Masterson, Dian Heavrin

Lector: Maria Reine

Server: Sara Hendricks

Cross Bearer: Bob Durbin

Gift Bearer: Rosemary Neff, Trish Wardrip

Hospitality: Joe Hagman Family

Vocation Statue: David & Rosemary Emmick

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Heath Stokes

Falyn Stokes, Dakota Wheatley

Lector: Lori Ogle

Server: Andrew Lyday, Carter Lyday

Cross Bearer: Hunter Severs

Gift Bearer: Jason Curry Family

Hospitality: Kenny Woodward Family

Vocation Statue: George/Cheryl Gammon

Congratulations to our new Sophia Award Winner

Congratulations to Mike Fallin of St. Columba who won and accepted the Sophia Award. What a great model you are of the Catholic faith. Your service and ministry to the church has been recognized and we acknowledge you as a servant of the Lord. Please join him for Mass and the recognition celebration on September 9th at 2:00 pm at St. Stephen Cathedral.

St. Columba Fall Social (Picnic) Signs

It's time to put out our signs advertising our Picnic coming up **September 15th**.

Many adopted our signs last year to use year after year to help our church advertise for the picnic. Place it in your yard, your neighbor's yard or some other visible place. White Duck tape can be used to change the picnic date on the signs. Raffle Tickets are out. You can pick up your tickets at Church on Sunday. Our raffle drawing will be at 7:00 pm. Mass will be at 7:30 pm. Many changes have been made to the picnic, besides the name, and will be described in next week's bulletin.

Adult Religious Education Classes

Adults will have two opportunities to further study scripture and the teachings of the church. Join us at **St. Columba** for coffee and refreshments on Sunday mornings from 9:30am-11:00am in St. Joseph's classroom beginning September 9th. We will begin with Session #13 in the study book. Lou urges the group to read and answer the questions prior to the first class. **Immaculate Conception** will continue to dig into a study of the Catechism at IC church office conference room on Wednesday evenings at 6:00pm beginning September 12th. Learn what the church teaches and why thru this great study of the Catechism! Everyone is welcome.

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception

Weekly Goal\$3,208.00
 Collection 8-19-18\$3,199.00
 Difference under\$9.00
 Mass Attendance73/93

Week # 8 of 53

Fiscal YTD Goal \$25,664
 Fiscal YTD Actual \$21,370



St. Columba

Weekly Goal\$2,264.00
 Collection 8-19-18\$2,235.00
 Difference under \$29.00
 Mass Attendance 105

Week # 8 of 53

Fiscal YTD Goal \$18,112
 Fiscal YTD Actual \$17,159

SC Building Repair Fund

Total Families Pledged 58
 Total Amount Pledged \$51,518
 Total Paid 8-19-18 \$41,553

In Need of Special Prayer

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Betty Brickey,
 Frances Storm, Beverly Snyder,
 Bill McBrayer, 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.

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.