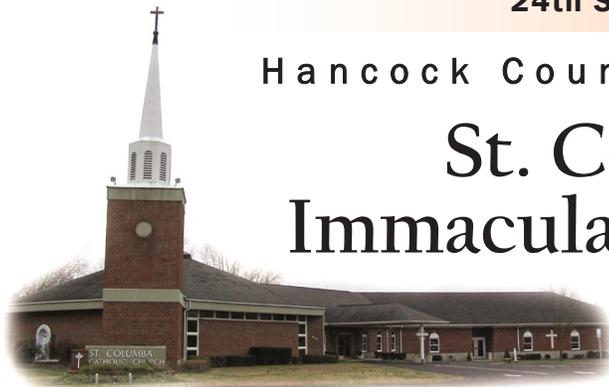


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Nationwide Mass Times

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We know the signs of defeat: slumped shoulders, downcast eyes, a chastened demeanor. For those of us sincerely trying to follow Jesus, defeat is inevitable. We commit to spending more time with our kids, but that one project still looms. We resolve to be a good person, but our selfishness strikes again. It can be easy to get discouraged over our moral failures. Today's Gospel is a small, intriguing look at this process in the life of St. Peter.

First, Jesus' questions get the Apostles thinking about his true identity. This results in a confession of faith from Peter: "You are the Christ." Eager faith characterizes Peter's relationship with Jesus. First to follow, first to leap out of the boat, and, we know, first to deny. It's the latter tendency that manifests itself later in the Gospel. When Jesus predicts the Passion, "Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him." Jesus' rebuke in turn is stinging. While Peter's caution to Jesus is in private, Jesus intentionally turns back to the others as he declares, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Like Peter, we rarely get it right all the time. Peter understood that Jesus was the Messiah, but he had a false concept of what that Messiah would accomplish. Jesus wants to make sure the rest of the disciples don't follow down the wrong road. The Christian life is a difficult one, as Jesus later tells the crowds. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself." Yet the mercy of God is abundant. If we renew our trust and our efforts after a fall, every defeat is transformed into redemptive grace. "Whoever loses his life for my sake, will save it."



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

Mistaken Identity:

Sometimes it is so easy to experience a case of mistaken identity where someone might mistake you for someone else or where you might do the same to another. It's normal—we all do it. In our gospel today, Jesus wants His apostles to proclaim who He really is. Some people mistake Jesus for Elijah, or John the Baptist, etc., but Peter clears the air by announcing that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus goes on to say

that the cross and personal self-denial must go hand in hand if one is to follow him. All of us have experienced our share of crosses and we must remember that the cross is the stepping stone to our Lord and the glory of new life and resurrection. Jesus is asking us this weekend, "who am I in your life?". Do we REALLY know Him? Have a good week! Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

Who do you say Jesus is? Some look to Jesus as the reliever of pain and suffering. We want to believe in a God who will take away the discomfort we are feeling and make things better. Frustration and even a lessening of faith can happen when we realize this is not happening. Jesus is the Christ. As the Christ, he is the one who shows us how to keep both the joys and sorrows of life in balance. There is no hopping, skipping, or jumping over suffering. It is a part of life. In addition to the physical pain we are asked to endure, living the Gospel can bring rejection and suffering as well. Jesus the Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Do we have the desire and faith to follow him?

Big River's Picnic Fundraiser was a Team Effort

Thank you to everyone who helped at St. Columba's Big River's Picnic Fundraiser! It was a big job and it took the help of many people to make the fundraiser a great success! You were a perfect Catholic witness of a community of believers working together and having fun! The Profit this year was \$8,706.70.

Annual Marriage Celebration

The Office of Marriage & Family Life would like to invite all married couples in the Diocese to join Bishop Medley for the annual Marriage Celebration. Please join us on Sunday, September 30th at St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro for the celebration. Mass begins at 2:00 pm with a reception immediately following in the Fr. Vaughan Community Center. If you plan to attend, we only ask that those coming RSVP to Charlotte Hedges at (270)683-1545 or charlotte.hedges@pastoral.org.

Women's ICON Retreat

Ladies from around the diocese are invited to attend a women's retreat Oct. 19-20 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park. The title of the retreat is Reclaiming True Femininity with guest speakers Cindy Costello, Emily Sederstrand and Debbie Staresinic. The cost is \$50 and lodging is a separate fee and must be completed by attendee. Rooms are blocked off and a discount code is available online. Find out more information, a schedule and online registration by visiting <https://owensborodiocese.org/womens-icon-retreat/>. This event is sponsored by the Office of Evangelization.

Day of Discipleship

Join the Diocese of Owensboro's Office of Evangelization for a **Day of Discipleship**. This day will assist parish and school staffs and leadership teams to fully understand what we are undertaking in this four year Living as Missionary Disciples plan. In order to do this, we have to immerse you in and introduce you to the New Evangelization and to the Kerygma. September 29, 2018 @ 8:30 am – 5:00 pm at St. Pius X

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 18

10:00 am † Alice Devine HV
By Clayton & Gloria Gray

Wednesday, September 19

5:30 pm † Ora Roby IC
By Rearden Family

Thursday, September 20

8:00 am † Joe Bolin SC
By Donald & Alice Bland

Friday, September 21

8:00 am † Eva Cecil IC
By Marilyn McCaslin

Saturday, September 22

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, September 23

8:30 am † Roger Basham SC
By Jim & Debbie Peters

10:30 am † Justin Gross IC
By Rodney & Dana Gross

Readings for the Week

September 16, 2018

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1 Cor 11:26b]/ Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [3]/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

We hear today how the prophet Isaiah suffered, even though he was innocent of any wrongdoing. Yet Isaiah put his trust in the Lord. What does this tell us about Isaiah's character?

Second Reading

James emphasizes the importance of faith producing good works. What good works do you do that stem from your faith?

Gospel Reading

Jesus asks the disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter rightly identifies him as the Messiah but fails to see the role of Jesus' suffering. Why do you think Peter (and many modern believers) struggles with the idea of a suffering Messiah?

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

Tuesday, September 18

5:00 pm SC Finance SC
6:00 pm SC Pastoral SC

Wednesday, September 19

6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC

Thursday, September 20

5:30 pm RCIA IC

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Liturgical Roles

Sunday, September 23

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Mary Beth Emmick
Denny Long, Amy Allard

Lector: Maria Reine

Server: volunteer

Cross Bearer: Shelby Basham

Gift Bearer: Scott Basham Family

Hospitality: Tim & Dian Heavrin
David Winchell, Michelle Simpson

Vocation Statue: Faye Wettstain

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Mary Woodward
Jody Wheatley, Volunteer

Lector: Connie Wheatly

Server: Jacob Hodge

Cross Bearer: Andrew Lyday

Gift Bearer: Amanda Fuchs
Adrian Mattingly

Hospitality: John /Marlene Wheatley
Eva Bulleit, Bob Ogle

Vocation Statue: Sharon Russelburg

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I must confess. I have not always prayed for someone if I told him or her I would. I have fallen victim to making the phrase, "You are in my prayers," a sentence void of real emotion or intent. It is like asking the question, "How are you?" Do I always want to know how you are at the time? Then follows the most common responses of "fine" or "good." I could have had the worst day, but I still utter a response that does not reflect my true state. Many of us say things to be nice without really thinking about it. At least, I hope I am not the only one.

The truth is that words are meaningless without action. We sometimes make ourselves and others feel better by saying we will do things only to provide no action at all. Offering best wishes to those in real need without any action is worth little. Even if we think we are sincere, true faith without works is dead.

Good stewardship requires us to say what we mean and mean what we say. Stewardship is a way of living. It does ask for sentiments of love. It asks for profound actions of love. We need to offer our gifts, talents, time, and prayers to one another and then follow through. This means we need to be more mindful of what we are saying, more committed to following through, and more accountable for our actions if we fail. If we practice this way of living, not only will we be able to say we are doing the right thing, but our integrity will be intact and we will bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Married Couples Day of Recollection

Fr. Louis Capriccio, CPM, Chaplain for the Passionist Nuns, will present "The Formula for a Successful Marriage" at the Passionist Monastery in Whitesville on Saturday, September 22 from 8-3:30 PM. The cost is \$75 per couple, plus a freewill offering for the speaker. It includes a light breakfast and lunch. Those interested in attending should visit www.passionistnuns.org and scroll down to "Upcoming Events." Or you may contact Christie at retreats@passionistnuns.org or 270-302-8023.

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,208.00
Collection 9-09-18	<u>\$2,277.00</u>
Difference under	\$931.00
Mass Attendance	63/107
Week # 11 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$35,288
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$28,916

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,264.00
Collection 9-09-18	<u>\$1,788.00</u>
Difference under	\$476.00
Mass Attendance	116
Week # 11 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$24,904
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$25,339
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 9-09-18	\$42,156



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.