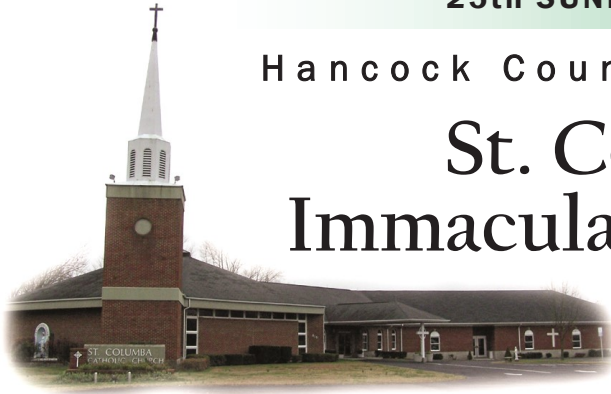


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



Immaculate Conception

P.O. Box 219 • Hawesville, KY 42348
Phone 270-927-8419
Pastoral Council Chairperson,
Rachael Gily..... 270-922-6579

St. Columba

P.O. Box 358 • Lewisport, KY 42351
Phone 270-295-3682
Pastoral Council Chairperson,
Shelby Basham 270-570-5695

Parish Office

240 Court Square, Hawesville, KY 42348
Office Hours M-Th 8:30-3:00 pm
Fax 270-927-6783

Pastoral Team

Fr. Terry Devine, Pastor 270-860-0924
terry.devine@pastoral.org
Denise Long, Adult Ministry 270-295-3661
icsyouth@aol.com
Jill Frakes, Youth Ministry 270-295-3661
jfrakes@gmail.com
Becky Monetathchi, Secretary . 270-922-0656
bmonetathchi@aol.com
Church Web Page: icschurch.org
Diocesan Web Page: owensborodiocese.org

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
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351

Cycles of Faith

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Oscars. The Super Bowl. TV talent shows. Your son's Little League championship. We live in a culture set on competition. The desire to "be the best" goes beyond hobbies and into politics, the corporate world, and parenting comparisons at the park. This desire is as old as the human race, and it surely arose in Jesus' day. While Biblical society was significantly less open and upwardly mobile than our own, power was attractive. From what we know, many of Jesus' disciples had come from lowly backgrounds. Now they followed an increasingly popular rabbi who seemed primed to do something big.

Jesus does his best to dissuade their high hopes by prophesying his own defeat. "The Son of Man is to be handed over, and they will kill him." Internalizing the message proves challenging for the disciples, and their attention remains fixed on earthly glory. "They discuss among themselves on the way who was the greatest." True to style, Jesus flips their pretensions on their heads. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."



We have heard these Biblical principles before. Do we believe them? In our professional lives, do we do whatever we can to get ahead, or are we concerned with the entire team succeeding? In the lives of our children, are we more concerned with victory or with building character? Jesus doesn't condemn success, but he reframes it. "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." Today's Gospel is a reality check. In God's eyes, our success will not be measured by worldly output alone but by how much love and service we offer to others in the process.

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

Humility

We are reminded once again that as the followers of Jesus we must be people of humility, which demands our service for others. Jesus came into the world not to be served, but to serve and give His life for the ransom of many. Jesus also invites His disciples to be childlike in their dependence on God, as children are on their parents. In bringing about the Kingdom of God let us refocus our priorities and goals as we carry out our duties as followers of Jesus. Have a good week! Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

Humility is really a virtue that allows us to keep our relationships in proper order: God first, others second, and myself third. However, we all wrestle with our incompleteness, weakness, and imperfections. Passions and impulses from within can color how we view our lives and distort them. Who among us does not struggle with jealousy, envy, pride, and lust? Then, when we can't have what we desire, we find ourselves angry, greedy, and taking more than we deserve. The downward spiral continues. Even Jesus' disciples, who knew him better than most, argued about who was the greatest. Humbly seeking the wisdom that comes from God and His righteousness is the corrective we need in order to keep ourselves in check.

Anointing of the Sick

Next weekend we will celebrate the *Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick* during Mass. Reach out and invite all who are sick in body or spirit to come to Mass next weekend for this healing sacrament.

Faith sharing and S'more fun!

High School Religious Ed class will be held at Vastwood park September 26th from 6-7pm at campsite 1!



Blueberries for Sale

The youth are selling frozen blueberries from Happy Hollow Blueberry Farms. The blueberries are prepared and boxed in 10lb for \$20.00! Great for making jelly, pies, muffins or pancakes! Please contact Jill Frakes or the church office if you want to purchase a box.

Women's Retreat – Reclaiming True Femininity

Join women from all around the diocese on Friday, October 19 through Saturday, October 20 at Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park for a retreat unlike any other. This retreat dives into, unpacks, and processes the topics of prayer, who we are as women made in God's image ("icon") and our mission to love. We are all created to be in communion, in personal relationship with God. Each of us is created as a unique, unrepeatable man or woman with a vocation to love like God. We will pose the questions: "What does it mean to be human? What does it mean to be a man, a woman? What does it mean to love like God?"

Cindy Costello, Emily Sederstrand and Debbie Staresinic are three dynamic speakers that will share with you how to reclaim your true femininity as women and daughters of God by walking with you through the experiences of being a Catholic woman or mother in today's culture. They will also help you to unleash God's mercy through you that the world so desperately needs

The retreat is \$50. Attendees must book and pay for their own room. There are rooms blocked off at Kentucky Dam Village Lodge under Owensboro Diocese Women's Retreat. Reservations may be made online at www.parks.ky.gov by entering code 2542 or by phone: 270-362-4271, ext. 1, request reservations for group code 2542.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 25

8:00 am † Ora Roby SC
By Mary Johannemann

Wednesday, September 26

5:30 pm † June Fowler IC
By Kay Adkins

Thursday, September 27

8:00 am † Harmon Long Jr. SC
By Denny & Denise Long

Friday, September 28

8:00 am † Bob Gray IC
By Bob Ogle

Saturday, September 29

5:00 pm † Delma McManaway IC
By Rachel & Eddie Gray

Sunday, September 30

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † David Sterett IC
By John & Carolyn McCarty

Readings for the Week

September 23, 2018

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

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

We hear from the Wisdom writer the mindset of those who oppose God. Where do you see this mentality in the world today?

Second Reading

James speaks of one's passions as the source of much conflict in the world and in ourselves. Which of your passions have caused conflict for you?

Gospel Reading

Jesus teaches the disciples today that true discipleship requires humility and simplicity. In what ways is this condition of discipleship a challenge for you?

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

Wednesday, September 26

6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC
 6:00 pm High School Relig. Ed at Vastwood Park Campsite #1

Thursday, September 27

5:30 pm RCIA IC

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, September 30

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Dian Heavrin
 Butch Meriwether, Judy Pate
Lector: Mary Masterson
Server: Lawson Ward
Cross Bearer: Gerald Davis
Gift Bearer: Brad Gregory Family
Hospitality: Joe & Donna Hagman
 Shelby Winchell, Prestyn Emmick
Vocation Statue: Tina Nelson

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Emily Woodward
 Katherine Woodward, McKensie Severs
Lector: Mary Woodward
Server: Volunteers
Cross Bearer: Dakota Wheatley
Gift Bearer: Nathan & Courtney West
Hospitality: Nathan & Courtney West
 Mike & Sheila Ogle
Vocation Statue: Jody & Alisha Wheatley

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

If you have traveled on Southwest Airlines, you are aware of how they line people up prior to boarding. You receive a lettered group of A, B, or C and a number. You line up with your group and in sequence based on your numbers. This means that before every flight, you'll hear people ask over and over, "What number are you?" Some don't ask and simply place themselves in the line. I have been A-1 before and had someone stand in line in front of me. There is nothing before A-1 in the line! It is crazy the urgency of some to board the plane and get the perfect seat. For some, I think it has more to do with a sense of entitlement. No one is going to cheat me out of my place in line! I deserve it!

Of course, you can't deserve your place in the line more than another. We are all getting on the plane and going to the same place. In life, some of us act like people in a Southwest boarding line. We want our place in line, and we will sometimes put ourselves ahead of others without merit. Good stewardship allows us to see our actions in this regard as folly. Jesus said, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." We are called to serve and not to be served. If we seek what we truly deserve in this life, we will find that we are not actually entitled to much. If we humble ourselves and seek to serve others, we will receive an abundance of good things, even though we still won't deserve it. For all we receive, whether we are A-1 or C-30, is a gift. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Confirmation Parent Small Group Meeting

A meeting for the parents of the youth preparing for Confirmation is scheduled for Wednesday October 3rd at IC Parish Hall from 6:00-7:30pm. Confirmation class will also extend until 7:30pm on this night as well. Please note this is a change to what has been scheduled on the religious education calendar.

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

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.**

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,208.00
Collection 9-16-18	<u>\$1,977.00</u>
Difference under	\$1,231.00
Mass Attendance	113
Week # 12 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$38,496
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$34,913



St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,264.00
Collection 9-16-18	<u>\$1,105.00</u>
Difference under	\$1,159.00
Mass Attendance	82/55
Week # 12 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$27,168
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$26,444
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 9-16-18	\$42,201

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.

Harvest Time for our Farmers

Harvest time is just around the corner. Please keep our farmers in your prayers. One special prayer is:
“Lord, we ask your blessings on all farmers and their crops today, we offer you all the time and work they spend harvesting the crops. We dedicate their labor to you and ask that all they do will bring them closer to you in this life and will give them eternal joy in heaven with you forever. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen”

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.

Church Website and Facebook Pages

Did you know our parishes have a website?

www.icscchurch.org. Also, each parish now has a Facebook page, St Columba Catholic Church and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. The youth also have a page named Hancock County Catholic Youth. Check us out, like the page and keep up to date on what is happening in our parishes.

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>).

Picnic Thank You!

The St. Columba Picnic was a success again this year because participation was so great! Thanks to those who cooked the food, served the food and drinks, and donated money, quilts, and other items for the raffle, silent auction, and cake booth. Thanks for bringing in the all the donated items. Thanks to those who worked so hard on the raffle/silent auction. Thanks to everyone for selling and buying raffle tickets. Thanks to those who worked in the stands. The day was wonderful. Winners of our CASH raffle prizes were: \$500 -Judy Pate, \$500- Jean Mattingly, \$250-Kevin Cambron, \$200-Cathy Boswell, \$100-Karen Long, \$100-Rob Pooser, \$100-Joe Hagman, \$100-Debbie Peters, \$100-Jerry Buck, \$100-Dwayne Duncan, \$100-Joe Hagman and \$50-Michelle Gregory.

Congratulations and THANK YOU!

Did you Know....The Diocese of Owensboro has:

Counseling Services

Catholic Charities collaborates with several counselors who offer their services at a reduced rate for parishioners of the Diocese of Owensboro. Catholic Charities and many parishes supplement this discounted rate for up to 6 counseling sessions. The counselor you choose should be informed of the parish you attend. Confidentiality is assured.

CAP (Congregational Assistance Program) is structured to provide parishioners with short-term counseling. If extended treatment is needed, counselors will provide an assessment and referral to appropriate mental health resources.

Each of the therapists that Catholic Charities works with is qualified to offer counseling for individuals, couples and family issues.

St. Gerard Life Home

Saint Gerard Life Home offers free housing and hospitality for pregnant women age 18 and older. A woman may come to us at any point in her pregnancy and may stay for up to three months after the birth of her child.

The mission of St. Gerard Life Home is to provide assistance to the pregnant woman experiencing a crisis pregnancy who has chosen life for her child.

Opportunities for Life

Opportunities for Life is a non-profit organization whose mission is to offer non-judgmental and confidential support to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy and help them recognize the many opportunities and resources that exist for those who choose life.

At Opportunities for Life, our consultants help young women find answers to their many questions about abortion, pregnancy tests, STDs, adoption, parenting, medical referrals, housing, and other issues. Our goal is to help these women gather information and explore the many options that are available, so that they may make an informed decision.

Our toll-free number, [1-800-822-5824](tel:1-800-822-5824), is available to callers 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Adoptions

A Caring Connection is a network of Kentucky Catholic Charities adoption agencies working together to provide statewide pregnancy help and adoption services. Our adoption agencies in Kentucky have provided support and hope to countless women, children, and families for more than 70 years.

For women and men experiencing an unplanned or crisis pregnancy, *A Caring Connection* provides compassionate and professional assistance throughout the pregnancy and for as long as needed after an adoption placement.

For couples whose hearts long for an adopted child, *A Caring Connection* is an accomplished leader in adoption services. *A Caring Connection* provides adoption preparation, adoption home study services, and post placement services to adoptive families.