

Hancock County Catholic Church

St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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 270-295-3494
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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." This verse is part of a beautiful reflection on childlike faith. We're reminded of the innocence of children, how eager they are to experience life and how quick they are to trust. Rarely do we hear it with the story that immediately proceeds it. The Pharisees question Jesus on the lawfulness of divorce! Hardly the sort of thorny moral conversation one typically has in front of children. Yet here we are.

Jesus' response goes further back than the Mosaic law. "From the beginning, God made them male and female? the two shall become one flesh? what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Jesus cites a particular set of passages from Genesis 1 and 2, before the Fall in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve possessed original innocence. How eager they were to encounter one another and to explore the garden! How immediate their initial trust in God. We no longer live in Eden. As we age in our fallen world, our childlike trust is wounded and betrayed. We become hardened to the beauties of life. We're quick to find a way around difficult moments.

In brief, things become complicated as we lose our innocence. The teachings of Christ and the Church on sexuality become more challenging or more objectionable. Jesus recognizes this in today's Gospel. His invitation is not to compromise with our broken reality. It is a return to beauty, to the fullness of life as it was meant to be. We can affirm our trust in God. We can view life with gratitude. We can experience healing of our lost innocence. This is possible today -- now! -- by grace. Indeed, "the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."



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

One in the Lord:

Our theme this weekend centers on marriage where husband and wife are called to be one and to reflect the church as well. Just as Jesus and the church (bride & groom) are united and one so again both husband and wife must do the same. Not only for those called to the married state, but all Christians share in these same goals as followers of Jesus. Jesus calls all of us to be one and to seek unity in our journey of faith. Like

those bonded in marriage so by baptism we all are called to reflect the love of Christ and His Church to all. May the Lord bless us all in our efforts. Have a good week, Fr. Terry.

LIVE THE LITURGY

As a disciple, an extremely important question must always take precedence in decision making. What does God want me to do? In discerning answers to life's questions and difficulties, it doesn't matter what humans permit or even what popular choice dictates. It is what God says that matters. God's will is often dismissed, even by those who claim to believe in Him. We discern God's will by developing a strong and mature prayer life, listening to Scripture and church teaching, consulting church tradition, paying attention to the rhythms of life, and seeking His presence in all we experience and observe. As Jesus realized in his final hours, it is "not my will but yours be done." Are we ready to follow his example and give ourselves over to what God wants?

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.

Theology on Tap

A Reason for Your Hope is the topic for this month's Theology on Tap at Fetta Specialty Pizza on October 15th from 6:00-8:00pm. "Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope." - 1 Peter 3:15. How do you give your witness as a young adult? How can you share your story of faith? Join us as we listen and learn from Joe Bland, the director of the Office of Evangelization in the Diocese of Owensboro, and Ben Warrell, director of Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center, as they share their own witnesses, and the "reason for their hope"! Young adults from 18-39 are welcome, as well as all faith traditions.

Hancock County Sorghum Festival

The Confirmation and HS youth will be selling ice cream and fried apple pies at the Sorghum Festival October 20-21st. Come out and support the youth! Parents and youth please contact Jill to sign up to work a shift.

Trunk or Treat and Pet Blessing

A Community wide Trunk or treat and pet blessing event will be held Wednesday, October 24th at IC church parking lot. There will be Chili, Hotdogs, Hamburgers and desserts from 6-8pm in the IC parish hall; donations accepted to go towards youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference. Trunk or Treat will be from 6-7pm, with pet blessing at 6:15. Please come out



and show your support for the youth of St. Columba and Immaculate Parishes. Prizes for best decorated car, best adult, youth, and pet costumes!



Mass Intentions

No weekday Masses while Fr. Terry is on vacation.

Saturday, October 13

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, October 14

8:30 am † Stephen Emmick SC

By Butch & Peggy Meriwether

10:30 am † Flo & Earl Gray IC

By Larry & Judy White

Readings for the Week

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Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

[cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [69]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

We hear in the creation account how man's search for a "suitable partner" led to the creation of woman and that God's intention for marriage was "the two of them become one flesh." Why do you think this idea of marriage is still a debate within our larger culture today?

Second Reading

The author of Hebrews asserts that Christ and believers are "brothers" in our common experience of suffering and death. How does this revealed truth help you in your spiritual journey?

Gospel Reading

In the Gospel, the Pharisees set out to trap Jesus on the question of marriage and divorce. What would many modern Christians find challenging in Jesus' response to the Pharisees?

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, October 7

1st Sunday Donuts - SC

No Rel. Ed. or RCIA during Fall Break

Wednesday evening religious education classes will not meet October 10th due to fall break. Classes will resume October 17th. Have a safe and fun fall break. RCIA classes will not meet Thursday October 11th. Class will resume next week October 18th.

Our Lady of Monte Cassino Shrine

Everyone is invited to attend the Sunday afternoon Pilgrimage services in honor of Our Blessed Mother. The service lasts about an hour and consists of an opening hymn, a short sermon, and rosary procession. It ends with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin and a hymn. The service begins at 2:00 pm on each Sunday in October. The small chapel of Monte Cassino is located on a hill near the Archabbey. The shrine, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a testament to the age-old tradition of seeking God. For more information, call 812-357-6585.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, October 14

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Judy Pate

Mary Masterson, Sandra Davis

Lector: Peggy Meriwether

Server: Butch Meriwether

Cross Bearer: Scott Basham

Gift Bearer: Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

Hospitality: David & Michelle Winchell

Debbie Hawes, Bob Durbin

Vocation Statue: Judy Pate

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Mary Woodward

Falyn Stokes, Trina Ogle

Lector: Connie Wheatley

Server: Laura Wheatley, Jacob Hodges

Cross Bearer: Dakota Wheatley

Gift Bearer: David Price Family

Hospitality: Heath Stokes Family

Vocation Statue: Rachael Gily

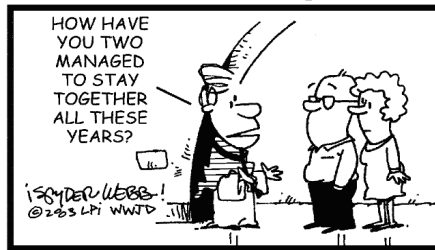
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

People can spend their entire lives looking for their most suitable partner. Some have an unattainable ideal in their minds that makes the search impossible. Others may choose a different partner over and over again without any real discernment, leading to a long series of breakups and heartache. Perhaps the greatest obstacle for people lies in their assumption that the most important criteria for choosing a partner is that the person they choose to love needs to be devoted to them and be faithful to them above all others. The truth is that if you want to have a suitable partner who you find yourself drawing ever closer to as the years go by, then the focus of both people involved needs to be on a much more important being than the two of you.

When I was a teenager, I remember seeing a triangle used as a visual aid in explaining how true love works. God is the top point and the two lovers, friends, or family members involved are the bottom points. If the two involved in the relationship love God more than each other, than in time it will be their love for the Divine that will bring them ever closer, like how a triangle narrows at the top point. The more I give of myself to my God, the greater I find my love is for my wife, my children, and my friends. A stewardship way of life will eventually strengthen all our relationships, for a surrender to the One who is love means an increase in the love we have to give to others. For those who continue to search for the "one," pause, pay attention, and see the One who has always loved you and will do so forevermore. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Respect Life

During the month of October, as we remember our Blessed Mother and the gift of the rosary, we also pause to remember that the source of all life, which is a gift, comes from our God. God is not the author of death, but of life. Life is sacred and precious and no one has the right to take this gift away. We are speaking about the issue of abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, etc. If we are claiming to be prolife, our ethics must be consistent as we proclaim life to be sacred in all the above areas. Let us today acknowledge the gift of life and let us honor the gift by protecting what God has given us. May our faith always be a witness and may our faith give birth to new life. Fr. Terry.



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,208.00
Collection 9-30-18	<u>\$2,673.06</u>
Difference under	\$534.94
Mass Attendance	108
Week # 14 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$44,912
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$40,578



St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,264.00
Collection 9-30-18	<u>\$2,007.00</u>
Difference under	\$257.00
Mass Attendance	54/84
Week # 14 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$31,696
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$31,415
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 9-30-18	\$42,371

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.