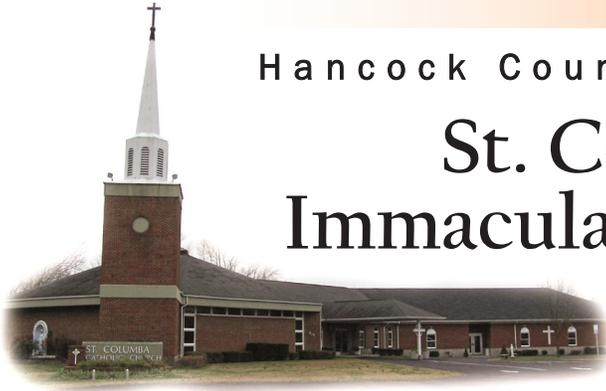


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Nationwide Mass Times

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

1st Sunday in Advent

Tribulation. Wildfires. Tsunamis. Moral corruption. Disease. War. We tend to associate these things with the end times, and perhaps for good reason! In today's Gospel, Jesus says: "People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world." Not exactly putting us in the Christmas spirit, is it? During Advent, we anticipate a celebration of Christ's first coming. There is a quiet stillness about our waiting, or at least we try to encourage that in ourselves. Perhaps we have an Advent devotional or we take time to pray together as a family around the Advent wreath.

But Jesus did not come only once into history. During Advent, we remember that he will come again. You may remember the rapture craze in the early 2000s, when a series of books and movies envisioned a future where Jesus was coming soon and all the true believers had been whisked away. Everyone else had one more chance to repent before things really went to hell...literally, in this case!

But is that what Jesus is talking about here? The truth is, we don't know what Jesus' Second Coming will be like. The actual return of Christ - though sudden and perhaps frightening to some - should not frighten us. Despite all the stories we may have heard about the apocalypse, the advice of Jesus is not to hang our heads or cower in fear. "Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." In a certain sense, we are already living in the end times. We already encounter great tribulation. We all find it easy to get distracted or discouraged in the grind of daily life. Today's Gospel reminds us that vigilance for God's presence is needed now.



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

Advent: How will we prepare?

Every year at about this time we begin to develop a list of names in regards to gift-giving and lists of other things as well. As things begin to pick up in our world of commercialism, so the Church asks us to look into our spiritual lives and make some serious preparations as well. Speaking of a shopping list, what about making a spiritual list, in which we can discern our needs in our relationship with the Lord and others. Maybe

we are in need of a few spiritual blue-light specials, which include patience, charity, humility, forgiveness, hope and better and healthier attitudes. As Santa asks small children what they want this coming Christmas, so our Lord is asking the same question: What would you like this coming Christmas? Let us spend this Advent Season pondering this all-important question and may our season of waiting and preparation be spiritually fruitful in our lives. Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

As we begin our Advent journey in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth and in anticipation of his coming again in glory, we are reminded of our need to be vigilant and prepared. This short season of Advent can be a mini-retreat for us who find ourselves living in a world that is often counterproductive to developing mature, focused, and meaningful relationships with God. Being a Christian and standing firm in our faith requires a strength that can only come from prayer. These four short preparatory weeks can help us look back to what God has done in history, to what God continues to do in our lives today, and to what God promises for the future. May we use this Advent time wisely, calling us to greater holiness.

Santa's Sacks

Help us prepare Santa Sacks for those in need in the community by donating green beans, mac & cheese and stuffing and new toys for newborn-8th grade. You may bring your donations to Mass beginning next Sunday November 25th thru December 16th. Baskets will be available as you enter church. The give-away is scheduled for Thursday December 20th. Please contact Noel Quinn if you are interested in helping with the give-away.

Christmas Hams for Sale!!

St. Columba will be selling Hams for Christmas for \$35. What a bargain!!!! This year only 65 hams are being purchased, and will be sold on a first come basis. Please have your money at the time of ordering. Orders and money need to be turned in by December 18th. Pickup will be on Sunday, December 23th after Mass as both IC and SC. To order, contact Mike Fallin at 270-295-3169 or 270-922-7707 or call the parish office at 270-927-8419

Flower Donations

Give a donation for Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one. Use your Christmas flower envelope and write the name of your loved one on the envelope. All names will be listed in a special bulletin insert at Christmas.

Advent Parish Penance Service

Advent is a time to prepare. A time to prepare for Christmas; a time to prepare for the Lord. Let confession be a part of your preparation. Join us for an Advent Penance Service on Monday December 17th at 6:00pm at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. All are welcome.

First Reconciliation

First Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 5th at 6:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church. Please keep in prayer the children and their families as they continue in their preparation. This will also be an opportunity for our high school youth to go to confession at 6:30pm during religious Ed class.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 4

No Mass

Wednesday, December 5

5:30 pm † Mildred Riley IC
By Bob Ogle

Thursday, December 6

No Mass

Friday, December 7

Vigil

6:00 pm † Vic Johnson SC
By Dot Pooser

Saturday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Sunday Vigil:

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, December 9

8:30 am † Eva Howard SC
By Bob Ogle

10:30 am † James Kurz IC

By Dan & Shirley Hagman

Readings for the Week

December 2, 2018

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday : Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

Around the year 600 B.C., the prophet Jeremiah offered a message of hope to the people of Israel as they were facing deportation and exile into Babylon. Jeremiah speaks of God's fidelity to His people. In what ways do you experience God's commitment to your life and well-being?

Second Reading

St. Paul stressed to the Christians in Thessalonica the importance of having one's perspective and behavior focused on the return of Christ. How does the Second Coming of Christ impact your behavior as a believing Christian?

Gospel Reading

Jesus warns his disciples to be attentive about events that will be associated with the end times. How would you evaluate your own readiness for the return of the Son of Man?

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, December 5
6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC

Thursday, December 6
5:30 pm RCIA IC

Saturday, December 8
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday, December 9
Breakfast with Santa after Mass at SC

Derby Dinner Playhouse Christmas Show
Board the bus at IC at 3:00 pm

Liturgical Roles
Sunday, December 9

St. Columba, 8:30 am
Eucharistic Min: Judy Pate
Amy Allard, Butch Meriwether

Lector: Peggy Meriwether
Server: Bailey Poole

Cross Bearer: Steve Basham
Gift Bearer: Scott Basham Family
Hospitality: Denny & Denise Long
Tim & Dian Heavrin

Vocation Statue: Denny & Denise Long

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am
Eucharistic Min: Dan Hagman
Amy Hess, Marilyn McCaslin

Lector: Yvonne Booty
Server: Hunter Severs, Abby Walz
Cross Bearer: Gracie Kennedy
Gift Bearer: John Ogle Family
Hospitality: Roy & Gayle Ogle
John Ogle Family

Vocation Statue: Lynn Powers

In Need of Special Prayer
Phyllis Emmick, Kevin Gearlds,
Gloria Gray

Homebound or Nursing Homes
Betty Brickey, Frances Storm, 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.

Advent Reading

As you enter church you will find free reading materials for Advent. Please take and enjoy. Feel free to share with others after you have finished any of the books available. Also check out our web site for additional resources. www.icscchurch.org

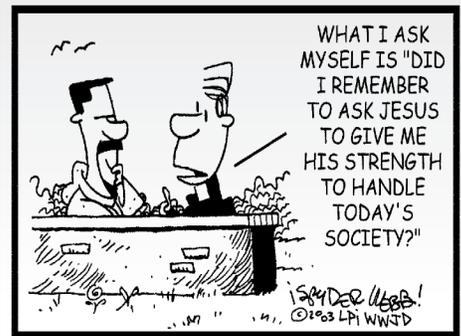
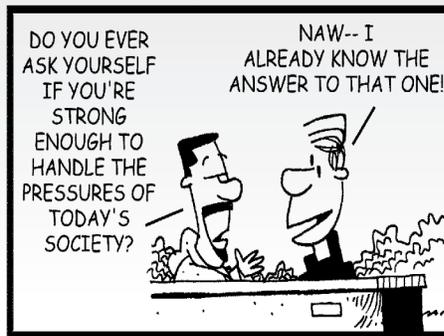
First Sunday Lunch at Immaculate Conception

Our monthly potluck is being revamped to a First Sunday Lunch! We are looking for families/ groups/ individuals to host our lunches on the first Sunday of the month in the parish hall. Host will decide the lunch menu and request volunteer assistance where needed. We will post a sign-up sheet and list in the bulletin the dates and names of the hosts. Parishioners are invited to contact the host and volunteer, donate or contribute to the meal. Please consider being a host and sign up as you enter church or contact the church office. If there is not enough interest and we do not get volunteer host then we will return to the monthly potlucks.

Breakfast with Santa

Join Santa for a wonderful home cooked breakfast and delicious donuts at St. Columba following the 8:30am Mass on Sunday December 9th. Bring your children and grandchildren!

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,208.00 Collection 11-18-18\$3006.66 Difference under\$201.34 Mass Attendance 143</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,208.00 Collection 11-25-18\$2,488.40 Difference under\$719.60 Mass Attendance 104</p> <p>Week # 22 of 53 Fiscal YTD Goal\$70,576 Fiscal YTD Actual\$69,515</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$2,264.00 Collection 11-18-18\$2,247.00 Difference under\$17.00 Mass Attendance 82/?</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$2,264.00 Collection 11-25-18\$1,992.50 Difference under\$271.50 Mass Attendance 71/99</p> <p>Week # 22 of 53 Fiscal YTD Goal\$49,808 Fiscal YTD Actual\$49,067</p>
<p>SC Building Repair Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58 Total Amount Pledged \$51,518 Total Paid 9-11-18 \$43,038</p>	



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.