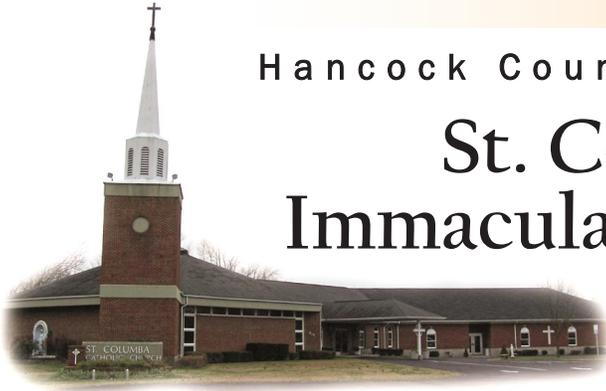


# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## 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

### The Holy Family

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers." As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension. While this family is one we can look to for an

example, they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else. There is an otherness to Jesus, something profound. And yet, perhaps on second thought, are our families so different?

When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple, "they were astonished." But at what? Mary's response is surprised. They're not astonished that Jesus is

preaching in a place for respected teachers. They're not astonished that their son has captured the attention of the wisest men of the time period. They're astonished at his seemingly disobedient behavior! "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." All our children have an "otherness" about them, something that makes them unique and different. They are distinctly not "me." What will our own children become? What temple will they wander off to? Who will they astound?



## 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

### The Holy Family

The image of the Holy Family is a comforting and inspiring theme for God's people. The wisdom and treasure of teaching from the Old Testament come to fruition in the persons of the Holy Family. We are lovingly reminded to honor and revere our parents and family members. Mercy, kindness, humility, patience, meekness and above all, love should guide us in dealing with members of our families. Simeon and Anna

personify our centuries old longing for a redeemer. They are both overjoyed and in awe of being shown Jesus, God's promised one. Mary's unique role in our redemption and her place as the ideal of motherhood can be seen from today's reading. The idyllic home life at Nazareth is alluded to. To us it is a comfort and an inspiration. Seasons Greetings from Fr. Terry

### LIVE THE LITURGY

Families are complicated systems. They can be the most transforming or the most hurtful of experiences. Our families of origin have a huge claim on who we are and who we will become. While families need to help us fulfill some of our human needs, this cannot be their sole purpose or focus. Healthy and happy families consist of folks who always have their eyes on the needs and best interests of the other individuals who make up their family unit. We live in the greater family of the world, which is also God's family. It can't only be about us. We must focus our gaze on the needs and well-being of our brothers and sisters. This whole seeing allows us to see others as God sees them. The Holy Family is the perfect example of how all families can work: our families of origin, the families in which we now find ourselves, and the family of our world. May we look to their example in helping us fine-tune our systems of family life so that God's presence can truly be revealed in and through them!

### Eucharistic Adoration

We are excited to offer a new ministry in our parishes scheduled to begin January 8, 2019! Eucharistic Adoration at Immaculate Conception and St Columba. We are asking for participants willing to commit to a weekly hour of prayer and adoration with Jesus in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will be at IC on Tuesdays from 7:00am-7:00pm and at SC on Thursdays from 7:00am-7:00pm. A sign up as you enter church is available for participants to choose an hour for their commitment. A meeting in the church is scheduled on Sunday January 6th following the 8:30am and 10:30am Mass times for all who have signed up for Eucharistic Adoration. This is a wonderful ministry that brings spiritual growth and miracles to our community. For questions or more information please contact Denise or Jill at the church office.

### Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even how to communicate this with their spouse. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 11, 2019 call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545 or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org).

### No Religious Ed Classes

The Wednesday night religious education classes for the K-Adult will not meet again until January 9th due to Christmas Break. The Sunday morning adult class at St Columba will resume January 6th. May everyone have a Joyous New Year!

**YOU HAVE TO GO TO CHURCH EVERY SUNDAY BECAUSE WE HAVE SEASON TICKETS.**



### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 31

##### Vigil:

5:00 pm † Bethany Payne SC  
By Tony Lanham

#### Tuesday, January 1

##### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation

10:30 am People of the Parish IC

#### Wednesday, January 2

5:30 pm James Hagman IC  
By Vic & Barbara Hagman

#### Thursday, January 3

8:00 am † Bille Bunch SC  
By Mary Belle Hamilton

#### Friday, January 4

8:00 am † Betty Lowe IC  
By Nick & Susan Powers

#### Saturday, January 5

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

#### Sunday, January 6

8:30 am † Roger Basham SC  
By Fritz & Sandy Basham  
10:30 am † Tom & Jeanette Fault IC  
By Franklin Wheatley Family

### Readings for the Week

December 30, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd -4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

### Faith Sharing Question

#### First Reading

Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel, is portrayed as a woman of great faith. Upon reflection, how would you describe the faith of your mother?

#### Second Reading

John teaches us that we can be called "children of God" if we believe in Jesus and love one another. How well do you think you do these two mandates?

#### Gospel Reading

Luke is the only evangelist to record an event in the life of Jesus as a boy. It is an event filled with "great anxiety" for Joseph and Mary. What lesson(s) do you learn from this story?

### Immaculate Conception Mission Statement

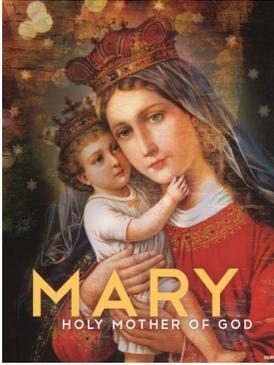
*As people chosen by God through our baptism, the parish of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church is called to make Christ visible in our family, community and the world. We proclaim God's word in worship, through the sacraments, in hospitality, teaching, repentance, forgiveness and service.*

*Our goal is that all people may come to know and share in the salvation of Jesus Christ.*

Bulletin Board

Tuesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation



Wednesday, January 2

No Religious Ed

Thursday, January 3

5:30 pm RCIA

IC

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, January 6

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Judy Pate

Mary Masterson, Butch Meriwether

Lector: Peggy Meriwether

Server: Steve Basham

Cross Bearer: Bob Durbin

Gift Bearer: Rosemary Neff, Trish Wardrip

Hospitality: David & Michelle Winchell

Joe & Donna Hagman

Vocation Statue: David & Rosemary Emmick

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Heath Stokes

Falyn Stokes, Eva Builleit

Lector: Connie Wheatley

Server: Andrew Lyday, Laura Wheatley

Cross Bearer: John Wheatley

Gift Bearer: Jason Curry Family

Hospitality: Kenny Woodward Family

Vocation Statue: Noel Quinn

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God. Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.

How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

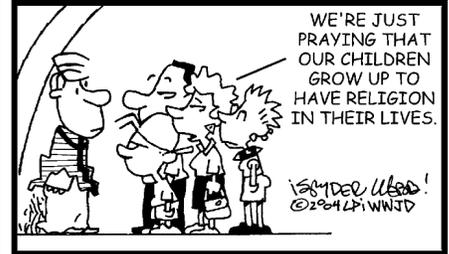
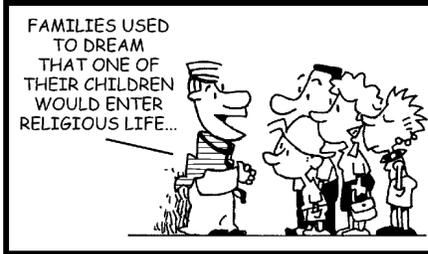
When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Donuts and First Sunday Lunch

Join us at St Columba on Sunday January 6th for coffee and donuts after the 8:30am Mass and for Lunch at Immaculate Conception after Mass. Amy Hess and Barbara Wheatley are hosting the First Sunday Lunch at IC. Volunteers may contact them at 812-719-2827 or 812-719-4475 -to help or bring a food item. Everyone is invited.

HOLY FAMILY



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal .....	\$3,208.00
Collection 12-16-18 .....	<u>\$3,038.00</u>
Difference under .....	\$170.00
Mass Attendance .....	130

Week # 25 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$80,200
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$77,577



St. Columba	
Weekly Goal .....	\$2,264.00
Collection 12-16-18 .....	<u>\$2,508.00</u>
Difference under .....	\$244.00
Mass Attendance .....	51/70

Week # 25 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$56,600
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$58,468

SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 12-16-18	\$43,581

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.