

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
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For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

The Epiphany of the Lord

"Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.'"
"Of course they entreat with King Herod. Of course this is where they expect newborn royalty to be. But where is the child? "In Bethlehem of Judea," the scribes say. And so the magi go on to what is yet another Christmas miracle.

We don't know where the magi met the Christ Child, but it cannot have been lavish. Perhaps it was the stable. Perhaps it was a small hovel Joseph had found to wait out the census. But it would have been the home of a laborer, worn and threadbare. Here, in this unassuming abode, the magi are still "overjoyed...they prostrated themselves and did him homage."

Have you ever gotten to the end of a great work and found the results to be underwhelming? How did you respond? Were you disappointed or elated at God's providence and your upended expectations? The magi journeyed hundreds of miles over treacherous terrain to pay homage to royalty they have seen prophesied in the stars. They encountered an ordinary family displaced from their home. This Sunday, the magi are an example for us. Can we see God in the unexpected? Do we encounter Him in the person who doesn't fit our expectations of propriety? Do we revere Christ's presence in the poor? Or do we expect to meet God only in places of honor and esteem? This week, ask God for the grace to honor Him in the unexpected places and unassuming people. He is waiting for you!



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

## Epiphany of the Lord:

Today marks the feast of our Christmas season which is the Epiphany or Manifestation of our Lord. This special celebration recalls the visit from the three astrologers from the East. This feast reassures us that Jesus (the Christmas gift sent by the Father) is for all of humanity. The foreigners, also called the Gentiles (non-Jews) brought their gifts to the child after following the star of Bethlehem. We, too, are called to follow

Christ and to present our lives and the gift of ourselves to the One who has given us everything. May our spiritual resolution in the new year be to follow Christ and to give to Him the gift of ourselves, so that we might better manifest His presence to those around us. God's special blessings to all in 2019. Fr. Terry

## LIVE THE LITURGY

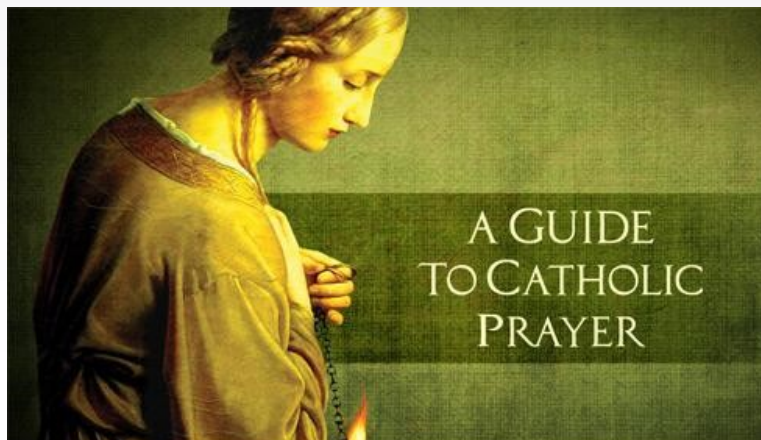
We all have had the experience of walking into a dark room and searching for the light switch. If we are really unfamiliar with the space, anxiety, uncertainty, disorientation, and even fear can easily arise. Once we find the light, all is illuminated and we are at peace. Our light has come into the world! The glory of God has been revealed! Today's feast of the Epiphany teaches us to look to our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the way to truly be the human beings we were created to be. He shows us how to prioritize our lives, order our relationships, care for creation, and live as daughters and sons of God. God's love and creative power is universal, transcending all races and nations. Jesus brings the light of peace to a broken world that still struggles to understand itself and to you and I who also struggle to understand who we are. May we find ourselves overjoyed that we have found our truth and allow Jesus to bring light to the darkness of our lives!

## Confirmation Parent Small Group

Reminder that our Confirmation parents will meet on Wednesday January 9th for our next small group discussion. We will meet in the parish hall from 6-7pm.

## A Guide to Catholic Prayer

Do you find it easy to pray? Is prayer an integral part of your day? For many of us the answer is, "no". We all desire an intimate relationship with God but have never moved beyond the routine recitation of prayer to an authentic conversation with God. For most of us prayer becomes a frustration and struggle and in our busy lives' prayer is seen as a luxury. You can overcome your difficulties with prayers and it is easier than you might think. Join us in an 8-week Session and discover how God speaks to you even in the smallest encounters. Learn how to express yourself to God in prayer and how to hear his voice. Grow in your relationship with God and others around you. Sessions will begin January 13th in St. Joseph's room at St. Columba following the 8:30am Mass. Please contact the church office, Denise Long or Lou Fleck if you want to sign up and so that we may order books. All are welcome.



## Mass Intentions

### Tuesday, January 8

8:00 am † Ora Roby SC  
By Rearden Family

### Wednesday, January 9

5:30 pm † Bobby Gray IC  
By James & Jimmy Lou Vandgrift

### Thursday, January 10

8:00 am † Mike Pate SC  
By Eileen Basham

### Friday, January 11

8:00 am † Joan Peak IC  
By John & Lynn Powers

### Saturday, January 12

5:00 pm † Mildred Riley SC  
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

### Sunday, January 13

8:30 am People of the Parish SC  
10:30 am † Delma McManaway IC  
By Clayton & Gloria Gray

## Readings for the Week

January 6, 2019

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti

## Faith Sharing Question

### First Reading

The prophet Isaiah spoke these words about 500 years before the birth of Christ. In what ways do you see Isaiah's prophecy fulfilled today?

### Second Reading

St. Paul informs the Ephesians that "the mystery made known" to him "by revelation" was that the Gentiles are "coheirs" with the Jews "in the promise in Christ Jesus." This message was very reluctantly received. Why do you think some people struggle with the idea that God desires to save all people through His Son?

### Gospel Reading

Matthew tells us the visit of the magi "greatly troubled" King Herod and all of Jerusalem. Why do you think the good news of Jesus Christ remains a threat to some people even today?

## 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, January 6**

11:30 am Catechist meeting IC

**Tuesday, January 8**

5:00 pm IC Finance IC

6:00 pm IC Pastoral IC

**Wednesday, January 9**

12:00 pm Senior Lunch Sc

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

6:00 pm Confirmation parent mtg IC

**Thursday, January 10**

5:30 pm RCIA IC

Religious Ed Classes begin again on January 9th

**Liturgical Roles**

**Sunday, January 13**

**St. Columba, 8:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Eddie Gray

Rosemary Emmick, Dian Heavrin

**Lector:** Mary Masterson

**Server:** Lawson Ward

**Cross Bearer:** Jordan Bozarth

**Gift Bearer:** Denny & Denise Long

**Hospitality:** Denny & Denise Long  
Steve Basham, David Payne

**Vocation Statue:** Mike Fallin

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Emily Woodward

Mary Woodward, Aimee Lyday

**Lector:** Lori Ogle

**Server:** Jacob Hodge, Hunter Severs

**Cross Bearer:** Mike Ogle

**Gift Bearer:** John Ogle Family

**Hospitality:** John & Marlene Wheatley  
Alisha / Dakota Wheatley

**Vocation Statue:** Bob Ogle

**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**

"The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to "the least of these" he has actually given to Jesus himself.


If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places. -- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**EPIPHANY**



Sunday Collections

<b>Immaculate Conception</b>		<b>St. Columba</b>	
Weekly Goal .....	\$3,208.00	Weekly Goal .....	\$2,264.00
Collection 12-23-18 .....	<u>\$2,380.00</u>	Collection 12-23-18 .....	<u>\$2,913.00</u>
Difference under .....	\$828.00	Difference over .....	\$649.00
Mass Attendance .....	120	Mass Attendance .....	115/88
Christmas Collection .....	\$1,342.57	Christmas Collection .....	\$1,104.00
Mass Attendance .....	165/59	Mass Attendance .....	222
Week # 26 of 53		Week # 26 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$83,408	Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$58,864
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$81,579	Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$62,485
		<b>SC Building Repair Fund</b>	
		Total Families Pledged	58
		Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
		Total Paid 12-23-18	\$43,671

**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.*