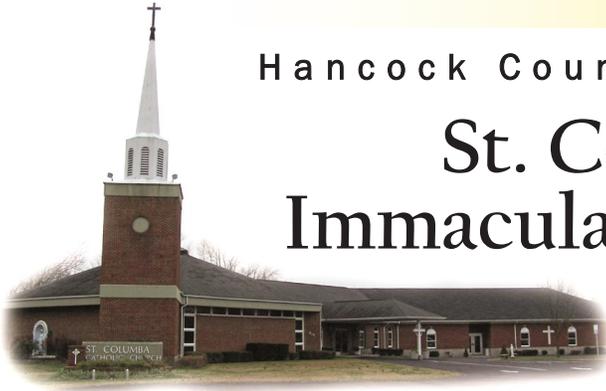


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Nationwide Mass Times

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
For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

The Baptism of the Lord

Think of what it's like to wait a long time. Can you imagine what it would be like to wait for centuries? No one person lives that long, of course. But for the Israelites, they had heard the stories from generation to generation. They had been conquered time and time again, and now "the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ." They had been waiting for a Messiah, one who did miraculous deeds and said profound things; someone aglow with the glory of God. We all know what it's like to hope and be disappointed. But what if your hopes were fulfilled?

That day at the Jordan River, an audience had gathered. Among the crowd for baptism was an unknown man. Perhaps he was dirty from weeks in the desert. His hands had the calloused palms of a tradesman, a carpenter. He and John the Baptist may have embraced with the familiarity of the cousins they were. This man wades into the Jordan for a good, solid dunking. As he rises from the water, the One who breathed life into Adam gasps for air like any other man.

But then "heaven was opened." The clouds in the sky part miles above. "And the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove." An apparition with substance sails through the sky. It exudes gentleness and power all at once. "And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" Can you imagine the sight? For the crowd, there is no doubting what they have seen, who they have seen. Can you imagine this encounter with our God who keeps His promises? What are you waiting for?



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

Baptism: Our Spiritual Rebirth

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, who was baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John the Baptist. This sacred ceremony preceded the ministry of Jesus and His preaching on the kingdom. By virtue of our baptism, we too are called to serve Christ by living lives which reflect a Christ-like attitude. Just as Jesus brought others to the love of His father, we, too, are challenged to bring others to Christ and

to use our abilities to bring about God's Kingdom here on earth. Keeping our Baptismal promises (reject sin and profess our faith) is not always easy, but Jesus tells us that all things are possible when we put our lives into His hands. Let us always be grateful for our own baptism and may we be faithful in following in the footsteps of our Lord, who took His baptism seriously. Have a good week! Fr. Terry

Pastor Invitation

As we begin a new year and maybe resolutions are still fresh in our minds, I would like to share a thought with you in regard to spiritual needs for the soul. I made a Catholic Cursillo in the spring of 1984 that had a profound effect on my life and made my priestly vocation more meaningful and beneficial.

During the upcoming Season of Lent there will be a Cursillo for both men and women and the dates are listed below. Would you consider and pray in making one of these great spiritual weekends of renewal. Please call me if I can help you with any questions or concerns. Fr. Terry

Men's Cursillo - February 28th thru March 3rd

Women's Cursillo - March 7th thru March 10th

High School Skiing and Snowboarding Trip

All High School youth are invited to join us on the slopes at Paoli Peaks on Monday January 21, 2019. We will be taking the church bus and leave from IC church parking lot at 10:00am. Cost to ski or snowboard is \$40 and you will also need to bring money for food. We should arrive back to IC church parking lot at 7:00pm. For more information please contact Jill Frakes 270-302-8459. Invite a friend!

Baby Items for Birthright

Please help support Birthright by donating baby items used to prepare layette gift bags for their new Moms and babies throughout the next year. Birthright supports pregnant women in need and last year they gave gift bags to 156 new moms and babies! Please consider helping with this joyful ministry by donating newborn outfits and sleepers, premie outfits and sleeper, warm baby blankets, diaper bags, crib sheets, small books, diapers any size, bottles and bottle brushes. Birthright also assists Mom's and ask for donations of maternity pants, tops, robes and slippers. Donations may be placed in the baskets as you enter church. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

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 today January 13th in St Joseph's room at St. Columba following the 8:30am Mass. All are welcome

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 15

10:00 am † Bob Payne HV
By Dot Pooser

Wednesday, January 16

5:30 pm † Francis & Diddy Hagman IC
By Diddy Hagman

Thursday, January 17

8:00 am † June Fowler SC
By Kay Adkins

Friday, January 18

8:00 am † Rita & Hershel Brasher IC
By Noel Quinn

Saturday, January 19

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, January 20

8:30 am † Dot Bratcher SC
By Ron Spalding

10:30 am † Denis Wheatley Family IC
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

Readings for the Week

January 13, 2019

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

2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

During Israel's darkest days in captivity in Babylon, the prophet Isaiah announced a comforting message: "Prepare the way of the Lord!" How does God's presence in your life bring you comfort?

Second Reading

St. Paul speaks of Baptism as "the bath of rebirth." What is your reaction to this image of Baptism?

Gospel Reading

John the Baptist taught that the Messiah would baptize believers "with the Holy Spirit and fire." For John, fire symbolized transformative power. In what ways could you witness to others how your faith has transformed 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

Tuesday, January 15

5:00 pm SC Finance SC
6:00 pm Sc Pastoral SC

Wednesday, January 16

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

Thursday, January 17

5:30 pm RCIA IC

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, January 20

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Todd Payne
Mary Masterson
Butch Meriwether
Lector: Bailey Poole
Server: Denny Long
Cross Bearer: Gerald Davis
Gift Bearer: George Bozarth Family
Hospitality: George Bozarth Family
Tina Nelson
Vocation Statue: Kevin Kurz

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: McKensie Severs
Lexie Hodge
Amy Hess
Lector: Falyn Stokes
Server: Carter & Andrew Lyday
Cross Bearer: Morgan Curry
Gift Bearer: Keith Booty Family
Hospitality: Heath Stokes Family
Vocation Statue: Denis & Martha Wheatley

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

What have been the most significant moments in your life? You probably celebrate your birthday every year, so the day you were born must be pretty important. How about elementary, high school, or college graduations? Hopefully you do something special on or around your wedding anniversary if you are married. Do you have children? The birth of each child is probably near the top on the list of moments you will never forget. Then there are the sad moments of life: deaths, breakups, and tragedies. As you reflect on all these moments, you can see that you would not be who you are today without having experienced them. Of course as a Christian, you have one moment in time that has had an even greater impact on you and perhaps it didn't even come to mind: your Baptism.

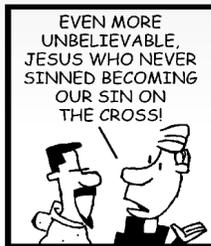
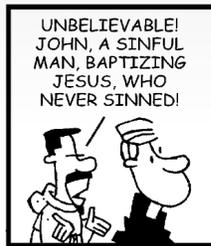
You might say you don't remember it because you were an infant. Perhaps you do not even know the date it took place. You might not feel like it has had much impact on you at all. However, it has made all the difference.

Whether you feel the difference or not, on that day you were made a new creation in Jesus Christ. You were marked for Him with an indelible mark that no one can remove, not even you. On that day, you inherited a tradition and lineage of faith that has changed the face of the earth. Today, that baptismal grace beckons you to a real and substantial relationship with the One whose name was invoked on that day. It also calls you to respond with a stewardship way of life, where your gifts make a difference and glorify God. If today is the day you start taking all this seriously, you get to add a new moment to your list. -- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Christmas Ham Sale was a great Success!

St. Columba sold 86 hams for Christmas for a profit of \$2,032.87. Thanks everyone for all your hard work selling and cooking.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,208.00
Collection 12-30-18	<u>\$7,267.00</u>
Difference over	\$4,059.00
Mass Attendance	113
Weekly Goal	\$3,208.00
Collection 1-06-19	<u>\$2,936.00</u>
Difference over	\$272.00
Mass Attendance	143
Week # 28 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$89,824
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$91,782

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,264.00
Collection 12-30-18	<u>\$1,967.00</u>
Difference under	\$297.00
Mass Attendance	76/61
Weekly Goal	\$2,264.00
Collection 1-06-19	<u>\$2,137.00</u>
Difference under	\$127.00
Mass Attendance	55/100
Week # 28 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$63,392
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$66,589
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 1-06-19	\$44,722



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.