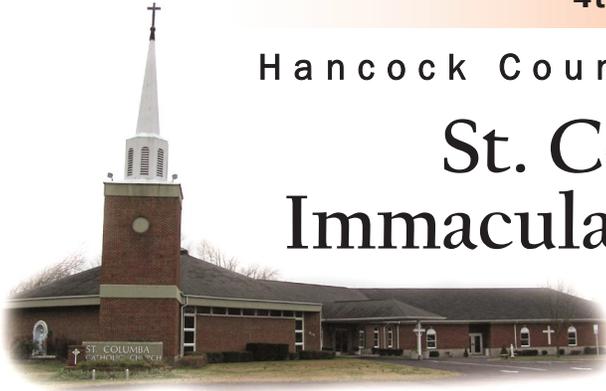


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Nationwide Mass Times

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

Today's Gospel is one of tension and contradiction. We enter the scene at the local synagogue. It is near the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, and he has returned home to Nazareth for a short while. There, in the midst of the men who watched him grow up and who played with him as a boy in the dusty streets, Jesus proclaims that he is the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecies of Isaiah. The response is understandably mixed. "All spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, 'Isn't this the son of Joseph?'"

Jesus reminds them - none too gently - of the Israelites' rejection of the prophets throughout history. Not only did the people ignore Elijah and Elisha, but they worked miracles among the pagans instead. Then comes the rage. "They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl him down headlong."

No one likes to be reminded of their own faults. In the deeply religious Jewish society, nobody wanted to be the unfaithful one. Jesus exposes the sins of the community, and it drives them not to conversion, but to rage. We can consider our own time. How often, when someone is contracted, do they quickly resort to anger, name-calling, and undermining the reputation of the other? How quickly we want to destroy! This Sunday, we ought to consider our own lives. Do we listen to the prophetic voices around us, even when they threaten to upturn our expectations? If we hear something difficult, something that reminds us of our own sin, do we accept the opportunity to prayerfully ponder? If we allow ourselves to be open to the prophetic voices in our own lives, we'll notice that God speaks through the unexpected, if we have ears to hear it.



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

Welcoming Christ:

In our gospel this Sunday, we see how the truth really hurts. The hometown folks of Nazareth are at first happy to greet their native son (Jesus), but are just as quick to reject Him when he challenges their faith. They would be comfortable if Jesus had worked a few miracles, but when Jesus told them about changing and reforming their ways, He found out that He was "stepping on some toes". In our own lives we too can

get so comfortable with a spirituality that we can ignore the challenges of Jesus to step us to a higher level. Sometimes like the folks at Nazareth we too can welcome Christ in our midst, but we can flinch and become uncomfortable in getting too close in fear that we will reform and change our lifestyles. Today let us truly roll out the welcome mat for our Lord and get to know Him better. Have a great week, Fr. Terry

Mass Ministry Trainings

If you recently signed up to be a Mass minister or need a refresher course, please see the list of training dates below. Once you have attended a training then we will get you on the schedule. All trainings will be held in the church following the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

- Feb 16/17 - Eucharistic Ministers; Feb 24/25 - Lectors
- March 16/17 - Hospitality, Gift Bearers, Cross Bearers, Door Ministers
- March 23/24 - Altar Servers

Love: The Heart of the Family | Kimberly Hahn

Parish of the Immaculate in Owensboro is pleased to host Mrs. Kimberly Hahn on Saturday, February 23 from 9-2 PM. Mrs. Hahn is a well-known speaker, author and councilwoman. She is an "authority" on families having been married to her husband Scott for 39 years. She has six children and 15 grandchildren. Tickets are free but required as seating is limited. You can reserve your seat by [visiting the event on Eventbrite](#). For more information please contact Denise.

Abundant Life Conference: Introduction to Healing Ministry

The Office for Evangelization and Sts. Joseph & Paul are please to co-sponsor the Abundant Life Conference with Deacon Keith Strohm on Saturday, February 16 from 9-3 PM. Not only will attendants explore what it means to live out abundant life but it will equip them to pray with others for healing. The cost is \$20 and covers the materials and meals. Please register online by visiting owensborodiocese.org/abundant/

Spring Women's Retreat: Lord, Teach us to Pray March 15-17

"Lord Teach us to Pray: The Bible and Prayer" is the theme of a March 15-17 Spring Women's Retreat at Mt. St. Joseph Retreat Center. Various biblical stories teach us many things about prayer. During this weekend, retreatants will reflect on elements of prayer and seek guidance from Scripture and one another. The goal is improving communication with God. The retreat leader is Sister Cheryl Clemons, OSU. The \$180 fee includes meals and accommodations. Commuters can attend for \$130. Take 10 percent off if paid by Feb. 15. Find a brochure at ursulinesmsj.org. To register: 270-229-0206 or retreatcenter@maplemount.org or register online at ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs.

Twilight Retreat Feb. 13: God, Life and Spiritual Direction

Mt. St. Joseph Retreat Center is offering a new monthly dinner program that will be presented by a priest or deacon. Deacon Victor Fromm will present, "God, Life and Spiritual Direction" on Feb. 13. How do we know God? How is life conforming to God's will for me? How does spiritual direction fit? The \$20 fee includes dinner. The event time is 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. These Twilight retreats take place on the second Wednesday of each month at Mt. St. Joseph Retreat Center. To register: 270-229-0206, retreatcenter@maplemount.org, or online at ursulinesmsj.org/conference-retreat-center/registration-sponsored-programs. Future dates: March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 5

8:00 am † Barbara Kay Grant SC
By Martha Payne

Wednesday, February 6

5:30 pm † Kay Johnson IC
By Tony Johnson

Thursday, February 7

8:00 am † Roger Basham SC
By Jim & Debbie Peters

Friday, February 8

8:00 am † Victor Johnson IC
By Noel Quinn

Saturday, February 9

5:00 pm † Raphael & Agnes Elder SC
By Bob Ogle

Sunday, February 10

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † Joan Peak IC
By Larry & Judy White

Readings for the Week

February 3, 2019

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 [cf. 27b]/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

Jeremiah was called to be a prophet during one of the darkest periods in Israel's history - the 6th century B.C. exile into Babylon. But the Lord assured Jeremiah of divine providence. When have you experienced God's guidance and protection at a difficult time in your life?

Second Reading

Paul taught the Christians in Corinth that of the three virtues (faith, hope, and love), the greatest virtue is love. In what ways do you think Paul is right?

Gospel Reading

In Luke's account of the rejection at Nazareth, Jesus is violently resisted by his fellow villagers. "They were all filled with fury ? and drove him out of the town." Why do you think these people were so angry with Jesus?

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, February 6

12:00 pm Senior Potluck SC
6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC

Thursday, February 7

5:30 pm RCIA IC

Sunday, February 10

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus IC

Help Wanted at St. Columba for Adoration

Spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray and Listen for an hour in an environment of peace, quiet and serenity. Time slots are still available. Contact Denise or Jill for more information.



Save the date!

Mardi Gras Party
February 24th, 2019
4-7pm at IC Hall

Survey Says!!

Be a part of our Mardi Gras Family Feud! Participate in our survey poll next week at Mass.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, February 10

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Eddie Gray
Todd Payne, Mary Masterson
Lector: Denny Long
Server: Lawson Ward
Cross Bearer: Bob Durbin
Gift Bearer: Joe & Donna Hagman
Hospitality: Joe & Donna Hagman
Steve Basham & David Winchell
Vocation Statue: Tim & Dian Heavrin

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Dan Hagman
Jody Wheatley, Aimee Lyday
Lector: Falyn Stokes
Server: Andrew Lyday
Cross Bearer: Emily Woodward
Gift Bearer: John Ogle Family
Hospitality: Mike & Sheila Ogle
Tom Ogle, Steve Ogle
Vocation Statue: George & Cheryl Gammon

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

If you feel strongly about something, you might want to share your thoughts and feelings with others. When that something has to do with things such as food, art, or travel, others might show an interest, so the conversation is enjoyable. However, when that something is politics or religion, watch out! The conversation can quickly turn to debate and then to anger. That can be anything but enjoyable.

The Gospel does not always lead to joy when initially presented. Sometimes, it convicts us and makes us see the error of our ways. Other times, it seems what is asked of us is too hard and requires us to step out of our comfort zone. When Jesus spoke the truth about the Kingdom of God, not everyone cheered. That was never a reason to be silent.

Stewardship living allows us to give witness to the Gospel with few words. Our actions speak very loudly. However, no one should ever be left to wonder why you and I would choose to do the things we do. What a shame it would be if you passed away and at your funeral people commented on how great a person you were, but they had no idea you were a Christian. People need to understand the "why" of what we do. The truth is that there is great joy in being a disciple of Jesus Christ. Don't rob others of the chance to know that joy for themselves. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Just a Reminder

When winter weather is upon us, the Religious Education classes follow the decisions of the Hancock County School system as far as canceling class and activities. So if school is cancelled on Wednesdays due to weather events our Religious Education classes will also be cancelled. For confirmation you can check the "Hancock County Catholic Youth" Facebook page or the church website at icschurch.org.



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,208.00 Collection 1-27-19\$2,710.00 Difference under\$498.00 Mass Attendance 151</p> <p>Week # 31 of 53 Fiscal YTD Goal..... \$99,448 Fiscal YTD Actual \$98,730</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$2,264.00 Collection 1-27-19\$1,957.00 Difference under \$307.00 Mass Attendance 71/75</p> <p>Week # 31 of 53 Fiscal YTD Goal \$70,184 Fiscal YTD Actual \$71,742</p>
<p>SC Building Repair Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58 Total Amount Pledged \$51,518 Total Paid 1-27-19 \$44,892</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.