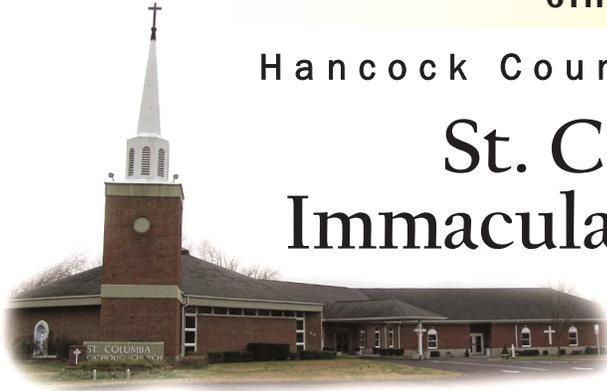


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Nationwide Mass Times

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

What an audience Jesus has in today's Gospel! "A great crowd of his disciples and a large number of people from all over Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon." Disciples, pagans, and devout Jews gathered together to hear Jesus speak in the Sermon on the Mount. All of these people had something in common. God was someone to be bargained with, and if God liked you, you were rewarded with good fortune. This Sunday, Jesus tells us a different story. "Woe to you who are rich ? who are filled now ? who laugh ? when all speak well of you. Blessed are you who are poor ? you who are now hungry ? when people hate you and when they exclude you and insult you." Jesus completely flips the script on what it means to be blessed by God. What he proclaims as "woe" are states of life we often strive for, and "blessed" are the states we work hard to avoid!

Jesus is concerned with the kingdom of God and the world to come, not the typical structures of power and privilege. The word "now" appears often in these statements. Why? If you are well "now," that's beside the point. To be rich in this life has no direct bearing on your immortal soul. If you're struggling "now," that's not an indication that God has forgotten you or that - in light of eternity - you're worse off than someone else. In fact, it could be an indicator that you're enduring something that will bring you to a place of greater, eternal joy in the future.

This Sunday, consider your priorities. Who do we reject as not blessed, and thereby inflict woe upon ourselves? When we encounter difficult situations in our own lives, do we see them as opportunities to remember God and lean on His mercy and grace?



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 Lessons of the Beatitudes

Many times in life we all make mistakes and from these messy situations it can be a stepping-stone to learning a valuable lesson. Just as most pencils have erasers on the end of them to remove the mistakes so Jesus is with us to help us to get through the rough times and to proceed on our journey of faith. When Jesus addressed the crowds on the mountain, where He often preached, He knew that His audience were in need of spiritual growth. In the beatitudes Jesus invites all to follow beatitude-living and to walk in His footsteps. As the followers of Jesus today may we too humble our selves which is being "poor in spirit". May we strive to be meek rather than be haughty and proud. May our goal be to make peace rather than was and strife. Let us be grateful to Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount as He shares with us the life-style the He projected, that is, the Beatitudes. Have a good week, Fr. Terry.

LIVE THE LITURGY

Getting ahead in the world is something many see as important. Success, a comfortable life, and worldly securities are seen as what is needed to achieve happiness. Whether or not we like to admit it, these pursuits are operative in many of our lives. As much as we want to believe in the Gospel, we also find it hard not to cling to these other things. Unconditional trust in God must be first if we are going to perceive the kingdom of God. And while God does not want us to go out of our way to be miserable, Jesus clearly gives preference to those who are poor, hungry, weeping, marginalized, vulnerable, and despised. When people encounter these things, they touch God. It teaches us not to get too comfortable with our riches and that there is much more to true life than the stuff we find so important.

IC/SC Parish Mission March 10th -13th

The Lord Jesus invites us to follow the way that he leads as we make the journey of life. Yet our daily lives are so full that we sometimes forget who we are and whose we are. A Parish Mission is a time like no other in the life of a parish, a time of listening and reflection for those who wish to find or strengthen their center in God once again in a world that at times can be all too much with us. Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI, evangelist and member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, once again will lead us in a new four - day Mission experience from March 10th until March 13th at St. Columba. Please mark your calendars now for this graced time in our parish life.

Thank You

Thank you to my parish families at Immaculate Conception and St. Columba for all your thoughts, prayers and cards on the passing of my father Leon Rhodes. Sharon Russelburg and family

Help Wanted for Adoration

Spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray, Read and Listen for an hour in an environment of peace, quiet and serenity. Time slots are still available at St. Columba. We are also looking to establish a substitute list at both parishes. If you would like to volunteer as a sub please let us know. Contact Denise or Jill for more information.

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

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 19

10:00 am † Jeanie Hanks HV
By Larry & Judy White

Wednesday, February 20

5:30 pm Joyce Lydick IC
By Judy Powers

Thursday, February 21

8:00 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Regina Emmick

Friday, February 22

8:00 am † James Kurz IC
By Vic & Barbara Hagman

Saturday, February 23

5:00 pm † Mildred Riley SC
By Dot Pooser

Sunday, February 24

8:30 am † Dot Bratcher SC
By Ron Spalding
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week

February 17, 2019

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [20b]/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [cf. 1]/Mk 9:2-13

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

The prophet Jeremiah urged his fellow Israelites from Judah to trust in divine providence rather than human wisdom. Why do you think believers today still trust people more than God?

Second Reading

Paul places our share in Jesus' resurrection from the dead as core to our Christian beliefs. What might you add to this list of our core beliefs?

Gospel Reading

We hear today of Luke's account of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain, which consists of both blessings and woes. Where do you see yourself in this mix of curses and blessings?

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 20**
6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC
- Thursday, February 21**
5:30 pm RCIA IC
- Sunday, February 24**
4:00 pm Mardi Gras Party IC

First Eucharist Parent Meeting
A parent meeting for their children who are preparing for First Eucharist is scheduled Wednesday February 27th at 6:00 pm at IC Parish Office. Parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting on how to help their child prepare for this very special sacrament.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the Body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "mystery of Christ," Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions.

Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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.

**Liturgical Roles
Sunday, February 24**

- St. Columba, 8:30 am**
- Eucharistic Min:** Denny Long
Sandy Davis, Rosemary Emmick
- Lector:** Peggy Meriwether
- Server:** Bailey Poole
- Cross Bearer:** David Payne
- Gift Bearer:** George Bozarth Family
- Hospitality:** George Bozarth Family
- Vocation Statue:** Rosemary Neff

- Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**
- Eucharistic Min:** Bob Ogle
Heath Stokes, Marilyn McCaslin
- Lector:** Rachael Gily
- Server:** Abby Walz
- Cross Bearer:** Nathan Gily
- Gift Bearer:** Keith Booty Family
- Hospitality:** Roy & Gayle Ogle
John & Lynn Powers
- Vocation Statue:** Eva Bulliet

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

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| <p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,208.00</p> <p>Collection 2-10-19<u>\$2,816.00</u></p> <p>Difference under\$392.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 100</p> <p>Week # 33 of 53</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$105,864</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual\$104,769</p> | <p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,264.00</p> <p>Collection 2-10-19<u>\$1,776.00</u></p> <p>Difference under \$488.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 85/43</p> <p>Week # 33 of 53</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal \$74,712</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$76,896</p> |
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| <p>SC Building Repair Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$51,518</p> <p>Total Paid 2-10-19 \$45,092</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.