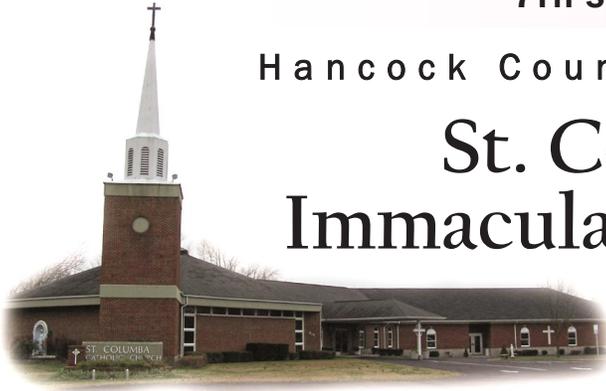


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351
For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

This Sunday, Jesus continues his challenging Sermon on the Mount. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you? Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back." Words like these are challenging! Many of us have grown up in a culture of independence and retaliation against those who harm us. Today's Gospel reminds us that the way of the world is not necessarily the way of the disciple.

In many spiritual texts, saints describe the first stage of the spiritual life as mercenary love of God. That is, we love Him because he "pays" us with graces and good things. Consider for a moment, why do you do the good that you do? Take volunteering, for example. How often do we talk about the good feelings service evokes and how you "get so much more than you give." This is still based on an attitude of return on our investment. Would we volunteer if we knew it was good to do, but we didn't "feel" good afterward? What if the people we helped seemed ungrateful, or if someone at the food pantry stole \$20 out of our purse? It can be difficult to love people when we think we might not get anything back. "For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?"

As Christians, we are called to imitate God. We follow a God who loves not only His closest friends, but who loves betrayers, deniers, and crucifiers. The Christian walk is one of perseverance and sacrifice. What does your love look like?



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

Jesus asks us to Forgive and to Love

Just like a television program that is brought to the viewers in a weekly series, we can find the same thing happening in our gospel this weekend. Jesus is still on the mountain delivering the Sermon, which calls His followers to listen attentively to what is expected of them if their goal is to reach the Kingdom of God. Today, Jesus reminds us all that we do have a duty to perfect ourselves and to never stop trying to do what is right in

the sight of God. Jesus also calls us to forgive and to love even those whom we struggle with and remember that all of us are valuable in the eyes of God. We are also reminded that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and that our human dignity is also a precious gift that is not to be taken for granted. Let us pray for the strength of perseverance in following the Lord even when His expectations seem unreal and unreachable. By ourselves these things are impossible but, with the help of Jesus they are not. Have a great week! Fr. Terry

Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who sent cards or prayers for our family during the hospitalization and passing of Phyllis Emmick. Thank you to Fr. Terry and everyone who helped out during the funeral meal, it was much appreciated. Bill Emmick and Family

Palms for Ash Wednesday

Next week we are asking everyone to bring in their blessed palms from last Palm Sunday so that we may burn them as ashes for Ash Wednesday.

SC Lenten Fish Fry

Friday fish fries will begin on March 8th. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, cook, serve, cleanup, etc.. Sing-up sheets are in the back of church. Be sure to put out your yard signs. Come to help or come to eat. It's always a good time.

Substitutes List for Adoration

We are also looking to establish a substitute list 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. If you would like to volunteer as a substitute, please let us know. Contact Denise or Jill for more information. St Columba is still in need of one more person at 1:00pm before beginning Adoration. Please consider participating in this wonderful prayerful opportunity.

Donuts and First Sunday Lunch

Join us next week for Coffee and Donuts at St. Columba after the 8:30am Mass and First Sunday Lunch at Immaculate Conception after the 10:30am Mass. Marcella Henderson (929-7645), Joan Wettstain (929-5704) and Alexa Estes (903-0243) will be hosting the First Sunday Lunch. Please contact them to see how you may assist them or volunteer to bring a food item.

Welcome Sunday

Please join us next week as we welcome Aimee and Mike Newell to our Immaculate Conception church family. Father Terry will introduce them and invite them to join us for First Sunday Lunch. Come on over and say hello to our new parish members.

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 26

8:00 am † Ray Schaefer SC
By Denny & Denise Long

Wednesday, February 27

5:30 pm † Alice Devine IC
By Pat & Donna Ogle

Thursday, February 28

No Mass

Friday, March 1

No Mass

Saturday, March 2

5:00 pm † Joan Peak SC
By Dan & Shirley Hagman

Sunday, March 3

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

Readings for the Week

February 24, 2019

- 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
- Monday: Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [cf. 5]/Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165a]/Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Mk 9:41-50
- Friday: Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35a]/Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday: Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 17]/Mk 10:13-16
- Next Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

Today's reading is an excerpt from a longer story of how King David spared Saul's life. David was determined not to murder Saul - "the Lord's anointed" - despite Saul seeking to kill David. What does this reveal about the character of King David?

Second Reading

As Paul begins to draw to a close his discussion on the resurrection of Christ, he contrasts the first man (Adam) with the last Adam (Christ). What do you find most interesting about Paul's insights about Adam and Christ?

Gospel Reading

Jesus implores his followers to love their enemies and to stop judging others. How do you measure yourself against these moral imperatives?

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, February 24**
4:00 pm Mardi Gras Party IC
- Tuesday, February 26**
Adoration - IC 7am to 7pm
- Wednesday, February 27**
10:30 am Liturgy Planning mtg IC
6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC
1st Comm. Parent mtg
- Thursday, February 28**
NO RCIA
- First Sunday, March 3**
Donuts - SC
Lunch - 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.

Confirmation Parent Meeting
Confirmation parent meeting for February 27th as been canceled. We will meet next on March 20th and again on April 10th. Please adjust your calendars.

Liturgical Roles
Sunday, March 3

- St. Columba, 8:30 am**
- Eucharistic Min:** Judy Pate
Amy Allard, Butch Meriwether
- Lector:** Peggy Meriwether
- Server:** Bailey Poole
- Cross Bearer:** Steve Basham
- Gift Bearer:** Scott Basham Family
- Hospitality:** Denny & Denise Long
Tim & Dian Heavrin
- Vocation Statue:** Denny & Denise Long

- Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**
- Eucharistic Min:** Dan Hagman
Amy Hess, Marilyn McCaslin
- Lector:** Yvonne Booty
- Server:** Hunter Severs
- Cross Bearer:** Mike Ogle
- Gift Bearer:** John Ogle Family
- Hospitality:** Roy & Gayle Ogle
John Ogle Family
- Vocation Statue:** Lynn Powers

Mardi Gras Party Sunday February 24th

Come support our youth sponsoring the Mardi Gras celebration at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall as they work together to raise money for our upcoming Lenten Project. Your donations and attendance will help to reduce disease and illness for adults and children in Kenya by providing clean water with the assistance of *Water with Blessings*. Our goal, to sponsor throughout Kenya, Water Women, with the help of Fr. Joe and The Sisters of Hope. The Mardi Gras Party is from 4:00-7:00pm. There will be games for kids, awesome food and more! New this year **Minute to Win It** competition with the youth. Come to the party and sign up to be on a team! Coming back by popular demand is **Family Feud**. It was such a success last year, we've decided to bring it back again this year! Admission is \$10 per person or \$25 for family of 3 or more. Admission includes your meal and free drink! Children 3 and under are free. Proceeds will be used to provide safe clean drinking water by purchasing water filters and sponsoring New Water Women in Kenya! Come show your support and cheer on your favorite team!

“SACRED FIRE: THE PASSION OF GOD IN, WITH, AND THROUGH US”

As our Parish Mission approaches, we urge every parishioner to pray that during the mission time we all will be especially open to the Holy Spirit present within us. Let us also pray for our mission preacher, Fr. John Mark Ettensohn, OMI, that as he leads us in a new mission, he once again will be a willing instrument in the hands of God for us. For, as St. Paul reminds us, it is God who gives the growth. The principal Mission presentation will be each evening at 6:00 p.m. from March 10th until March 13th. **THOSE WHO EXPERIENCED THE LAST MISSION KNOW THAT IT'S TOO GOOD TO MISS!**

Liturgy Planning Meeting

Liturgy planning Committee will meet Wednesday February 27th at 10:30am at IC Church office. Come prepared with your ideas for Lent!

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,208.00
Collection 2-17-19	<u>\$1,694.00</u>
Difference under	\$1,514.00
Mass Attendance	134
Week # 34 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$109,072
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$106,463

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,264.00
Collection 2-17-19	<u>\$2,776.00</u>
Difference over	\$512.00
Mass Attendance	65/67
Week # 34 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$76,976
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$79,767
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 2-17-19	\$45,307



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.