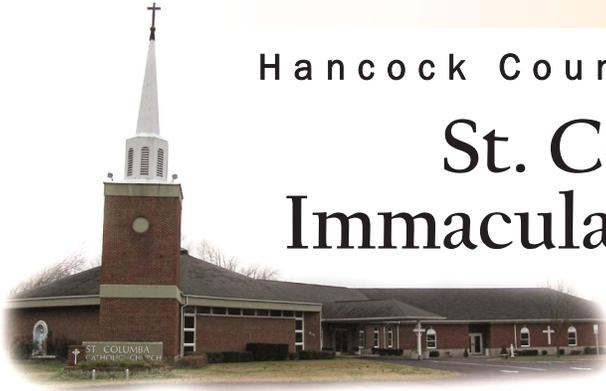


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Nationwide Mass Times

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
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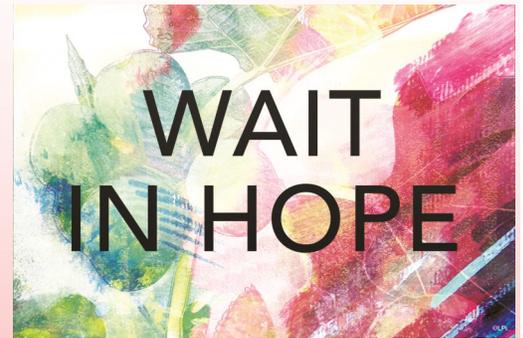
Cycles of Faith

"There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it [he] found none." We live in a results-driven society. It can be easy to put pressure on ourselves to succeed. If we're not keeping up with the perceived "good life" of those around us, we feel anxious and disappointed. Some of the Gospel stories about fruitfulness can seem to play out in this fashion. "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down." The message seems to be clear. Abide in God and bear fruit! Stand apart from God and be barren. But what happens when we're trying, but the growth we wanted doesn't seem to be coming our way? What if it feels like life just isn't bearing fruit?

This Sunday, Jesus gives us a sign of hope. "[The gardener] said to him in reply, 'Sir, leave it for this year also ? it may bear fruit in the future.' How quick we can be to judge!

Perhaps you started out Lent with high hopes and big ideas for getting closer to God. Maybe things haven't gone exactly like you thought. It can be easy to lose patience with our failures or slow growth. We shouldn't be too quick to assume that God has given up on us. He hasn't.

The same ideas apply to those around us. Perhaps we're the planter of the fig tree. We expect a certain amount of growth from someone in our life, and they just aren't measuring up. Let today's Gospel be a gentle nudge for mercy. As Lent continues to unfold, be patient with yourself and those around you. Wait for God to provide the growth.



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 Living Water

This Sunday we hear the story about the Samaritan woman who was in need of water. Instead of receiving the ordinary water she thirsts for--she found Jesus Christ. Like the Samaritan woman with her many faults, we too are often searching and looking for many things in life and Christ is always drawing us closer and deeper to His heart which is our peace. Just like the woman at the well we too can receive the

fullness of Christ in our lives and proclaim all the good things that He has done for us. The gift of inner peace and conversion in today's gospel also reveals that Christ shown no favoritism despite the fact that the Jews and the Samaritans disliked one another. On this third Sunday of Lent may we too thirst for the living water so that our thirst may be satisfied--the living water who is Jesus Christ. God Bless You, Fr. Terry

Easter Flowers

Donate for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. You may do by using the envelope in your giving packet and write the name or names of your loved ones on the envelope before dropping it in the collection. We will have a special bulletin insert on Easter Sunday with the names of all the loved ones noted.

Water with Blessings Lenten Project

The 2019 Lenten Season has begun and we once again ask you to support our project to Give Drink to the Thirsty. Last year our two parishes together raised and donated to Water with Blessings \$4980.58. That is 83 filters which translates to 332 families in Kenya receiving safe clean drinking water. We can do that again! In church you will find bottles of water. Please take one home and when you drink it please pray for the families who do not have clean safe water. Use the empty bottle to collect your change during Lent. You may bring your water bottle back to church during Holy Week. All money collected will be sent to Water with Blessings to equip and educate Water Women in Kenya. Thank you to Fr Joe Mungai and the Sisters of Hope for continuing the mission to educate and distribute the filters to those in need!!! Those of you who so patiently knit, and crochet filter socks please keep up the good work. The socks are continuously needed! Follow the link Crochet for a Cause on our website for updates and additional patterns! For more information about Water with Blessings please check out their website www.waterwithblessings.org or their Facebook page.

Lenten Video Series

Our Lenten Study, No Greater Love, is going great! If you have not joined it is never too late. Jump in and join one of the groups below or we can start another group if interested. Contact Denise if you have any questions.
Sunday mornings in St Columba parish hall at 9:30am beginning March 10-April 7
Wednesday mornings at IC church office at 10:00am beginning March 20- April 17
Wednesday evenings at IC church office at 6:00pm March 20-April 17

Lose For Lent

It's not too late to join our group of walkers M-F at North Hancock Elementary around 5:00pm to walk and reflect. Join us as often as you want and for how long you want to walk. We are having a great time!.

Website Resources for Lent

Browse thru our website for more Lenten resources at www.icscchurch.org. Visit our Facebook page for additional information.

Substitutes List for Adoration

We are also looking to establish a substitute list for Adoration at both parishes. 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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27

5:30 pm Special Intention IC
By Elizabeth Hagman

Thursday, March 28

8:00 am † Delma McManaway SC
By Rachel & Eddie Gray

Friday, March 29

8:00 am Keith Johnson IC
By Marilyn McCaslin

Saturday, March 30

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, March 31

8:30 am † Bob Payne SC
By Judy Pate

10:30 am All the sick in the Parish IC
By Joan Peak

Readings for the Week

March 24, 2019

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

In his call and commission of Moses, God reveals his name as "I AM" - our God lives in the eternal present moment. When have you experienced God's spirit in the here and now of your life?

Second Reading

Paul instructs the Corinthians that the desert journey of ancient Israel serves as an example for all future generations of believers. During this Lenten journey, what do you do to make sure you do not fall?

Gospel Reading

Jesus repeatedly warns against the dangers of not repenting. How do you keep the need for repentance part of your spiritual exercises?

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, March 26

Adoration - IC 7am to 7pm
 5:00 pm Rosary SC
 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross SC

Wednesday, March 27

6:00 pm Relig. Ed. K-Adult IC
 6:00 pm Lenten Confessions IC

Thursday, March 28

5:30 pm Stations of the Cross IC
 5:30 pm RCIA IC

Friday, March 29

4:30 pm Lenten Fish Fry SC
 6:00 pm Lenten Confessions SC



Mass Ministry Trainings

If you are interested in serving at Mass as a Mass minister, please contact Denise Long to set up a training session.

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, March 31

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Eddie Gray

Sandra Davis, Ron Spalding

Lector: Mike Fallin

Server: Lawson Ward

Cross Bearer: Gerald Davis

Gift Bearer: Joe Hagman Family

Hospitality: Joe Hagman Family

Vocation Statue: David & Rosemary Emmick

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Amy Hess

Bob Ogle, Eva Bulliet

Lector: Lori Ogle

Server: Abby Walz & Sam Walz

Cross Bearer: Carter Lyday

Gift Bearer: John Ogle Family

Hospitality: Kenny Woodward Family

Vocation Statue: Noel Quinn

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- **FREE**, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.

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BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

Pizza and Penance for Grades 2nd-5th

The youth will have pizza and penance this Wednesday during Lent. They will have pizza in their classroom from 6-7pm while taking the opportunity to see Fr. Terry for confession.

DASK (Divorced and Separated Koinonia)

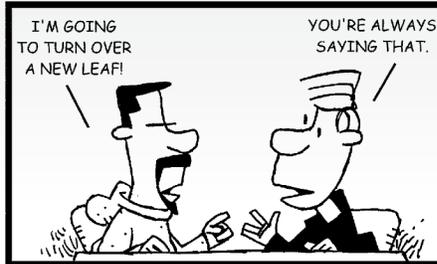
Mount St. Joseph Retreat Center | April 5-7th, 2019

Many people have encountered Jesus during Koinonia retreats in parishes throughout the Diocese of Owensboro. DASK is a Koinonia specifically for those who are divorced or separated. Several members of the Owensboro Koinonia community are collaborating with Springfield, Ill Koinonia to bring DASK to our Diocese for the first time. This will be an overnight, spiritual retreat focused on the resurrection and new life. Participants can register for DASK on the Diocese website at owensborodiocese.org/dask/. The cost to attend is \$150, which includes lodging and meals. Scholarships are available upon request.

Young Adult Lenten Retreat

A Young Adult Lenten Retreat will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 8:00am to 5:00pm at the Passionist Monastery, 8564 Crisp Road, Whitesville, KY. Come and join other Young Adults from across the Diocese for a day of prayer, renewal, and rest. Cost is \$25 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register and for more information go to <https://owensborodiocese.org/young-adult-retreat-day/> or visit Diocese of Owensboro Young Adult Ministry Facebook page.

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception		St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$3,208.00	Weekly Goal	\$2,264.00
Collection 3-10-19	<u>\$2,347.00</u>	Collection 3-10-19	<u>\$1,684.00</u>
Difference under	\$861.00	Difference under	\$580.00
Mass Attendance	111	Mass Attendance	74/65
Parish Mission		Parish Mission	\$2,157.00
Weekly Goal	\$3,208.00	Weekly Goal	\$2,264.00
Collection 3-17-19	<u>\$3,123.00</u>	Collection 3-17-19	<u>\$2,656.00</u>
Difference under	\$85.00	Difference over	\$392.00
Mass Attendance	112	Mass Attendance	78/86
Week # 38 of 53		Week # 38 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$121,904	Fiscal YTD Goal	\$86,032
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$117,979	Fiscal YTD Actual	\$88,843
SC Building Repair Fund			
Total Families Pledged	58	Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518	Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 3-17-19	\$45,913	Total Paid 3-17-19	\$45,913



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.