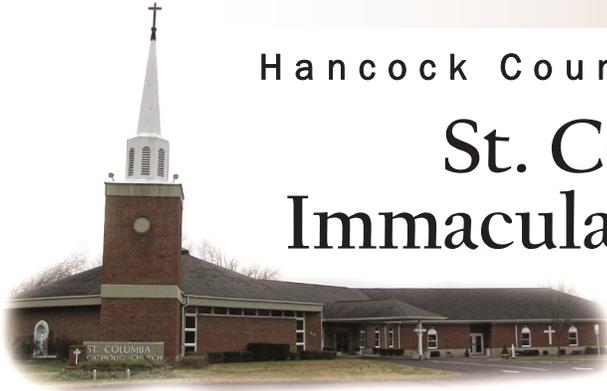


# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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  
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## Cycles of Faith

Repentance. Envy. Joy. Hope. Have you felt these human emotions? Today's Gospel offers a rich story, one we can all find our place in. As we reflect on our own spiritual lives this Lenten season, it can be helpful to imagine ourselves in the story of the Prodigal Son.

"I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers." The younger son has sinned greatly, betraying his father's trust and squandering his money in sin. Yet the parable turns on his deep repentance and humble return to his father. Is there any area of your life you have been wandering from God or you've squandered good gifts? This Lent, return to the sacrament of Confession! God, a merciful Father, waits for you there.

"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him." The father in the parable sees his son's selfishness, perhaps even suspects what he might do, but gives him the inheritance anyway. After his son's departure, the father waits with hope for his son's eventual return. Has someone you love left the Church, made poor decisions, or abused your trust? This Lent is a time to let go of bitterness and to live in hope. Prepare your heart to be merciful!

Not all in the parable invite the mercy of God into their hearts. The self-righteous older brother dishonors his father with his pettiness. "My son, you are here with me always, everything I have is yours." Do you covet what others have? Do you feel as if you've been taken advantage of or that your work goes unseen? This Lent is a time to grow in gratitude. Take a close look at the blessings in our life that you might be missing.

We are all called to repentance. Open your heart to God's personal invitation to 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

#### Lord - We want to See:

This Fourth Sunday of Lent centers around the theme of vision and blindness. No one chooses blindness and darkness and protection of our eyes is so crucial if one wants to enjoy the gift of good vision. But what about protecting ourselves from the disease of spiritual blindness which blocks our vision of God in our lives? Sin is a build-up of many things which covers and eliminates our ability to see Christ in our world and His

presence in others. Lent is a time of purification and reconciliation when we are invited by the Church to remove those items which hinder us from good spiritual vision. The Sacrament of Reconciliation would be an example of "cleaning the slate" and getting ready for an Easter in which we want to see the Risen Christ within ourselves! God bless you, Fr. Terry

#### LIVE THE LITURGY

God does not coerce us into anything. Rather, He gives us the freedom and the means to live like adults, taking responsibility for our choices and the direction our lives take. As our loving Father, He desires that our home be made with Him but understands when we choose to pursue our own passions and desires, which lead us away from Him. We have to learn our own lessons if conversion is to be tangible and real. We cannot return to God simply because we are told to or because we are expected to. We have to come to God freely, and when we do, God is there with loving, open arms ready to welcome us back home. We can celebrate because we were dead and have found life again!

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Water with Blessings Lenten Project

As Lent progresses remember to keep collecting your change to support water women in Kenya. Bring your bottles of change back during Holy Week.

#### No Great Love

The adult classes "No Greater Love" will continue to meet the week of Spring Break. Sunday, March 31st, Wednesday, April 3rd, and Thursday, April 4th

#### Easter Ham

St. Columba is taking orders for smoked Easter Hams! Cost is \$35 and payment must be made at time of the order. All orders must be turned in by April 9th. Hams will be ready for pickup on Palm Sunday, April 14th. Contact Mike Fallin or the church office if you wish to place an order.

#### No Religious Ed. classes April 3rd

We hope everyone enjoys their spring break! See you back in class April 10th!



#### Mass Intentions

##### Tuesday, April 2

8:00 am † Alice Devine SC  
By Larry & JoAnn Roby

##### Wednesday, April 3

5:30 pm † Bobby Gray IC  
By James & Jimmylou Vandgrift

##### Thursday, April 4

8:00 am † Phyliss Emmick SC  
By Butch & Peggy Meriwether

##### Friday, April 5

8:00 am † June Fowler IC  
By Mike & Sheila Ogle

##### Saturday, April 6

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

##### Sunday, April 7

8:30 am † Roger Basham SC  
By Eddie & Rachel Gray

10:30 am † Kay Johnson IC  
By Mike & Sheila Ogle

#### Saturday Mass moves to IC

#### Readings for the Week

March 31, 2019

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

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd -14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

#### Faith Sharing Question

##### First Reading

After Moses died, Joshua successfully settled the Israelites into the Promised Land (Canaan). Israel was now fully freed from their Egyptian captors after 40 years of struggle. When have you experienced liberation from a difficult situation?

##### Second Reading

Paul taught that through Christ, we, as believers, are reconciled to God. In this way, we are a new creation. How does the season of Lent keep you focused on this reality?

##### Gospel Reading

Jesus' parable of the Prodigal Son is one of the most beloved parables. Why do you think so many people relate to this parable?

#### 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, April 2

Adoration - IC 7am to 7pm

5:00 pm Rosary SC  
5:30 pm Stations of the Cross SC

### Wednesday, April 3

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross IC  
6:00 pm Lenten Confessions IC  
NO Relig. Ed.

### Thursday, April 4

Adoration - SC 7am to 7pm

No RCIA IC

### Friday, April 5

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



**Don't forget that Saturday Mass moves to Immaculate Conception on April 6th.**

## Liturgical Roles

### Sunday, April 7

#### St. Columba, 8:30 am

**Eucharistic Min:** Rosemary Emmick  
Dian Heavrin, Randy Miller

**Lector:** Sherry Pike

**Server:** Scott Basham

**Cross Bearer:** Bob Durbin

**Gift Bearer:** Shelby & Sherry Basham

**Hospitality:** Steve & Shelby Basham  
David Payne, Bob Durbin

**Vocation Statue:** Bobby & Alice Fallin

#### Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

**Eucharistic Min:** Lexi Hodge  
Trina Ogle, Heath Stokes

**Lector:** Rita Taul

**Server:** Hunter Severs

**Cross Bearer:** Mike Ogle

**Gift Bearer:** Sarah Greathouse Family

**Hospitality:** John & Marlene Wheatley  
Jody/Dakota Wheatley

**Vocation Statue:** Bob Ogle

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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

So you never have been that serious about a stewardship way of life? It's not that you have been greedy or unloving toward others. You give of yourself when you determine there is a real need. However, you haven't intentionally worked toward surrendering all you are, all you have, and all you do to your God. It's hard because when you compare yourself to others, you seem pretty good. You aren't some prodigal child who needs to return to God because you have lived a life full of sin and selfishness.

Yet, there lies the problem. We can easily feel we aren't so bad, so why change anything? We can lull ourselves into a belief that we will probably get to heaven, therefore why do more? Assurance of salvation is another topic, but basically we can look at our life as a series of transactions with God.

However, we shouldn't determine our actions based upon what we get. The actions of a loved one are due to the love for one's beloved. Jesus gave his life out of love for us. He has shown us what complete surrender looks like. He does not need our surrender but wants it because that is what those in love do. This Lent, perhaps our prayer should not be to simply be better stewards, but to love Him more. Then our motivation will not be based upon what we should do but on what we are moved to do out of love. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Website Resources for Lent

Browse thru our website for more Lenten resources at [www.icschurch.org](http://www.icschurch.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.

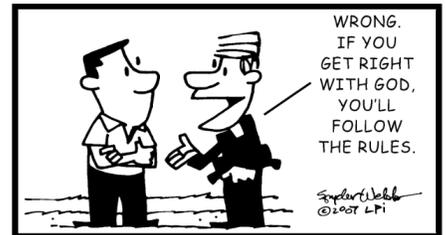
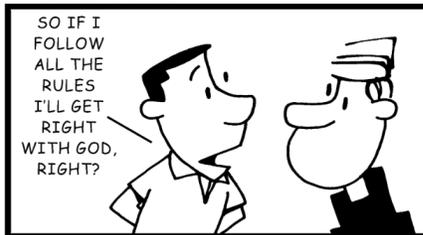
## Lose For Lent

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!

## Safe Environment

To report suspected abuse, call the Kentucky Child Protection Hot Line: 1-877-KYSAFE1 or 1-877-597-2331 (Toll Free) or contact your local Commonwealth Attorney. To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380, or Nuria Elizondo, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment ([owensborodiocese.org/safe](http://owensborodiocese.org/safe)) for more information.

### 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday Collections  
Due to print schedules, collections will be

## 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.