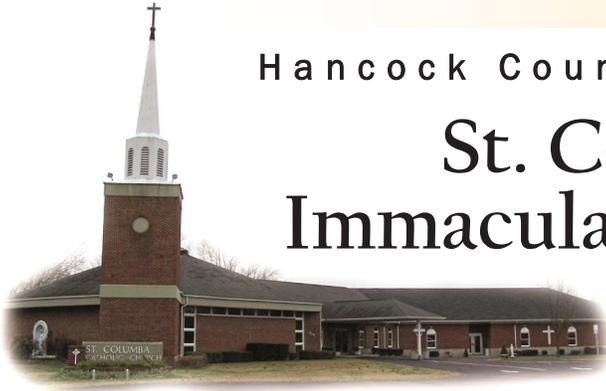


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St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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

Palm Sunday is a strange day in our liturgical calendar. We begin by waving palms, but somewhere in the middle, we call for Jesus to be crucified. We celebrate today an equally paradoxical God, one who comes to save through suffering.

"I tell you, if they keep silent, the stones will cry out!" Jesus, who so often in the Gospels tries to hide his true identity, speaks thunderously to the Pharisees who would still the rejoicing crowd. At the Last Supper, Jesus confirms the Messianic promise to his disciples, saying "I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me." Yet, before the night is over, Jesus has been betrayed.

We hear the tragedy unfold in Luke's Passion narrative. Jesus is abused by the council of elders, denied by Peter, whipped by Roman soldiers, and condemned to death by Pilate. But what else do we see?

Jesus heals someone who came to arrest him, forgives his torturers, promises a repentant man paradise, and - by his loving endurance - converts a centurion at the foot of the cross. Jesus is both Redeemer of the World and Suffering Servant. In taking on the mantle of Messiah, Jesus does not only receive our praise and our accolades, but he bears our burdens and sins and does so with the deepest love. He may go about our salvation in a paradoxical way, but he is dearer to our own suffering hearts for it. This week, we remember that no sorrow of our own is beyond the reach of the compassion of God.



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

Will this be a Holy Week?

The long six weeks of Lent are about to leave us and hopefully it has been a season that we have taken seriously in regards to our Lenten observances. Lent is to give birth to a holy and glorious season called Easter, and it is with hope that all of us are now prepared. Holy Week will be as holy as we want it to be. Today we remember Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where later the same cheering crowd will call for

the death of Jesus. Holy Thursday calls us to remember the events on Calvary. Easter will usher in the Season of Joy and New Life as we recall the resurrection of our Lord. Please check the schedules of all services and make this Holy Week the best ever. Fr. Terry

Collection for the Holy Land

On Good Friday, our parishes will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places. Please be generous.

Dear St. Columba Parishioner,

An informational presentation by all companies bidding for replacing the church roof will be held on Palm Sunday, April 14th at 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please make plans to attend this very important meeting.

At the meeting, each company representative will be given 10 minutes to explain their bid. After all the presentations and a 10-minute break, we will open the floor for a "Question and Answer session".

We will have voting ballots available at the meeting and at church on Easter Sunday. Completed ballots must be turned in by Easter Sunday, April 21st to be counted. We request that each ballot be signed and only one vote per family.

Thank you,
St. Columba Finance & Pastoral Councils



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.

A Prayer for Water Women

As you bring back your water bottles this week for our Lenten Project to support more Water Women please say this prayer for them.

Holy One, be present today to Water Women throughout the world. In their daily challenges and struggles, may their service to neighbor be a source of joy. May their families, especially their children, be kept safe and healthy. May those who are threatened by war, disease and natural disaster be guarded by your providential care. As they are a blessing for others, so may they be blessed. Amen

The Passion of Christ

Don't forget to join us today at 9:30am after Mass at St Columba for Mel Gibson's The Passion of Christ. All are invited.

No Greater Love

The small groups meeting for the No Greater Love series will meet and finish the last class this week on Wednesday April 17th at 10:00 am and 6:00pm.

Car Pool for the Chrism Mass

We are trying to establish a car pool for those desiring to attend the Chrism Mass at the Sports Centers in Owensboro on Tuesday April 16th. Please contact Denise at 270-295-3661 if you plan to attend the Chrism Mass or if you are wanting to attend the Chrism Mass and do not have transportation.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 16

No Mass

Wednesday, April 17

No Mass

Holy Thursday, April 18

6:00 pm † Regina Walz SC
By Mildred Clark

Good Friday, April 19

Service

Holy Saturday, April 20

7:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Easter Sunday, April 21

8:30 am † William Gearlds SC
By Denny & Denise Long
10:30 am † David Sterett IC
By Dick Murphy Family

Readings for the Week

April 14, 2019

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or Lk 24:13-35

Save the Date!!!

Save the date for the 2019 Family Day at Gasper River! Sunday, August 25, 2019 For more information about Gasper River Catholic Retreat Center, click here. Gasper River is located at 2695 Jackson Bridge Rd Bowling Green, KY 42101.

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 16

Adoration - IC 7am to 7pm
6:30 pm Chrism Mass at Sportscenter

Wednesday, April 17

No Relig. Ed.



April 18

Mass of the Lord's Supper
6:00 pm IC



April 19

Cross Walk 3:00 pm
Hawesville



Good Friday Service
6:00 pm SC



April 20

Easter Vigil
7:00 pm SC

April 21

Masses: 8:30 am SC
10:30 am IC

EASTER

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, April 21

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Denny Long
Dian Heavrin, Todd Payne

Lector: Mike Fallin

Server: Steve Basham

Cross Bearer: John Neff

Gift Bearer: Dan Allard Family

Hospitality: Dan Allard Family

Vocation Statue: Betty Allard

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Dan Hagman
Cheryl Gammon, Amy Hess

Lector: Bob Ogle

Server: Drew & Carter Lyday

Cross Bearer: Dakota Wheatley

Gift Bearer: Mark Walz Family

Hospitality: George & Cheryl Gammon
Mike & Sheila Ogle

Vocation Statue: Sharon Russelburg

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Jesus warns us in the Gospel of Matthew, "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." It is an invitation to a way of life, and a plan that leads to holiness. But make no mistake, it is a warning as well. The cross is a sign of victory, but only in light of the Resurrection. Alone, it is a symbol of ultimate sacrifice: the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for a fallen world, and the sacrifice we are called to make to truly follow him.

The power of this symbol has been diminished in popular culture. It is often used in fashion and simple wall art and on bumper stickers and T-shirts, sometimes with Christian clichés and sometimes not. But the cross is something so much more. It is a reminder of the pain, suffering, and death of one who loved us so much that he would give his very life for us. It is our God on that cross. It is God who cries out in despair, feeling the ultimate depth of human emotion. And there lies the key for us in trying to live this life of carrying our crosses.

For those who suffer the death of a loved one, the Father lost his Son. For those who suffer the ravages of disease, his body was broken, beaten, and pierced. For those who feel they have no way out - whether due to prisons that are physical or prisons that are of the mind - he hung on a cross and cried out, "Why?" For those who feel alone and abandoned, he hung on a tree where no one could comfort him, not even his own mother. He has walked in all our shoes, and now we are called to walk in his. In the cross, we find solidarity with the human condition. In an empty tomb, we find our hope. - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

No Religious Ed during Holy Week April 17th

There will be no religious education classes Wednesday, April 17th so everyone can attend Holy Week Services with their families.

Gasper River Summer Camp

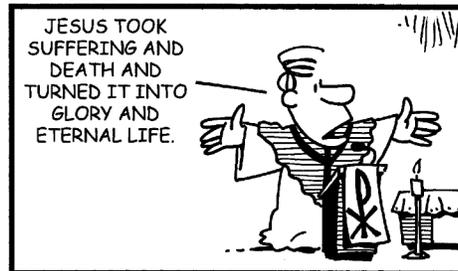
Camps are filling up fast and parents are encouraged to register their youth soon! You may go to their website www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org to register online or to download the forms. Scholarship assistance is available by contacting Jill Frakes at the church office.

Great Job!

Just a big thank you to everyone who has worked so hard in making our Lenten Fish Fries a great success. So many good people work all day on Friday just to prepare this fundraiser and the cooks along with those who serve the meal and help to clean up afterwards are so appreciated. Thanks to all who bring desserts and a big thank you to all the public whose attendance is so helpful in the parish fundraiser. God Bless You All, Fr. Terry



PALM SUNDAY



Sunday Collections

Due to print schedules, collections will be in next week's bulletin.

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.

Lenten Project with Water Women How Can You Help



- Take home a bottle of water and before drinking the water Pray for the families in Kenya
- Pray for what you will sacrifice during Lent so you may contribute to our Lenten project
- Then drink your water and when empty use it as a bank to collect money during Lent.
- Bring your water bottle full of money back to church during Holy Week



Cemetery Policy Reminder:

It is almost time to begin mowing the cemetery. Just a reminder that the policy is: All flowers and ornaments must be attached to the headstone. Shepherd's hooks with single hooks will be allowed for the purpose of hanging baskets only. If items or mementoes are left on the grass they will be gathered up and discarded. No item may be left in the way of the mower. Please pass this word along to your family and friends. Thank you for your cooperation.

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) for more information.

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah spoke of gifts he received from the Lord as well as how he suffered for the faith. In what ways have you suffered for your faith convictions?

Second Reading

In today's reading, we hear one of the earliest Christological hymns preserved by Paul in his letter to the Philippians. What do you find most striking in the hymn?

Gospel Reading

In the Lord's passion according to St. Luke, three times Pilate declares he finds Jesus "not guilty" of the crimes brought against him. Even Herod (Antipas) found Jesus innocent. Why do you think recording the innocence of Jesus was so important to Luke?

The Most Holy Days of the Year

Make plans to be a part of the most Holy Days of the Year!

Holy Thursday will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception at 6:00pm and is the Mass of the Last Supper. On this night, Jesus shared his last meal with the disciples instituting for us the sacrament of Eucharist and stressing how to be of service to others by his example of washing the feet of the disciples. It is also an opportunity to stay awake with Jesus in prayer and adoration where after communion we will take Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to the garden prepared in the parish hall. Jesus said to Peter and his disciples. "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" It is in the garden where Jesus was betrayed and arrested. The church's altar will be stripped and the sanctuary made bare in preparation for Good Friday the day of crucifixion!

Good Friday will be celebrated at St. Columba at 6:00pm. This is a day of fasting not only from food but from Mass! There is no Mass and no celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday. A liturgy is still performed and communion is taken from hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. This communion service is a somber experience remembering Jesus' last day and death on the cross. Notice the bareness of the church and tabernacle doors open and empty! Jesus has been taken away and it was on this night that Jesus met death. This night we will venerate the cross and all will leave with no blessing and no dismissal in somber silence.

Holy Saturday will be celebrated at St. Columba at 7:00pm. Mass will begin outside by the Easter Fire with the lighting of the Paschal Candle. We enter the tomb of darkness with the light of Christ. It is at this Mass where we hear our salvation history in scripture, we initiate new members of our church and we proclaim and renew our baptismal promises. We celebrate Jesus is risen!

Easter Sunday is celebrated at St. Columba at 8:30am and Immaculate Conception at 10:30am. Easter Sunday marks the end of Holy Week and Lent. The Easter Mass is the joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection and his victory of good over evil, sin and death. Easter is the fulfillment of God's promises to man and it is the most important holiday of the Liturgical Year!

You are invited to journey with us during these most Holy Days. Bring your families and celebrate!

