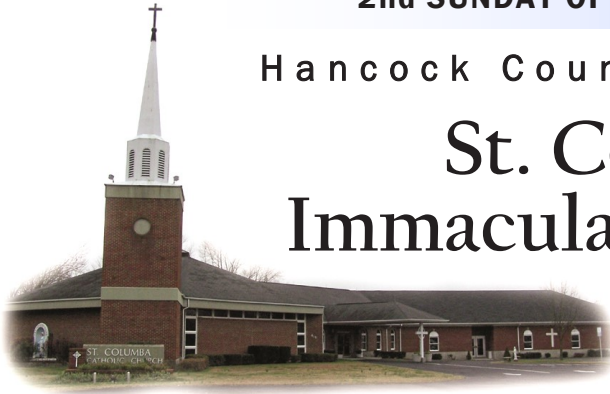


# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## 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

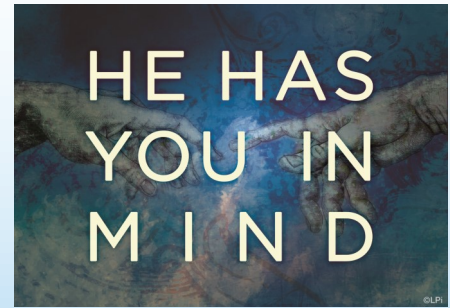
Phone ..... 270-295-3494  
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm  
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For all of Hancock County

## Cycles of Faith

He has you in mind. Do we think about that much? The God of the universe has us in mind, individually as persons and together as one human family. We hear this truth in today's Gospel story of Thomas. His doubt is likely familiar to us by now. "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Jesus is God. He could have risen any way he wanted. He could have risen perfectly healed, as a further sign of his power over death and suffering. But when Thomas encounters him, we see what Jesus chose. "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." In resurrecting his body, Jesus already has Thomas in mind. Jesus retains his wounds for Thomas, for the disciples, and for all who would doubt the sacrificial power of love. This intentional love of Jesus is echoed by John and his disciples, who authored this Gospel. "Jesus did many other signs...these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ...and that through this belief you may have life in his name."

From its earliest beginnings, the Church knew the power of sign and story. When they wrote the Gospels, they had us in mind. We are all Thomas from time to time. We need to see the mercy of God lived and real in our lives. This can happen throughout the circumstances of our daily comings and goings. It can also happen through meditating on the Scripture, through placing ourselves in the stories and listening to God's voice speaking. We don't get to see what the disciples got to see, but we know, through them, that God always has us in mind. As he reminds the disciples, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."



## 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.**



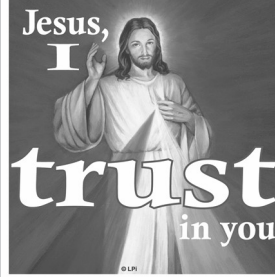
From Father's Desk

### Faith Replacing Doubt

Missing out can be a real frustration! Being in the wrong place at the wrong time is also a reality in our lives, e.g. missing a TV program that you had been waiting for all week; a long distance phone call from a friend or parent and not being at home for the call. We sometimes miss the boat as the old saying goes!

Today, we remember the doubting Thomas who was in the wrong place at the wrong time. He missed seeing Jesus in the Upper Room. He probably felt disappointed, frustrated, and empty. (Will I ever see the risen Jesus?) How does Thomas handle this? He doubts! In the end Thomas did see the Risen Christ, but doubting is very human for us all and sometimes we struggle in faith too. Let us in this Easter Season pray to see the Risen One in our brothers and sisters and that we may reflect the Presence of the Risen One in the most doubting moments of our lives.

In appreciation....What a wonderful Holy Week we all had! The pews were nearly filled each evening and the spirit of those there made the services so meaningful. We thank all those who helped out in the various ministries and who gave of their time. May the Lord bless us all as we have begun this Season of Easter Joy! Fr. Terry



### First Communion Retreat

To continue their First Communion preparation, a retreat day and practice is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th from 9:00am-11:30am at St. Columba parish hall. Parents are asked to make plans to attend this fun and educational day.

### First Communion is Sunday, May 5th.

Please keep in prayer the following youth and their families as they complete their final preparations for receiving their First Communion. From St. Columba: Aubrey Poole and Camille Clark, From Immaculate Conception: Bella Conway and Charlie Severs.

### Bring Flowers for our Mary Crowning

Next week, Sunday May 5th, we will have our Mary Crowning. We ask everyone to bring flowers to Mass so that we may honor Mary with flowers this day.

### Immaculate Conception to Host Bishop Medley in a Prayer Service for Protection and Healing

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month And Bishop Medley invites you to a prayer service at Immaculate Conception on April 29, from 6:30pm-7:30pm. The service will be praying for the protection of all young people and for healing for those harmed by abuse. All are invited.

### Kindness Campaign: Sign up to share a little kindness

We need to spread a little kindness and joy to make our world a better place. The Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, following the teachings of Saint Angela Merici, have responded to the needs of the world for over 400 years – spreading kindness. We invite you to follow their example through a Kindness Campaign. You may know a person who is homebound, ill, or low-spirited, or you may wish to be kind to a local or government official. For \$50, we will send one custom card a month for the next year to the person of your choice with words of inspiration and encouragement. You are both spreading kindness and helping the Ursuline Sisters continue their ministry. The deadline for the cards to start in June is May 15. To request an order form, contact Carol Braden-Clarke at 270-229-2008, carol.braden-clarke@maplemount.org or use the Donate button on our website: ursulinesmjs.org

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, April 30

8:00 am † Rob Douglas Jr SC  
By Margaret Vanover

#### Wednesday, May 1

5:30 pm † Alice Devine IC  
By Mike & Sheila Ogle

#### Thursday, May 2

8:00 am † Dot Bratcher SC  
By Ron Spalding

#### Friday, May 3

8:00 am Dan & Shirley Hagman IC  
By Joan Peak

#### Saturday, May 4

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

#### Sunday, May 5

8:30 am † Ora Roby SC  
By Butch & Peggy Meriwether

10:30 am † Susie Howard IC  
By Dwayne & Joyce Duncan

### Readings for the Week

April 28, 2019

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

### Faith Sharing Question

**First Reading** - In Acts, Luke records many of the "signs and wonders" performed by the Apostles in Jerusalem in the aftermath of Jesus' resurrection. Where do you see miraculous events occurring today in your faith community?

**Second Reading** - Today, we hear of one of the early visions of the resurrected Jesus that John received while exiled on the island of Patmos. What do you see as the main message Jesus was communicating to John in this initial vision?

**Gospel Reading** - The "doubting Thomas" resurrection narrative is one of the best-known Gospel stories surrounding Jesus' resurrection appearances. What role does doubt play in your spiritual journey?

### 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

**Monday, April 29**

6:30 pm Evening of Prayer for Healing

IC

**Tuesday, April 30**

Adoration - IC 7am to 7pm

**Thursday, April 25**

Adoration - SC 7am to 7pm

**Sunday, May 5**

## First Sunday Donuts and

## First Sunday Lunch

Join us at St. Columba for First Sunday donuts and at Immaculate Conception for First Sunday lunch after the Mass.

We will also be celebrating our First Communicants and welcoming new parish members.

## Liturgical Roles

**Sunday, May 5**

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

**Eucharistic Min:** Sandra Davis

Jill Frakes, Mary Masterson

**Lector:** Joseph Quinn

**Server:** Bailey Poole

**Cross Bearer:** Gerald Davis

**Gift Bearer:** 1st Communicants

**Hospitality:** Joe Hagman Family

**Vocation Statue:** Volunteer

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Mary Woodward

Jill Frakes, Amy Sever

**Lector:** Dakota Wheatley

**Server:** Hunter Severs

**Cross Bearer:** Morgan Curry

**Gift Bearer:** 1st Communicants

**Hospitality:** Mike & Sheila Ogle

**Vocation Statue:** Volunteer

## Save the Date!!

**Immaculate Conception Annual Picnic**

**Saturday, July 13th**

It is time to start thinking about IC's picnic. We are going to try something different this year. We would like to have homemade items in our Country Store. If you are a wood worker, crafter, painter, wreath maker, crocheter, knitter, etc. can you please donate an item. If you do not fit into a category, we would ask you to please donate \$5-\$10 gift cards to any establishment you choose.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

After my mother passed away, my sister and father had a falling out of sorts. When he moved to be closer to me, she told me that she didn't ever want to speak to him again, saying, "Even if he is on his death bed, do not call me." My father was in his late 70's, and the pain he would have felt if he knew her wishes would have been too much to bear. Because of this, I made a decision to not tell him. This also put a strain on my relationship with my sister as I cared for the one person in this world she seemed to despise the most.

Of all the gifts God has given us, time and family are at the top of the list to be cherished. Also, both are finite gifts. Our family members will not walk in this world forever, and each day that slips away cannot be restored. Still, we build up walls of fear, doubt, resentment, anger, and pain, not allowing ourselves to forgive and be good stewards of what we have been given.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, God's mercy is overflowing through all the earth. There is no excuse for you and me to not be reconciled with God and accept this profound compassion. In turn, there is no excuse to not extend that mercy and reconcile with those who have hurt us.

I always believed I would have a renewed relationship with my sister when my father's death would come to pass. Two weeks after he passed, my sister suddenly died as well. There is no rewind of time. Yes, good stewards, today is the day!

- Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



## Sunday Collections

### Immaculate Conception

Weekly Goal .....\$3,208.00

Collection 4-14-19 .....\$3,422.00

Difference over ..... \$214.00

Mass Attendance ..... 48/145

Weekly Goal .....\$3,208.00

Collection 4-21-19 .....\$2,531.00

Difference under ..... \$677.00

Mass Attendance ..... 221

Week # 43 of 53

Fiscal YTD Goal .....\$137,944

Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$131,680



### St. Columba

Weekly Goal .....\$2,264.00

Collection 4-14-19 .....\$1,823.00

Difference under ..... \$441.00

Mass Attendance ..... 103

Weekly Goal .....\$2,264.00

Collection 4-21-19 .....\$2,253.26

Difference under ..... \$10.74

Mass Attendance ..... 96/226

Week # 43 of 53

Fiscal YTD Goal ..... \$97,352

Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$101,368

### SC Building Repair Fund

Total Families Pledged 58

Total Amount Pledged \$51,518

Total Paid 4-21-19 \$46,573

## 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.*