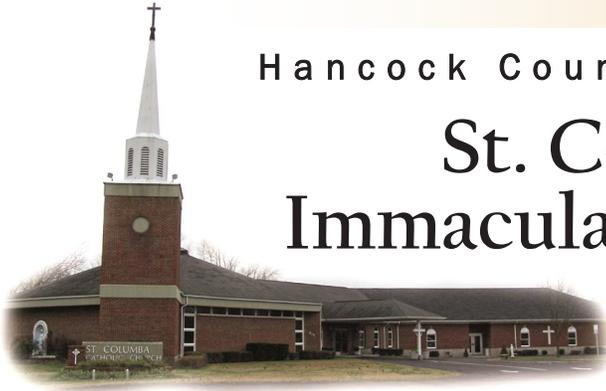


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot – ambitious for two young parents and their infant son – the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.



“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

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.

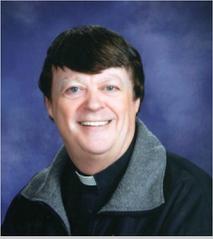
Confirmation • Is celebrated in the seventh and eighth grades or at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop visits every two years and we alternate between the two parishes.

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.



The Holy Family

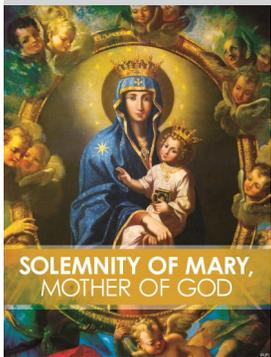
The image of the Holy Family is a comforting and inspiring theme for God's people. The wisdom and treasure of teaching from the Old Testament come to fruition in the persons of the Holy Family. We are lovingly reminded to honor and revere our parents and family members. Mercy, kindness, humility, patience, meekness and above all, love should guide us in dealing with members of our families. Simeon and Anna personify our centuries old longing for a redeemer. They are both overjoyed and in awe of being shown Jesus, God's promised one. Mary's unique role in our redemption and her place as the ideal of motherhood can be seen from today's reading. The idyllic home life at Nazareth is alluded to. To us it is a comfort and an inspiration.



Seasons Greetings from Fr. Terry and Everly

No Religious Education

There will be NO religious education classes this week January 1st. HAPPY NEW YEAR! See you back in class January 8th!



Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

A Holy day of Obligation.

Mass Times

Vigil Mass - Dec. 31st 5:00pm at St. Columba
Holy Day Mass—Jan. 1st 10:30am Immaculate Conception

Question:

If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

Answer:

The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is

divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' *human* nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary *Theotokos*. Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God.

Marriage Help

4 Stages of Marriage – The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Quite a few marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never reach the resolution of the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery, please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). For confidential information or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend on Jan 31, 2020 call Felicia at 270 929-1524, call the Family Life office at 270-683-1545 or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 31 (Holy Day Vigil)
5:00pm † People of the Parish SC

Wednesday, January 1 (Mary Mother of God)
10:30 am † Johnson Quinn and IC
Bricoke Hagan
By Noel Quinn

Thursday, January 2
8:00 am † Pat Edge SC
By Kirby and Vanessa Rhodes

Friday, January 3
8:00 am † Children, Grandchildren IC
And Godchildren
By Noel Quinn

Saturday, January 4
5:00 pm † Martha Zoglemann SC
By unknown

Sunday, January 5 (Epiphany)
8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † Vic Johnson IC
By Noel Quinn

Readings for the Week of December 29, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29–3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel Reading

Matthew reports of the frightening events associated with the holy family's flight to and from Egypt and their arrival in Nazareth. In what ways does your family today needs God's help and intervention?

Catholic Quotes

The feeling remains that God is on the journey too

—St. Teresa of Avila

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, December 29
 Feast of the Holy Family
 at all Mass times



Tuesday, December 31
 NO Adoration

IC

Wednesday, January 1
 Solemnity Mary Mother of God



Thursday, January 2
 7am -7pm Adoration

SC

Sunday, January 5

9:30am Donuts after Mass

SC



Liturgical Roles

Jan 5, 2020

St. Columba 8:30am

Eucharistic Min: Scott Basham
 Judy Pate
 Sandra Davis

Lector: Rosemary Emmick

Server: Joseph Quinn

Cross Bearer: Dan Allard

Gift Bearer: Shelby/Sherry Basham

Hospitality: Joey Frakes/David Payne
 Larry Roby/Scott Basham

Vocation Statue: Shelby/Sherry Basham

Immaculate Conception, 10:30am

Eucharistic Min: Jody Wheatley
 Kenny Woodward
 Dakota Wheatley

Lector: Bob Ogle

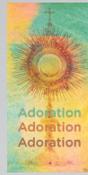
Server: Hunter Severs/Izzie Volocko

Cross Bearer: Dakota Wheatley

Gift Bearer: Eva Bulleit/Margaret Powers
 & Tom/Trina Ogle

Hospitality:

Vocation Statue: Marcella Henderson



New Openings for Adoration

Spend a little extra time with Jesus during Adoration! We have openings for Adoration at St. Columba on Thursdays at 1:00pm, 5:00pm and 6:00pm. Please contact Denise if you are interested or would like more information

Why Do We Do That? - Catholic Life Explained

Question:

I'd like to make some new resolutions about practicing the faith in our family during the new year. Do you have any suggestions?

Answer:

The family is the most essential space for the formation of values and character. Practicing your faith as a family can happen both internally and externally. Consistent prayer together builds habits that can last a lifetime. With younger children, praying together as a family in the evening or at dinnertime could be fairly doable most nights. In the evening, select a few common prayers such as the Our Father, Hail Mary, or Guardian Angel prayer. Ask each of your children to thank God for three things that day and include a time for children and adults alike to pray out loud for special needs in your family. This practice could be done with older children, committed to intentional efforts in the midst of increasingly busy schedules. Look for other opportunities to practice the faith outside the home as well. Sunday Mass should already be part of your family's weekly routine. Consider setting other monthly goals as well. This could be a family service project in your city, attending the sacrament of Confession together, or hosting a hospitality night in your home. Get your children involved in the planning process. Ask them where they'd like to volunteer or who they think is having a hard time and might need a special night just for them. Rather than simply imposing new practices, your whole family can have a dynamic role understanding and integrating faith and life.

Married Couples Retreat at Mt. St. Joseph—Jan. 31-Feb. 2

"Growing in Love with One Another; Growing in Love with God" is a retreat for married couples that will take place from Jan. 31-Feb. 2, 2020. Long-time marriage educators Bridget Brennan and Jerry Shen will bring their gifts in teaching everyday practical skills to equip couples to grow in love and joy with each other and God. There is a discounted rate of \$275 per couple if you sign up by Jan. 17. Otherwise the fee is \$325 per couple. The fee includes meals and accommodations at the Mount Saint Joseph Conference and Retreat Center (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56). Take this time to get away and renew your marriage. To register, call 270-229-0206 or email retreatcenter@maplemount.org or sign up online at ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs.

Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception Weekly Goal\$3,385.00 Collection 12-15-19\$4,052.00 Difference over\$667.00 Mass Attendance 137</p> <p>Week # 25 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal \$84,625 Fiscal YTD Actual \$80,857</p>	<p>St. Columba Weekly Goal\$2,500.00 Collection 12-15-19\$4,664.00 Difference under\$2,164.00 Mass Attendance 64/72</p> <p>Week # 25 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal \$62,500 Fiscal YTD Actual \$65,848</p>
<p>SC Building Repair Fund Total Families Pledged 58 Total Amount Pledged \$51,518 Total Paid 12-15-19 \$49,736</p>	

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.