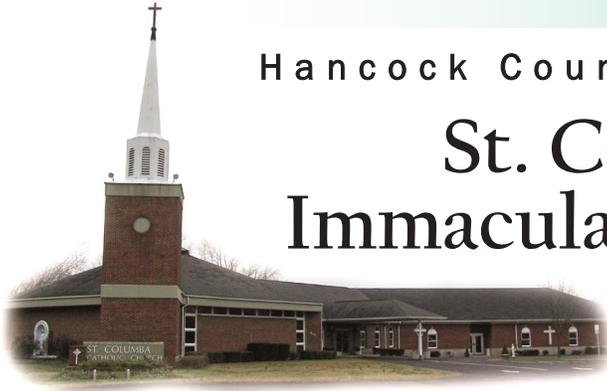


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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

We may walk many roads when we search for God, and He leads us all the while. The men we honor today were not Jews. The Messiah wasn't coming for them, not in the minds of Jesus' contemporaries. These men were astrologers. They were adept at reading portents in the sky, a practice condemned in the Mosaic covenant. Still, to the best of their knowledge and awareness, they were seeking the truth. This truth led them to journey from their own homeland to honor a king they'd never met, one they couldn't be sure truly existed. "We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." Who do you know seeks God so tenaciously?

"Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem," the Gospel tells us. Who are the seekers in your own life? Maybe it's your cautiously curious co-worker, the neighbor who unexpectedly found peace on a yoga retreat, or your desperately angry child who has chosen, for now, to go their own way. Perhaps they're not overtly headed for Jesus now, not yet. But they may well be seekers of truth in ways we didn't expect. Our invitation is to listen, inquire, and give directions when appropriate.



The magi and modern-day seekers can inspire us as well. When is the last time you sought God's truth so tenaciously? As believers, it can perhaps be easy to become desensitized to the Christmas season and to the miraculous reality we recently celebrated. Mass may have been lovely, but so was the succulent roast beef, the crisp smell of evergreen, and the warm glow of family. Consider asking yourself, "God, do I know you as well as I should? Would I journey as far as the magi to meet You, if I could? Do I journey to meet You daily in prayer? What do those answer say about me, and about our relationship?" Perhaps we, like the magi, can once again be "overjoyed" at seeing the Light of the World.

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.



Epiphany of the Lord

Today marks the feast of our Christmas season which is the Epiphany or Manifestation of our Lord. This special celebration recalls the visit from the three astrologers from the East. This feast reassures us that Jesus (the Christmas gift sent by the Father) is for all of humanity. The foreigners, also called the Gentiles (non-Jews) brought their gifts to the child after following the star of Bethlehem. We, too, are called to follow Christ and to present our lives and the gift of ourselves to the One who has given us everything. May our spiritual resolution in the new year be to follow Christ and to give to Him the gift of ourselves, so that we might better manifest His presence to those around us.

God's special blessings to all in 2020. Fr. Terry



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men...who were they?

Answer:

We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

Religious Ed Classes

The Wednesday night religious education classes for the K-Adult will begin again January 8th. The Sunday morning adult class at St Columba will resume January 12th. May everyone have a Joyous New Year!

Baby Gifts for Birthright

Support Birthright in Owensboro by donating baby gifts such as clothing, blankets, bottles or diapers. Birthright assists mothers in need. Baskets will be available as you enter church.

Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky

The Catholic Men's Conference of Western Kentucky is hosting their 9th annual conference on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at the Riverpark Center in Owensboro. Men from all around the diocese are encouraged to attend. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. Guest speakers this year are Patrick Madrid, Bruce Sullivan and Brian Greenfield. Mass with Bishop Medley will follow the conference at St. Stephen Cathedral, 600 Locust Street, at 5 PM. Read the speakers' biographies, find more information and purchase online tickets by visiting kycatholic.com or visit our website www.icscchurch.org and click on the Spiritual growth page or contact Denise Long at our Parish office.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 7th

8:00 am † Ora Roby SC
By The Rearden Family

Wednesday, January 8th

5:30 pm † Mary Young IC
By Ann Johnson Family

Thursday, January 9th

8:00 am † Alan Ditch SC
By A Haynes

Friday, January 10th

8:00 am Charles and Peggy IC
Howard Family
By Noel Quinn

Saturday, January 11th

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, January 12th

8:30 am † Bob Payne SC
By Eddie and Rachel Gray
10:30 am † Joan Peak IC
By Shirlene Quinn

Readings for the Week

Of January 5, 2020

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

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11]/Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel Reading

Matthew tells us that the visit of the magi was wrought with fear, danger, and deception. Why do you think the good news of Jesus Christ remains today a threat to some people in the world?

Catholic Quotes

"Our heart is restless until it rests in you."

— St. Augustine

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, January 5th Epiphany
9:30am Donuts after Mass

SC



Tuesday, January 7th
7am -7pm Adoration

IC

Wednesday, January 8th
6:00pm Religious Education
K-Adults
6:00pm School of Leaders

SC

Thursday, January 9th
7am -7pm Adoration

SC

Liturgical Roles

Jan 12, 2020

St. Columba 8:30am

Eucharistic Min: Eddie Gray
Amy Allard
Dian Heavrin

Lector: Steve Allard

Server: Denny Long/Aubrey Poole

Cross Bearer: Lawson Ward

Gift Bearer: Kevin Ward Family

Hospitality: Kevin Ward Family

Vocation Statue: Betty Allard

Jan 12, 2020

Immaculate Conception, 10:30am

Eucharistic Min: Mary Woodward
Eva Bulleit
Amy Hess

Lector: Rita Taul

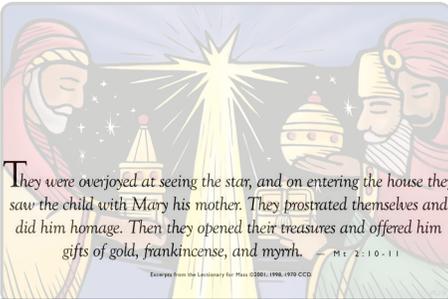
Server: Laura Wheatley/Aubrey Mosby

Cross Bearer: Morgan Curry

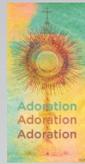
Gift Bearer: Kenny Woodward Fam

Hospitality: Kenny Woodward Fam

Vocation Statue: Noel and Janie Quinn



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. — Mt 2:10-11



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.

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.

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.

Lazarus Retreat

Who: All High School Youth (9th-12th Grades)
What: As we journey through the story of the raising of Lazarus, we truly see what it means to be dead in this world and called to life in Jesus. This retreat is an intentional invitation to life in Christ.
Where: Boone Lodge at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp
When: 5:30pm, Feb. 14-1pm, Feb. 16
Cost: \$50 per youth (scholarships available)
Further Details: We are limited to 20 boys and 20 girls for the retreat. Deadline to sign up is Monday, January 27, 2020 Register at: <https://owensborodiocese.org/lazarus-retreat/> or contact our Youth Minister, Jill Frakes, at the parish office.

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,385.00
Collection 12-15-19	<u>\$3,552.00</u>
Difference over	\$167.00
Mass Attendance	137
Weekly Goal	\$3,385.00
Collection 12-22-19	<u>\$1,989.00</u>
Difference under	\$1,396.00
Mass Attendance	116
Week # 26 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	\$88,010

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal.....	\$2,500.00
Collection 12-15-19	<u>\$4,663.69</u>
Difference over.....	\$2,163.69
Mass Attendance	64/72
Weekly Goal.....	\$2,500.00
Collection 12-22-19	<u>\$2,237.00</u>
Difference under	\$263.00
Mass Attendance	149/??
Week # 26 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$65,000
Fiscal YTD Actual.....	\$68,299
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 12-22-19	\$49,756

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.