

# 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](http://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](http://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

The Catechism of the Catholic Church gives four reasons for the Incarnation, why God became man in Jesus Christ. The third reason is “to be our model of holiness.” All of Jesus’ words and actions model for us what we ought to do. He also shows us how we’re meant to be. Jesus’ baptism ought to remind us of our own baptism and of the importance of baptism in the Christian life.

The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of our Trinitarian identity. When we are baptized, we stand in solidarity with Christ, bathed in the waters he sanctified. There, the Father proclaims our adoption into the family of God. “This is my beloved son [this is my beloved daughter], with whom I am well pleased.” And the Spirit, too, descends. We are filled with the Spirit’s grace and power to continue Christ’s mission on earth. We received these gifts in the sacrament, and they continue to dwell within us through sanctifying grace. We can — and should — invite God to stir up these graces of our baptism and consider them in our own lives.

Does Christ feel like a distant relative two thousand years in the past? Or do you see him as someone who can be encountered here and now? Ask yourself where you find your sense of dignity and worth. Do you still search for it in success, social status, and selfish pursuits? Or are you able to rest in being a beloved child of God? Remember, baptism gives us a call and a charge to change the world. Do you pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you? Or are you so focused on your own life that you miss the mission? This week, let’s do as Jesus did. Let’s live in our baptism!



## 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.

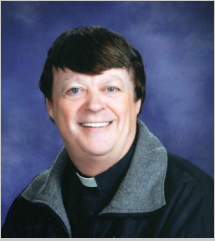
**Confirmation** • Is celebrated in the seventh and eighth grades or at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop visits every two years and we alternate between the two parishes.

**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.**



## Baptism: Our Spiritual Rebirth

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, who was baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John the Baptist. This sacred ceremony preceded the ministry of Jesus and His preaching on the kingdom. By virtue of our baptism, we too are called to serve Christ by living lives which reflect a Christ-like attitude. Just as Jesus brought others to the love of His father, we, too, are challenged to bring others to Christ and to use our

abilities to bring about God's Kingdom here on earth. Keeping our Baptismal promises (reject sin and profess our faith) is not always easy, but Jesus tells us that all things are possible when we put our lives into His hands. Let us always be grateful for our own baptism and may we be faithful in following in the footsteps of our Lord, who took His baptism seriously. Have a good week!

Fr. Terry



### WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

#### QUESTION:

Why do Catholics baptize infants, while some other Christian denominations wait until adulthood?

#### Answer:

To understand when we baptize, it's important to know what baptism is. Baptism removes original sin, and we are reborn into the family of God, adopted as His sons and daughters. We become joint heirs with Christ and sharers in his mission. Early on, baptism was given immediately upon personal conversion, such as the three thousand baptized at Pentecost. Some Christian churches today emphasize baptism specifically as personal conversion. As such, they would not baptize young children who have not yet consciously chosen to follow Christ. As the Church slowly grew, whole households were baptized together upon the deep conversion of one of the leaders (Acts 16). From this evidence, we can surmise that may have included children who were just beginning to hear the Christian message. This would not have been uncommon, especially for Jewish converts. Circumcision marked entrance into the Old Covenant for men. This occurred, without the express consent of the infants, to male children eight days after their birth.

In the second century, processes had begun to more gradually incorporate people into the Church. The basis of this "catechumenal model" is still used in parishes today for adults wishing to convert to Catholicism. The familial transmission of faith still retains an important place. Throughout his ministry, Jesus emphasized the importance of baptism for salvation. As Catholics see it, "The Church and the parents would deny a child a priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth. Christian parents will recognize that this practice also accords with their role as nurturers of the life that God has entrusted to them" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1250-1251).

### First Eucharist Parent Meeting

A parent meeting for their children who are preparing for First Eucharist is scheduled Wednesday January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 at IC Parish Office. Parents are encouraged to attend this important meeting on how to help their child prepare for this very special sacrament.

### 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.

### Save The Date

Retirement party for Becky Monetatchi! Come help us celebrate Sunday, January 26th. More info to follow next week!

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, January 14

NO MASS

#### Wednesday, January 15

5:30 pm † Regina Walz IC  
By Doug and Mona Hinton

#### Thursday, January 16

8:00 am † Dexter Marsch SC  
By Carl Freyvogel

#### Friday, January 17

8:00 am † David Sterrett IC  
By Vic and Barbara Hagman

#### Saturday, January 18

5:00 pm † Raphael and Agnes Elder SC  
By Bob Ogle

#### Sunday, January 19

8:30 am People of the Parish SC  
10:30 am † Phyllis Emmick IC  
By Bill Emmick

### Readings for the Week of January 12, 2020

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

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 [17a]/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27b]/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

### Faith Sharing Question

#### Gospel Reading

What do you find most remarkable about Matthew's account of the baptism of Jesus?

### Catholic Quotes

Be amazed by what is true and beautiful, what is of God!

—Pope Francis

### 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 12

9:30am Adult Religious Ed SC  
 6:30pm Knights of Columbus IC

### Tuesday, January 14

7am -7pm Adoration IC  
 5:00pm IC Finance Council IC  
 6:00pm IC Pastoral Council IC

### Wednesday, January 15

6:00pm Religious Ed K-Adult IC

### Thursday, January 16

7am -7pm Adoration SC

### Sunday, January 19

9:30am Adult Religious Ed SC

## Liturgical Roles

Jan 19, 2020

### St. Columba 8:30am

**Eucharistic Min:** Dennis Long  
 Rosemary Emmick  
 Mary Masterson

**Lector:** Peggy Meriwether

**Server:** Courtney/Addison Thomason

**Cross Bearer:** Ron Spalding

**Gift Bearer:** Randy Miller Family

**Hospitality:** Tina Nelson/Judy Pate  
 Alexis Basham/Lilly Ward

**Vocation Statue:** Randy/Melody Miller

### Immaculate Conception, 10:30am

**Eucharistic Min:** Dan Hagman  
 Amy Severs  
 Aimee Lyday

**Lector:** Mary Woodward

**Server:** Drew/Carter Lyday

**Cross Bearer:** Gavin Herrmann

**Gift Bearer:** Nick Severs Family

**Hospitality:** Jason Curry Family

**Vocation Statue:** John/Lynn Powers

## 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.

## 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](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or sign up online at [ursulinesmsj.org/registration-form-for-sponsored-programs](http://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.

## 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](http://kycatholic.com) or visit our website [www.icscchurch.org](http://www.icscchurch.org) and click on the Spiritual growth page or contact Denise Long at our Parish office.

## Sunday Collections

### Immaculate Conception

Weekly Goal.....\$3,385.00  
 Collection 12-29-19 .....\$2,257.00  
 Difference under .....\$1,128.00  
 Mass Attendance ..... 139  
 Christmas.....\$1542.25

Weekly Goal.....\$3,385.00  
 Collection 1-5-20.....\$3,012.00  
 Difference under .....\$373.00  
 Mass Attendance ..... 135

Week # 28 of 52

Fiscal YTD Goal..... \$94,780  
 Fiscal YTD Actual ..... \$89,487



### St. Columba

Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00  
 Collection 12-29-19 .....\$1,914.00  
 Difference under ..... \$586.00  
 Mass Attendance ..... 53/78  
 Christmas.....\$1,202.00

Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00  
 Collection 1-5-20.....\$2,924.00  
 Difference over..... \$424.00  
 Mass Attendance ..... 70/100

Week # 28 of 52

Fiscal YTD Goal ..... \$70,000  
 Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$74,339

### SC Building Repair Fund

Total Families Pledged 58  
 Total Amount Pledged \$51,518  
 Total Paid 12-22-19 \$50,096

## 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.*