

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

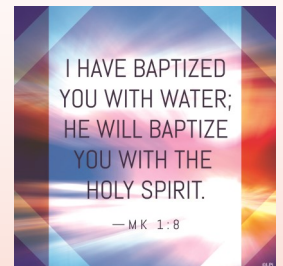
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For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

On the cusp of fame, power, or influence, would you turn it down? Today's Gospel again features John the Baptist. Controversial but popular, John has gathered quite a group of followers. He has disciples. People come from near and far to be baptized by him. Pharisees and government leaders are drawn to his preaching. If John was another man, a lesser man, he would have claimed his own greatness. Instead, John the Baptist is a witness to humility.

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God ... he is the one of whom I said, "A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me." ... the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known.'" Rather than point to himself, John points to Christ. John could have grasped at what he had accumulated. He could have seen Jesus as a Messianic competitor. Instead, John knows who he is. He knows his place as forerunner. Because John knows who Jesus is. "I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

A life of humility, a life for others, can be challenging to live. So much of our culture is built around achievement and individualism. We can justify it, too, in pursuit of "greater goods" and higher ideals. In the process, however, we might miss our own participation in the kingdom of God. John, for all of his humility, was not an afterthought. In another Gospel passage, Jesus calls him "the greatest prophet," even the greatest of men. Why? Because he fulfills the mission given to him by God: to announce the coming of the Messiah. We too are prophets and forerunners. Our witness to the Gospel is meant to point people to Jesus. Consider your own mission this week. To whom are you called to announce the good news of the Son 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.

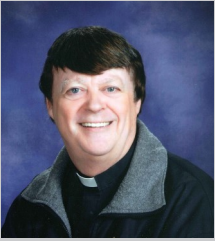
Confirmation • Is celebrated in the seventh and eighth grades or at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop visits every two years and we alternate between the two parishes.

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.



Identifying ourselves:

On this second Sunday in Ordinary Time, the theme is “Who are we?” And how do we identify ourselves to others in following the Lord. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah identifies himself as a servant to God and St. Paul informs the Corinthians that they have been consecrated and called to be a holy people. John the Baptist informs his followers to follow Jesus, who is the Lamb of God. The Second Vatican Council ('62-'65) defined us as a

people of God—a community of the baptized consecrated in Christ Jesus to do the will of God. Let us all work together (recognizing our identity) keeping our eyes always focused on Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Have a good week!



Fr. Terry

First Eucharist Parent Meeting

A parent meeting for their children who are preparing for First Eucharist is scheduled Wednesday January 29th 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

Please help support Birthright by donating baby items used to prepare layette gift bags for their new Moms and babies. Birthright supports pregnant women in need and last year they gave gift bags to 156 new moms and babies! Please consider helping with this joyful ministry by donating newborn/preemie outfits, baby blankets, diaper bags, crib sheets, small books, diapers, bottles, bottle brushes, maternity pants, tops, robes and slippers. Donations may be placed in the baskets as you enter church. Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

Thank You. 

I'd like to thank St. Columba Parish for the thoughtful Christmas gift. May God bless you.....Pat Roberts

St. Columba

Thank you so much for welcoming Jared and I into the parish. We appreciate everyone's well wishes and prayers for our big day. Jared and I have loved “experimenting” with the recipe cards...not sure you can call it cooking just yet. We wish everyone a very blessed and happy New Year! See you on Sunday!

.....Lauren and Jared Taylor

St. Columba and Immaculate Conception

Thank you for your generous gifts, cards, well wishes and prayers during the Christmas Season. May the New Year bring you joy and many blessings!

.....Jill, Sarah, Denise, Becky and Fr. Terry

St. Columba and Immaculate Conception

Thank you so much for your support and prayers during the time of my brothers illness and death. Even though I know he is no longer in pain and is rejoicing with our Lord, my sorrow is still very fresh. I ask for your prayers for me and my family as we continue to grieve and to heal. Thank you to all who stepped in to help during such a busy time of the church year. Your assistance gave me the freedom to spend precious time with my brother in his last few weeks. God Bless you. Thank you my church family.
.....Denise

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, January 21

8:00 am † Gerald Greenwell SC
By Family

Wednesday, January 22

5:30 pm † Patsy Frey IC
By Charles Hagman

Thursday, January 23

8:00 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Eileen Basham

Friday, January 24

8:00 am † Betty Lowe IC
By Mach and Anna Stiwell

Saturday, January 25

5:00 pm † Mildred Riley SC
By Rachel and Eddie Gray

Sunday, January 26

8:30 am † Joe Bolin Sr SC
By Susie Chaffin Family
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week of January 19, 2020

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56: 2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3: 7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4: 12-23 or 4:12-17

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel Reading

John the Baptist spoke of Jesus metaphorically as “the Lamb of God.” What do you think this image means?

Catholic Quotes

To fall in love with God is the greatest romance

—St. Augustine of Hippo

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 19

9:30am Adult Religious Ed SC

Tuesday, January 21

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Wednesday, January 22

6:00pm Religious Ed K-12 IC

Thursday, January 23

7am -7pm Adoration SC

Sunday, January 26

9:30am Adult Religious Ed SC

Liturgical Roles

Jan 26, 2020

St. Columba 8:30am

Eucharistic Min: Butch Meriwether
Randy Miller
Judy Pate

Lector: Joseph Quinn

Server: Bailey Poole/Aubrey Poole

Cross Bearer: Scott Basham

Gift Bearer: Dan/Amy Allard
& David/Michelle Winchell

Hospitality:

Vocation Statue: Jerry Buck

Immaculate Conception, 10:30am

Eucharistic Min: Bob Ogle
Marilyn McCaslin
Trina Ogle

Lector: Falyn Stokes

Server: Jacob Hodge/Janie Quinn

Cross Bearer: Daniel Herrmann

Gift Bearer: Yvonne Booty Family

Hospitality: Heath Stokes Family

Vocation Statue: Heath/Loretta Stokes

St. Columba

Finance and Parish Council

The date for the regularly scheduled St. Columba Finance and Parish Council meetings has been changed to Tuesday January 28, 2020. Each council will meet at their usual time. Please contact Denise or Fr. Terry if you have any questions.

Help Wanted: Adorers needed for Adoration

St Columba is still in need of participants for our weekly Adoration. Spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray and Listen for an hour in an environment of peace, quiet and serenity. Time slots for 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm are still available. If we are not able to fill the slots then we will need to end Adoration at an earlier time. Please consider making the commitment! Contact Denise or Jill 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 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.

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.

Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,385.00 Collection 01-12-20\$3,261.00 Difference under \$124.00 Mass Attendance 147</p> <p>Week # 29 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal \$98,165 Fiscal YTD Actual \$92,749</p> 	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$2,500.00 Collection 1-12-20\$1,663.00 Difference under \$837.00 Mass Attendance 42/100</p> <p>Week # 29 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal \$72,500 Fiscal YTD Actual \$76,552</p> <p>SC Building Repair Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58 Total Amount Pledged \$51,518 Total Paid 1-12-20 \$50,146</p>
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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.