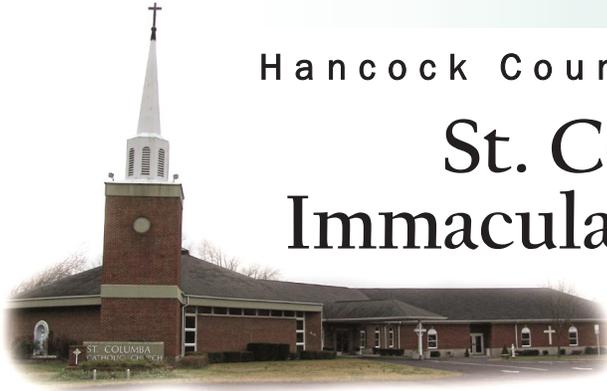


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.



Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

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.

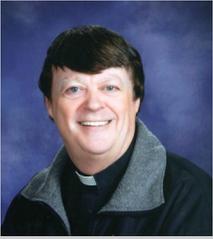
Confirmation • Is celebrated in the seventh and eighth grades or at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop visits every two years and we alternate between the two parishes.

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.



Lord - We want to See:

This Fourth Sunday of Lent centers around the theme of vision and blindness. No one chooses blindness and darkness and protection of our eyes is so crucial if one wants to enjoy the gift of good vision. But what about protecting ourselves from the disease of spiritual blindness which blocks our vision of God in our lives? Sin is a build-up of many things which covers and eliminates our ability to see Christ in our world and His presence in others. Lent is a time of purification and reconciliation when we are invited by the Church to remove those items which hinder us from good spiritual vision. The Sacrament of Reconciliation would be an example of "cleaning the slate" and getting ready for an Easter in which we want to see the Risen Christ within ourselves!

God bless you, Fr. Terry



Public Masses Have Been Suspended

Bishop Medley has suspended all public Masses due to COVID-19 pandemic. Fr. Terry will continue to have a private Mass with the Mass intention of the day. He also invites you to call him with any special prayers or Mass intentions and he will be glad to include them in his prayers for the Mass.

Spiritual Communion

In a time when it is impossible to receive Jesus sacramentally in the Eucharist, making a spiritual communion can serve to increase our faith and union with God. Many saints, including St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Padre Pio, encouraged spiritual communion and spoke of its benefits. You can make a spiritual communion any time, and multiple times throughout the day, whether you are watching the Mass on television, or just feel a particular need for closer union with the Lord. This can be done within seconds, by simply asking Jesus to come into your heart in a special way. Alternatively, you could have a more intentional prayer time, praying an Act of Faith, Hope, and Love, followed by a prayer (such as the one below) asking to receive Jesus spiritually. As Catholics, we know that the source and summit of our faith is the Holy Eucharist, and while spiritual communion is not the same as sacramental communion, we can earnestly pray that it will help to sustain us and increase our love and longing to receive Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.*

Confessions During Lent

Fr. Terry will be available for confessions by appointment only. Feel free to call him to schedule an appointment

During Lent Donate for Easter Flowers

Donate for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. You may do so by using the envelope in your giving packet and write the name or names of your loved ones on the envelope. You may then mail your collection envelope to the parish office.



Water with Blessings Lenten Project

As Lent progresses remember to keep collecting your change and once we are able to gather for Mass you may drop it in the Water with Blessing bucket as you leave church. Please help support water women in Kenya!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 24

† Dexter Marsch
By Carl Freyvogel

Wednesday, March 25

† Garry Bickett
By Jean Ann and JW Rearden

Thursday, March 26

† Roy Wheatley
By Joyce and Dwayne Duncan

Friday, March 27

† Kevin Hanks
By Denis and Martha Wheatley

Saturday, March 28

† Alan Ditch
By Eddie and Rachel Gray

Sunday, March 29

People of the Parish

Readings for the Week Of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Faith Sharing Question Gospel Reading

Jesus' healing of the man born blind exposed the blindness of some of the Pharisees of Jesus' day. How do we prevent ourselves from being blind to God's presence in this season of Lent?

Catholic Quotes

My heart is listening Lord

—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, March 22

9:30am Adult Study—Canceled SC

Monday, March 23

6:00pm Adult Study: -Canceled IC
6:00pm Fish Fry Meeting—Canceled SC

Tuesday, March 24

7am -7pm Adoration IC
5:00pm Stations—Canceled SC

Wednesday, March 25

5:00pm Stations—Canceled IC
6:00pm NO Rel Ed K-12 IC
6:00pm Adult Study: Canceled IC

Thursday, March 26

7am-5pm Adoration SC

Friday, March 27

4-7pm Fish Fry—Canceled SC
4-7pm Stations—Canceled SC

Sunday, March 29

9:30am Adult Study: Canceled SC

Live Stream Mass Schedule

Diocesan:

St. Stephen Cathedral at 9 AM :
www.facebook.com/ststephencathedral/live

Brescia University at 10 AM:
<https://livestream.com/accounts/19227302/bresciamass>

St. Joseph in Leitchfield at 11 AM:
<https://stjosephch.org/live-streaming>

St. Thomas More in Paducah at 9 AM:
<https://www.stmore.org/live-mass>

St. Mary in Franklin at 11 AM:
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Mary-Catholic-Church-Franklin-KY-466339790185934/>

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph at 11 AM:
<https://www.facebook.com/ursulinesmsj/>

Non-diocesan:

Local EWTN Mass times can be found here:

<https://www.ewtn.com/tv/channel-finder>

<https://www.watchthemass.com/>

<http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictv-mass>

<https://thesundaymass.org/>

<https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

**News from the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office
Clean Heart Initiative**

Is pornography use affecting your family? The Diocese launched the Clean Heart Initiative in 2019 to help parents talk about this issue with their children AND offer resources to those who are struggling. **CleanHeartInitiative.com** is an effort to make resources and information available to parents and those wanting freedom from pornography addiction in one place in an easy-to-use format. The parent section has parent guides, conversation starters, age-appropriate talking points, and much more. For more information you may check out the website at <https://owensborodiocese.org/office-of-marriage-family-life/> or contact the McRaith Pastoral Center at 270-683-1545.

Cemetery Policy Reminder

It is almost time to begin mowing the cemetery. Just a reminder that the policy is: All flowers and ornaments must be attached to the headstone. Shepherd's hooks with single hooks will be allowed for the purpose of hanging baskets only. If items or mementoes are left on the grass they will be gathered up and discarded. No item may be left in the way of the mower. Please pass this word along to your family and friends. Thank you for your cooperation.



AED Training Canceled

AED training is canceled and will be rescheduled once we are clear of the pandemic. We will continue to ask those interested in certification for CPR to sign up and a class will be scheduled at a later date. If you are interested in CPR training and certification the cost is \$25 and the class will last 3hrs.

Thank You

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring our Mardi Gras breakfasts at both St. Columba and Immaculate Conception. Your support means more families will have safe clean water. God Bless!

Thank you from Cheryl Gammon

Thank you to our Immaculate Conception and St. Columba families for all the kind words and food during the loss of my mother. On her good days she enjoyed coming to Mass here and talking with you. God Bless you all.



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Isabel Crenshaw on her recent passing. Isabel was a long time member of the Immaculate Conception Parish

Family giving years of service to the church and catholic school. She will be sincerely missed. Due to the pandemic crisis a private family burial was given but at a later date we will be celebrating a memorial Mass for Isabel. May the Lord embrace her in his His eternal Love.

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,385.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 03-15-20\$5,944.00	Collection 3-15-20\$2,056.00
Difference over\$2,559.00	Difference under \$444.00
Mass Attendance 121	Mass Attendance 43/62
Week # 38 of 52	Week # 38 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$128,630	Fiscal YTD Goal \$95,000
Fiscal YTD Actual\$122,602	Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$104,032

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.

No Religious Ed classes until April 15th

With the recent school closures we will also follow the school schedule and cancel religious ed classes. To assist parents in continuing their religious education at home, Jill and Denise will be mailing information and resources home to parents as well as utilizing our Facebook pages and website. Please see the mailed letter from Fr. Terry for additional information. Please pray for all affected by this virus and for the end the pandemic. We pray to see all of our youth back in class on April 15th!

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center

Summer Camp registration is now open at Gasper River for grades 3 - 12 and we encourage parents to registers their child soon as camps fill up fast. The registration process for summer camp has been updated and improved! All forms are now completed online, so no more printing and mailing forms. Camp descriptions and promo videos for each camp can be found on the site as well. To register your child please visit <http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org/> Scholarship assistance is available by contacting Jill at the church office.

St. Columba Fish Fry

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the Fish Fry has been cancelled for the remainder of Lent. We had 3 outstanding Fish Fries with record numbers! Thank you to everyone who helped, donated and participated. Your support was most appreciated.

Easter Ham and Boston Butt

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic the Ham and Boston Butt sale has been cancelled. If you have already given money to purchase a Ham or Boston Butt, it will be returned to you.

Heartland Villa Mass Canceled

Mass this Tuesday at Heartland Villa is canceled due to their lockdown to prevent the spread of illness among their residents and due to the Bishops mandate to suspend Mass.

Prayer for Protection against the Coronavirus Pope Francis' Prayer to the Virgin Mary for Protection

O Mary,

*you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your
faith firm.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People,
know what we need,*

*and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.*



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Palm Sunday Mass

NO MASS

Chrism Mass

This will not be a public Mass. Information regarding live streaming will be posted at a later date

- Tuesday April 7th 6:30pm

Holy Thursday

Immaculate Conception

- Thursday April 9th 6:00pm

Good Friday

St. Columba

- Friday April 10th 6:00pm

Holy Saturday

St. Columba

- Saturday April 11th 7:00pm

Easter Sunday

St. Columba

- Sunday April 12th 8:30am
Immaculate Conception
- Sunday April 12th 10:30am

Lenten Night of Reflection and Devotion

Fr. Tony Shonis

"What Evil Has He Done".

A devotional slide presentation looking at the crucifixion of Jesus through the eyes of artists beginning with our earliest representations of death by crucifixion.

Friday March 29, 2020 6:00-7:00pm

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Refreshments to follow in the parish hall

