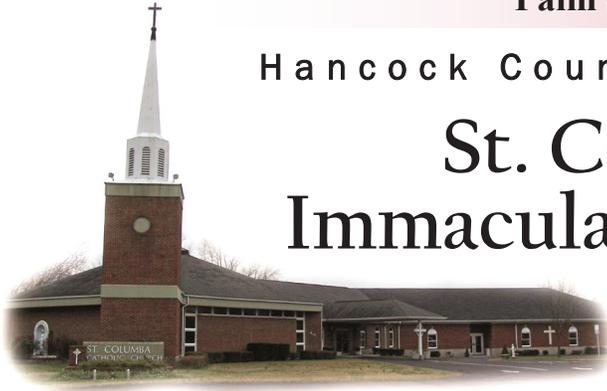


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Church Web Page: icschurch.org
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Nationwide Mass Times

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

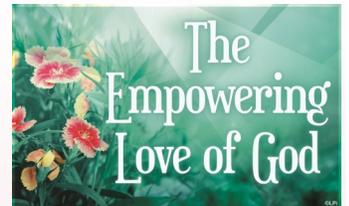
Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Phone 270-295-3494
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm
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For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

Human beings are united in their suffering. When we find ourselves in a painful moment, our first reaction is “why me?” as if we are the only person on earth who ever encountered this challenge. Going through life with a “why me” attitude only finds us wallowing in the mire of self-pity and never seizing opportunities or graces. We walk in solidarity with every human being in the experience of suffering. Believing that the goal of life is the elimination or avoidance of suffering is simply an illusion that keeps us entrenched in a collective myth. This myth distorts us and limits us.



There are living witnesses among us showing how courage and determination can overcome any degree of hardship, pain, loss, or tragedy. Folks finding the normalcy of their lives suddenly torn asunder are faced with options: opportunity or despair, stay or leave. Jesus stands before us as the prime example of endurance and perseverance. He is the One who showed humility through both the triumphs of life (by learning to be humble) and the tragedies and injustices (by learning how to be obedient). To secular ears, this may be perceived as nonsense. But to those with the eyes of faith, they are pearls of great price.

True humility tempers the temptation we have to become complacent and prevents an excessive relishing of life’s successes and affirmations. Learning obedience keeps us faithful to our relationship with God so that we can find the courage to endure any depth of hardship, disappointment, betrayal, or agony. While we may want our cup of suffering to be taken away, it simply cannot be. Somehow and somewhere in the seemingly opposing experiences life can deal us, God is present with His reassuring, compassionate, empowering, and persevering love. To be true to who we are and who God is, we must take up the cross of suffering, even when it’s the hardest and most apparently senseless thing to do.

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.

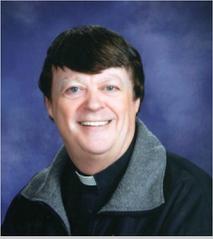
Confirmation • Is celebrated in the seventh and eighth grades or at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop visits every two years and we alternate between the two parishes.

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.



Will This Be A Holy Week?

The long six weeks of Lent are about to leave us and hopefully it has been a season that we have taken seriously in regards to our Lenten observances. Lent is to give birth to a holy and glorious season called Easter, and it is with hope that all of us are now prepared. Holy Week will be as holy as we want it to be. Today we remember Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where later the same cheering crowd will call for the death of

Jesus. Holy Thursday calls us to remember the events on Calvary. Easter will usher in the Season of Joy and New Life as we recall the resurrection of our Lord. Please check the online and TV schedules of all services and make this Holy Week the best ever.

Fr. Terry



Donate for Easter Flowers

Even though we will not be able to celebrate Easter together in our church we will still take donations for flowers in memory of a loved one. When we are allowed to attend Mass together once again let us fill the church with beautiful flowers in celebration!! If you wish to give 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.



Continuing The Religious Education Of Our Youth

Faith formation can continue in the home with the Parents who are the first and primary educators of the faith. To assist parents in continuing their religious education at home, Jill and Denise have prepared resources for the parents as well as utilizing our Facebook pages and website. Jill has also prepared packets for the youth which may be picked up in the church. Denise has taken all of the confirmation books to church along with instructions to continue their classes online. We urge our parents to please continue with their child's faith formation during this time of social distancing. Feel free to contact either Denise or Jill if you have any questions. Please pray for all affected by this virus and for an end to the pandemic!

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel Reading

Matthew's passion narrative has a number of unique details, including the report of "the saints" rising from their tombs and appearing to "many" after Jesus' resurrection. What do you think Matthew was teaching us with the inclusion of this episode?

Spiritual Communion Prayer

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.

A Message from Fr. Terry

EASTER 2020 YES—WE WILL CELEBRATE!

The more I hear about isolation and distancing the more we can feel alone and be downcast about the celebration of Easter. We can be assured that the Resurrection of Jesus is bigger and more powerful than any virus or crisis. The joy of the Resurrection can still be so real in our hearts that nothing can dampen that faithful spirit. Let us continue to read our scripture this coming Holy Week and relive those sacred events of Jesus' final days before His Victory of sin and death.

God Bless you all! This too shall pass.

Fr. Terry

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 7

No Mass

SC

Wednesday, April 8

No Mass

IC

Thursday, April 9 Holy Thursday

† Jo Newman

By Gary and Robyn Elder

IC

Friday, April 10 Good Friday

† Roger Basham

By Denis and Martha Wheatley

SC

Saturday, April 11 Holy Saturday

People of the Parish

SC

Sunday, April 12 Easter

† Joe Bolin Sr.

By Donald and Alice Bland

SC

† Roy Wheatley

By Clifton Banks

IC

Readings for the Week

Of April 5, 2020

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1a]/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 [14c]/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 [cf. 1 Cor 10:16]/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [Lk 23:46]/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15-15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3] or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Easter Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

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

Tuesday, April 7

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Thursday, April 9

7am-5pm Adoration SC

Confessions

Fr. Terry will be available for confessions this Wednesday 6-7pm at IC but not on Good Friday. He asks if you enter the church and someone is at confession, please step back outside until that person leaves. Fr. Terry will also be available for confessions by appointment. Feel free to call him to schedule an appointment.

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.*

PRAYER

Anima Christi
Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds, hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from thee
From the malicious enemy, defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come unto thee,
That with thy Saints I may praise thee,
Forever and ever. Amen.
-St. Ignatius of Loyola

GOD'S LOVING PLAN

Angie Windnagle

When I was expecting my second son, I remember spending hours poring over decisions on his birth and what I wanted things to look like. Every step of the labor and delivery process was already planned out in my mind. So, when at 40 weeks pregnant and ready to make this plan reality, I experienced a partial placental abruption, I was completely blindsided. Everything that I had anticipated for his birth was undone and I was sent on a completely new path in that single moment. In God's providential care, my son was born healthy. There was so much suffering that came from that birth, but that moment was also a vital turning point for me as a mother and Catholic and I wouldn't change it. God allowed it all for a good I couldn't see yet. I learned the profound lesson that our ways are very often not God's ways.

This Lent, our entire world has learned a similar lesson at a much larger scale. Many of us planned to spend our days preparing for the Lord's Passion and Resurrection in a very specific way. Like many of my friends, I had mapped out exactly what I was fasting from and the spiritual practices I would be implementing in order to create a little curated Lenten journey I thought fit to help prepare my heart for these holy days. However, this year we have seen in God's providential care that he has allowed a new way to be carved out for many Catholics this year. A way that God may see fit to call even more hearts to conversion as the world navigates the immense challenges of a pandemic. We've been called to give up far more than most had planned. At the same time we've been called to renew our hope and trust in the God who sees beyond any earthly suffering, not as a passive spectator but as the one who took on flesh in order to feel deeply the pangs of human suffering, in order to redeem it. At the end of Lent many of us are realizing God's plans were not our plans, and His plans will bear so much more fruit even if we don't see it yet.



The canticle in the second reading helps us commit to heart this reality: no matter how deep our suffering is or how tragic our world becomes, no matter how many plans are disrupted, we have a God who is so profoundly on our side that nobility and earthly power mean nothing to Him. He has literally cloaked Himself in the weight of our sin and sorrow in order to save us and ensure we get back to Him. If I had planned for a king to save the world, the last thing I would plan is a suffering servant who had to endure a horrendous death. But in His mercy and goodness, God planned a way that would convince even the hardest heart that we are never alone, and we will someday be in paradise with Him if we remain faithful and trust in Him.

Author Fr. Jacques Philippe teaches us about this trust in his book "Fire & Light" when he says:

"To the extent we have riches or place our trust in security and human support, we can't really practice hope, which consists in counting on God alone. God sometimes permits us to go through trials, the loss of some of our security, even lamentable falls, in order that we learn in the end to count on nothing but Him and His mercy. Peter is a good example: he had to fall, denying Christ during his Passion, in order to learn not to lean on his own virtues, his own courage, the momentum of human enthusiasm, but only on the love of Jesus."

Let us welcome Palm Sunday and our Lord's Passion this year with new hearts that have been formed by God's will, even if it didn't come as we had planned, leaning into the love of Christ and his wounded heart.

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Weekly Goal.....	\$3,385.00	Weekly Goal	\$2,500.00
Collection 03-29-20	<u>\$1,675.00</u>	Collection 3-29-20.....	<u>\$638.00</u>
Difference under	\$1,710.00	Difference under	\$1,862.00
Mass Attendance	1	Mass Attendance	1
Week # 40 of 52		Week # 40 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal.....	\$135,400	Fiscal YTD Goal.....	\$100,000
Fiscal YTD Actual.....	\$124,377	Fiscal YTD Actual	\$104,990

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.

Don't forget our Parish Website

www.icscchurch.org

Channels to Watch Mass

DirecTV CH 370
Dish CH 261
Antenna CH 45 at 6:00am FOX

Live Stream Mass Opportunities

Please check the Diocesan Website for updates

<https://owensborodiocese.org/covid-2019/>

St. Stephen Cathedral Sundays at 9 AM:

www.facebook.com/ststephencathedral/live

Brescia University Sundays at 10 AM; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 9 AM:

<https://livestream.com/accounts/19227302/bresciamass>

St. Joseph in Leitchfield Sundays at 11 AM:

<https://stjosephch.org/live-streaming>

St. Thomas More in Paducah Sundays at 9 AM:

<https://www.stmore.org/online-mass>

St. Mary in Franklin Sundays at 11 AM:

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

St. Michael in Sebree: Monday through Friday at 9 AM; Saturday at 5 PM; Sunday at 10:30 AM (English) and 12:00 PM (Misa en español):

<https://www.facebook.com/smsebree/>

Blessed Mother in Owensboro at

<https://www.blessedmotherchurch.com/> or YouTube channel.

Immaculate Parish in Owensboro Saturdays at 4 PM:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2881698688575849/>

St. Joseph in Central City Monday through Thursday at 12 Noon and Sundays at 11 AM:

<https://www.facebook.com/stjosepgcc>

Sts. Joseph & Paul in Owensboro Saturdays at 4:30 PM in English; domingos 12pm (Español):

<https://www.facebook.com/stjpc/>

Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph Sundays at 11 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/ursulinesmsj/>

St. Agnes in Uniontown Tuesday through Friday and Sundays at 10 AM:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Agnes-Roman-Catholic-Church-370425936471392/>

Christ the King in Madisonville on Sundays at 10:30 AM:

<https://www.ctkmadisonville.org/>

St. Pius X in Owensboro on Sundays at 11 AM:

<http://www.stpiustenthparish.org/>

Non-diocesan:

Local EWTN Mass times can be found here:

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

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

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

<https://thesundaymass.org/>

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

Most Holy Days of the Year

Make plans to be a part of the most Holy Days of the Year!

Holy Thursday will be celebrated via Live Stream at:

- St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro at 6 PM
- St. Pius Tenth in Owensboro at 7 PM
- Immaculate in Owensboro at 6 PM
- Christ the King in Madisonville at 6 PM
- St. Mary in Franklin at 6 PM



Holy Thursday is the Mass of the Last Supper.

On this night, Jesus shared his last meal with the disciples instituting for us the sacrament of Eucharist and stressing how to be of service to others by his example of washing the feet of the disciples. It is also an opportunity to stay awake with Jesus in prayer and adoration where after communion we will take Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to the garden prepared in the parish hall. Jesus said to Peter and his disciples. "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" It is in the garden where Jesus was betrayed and arrested. The church's altar will be stripped and the sanctuary made bare in preparation for Good Friday the day of crucifixion! (**Due to the pandemic the washing of the feet and Adoration will not be observed.**)

Good Friday will be celebrated via Live Stream at:

- St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro at 3 PM;
- St. Pius Tenth in Owensboro at 7 PM
- Immaculate in Owensboro at 3 PM
- Christ the King in Madisonville at 6 PM
- St. Mary in Franklin at 3 PM



This is a day of fasting not only from food but from Mass! There is no Mass and no celebration of the Eucharist on Good Friday. A liturgy is still performed and communion is taken from hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday. This communion service is a somber experience remembering Jesus' last day and death on the cross. This night we will venerate the cross and will end with no blessing and no dismissal in somber silence.

Holy Saturday will be celebrated via Live Stream at:

- St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro at 8 PM;
- St. Pius Tenth in Owensboro at 8 PM
- Immaculate in Owensboro at 4 PM
- Christ the King in Madisonville at 6 PM

Mass begins outside by the Easter Fire with the lighting of the Paschal Candle. We enter the tomb of darkness with the light of Christ. It is at this Mass where we hear our salvation history in scripture, we initiate new members of our church and we proclaim and renew our baptismal promises. We celebrate Jesus is risen! (**Due to the pandemic there will be no celebration of the Easter Fire, or initiating of new members.**)



Easter Sunday will be celebrated via Live Stream:

- St. Stephen Cathedral in Owensboro at 9 AM;
- St. Pius Tenth in Owensboro at 11 AM
- Immaculate in Owensboro at 11 AM
- Christ the King in Madisonville at 10 AM
- St. Mary in Franklin at 11 AM

Easter Sunday marks the end of Holy Week and Lent and the beginning of the Easter Season that last until Pentecost. The Easter Mass is the joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection and his victory of good over evil, sin and death. Easter is the fulfillment of God's promises to man and it is the most important holiday of the Liturgical Year! You are invited to journey with us during these most Holy Days.

