

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/August 23, 2020

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
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For all of Hancock County

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The only way to know God is to love God. Our minds will never fully grasp the mystery of God, but our hearts and souls can learn to love the mystery. Years ago, when life had a more innocent quality to it, we believed what we were told or witnessed, unless there was direct evidence otherwise. This was especially true if the information came from someone in authority. In a sense, we were a bit more gullible on one hand but also more trusting on the other. The latter is an admirable quality that sadly can be eroded when we realize we have been duped. With education and technological advances, we find ourselves more skeptical and less likely to too quickly accept and believe what we see and hear.

For all of the good that social media can do, it can also easily distort reality and truth. Photoshop and a myriad other technological truths can add to, fabricate, and make even the non-existent seem real.

It is amazing. How far do we allow this obviously justifiable skepticism to take us? Questioning and doubting are healthy elements of any good relationship as long as we don't allow them to turn us away from a deeper experience of love and encounter. If we cannot get our minds around something or empirically justify or prove it, we tend to declare it a hoax, untrue, or unauthentic and walk away. The very same trust that can quickly be eroded is exactly what is essential for all of our relationships, especially our relationship with God. With all things and people that make a profound claim on us, we have to trust in the absence of knowledge. Full self-investment involves plunging completely into the unknown!

Simon Peter said to Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Peter came to this knowledge, which is not "head knowledge" because of the relationship he shared with Jesus and what God was able to reveal in and through that relationship. Peter simply "knew" because of love that this is who Jesus really is. The silent exchange of love between friends, and not an intellectual exercise of the mind, brought Peter to this place. When we stop and think about it, there are many things in life that we simply know but do not completely understand. When someone sacrifices their own well-being for another, it may not make intellectual sense when examined. But it makes a world of sense when it is carried out. The vastness of reality and an encounter with incomprehensible mystery all lead us to profound silence where we simply know something to be true. Have you trusted enough to allow your relationship with God to bring you to this place or are you still too skeptical?



Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism • Baptism takes place on Sundays during Mass or following Mass. Please call Fr. Terry to schedule a date and for baptismal prep. Baptism for older youths and adults either occurs at the Easter Vigil or before receiving other sacraments.

Eucharist • First Eucharist is typically celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade.

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.

Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

Marriage • Contact Fr. Terry at least 6 mo before setting a date to begin marriage preparation. Couples may be asked to attend Pre Cana or Engaged Encounter.

Reconciliation • Before or after any Mass, or by appointment with Fr. Terry. First Reconciliation is celebrated during Advent.

Anointing of the Sick • Celebrated twice a year at the weekend Masses. Anyone who is ill, infirmed or going to surgery may request an anointing by calling Fr. Terry.

Mass attendance is mandatory for those requesting Sacraments per Fr. Terry



Who Do You Say That I Am?

Our gospel this weekend almost seems to be a guessing game where Jesus is the game host and His Apostles as contestants. When Jesus asks them “Who do people say I am?” the Apostles have many different answers, a great prophet, risen from the dead; Jeremiah or John the Baptist. But, when Jesus asks them personally who He is, it is Peter who declares, “You are the Son of the Living God—The Savior of the World.” Jesus is not only pleased with this answer, but also bestows a special leadership role for the Apostle Peter. “You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church.” In our own lives we might ask ourselves, “Who is Jesus in our lives?” and does our lives reflect our commitment to Him? Have a great week!

Fr. Terry



Interested in the Catholic Faith?

Do you know someone who may be interested in joining the Church or perhaps you know someone who may be interested in learning more about the catholic faith? We invite them to come to our Inquiry Classes beginning September 12th at IC parish office. Please contact Fr. Terry or the parish office if you know of someone interested in joining the church.

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel Reading

Jesus informs Peter that his confession of him as “the Messiah, the Son of the living God” is divinely inspired. How do you imagine Peter personally reacted to the news of this revelation?

Congratulations To Our Candidates!

On Thursday August 20th Bishop Medley was present at Immaculate Conception to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 20 of our youth. They have received the final Sacrament of Initiation and have been sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit! Welcome into the full communion of the Catholic Church. Go out into the world and make a difference by being an example of your Catholic faith using the gifts of Wisdom, Piety, Understanding, Knowledge, Fortitude, Counsel, and Fear of the Lord!



Alexis Basham
Hayden Emmick
Jacob Hodge
Alex Madden
Marie Reine
Brooke Toler
Kolton Wiseman

Leah Clark
Wyatt Emmick
Gracie Kennedy
Allie Noles
Noah Snyder
Dylan Wheatley
Jesse Volocko

Lauren Clark
Savannah Gilliland
Camden Lucas
Sophia Reed
Claire Snyder
Dennis Wiseman

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, Aug 26, 2020

5:30 pm † Skippy Hayden IC
By Dan and Shirley Hagman

Thursday, Aug 27, 2020

8:00 am † Roy Wheatley SC
By Joyce and Dwayne Duncan

Saturday, Aug 29, 2020

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, Aug 30, 2020

8:30 am † Gerald & Wanda Mattingly SC
By Joey and Jill Frakes

10:30 am † Tracie Fraizer IC

By Mike and Shelia Ogle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date August 23, 2020

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17[cf.15ab]/Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27



A listing of online Mass locations and times are listed on our website

www.icscchurch.org

Join St Columba Facebook Live on Sundays 8:30am

TV Channels for other Masses

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

Support our Canceled Picnics.

To help offset the loss of income we ask our parishioners to prayerfully consider giving an extra donation for the picnic. Picnic donation envelopes may be dropped in the collection or mailed to the church office anytime. Thank you for all your help.

Religious Education Help Needed

In-person religious ed classes will tentatively begin September 23rd. We are in need of some additional helpers. Please contact Jill Frakes at the office to volunteer.

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, August 25

7am -7pm Adoration

IC

Thursday, August 27

7am -4pm Adoration

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Liturgical Roles

With the temporary changes in the Mass the following ministers will be scheduled.

If you can help please contact Denise

- Lector
- Hospitality/Usher
- Disinfecting Team

Wednesday Aug 26 5:30pm

Immaculate Conception

Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family
 Disinfecting Team: Marilyn McCaslin, Margaret Hodge

Thursday Aug 27 8:00am

St. Columba:

Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Judy Pate/Gerald Davis
 Disinfecting Team: Judy Pate, Sandie and Gerald Davis

Saturday August 29 5:00pm

Immaculate Conception

Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Charles/Peggy Howard Brenda Adkins
 Disinfecting Team: Charles/Peggy Howard Brenda Adkins

August 30

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Tim Heavrin
 Hospitality/Usher: Denny Long Scott Basham
 Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Connie Wheatley
 Hospitality/Usher: Lyday Family
 Disinfecting Team: Connie and Laura Wheatley



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Priestly Ordination of Men

Question:

Why are only men allowed to be priests or deacons in the Church?

Answer:

One of the most debated and — in some circles — contentious teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Those who support this teaching look to New Testament teaching (where we read of Jesus choosing only men to be apostles) and the long-standing practice of the Church. This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests.

In the letter, he reflected on the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that “the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitely held by all the Church’s faithful” (no. 4). This position has been upheld by Pope Francis in interviews, most notably as he returned from his 2016 visit to Sweden.

The ordination of women to the diaconate is another question and one which is being studied. In 2016, Pope Francis created a 12-member commission to study the question from several perspectives (theological, liturgical, historical, etc.). The commission issued an initial report for Pope Francis who later said that the commission had not yet produced a “definite response” to the question because of a lack of agreement on the role of female deacons in the Early Church.

For now, however, regardless of what changes might come from ongoing study and debate, the Church continues to reserve ordination to the diaconate to men only, recognizing a vital link between the diaconate and the priesthood



August



- 23 Matt Allard, Denis Wheatley Mary Hodge
- 24 James Adkins, Christopher Price
- 25 Camden Lucas
- 26 Barbara Laslie, Sophie Bridges Luke Booty
- 27 David Winchell
- 28 Steve Ogle, William Lewko Emily Bebee, Rheanne Phillips
- 29 Karly Booty
- 30 Sheila Tucker, Lainey Bridges

- 24 Mike & Jean Mattingly 52 yrs
- 25 Nathan & Tina Powers 36 yrs
- 27 Bobby & Alice Fallin 55 yrs
- 29 Dallas & Margaret Powers 50 yrs

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 8-16-20\$2,649.00	Collection 8-16-20\$2,411.00
Difference over\$524.00	Difference under \$89.00
Mass Attendance42/60	Mass Attendance 53
Week # 7 of 52	Week # 7 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal..... \$22,211	Fiscal YTD Goal \$17,500
Fiscal YTD Actual \$20,424	Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$15,288

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.