

Hancock County Catholic Church

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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

What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.



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.

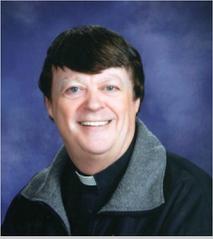
Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

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



Forgive as We Forgive

Just as the Lord is beyond measure in all things, so is the Creator's kindness. Paul tells us we are servants of the Lord. Therefore, we respond to the Lord's kindness by showing compassion and generosity to others. Sirach emphasizes the need for genuine forgiveness. We must forgive others if we expect forgiveness. As we pray to Our Father, let us remember that in the Eucharist we experience peace and forgiveness as we "forgive those who trespass against us." Have a good week!

Fr. Terry



Help Wanted

The opening for church secretary/bookkeeper is still available. This is a part time position approximately 19 hours a week. Experience in office management and bookkeeping is needed. Please contact the church office if interested.

In Person Religious Education Classes Return Sept. 23rd

We look forward to returning to Religious Education with a start date of Wednesday, September 23rd. This will also be the beginning of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist prep and the 1st year of Confirmation prep. This year, to be in accordance with the Diocese of Owensboro COVID-19 guidelines, the parents and children will find a few changes.

- Classes K-12 grade will begin at 6:00pm and end at 7:00pm
- All students and catechists will be required to bring and wear a mask
- Classrooms will be set up to allow social distancing by spacing 6ft apart
- Parents will need to complete and turn in a weekly health check form when dropping off their child for class
- Temperatures will be taken at the time of drop off before the child enters the building
- We will **NOT** be able to offer a snack during class time
- Parent drop off and pick up will be at the same location drive-thru style by entering the parking lot via Wood Street and exiting on Clay Street. If you need to come into the building, please park your car facing Clay Street so you will not block traffic flow. To allow teachers time to prepare for class, please do not drop off your children before 5:50 pm.
- Mass will continue to be offered every Wednesday at 5:30pm. Mask are required.

To begin preparing classrooms, it is important to know how many children we will have in class. Each family was mailed a postcard to help us determine who will be returning to class and who will be attending virtually. We ask parents to please return the postcard by mail or drop off in the collection at Mass. If you did not receive a postcard or misplaced it, simply leave Jill a note in the collection with your name letting her know your child's name and grade level. You can also call the office at 270-927-8419 and leave a message. We look forward to seeing your child soon in class as we begin an exciting year learning more about Christ, our Church and Growing in Faith!

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel Reading

The parable of the unforgiving servant teaches us that forgiveness ought to be reciprocal. What does this tell us about divine justice?

Religious Ed Help Needed!

We are in need of assistant catechists, and substitutes for this upcoming year for our religious education program. If you feel you are being called in this ministry, please contact Jill Frakes at 270-302-8459.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, September 16

5:30 pm † Bobby Vandgrift IC
By Denis and Martha Wheatley

Thursday, September 17

8:00 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Butch and Peggy Meriwether

Saturday, September 19

5:00 pm † Ora Roby IC
By Ann and Gene Gordan

Sunday, September 20

8:30 am † William Gearlds SC
By Denny and Denise Long
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date September 13, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30–28:7/Ps 103:1-2,3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31: 2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31–13:13/Ps 33: 2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



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

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, September 13
Grandparents Day



Tuesday, September 15
7am -7pm Adoration IC

Thursday, September 17
7am -4pm Adoration SC

Sunday, September 20 SC and IC
Catechist Blessing at Mass



Wednesday Sept 16 5:30pm
Immaculate Conception

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

Thursday Sept 17 8:00am
St. Columba:

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

Saturday Sept 19 5:00pm
Immaculate Conception

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

September 20
St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Mike Fallin
Hospitality/Usher: Randy Miller
Scott Basham
Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn
Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Loretta Stokes
Hospitality/Usher: Curry Family
Disinfecting Team: Connie and Laura
Wheatley



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Cremation and The Church

Question:

Can Catholics be cremated?

Answer:

As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains can be present at the Funeral Mass and the appendix to the *Order of Christian Funerals* provides adaptations for the texts and rituals that are part of the Funeral Mass and the Committal.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The *Order of Christian Funerals* instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417).

It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

College and Military Ministry

The College and Military Outreach Parish Life teams would like to send a prayer card and note of encouragement to our youth as they begin a new year of college or serve the military. Please contact the parish office with your child's name and college or military address. You may also contact those on our team: Denise Long, Amy Allard, Michelle Gregory, Mary Woodward and Amy Hess.

Catechist Blessing

Religious education classes for the K-12 will begin soon and we wish to acknowledge bless and pray for our Catechist and Helpers as they prepare for the upcoming Faith Formation year. Please help us celebrate their commitment and sacrifice to the young people of our parishes next Sunday September 20th at the 8:30am and 10:30am Mass times.

Young Adult Holy Hour

A Young Adult Holy Hour will be hosted at Precious Blood Parish in Owensboro on Monday September 21, 2020 at 6:00pm. This is open to ages 18-39. Come for the whole hour or just stop in for a few minutes. Programs with prayers and songs will be available to help guide you through the experience. Confession will also be available. See our website for more info. www.icscchurch.org

Sunday Collections

No Sunday Collection due to the Holiday Schedule

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.