

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

If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.



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



Is God Unfair?

The opening statement might seem a little startling, because no one would think of God as “unfair”, but our gospel would give us that impression. Why would the owner of the vineyard (God) pay all the workers the same wages when some had worked longer and harder than the others? Would this be considered unjust and wrong? The parable teaches us that God is free to give His unconditional love to whomever He pleases and whenever He chooses. No one can tell God what to do. He shows no favoritism and the death of His Son, Jesus, was His gift to all. Jesus is calling all of us to work in His vineyard (the Church) and that He shows no partiality in His employment. Let us all be His faithful co-workers in using our gifts, talent, and abilities in building up the Kingdom of God! Have a great week!

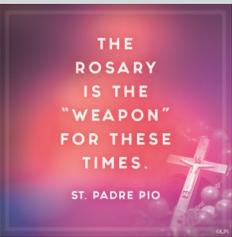
Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel Reading

Jesus’ parable of the workers in the vineyard of the Lord offers us important insights into the Kingdom of Heaven and God’s generosity. To whom do you think this parable is unsettling?



Outdoor Rosary October 3rd

October is often associated as the month of the Rosary. Join us as we gather together to pray the Rosary outside on our Rosary walk immediately following the Saturday night Mass at St. Columba. We will also light up our Mary Grotto after being absent for so long!

Thank You To Our Catechists

As our Religious Education program begins this week, we would like to recognize our Catechists. We thank them for sharing their time, talent, and treasure to teach our youth about our Catholic faith.

- ◆ Amy Volocko and Nicole Ballard K-1
- ◆ Amy Severs and Beth Curry 2nd
- ◆ Mary Woodward 3rd
- ◆ Melody Miller 4th and 5th
- ◆ Aimee Lyday and Angie Curry 6th & 7th Confirmation
- ◆ Jill Frakes 8th and High School



Welcome Back!

We are excited to begin Religious Education this Wednesday, Sept. 23rd! Please keep our Catechists and youth in your prayers as we begin this new Religious Ed year!

Priesthood Sunday September 27th

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. Let us celebrate by affirming Fr. Terry next week with a special prayer and blessing. You are also invited to send him cards and notes of appreciation. Don’t forget he likes CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE, CHOCOLATE!



Mass Intentions

Wednesday, September 23

5:30 pm † Betty Brown IC
By Sharon & Ellis Russelburg

Thursday, September 24

8:00 am † Frank Herzog Family SC
By Carl Herzog

Saturday, September 26

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, September 27

8:30 am † Mary Long SC
By Denny and Denise Long

10:30 am † Pat Ogle IC
By Mike and Shelia Ogle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date September 20, 2020

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt20:1-16a

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9–12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5,6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt21:28-32



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 20

8:30/10:30am Catechist Blessing SC/IC

Tuesday, September 22

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Wednesday, September 23

6:00pm Religious Ed K-12 IC

Thursday, September 24

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Sunday, September 27

8:30/10:30am Backpack Blessing SC/IC
and School personnel



Wednesday Sept 23 5:30pm

Immaculate Conception

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

Thursday Sept 24 8:00am

St. Columba:

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

Saturday Sept 26 5:00pm

Immaculate Conception

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

Sunday September 27

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Peggy Meriwether
Hospitality/Usher: Butch Meriwether
David Emmick
Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn
Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

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

Adorers Needed for Adoration

Spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray and Listen for an hour in an environment of peace, quiet and serenity. We have 4:00pm, 5:00pm and 6:00pm time slots available on Thursdays at St. Columba.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Good and Evil

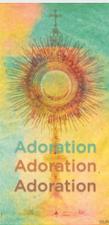
Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!



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

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.

HOME BREW: Monday Sept 28th at 7Pm

Hope: How Does Faith Play A Role? Great topics and fellowship with all the comforts of home! This is Theology on Tap via A Zoom gathering for Young Adults ages 18-39. Register to receive your zoom link at <https://bit.ly/32nqLS> or [Facebook.com/owensboroyoungadult](https://www.facebook.com/owensboroyoungadult)

Sunday Collections

Sept 13th collection will be in next weeks bulletin

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 9-6-20..... <u>\$2,910.00</u>	Collection 9-6-20..... <u>\$2,005.00</u>
Difference under\$263.00	Difference under\$495.00
Mass Attendance38/67	Mass Attendance 59
Week # 10 of 52	Week # 10 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$31,730	Fiscal YTD Goal\$25,000
Fiscal YTD Actual\$29,677	Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$19,696

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.