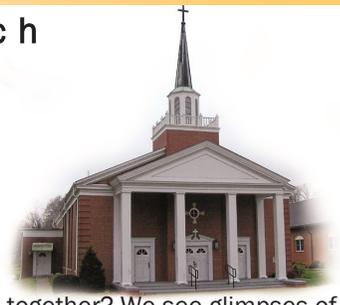
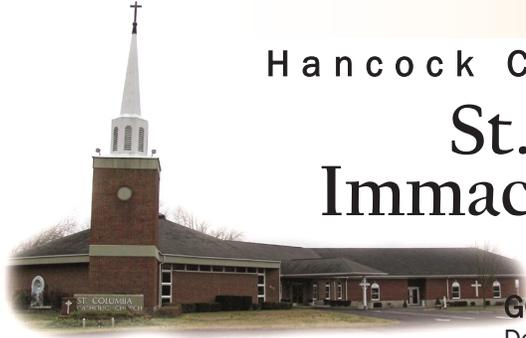


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Nationwide Mass Times

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

Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?



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.

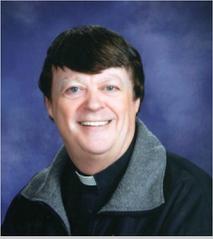
Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

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



What's Growing in your Vineyard?

As we approach the season of harvesting, we rejoice in God's blessings from our labor and toil as we reap the fruit of the land. If the weather has cooperated and the fields tilled properly and everything else is going smoothly the farmer or landowner will be blessed indeed. Spiritually speaking, our relationship with Jesus is compared today with a parable about the vineyard. Just as a field or garden needs proper care from its owner, so we too are responsible for the care of our spiritual lives. Just as farming calls for putting priorities in order, we too must put Jesus on top of the list of our priorities. Just as a "Cornerstone" is of importance to a structure, so Jesus must be the "Cornerstone" of our faith. St. Paul reminds us that when Jesus is first the believer will truly experience a peace which is beyond all understanding. May the Lord be with us in our efforts.

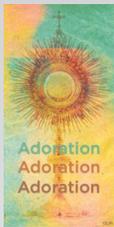
Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

Jesus directs this harsh parable of the tenants to the religious leaders of Jerusalem. Do you think Jesus' words led any of them to repentance?



Break Free!

Break free from technology for one hour every week by spending an hour of Adoration with Jesus. Adoration is on Tuesday from 7am-7pm at Immaculate Conception and Thursday from 7am - 4pm at St. Columba. We have 4:00pm, 5:00pm and 6:00pm time slots available on Thursdays at St. Columba. We are also in need of substitutes at both IC and SC. Contact Denise Long if interested or need more information.

No Rel. Ed during Fall Break

There will be no religious education classes this Wednesday Oct. 7th for fall break! Have a safe and wonderful week! See you back in class Oct. 14th.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

A parent meeting for the youth preparing for First Reconciliation is scheduled for Wednesday October 14th at 6:00pm at Immaculate Conception Church office. We encourage parents to be present for this important meeting to help prepare their child for this special sacrament.



Facebook Live Mass

Please spread the news to those who are not able to attend Mass to join us on Facebook. They do not have to have a Facebook account to view Mass. They may visit our Web site www.icscchurch.org then click on the Mass page and then the St. Columba Catholic Church picture. If anyone needs assistance with viewing the Mass please contact Denise at the parish office.



We extend our sympathy and prayers to Jerry Buck and his family over the recent passing of Mary Buck . May the Lord embrace her in His eternal Love.

Respect Life

During the month of October, as we remember our Blessed Mother and the gift of the rosary, we also pause to remember that the source of all life, which is a gift, comes from our God. God is not the author of death, but of life, Life is sacred and precious and no one has the right to take this gift away. We are speaking about the issue of abortion, capital punishment, euthanasia, etc. If we are claiming to be prolife, our ethics must be consistent as we proclaim life to be sacred in all the above areas. Let us today acknowledge the gift of life and let us honor the gift by protecting what God has given us.



Mass Intentions

Wednesday, October 7

No Mass Fr. Terry on vacation IC

Thursday, October 8

No Mass Fr. Terry on vacation SC

Saturday, October 10

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, October 11

8:30 am † David and Mary Brickey SC
By Betty Bolin

10:30 am † Joann Peak IC
By John and Lynn Powers

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date October 4, 2020

Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9,12, 13-14,15-16, 19-20[Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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, October 4

Respect Life Sunday

SC

Tuesday, October 6

7am -7pm Adoration

IC

Wednesday, October 7

No Religious Ed Classes K-12

IC

Thursday, October 8

7am -4pm Adoration

SC



Wednesday October 7 5:30pm

Immaculate Conception

No Mass Fr. Terry on vacation

Thursday Oct 8 8:00am

St. Columba:

No Mass Fr. Terry on vacation

Saturday Oct 10 5:00pm

St. Columba

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Dot Pooser

Disinfecting Team: Gerald Davis

Sunday October 11

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Tim Heavrin

Hospitality/Usher: David Emmick

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Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn

Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Loretta Stokes

Hospitality/Usher: Lyday Family

Disinfecting Team: Connie and Laura Wheatley



The October rosary pilgrimages at the **Monte Cassino Shrine** will not be held in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Why Do We Do That?

Question: Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

Answer:

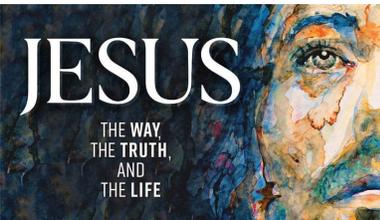
Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take

place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation: *The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.*

Marriage Preparation COVID-19 Update:

Due to the coronavirus, PreCana has been moved to an online platform called "Unveiled Online" until the end of the pandemic. And since the retreat Center at Mount St. Joseph is closed until further notice, Engaged Encounter will also be using Unveiled Online instead of the weekend scheduled in November. Registration for Unveiled Online can be found on the Office of Marriage & Family Life webpage at owensborodiocese.org/marriage-preparation.

Bring your family out just for the day or stay a night or two! There are many options available. You can book a lodge, bring your own meals or have Gasper provide meals (catered), hike and explore, do activities, or just enjoy God's creation together. Check out the website www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org or call 270-781-2466 to make a reservation or to get more information and pricing details.



Jesus is more than a historical or theological figure. He is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. While many of us already know a lot about him, how well can we say we really know him? Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life* is a new and fresh look at Jesus—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he

did for our salvation. Join Jeff Cavins, Dr. Edward Sri and Marcellino D'Ambrosio as they take us on a walk with Jesus. We will be offering this 10 wk study as an in-person class and as an online class beginning November 1st. More info and sign ups to come!

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 9-27-20 <u>\$3,025.50</u>	Collection 9-27-20 <u>\$3,836.00</u>
Difference under \$147.50	Difference over..... \$1,336.00
Mass Attendance43/73	Mass Attendance 66
Week # 13 of 52	Week # 13 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$41,249	Fiscal YTD Goal \$32,500
Fiscal YTD Actual\$37,259	Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$26,852

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.