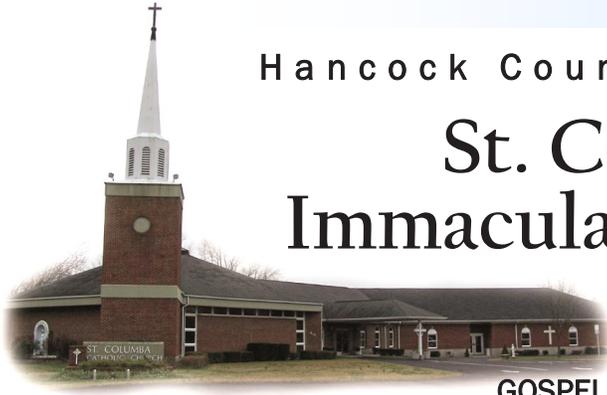


# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## Immaculate Conception

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Church Web Page: [icschurch.org](http://icschurch.org)  
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## Nationwide Mass Times

Call 1-734-794-2100 or [www.masstimes.org](http://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](http://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  
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

When doing student report cards, there was a comment the teacher could choose that read: inattentive and easily distracted. Could that comment describe your spiritual life? We can become so consumed with myriad distractions and preoccupations and lose our connection to what is really significant and important. We can become dull. This happens in our human relationships, too. We can easily take the love of others for granted, whether it be a parent, spouse, friend, or a child. We assume and presume that their love will always be there and do very little to cultivate, rejuvenate, and deepen it. Presumption can become a great sin.

We do the same thing with God and our spiritual lives. We presume that God will be merciful. Because we believe that in the end God is going to forgive us anyway, then why put a lot of effort into things now? What's the point? It's far easier to find a comfortable spot, curl up and take a nap! There is no immediate urgency to staying awake and attentive, so we think, and we simply fly by the seat of our pants. Assuming and presuming too much about our relationships, especially our relationship with God, can lead to neglect and abuse. It can even lead to a sense of entitlement, where we actually believe that something is due us without much effort on our part.

Folks who are distracted and preoccupied can find their relationships, especially the primary ones, drifting away. You can actually be married to someone for many years and wake up one morning realizing that you really do not know them or truly recognize them. We have to desire God in order to recognize God. We have to open our hearts, minds, and souls to His Presence so that we can be rejuvenated and refreshed. But we cannot do this if we are distracted or napping. We have to be awake and alert! As a young child eagerly watches for and anticipates that arrival of their parent home, so too we must watch for God's presence. If the anticipation of God's arrival does not excite us and rouse us, then we need to ask why. The wise person keeps vigilant watch, knowing that in the end they will not be disappointed.



## 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.

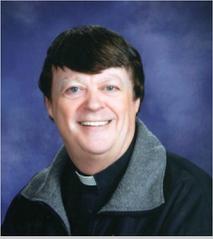
**Holy Orders** • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

**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**



## November—Lest we Forget!

The Church has always professed the belief in the Communion of Saints in which we the living as well as the deceased can pray for each other until we are all reunited in Heaven. We also remember the souls in Purgatory, those who have not yet reached their final goal, but are yet hopeful. During this traditional month to remember the dead, let us realize that our lives here on this earth are only temporary and that our journey is rather short. It is a special time to look into our hearts and ask ourselves—are we reaching for our heavenly goal, or are we too wrapped up in the things of this world that Scripture says is passing away. While November, with its colder winds and dead leaves, speaks of the approaching season called winter, let us be reassured that the season of spring will speak of new life and restoration. Have a good week!

Fr. Terry

## Faith Sharing Question

**Gospel:** Jesus' parable of the ten virgins is a lesson about being prepared for the Second Coming of Christ. How prepared are you for this event?

## Annual Parish Thanksgiving Potluck

Due to Covid our annual potluck will be canceled this year. Please pray for the end of the pandemic and for all who have suffered and died.

## A Prayer For Our Veterans

Heavenly Father,

Bless our veterans and all who serve our nation defending our freedom.

For those who bravely gave their lives, grant them eternal rest.

For those who are serving, give them courage.

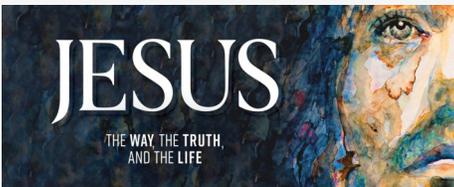
For those who served, we offer our gratitude.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



## 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](http://owensborodiocese.org/marriage-preparation).



## Adult Bible Study

Join a study group, begin your own or participate in your own self study at home. Cost is \$20 and includes all materials. St Columba's study group currently meets on Sunday morning following the 8:30am

Mass. It's not too late to join in! Immaculate Conception Study group will begin Thursday December 3rd at 6:00pm at IC office. There is still time to sign up! Several are beginning their own self study at home. Feel free to contact Denise and she will help you with how you wish to participate. We invite you to make Jesus the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: The Way, the Truth, and the Life*. You will experience the extraordinary world in which Jesus lived and taught from his infancy to his ascension. Explore the entirety of Jesus' life—who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, what he did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today.

## Mass Intentions

### Wednesday, November 11

5:30 pm † Forgotten Souls IC  
By Noel Quinn

### Thursday, November 12

8:00 am † Kay Johnson SC  
By Tony Johnson

### Saturday, November 14

5:00 pm † Betty Brown SC  
By Ellis and Sharon Russelburg

### Sunday, November 15

8:30 am People of the Parish SC  
10:30 am † Harold & Dorothy Hagman IC  
By Charles Hagman

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Date November 8, 2020

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 [39a]/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7/Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 [1]/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20/Ps 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [5a]/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9/Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1b]/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



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

[www.icscchurch.org](http://www.icscchurch.org)

Join St Columba Facebook Live on Sundays 8:30am

TV Channels for other Masses

DirectTV 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, November 8**

New Driver Blessing at Mass SC/IC  
 9:30am Meat Sale Mtg SC  
 9:30am Adult Study Class SC  
 St. Joseph's Room

**Tuesday, November 10**

7am -7pm Adoration IC

**Wednesday, November 11**



**VETERANS DAY**  
 WE HONOR YOUR SACRIFICE

**Thursday, November 12**

7am -4pm Adoration SC  
 10:00am Liturgy Planning IC

**Sunday, November 15**

9:30am Adult Study Class SC  
 St. Joseph's Room



**Wednesday Nov 11 5:30 pm**

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

**Thursday Nov 12 8:00 am**

St. Columba:

Lector: Volunteer  
 Hospitality/Usher: Judy Pate  
 Disinfecting Team: Judy Pate

**Saturday Nov 14 5:00pm**

St. Columba

Lector: Volunteer  
 Hospitality/Usher: Dot Pooser  
 Disinfecting Team: Gerald Davis

**Sunday November 15**

St. Columba 8:30am

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

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Mary Woodward  
 Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family  
 Disinfecting Team: Amy Severs Family

**Volunteers for Lector, Hospitality and Disinfecting are needed. Please contact Denise if you can help.**



**Why Do We Do That?**

**Question: What does the Church say about suicide?**

**Answer:**

Unfortunately, despite the Church's clear teachings in resources like the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*, there are still many people who are confused about what the

Church teaches regarding the tragic reality of suicide. While we hold that all life is sacred, we are also all-too aware that psychological, emotional and even physical illness – as well as extreme anxiety, fear, and abuse – can lead individuals to take their own lives. Speaking to this, the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* reflects, "Although suicide is always objectively sinful, one should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (pg. 294). The text also states the reality of illness or other extreme influences can "diminish the responsibility of one committing suicide" (pg. 293). Parishes and grief support groups should show special care and concern for those families that have lost a loved one to suicide. And, communities should always try to be mindful of those who might be at risk of suicide or self-harm. If someone is contemplating suicide, please know that help is available, including the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255).

**Virtual Family Retreat**

The Diocese of Owensboro is pleased to offer a free, virtual family retreat called "Building a Family of Faith." These three-hour retreat experiences are geared towards the whole family and will consist of brief talks equipping parents, family prayer experiences and engagement, and guidance in creating a family plan for establishing your home as a community of faith. You will not just hear about, but actually engage as a family in practices of faith during the retreat experience.

*Pre-registration required*

Option 1: Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020  
 9:00AM-12:00PM

Register at <https://bit.ly/2GSSKFS>

Option 2: Sunday, Nov. 22, 2020  
 1:00PM-4:00PM

Register at <https://bit.ly/3IJRVxy>

*"Building a Family of Faith"*

A Virtual Family Retreat  
 An invitation to focus on **Prayer, Sharing, and Family as a Community of Faith**

**Free Event**

Offered at two different times  
*\*limited to 20 families per option*  
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*"Love is shown by little things, by attention to small daily signs which make us feel at home. Faith grows when it is lived and shaped by love. That is why our families, our homes, are true domestic churches. They are the right place for faith to become life, and life to grow in faith."*

Quote from during the closing Mass of the Eighth World Meeting of Families on Sunday, 27 September 2015



Hosted by Donny May, Office of Marriage and Family Life, Charlie Hardisty, Office of Youth and Young Adult, and Ben Warrell, Director of Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Gene Toler. May the Lord embrace him in His eternal Love.

**Sunday Collections**

<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	
Weekly Goal .....	\$3,173.00
Collection 11-1-20 .....	<u>\$15,755.00</u>
Difference over .....	\$12,582.00
Mass Attendance .....	72
Week # 18 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$57,114
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$65,086

<b>St. Columba</b>	
Weekly Goal .....	\$2,500.00
Collection 11-1-20 .....	<u>\$2,322.00</u>
Difference under .....	\$178.00
Mass Attendance .....	30/83
Week # 18 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$45,000
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$36,700

**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.*