

Hancock County Catholic Church

St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



GOSPEL MEDITATION

God gives us the gift of His very self and asks us to invest it. Investing God's greatest gift of Himself wisely, allows God's kingdom to grow and flourish. God trusts us with this pearl of great price in hopes that it will produce abundant fruit. While God's gift of self is realized in the gifts of faith, hope, and love, they are not meant to be solely for personal benefit. They are intended to be shared and are at the heart of Jesus' blueprint for happiness, the Beatitudes.

When we properly invest God's greatest gift, His most treasured possession, we invest in the wellbeing of all of our brothers and sisters and the world in which we live. We take up most seriously our call to be stewards and properly manage, not only our own affairs, but the affairs of those around and before us. God has put tremendous confidence in us. Do we have that same confidence in God?

We often go the extra mile and put in the additional effort when it comes to those concerns closest to us: our families, friends, careers, home and securities. But when it comes to things that are not as close to us, we can become lax and less conscientious. Tending to God's treasure requires a great deal of focus and persistent hard work. It demands that I see the bigger picture, God's picture, in which self-sacrifice is a given as we labor for the establishment of God's kingdom, God's vision. Fear and a lack of trust can loom large, however. We are afraid of letting go of what is "mine" and apprehensive of jeopardizing what we have in order to venture into something bigger and more promising.



Fear and a lack of trust serve no purpose in God's kingdom. They benefit neither the person nor God. What is required is a courageous resolve that produces the fortitude necessary to stay the course and do what God is asking. Doing all in our power to cultivate the seeds of faith, hope, and love in our world, working diligently to put all of our relationships in proper order, becoming attentive to systems and ideologies that hurt and oppress people, being mindful of injustice, and laboring on behalf of the poor and the needy are at the core of what each of us is asked to do. It is how we invest God's most precious gift wisely. If persistent, alert and attentive, then life will gradually improve around us, there will be greater peace and we will experience joy.

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

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
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351



## Be a Good Steward

God puts us in charge of many things: in a sense, in charge of the whole earth. God expects us to use our talents and not to bury them in sloth, timidity, and egotism. We are to be awake, sober, and industrious. Let us always remember that our talents and gifts are loaned to us by God and that we have a responsibility to use them instead of letting them go to waste. When Jesus comes again we must be ready to give Him an accurate account of our stewardship. Have a good week,  
Fr. Terry



## Faith Sharing Question

### Gospel:

In his parable of the talents, Jesus teaches about the importance of using our God-given gifts faithfully and prudently. What would be a natural gift you have used well in your life?



## For the Souls in Purgatory

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. During this entire month we pray for the souls of the faithful departed and not just on November 2nd known as All

Souls Day. Those in purgatory cannot pray for themselves, so they must rely entirely on others to pray and make sacrifices on their behalf. It is an act of charity that we can give for those we have known and loved, for our ancestors who gave us life, for those who were our benefactors, for those whose memory is lost, and for those who have no one else to pray for them. Below is the Prayer of St. Gertrude who according to tradition, St. Gertrude the Great was told by Our Lord that each time she piously recited this prayer, it would release 1,000 souls (or a vast number) from their suffering in purgatory. Take some time to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and ask them to pray for you once they reach Heaven!

### Prayer of St. Gertrude for the Souls in Purgatory:

*Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.*



## For Religious Education K—12 Families

With the frequent cancelations due to COVID there will be NO in-person classes for the remainder of the year. We are planning something new and exciting for our families!!! Parents be on the lookout for your special envelope in the mail containing more information.

## Coat Tree

Please remember to return your Coat Tree item by next Sunday November 22nd. We ask you to include the ID tag with the item. Thank you again for your generosity and support!



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Joyce and Dwayne Duncan for the loss of Joyce's father Joe Adkins. We also pray for Eileen and the entire Basham family for the loss of their husband and father Leo Basham. May the Lord embrace them in His eternal Love.

## Mass Intentions

### Wednesday, November 18

5:30 pm † Kevin Hanks IC  
By The Emmicks

### Thursday, November 19

8:00 am † Alan Ditch SC  
By A. Haynes

### Saturday, November 21

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

### Sunday, November 22

8:30 am † Joe Bolin Sr. SC  
By Betty Bolin

10:30 am † Phyllis Emmick IC  
By Bill Emmick

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Date November 15, 2020

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

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 [1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46



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 15**

9:30am 2nd Meat Sale Mtg SC  
 9:30am Adult Study Class SC  
 St. Joseph's Room

**Tuesday, November 17**

7am -7pm Adoration IC

**Wednesday, November 18**

6:00pm NO Religious Ed K-12 IC

**Thursday, November 19**

7am -4pm Adoration SC

**Sunday, November 22**

Rite of Enrollment has been postponed

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



**Wednesday Nov 18 5:30 pm**

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

**Thursday Nov 19 8:00 am**

St. Columba:

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

**Saturday Nov 21 5:00pm**

St. Columba

Lector: Volunteer  
 Hospitality/Usher: Dot Pooser  
 Disinfecting Team: Charles and Peggy  
 Howard

**Sunday November 22**

St. Columba 8:30am

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

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

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

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



**Why Do We Do That?**

**Question:** The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

**Answer:**

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life. While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong with these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (no. 2413). As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.



It's been a long and stressful year for most of us. Which means this Advent could be an especially powerful one as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

**Dadvent** is a virtual gathering of husbands and fathers from across the Diocese who will gather online through Zoom video conferencing each Sunday night of Advent to reflect on the Sunday readings and share in a time of fellowship together. We will pull themes from each of the Sunday readings, but the overall goal is to strengthen our homes, families, and marriages by focusing on St. Joseph. **Dadvent** will begin promptly at 8pm with a welcome and opening prayer, followed by a short reflection by a priest from the Diocese of Owensboro. We will then break into small discussion "rooms" and gather back as a large group for a guided, silent prayer before ending with a call to action for the next week. Our goal is to be finished within an hour. We want as many men to be involved as possible, so we're calling on parish men's groups, Knights of Columbus Councils, and invited all men in all parishes to join us for #Dadvent2020. There is no cost, but we are asking men to register for #Dadvent2020 at <https://bit.ly/3kTFED> so we can email the access link to you for security reasons. For questions, contact Danny May in the Office of Marriage & Family Life, 270-683-1545.

**Sunday Collections**

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal .....\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 11-8-20 ..... <u>\$1,745.00</u>	Collection 11-8-20 ..... <u>\$1,977.00</u>
Difference under .....\$1,428.00	Difference under ..... \$523.00
Mass Attendance ..... 78	Mass Attendance ..... 40/47
Week # 19 of 52	Week # 19 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$60,287	Fiscal YTD Goal ..... \$47,500
Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$66,831	Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$38,677

**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.*