

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.

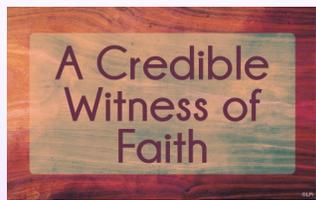
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.



St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

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



Sharing in the Mission of Christ

When Jesus walked and lived on this earth, he made it clear that he had a job to do, that is, the will of the Father. He came to preach that His Father wanted all to know of His mercy, healing, and forgiveness. Jesus revealed this loving Father by the way he taught and lived his life. As Jesus taught his apostles for about three years he knew the day that they too would partake in this mission of proclaiming the gospel message. Today, Jesus is counting on you

and me to "fill those shoes" as we walk in our journey of faith. The strength of the Holy Spirit is still with us to give us hope and perseverance in our daily struggles. Like Jesus may we too be dedicated in doing the work of revealing God's presence to all we meet in the coming week.
God Bless You! Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

In the story of the healing of a demon-possessed man, Mark reports how the demons knew Jesus' true identity as "the Holy One of God." What does this reveal about the unseen order?

Support Our Lenten Projects

This years Lenten Project finds us reaching out to help those locally as well as far away! COVID has affected everyone in every country. It is an illness that is devastating especially to those who are vulnerable, in poor health and living conditions such as the homeless, and those in economically deprived areas. For these reasons we are asking you to help support St. Benedicts Shelter in Owensboro and continue our support of Water Women thru Water with Blessings.

St. Benedict's Shelter has been in operation for 15 years and has grown to become a 24/7 shelter. Besides the men's shelter in Owensboro, St. Benedict's operates four transitional homes for veterans and men who are recovering from substance use. Also, the nonprofit now operates a Women & Family Day Shelter and manages the St. Gerard Life Home, which gives moms in crisis pregnancies a safe place to live. Our support can ensure the most vulnerable residents in the region to have a warm bed, nutritious meals, counseling, and behavioral health services.

Water with Blessings provides clean water to families in over 45 countries by educating and sponsoring Water Women. The Water Women receive a Sawyer Point filter with the pledge to filter water for her family and 3 other families. The clean pure water reduces the amount of diseases like cholera, typhoid and parasitic infection in adults and children. Follow up studies have shown a 95% reduction of waterborne illness such as cholera, typhoid or parasites in children. Supporting Water with Blessings will give us healthier adults and children to fight COVID! Below are 2 ways you can support our Lenten Project!

How can you help? Participate in our Fat Tuesday Fundraisers.

- **Homemade Amish Cinnamon Rolls.** The huge rolls are 4 to a package for \$10.00. Pickup will be Sunday February 14th at SC Parish Hall from 9:30am-10:30am and at IC Parish Hall from 11:30am-12:30pm. You may place your order by calling the church office, contacting Denise Long or Jill Frakes or message us on our parish Facebook page. Help take orders by picking up an order form.
- **SHOGUN Express Food Truck** will be at Bills IGA on Tuesday February 16th from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Stop by and grab a bite to eat. Take it to work for lunch and take some home for dinner! We will receive a percentage of all sales. Spread the news. Profits from both fundraisers will support our Lenten project!



Mass Intention

Wednesday, February 3

5:30 pm † Wayne Buck IC
By Denis and Martha Wheatley

Thursday, February 4

8:00 am † Alice Devine SC
By Denis and Martha Wheatley

Saturday, February 6

5:00 pm † Parker Kelly Ogle SC
By Roy and Gayle Ogle

Sunday, February 7

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † Phyllis Emmick IC
By Bill Emmick

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date January 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/ Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



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

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

Tuesday, February 2

7am -7pm Adoration IC
10:00am Liturgy Planning meeting IC

Thursday, February 4

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Thank You. 

We would like to thank our church family for supporting my family during this difficult time of Parker Kelly's passing. We especially would like to thank Denise for making the programs, Sharon for playing the piano and Fr. Terry for the beautiful and inspiring homily. We love you and ask that you continue to keep Parker and us in your prayers.

Sincerely

The Family of Parker Kelly Ogle



Wednesday February 3 5:30 pm

Immaculate Conception

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

Thursday February 4 8:00am

St. Columba:

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

Saturday February 6 5:00pm

St. Columba

Lector: Volunteer
Hospitality/Usher: Dot Pooser
Disinfecting Team: Charles Shadwick

Sunday February 7

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Peggy Meriwether
Cross Bearer Butch Meriwether
Hospitality/Usher: Butch Meriwether
Denny Long
Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn
Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Yvonne Booty
Cross Bearer Volunteer
Hospitality/Usher: Curry Family
Disinfecting Team: Amy Severs Family



Why Do We Do That?

Question: I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

Answer:

The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us "no!" This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life-dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!

There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just "re-collect" ourselves. If some worry or concern just won't leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won't come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.

COVID Changes

Blessing of Throats: On Feb 6/7th due to COVID restrictions instead of individual blessing of throats, Fr. Terry will do a general blessing of throats over everyone at the end of Mass.

Ash Wednesday: On Feb 17th Instead of making the sign of the Cross on your forehead, Fr. Terry will sprinkle a small pinch of dry ashes on your head. This is a common European practice and a practice even performed by the Pope.



The Word 2021 Feb 11-13

Sign up for a free online Bible Conference that promises a Unique Experience! Watch 70 of the most trusted and inspirational Catholic Bible experts in the Church today. Sit in on talks by Dr. Scott Hahn, Jeff Cavins, Fr. Mike Schmitt or Dr Edward Sri to name only a few. These nationally known Bible experts will show you how to confidently and quickly approach the Bible for answers, hope, and peace in your day-to-day challenges and struggles. Visit the website

<https://www.cardinalstudios.org/catholic-bible-summit-home> to sign up and for more info!



Dwayne and Joyce Duncan	Feb 7	50 years
Charles and Patricia Hagman	Feb 13	50 years
Denis and Martha Wheatley	Feb 27	61 years

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception		St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal	\$2,500.00
Collection 1-24-21	\$2,280.00	Collection 1-24-21	\$655.00
Difference under	\$893.00	Difference under	\$1,845.00
Mass Attendance	57	Mass Attendance	33/40
Week # 30 of 52		Week # 30 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$95,190	Fiscal YTD Goal	\$75,000
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$100,017	Fiscal YTD Actual	\$65,599

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.