

Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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Church Web Page: icschurch.org
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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

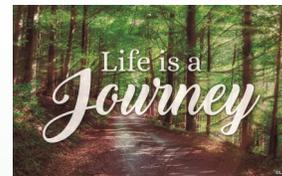
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.



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.

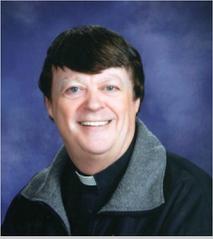
Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

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



Walking in Faith

This weekend we hear about three special people who followed Jesus despite the problems of everyday life. Job suffered the loss of children, livestock and other possessions. He could have thrown in the towel and given up, but he remained faithful. The same can be said of St. Paul who also suffered in various ways while following Jesus. Peter's mother-in-law, sick with fever and helpless, assisted Jesus after she was healed. May we also have

the same faith and courage in living our faith despite our setbacks and obstacles.

God Bless You, Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

We learn that from the beginning of his public ministry Jesus was very purpose-driven: healing the sick and preaching the good news. How intentional is the practice of faith in your daily life?



Married Couples Blessing

Next weekend Father Terry will bless all of our Married Couples in celebration of World Marriage Day!

Safe Environment

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities at 270-526-3871; local law enforcement at 270-927-1311 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597-2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available in this parish on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).



Congratulations!! It's A Girl!!

Congratulations to Josh and Nicole Ballard on the birth of their baby girl! Delaney Ann Ballard born 1-21-21 weighing 7lbs 1oz. Thank you all for your prayers and support!

Support Our Lenten Projects

St. Benedict's Shelter a men's 24/7 shelter for the homeless in Owensboro. They also operate four transitional homes for veterans and men, a Women & Family Day Shelter and they manage the St. Gerard Life Home, which gives moms in crisis pregnancies a safe place to live.

Water with Blessings provides clean water to families in over 45 countries by educating and sponsoring Water Women to filter water for 4 families. Our support will sponsor Water Women in Kenya!

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

- **Homemade Amish Cinnamon Rolls.** The last day to order is Monday February 8th! Package of 4rolls for \$10.00. Pickup Sunday February 14th at SC Parish Hall from 9:30am-10:30am and at IC Parish Hall from 11:30am-12:30pm. Call the church office to order.
- **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. We will receive a percentage of all sales. Profits from both fundraisers will support our Lenten project!
- **Coming up** in March will be more ways you can help support our Lenten Projects!

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, February 10

5:30 pm Denis & Martha Wheatley IC
By Mike and Shelia Ogle

Thursday, February 11

8:00 am † Georgene Fuller SC
By Sherri Cecil

Saturday, February 13

5:00 pm † Jeanette Taylor SC
By Betty Allard

Sunday, February 14

8:30 am † Charles Bozarth SC
By Marita Bozarth
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date February 7, 2021

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

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45



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

Tuesday, February 9

7am -7pm Adoration

IC

Thursday, February 11

7am -4pm Adoration

SC

Sunday, February 14



If you have any old palms please bring them to Mass in preparation for Ash Wednesday

Don't forget Cinnamon Roll Pickup after Mass on Feb 14th at approx 9:30am SC and 11:30am IC



Wednesday February 10 5:30 pm

Immaculate Conception

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family

Disinfecting Team: Marilyn McCaslin,

Thursday February 11 8:00am

St. Columba:

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer

Disinfecting Team: Volunteer

Saturday February 13 5:00pm

St. Columba

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Dot Pooser

Disinfecting Team: Fr. Terry Devine

Sunday February 14

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Steve Basham

Cross Bearer Jerry Buck

Hospitality/Usher: Scott Basham

Randy Miller

Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn

Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Angie Curry

Cross Bearer Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family

Disinfecting Team: Charles Shadwick

Nathan Powers



Why Do We Do That?

Question: Is it ever Ok to leave Mass before it ends?

Answer:

This is an interesting question because beneath the surface there seems to be an assumption that if it's okay, then why do

we have to stay after we receive communion? The short answer is "no," but we definitely want to go a bit deeper as we consider why.

First, when we think about questions like this, we must consider this in adult terms. If there is something gravely important that we need to do, then we must attend to that. However, if it is a matter of convenience or preference, then we really have to stop and think again. First, while we always want to recognize the importance of sacramental communion in the Mass, we also need to understand how important the time of thanksgiving and prayer after communion is. This is summarized in the Prayer After Communion offered by the celebrant and then we are also commissioned to "Go forth" during the Dismissal of the Mass, reminding us that we have been entrusted with a gift — the Word of God and the Presence of Christ in the sacrament — and that we are to share that gift with others.

If we simply leave after we receive communion, we risk two things. First, there is the possibility that we will turn our reception of communion into a purely personal, individual experience that is separated from our common experience of worship — and communion in the fullest sense — and, second, we lose an opportunity for gratitude and serious reflection if we simply leave after communion. This time of thanksgiving, reflection, and, ultimately, missioning, are important and, in the end, an essential part of the celebration of the Mass.

PERFECT LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES



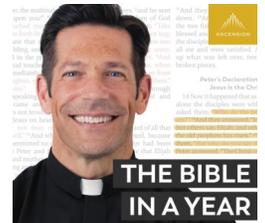
The Word 2021 Feb 11-13

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!

The Bible in a Year!

The Bible in a Year is a 20-25 minute podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins. **Fr. Mike Schmitz** walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. With this podcast, you won't just read the Bible in a year ... you'll finally understand how all the pieces of the Bible fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today! For more info visit our church website, Facebook page or go to <https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/>



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 1-31-21 \$3,011.00	Collection 1-31-21 \$7,593.19
Difference under\$162.00	Difference over.....\$5,093.19
Mass Attendance 58	Mass Attendance 52/48
Week # 31 of 52	Week # 31 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$98,363	Fiscal YTD Goal \$77,500
Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$103,028	Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$73,192

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.