

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.

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

The Church, as a voice of the Gospel, proclaims the sacredness of all human life. Everyone created by God is fashioned in God's image and has Divine DNA at the center of their soul. God never leaves what God creates but always remains intimately bound to what he has given form. Everyone has a place and because they have received the gift of Divine Blessing, nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, unclean or marginalized. Even the most broken of souls has a place. We, the Body of Christ, have the privilege and responsibility to give voice to the voiceless. The cries of the little one in his or her mother's womb are just as sacred as the cries of one who is homeless and hungry. The migrant deserves our attention as much as the forgotten elderly and even the prisoner, with a heart hardened by anger and resentment, deserves respect and dignity.

The Gospel of Life is often hard to swallow, and we would rather keep those we consider unclean, different or unfixable in a place by themselves. It is hard to see them with us, but they deserve to be. There is far too much violence in this world and the result of that violence is the assault on human life. Many are forced to leave the place they call home in search of safer ground, finding few if any along the way who will help them. How different today's Gospel story would be if Jesus gave in to what was politically correct at that time. The leper would have been turned away and a soul, already beaten down by disease and fear, would have experienced an even deeper wound. Jesus wouldn't have captured much attention from anyone, nor would he have mirrored the Father's compassion and love.

Where do we stand with all of this? Do we at least understand that God's vision is often in conflict with the vision put forth in our world and even the one we advance ourselves? There is no doubt that it is incredibly challenging to find a place for everyone at the table. This challenge is compounded when the systems of operation and structure that are so ingrained in us affirm power and privilege rather than inclusivity and justice. Everything really goes askew when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement raise their ugly heads and we find ourselves with quite a mess. It's time to admit that things have been a mess for a very long time. The mess needs to be healed, not by erasing it but by allowing God to touch it and make it whole. We need to bring God back to the center of life where God belongs. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But, knowing that wholeness, healing, and dignity are worthy pursuits, we can more confidently labor to achieve God's vision.



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.

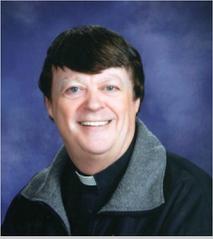
Confirmation • Is celebrated in the seventh and eighth grades or at the Easter Vigil. The Bishop visits every two years and we alternate between the two parishes.

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.



Our Lenten Response

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, the church enters into a new season where we are invited to look within ourselves and to ask ourselves “How are we doing in regards to our spiritual lives and our relationship with God and others?” The weeks of Lent are a challenge to us as we pray, fast, give alms, and do acts of self denial or do acts of charity. Will these observances and practices leave us feeling empty or moody or will we allow them to give

birth to the joy of Easter? We, too are invited to put to death those things which bring misery to our spiritual lives and to share in the victory of Good Friday and Easter. As the prophet Joel says, “Lent summons all of us to new life! Let our efforts be successful as we have begun our Lenten journey of faith.”

Have a good week. Fr. Terry



Lenten Opportunities for You!

- **Attend Ash Wednesday Mass Feb 17th** at SC 8am or IC 6pm. Due to COVID guidelines, Fr. Terry will come to each person and sprinkle ashes on your head!
- **Lenten Reading**—Browse thru the baskets with reading materials ranging from daily prayer to some outstanding books. Books are free, and we encourage you to pass them on to someone else after reading. Spend a little time every day preparing your mind and heart for Jesus this Lenten season.
- **Lenten Confessions**— Fr. Terry will be hearing confessions after every Mass during Lent. Just let him know you wish to go to confession. You may also call Fr. Terry to make an appt
- **Pray the Stations of the Cross**- We are not able to have communal Stations of the Cross but you are invited to come to church anytime on the days of Adoration, Tuesdays at IC from 7am-7pm and at SC on Thurs 7am-4pm, to pray your own individual Stations of the Cross. Materials will be available for you to use. Please remember to wear a mask.
- **Attend Adoration**—You are invited to participate in Adoration on Tuesdays at IC from 7am-7pm and at SC on Thurs 7am-4pm. Remember to wear your mask.
- **Pray the Rosary**—The Rosary will be led every Tuesday at 1:00pm at IC and at 9:00am at SC during Adoration. Remember to wear your mask
- **Give your pocket change**—Every Sunday we will be collecting pocket change in our Water with Blessing Buckets. Feel free to drop in your loose change!!
- **Listen to the Bible in a Year!** - Join Fr. Mike Schmitz as he walks you thru the Bible in a year with daily readings, reflection and prayer. You may visit our parish website for the link or go to www.media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts
- **Contribute to our Lenten Project**—We continue to support Water with Blessings and help sponsor Water Women in Kenya but we also wish to answer the call to help St. Benedicts Homeless Shelter in Owensboro. Thank you for the overwhelming response to the Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser. Coming up next month will be more ways you can help support our Lenten Project.
- **Live Study with Dr. Edward Sri**—Dr Edward Sri author of the best-selling study *No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ’s Passion*, will guide participants deeper into the *No Greater Love* study LIVE on Facebook and on their website, www.ascensionpress.com, starting February 24, 2021, at 7:00 PM EST!
- **Mt. St Joseph Zoom Retreat**—A four part Lenten retreat facilitated by Sr. Cheryl Clemmons. Call Maryann Joyce at 270-929-0206 for more info.
- **Participate in Holy Week** activities Beginning with Palm Sunday on March 28, Holy Thursday April 1st, Good Friday April 2nd, Holy Saturday April 3rd and Easter Sunday April 4th!
- **www.icscchurch.org**—Look on our website for more Lenten resources or visit our Facebook page for additional information.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, February 17

8:00 am † Leo Basham SC

By Faye Wettstain & Mary Hawkins

6:00 pm † Bernard French IC

By Gitter French

Thursday, February 18

8:00 am † Betty Brown SC

By Ellis & Sharon Russelburg

Saturday, February 20

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, February 21

8:30 am † Bob Edge SC

By Denny and Denise Long

10:30 am † Parker Kelly Ogle IC

By Roy and Gayle Ogle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date February 14, 2021

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

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20–6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15



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, February 14

9:30-10:30am Cinnamon Roll Pickup SC
 11:30-12:30pm Cinnamon Roll Pickup IC

Tuesday, February 16

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Wednesday, February 17—Ash Wednesday



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Thursday, February 18

7am -4pm Adoration and Individual Stations of the Cross available SC

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Wednesday February 17

St. Columba: 8:00am
 Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer
 Disinfecting Team: Volunteer

Immaculate Conception: 6:00pm

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

Thursday February 18

St. Columba: 8:00am
 Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer
 Disinfecting Team: Volunteer

Saturday February 20

St. Columba 5:00pm
 Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Dot Pooser
 Disinfecting Team: Charles & Peggy Howard

Sunday February 21

St. Columba 8:30am
 Lector: Sherry Pike
 Cross Bearer: Bob Durbin
 Hospitality/Usher: Butch Meriwether
 David Emmick
 Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn
 Ron Spalding,
Immaculate Conception 10:30am
 Lector: Connie Wheatley
 Cross Bearer: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Lyday Family
 Disinfecting Team: Connie and Laura
 Wheatley

Why Do We Do That?

Question: In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Facetime or Zoom ever be allowed?

Answer:

The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) is a question that has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of "social distanced" confession, with the sacrament being celebrated outdoors.

In reflecting on this question, however, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves. Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, "Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet" (The Church and the Internet, no. 9).

Although our encounters with others on the internet and via social media can be considered "real" in one sense, in the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments.



"INTO THE BREACH"
 Inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic men written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix, the Knights of Columbus produced a video series which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world.
 PRAYER | COMMUNITY | VIDEO SERIES AND DISCUSSION
 Wednesday Nights of Lent | 8PM
 Starts Ash Wednesday over Zoom Video Conferencing
 Register at <https://bit.ly/2MoFiji>
 Diocese of OWENSBORO SAINT JOSEPH Husband of Mary, Father of Jesus, Terror of demons. PRAY FOR US.

Following the model of "Dadvent," join men from across the Diocese on Wednesday nights during Lent (Wed, Feb 17th - Wed, March 31st, 2021) at 8PM over Zoom for discussion around the video series

"Into the Breach," produced by the Knights of Columbus. Each night we will watch a video together and then have small group discussions. We plan to be finished within an hour. Just like "Dadvent," the overall goal is to strengthen our homes, families, and marriages by focusing on the example of St. Joseph. We want as many men to be involved as possible, so we're inviting all men in all parishes and calling on all parish men's groups, Knights of Columbus Councils, and men's small groups to join us for "Into the Breach" during Lent.

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 2-7-21.....\$2,340.00	Collection 2-7-21.....\$2,768.00
Difference under\$833.00	Difference over.....\$268.00
Mass Attendance?	Mass Attendance41/35
Week # 32 of 52	Week # 32 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$101,536	Fiscal YTD Goal\$80,000
Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$105,393	Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$75,960

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.