

Hancock County Catholic Church

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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
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, "You are absolutely beaming!" The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn't mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald's and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new "digs," received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.



How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you're really "into it" this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it's only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God's call. Then, there is God's request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen.

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.

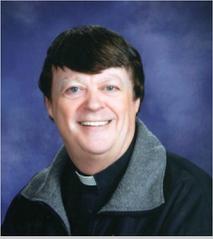
Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

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



Season of Change

Today in our gospel the theme deals with change and transformation. As Jesus is transfigured on Mount Tabor before His apostles He reveals to them that pain, sorrow and death will not be the ultimate victor, but that His death will lead to a change that is centered on new life and glory. We too are called to the change during this Season of repentance and denial and to die to those things which keeps us from the new life that God

wishes us to have. Again it is not a forced obligation on God's part, but rather a loving invitation to be considered. Let us re-examine our Lenten journey since Ash Wednesday and ask ourselves an important question, "Will I feel closer to the Lord and to others this coming Easter, or again will I fail to take Lent seriously?" May our Season of Lent give birth to new life and resurrection in the coming weeks.

May God Bless you. Fr. Terry



Our Lenten Project 2021

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.



How can you help? Our cinnamon roll fundraiser was a great success. We raised \$1800 for our Lenten project! Thank you to all who sold and bought cinnamon rolls.

- **Pocket change**—We have our Water with Blessing buckets to donate your change. You may drop your change in the buckets anytime.
- **Second Collection**—On **March 14th/15th** we will take up a 2nd collection for our projects. This is **Laetare Sunday** similar to Gaudete Sunday in Advent. It marks the middle of our penance journey and encourages us to continue the Lenten journey of fasting, praying and almsgiving as we slowly progress toward the Paschal Feast. Traditionally the priest will wear rose on this day, the color of joy!
- **Item Donation**—Next we are collecting items to donate to St. Benedicts shelter. Below is a list of items you may choose to donate. Please bring your items to church and place them in the baskets.
 - ◆ Men's flip flops mesh laundry bags women's sports bras
 - ◆ Women & children panties Feminine products
 - ◆ winter gloves and sock caps for men, women and children
 - ◆ Dollar Store "cheater" reading glasses for men
 - ◆ individually wrapped snacks such as granola bars, pop tarts, peanut butter or cheese crackers, Coffee for the Shelters

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 3

5:30 pm † John Toon IC
By Shirley Toon

Thursday, March 4

8:00 am † Alan Ditch SC
By A. Haynes

Saturday, March 6

5:00 pm † Sarah Herzog SC
By Karl Herzog

Sunday, March 7

8:30 am † Roger Basham SC
By Fritz and Sandy Basham
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42



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

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 28

2nd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday, March 2

7am -7pm Adoration and Individual

Stations of the Cross available IC

1:00pm Rosary IC

Thursday, March 4

7am -4pm Adoration and Individual

Stations of the Cross available SC

9:00am Rosary SC

Sunday, March 7

3rd Sunday of Lent

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

We hear Mark's account of the apostles' witness of the transfiguration of Jesus. How difficult do you think it was for them not to share this event with anyone until after Jesus rose from the dead?



Wednesday March 3

Immaculate Conception: 5:30pm

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family

Disinfecting Team: Marilyn McCaslin

Thursday March 4

St. Columba: 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer

Disinfecting Team: Volunteer

Saturday March 6

St. Columba 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Dot Pooser

Disinfecting Team: Charles Shadwick

Sunday March 7

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Tim Heavrin

Cross Bearer Larry Roby

Hospitality/Usher: Butch Meriwether

Denny Long

Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn

Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Loretta Stokes

Cross Bearer Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family

Disinfecting Team: Connie and Laura

Wheatley



Why Do We Do That

Question: Why do we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today. Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic spices and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

Easter Flowers

Donate for Easter flowers during Lent in memory of a loved one. You may do so by using the envelope in your giving packet and write the name or names of your loved ones on the envelope before dropping it in the collection. We will have a special bulletin insert on Easter Sunday with the names of all the loved ones noted.

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.

What Are You Looking For?

Looking for more resources for Lent? Did you misplace your family's February Gathering Guide? Lost your bulletin? Check out our website for more information and resources. www.icscchurch.org

Opening for Adoration at IC

Spend a little extra time with Jesus during Adoration! We have an opening for Adoration at Immaculate Conception for 8:00am on Tuesdays. Please contact Denise if you are interested or would like more information.

Sunday Collections

| Immaculate Conception | St. Columba |
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| Weekly Goal\$3,173.00 | Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00 |
| Collection 2-14-21 <u>\$2,677.00</u> | Collection 2-14-21 <u>\$1,518.00</u> |
| Difference under\$496.00 | Difference under\$982.00 |
| Mass Attendance 86 | Mass Attendance 45/48 |
| Weekly Goal\$3,173.00 | Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00 |
| Collection 2-21-21 <u>\$2,827.00</u> | Collection 2-21-21 <u>\$3,315.38</u> |
| Difference over\$346.00 | Difference over.....\$815.38 |
| Mass Attendance 89 | Mass Attendance 36/54 |
| Week # 34 of 52 | Week # 34 of 52 |
| Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$107,882 | Fiscal YTD Goal\$85,000 |
| Fiscal YTD Actual\$110,897 | Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$80,794 |

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.