

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

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.



When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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



Life Over Death

Our theme on this 5th Sunday of Lent centers on the gift of life in contrast to hopelessness and death. The cold and bleakness of winter gives birth to the season of Spring and new life; the darkness of night passes over to daybreak and the light of a new day; the child in the mother's womb grows and is born and a new person enters the world; a person steeped in the darkness of sin repents and returns to the Lord who, offers new life and

hope. All of these examples are a reality which, should give all of us in this Season of Lent the motive to turn away from those things which brings darkness and death to our spirits and to rise to new life as Lazarus did in our gospel today. The Sacrament of Reconciliation also restores us to new life and heals our brokenness. May our journey of Lent give birth to Easter—the celebration of the Risen Christ within each one of us.

Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

We hear today of Jesus' own struggle with his impending death. During this Lenten season, what has been a struggle for you?

Lenten Family Prayer Experience-March Gathering Guide

This month as part of the March Gathering Guide we invite our parish families to participate in our Lenten Family Prayer Experience. The prayer experience is a self guided journey into Jesus' passion where as a family they will visit stations to guide them on their journey. Afterwards they will spend some time to pray, reflect and share together their experience. Several opportunities are available for families to participate. Please wear your mask and we will be practicing social distancing between families. Plan to spend approx. 30 minutes for the experience which will begin at Immaculate Conception Parish Hall. Families may attend any time between 6:00-7:00pm on one of the following dates: March 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th. Fr. Terry will be available for confessions on March 23rd and 24th during the event. Please contact Jill Frakes or Denise Long if you have any questions.



NCYC—National Catholic Youth Conference Update

After much conversation and discernment with Bishop Medley and other diocesan leadership, the Diocese of Owensboro have decided not to lead a diocesan delegation to NCYC 2021 in Indianapolis, IN Nov. 18-20, 2021. There are too many unknowns regarding guidelines for travel and lodging at this time for us to begin making financial commitments for charter buses and hotels.

To follow with our Diocese guideline, Fr. Terry and I have decided not to attend NCYC as a group, however, families can sign up individually and I am committed to helping families any way that I can. If your high schooler and family is interested in NCYC 2021 please contact Jill Frakes at the office 270-927-8419

Second Collection For Lenten Project

Thank you so much for contributing to our second collection to support Water with Blessings and St Benedicts Shelter. The second collection yielded \$1098.61. If you did not have the opportunity to contribute you may do so by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping it in the regular collection basket. After Easter we will total all of the money donated including our pocket change bucket and will post it in the bulletin. May God Bless you for your generosity!



Mass Intentions

Wednesday, March 24

5:30 pm † Otto Walz IC
By Dorothy Jackson

Thursday, March 25

8:00 am † Leo Basham SC
By Faye Wettstain & Mary Hawkins

Saturday, March 27

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, March 28

8:30 am † Mary Buck SC
By Jerry Buck

10:30 am † Deceased members of Lucas & Walz Family IC
By Denis and Martha Wheatley

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date March 21, 2021

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



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

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, March 21

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

6:00pm Lenten Family Prayer Experience IC

Monday, March 22

6:00pm Lenten Family Prayer Experience IC

Tuesday, March 23

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

1:00pm Rosary IC

6:00pm Lenten Family Prayer Experience IC

Wednesday, March 24

6:00pm Lenten Family Prayer Experience IC

Thursday, March 25

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

9:00am Rosary SC

Sunday, March 28



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Wednesday March 24

Immaculate Conception: 5:30pm

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family

Disinfecting Team: Marilyn McCaslin

Thursday March 25

St. Columba: 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer

Disinfecting Team: Volunteer

Saturday March 27

St. Columba 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Dot Pooser

Disinfecting Team: Brenda Adkins

Sunday March 28

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Steve Allard

Cross Bearer: Scott Basham

Hospitality/Usher: Denny Long
 Scott Basham

Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn
 Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Bob Ogle

Cross Bearer: Volunteer

Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family

Disinfecting Team: Connie and Laura W



Why Do We Do That?

Question: What is spiritual communion, and do you need to be in a state of grace to receive it?

Answer:

The practice of making a “spiritual communion” dates back several centuries and St. Thomas Aquinas described it as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy

Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Traditionally, a prayer of spiritual communion has been used by those who are unable to receive sacramental communion because of health, inability to attend Mass, or who cannot receive communion because of grave sin. This practice has been encouraged by many saints and spiritual writers and most recently Pope Francis encouraged the practice when the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic prevented so many Catholics from taking part in the Mass or receiving sacramental communion.

Although the graces offered in spiritual communion are not the same as those offered in the sacramental communion of the Mass, this practice is still a powerful opportunity to express our desire for union with the Lord and to be united with Christ and the Church, even in an imperfect way.

Item Donations for St. Benedicts Shelter

The donations are pouring in! Thank you so much! If you have not had the opportunity to donate to St. Benedicts, below is a list of the items requested. For St. Benedicts Shelter and the Women and Children's Day Center. Please bring your items to church and place them in the baskets.

- ◆ Men's flip flops
- ◆ mesh laundry bags
- ◆ women's and children undergarments such as sports bras and 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

Make Plans To Attend Holy Week

 Holy Thursday	Thursday April 1 Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:00 pm IC	 GOOD FRIDAY	Friday April 2 Good Friday Service 6:00 pm SC
 Holy Saturday	Saturday April 3 Easter Vigil 7:00 pm IC	 EASTER	Sunday April 4 Masses: 8:30 am SC 10:30 am IC

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal\$2,500.00
Collection 3-14-21\$3,000.00	Collection 3-14-21\$2,060.00
Difference under\$173.00	Difference under\$440.00
Mass Attendance 86	Mass Attendance 49/65
Week # 37 of 52	Week # 37 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal\$117,401	Fiscal YTD Goal \$92,500
Fiscal YTD Actual\$120,441	Fiscal YTD Actual \$87,630

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.