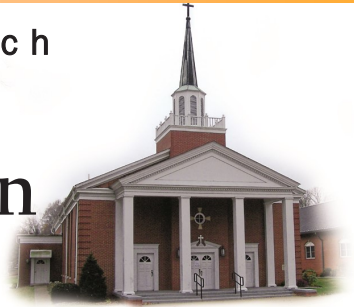
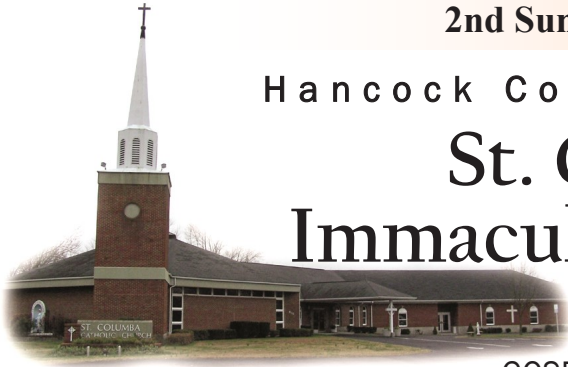


2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)/April 11, 2021

Hancock County Catholic Church
St. Columba &
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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

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.



Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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.

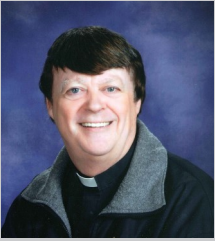
Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

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



Faith Replacing Doubt

Missing out can be a real frustration! Being in the wrong place at the wrong time is also a reality in our lives, e.g. missing a TV program that you had been waiting for all week; a long distance phone call from a friend or parent and not being at home for the call. We sometimes miss the boat as the old saying goes! Today, we remember the doubting Thomas who was in the wrong place at the wrong time. He missed seeing Jesus in the Upper Room.

He probably felt disappointed, frustrated, and empty. (Will I ever see the risen Jesus?) How does Thomas handle this? He doubts! In the end Thomas did see the Risen Christ, but doubting is very human for us all and sometimes we struggle in faith too. Let us in this Easter Season pray to see the Risen One in our brothers and sisters and that we may reflect the Presence of the Risen One in the most doubting moments of our lives. In appreciation....What a wonderful Holy Week we all had! We thank all those who helped out in the various ministries and who gave of their time. May the Lord bless us all as we have begun this Season of Easter Joy!

Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

The story of Thomas' doubt in the resurrected Jesus is one of the most well-known resurrection narratives. Why do you think Christians throughout the ages are drawn to this story?

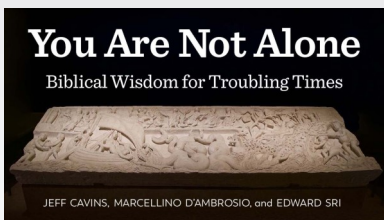
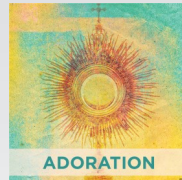


Volunteer Help Needed

Our church secretary, Nicole Ballard, is looking for volunteers to help with Money Counting. If you have done so in the past or are interested in helping, please call her at the church office.

New Openings for Adoration at IC and SC

Spend a little extra time with Jesus in Adoration! We have an opening for Adoration at Immaculate Conception for 7:00am on Tuesdays and at 4:00pm on Thursdays at St. Columba. Please contact Denise if you are interested or would like more information.



You Are Not Alone: Biblical Wisdom for Troubling Times

Sunday April 25th 9:30am
St. Columba Parish Hall

This is a one-of-a-kind experience designed to draw individuals and groups closer to God. It

combines the wisdom of top theologians, the dramatic setting of a national Bible landmark, and the visual excellence of Ascension video productions in a 90-minute online cinematic experience unlike any other.

In today's world, it's easy to feel like you're in exile—isolated from friends and family, from your parish community, from the activities you've always enjoyed. You may be wondering why the world is in such a mess. This video experience is for everyone who has wondered, Where is God during difficult times? Top Catholic theologians Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, and Jeff Cavins will gather at the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC, to explore precisely this in *You Are Not Alone: Biblical Wisdom for Troubling Times*. In this heart-moving video, participants will learn how, from the beginning of time until now, God always has a plan for his people. Not only does he have a plan, but in the darkest moments he has blessed the world with the greatest miracles. We invite you to experience this soul-touching cinematic experience. Donuts and Coffee will be served

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, April 14

5:30 pm † Ora Roby IC
By Bob Ogle

Thursday, April 15

8:00 am † Bob Edge SC
By Donald and Shirley Howard

Saturday, April 17

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, April 18

8:30 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Paul and Ruth Madden

10:30 am † Parker Ogle IC
By Bob Ogle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



A listing of online Mass locations and times are on our website:

www.icscchurch.org

You may also join St Columba Live on our Facebook page on Sundays at 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, April 11



Tuesday, April 13

7am -7pm Adoration IC
 5:00pm IC Finance IC
 6:00pm IC Parish Council IC

Thursday, April 14

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Saturday, April 17

4-6pm Burgoo & BBQ Chicken SC
 drive-thru pickup

Cemetery Policy Reminder:

Mowing season has begun. Just a reminder that the policy is: All flowers and ornaments must be attached to the headstone. Shepherd's hooks are for hanging baskets only. Items or mementoes left on the grass will be gathered up and discarded so as not to be in the way of the mower. Please pass this word along to your family and friends. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Wednesday April 14

Immaculate Conception: 5:30pm
 Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family
 Disinfecting Team: Marilyn McCaslin

Thursday April 15

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

Saturday April 17

Immaculate Conception 5:00pm
 Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer
 Disinfecting Team: Charles and Peggy Howard

Sunday April 18

St. Columba 8:30am
 Lector: Steve Basham
 Cross Bearer: Ron Spalding
 Hospitality/Usher: Randy Miller
 Scott Basham
 Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn
 Ron Spalding,
Immaculate Conception 10:30am
 Lector: Connie Wheatley
 Cross Bearer: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Leonard/Linda Thomas
 Disinfecting Team: Connie/Laura
 Wheatley



Why Do We Do That?

Question:

Where did the feast of Divine Mercy come from?

Answer:

If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young women, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.”

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>).



The Lazarus Retreat is for all High School Youth 9th-12th grade. It is a journey through the story of the raising of Lazarus, we truly see what it means to be dead in this world and called to life in Jesus. This is not an overnight retreat. It begins on Friday June 4th at 5:00pm and ends Sunday June 6th at 12:30pm. You will be going home each evening of the retreat. Cost is \$30 per

youth and scholarships are available. This retreat is limited to 20 boys and 20 girls. Deadline to sign up is Monday May 24, 2021 and is on a first come first serve registration. Please contact our youth minister Jill Frakes at the church office for more info and to sign up.

Sunday Collection

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 3-28-21\$3,275.00	Collection 3-28-21\$1,846.00
Difference over \$102.00	Difference under \$654.00
Mass Attendance 91	Mass Attendance 53/73
Collection 4-4-21.....\$3,488.00	Collection 4-4-21.....\$6,042.00
Difference over\$315.00	Difference over.....\$3,542.00
Mass Attendance 73/150	Mass Attendance 148
Week # 40 of 52	Week # 40 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal..... \$126,920	Fiscal YTD Goal..... \$100,000
Fiscal YTD Actual \$130,722	Fiscal YTD Actual \$100,378

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.