

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
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.



We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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.

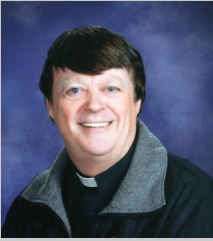
Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

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



Our Journey to Emmaus

Everyone of us have had our struggles and hardships. The disciples who are heading for Emmaus are like us in many ways. Sometimes Jesus can seem so distant and we may find ourselves pondering whether He is really present as we journey down the different roads of like. Just when we feel like throwing in the towel and giving up, the Risen Christ comes to remind us that the Messiah and the Kingdom of God are real and that we

too can share in this ultimate victory. If we are really open to the Holy Spirit, we will see His nature, scripture, etc. Only with an open and sincere faith can we too, feel our hearts burning as we follow the Risen Christ on our different roads to Emmaus. During the Season of Easter may our dreams and hopes come alive in [resurrection](#) and [new birth](#).

Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel Question:

Luke tells us that the resurrected Jesus opened the minds of the disciples “to understand the Scriptures” and see how his suffering, death, and resurrection was connected to repentance and forgiveness of sins. What tools do you use to better understand our faith?

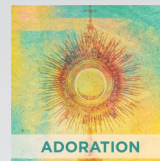


Volunteer Help Needed

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.

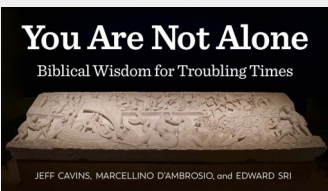
New Openings for Adoration at IC and SC

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.



Communion Line Changes

We may now process up front to receive communion but we ask our families to please respect and distance 6 ft from other families and individuals in the procession line. As a reminder communion will be brought over to our members in the overflow seating.



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 21

5:30 pm † Bernard French IC
By Gitter French

Thursday, April 22

8:00 am † William Gearlds SC
By Denny and Denise Long

Saturday, April 24

5:00 pm † Vic Johnson IC
By Dan and Shirley Hagman

Sunday, April 25

8:30 am † Jim and Sharon Fallin SC
By Denis and Martha Wheatley
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date April 18, 2021

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

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



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

Tuesday, April 20

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

Thursday, April 22

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Sunday, April 25

9:30am "You Are Not Alone" SC

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.



Wednesday April 21

Immaculate Conception: 5:30pm

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

Thursday April 22

St. Columba: 8:00am

Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer
 Disinfecting Team: Volunteer

Saturday April 24

Immaculate Conception 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer
 Disinfecting Team: Brenda Adkins

Sunday April 25

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Sherry Pike
 Cross Bearer: Steve Basham
 Hospitality/Usher: David Emmick
 Butch Meriwether
 Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn
 Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Angie Curry
 Cross Bearer: Volunteer
 Hospitality/Usher: Curry Family
 Disinfecting Team: Charles Shadwick
 Nathan Powers



Why Do We Do That?

Question: Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in

order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp

Camps are filling up fast and parents are encouraged to register their youth soon! The high school camp called Camp Life is full and a wait list has been started. You may go to their website www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org to register online. Scholarship assistance is available by contacting Jill Frakes at the church office.

2021 SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

MAY 31-JUNE 4: EUCHARISTIC LIFE (18+)	JULY 4-9: CAMP LIFE (HIGH SCHOOL)
JUNE 6-11: QUEST I (7TH/8TH GRADE)	JULY 11-16: QUEST II (7TH/8TH GRADE)
JUNE 13-16: EXPLORER I (3RD/4TH GRADE)	JULY 18-23: EXPEDITION II (5TH/6TH GRADE)
JUNE 20-25: EXPEDITION I (5TH/6TH GRADE)	JULY 25-28: EXPLORER II (3RD/4TH GRADE)
JUNE 28- JULY 2: GASPER ON THE GO (3RD-12TH GRADE) @ FANCY FARM	

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 4-11-21\$2,477.00	Collection 4-11-21\$4,625.00
Difference under\$696.00	Difference over.....\$2,125.00
Mass Attendance 60/110	Mass Attendance 79
Week # 41 of 52	Week # 41 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$130,093	Fiscal YTD Goal\$102,500
Fiscal YTD Actual\$133,209	Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$105,003

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.