

5th Sunday of Easter / May 2, 2021

Hancock County Catholic Church

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Church Web Page: icschurch.org
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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
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checked past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know 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.

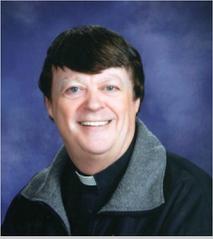
Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

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



Dependence On God

In our gospel this weekend we are reminded by Jesus that apart from Him we are lost and barren. Just as branches are dependent on the vine for growth and life o we too need Jesus who is the source of life to provide us with new life and hope. In this season of Easter as we celebrate new life in relation to the Resurrection may we too prune and remove from our lives those things that choke off the life of Christ within us, namely, our sins.

When we allow Jesus to come into our hearts and to take up residence it is only then that we too will bear fruit and become a true friend and disciple of the Lord.

God Bless You! Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

Using the metaphor of a vine and branches, Jesus urges his disciples to “remain in me” in order to bear good fruit and thereby glorify God. What would be some examples of “good fruit” that you have produced?



Congratulation to our First Communicants

Congratulations to all our First Communicants as they receive Jesus for the first time in the

Eucharist. May the joy and peace of Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist be with you today and always! Thank you to their parents and their teachers who helped to prepare them for this special sacrament. From St. Columba: Alex Thomason, Hazel Poole and Aubrey Miller. From Immaculate Conception: Charley Wedding

Mothers Day Blessing

Next Sunday we will acknowledge and bless all our mothers. Fr Terry will provide a special blessing and each mother will receive a small gift expressing our love and gratitude.



Soon to be Mr. & Mrs. Steve and Callie Jennings

Please wish Callie Hagman and Steve Jennings a big congratulations on their upcoming marriage Saturday May 8th at Immaculate Conception. May your marriage always bring glory to God, joy to one another and blessings to your family for many generations to come.

May love and laughter fill your hearts and your home for all the days of your lives. May you face every challenge hand-in-hand and side-by-side knowing that with God’s grace, you’ll conquer all obstacles together. May the world be forever a better place because the two of you fell in love. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Permanent Diaconate

The Diocese is calling forth men who are interested in service to the Church as a Permanent Deacon. Permanent Deacons, under the leadership of our bishop and in partnership with priests, religious communities, laity, and the gifted women of the Diaconate Community, humbly commit themselves to the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ and his Church through the diaconal ministries of Service, Worship, and proclamation of the Gospel in word and deed. The next group of deacon candidates (English) will be forming in the Fall of 2021. More information about becoming a Permanent Deacon, who to contact if you have questions, and the required application which is due to be in by May 29, 2021, can be found at the diocesan webpage <https://owensborodiocese.org/permanent-diaconate/>.

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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.

Mass Intentions

Wednesday, May 5

5:30 pm † Frank Herzog and fam IC
By Karl Herzog

Thursday, May 6

8:00 am † Walter Marsch SC
By Dwayne and Joyce Duncan

Saturday, May 8

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, May 9

8:30 am Bobby and Alice Fallin SC
By Dennis and Martha Wheatley
10:30 am †Libby Lucas IC
By Dennis and Martha Wheatley

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



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

Bulletin Board

Sunday, May 2

8:30/10:30 First Communion SC & IC
9:30am Donut Sunday SC

Tuesday, May 4

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Thursday, May 6

7am -4pm Adoration SC

National Day of

PRAYER

Sunday, May 9



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Changes to Mass and Disinfecting

Teams please note the recent changes to the disinfecting schedule. Per Diocesan guidelines at all masses we now only need to use sanitizing wipes to disinfect all high touch areas such as door knobs, push plates, light switches, bathroom faucets, flush handles and commode seats. Pews do not need to be disinfected. The **spray can** disinfectant will also be used on **Saturday Night only** due to the turn around time of Mass on Sunday morning. We no longer need to use the garden sprayer. Missalettees may be placed in the pew for parishioners use but singing is still not recommended by the general assembly. Please contact Denise if you have any questions.

Saturday May 8

Immaculate Conception 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer
Eucharistic Min: Volunteer
Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer
Disinfecting Team: Fr. Terry

Sunday May 9

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Tim Heavrin
Cross Bearer Jerry Buck
Eucharistic Min: Rosemary Emmick
Hospitality/Usher: David Emmick
Randy Miller
Disinfecting Team: Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Kenny Woodward
Cross Bearer Volunteer
Eucharistic Min: Mary Woodward
Hospitality/Usher: Curry Family
Disinfecting Team: Connie and Laura
Wheatley



Why Do We Do That?

Question:

What are the "fruits" of holy Communion?

Answer:

The Eucharist, like all sacraments, offers its own unique grace.

We receive a special share in God's life that helps us in our faith journey. We are given all we need to sustain and nurture our relationship with God. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Everything we are and everything we hope to become is found in this sacrament. It is essential to the life of the church, to each member of the church. Without it, there is no church. The Eucharist is the center of our spiritual life and has enormous effects on our growth, our holiness, and our way of life.

The fruits of holy Communion are the benefits one receives from the sacrament. These fruits of holy Communion are discussed in the catechism in the article on the Eucharist. The primary benefit is union with Christ. We become one with him sacramentally, just as we hope to become one with him for eternity. The Eucharist also separates us from sin, both past and future. It forgives the venial sins of the past and, by the love we receive, protects us from mortal sin in the future. The church community is also unified and strengthened by the Eucharist. It unites us to the poor and offers the pledge of eternal life.



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.

Mass Ministers

As we gradually attempt to return to more of a normal Mass we wish to begin scheduling one Eucharistic Minister at the Sunday Mass times. Until the new schedule comes out in July we will schedule one EM each Sunday. We ask our current Eucharistic Ministers to please check the bulletin weekly. Please notify Denise if you do not wish to serve as an EM at this time. We ask if anyone wishes to be a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Cross Bearer or Hospitality/Usher to please contact Denise at the church office.



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Jean Mattingly. May the Lord embrace her and her entire family in His eternal Love.

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,173.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00
Collection 4-25-21 \$5,749.00	Collection 4-25-21 \$1,971.00
Difference over\$2,576.00	Difference under \$529.00
Mass Attendance46/95	Mass Attendance 80
Week # 43 of 52	Week # 43 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$136,439	Fiscal YTD Goal\$107,500
Fiscal YTD Actual\$141,487	Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$108,727

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.