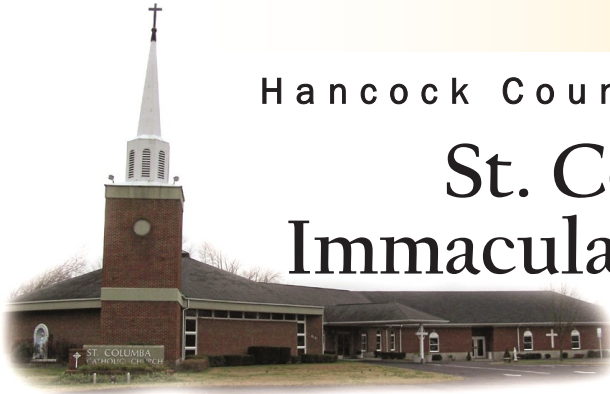


16th Sunday in Ordinary Time / July 18, 2021

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

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.



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.

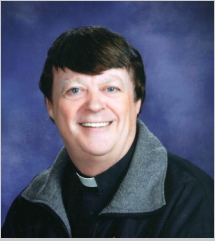
Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

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



To Bind and To Heal

This Sunday's theme is about God's concern for His people "for they were like sheep without a shepherd". In our first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the people of God are reminded that another shepherd (Jesus Christ) will come and rule over them. Unlike earthly rulers who sometimes rule for their own benefit, Jesus' kingdom would bind and heal the brokenhearted, oppressed, and the downtrodden. His Kingdom is a special

invitation for all of us who sometimes feel like lost sheep without the trusting guidance of Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd. May the Lord bless us this coming week and may we surrender our lives to the one who has come into the world to heal, to bind, and to recover what was lost. God Bless You, Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

Jesus encouraged the apostles to retreat and rest after their successful missionary work, but the crowds made that difficult. What gets in your way from resting and retreating?



How did God reveal himself to Elijah?

- A) Earthquake
- B) Fire
- C) A dream
- D) Flood

Last week's answer was D - Anointing of the sick

Marriage Enrichment

Grace Marriage is a quarterly, small group model of marriage enrichment where couples spend 6 hours every 90 days investing in their marriage. The Diocese is expanding from three locations to five locations in 2021, including Owensboro, Whitesville, and Henderson. Registration opens in July. Groups start in August. For more information, visit OwensboroDiocese.org/Grace-Marriage. For other marriage enrichment opportunities, visit OwensboroDiocese.org/Marriage-Enrichment.



RCIA

RCIA stands for the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* and is the process by which adults are prepared to enter into the Catholic Faith. This process is open to anyone who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. You do not have to join the Church to attend these sessions and there is absolutely no pressure to commit. If you know of anyone who may be interested or who may have questions about our faith, please contact Fr. Terry at 270-860-0924. Classes start in September.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land & Rome

Mark your calendars for a 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome, February 7-18, 2022 with Fr. Bruce Fogle, pastor at St. John the Evangelist in Paducah. The cost is \$4,799 per person and includes round-trip airfare from Nashville, land transportation, hotel, breakfast and dinner, airport taxes and surcharges, daily Mass, and a protection plan for medical. For more information, please contact Fr. Bruce at 270-554-3810 or fr.bruce.fogle@comcast.net.

Natural Family Planning Week: July 25-31, 2021

Did you know the Diocese of Owensboro offers FREE introductory classes for Creighton, Billings, or Marquette methods of NFP? Visit OwensboroDiocese.org/natural-family-planning for more information.



Tuesday, July 20

8:00 am † Alan Ditch SC
By Eddie and Rachel Gray

Wednesday, July 21

5:30 pm † Jeannie Hanks IC
By John and Lynn Powers

Thursday, July 22

8:00 am † David and Mary Brickey SC
By Susie Chaffin

Friday, July 23

8:00 am † Deceased Lucas Family IC
By Cheryl Gammon

Saturday, July 24

5:00 pm † Bob Edge IC
By Donald and Shirley Howard

Sunday, July 25

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † Hannah Boehman IC
By Kenny and Mary Woodward

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date July 18, 2021

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21-15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

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

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Monday, July 19

Mower of the Week—Jerry Buck SC

Tuesday,

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Thursday,

7am -4pm Adoration SC

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Mass Ministers

Beginning in July we will resume all Mass ministries except for Ministers of the Cup. Denise is using a new scheduling program and needs your help to obtain your info. All ministers old and new please complete a ministry information form and return it to her or drop it in the collection. You will find the forms on the table as you enter church. If you are signing up for a new ministry Denise will contact you to schedule an appointment and will be happy to walk you through the steps and get you on the schedule! Saturday night ministries will continue as volunteer. Please help Fr. Terry by volunteering to minister.

Sunday July 25

St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord	Judy Pate
Altar Servers	Butch Meriwether
Cross Bearer	Steve Basham
Lector	Sherry Pike
Eucharistic Min	Randy Miller
Gift Bearers	John/Rosemary Neff
Greeter/Usher:	John Neff Rosemary Neff

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord	Aimee Lyday
Altar Servers	Chance Lyday Carter Severs
Cross Bearer	Volunteer
Lector:	Kenny Woodward
Eucharistic Min	Mary Woodward
Gift Bearers	Leonard/Linda Thomas
Greeter/Usher:	Leonard/Linda Thomas



Why Do We Do That?

Question: I've heard that we become angels when we die. Is this what the Church teaches?

Answer:

As human beings, we are both spiritual and corporeal. We are body and soul. This makes us unique in all creation. No

other physical creature — plant or animal — possesses an immortal soul made in God's image and likeness. Like the distinction with plants and animals, angels have an entirely different sort of existence. Angels are pure immortal spirit, and they have been so since the moment of their creation. While they may take on an appearance of a body in Biblical history, they are not a body like we are. Angels are neither male nor female, despite the art we often see.

As the result of the Fall, human beings experience death. Our souls are temporarily separated from our bodies. However, we do not become something other than human. Every Sunday in the Creed we profess "I believe in the resurrection of the body." As Jesus was united with his body on the third day, so too will we be united with our bodies at the end of time.



2021-2022 Faith Formation

We are looking forward to and planning for Faith Formation 2021-22! We are excited about accompanying the young people of our parish in the fall to help them develop a deep and lasting relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

This fall we are planning a new Faith Formation program for the K-12 grades. To help with ordering materials, I would like to

get an accurate number of families and children who will be attending the classes. Please register your family by completing the form in the back of church. You may turn the form into Jill or drop it in the collection basket.

As we continue to prepare for this upcoming year, I ask you to pray for the families, catechists and this new program, that it may help develop strong Catholic families in which children learn the joys of following Jesus Christ and the truths of our Faith through the witness of Christian life given by their parents. Blessings! Jill Frakes DRE

Current Key Holders

According to Diocesan policy anyone who holds a key to any Church or Parish building must be Safe Environment Compliant. If you hold a key please contact Jill at the church office to make arrangements to meet this requirement. Thank you

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,231.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,550.00
Collection 7-4-21.....\$6,209.00	Collection 7-4-21.....\$2,362.00
Difference over\$2,978.00	Difference under \$188.00
Mass Attendance 62/85	Mass Attendance 92
Weekly Goal\$3,231.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,550.00
Collection 7-11-21\$2,701.00	Collection 7-11-21\$2,353.00
Difference under\$530.00	Difference under \$197.00
Mass Attendance84/76	Mass Attendance 89
Week # 2 of 52	Week # 2 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal..... \$6,462	Fiscal YTD Goal \$5,100
Fiscal YTD Actual \$8,910	Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$4,715

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.