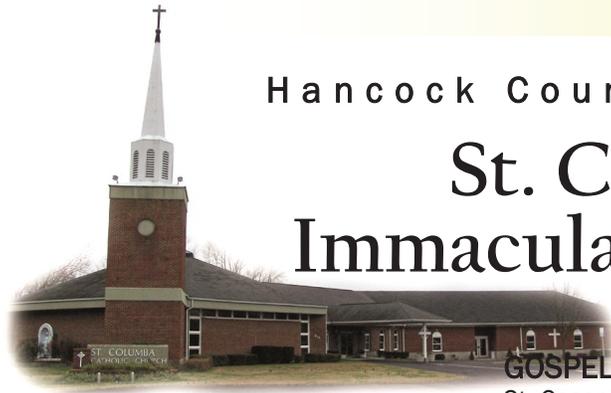


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

St. Oscar Romero said, "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is the beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

There were a group of ladies many years ago who made quilts. They were beautiful creations reflecting inspirational designs artfully composed from the simple scraps of fabric each woman would bring to their individual pieces. There was no plan for the finished project as each finished work became the combined creation of what each woman contributed. They abounded in vibrant colors and dazzled the beholder with intricate patterns and their myriad textures. They were so beautiful that they became coveted family treasures passed from generation to generation. Those women never realized the power of their work. Countless babies rested in the comfort of those quilts warmly nestled in the legacy of tradition they were fortunate to inherit. They adorned countless homes with their beauty and brought joy and solace to many faces.

We cannot do everything. We are not meant to. Our work in life is to contribute our individual piece, a piece that reflects the unique thumbprint I claim as my own. We only have to do small things well. Then, as St. Oscar Romero reminds us, the Lord's grace will enter and do the rest. We have to trust that this is true just as those women trusted in the eventual beauty of their final work.

Eucharistic blessings are blessings that start small and multiply. We all come to life with only a few loaves of bread and a few fish. Not any single one of us has all that it takes to transform our world. Who knows what God will do with the little we have and how many will benefit from our kindness, compassion, wisdom, courage, conviction, love, warmth, zeal, faith, and hope? That young lad never dreamed that his few leftovers would do all that they did. God shows up in unexpected ways! Where would life's adventure and fun be if it were any other way? Being able to be part of bringing God's creative, transforming, healing to the world opens us up to wonder, awe, and excitement! We can all bring our little piece to the bigger work of God that can result in being a coveted jewel passed generation to generation. This is good news indeed!

Bread and wine transform into Christ's Body and Blood and we become what we eat. Trust that.



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



Jesus—Source of all Life

In our gospel this weekend we focus on Jesus who is the source of all life. Wherever Jesus went or when He encountered anyone, He brought hope and restoration. Jesus reminded the crowds who sought miracles to direct their total faith in Him and to believe in His promise, “the one who believes in Me will never be hungry or thirsty and will receive eternal life”. As followers of Jesus, we are reminded also to perform the works of God, that is, to have faith in the One He has sent. Does our faith reflect a deep belief that Jesus is our Lord and that we put Him first in regards to decisions and the way we live our lives? Jesus came into the world to give us the fullness of life and to give us courage and hope. Let us always be assured of His promise that we do not walk alone.

Have a great week! Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

The people mistakenly thought of Jesus as “the Prophet who is to come into world” after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. What are some times when you have seen others misuse or misrepresent Jesus?

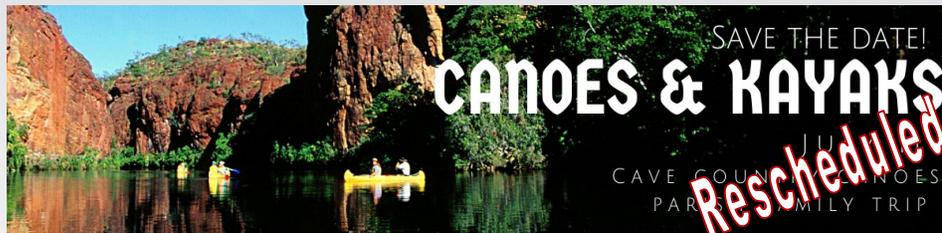


CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Which was Jesus’ first public miracle?

- A) Feeding the 5,000
- B) Healing of the lepers
- C) Walking on water
- D) Turning water into wine

Last week’s answer was B—Fire—God revealed himself to Elijah in the fire.



Parish Family Canoe Trip—RESCHEDULED

Come canoe with us on the Blue River! We are planning a half day 2-4 hour Canoe Trip followed by a cookout on Sunday, **AUGUST 1st** at Cave Country Canoes in Milltown, Indiana. We will leave at 12:00 noon from IC church parking lot and should return by 8:30pm. Due to current COVID regulations, each family is recommended to drive separately. Cost is \$15 per person for canoe and \$22 for kayak which includes kayak/canoe rental and cookout. If river conditions and water levels allow, 1 child under 12 years old may ride in the middle of canoe free. This is another chance to sign up! Contact Jill Frakes or call the church office to sign up!



Music Ministry

Both Immaculate Conception and St. Columba invite you to be part of our church choir. Please join the choir as they lead the church in prayer through song. You may contact Sharon Russelburg or Connie Wheatley at IC and Pat Roberts at SC.



Tuesday, July 27

8:00 am † Roger Basham SC
By Fritz and Sandy Basham

Wednesday, July 28

5:30 pm † Leo Basham IC
By Sharon Russelburg

Thursday, July 29

8:00 am † Mary Buck SC
By Bill Emmick

Friday, July 30

8:00 am † Betty Brickey IC
By Mike and Shelia Ogle

Saturday, July 31

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, August 1

8:30 am † Joe Bolin Sr. SC
By Betty Bolin
10:30 am † Pat Ogle IC
By Donna Ogle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date July 25, 2021

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

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

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 26

Mower of the Week—Dick Holder SC

Tuesday, July 27

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Thursday, July 29

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Sunday, August 1

9:30am Donut Sunday 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 August 1

St. Columba 8:30am

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| Mass Coord | Judy Pate |
| Altar Servers | Aubrey Poole Hazel Poole |
| Cross Bearer | Larry Roby |
| Lector | Steve Allard |
| Eucharistic Min | Scott Basham |
| Gift Bearers | Dan/Amy Allard |
| Greeter/Usher: | Dan Allard Amy Allard |

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

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| Mass Coord | Mary Woodward |
| Altar Servers | Aiden Haycraft Akayla Haycraft |
| Cross Bearer | Akenzie Haycraft |
| Lector: | Ashley Haycraft |
| Eucharistic Min | Paul Haycraft |
| Gift Bearers | Mary/Kenny Woodward |
| Greeter/Usher: | Mary/Kenny Woodward |



Why Do We Do That?

Question: We are considering homeschooling our children. Does this present a problem when it is time for them to receive the sacraments? What must we do?

Answer:

Homeschooling is legal in all fifty states and like other types of education, has its advantages and its drawbacks. There are many factors to consider, and each family has to decide what the best way to educate its children is. With religious education, many dioceses have a formal policy that outlines procedures and expectations, some of which include more than just academic information. Call the religious education office to find out what they are for your area. In general, though, an appointment with your parish priest to discuss your situation is the best first step. An opportunity to discuss what is available, what the expectations are for each sacrament, and how you can best prepare your child helps make your time of preparation more effective. The priest can direct you to good catechetical materials, parent information classes, and other choices and possibilities for your child. All parents need to be part of their child's religious education, taking a lead in instilling the values and beliefs of their faith. Communication and information helps us all to teach and preach the Gospel as Jesus did.



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.



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

Sunday Collections

| Immaculate Conception | St. Columba |
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| Weekly Goal\$3,231.00 | Weekly Goal.....\$2,550.00 |
| Collection 7-18-21 <u>\$2,950.00</u> | Collection 7-18-21 <u>\$1,991.00</u> |
| Difference under\$281.00 | Difference under \$559.00 |
| Mass Attendance48/88 | Mass Attendance 77 |
| Week # 3 of 52 | Week # 3 of 52 |
| Fiscal YTD Goal..... \$9,693 | Fiscal YTD Goal \$7,650 |
| Fiscal YTD Actual\$11,860 | Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$6,706 |

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.