



# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## Immaculate Conception

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For all of Hancock County

## 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.

## Cycles of Faith

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently." It's important to pay attention to the details of the parable Jesus tells in today's Gospel. At first glance, it might seem as if Jesus is encouraging us to be dishonest. But in fact, it's just the opposite. The steward in this tale was reported to his master "for squandering his property." In other words, the steward was not being responsible with what he was in charge of. And the master was ready to fire him on account of it. But then, the steward had a change of heart. (This isn't so hard to comprehend—sometimes it takes a real threat for us to realize we need to change our ways, doesn't it?) So the steward went to the people from whom he had previously collected money to "make friends" with them. How? By reducing their debts.

This might seem to be dishonest yet again, but we need to bear in mind that in the end, the master was pleased with the steward's behavior. So this debt reduction must not have affected the master's pocketbook. Rather, it seems probable that the steward had originally hiked up what the debtors owed the master and put the extra cash in his own pocket. This was the sort of extortion that was common in those days, among tax collectors for example. Now, when the steward was about to lose his position, he thought it wise to go back and return that "dishonest wealth" to the folks who had lost it, and gain some sympathy in the process. So, in the end, the steward was making up for his previous cheating behavior by doing something RIGHT and smart. It's this honest behavior that will enable him to take his place in "eternal dwellings." And surely our honest behavior will have the same effect.



## Celebration of the Sacraments

**Anointing of the Sick** • Celebrated twice a year at the weekend Masses. Anyone who is ill, infirmed or going to surgery may request the anointing by contacting Fr. Terry.

**Baptism** • Baptism takes place on Sundays during Mass or following Mass. Contact Fr. Terry to set a meeting to prepare for the sacrament and set a date. Baptism for older youths and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil or before marriage.

**Reconciliation** • Before Mass on Saturday at 4:30 pm, after any Mass, or by appointment with Fr. Terry. Communal services during Advent and Lent. First Reconciliation is celebrated during Advent.

**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.

**Eucharist** • First Eucharist is celebrated during April each year with children in the second grade.

**Holy Orders** • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or religious life.

**Marriage** • Contact Fr. Terry at least 6 months before setting a date for marriage. Couples are to attend Engaged Encounter or the Sponsor Couple Program.

**Mass attendance is mandatory for those requesting Sacraments, Fr. Terry.**



### Spiritual Wittiness

In our gospel this weekend Jesus reminds us that we cannot serve both Him and other masters. In fact, Jesus challenges His followers to a deeper level of spiritual maturity. In the story of the “devious employee”, Jesus does not condone dishonesty, but simply gives the employee credit for being witty and intelligent, Jesus is not calling you and me to dishonesty, but rather that we use our talents and efforts to promote His

From Father’s Desk

Kingdom here on earth. One way to accomplish this is through the advice of St. Paul, which is the power of prayer. Knowing that Jesus is our mediator and sits at the right hand of the Father, let us pray for spiritual wisdom and guidance in following Jesus and living out our faith. Have a good week! Fr. Terry

### LIVE THE LITURGY

The prophets always challenge us to see as God sees. It is as important to put as much time and effort into the matters of God as it is into matters of self-interest and personal affairs. We cannot serve two masters and when we choose to serve God we also realize that we must serve the needs of others, especially the poorest and most in need.

### 1st Sunday Spaghetti Lunch at Immaculate Conception

If you haven’t heard already, we had a large donation of spaghetti sauce given to the Hancock County Churches. So mark your calendars that on October 2nd, Immaculate Conception will host a spaghetti lunch instead of the usual potluck. We invite everyone to come over to the hall after the 10:30 am Mass to join Fr. Terry to enjoy fellowship and delicious food. All will be provided by the church and our great cooks.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to the catechist and parent volunteers for chaperoning at our high school retreat and confirmation retreat at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp. We had a great time!

### Confirmation Candidate and Parent Meeting

An important meeting for our confirmation candidates and their parents is scheduled for this weekend Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am to 1:30pm at IC Parish Hall. This meeting will follow Mass at IC. Lunch will be provided. This meeting will help parents and candidates understand more about the Sacrament of Confirmation and the expectations for their first year of preparation. The confirmation program is a two-year program so if your child is either in the 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade they may begin their preparation. Please contact Denise at 927-8419 if you have any questions.

### Deanery Youth Rally

The high school and confirmation youth will be attending a Deanery Youth Rally at St. Romuald this weekend on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup>. We will leave by bus at 1:30pm from IC Church parking lot and return at 8:00pm. This is a great opportunity to meet other catholic youth from our deanery and enjoy some great games, food and speakers! If you forgot your consent, Denise will have some available for your parent to sign before loading the bus.

### Congratulations to our new Sophia Award Winners

Congratulations to Pat Roberts of St. Columba and Roy Lee & Gayle Ogle of Immaculate Conception who won and accepted the Sophia Award. What great models you are of the Catholic faith. Your service and ministry to the church has been recognized and we acknowledge you as servants of the Lord. Please join them for Mass and the recognition celebration on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at St. Stephen Cathedral. Thank you for all you do for our Parishes.

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, September 20

10:00 am † Charles Winchell HV

#### Wednesday, September 21

5:30 pm † Theresa Rose McCarty IC  
By Dan & Shirley Hagman

#### Thursday, September 22

8:00 am † Ora Roby SC  
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

#### Friday, September 23

8:00 am † Jo Ann Ogle IC  
By Bob Ogle

#### Saturday, September 24

5:00 pm † Elie & Lottie Vititoe IC  
By David & Ellen Gibson

#### Sunday, September 25

8:30 am † Fr. Gabriel Okolla SC  
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

### Readings for the Week

September 18, 2016

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-5/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-5/Mt 9:9-13

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1-4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7-10/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

### Faith Sharing Question

Luke 16:1-13

What surprises you about the parable of the dishonest steward?

Amos 8:4-7

Where do you see the exploitation of the poor in today's pursuit of wealth?

1 Timothy 2:1-8

What do you like about the author's advice on prayers and petitions?

### Upcoming Parish Picnics

St. Columba..... Sept 17

St. Lawrence/St. William..... Sept 18

St. Mary of the Woods,

Whitesville ..... Sept 25

### 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, September 20**

5:00 pm SC Finance SC  
6:00 pm SC Pastoral SC

**Wednesday, September 21**

6:00 pm Rel. Ed. K-Adult IC  
6:30 pm 1st Reconciliation IC  
Parent meeting IC

**Thursday, September 22**

NO RCIA

**Sunday, September 25**

9:30 am Adult Relig. Ed SC  
2:00 pm Sophia Awards SC  
at St. Stephen Cathedral

**Liturgical Roles**

**Sunday, September 25**

**St. Columba, 8:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Rosemary Emmick  
Mary Beth Emmick, Dian Heavrin

**Lector:** Dot Pooser  
**Server:** Bailey Poole  
**Cross Bearer:** David Payne  
**Gift Bearer:** George Bozarth Family  
**Hospitality:** George Bozarth Family  
**Vocation Statue:** Rosemary Neff

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**

**Eucharistic Min:** Bob Ogle  
Martha Wheatley, Donna Ogle

**Lector:** Rachael Gily  
**Server:** Lettie Ogle, Ryan Ogle  
**Cross Bearer:** Carter Lyday  
**Gift Bearer:** Keith Booty Family  
**Hospitality:** Charles & Peggy Howard  
Steve & Ronna Ogle

**Vocation Statue:** Eva Bulliet  
**Children's Liturgy:** Mary Woodward

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

When the collection basket passes you by at church, what are you thinking? The reality is that your spiritual health is tied into what you think and what you do with your money. People like to say that stewardship doesn't have to do with money, but the reality is that money is such a strong force in our lives, if we relegate it to something outside of our spiritual journey, it has the potential to sneak up on us and take control before we know it. In marriage, money is the source of most arguments and stress between spouses. The majority of big lottery winners find their lives in shambles just a few years after they cashed in the winning ticket. Credit card debt is a primary obstacle for many in trying to buy a house, car, or other primary item needed for basic living.

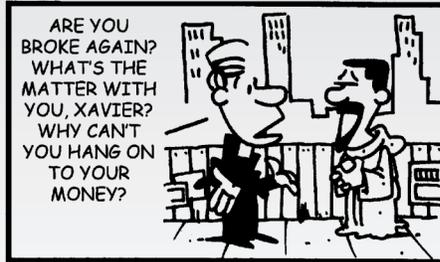
Jesus said, "No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and mammon [wealth or riches]." I heard a long time ago the P. T. Barnum quote, "Money is a terrible master but an excellent servant." The truth is that unless we exercise true dominion over our money and allow it to serve God's purpose, then we run the risk of waking up one day being enslaved by it. This does not only apply to what we give away to our parish, our community, or to charity. It applies to the money we use for shelter, food, and clothing. It applies to every dollar in our wallet and bank account. For it ALL belongs to God.

When the next offertory comes upon you, think before that basket passes you by. Place your offering into the basket first with gratitude toward God for that gift. Then, may your offering remind you of who is the real Master. May you allow your Master to lead you in all things. Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**First Reconciliation Parent Meeting**

A parent meeting for the youth preparing for their First Reconciliation is scheduled for Wednesday September 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the lobby of IC Parish Center. Fr. Terry will be sharing information about this important Sacrament of healing and parents will receive information to help their child better prepare and what to expect at their First Reconciliation Service.

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**Sunday Collections**

<p><b>Immaculate Conception</b></p> <p>Weekly Goal .....\$3,269.00 Collection 9-11-16 .....<u>\$2,681.00</u> Difference under .....\$588.00 Mass Attendance .....58/98</p> <p>Week # 11 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$35,959 Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$32,274</p> <p><b>IC Building Acquisition Fund</b></p> <p>Total Families Pledged 58 Total Amount Pledged \$189,526 Total Paid 9-11-16 \$170,868</p>	<p><b>St. Columba</b></p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00 Collection 9-11-16 .....<u>\$2,021.00</u> Difference under .....\$287.00 Mass Attendance .....134</p> <p>Week # 11 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal .....\$25,388 Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$27,377</p> <p><b>SC Building Repair Fund</b></p> <p>Total Families Pledged 63 Total Amount Pledged \$77,157 Total Paid 9-11-16 \$72,370</p>
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**In Need of Special Prayer**  
Anna Payne, Phyllis Emmick, Tim Heavrin, Joan Peak, Mike Powers, Stephen Emmick  
**Homebound and Heartland Villa**  
Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp, Barbara Grant, Christina Hagan, Olivia Murphy, Frances Payne, Geneva Glasscock, Wilbur Jarvis, Shirley Mobley, Florence Roby, Lillie Lanham, Clay Quinn, Regina Walz  
**Please call the Parish Office to add or remove names from this bulletin prayer list.**

**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.*