



Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



Immaculate Conception

P.O. Box 219 • Hawesville, KY 42348
Phone 270-927-8419
Pastoral Council Chairperson,
Gary Elder 270-222-0215

St. Columba

P.O. Box 358 • Lewisport, KY 42351
Phone 270-295-3682
Pastoral Council Chairperson,
Jim Fallin 270-295-6460

Parish Center

240 Court Square, Hawesville, KY 42348
Office Hours M-F 8:00-3:00 pm
Fax 270-927-6783

Pastoral Team

Fr. Terry Devine, Pastor 927-9908
terry.devine@pastoral.org
Denise Long, CRE 295-3661
icsyouth@aol.com
Becky Monetathchi, Secretary 922-0656
bmonetathchi@aol.com
Church Web Page: icschurch.org
Diocesan Web Page: owensborodiocese.org

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Phone 295-3494
Meetings are 3rd Wednesday at 4:30 pm
Store hours: M-F 10-4 pm, Sat. 10-2 pm
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351
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

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

"When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid." Peter, James, and John already knew Jesus. They had been following him, learning from him, watching him for quite some time. But what took place before their eyes at the Transfiguration was unlike anything they had yet witnessed. This was not just a miracle or a message: this was a supernatural vision. When Jesus' face suddenly "shone like the sun" and two ancient prophets appeared and spoke, and a heavenly voice announced the true identity of their friend and teacher, these three disciples nearly fainted in fear. It must have been too glorious, too strange, too astonishing to handle.

But Jesus "came and touched them" to rouse them from their prostration. He told them, "Rise, and do not be afraid." What a beautiful moment. The Lord realized that his friends were overwhelmed. He had compassion on their meager ability to comprehend what was really going on. He allowed them to participate in this moment of revelation to help them understand who he was, but he still understood who they were--imperfect human beings who could not be expected to completely understand the ways of God.

Sometimes we might long to witness a kind of Transfiguration moment. It can be tempting to think that if we had access to such a supernatural revelation, our faith would be strengthened and our lives would change. But Jesus knows us best. He knows what we can handle and he knows the perfect way to reveal himself. For most of us, most of the time, this means coming to know Jesus in the more ordinary ways of prayer, Scripture study, and the sacraments. Let's be sure we are



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 May 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.



From Father's Desk

Season of Change:

Today in our gospel the theme deals with change and transformation. As Jesus is transfigured on Mount Tabor before His apostles He reveals to them that pain, sorrow and death will not be the ultimate victor, but that His death will lead to a change that is centered on new life and glory. We too are called to the change during this Season of repentance and denial and to die to those things which keeps us from the new

life that God wishes us to have. Again it is not a forced obligation on God's part, but rather a loving invitation to be considered. Let us re-examine our Lenten journey since Ash Wednesday and ask ourselves an important question, "Will I feel closer to the Lord and to others this coming Easter, or again will I fail to take Lent seriously?" May our Season of Lent give birth to new life and resurrection in the coming weeks. May God Bless you. Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

The transfiguration of Jesus in today's Gospel serves as a foretaste of the Resurrection. Each Lent we are given this vision on the second Sunday to encourage us in our penitential practices so that we may come to celebrate Easter joy.

Made for More Summer Camp for High School Men June 25-28

What are you called to do with your life? What does God want you to do with your life? This camp is for young men who have the courage to begin asking these questions and who want to give their lives to the One who first gave His life for us. Made for More is about giving your life to God. Whether you are being called to marriage, priesthood, consecrated life, or single missionary life, this camp is for you. Seek more to life than just getting by. Refuse to settle for anything less than the greatness to which God is calling you. Scholarships are available through the vocations office. For more information visit our website:

www.owensborovocations.com or www.owensborodiocese.org/m4m/

Or call the vocations office: 270-683-1545 To register online:

www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org

Lenten Resources

As you enter the church free reading resources are available for adults and youth to use during the Lenten season. You may also find resources available on our web site: icschurch.org

Pizza and Penance

This Wednesday the grade school and confirmation youth will have pizza and penance during religious education class.

Thank you

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, Masses, and expressions of sympathy on Clay's death. God Bless You, Shirlene Quinn.

Summer Baseball Trip!

Join Fr. Terry on a trip to Cincinnati on Friday, June 30th, to watch the Cincinnati Reds play the Chicago Cubs. Tickets will be \$65 per person. We will enjoy riding in comfort in the New Image Travel coach bus. Game starts at 7:10 pm EST. We must have at least 25 signed up by March 27th before we purchase the tickets. Call the parish office (270.927.8419) to get your name on the list for this great summer trip.



Mass Intentions

Tuesday, March 14

No Mass

Wednesday, March 15

5:30 pm † Denis & Martha Wheatley IC
By Connie Wheatley

Thursday, March 16

8:00 am † Dot Bratcher SC
By Ron Spalding

Friday, March 17

8:00 am † Frances Ballard IC
By Phillip & Jeanetta Ballard

Saturday, March 18

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, March 19

8:30 am † Vincent Flood SC
By Rosemary Neff

10:30 am † Theresa Rose McCarty IC
By Diddy Hagman

Readings for the Week

March 12, 2017

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 17:1-9

During Jesus' transfiguration, the apostles hear God proclaim of Jesus, "This is my beloved Son, with who I am well pleased; listen to him." Why do you think the divine imperative centers on listening to Jesus?

Genesis 12:1-4a

We hear today the first call of Abram (Abraham) in the Book of Genesis. What does God promise Abraham in exchange for his obedience?

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Paul writes to Timothy of bearing "your share of hardship for the gospel." What hardships are you bearing in this season of Lent?

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, March 14

- 5:00 pm Rosary SC
- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross SC
- 5:00 pm IC Finance IC
- 6:00 pm IC Pastoral IC

Wednesday, March 15

- 6:00 pm Relig Ed K-Adult IC
- 6:00 pm Grades 2-7
Pizza & Penance IC

Thursday, March 9

- 5:30 pm Stations of the Cross IC
- 6:00 pm RCIA IC

Friday, March 10

- 4:30 pm Lenten Fish Fry SC
- 6:00 pm Lenten Confessions SC



Liturgical Roles

Sunday, March 19

St. Columba, 8:30 am

- Eucharistic Min:** Eddie Gray
Denny Long, Ruth Madden
- Lector:** Steve Basham
- Server:** Bailey Poole
- Cross Bearer:** Jimmy Harper
- Gift Bearer:** Kevin Ward Family
- Hospitality:** George Bozarth Family
- Vocation Statue:** Mary Masterson

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

- Eucharistic Min:** McKensie Severs
Sarah Hess, Danielle Bumm
- Lector:** Katherine Woodward
- Server:** Jacob Hodge, Dennis Wiseman
- Cross Bearer:** Gracie Kennedy
- Gift Bearer:** Roy & Gayle Ogle
- Hospitality:** Roy & Gayle Ogle
McKenzie Severs, Anna Winchell
- Vocation Statue:** Rachael Gily
- Children's Liturgy:** Amy Severs

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Catherine Doherty said, "Yes, stewardship pertains to everything and I am responsible for my part of that everything." I am reminded of that quote when I read the words from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, "Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." Both point to our own responsibility as a disciple, as well as the reality that we are not alone. We live with God in community. We each have our part to play in the kingdom of God.

Lent is an important time to focus on how our stewardship way of life causes us to sacrifice and, at times, experience hardship. If we find that we never seem to feel our sacrifice, then it is a good time to ask ourselves if we really are fully living as good stewards, cultivating what we have been given, and then offering it all back to God. If we only give from our excess, then we will never understand the meaning behind the words of St. Paul and Catherine Doherty.

This is why we must challenge ourselves. We must push ourselves to go that extra mile. It really is a way of exercising our stewardship muscles. So as this Lenten season is still in its first weeks, what can you attempt to do that really pushes you out of your comfort zone? Can you double or triple your prayer time during the season? Can you search your household and give to charity more than just things you don't need anymore, but also things you still want? Is there someone to visit a few times before Easter than can no longer get out? Whatever it is, the strength will come from God to take greater care of your part of his everything. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

"Rise, and do not be afraid"

Over and over again throughout the Sacred Scriptures, God instructs us to have no fear. Yet, fear is such an overwhelming force, often causing us to resist the call to follow Him in our specific vocation. If you have ever felt that God is calling you vocation of priesthood, rise up, respond and do not be afraid. contact the vocations office: 270-683-1545, www.owensborovocations.com, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00</p> <p>Collection 3-05-17<u>\$3,146.70</u></p> <p>Difference under\$122.30</p> <p>Mass Attendance 127</p> <p>Week # 36 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$117,684</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual\$112,605</p> <p>IC Building Acquisition Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 60</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$190,163</p> <p>Total Paid 3-05-17 \$177,543</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00</p> <p>Collection 3-05-17<u>\$3,010.00</u></p> <p>Difference over..... \$702.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance67/113</p> <p>Week # 36 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal \$83,088</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$89,002</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">IC/SC</p> <p>Ash Wednesday/Mandeville Collection</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$919.60</p>
--	--

In Need of Special Prayer

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Donald Tharp
 Stephen Emmick, Robert Bulleit, April Bolin,
 Georgene Poole, Betty Reddin

Homebound and Heartland Villa

Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp,
 Christina Hagan, Olivia Murphy, Frances
 Payne, Shirley Mobley, Florence Roby,
 Lillie Lanham, Clyde Toler
 Regina Walz, Frances Storm

**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.

Lenten Project Continues with Water Women How Can You Help



- Take home a bottle of water and before drinking the water Pray for the families in Kenya
- Pray for what you will sacrifice during Lent so you may contribute to our Lenten project
- Then drink your water and when empty use it as a bank to collect money during Lent.
- Bring your water bottle full of money back to church during Holy Week



For more information, you may check out the website www.waterwithblessings.org or contact our parish office.

Providing a Safe Environment

The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all people who have been sexually abused, especially those abused by a person working, either paid or unpaid, for the Church. If you need to make a report of abuse, from either the past or present, please contact the Pastoral Assistance Coordinator at this confidential phone line (270-852-8380). A copy of the revised diocesan sexual abuse policy can be found in the back of church or in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site (www.rcdok.org/safe).

Family Camp April 28-30, 2017

Join us this spring at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center for Family Camp. This will be a time to unwind and get away with your family. Join other families for a weekend of daily mass, quiet time for prayer and reflection surrounded by God's creation, and fun activities. You will have the opportunity to listen to talks and reflections on how to raise a Catholic family in this world where it is often times hostile to our faith. All lodging and meals will be provided in your registration fee. Space will be limited to 8 families. Please register at owensborodiocese.org/familycamp/ by April 14th.



Great News a Dream Realized for Sr. Caren!

Sr. Caren finally received her car that many in our parishes helped to support last year during our Lenten project. Sr. Caren wishes to thank the people of St Columba and Immaculate Conception for their help in providing her a car. Due to your generosity, she will now be able to provide medical care to the lowly in most desperate need of her medical assistance. Sr. Caren said, "God richly bless you and I will forever be grateful!" Below is a picture of Sr. Caren with her SUV. You may go our website to watch a video from Sr. Caren at www.icschurch.org



Lenten Project Continues with Water Women

This year our Lenten Project continues to establish Water Women in Kenya with the help of Fr. Joe Mungai and the Sisters of Hope. Every 8 seconds a child dies from an illness related to drinking contaminated water. For \$60 you can save the lives of many children. For \$60 a mother will become a Water Woman and will receive a life-saving water filter. She will receive special education on disease, health, sanitation, how to filter and upkeep their system. She will meet monthly for further education, prayer, support and accountability. In return she will filter water for her family and 3 other families. We invite you to take a bottle of water home with you and collect your change or place a donation in it and return it during Holy Week. Your donation will save the lives of many children in Kenya! Learn more about our project on our website www.icschurch.org or visit Water with Blessings at www.waterwithblessings.org

