



Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & 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

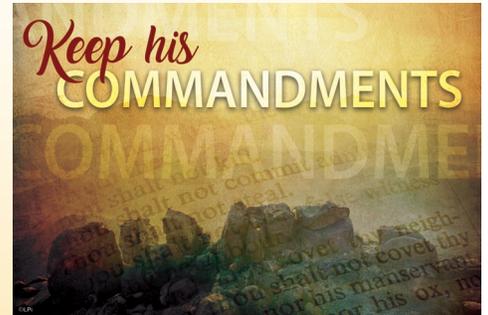
Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

Cycles of Faith

"If you love me you will keep my commandments." It's really as simple as that. We are only paying lip service to the Lord if we externally declare ourselves to be Christians but don't follow through on a life that confirms it.

In our modern culture, we often think of love as a feeling or a kind of devotion. It is thus all too common to separate love from appropriate action. Perhaps we reassure ourselves that we love Jesus because we believe that he is the Son of God and our personal Savior. But these thoughts—or even any grateful or pleasant feelings that come along with them—are not the fullest manifestation of real love. Rather, as Jesus tells us directly in today's Gospel, "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me."

Now, for those of us who may be asking what exactly these commandments are, it's helpful to remember Jesus' response when he was questioned on the subject. "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37-39). These fundamental principles embrace everything that Jesus calls us to do. If we put God first and foremost in our lives, and if we treat our neighbors as we would wish to be treated, then all the rest falls into place. The Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and any other fundamental Christian codes of behavior are all summed up here. Indeed, if we truly seek to love Jesus, putting him first and following his ways won't feel like a burden but rather like a beautiful blessing.



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

Love One Another:

Our gospel this weekend recalls Jesus' farewell message to His apostles on the night of the Last Supper. He had been with them for only about three years and time was running out. He had taught so much about love and service and had done so not only in words but also in action. He taught, healed, comforted, and fed thousands at a time. On the night before He died He even washed the feet of His disciples as a service of total humility. He also said that greatness is reflected in service to another. As He told His apostles to wash the feet of others and to practice the gift of love...so we as His followers are called to do the same. In doing these things for Jesus and neighbors we continue to keep His memory alive! Each time we gather as a church to nourish on the Word of God and to share in the Holy Eucharist, we keep the story of Jesus alive in our hearts. As we receive the Lord may we too love as He loved. Have a good week, Fr. Terry.

LIVE THE LITURGY

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." Keeping the commandments of Jesus ultimately means loving as he loves. How do you think people feel after they leave your presence? This is a question worth pondering if we are serious about being disciples. Gentleness and reverence are beautiful charisms to foster as they speak boldly of love. If we truly love God and our brothers and sisters, we will always be gentle with them and treat them with the reverent dignity they deserve, regardless of what they have done. This is the ultimate challenge of discipleship. Committing ourselves today to following Jesus' commandments and to love as Jesus loves, how can we make those who meet us this week leave us happier and grateful that they have crossed our path?

Summer Camp at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp

This week-long camp experience provides many opportunities for young men and women, from 3rd graders to just graduated seniors, to grow as people and to grow closer to God. Large group time, small group time and personal time with God all take place in an ideal setting. These campers will combine their faith with all the activities camp has to offer, such as kayaking, canoeing and tubing on the river, rappelling, zip-line, low elements, team building games, archery, hiking, nature games, team sports, arts & crafts, campfires, skits, and tons more. This experience will help any young person live out their faith in ways they never thought possible before. Go to our website www.icscchurch.org and click on the Youth Group page then click the Gasper link to learn more about camp and online registration. Scholarship assistance is available. Contact Denise. (Please note the 3/4th grade camp is a Sunday-Wednesday camp.)

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

"The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort.

You were made for greatness" Pope Benedict XVI

What are you supposed 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 those 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 calls you. While attending this camp, participate in all the activities Gasper River Retreat Center has to offer: Zip-line, Low elements, Vertical playground, Giant swing, Jacob's Ladder, And much more. Contact the Vocations Office: 270-683-1545, owensborovocations.com, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, for more information.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 23

10:00 am † Barbara Kay Grant HV

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

8:00 am † Mike Pate SC
By Judy Pate

Friday, May 26

8:00 am † Elizabeth Sterett IC
By Chris Sterett

Saturday, May 27

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, May 28

8:30 am † Charles Bozarth SC
10:30 am † Philip Johnson IC
By Noel Quinn

Readings for the Week

May 21, 2017

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 or Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-9/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Faith Sharing Question

John 14:15-21

Jesus speaks of the Father sending to believers "the Spirit of truth." Where do you see the Spirit of truth at work in the Church today?

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Why do you think Luke records the descent of the Holy Spirit onto the Samaritans?

1 Peter 3:15-18

Peter's encourages believers to defend the faith to non-believers. When have you found yourself in this situation?

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

Friday, May 26

**Parish Office Closed
Friday and Monday
for the Holiday**

Picnic Booth Chairs

Please be sure to give the office any changes to the picnic workers list. The updated list will be coming out June 4th.

**Liturgical Roles
Sunday, March 28**

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Dian Heavrin
Dot Pooser, Sandra Davis

Lector: Bailey Poole

Server: Lawson Ward

Cross Bearer: David Payne

Gift Bearer: Scot Basham Family

Hospitality: Dan Allard Family

Vocation Statue: Butch & Peggy Meriwether

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Martha Wheatley
Emily Woodward, McKensie Severs

Lector: Loretta Stokes

Server: Taylor Curry, Kolton Wiseman

Cross Bearer: Morgan Curry

Gift Bearer and Nathan & Courtney West

Hospitality: Mike & Sheila Ogle

Vocation Statue: Jody & Alisha Wheatley

Children's Liturgy: Angie Curry

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

My children could never succeed without their mother and me. That isn't me thinking too much of ourselves, it is just a fact. No one can find success in life in total isolation. I could never have become who I am today without my parents, various teachers and mentors, and my wife. Truth be told, I probably owe a lot of who I am to my children as well.

I can only imagine the fear and concern of the first disciples when it was apparent that Jesus was not going to be with them much longer. Some probably thought since Jesus had risen from the dead, he might just live with them in the same way forever. But Jesus tried to calm their fears by assuring them, "I will not leave you orphans." He said he would continue to come to them and that he would send the Spirit to be with them at all times. They would not have to continue what he had started and preach the good news to the ends of the earth on their own. We may sometimes feel that we are alone. We may at times try to do too much or show others that we are independent and strong. However, without the help of others, without the help of God, true success will always elude us. Our actions and words can become empty. The gifts we have received can either be cultivated in secret and in the shadows, or we can welcome the help that God provides in his Spirit, his community, and the sacraments he gave us. By working together the world will truly know the power of the risen Lord. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)– November 16-18 2017

Want to go to NCYC in Indianapolis? A 3-day youth conference full of great music, awesome speakers and lots of fun!! If you are in high school then you are invited to come to our planning meeting Sunday May 21st in IC Parish Hall following the 10:30am Mass. Parents are also asked to attend as we will be completing the necessary paper work. For more information, you may contact Denise at the parish office or go to our website www.icscchurch.org and click on the Youth Group page then check out the NCYC link.

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception</p> <p>Weekly Goal\$3,269.00</p> <p>Collection 5-14-17\$3,174.50</p> <p>Difference under \$94.50</p> <p>Mass Attendance 70/137</p> <p>Week # 46 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$150,374</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual\$145,578</p> <p>IC Building Acquisition Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 60</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$190,163</p> <p>Total Paid 5-14-17 \$178,578</p>	<p>St. Columba</p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00</p> <p>Collection 5-14-17\$2,028.00</p> <p>Difference under \$280.00</p> <p>Mass Attendance 132</p> <p>Week # 46 of 52</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Goal\$106,168</p> <p>Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$112,248</p> <p>SC Parking Lot Fund</p> <p>Total Families Pledged 50</p> <p>Total Amount Pledged \$49,358</p> <p>Total Paid 5-14-17 \$31,003</p>
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In Need of Special Prayer
Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, April Bolin
Stephen Emmick

Homebound and Heartland Villa
Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp,
Christina Hagan, Olivia Murphy, Frances
Payne, Shirley Mobley, Florence Roby,
Lillie Lanham, Clyde Toler, Mary Coyle
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.