

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

"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." What consoling words Jesus had for his disciples, even as he was about to bring an end to his earthly ministry. He had spent some time with them after his resurrection, but now his mission was complete and he was about to return to be with his Father in heaven. Undoubtedly this must have been a difficult moment for the disciples. But as if to reassure them, Jesus gives this remarkable promise: that he will ALWAYS be with them, even when he is no longer physically present. We know, of course, that the presence he is referring to comes through the gift of the Holy Spirit. And what is most wonderful about this promise is that it also applies to us!

Jesus is with US always. His presence dwells in our hearts through the sacrament of baptism in which we receive the real, indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. We are not alone! The sometimes difficult journey of Christian life is not one we need to navigate solo. Christ himself ascended into heaven so that he could make himself present in a more universal and timeless way through his Spirit to all people who call upon him. Thus we rejoice on this feast of the Ascension. It's not so much about Jesus leaving. Rather, it's about him continuing his mission in a new way, a way that includes us very directly.



So let us remember that Jesus is present with us, even when we cannot see him next to us or hear his voice loud and clear. Let us call upon his Holy Spirit when we need guidance, comfort, or direction. And today, let us give thanks to God the Father for sending his Son to save us and for giving us his Spirit to accompany us on our own journey of life.

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.



Ascension Sunday

The Ascension completes Christ's earthly ministry. Entrusting His work to the disciples, Christ continues to work through them, even though He has physically left them. As Christians on earth we still have work to do. The great hope that Christ has shared with us must lead to action. We are called to be apostles. During our proclamation of faith at Mass, we recall that Christ will come again. Meanwhile, our responsibility as

From Father's Desk

members of Christ is to be sharers in His ongoing work for others. Have a good week, Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

At the Lord's Ascension the disciples were given very clear instructions, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." These are instructions for us as well. We have been given a purpose and a mission as believers and followers of Jesus Christ. Our celebration reminds us to take time for prayer. Prayer can deepen our awareness not only of who we are but of the Holy Spirit bringing Christ's mission to fulfillment. With this knowledge, we can believe more deeply and then act on that belief.

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.)

Heritage Festival Ice Cream Booth

The youth will be selling ice cream and homemade fried apple pies at their booth June 1-3rd. Stop by and support the youth. Funds will help assist youth attending NCYC.

First Sunday Donuts

Join us next Sunday after Mass at St Columba for donuts and coffee.

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 \(270-852-8380\)](tel: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).

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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, May 30

8:00 am † Ora Roby SC
By Dolina Roby

Wednesday, May 31

5:30 pm † Bob Gray IC
By Jerry & Linda Atwood

Thursday, June 1

8:00 am † Gerald Flood SC
By Dot Pooser

Friday, June 2

8:00 am † Etta Myrl Bickett IC
By Reardens

Saturday, June 3

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, June 4

8:30 am † Roger Basham SC
By Dan & Agnes Murphy
10:30 am † David & Elizabeth Sterett IC
By Sterett Family

Readings for the Week

May 28, 2017

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

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4-5, 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-30/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 28:16-20

According to Matthew, Jesus' final command to his disciples before his ascension was to teach and baptize all nations. How is that a challenge for the contemporary church?

Acts 1:1-11

The ascension of Jesus into heaven is the opening scene to the Acts of the Apostles. Why do you think Luke begins the story of the early church with this event?

Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul begins his Letter to the Ephesians with a prayer for the unity of the Church in Christ. Where do you see the Church united today?

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

Monday, May 29

Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day



Sunday, June 4

1st Sunday - Donuts at SC

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, June 4

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Denny Long

Mary Beth Emmick, Rosemary Emmick

Lector: Peggy Meriwether

Server: Bailey Poole

Cross Bearer: David Emmick

Gift Bearer: George Bozarth Family

Hospitality: George Bozarth Family

Vocation Statue: Rosemary Neff

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Alisha Wheatley

Ben Gily, Jody Wheatley

Lector: Rachael Gily

Server: Jacob Hodge, Laura Wheatley

Cross Bearer: Sam Walz

Gift Bearer: Tom Ogle Family

Hospitality: Heath & Loretta Stokes

Steve & Ronna Ogle

Vocation Statue: Eva Bulliet

Children's Liturgy: Mary Woodward

Sophia Award

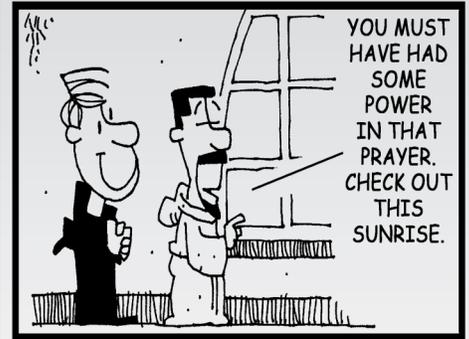
It's that time of year again when we turn our attention to the Sophia Award which is presented to an outstanding senior citizen, must be age 65 or over, in our parish. The person must be a good Catholic role model and can be physically active, homebound or in a nursing home. The person can be nominated on past good works or could be nominated posthumously. Only one nomination per person. Deadline for nomination is July, 15th. To

nominate a person please send the information explaining why your are nominating the person: Cathy Hagan, Catholic Pastoral Center, 600 Locust Street Owensboro, KY 42301

Sophia Award Past winners were:

	<u>Immaculate Conception</u>	<u>St. Columba</u>
1999	Martha Gammon	Ben & Lou Fleck
2000	Dan & Shirley Hagman	Norbert Danhauer
2001	Denis & Martha Wheatley	Rose Froehlich
2002	Isabel Crenshaw	Eileen Basham
2003	Vic & Barbara Hagman	George & Betty Allard
2004	Francis & Diddy Hagman	Frank & Dot Pooser
2005	Maxine Beavin	Jack & Imogene Allard
2006	Betty & Huston Brickey	
2007	Bob & Jo Ann Ogle	Eva Marsch Howard
2008	Pat & Donna Ogle	Clyde & Georgene Poole
2009	Leonard & Linda Thomas	Stewart & Joyce Howard
2010	Shirlene Quinn	Jim & Lillie Lanham
2011	Jean Mattingly	Bobby & Alice Fallin
2012	Eva Bulleit /Mike & Sheila Ogle	
2013	Bill & Phyllis Emmick	Faye Wettstain
2014	Margaret Powers	Bob & Patty Durbin
2015	Sharon Russelburg	Dwayne & Joyce Duncan
2016	Roy & Gayle Ogle	Pat Roberts

ASCENSION



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception		St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00	Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 5-21-17	<u>\$2,920.00</u>	Collection 5-21-17	<u>\$1,570.00</u>
Difference under	\$349.00	Difference under	\$738.00
Mass Attendance	89/124	Mass Attendance	81
Week # 47 of 52		Week # 47 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$153,643	Fiscal YTD Goal	\$108,476
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$148,498	Fiscal YTD Actual	\$113,818
IC Building Acquisition Fund		SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	60	Total Families Pledged	50
Total Amount Pledged	\$190,163	Total Amount Pledged	\$49,358
Total Paid 5-21-17	\$178,698	Total Paid 5-21-17	\$31,018

In Need of Special Prayer
 Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, April Bolin
 Stephen Emmick, Mark Niewerth
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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I remember watching part of a college graduation address where the speaker said, "With this degree you are commissioned to go into the world and make a difference." The imagery conjured up in my mind by the use of the word "commissioned" was pretty powerful. I thought about the commissioning of military officers and the responsibility they took on for the lives of their subordinates but also the lives of those they protected. To me the word meant something very serious and solemn. It meant huge responsibility and expectation.

In the Bible, Jesus gives what we call the Great Commission: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20a).

The word commission makes this more than a suggestion or a hope. There is an expectation, a responsibility, and a mandate. Of course, did you wake up this morning thinking about how you would fulfill the Great Commission today?

Sharing the faith is not just something we should do; it is something we must do. The key is that you don't need to speak all the time to share. It will be through your life of stewardship that others will be able to see Jesus. By giving of yourself, by always responding to the call, and by surrendering all to God, you will lead others to become disciples, to seek out the sacraments, and to observe his teachings. Yes, responding in full to the Great Commission, great things can happen. --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Cemetery Policy Reminder:

Just a reminder that the policy is: All flowers and ornaments must be attached to the headstone. Shepherd's hooks with single hooks will be allowed for the purpose of hanging baskets only. If items or mementoes are left on the grass they will be gathered up and discarded. No item may be left in the way of the mower. Please pass this word along to your family and friends. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 Vacations Office: 270-683-1545, owensborovocations.com, jason.mcclure@pastoral.org, for more information.



Immaculate Conception Picnic July 8th

Each family is asked to donate the following:

- Two Cans of Baked Beans – 22 Oz. Size, 10lbs of potatoes and 1 bag of onions. Leave in the front of church any weekend after Mass between now and July 8th.
- We also need donations from anyone who has fresh cabbage, tomatoes, or cucumbers. Please contact Amy Hess (812) 719-2827 or the office if you can donate these right before the picnic, July 7th or 8th.
- Kids Games Items (new or gently used McD's toys, stuffed toys, coloring books, etc.) Leave at Church Office any time between now and July 7th.
- Country Store Items (handcrafted items, kids prizes, home décor, toys, etc.) Leave at Church Office any time between now and July 7th.
- Two cakes- Bring to the Parish Hall on the afternoon of Friday, July 7th by 5:00 pm, or on Saturday, July 8th by 12:00 pm

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Thanks to Immaculate Conception and St. Columba Parishes for their support with our recent Pork Burger sale. With special donations and profit from the sales, we netted a little over \$500.

With this money we will be able to assist our youth in attending NCYC and Gasper River Camp as well as other youth activities.

We have given Scholarships to a High School Senior and to a Seminarian each year for many years.

The Tootsie Roll Drive each October has helped many with mental and physical disabilities. Proceeds have bought an Adult Trike for young Teen, a special swing for a young adult and provide monies for a special class at our Middle School for life lessons.

We hope to have another Pork Burger sale at the end of summer, possibly in August.

Thank you for your support.



Upcoming Parish Picnics

St. Pius X June 10
St. Anthony, Axtel July 1
Immaculate Conception July 8
St. Mary of the Woods,
McQuady July 22
St. Columba Sept 16
St. Lawrence/St. William Sept 17
St. Mary of the Woods,
Whitesville Sept 24