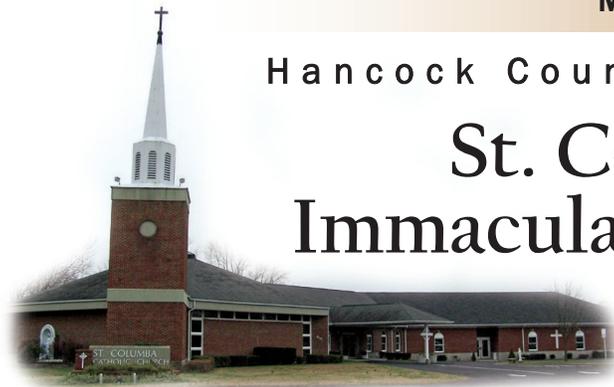


Hancock County Catholic Church

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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

"The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'" From the beginning, the Eucharist has been a source of controversy. Some people have always found the teaching difficult to accept. But as Catholics, the Blessed Sacrament is at the heart of our worship and our spirituality; we go to Mass to share in the holy sacrifice of Jesus' body and blood, and we receive spiritual nourishment from partaking of this heavenly food. As Jesus himself tells us in today's Gospel, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

From this passage it is clear that Jesus intended the Eucharist to be a tremendous gift for us, for "whoever eats this bread will live forever." This of course is because the bread is Christ's "flesh for the life of the world." In other words, just as he gave his body on the cross to save us from our sins, so too this same flesh is given for us at every Mass to strengthen our weakness and unite us more deeply to our Savior.

Receiving Communion isn't like taking a magic pill, however. We must beware of reducing this sacrament to an empty ritual or a foolproof guarantee of heaven. No, it is quite possible to receive Communion unworthily and reject its spiritual efficacy. Just like the benefits of a healthy meal can be undone by a habit of binging on junk food, so too we can prevent holy Communion from having its full benefits when we crowd our souls with vices and sins. If, on the other hand, we wish to let this sacrament of divine grace flourish, we should receive it with a sincere spirit of gratitude and reverence, praying that we may be made worthy to receive such a gift.



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.



### Jesus: The Ultimate Giver

St. John records that God the Father, so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that we may have new life. Jesus also loved you and me so much that He was willing to lay down His life as a ransom for our sins. Jesus was always giving to others and it is with joy that we celebrate one of the greatest gifts of all—the gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist. As we receive Jesus into our souls and hearts let us remember

From Father's Desk

that we too are His body and He is counting on you and me to become more Christ-like to others. In the Mystical Body of Christ we do become our brother and sister's keeper and how we treat others is how we treat Christ. Each time we receive the Body and Blood of Christ may we be transformed into His likeness. Amen. Have a good week, Fr. Terry

### LIVE THE LITURGY

Today is all about transformation. The bread and wine is transformed into the body and blood of Christ and we, by partaking in the Eucharist, are also transformed into the body and blood of Christ. St. Augustine issued a wise instruction regarding the Eucharist: "Become what you eat." This is the real challenge of every eucharistic celebration. Will we allow God to transform us into his Son so that the hope, love, healing, comfort, and mercy he embodies can be brought to our world through us? As Jesus feeds us, how can we feed others?

### Thank You

The Family of Regina Walz wishes to express gratitude to Father Terry, the Choir, those who provided the delicious bereavement dinner and all present who helped celebrate Regina's going home to her Creator God. May she intercede for all of you at the Immaculate Conception and Saint Columba Parishes.

### Big Rivers Fundraiser

A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 21st at 5:00 pm for all St. Columba volunteers who would be willing to work the Big Rivers Picnic again this year.

### Listening Session with Bishop Medley

Pope Francis has asked bishops around the world to gather input on the topic of "Youth, faith and vocational discernment," which is the theme of the 15th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops in 2018. Bishop Medley invites you to join him on Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 6:30 PM at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Bowling Green, for an upcoming listening session. You can add your voice to the discussion on youth and young adults in our local church today and your hopes for the future. These general sessions are open to youth, young adults and adults.

### 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 June 25 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

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday, June 20

10:00 am † Albin Johnson HV  
By Noel Quinn

#### Wednesday, June 21

5:30 pm † Deny Wayne Wheatley IC  
By Connie Wheatley

#### Thursday, June 22

8:00 am † Harold & Mary Flood SC  
By Rosemary Neff

#### Friday, June 23

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

#### Saturday, June 24

5:00 pm † Jo Ann Ogle IC  
By Bob Ogle

#### Sunday, June 25

8:30 am People of the Parish SC  
10:30 am † David & Elizabeth Sterett IC  
By Sterett Family

### Readings for the Week

June 18, 2017

Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9a/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 10/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30

Saturday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

### Faith Sharing Question

John 6:51-58

Jesus uses the metaphor "living bread" in reference to himself. What makes this such a powerful and meaningful metaphor in today's reading?

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Just before entering the Promised Land, Moses reminded the Israelites of the manna sent from heaven to them during their forty years in the desert. Why do you think Moses kept emphasizing this was "a food unknown to your fathers"?

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Written around 55 AD, Paul offers us in 1 Corinthians the New Testament's earliest witness of the Eucharist. What does Paul's language of "participation" in the body and blood of Christ mean to you?

### 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**  
**Sunday, June 18**



**Wednesday, June 21**  
 5:00 pm Big Rivers meeting SC

**Liturgical Roles**  
**Sunday, June 25**

**St. Columba, 8:30 am**  
**Eucharistic Min:** Eddie Gray  
 Denny Long, Sandra Davis  
**Lector:** Rosemary Emmick  
**Server:** Mary Beth Emmick  
**Cross Bearer:** Scott Basham  
**Gift Bearer:** Dwayne & Joyce Duncan  
**Hospitality:** David Winchell, Bob Durbin  
 Debbie Hawes, Jordan Bozarth  
**Vocation Statue:** Judy Pate

**Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am**  
**Eucharistic Min:** Mary Woodward  
 Katherine Woodward, Amy Hess  
**Lector:** Sarah Hess  
**Server:** Laura Wheatley, Emily Woodward  
**Cross Bearer:** Gracie Kennedy  
**Gift Bearer:** Steve Ogle Family  
**Hospitality:** Jason Curry Family  
**Vocation Statue:** Noel Quinn  
**Children's Liturgy:** Alisha Wheatley

**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  
 Frances Storm

**Please call the Parish Office to add or  
 remove names from this bulletin prayer list.**

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP**

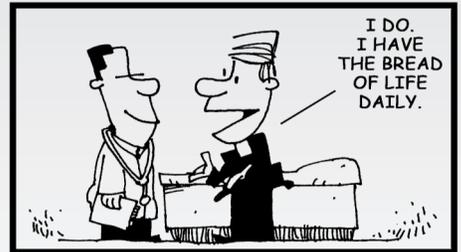
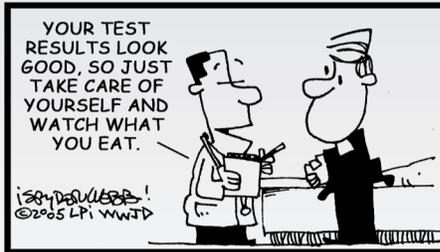
When I was a child I can remember stopping by my parish or another local Catholic church to just spend some time in prayer before the holy Eucharist. We didn't have exposition and adoration much in those days, but we were keenly aware of the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. I would sometimes stare at the lighted candle near it and know that Jesus was alive.

I had never heard someone speak about a stewardship way of life back then. If I am honest, the primary message I heard back in those days was along the lines of we need to be as good as we are able. Sacrifice was only at Lent, disciples were people in the Bible, and generosity mostly had to do with the collection basket and the poor box at the church entrance. I even went to Catholic schools!

Maybe the message of stewardship was there somewhere packaged differently and I just missed it. It wasn't until I was an adult, and after acquiring two theology degrees, that I understood both with my head and my heart what a stewardship way of life really meant. But I look back at those days and I realize that the groundwork was laid for me to understand these things. It was those times before the holy Eucharist that I began to understand true sacrifice. It was at those times that I began to understand how actions and realities that seem so simple to the human eye can be so profound. And it was at those times that I began to see that true love knows no bounds. What does the holy Eucharist say to you about stewardship? Maybe today is a great time to reflect on your answer. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Retrouvaille**

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even how to communicate this with their spouse. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Aug 18, 2017 call 270-852-8346 or email: felliott3232@yahoo.com or visit the web site at [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)



**Sunday Collections**

<p><b>Immaculate Conception</b>                  Weekly Goal .....\$3,269.00                  Collection 6-11-17 .....<b>\$2,669.00</b>                  Difference under ..... \$600.00                  Mass Attendance ..... 80/110</p> <p>Week # 50 of 52                  Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$163,450                  Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$157,183</p> <p><b>IC Building Acquisition Fund</b>                  Total Families Pledged 60                  Total Amount Pledged \$190,163                  Total Paid 6-11-17 \$179,048</p>	<p><b>St. Columba</b>                  Weekly Goal.....\$2,308.00                  Collection 6-11-17 .....<b>\$1,756.00</b>                  Difference under ..... \$552.00                  Mass Attendance ..... 81</p> <p>Week # 50 of 52                  Fiscal YTD Goal .....\$115,400                  Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$121,881</p> <p><b>SC Parking Lot Fund</b>                  Total Families Pledged 52                  Total Amount Pledged \$50,848                  Total Paid 6-11-17 \$33,748</p>
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**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.*