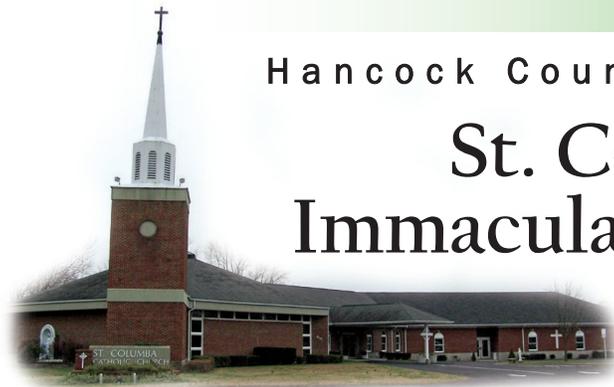


Hancock County Catholic Church

St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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.

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

Cycles of Faith

"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." This servant was scared. He didn't want to take any risks and just wanted to play everything safe. As he confesses to his master, "Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground." And the master was not pleased. The other servants who invested the money he gave them were richly rewarded for their efforts to produce more. But this servant was punished for letting his fear rule the day.

What factors are keeping us from making a return on God's investment in us? He has given us all life, and each of us also has a special collection of "talents" to make use of. We have certain gifts, skills, experiences, resources, and abilities that (though we may not often think about it) come from God. He calls us to make the most of these things, not just to take them for granted or bury them in the ground, so to speak. Our gifts are meant not just for our own enjoyment, but to help others, to spread truth and goodness and beauty to the world around us.

Sometimes, however, we fail to really capitalize on our potential. Laziness, distraction, or self-pity can get in the way if we are unwilling to put in the hard work to improve our natural gifts, if we allow ourselves to zone out with entertainment or frivolous pastimes instead of making good use of the time entrusted to us, or if we wallow in negativity by focusing on what we DON'T have instead of embracing what we do.

Each moment is a gift from God. May we seize every opportunity to multiply the investment God has made in us so that we may be worthy to hear God tell us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."



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

Be a Good Steward

God puts us in charge of many things: in a sense, in charge of the whole earth. God expects us to use our talents and not to bury them in sloth, timidity, and egotism. We are to be awake, sober, and industrious. Let us always remember that our talents and gifts are loaned to us by God and that we have a responsibility to use them instead of letting them go to waste. When Jesus comes again we must be ready to give Him an accurate account of our stewardship. Have a good week, Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

Every one of God's children is a unique creation with talents and gifts that are found in no one else. Each of us is asked to bring our special "twist" to life and to living the Gospel, leaving our impact on the world in a way that no one else can. Are we ever afraid to use our gifts or to be who we are? Fear can cripple us and prevent us from discovering the profound and creative ways in which we can become the person God meant us to be. We like our comfort zones and do not like to be stretched and challenged. Yet this is necessary if we are going to produce the fruit we are capable of producing and live the radical message of the Gospel. For serious Christians, the status quo has got to go!

Santa's Sacks

Help us prepare Santa Sacks for those in need in the community by donating green beans, mac & chesse and stuffing. You may bring your donations to Mass beginning next Sunday November 26th thru December 10th. Baskets will be available as you enter church. The give-away is scheduled for Thursday December 14th. Please contact Noel Quinn if you are interested in helping with the give-away.

Year of Encountering Jesus Through Prayer Begins with a Holy Hour

Bishop William F. Medley would like to invite and encourage everyone in the Diocese of Owensboro to join him on Sunday, December 3rd from 2-3 PM by participating in a Holy Hour at your own parish. Bishop Medley is inviting all 78 parishes to come together in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with the intention of promoting Evangelization in our diocese. Imagine 78 parishes praying in front of our Lord at the same time with the same intention! Not only does this Holy Hour begin Advent, but it also kicks off the Office of Evangelization's "Year of Encountering Jesus Through Prayer."

Immaculate Conception, will this year, host the Holy Hour beginning at 2:00pm. We will also have refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. Everyone is invited!

Young Adults are Invited to Holy Hour at the Cathedral

On Monday, Nov. 13 from 6-7 p.m., St. Stephen Cathedral will once again host a diocesan Young Adult Holy Hour for ages 18-39. The holy hour includes Exposition and Benediction, Scripture reading and reflection from Fr. Jason McClure, the opportunity to go to confession, and alternating periods of silence and prayerful music. You are welcome to come for the whole hour, or just stop in for a few minutes. Afterwards, we'll go and grab a bite to eat at a nearby restaurant. Please contact Charlie Hardesty at charlie.hardesty@pastoral.org or (270) 683-1545 for more info.

Retrouvaille

Married Singles Lifestyle –The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are now living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing any level of difficulty in their marriage from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the January program beginning on Jan 12, 2018 call 270-852-8346 or email: felliott3232@yahoo.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, November 21

10:00 am † Ora Roby HV
By Butch & Peggy Meriwether

Wednesday, November 22

5:30 pm † Patsy Frey IC
By Vic & Barbara Hagman

Thursday, November 23

8:00 am † Bob Payne SC
By Scott & Felicia Elliot (Cursillo)

Friday, November 24

No Mass

Saturday, November 25

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, November 26

8:30 am † Stephen Emmick SC
By Ken & Marji Martin

10:30 am † Regina Walz IC
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

Readings for the Week

November 19, 2017

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Faith Sharing Question

Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

How do you know if you have been a "good and faithful servant" of the Lord?

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Why do you think this Jewish wisdom writer talks about the value and virtues of "a worthy wife"?

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

What do you do to maintain a focus on the eventual return of Christ?

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, November 21

5:00 pm SC Finance

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6:00 pm SC Pastoral

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Wednesday, November 22

NO Relig. Ed.

Thursday, November 23

Thanksgiving Day

Parish Office Closed

No RCIA

Friday, November 24

Parish Office Closed

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, November 26

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Judy Pate

Amy Allard, Butch Meriwether

Lector: Peggy Meriwether

Server: Bailey Poole

Cross Bearer: Steve Basham

Gift Bearer: Scott Basham Family

Hospitality: Denny & Denise Long

Tim & Dian Heavrin

Vocation Statue: Denny & Denise Long

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Dan Hagman

Margaret Powers, Marilyn McCaslin

Lector: Yvonne Booty

Server: Hunter Severs, Abby Walz

Cross Bearer: Gracie Kennedy

Gift Bearer: Steve & Ronna Ogle

Hospitality: Roy & Gayle Ogle

Steve & Ronna Ogle

Vocation Statue: Lynn Powers

Children's Liturgy: Mary Woodward

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I remember watching a television show about a high school that dug up a time capsule that students had buried twenty-five years earlier. They had buried it with the purpose of showing others many years later the trends of the day and how student life was at that time. It was a fun exercise and everyone—the current students as well as those now grown—laughed at the clothing styles, corny photos, and lack of technology from years ago.

I wonder how the former students felt about how they had grown in those twenty-five years. How many of them realized their high school dreams? Did they find their purpose in this world and feel fulfilled in life? Did they use the talents and gifts God gave them to really make a difference in the world?

We have all been given talents and gifts by God to be cultivated and offered back to him and those around us for his glory. As time has passed, hopefully we have taken seriously our stewardship of these gifts. But sometimes out of fear, misunderstanding, or even apathy, we have taken one or more of our gifts and buried them, hiding them away from others and stifling all growth. This is no way to honor God and certainly not a path to fulfillment in life. If we have anything buried in our backyard we might do well to dig it back up, clean it up, and begin building upon it. Like a time capsule, those things will not be buried forever. One day the giver of that gift will ask what you have done with it. When that day comes, I pray you don't need to find a shovel. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

No Religious Education

There will be no religious education classes on Wednesday November 22nd due to Thanksgiving break. We will return to class on November 29th. Also, the adult class at St Columba will not meet on Sunday November 26th. May everyone have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Christmas Hams for Sale!!

St. Columba will be selling Hams for Christmas for \$35. What a bargain!!!! This year only 60 hams are being purchased, and will be sold on a first come basis. Please have your money at the time of ordering. Orders and money need to be turned in by December 12th. Pickup will be on Sunday, December 17th after Mass as both IC and SC. To order, contact Mike Fallin at 270-295-3169 or 270-922-7707 or call the parish office at 270-927-8419



Christmas/New Year's Camp at Gasper

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp is now taking registrations for this very popular camp date December 29-January 1st. Cost is \$125 and is for ages 8th grade-12th grade. See their website or contact Denise for more information. What a great way to end one year and start the next!

In Need of Special Prayer

Dexter Marsch, Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak,
Betty Brickey, April Bolin, Frances Storm.

Bill McBrayer

Homebound and Heartland Villa

Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp,
Christina Hagan, Frances Payne,
Shirley Mobley, Lillie Lanham,
Clyde Toler, Mary Coyle

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

33? SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

Due to printing schedules, collections will be in the next bulletin.

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.