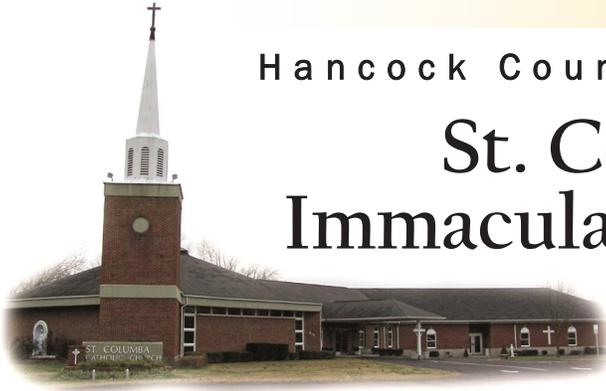


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Nationwide Mass Times

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

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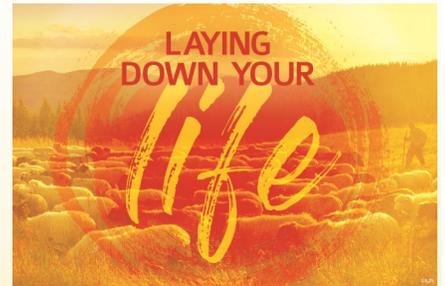
Cycles of Faith

4th Sunday of Easter

Today's Gospel occurs in the middle of Jesus' ministry. At first, Jesus' words seem to be about the value of self-sacrifice in a leader. "I am the Good Shepherd? I will lay down my life for the sheep." The Apostles likely would have accepted these words easily enough. But then comes something more strange. "I lay down my life in order to take it up again? I have power to lay it down and power to take it up again." Only later, when Jesus opened the Scriptures to them after his resurrection, would the Apostles understand his words. Only then would they understand why such an act was necessary for the salvation of the world.

Even now, we may struggle with the necessity of Holy Week. How often do we hear complaints against the silence of God, as if He is the "hired man" who "runs away" from suffering? Jesus' life, death, and resurrection is our redemption in fact. God himself bears the full weight of sin's consequences. The Paschal Mystery is also a sign that happens in full view of the human experience. We have seen Jesus lay down his life. We have seen him accompany others. "I know mine and mine know me." We have seen him reach those outside the traditional flock, "sheep not of this fold." Jesus is the Good Shepherd, not only in Scripture but in our daily lives.

While we can't experience physically walking alongside him like the Apostles did, the grace of our redemption continues through the Church. We are shepherded by the sacraments, by faith formation, by good mentors. At the same time, we are not only the sheep. In imitating Jesus, we, too, are invited to lay down our lives for others. We can be the hands, feet, and shepherd's crook of Christ.



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

I Am the Good Shepherd

On this Good Shepherd Sunday we acknowledge the fact that we are totally dependent on our Lord for everything. Jesus proclaims in the gospel "I know my sheep and mine know me." Yes, Jesus does know us through and through like a book—but do we really know Him? Do we keep Him at a distance being afraid that He will call us to change our lives? Jesus also says "my sheep hear my voice and they follow me." Again on this

Good Shepherd Sunday let us examine our hearts and ask our selves—do we really hear and follow Jesus or do we find our ears listening to worldly ideas and philosophy and following the false shepherds of this world? Today let us commit ourselves to Jesus who leads us through the dark valleys to greener pastures.

As we begin the month of May we honor Mary the mother of Jesus. Mary can teach us so much about her Son, Jesus and how she responded to Him. She invites us to say yes as she did, and to trust in Him no matter what happens. In fact, her advice is "do whatever He tells you to do." In this season of Easter and Resurrection, the month of Mary reminds us that nature is doing her art to proclaim new life—the budding of flowers and dogwood trees, warmer and longer days, etc. Hopefully this season is bringing out the best in us too. May our lives proclaim that the Resurrection of Jesus has changed us and that we too are proclaiming that Jesus is alive in us too. May Mary our mother watch over us and guide us in the footsteps of her Son. Have a good week, Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

There is something comforting about knowing that we are in someone's care. Children can feel this most easily when surrounded by the embrace of a mother or father. All is well. Jesus is the Good Shepherd. We don't have to figure out all of the complexities of life. All we need to do is allow Jesus to be the true shepherd of our lives: to point us in the right direction, lead us to the best pasture, and keep us safe from harm. So many things in the world can hurt us, and we can quickly find that we are on the road to despair. Keeping focused on Jesus, remaining close to him, allows us to develop the gifts and talents God has given us and discover the key to true happiness. Jesus welcomes me with all of my doubts and fears, limitations and sins.

Congratulations to our Confirmation Candidates

Congratulations to the following youth who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are now full members of the Catholic Church.

From Immaculate Conception: Addie Boutcher, Emma James, Andrew Lyday, Abby Walz, Laura Wheatley, Samuel Walz, Hunter Severs, Bethany Wheatley, Andrew Boutcher, Alyson Riley, Ryan Ogle, Kyra Conway and Rheanne Phillips.

From St. Columba: Bailey Poole, Waylan Emmick, Ashlynn Madden, Landyn Emmick, Lillie Ward and Adam Gregory.

Immaculate Conception Picnic Coming Up July 7th

Please remember our upcoming picnic as you begin your Spring cleaning. The Kid's Games will be in need of new or gently used stuffed toys, McD's toys, coloring books, etc. Country Store items can be handcrafted items, kids prizes, home décor, etc. These items can be dropped off at the parish office anytime between now and July 7th. We will not need "flea market" items this year.

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). The diocesan sexual abuse policy describes the diocese's response to sexual abuse concerns, and can be found in the back of church, in the parish office and also on the diocesan web site: <https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, April 24

8:00 am † Eva Howard SC
By Pat Roberts

Wednesday, April 25

5:30 pm † Bob Gray IC
By Bob Ogle

Thursday, April 26

8:00 am † Roger Basham SC
By Shelby & Kay Howard

Friday, April 27

8:00 am † Patsy Frey IC
By Laura & Bill Goins

Saturday, April 28

5:00 pm † Delma McManaway IC
By Clayton & Gloria Gray

Sunday, April 29

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † Bethany Payne IC
By Bob Ogle Family

Readings for the Week

April 22, 2018

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/Mk 16:15-20

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

Peter boldly testifies to the Sanhedrin that salvation comes only from the resurrected Christ. When have you been courageous with your faith?

Second Reading

John tells us that believers will one day see Jesus "as he is." What do you imagine that will be like?

Gospel Reading

How does John's image of Jesus as "the good shepherd" draw you closer to Jesus?

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

Wednesday, April 25

6:00 pm Relig. Ed. End of Year Celebration IC

Thank You for Shoes for Haiti

Thank you Thank you! For your donation of shoes. We were able to ship over 5,000 pair of shoes God is Good! Happy Easter, Lavida Mischel, Sts. Joseph and Paul

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, April 29

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Judy Pate
Mary Masterson, Todd Payne
Lector: Mary Beth Emmick
Server: Rosemary Emmick
Cross Bearer: Bob Durbin
Gift Bearer: John & Rosemary Neff
Hospitality: Butch & Peggy Meriwether
David & Shelly Poole
Vocation Statue: Larry & JoAnn Roby

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Margaret Powers
Falyn Stokes, Heath Stokes
Lector: Rachael Gily
Server: Andrew Lyday, Gracie Kennedy
Cross Bearer: Carter Lyday
Gift Bearer: Tom & Trina Ogle
Hospitality: Kenny Woodward Family
Vocation Statue: Vic & Barbara Hagman

In Need of Special Prayer

Dexter Marsch, Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Betty Brickey, Frances Storm, Eddie Gray, Bill McBrayer, Pat Edge

Homebound and Heartland Villa

Mary Hinton, Dorothy Beauchamp, Larry James, Marjorie Merimee, Shirley Mobley, Lillie Lanham, Carl Pendley, Gene Toler

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

During the Easter season, we reflect on being followers of the stone that the builders rejected, the crucified and risen Jesus. Like a shepherd he leads us by his voice that echoes throughout the centuries and remains real and effective even in our modern world. To be his disciple means to risk rejection in a similar way as he experienced. The shepherd will not lead his lambs into danger, but there is danger all around us regardless.

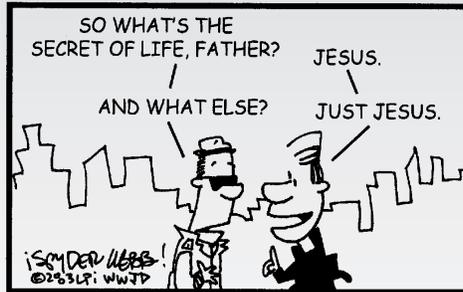
Everyday Stewardship can be something we talk about in the abstract or a way of living we simply wish we could follow. It can be an imperfect reality that at times places us in direct conflict with the world. As we decrease and Jesus increases in us, many will be drawn to the love and compassion that flows through us. However, some will see us for fools and will suggest we are ridiculous. Cultivating our gifts for God's sake and the total surrender of all we possess and have become to God is not wise in some eyes. Either they think we are crazy, or, just maybe at times, the example of our lives causes them to question their own values.

If you give a little, you will be admired. If you give a lot, you will be celebrated. If you give it all, you can be rejected. Not everyone will have this negative reaction. Some will see your example and will seek to do the same. They will then join you in following the shepherd. They will become a true sign of Jesus Christ to the world. But their conversion of heart begins with you and your example. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Cemetery Policy Reminder:

It is almost time to begin mowing the cemetery. Just a reminder that the policy is: All flowers and ornaments must be attached to the headstone. Shepherd's hooks with a single hook 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.

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,269.00
Collection 4-15-18	<u>\$2,938.00</u>
Difference under	\$331.00
Mass Attendance	98/130
Week # 42 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$138,294
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$137,298

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,308.00
Collection 4-15-18	<u>\$1,681.00</u>
Difference under	\$627.00
Mass Attendance	81
Week # 42 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$96,936
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$105,680
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 4-15-18	\$39,768



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.