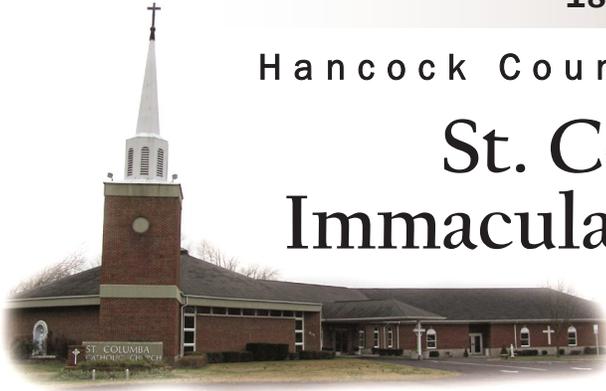


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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

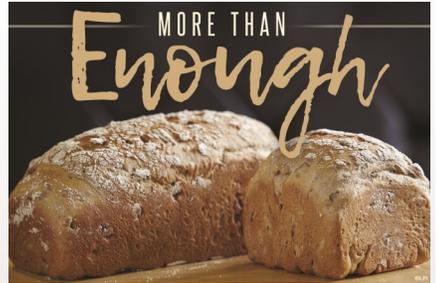
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For all of Hancock County

Cycles of Faith

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In an on-demand society, it's not always easy to imagine life with less. The crowds of Jesus' day depended on the weather and successful growing seasons for their livelihood. For many of Jesus' listeners, even "food that perishes" would have been a welcome relief. Jesus acknowledges this but tries to draw them deeper. "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." For people who have just witnessed a miracle, the response is strangely marked by ingratitude. "What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert." Jesus fed them for one day, but Moses interceded with God for 40 years of bread. "Jesus," they seem to say, "can't you just give us more?"



How often do we behave similarly in the spiritual life? "If I only I had more patience, then I could be kind to her." "I could be welcoming if I was more outgoing, but that's just not me." "I know I'd be a better parent if I just had more time." Like the crowds, we want Jesus to give us more. We always don't want him to completely shift our paradigm. Perhaps it's not "more patience" we need, but a deeper sense of our own imperfections for a greater sense of empathy. Maybe God is inviting you not to entertain an entire group, but to seek out the quiet person on the fringe. And time may limit you from family engagement, but could God be asking you to reorder your priorities entirely?

After all, it wasn't more loaves that the people needed. Jesus is "the bread of life," who sustains our most essential needs. This week, are you looking for more or are you looking for God Himself?

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

Jesus Feeds His People

Many times it is so difficult to find the time to really appreciate and give thanks to all of those who have helped us and supported us in our journey of life. Sometimes it is so easy to take our family and friends for granted, not knowing what we have until it is taken away from us. And so it is with our Lord, who showers us with so much and yet we can become indifferent and lax in giving Him the credit that is due. We are

even nourished by Jesus with the Bread of Life and The Word, which gives us spiritual nourishment. Let our prayer be this weekend that we will be grateful for all that we have—family, friends, etc. May Jesus continue to feed us with all His gifts and blessings, and may we take the time to give Him thanks. Have a good week. Fr. Terry

LIVE THE LITURGY

What can I do to accomplish the works of God? This is a question every Christian must ask. Ultimately, we are asked to be the light of Christ for others. This calls us to be compassionate, forgiving, nonviolent, generous, concerned for the poor, and welcoming to strangers. These are often contrary to what the world values. We are asked to simplify our lives and become less self-focused so that others can share in God's creation. We need help in order to fulfill this tall order. The Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, which we celebrate today, is the way we are nourished so that we can fulfill this mission.

New Drivers Blessing

Next weekend, at all the Mass times at Immaculate Conception and St. Columba, we will bless our new drivers. Fr. Terry will ask all of our youth who have recently received their drivers permit or license and all who will receive their permit or license in the 2018-2019 school year to come forward for a special blessing.

RCIA starts Thursday, September 6th

As our summer moves on we are asking for names of individuals who might be interested in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults classes which will begin in September. Please contact Fr. Terry or the parish office to submit names.

WHY DO CATHOLICS DO THAT?

Question: Why can't everyone who wants to receive Communion, receive Communion at Mass?

Answer: Social organizations have all sorts of requirements for membership: dues, academic achievements, professional standings, even a specific national origin. We rarely question them and accept them as a fact of life. The church has a basic requirement for membership and receiving sacraments; it is a relationship with God. We happen to call it faith. Faith allows the church to be one, focused on spreading the good news of Jesus and carrying on his mission of teaching, preaching, healing, and forgiving. It is the practice of faith, participating in the work of the church, that makes one worthy to receive Communion. For non-Catholics, because they do not share in the union of faith, they are excluded from receiving Communion. For Catholics, if guilty of serious sin, they also are excluded from the sacrament until they are reconciled, or restored to the mission of the church. Why? Because sin separates us from the work of the church. Communion is the culmination of our union with God and his people, not the beginning point. We receive what we in fact are: the body of Christ.

St. Columba Picnic Meeting

There will be a picnic meeting after Mass on August 12th. All Booth Chairs, workers and Pastoral Council members are encouraged to attend.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, August 7

8:00 am † George Allard SC
By Betty Allard

Wednesday, August 8

5:30 pm † Jeanie Hanks IC
By Carl Gray

Thursday, August 9

8:00 am † Bob Payne SC
By Knights of Columbus

Friday, August 10

8:00 am Jim Kleeman IC
By Pat & Donna Ogle

Saturday, August 11

5:00 pm † Troy Russelburg IC
By Ellis & Sharon Russelburg

Sunday, August 12

8:30 am † Roger Basham SC
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week

August 5, 2018

Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30-5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Faith Sharing Question

First Reading

This reading from Exodus takes place in the early stages of Israel's 40-year desert journey. What do you think the Lord is trying to teach the Israelites?

Second Reading

Paul challenges the Gentile Christians of Ephesus to think and act in a new way as believers in Jesus. What makes this spiritual exercise so difficult for believers of any age?

Gospel Reading

Over the next four Sundays, the Gospel readings come from Jesus' extended Bread of Life Discourse. Jesus begins by describing himself as sent from God as "the bread of life." How does this metaphor for Jesus speak to you personally?

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, August 8

12:00 pm Senior Potluck Lunch SC

Sunday, August 12

9:30 am SC Picnic meeting after Mass

Upcoming Parish Picnics

St. Columba..... Sept 15
 St. Lawrence/St. William Sept 16
 St. Mary of the Woods,
 Whitesville Sept 30

Liturgical Roles

Sunday, August 12

St. Columba, 8:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Amy Allard

Dot Pooser, Dian Heavrin

Lector: Peggy Meriwether

Server: Lisa Hendricks

Cross Bearer: David Payne

Gift Bearer: George Bozarth Family

Hospitality: George Bozarth Family

Vocation Statue: Butch & Peggy Meriwether

Immaculate Conception, 10:30 am

Eucharistic Min: Trina Ogle

Amy Hess, Lexi Hodge

Lector: Rachael Gily

Server: Gracie Kennedy, Laura Wheatley

Cross Bearer: Carter Lyday

Gift Bearer: John & Marlene Wheatley

Hospitality: Mark Walz, Dale Reddin

David Wettstain, Clayton Gray

Vocation Statue: Denis & Martha Wheatley

In Need of Special Prayer

Phyllis Emmick, Joan Peak, Betty Brickey,
 Frances Storm, Beverly Snyder,
 Bill McBrayer, Kevin Gearlds

Homebound and Heartland Villa

Mary Hinton, Lillie Lanham

Dorothy Beauchamp,

Thomas Flood, Shirley Mobley,

Carl Pendley, Gene Toler

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

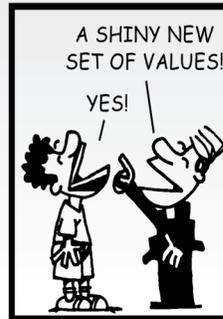
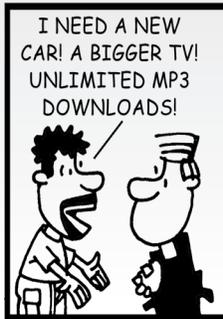
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

As human beings, we seem to have a wide array of insatiable desires. We long for more money, more time, and more stuff. We spend millions of dollars each year on remedies for our overeating. We look to our neighbors to see what they have that we want so we can keep up with them in the race toward happiness. We look for instant gratification only to find that our hunger for whatever it is remains intact.

Stewardship is the pathway to curbing all those cravings. On this journey, we let go of things that keep us tied down to this world and tied up in our sin. All that we have becomes instruments for God to use in our lives and the lives of our neighbors. When we have detached from enough in this world, we find out the truth: Nothing on earth can truly satisfy our cravings completely. Jesus Christ is the sole answer for our needs and desires.

Although the truth is right in front of us at each and every Mass in the Eucharist, we can easily spend our days in denial of that truth. It takes trust to step out in faith and give it all over to God. We are all called to let go and let God be God. Answering the call is easier said than done. However, if we can finally make that bold move, we will find ourselves completed by the One who was with us all along.
 --Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	
Weekly Goal	\$3,208.00
Collection 7-22-18	<u>\$2,390.26</u>
Difference under	\$817.74
Mass Attendance	72/138
Weekly Goal	\$3,208.00
Collection 7-29-18	<u>\$1,905.00</u>
Difference under	\$1,303.00
Mass Attendance	75/104
Week # 5 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$16,040
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$12,214

St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$2,264.00
Collection 7-22-18	<u>\$2,906.00</u>
Difference over	\$642.00
Mass Attendance	88
Weekly Goal	\$2,264.00
Collection 7-29-18	<u>\$2,170.00</u>
Difference under	\$94.00
Mass Attendance	118
Week # 5 of 53	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$11,320
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$10,769
SC Building Repair Fund	
Total Families Pledged	58
Total Amount Pledged	\$51,518
Total Paid 7-29-18	\$41,118



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.