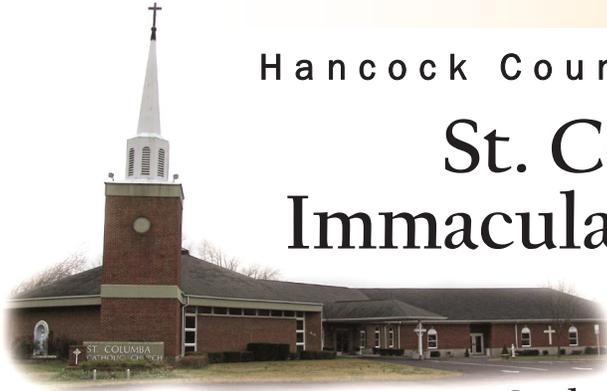


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



Cycles of Faith

It's said that upon reading the Gospels, Gandhi commented that he very much liked Jesus Christ. It was Christ's followers he found troublesome. One wonders who Gandhi had met and if these Christians had truly counted the cost of their faith. Following Jesus, really following Jesus, is much more challenging than we may think. He emphasizes this with strong language in this Sunday's Gospel. He compares discipleship to the carrying of one's own execution device - "his own cross" - and for the need even to "hate" what could disrupt one's commitment. Some of this is standard hyperbole, exaggeration for effect common to the time period. Some of this should make us wonder how deep our discipleship goes.

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost?" Jesus imagines this construction project gone wrong. Someone may lay the foundation but not have enough resources to finish. We've received the firm foundation of the sacraments - our baptism, for one, along with weekly Mass attendance and regular confession. Yet how often do we find ourselves too distracted, exhausted, or uninterested to truly build our lives on our faith? We have all met such Christians. Some days, we may be those Christians ourselves. We become the incomplete tower that confuses and baffles the onlookers. "This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish!"



For some of us, our cross may feel heavier than we expected upon the first lift. Building a tower means laying stone upon stone. It's a process. We don't arrive at completion overnight. Grace is always sufficient to provide the resources, but we need to keep saying yes to the task. This week, consider your own discipleship. What is one area where you've become distracted or discouraged? How can that improve this week? Let God lay another brick on the tower.

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.

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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

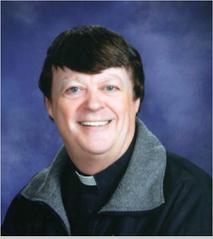
We give a hearty welcome to all new families moving into our Parish. Please register in the Parish Office as soon as possible. Families who plan to move from our parish community are requested to inform us.

Bulletin Articles

Deadline for submission of bulletin articles is on Monday.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Phone 270-295-3494
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



The Price We Pay:

There is an old saying that "nothing is free anymore" and that there is a price we have to pay. Even following JESUS requires a cost which includes detaching ourselves from things and possessions that sometimes get in the way. JESUS also speaks of the reality of the cross and that the Christian must pick it up daily if he/she claims to be a true follower. Although these expectations of JESUS are not easy and the cost of

discipleship is high, He reassures us that the reward is great. Let us pray for the strength to persevere. Have a great week!

Fr. Terry



St. Columba Picnic

This years Picnic will serve up its award-winning BBQ chicken, pork, mutton and all you can eat dinners from 4:00pm-7:00pm. The Sandwich stand will be open for those who are not hungry enough for a full meal. Located next to the sandwich stand you will find meat sales for those of you who want to take home some of that great BBQ. Drive-thru meat sells will be available in the front parking lot as well as an additional opportunity to pick up meat on HWY 60. Try a chance to win or purchase a delicious cake from the popular cake booth as you enter the parish hall in St. Joseph's room and don't forget to buy a raffle ticket with some awesome money prizes. Winners to be drawn at 7:00pm. While spending the evening with us take some time and look at all the silent auction items and make a bid on several of the many items available. There is sure to be a bidding war for those UK tickets! Bring your lawn chairs, buy a bowl of cake and ice cream and sit on the lawn and enjoy some great music while visiting with family and friends from 5-7pm. Then join us for Mass at 7:30 pm. Workers list have been distributed so please look and see where you are assigned. Spread the news and invite your family, friends and neighbors to St. Columba's Annual Church Picnic.

Why Do We Do That?

Q: As Catholics, we talk a lot about "redemptive suffering" and "carrying your cross." What does that mean practically in daily life?

A: When Jesus spoke these words, they would have sounded quite intense to his hearers. "Pick up your cross daily and follow me." At the time, Jesus hadn't yet been crucified. A cross was a Roman torture instrument. "Pick up the thing that tortures you the most," Jesus seemed to say. Unfortunately, most of us have no real shortage of these in our life. To take up the cross isn't to seek out new sufferings in our life. It's to accept the life we have.

Of course, unjust or unhealthy circumstances should be rectified when possible. But there are always circumstances that remain out of our immediate control. It could be pain management, the defiance of our teenage child, or an unhealthy work environment... but you need the paycheck to pay the bills. In difficult circumstances, it can be easier to blame, complain, or daydream our way out of it. None of these are real solutions, since none of them accept the reality of the situation at hand. Those options only add to our suffering, since they damage relationships, fixate on the problem, or set up unrealistic expectations.

Instead, Jesus invites us to take up our cross - to look at the uncomfortable situation square in the eyes, take a deep breath, and do our best to be present to God's grace in the moment. To love those in our path. To take things one step at a time

Lost and Found

We are cleaning out our lost and found and discovered we have a ladies ring that has been in the lost and found for several years. Please contact the office if you have lost a ring.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 10

8:00 am † Bill Yancy SC
By Layman and Mary Hawkins

Wednesday, September 11

5:30 pm † Delma McManaway IC
By Dennis and Martha Wheatley

Thursday, September 12

8:00 am † Harmon Long SC
By Denny and Denise Long

Friday, September 13

8:00 am † Special Intention IC
By Elizabeth Hagman

Saturday, September 14

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, September 15

8:30 am † Alice Devine SC
By Larry and Joann Roby

10:30 am † Vic Johnson IC
By Mike and Shelia Ogle

Readings for the Week of September 8, 2019

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 [1]/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab [9]/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 [Lk 15:18]/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Faith Sharing Question

Jesus taught the crowds that the renunciation of all possessions is required for true discipleship. How do you try to live out this command?

Catholic Quotes

Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing is so gentle as real strength.

| St. Francis de Sales

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, September 8

8:30am & 10:30am New Driver Blessing
9:30am Adult Class begins SC
6:30pm Knights of Columbus IC

Tuesday, September 10

7am -7pm Adoration IC
5:00pm IC Finance Council IC
6:00pm IC Parish Council IC

Wednesday, September 11

6:00pm Religious Ed K-12 IC
6:00pm Adult Class Begins IC
6:00pm School of Leaders SC

Thursday,

7am -7pm Adoration SC
5:00pm SC New Families SC
Life Team Mtg
6:00pm IC New Baby IC
Life Team Mtg
7:00pm IC College/Military IC
Outreach Life Team Mtg

Saturday, September 14

4:00pm St. Columba Picnic SC

Sunday, September 15

No Adult Class Today SC

Liturgical Roles

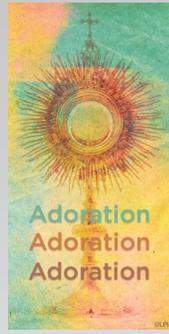
Sept. 15, 2019

St. Columba 8:30am

Eucharistic Min: Dennis Long
Rosemary Emmick
Mary Masterson
Lector: Peggy Meriwether
Server: Scott Basham
Cross Bearer: Ron Spalding
Gift Bearer: Tina Nelson/Bob Durbin
& David Payne
Hospitality: Mary Johannemann
Vocation Statue: Dot Pooser

Immaculate Conception, 10:30am

Eucharistic Min: Dan Hagman
Cheryl Gammon
Aimee Lyday
Lector: Mary Woodward
Server: Drew/Carter Lyday
Cross Bearer: Gavin Herrmann
Gift Bearer: Noel Quinn Family
Hospitality: Nick Severs Family
Vocation Statue: John/Lynn Powers
(Mass Intention for Vic Johnson)



“Someone, Kept Tugging at Me”

When Denise and Jill started talking about having a day of Adoration, I thought it sounded like a great idea, after all it is one of our highest forms of prayer. I felt a pull to sign up for it, but it just wasn't going to work for me. My work takes me over seven counties and if I did it, I would have to plan the whole week around my time at Adoration. So, I decided not to say anything about it and let other people do it. As time went by the planning went on and they were having difficulty getting enough people to sign up. During this time something, or Someone, kept tugging at me. I was torn, I knew I was being called to do this but didn't want to commit. I talked to

Denise about it and started praying about it, hoping all the time that someone else would sign up for it and they wouldn't need me. Well, it got down to them needing one more person and I could no longer put it off or letting other people do it. Reluctantly, I told them I would do it if they had someone I could call when I couldn't be there. (There is a list of substitutes.)

After that first week I was hooked! Now I happily plan my whole week around that one hour. It is the most important hour of the week and I start looking forward to it on Monday morning. For one hour there is nothing in the world except me and my Lord. His whole attention is on me and mine is on Him. The phone is turned off and the world stops! What a great feeling of peace and love I experience during this hour and it goes by way too fast.

What about you? Do you feel a tug at you? Some people have had to quit for health and family reasons, and we need replacements and substitutes. Think about signing up for Adoration. It will be a great addition to your life.

God Bless,
Denny

Thank you Denny. Contact Denise to be added to the substitute list. We also have a 1:00pm and 4:00pm opening for Adoration at St. Columba on Thursdays. Please contact Denise or the church office if you want to participate in adoration or have any questions.



Another Opportunity to be Included in The New Parish Picture Directory

Our photography dates for our upcoming directory event is fast approaching. With a goal of 100%, we need all families to sign up! Our directory will allow us to connect names and faces and stay connected. Every family will receive a free 8x10 portrait and will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits. Receive a \$10 off coupon at check-in. Plan for around an hour. To schedule a time for your photo shoot you may go to our website www.icschurch.org to schedule online, call the church office at 270-927-8419, or schedule at the sign up table after Mass. Photography dates and times are Thursday & Friday Sept. 26th & 27th from 1:00pm-8:00pm and Saturday Sept. 28th from 9:00am-4:00pm. Pictures will be taken in IC Parish Office Basement Classrooms

Save the Date: Confirmation

There will be a Confirmation Candidate, Parent and Sponsor Meeting on Sunday September 22 from 1:00-3:30 @ SC Parish Hall. Candidates please notify your sponsors about this important meeting as we prepare for the 2nd year of Confirmation preparation!

Due to the Holiday printing schedule the **Sunday Collection** will be in next weeks 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.