

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 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

Cycles of Faith

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word "commitment" mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus' teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.



Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else's decision. But we can't be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life's journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

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 asks us to Forgive and to Love

Just like a television program that is brought to the viewers in a weekly series, we can find the same thing happening in our gospel this weekend. Jesus is still on the mountain delivering the Sermon, which calls His followers to listen attentively to what is expected of them if their goal is to reach the Kingdom of God.

Today, Jesus reminds us all that we do have a duty to perfect ourselves and to never stop trying to do what is right in the sight of God. Jesus also calls us to forgive and to love even those whom we struggle with and to remember that all of us are valuable in the eyes of God. We are also reminded that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and that our human dignity is also a precious gift that is not to be taken for granted. Let us pray for the strength of perseverance in following the Lord even when His expectations seem unreal and unreachable. By ourselves these things are impossible, but with the help of Jesus they are not.

Have a great week! Fr. Terry



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Are near-death experiences real?

Answer:

There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways.

On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.



Your Help is Needed

Become more involved in your parish by helping with the ministries at Mass. We are in need of Choir members. Just like our grandmothers use to say, "Singing is like praying twice!" Contact Sharon Russelburg at IC and Pat Roberts at

SC for more information about being a member of our beautiful choirs. We also are in need of other ministers such as Eucharistic Ministers who help with distributing communion, Lectors who read and proclaim the Sunday scripture, Hospitality who greet you at the door, Gift bearers who carry our gifts of bread, wine, water and collection to Fr. Terry, Cross bearer who leads the procession with the cross, Altar server who assist Fr. Terry at the altar, Vocation statue who prays for the vocations of priesthood and religious and Mass Coordinator who helps to make sure all of the ministries are met during Mass. If you are interested or need more information please contact Denise at the church office or call her at 270-929-7555. She will be glad to set up a training session and work you into the schedule.

St. Columba Lenten Fish Fry

It's time to put out our Fish Fry Yard Signs!! Friday fish fries will begin February 28. Volunteers are needed to help prepare, cook, serve, cleanup, etc.. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church. It's always a good time. Come to help or come to eat. Bring your friends.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, February 18

8:00 am † Joyce Lydick HV
By Judy Powers

Wednesday, February 19

5:30 pm † Shirley Madden Family IC
By Ruth Madden

Thursday, February 20

8:00 am † Bob Payne SC
By Regina Emmick

Friday, February 21

8:00 am † Jeannie Hanks IC
By Vic and Barbara Hagman

Saturday, February 22

5:00 pm † Michael Madden & Fam SC
By Ruth Madden

Sunday, February 23

8:30 am † Mildred Riley SC
By Betty Allard
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

Readings for the Week of February 16, 2020

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel Reading

As Jesus continues with his Sermon on the Mount, he addresses a variety of topics with his disciples — the Law, anger, adultery, divorce, and oaths — all of which were part of daily life. How can you challenge yourself and others to live to these divine standards?

Catholic Quotes

We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become

—St. Clare of Assisi

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, February 16**
9:30am Adult Study: Follow Me SC
- Monday, February 17**
6:00pm Adult Study: Follow Me IC
- Tuesday, February 18**
7am -7pm Adoration IC
- Wednesday, February 19**
6:00pm Rel Ed K-12 IC
6:00pm Adult Study: Follow Me IC
- Thursday,**
7am -5pm Adoration SC
- Saturday, February 15**
8:30am Catholic Men's Conference
Riverpark Center
- Sunday, February 16**
9:30am Adult Study: Follow Me SC

Liturgical Roles

- Feb 23, 2020**
St. Columba 8:30am
Eucharistic Min: Dennis Long
Rosemary Emmick
Mary Masterson
- Lector:** Tim Heavrin
- Server:** Scott Basham
- Cross Bearer:** Steve Basham
- Gift Bearer:** Gerald/Sandy Davis
John/Rosemary Neff
- Hospitality:** Denny/Denise Long
George/Donna Bozarth
- Vocation Statue:** Bobby/Alice Fallin

- Feb 23, 2020**
Immaculate Conception, 10:30am
Eucharistic Min: Dan Hagman
Amy Hess
Cheryl Gammon
- Lector:** Yvonne Booty
- Server:** Carter Lyday/Janie Quinn
- Cross Bearer:** Vanessa Hess
- Gift Bearer:** Mike/Shelia Ogle
& Roy Lee/Gayle Ogle
- Hospitality:**
- Vocation Statue:** Dennis/Martha
Wheatley

Just a Reminder

When winter weather is upon us, the Religious Education classes follow the decisions of the Hancock County School system as far as canceling class and activities. So if school is cancelled on Wednesdays due to weather events our Religious Education classes will also be cancelled. For confirmation you can check the "Hancock County Catholic Youth" Facebook page or the church website at icschurch.org.



Help Wanted for Adoration

Spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray and Listen for an hour in an environment of peace, quiet and serenity. We have 1:00pm, 5:00pm and 6:00pm time slots available at St. Columba. Want to help but can't commit to every week, then sign up as a substitute! Contact Denise or Jill for more information



Our parish family is invited to join us in celebrating Martha & Denis Wheatley's 60th Wedding Anniversary Saturday Feb. 22, 2020 at Immaculate Conception. Mass is at 11:00am and a reception will follow in the parish hall. They are requesting no gifts please!

Job Opportunity in the Church Office

Immaculate Conception and St. Columba are seeking a qualified candidate for the position of **part-time bookkeeper and secretary**. Applicant should have good organizational skills, telephone skills, bookkeeping skills and general office skills. Candidate will need to have knowledge of Microsoft programs, basic office functions and accounting software. This position consists of working approximately 19 hours per week. Interested candidates may email a resume and cover letter to Fr. Terry Devine, at terry.devine@pastoral.org or mail to Immaculate Conception Church, PO Box 219, Hawesville KY 42348. Deadline to submit a resume is Mar.1st

Diocese of Owensboro Job Opportunity

The Diocese of Owensboro has a job opportunity for a full-time **Documentary Case Instructor/Ecclesiastical Notary** in the Tribunal Office. This position is located at the McRaith Catholic Center in Owensboro, KY. Check out the Diocesan website for more information and other job openings around our diocese.
<https://owensborodiocese.org/parish-jobs/>

Sunday Collections

<p>Immaculate Conception Weekly Goal\$3,385.00 Collection 02-09-20\$3,188.16 Difference under\$196.84 Mass Attendance 106</p> <p>Week # 33 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$111,705 Fiscal YTD Actual\$105,281</p>	<p>St. Columba Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00 Collection 2-09-20\$2,777.00 Difference over..... \$277.00 Mass Attendance 79/127</p> <p>Week # 33 of 52 Fiscal YTD Goal \$82,500 Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$92,000</p>
<p>SC Building Repair Fund Total Families Pledged 58 Total Amount Pledged \$51,518 Total Paid 2-09-20 \$50,262</p>	

St. Columba Mission Statement

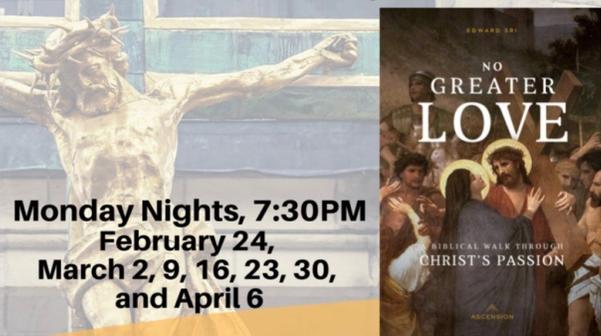
We, St. Columba Parish, are a living family of God committed to deepening and sharing our faith. We immerse ourselves deeper in our baptism to reach out to those in need, call people to recognize their talents and pray for guidance to lead all people to experience the light of Christ.

Young Adult Lenten Study featuring Neena Gaynor and Fr. Will Thompson

A wonderful opportunity for our Young Adults! Walk with Jesus and gain insight to Christ Passion. Filmed on location in the Holy Land, you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Check it out on Facebook I have a few books available in the office if you wish to participate in this Facebook Live study. Contact Denise Long at the church office

Everyone is invited to join the Diocese of Owensboro Young Adult Community in a Lenten Book Study over Facebook Live.

"No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion" by Edward Sri



Monday Nights, 7:30PM
February 24,
March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,
and April 6

Starting Monday Night, February 24 at 7:30PM, join Father Will Thompson and Neena Gaynor at the Diocese of Owensboro Young Adult Facebook Page for live commentary and discussion with our hosts. *Just log on to the facebook address listed below and enjoy the book study from the comfort of your home!*

www.facebook.com/OwensboroYoungAdult

Available at St. Maximilian Kolbe Bookstore in Owensboro or Online



At this very moment, 110,000 Water Women around the world are providing clean water to their own and three other families.

Water With Blessings is now in 48 countries, but we have the opportunity to help even more. We are grateful to all who have joined in the important work of providing clean water for God's thirsty children. Please consider helping us once again.

Every Water Woman has made a commitment to filter water for at least three neighbor households as well as her own. That means, on average, we can count on each Water Woman to provide clean water to 16 people. It's because of these dedicated mothers that we are **Water With Blessings**.



Feb. 23, 2020

JOIN US FOR OUR
FAT TUESDAY
ON SUNDAY

Mardi Gras Breakfast

With our first ever Catholic
Youth Craft Show!

ST. COLUMBA AFTER 8:30AM MASS
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AFTER
10:30AM MASS

All donations for breakfast and proceeds from
craft show will be donated to Water with
Blessings



Palms for Ash Wednesday

Next week we invite everyone to bring in their blessed palms from last Palm Sunday so that we may burn them as ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent is February 26th. Mass with ashes will be celebrated at St. Columba 8:00am and at Immaculate Conception at 6:00pm.

Young Adult Trivia Night

· JOIN US FOR A FUN NIGHT ·
TEAMS OF 4-6 PLAYERS
\$10 PER PLAYER
APPETIZERS PROVIDED BYOB

FEB · 21 · 2020 | DOORS OPEN @6PM TRIVIA
@6:30

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH HALL

\$100 cash prize