

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time/ September 12, 2021

Hancock County Catholic Church

# St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



## Immaculate Conception

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## Nationwide Mass Times

Call 1-734-794-2100 or [www.masstimes.org](http://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](http://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

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.



## Celebration of the Sacraments

**Baptism** • Baptism takes place on Sundays during Mass or following Mass. Please call Fr. Terry to schedule a date and for baptismal prep. Baptism for older youths and adults either occurs at the Easter Vigil or before receiving other sacraments.

**Eucharist** • First Eucharist is typically celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade.

**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.

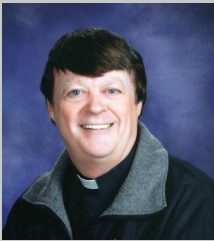
**Holy Orders** • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

**Marriage** • Contact Fr. Terry at least 6 mo before setting a date to begin marriage preparation. Couples may be asked to attend Pre Cana or Engaged Encounter.

**Reconciliation** • Before or after any Mass, or by appointment with Fr. Terry. First Reconciliation is celebrated during Advent.

**Anointing of the Sick** • Celebrated twice a year at the weekend Masses. Anyone who is ill, infirmed or going to surgery may request an anointing by calling Fr. Terry.

**Mass attendance is mandatory for those requesting Sacraments per Fr. Terry**



### Mistaken Identity:

Sometimes it is so easy to experience a case of mistaken identity where someone might mistake you for someone else or where you might do the same to another. It's normal—we all do it. In our gospel today, Jesus wants His apostles to proclaim who He really is. Some people mistake Jesus for Elijah, or John the Baptist, etc., but Peter clears the air by announcing that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus goes on to say that the cross

and personal self-denial must go hand in hand if one is to follow him. All of us have experienced our share of crosses and we must remember that the cross is the stepping stone to our Lord and the glory of new life and resurrection. Jesus is asking us this weekend, "who am I in your life?". Do we REALLY know Him?

Have a good week! Fr. Terry



### Faith Sharing Question

#### Gospel:

We hear today Jesus' definition of discipleship: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." How well do you measure up to this definition of discipleship?



### CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

How long do most Catholics need to fast before receiving the Eucharist?

- A) 6 hours
- B) 18 hours
- C) 1 hour
- D) 30 minutes

Last week answer was C—Pentecost is not a Holy Day of

Obligation but since it is celebrated on Sunday all Sundays are considered a Holy Day of Obligation.

### RCIA September 18th

Interested in the Catholic Church but have lots of questions? Considering coming to RCIA Inquiry Sessions beginning Saturday September 18th at 10:00am at the Parish office in Hawesville. You do not have to join the Church to attend these sessions and there is absolutely no pressure to commit. If you know of anyone who may be interested or who may have questions about our faith, please contact Fr. Terry at 270-860-0924.



### Welcome Back!

Faith Formation classes for our K-12 youth have started! We are adding some minor changes to our faith formation program this year such as a **Whole**

**Family Night** on the last Wednesday of each month! Whole family night begins with the children and their parents in IC Parish Hall for dinner and includes faith filled activities for the whole family! On the other Wednesday nights the youth K-8th grade will meet in the basement of IC church office for their regular faith formation classes. High school youth will meet in the Upper Room of the parish hall. We will be following school guidelines of distancing 3ft, sanitizing regularly and asking our youth and catechist to wear a mask. Please remember our catechists and youth in your prayers as we begin this new Religious Ed year! If you have any questions please feel free to call Jill Frakes or contact the church office.



Help save lives by praying for the end of abortion Sept 22-Oct 31. Join the 40 days for Life Campaign by signing up to attend a Life Vigil. For more info you may contact Denise Long or Tina Nelson or visit [40daysforlife.com/en/](http://40daysforlife.com/en/)



### Tuesday, September 14

8:00 am † David & Mary Brickey SC  
By Susie Chaffin

### Wednesday, September 15

5:30 pm † Delma McManaway IC  
By Clayton & Gloria Gray

### Thursday, September 16

8:00 am † Billy Jo Burgess SC  
By Shirley Toon

### Friday, September 17

8:00 am Denis & Martha Wheatley IC  
By Denis & Martha Wheatley

### Saturday, September 18

5:00 pm † Tom & Janette Fault IC  
By Franklin & Silvia Wheatly Family

### Sunday, September 19

8:30 am People of the Parish SC  
10:30 am † Ora Roby IC  
By Mike and Shelia Ogle

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Date September 12

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10

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

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37



A listing of online Mass locations and times are on our website:

[icscchurch.org](http://icscchurch.org)

You may also join St Columba Live on our Facebook page on Sundays at 8:30am.

TV Channels for other Masses

DirectTV CH 370

Dish CH 261

Antenna CH 45 at 6:00am

### 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.*



## THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

### Sunday, September 12

9:30am SC Adult Study Class SC  
Join our adult study group in St Joseph's classroom. Dive deeper into the Sunday readings and discover how the scripture readings of the day can be reflected in your life. All are invited. Refreshments are served.

### Monday, September 13

Mower of the Week—Dick Holder SC

### Tuesday, September 14

7am -7pm Adoration IC

### Wednesday, September 15

6:00pm Rel Ed K-12 IC

### Thursday, September 16

7am -4pm Adoration SC

### Sunday, September 19

9:30am SC Adult Study Class SC  
11:30am IC Volunteer IC  
Appreciation Lunch

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### Please help!

Mass ministers are needed. We are in need of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Cross Bearers and Gift Bearers, Altar Servers and Greeters. Contact Denise and she will be glad to walk you thru the steps. Ministry forms are in the back of church and can be easily completed and dropped in the Sunday collection. You may also call the church office, contact Denise or Fr. Terry.

### Sunday September 19

#### St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord	Judy Pate
Lector	Eddie Gray
Eucharistic Min	Mary Masterson
Altar Servers	Denny Long
Cross Bearer	Larry Roby
Greeter/Usher:	Bob Durbin
	Dan Allard
Gift Bearers	Wes Poole Family

#### Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord	Eva Bulleit
Lector:	Mary Woodward
Eucharistic Min	Kenny Woodward
Altar Servers	Carter Severs
	Janie Quinn
Cross Bearer	Chance Lyday
Greeter/Usher:	Marilyn McCaslin
	Eva Bulleit
Gift Bearers	Marilyn McCaslin
	Eva Bulleit



## Why Do We Do That?

**Question:** I've noticed that when I go to Mass at different parishes, sometimes people say and do different things. Why is that?

**Answer:** The Mass in its current form has taken shape over the course of 2,000 years. Over time, traditions, structures,

and prayers have been put into place. There are certain rubrics for the Mass that are normative wherever you go. This means you could attend Mass in Malawi or Thailand or Italy and still watch the same basic liturgy unfold, even if you don't understand the language. There may be some cultural differences from place to place, things that aren't specifically listed. For example, in the United States most people go up for Communion in a nice neat line. In Europe, everyone gets up around the same time. It's a bit of a free-for-all! Some people might take it upon themselves to change things individually. People may not like something that feels too "liberal" or "conservative," and they may take a well-meaning stance in the opposite direction. When people (including the presiders) do things that are distracting or change the liturgy, it introduces an element that breaks the unity of the assembled community. The important thing to remember is that we gather as the Body of Christ to celebrate the Eucharist. If you are confused, ask! If you are frustrated, pray for the spirit of charity.

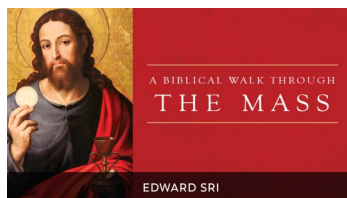


## Volunteer Appreciation Celebration

The Parish Life teams wish to invite all parish volunteers and their families to a Thank You celebration!

Immaculate Conception's Community Builders assisted by the Knights of Columbus will host a catered lunch in the parish hall on Sunday September 19th immediately following Mass. St. Columba's Reception team will be

cooking and providing a scrumptious breakfast in the parish hall on Sunday September 26th following the 8:30am Mass. This is for all who volunteer their service to our parish such as mass ministers, parish and finance councils, those who volunteer for religious ed, or decorate our church or wash the linens or clean the church or recycle our cardboard or water our flowers, all volunteers in any capacity. In addition we invite all our parish family to help us Thank our volunteers. So mark your calendar Sunday September 19th at Immaculate Conception or Sunday September 26th at St Columba.



## Discover the Beauty and Riches of the Mass

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and

Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. If you are interested in joining a study group please contact Denise at 270-927-8419. Study groups will be formed based on signup with dates and times suitable for each group.

## Catechetical Sunday September 19th

Please join us next Sunday to recognize and bless our catechist and helpers for their willingness to share their time and faith with our children this religious education year!

## Sunday Collections

Due to the Holiday Printing Schedule the 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.*