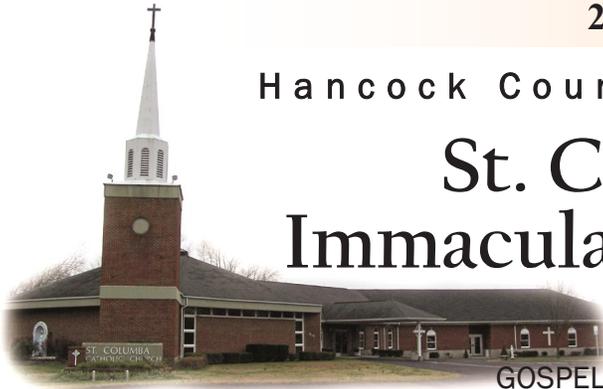


Hancock County Catholic Church

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, "It takes three to make love, not two: you, your spouse, and God." Apart from the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, nothing speaks better of God's incarnate love than marriage. God designed it this way. We place great value on love and rightly so. What we fail to realize, however, is that love, its very presence and place in our lives, is not simply part of the human package deal. Love comes from God. It is one of God's greatest gifts to human beings. When we begin to realize that our very ability to love is sacred, it changes up how we see the essence of life, and purpose and sanctity of marriage.

God is love. It stands to reason then that if we follow the path of unconditional, self-emptying love we will then stumble upon God. It is precisely this intimate wedding of God with love that gives such eloquence and honor to the love between husband and wife. As a living sign of Christ's love for the Church and for humanity, husbands and wives speak volumes of God's unconditional incarnate love for all of his children! The Divine power that brings unity and life to marriage is so strong that once joined, it really cannot be separated.

Admittedly, marriage covenants can be extremely difficult to negotiate and, at times, very painful to experience. God's perfect divinity always meets our broken and imperfect humanity. God is okay with this setup as he created it this way. Our loving is never as unconditional as God's and often tainted by our own imperfections, needs, memories, hurts, sinfulness, and weakness. All of this baggage negatively impacts even the most well-intentioned marriages, causing them to be hurtful and empty. We are love works in progress. God can succeed in perfecting our love only if we keep our eyes fixed on him as the source of that love. That's why marriage is always about three and not just two.

The Divine intimacy at the heart of marriage is what can make them celebrations of great union and happiness. Couples who are still madly in love with each other after many years, still looking at each other with that timeless twinkle in their eyes, best tell the story of God's oneness with humanity. Honor, celebrate, and support those who have accepted a vocation to marriage. Living in a world that easily pulls relationships apart, may they find hope and inspiration from their faith companions who are on the same journey!



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



One in the Lord:

Our theme this weekend centers on marriage where husband and wife are called to be one and to reflect the church as well. Just as Jesus and the church (bride & groom) are united and one so again both husband and wife must do the same. Not only for those called to the married state, but all Christians share in these same goals as followers of Jesus. Jesus calls all of us to be one and to seek unity in our journey of faith. Like those

bonded in marriage so by baptism we all are called to reflect the love of Christ and His Church to all. May the Lord bless us all in our efforts.



Have a good week, Fr. Terry

**Fr. Terry will be on vacation from Oct 4-October 8

Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

Both in public with the Pharisees and later in private with the disciples, Jesus takes a strong stand on the sacred and unbreakable bond of marriage. How do you imagine the Pharisees and the disciples reacted to Jesus' position?



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the Latin translation for Hail Mary?

Last week answer was B—Pope John XXIII

Saint of the Week— Examples of our Faith

St. Francis of Assisi | Feast Day October 4

St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) left a life of luxury for a life devoted to Christianity after reportedly hearing the voice of God, who commanded him to rebuild the Christian church and live in poverty. He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis and the Custody of the Holy Land. Born in 1181 in Italy, St. Francis of Assisi was renowned for drinking and partying as a youth. During a military expedition/battle between Assisi and Perugia, he was captured and imprisoned for ransom. He spent nearly a year in prison and began receiving visions from God. After his release from prison, St. Francis of Assisi claimed to have heard the voice of Christ, who told him to restore the Christian Church and live a life of poverty. As a result, St. Francis of Assisi abandoned his life of luxury and became a devotee of the Catholic faith. Today, St. Francis of Assisi, known for his deep love of nature and animals, is the patron saint of the environment and animals. Each October, many animals are blessed on his feast day.

Safe Environment

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities at 270-526-3871; local law enforcement at 270-927-1311 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro's sexual abuse policy is available in this parish on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website

<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>.



Tuesday, October 5

No Mass

Wednesday, October 6

No Mass

Thursday, October 7

No Mass

Friday, October 8

No Mass

Saturday, October 9

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, October 10

8:30 am † Dexter Marsch SC

By Lula Marsch

10:30 am † Jeanetta Ballard IC

By Nicole and Josh Ballard

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date October 3, 2021

Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Monday: Jon 1:1–2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9 -10 [15]/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



A listing of online Mass locations and times are on our website: icscchurch.org You may also join St Columba Live on our Facebook page on Sundays at 8:30am.

TV Channels for other Masses

DirecTV 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, October 3



9:30am Donut Sunday SC
9:30am NO Adult Study Class SC

Monday, October 4

Mower of the Week—John Neff SC

Tuesday, October 5

7am -7pm Adoration IC

Wednesday, October 6

NO Religious Ed Classes-Fall Break

Thursday, October 7

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Sunday, October 10

9:30am Adult Study Class SC
6:30pm K of C IC

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 October 10

St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord	Judy Pate
Lector	Steve Allard
Eucharistic Min	Eddie Gray
Altar Servers	Steve Basham
Cross Bearer	John Neff
Greeter/Usher:	Michelle & David Winchell
Gift Bearers	Michelle & David Winchell

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord	Eva Bulleit
Lector:	Rachael Hagman
Eucharistic Min	Ashley Haycraft
Altar Servers	Aiden Haycraft Akyla Haycraft
Cross Bearer	Kamiah Haycraft
Greeter/Usher:	Gayle & Roy Ogle
Gift Bearers	Robin & Gary Elder



Why Do We Do That?

Question:

Can a person (the mother, father, or provider) ever be forgiven for an abortion?

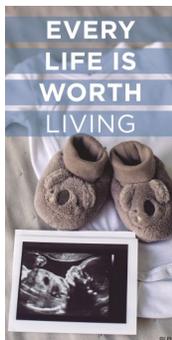
Answer:

For people of faith, any conversation of human sinfulness should always lead us to reflect on God's loving mercy. Because God's mercy is greater than any sin, the Church is clear that even those involved in the sin of abortion can be reconciled with God and the Church. To help make this grace more available through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Pope Francis extended the permission to absolve someone of the sin of abortion to all priests in 2016. Even with the grace and blessings of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the tragedy of abortion and the aftermath of abortion takes a toll on everyone involved. Ministries of outreach and support, such as Project Rachel, offer pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, and other forms of care. As Christians, we are also called to help promote this healing and reconciliation in all its forms. To learn more, visit www.hopeafterabortion.com.



Oct 6	No Class—Fall break
Oct 13	Class K-12
Oct 20	Class K-12
Oct 27	<u>Whole Family Night—Trunk or Treat</u>
Nov 3	No Class—Catechist meeting
Nov 13	Class K-12
Nov 17	Class K-12
Nov 24	No Class—Thanksgiving Break
Dec 1	No Class—Catechist meeting
Dec 8	Class K-12
Dec 15	First Reconciliation/Confessions
Dec 24/29	No Class—Christmas break

All youth K-12 are invited to attend religious ed classes offered Wednesdays 6:00-7:00pm. Youth wishing to receive first reconciliation, first Eucharist or confirmation are required to attend class. Please contact Jill Frakes our director for more information at 270-927-8419.



Respect Life Month

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life. For more info please see respectlife.org/celebrate

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,231.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,550.00
Collection 9-26-21 <u>\$2,862.00</u>	Collection 9-26-21 <u>\$1,541.00</u>
Difference under\$369.00	Difference under\$1,009.00
Mass Attendance 59/106	Mass Attendance 86
Week # 13 of 52	Week # 13 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$42,003	Fiscal YTD Goal \$33,150
Fiscal YTD Actual\$48,496	Fiscal YTD Actual..... \$30,322

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.