

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.retrouville.org

Membership in the Parish

We give a hearty welcome to all new families moving into our Parish. Please call the Parish office to register 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

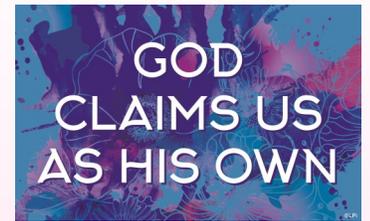
The Baptism of the Lord

“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.”
— Pope Francis

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.



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



Baptism: Our Spiritual Rebirth

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, who was baptized in the Jordan River by His cousin, John the Baptist. This sacred ceremony preceded the ministry of Jesus and His preaching on the kingdom. By virtue of our baptism, we too are called to serve Christ by living lives which reflect a Christ-like attitude. Just as Jesus brought others to the love of His father, we,

too, are challenged to bring others to Christ and to use our abilities to bring about God's Kingdom here on earth. Keeping our Baptismal promises (reject sin and profess our faith) is not always easy, but Jesus tells us that all things are possible when we put our lives into His hands. Let us always be grateful for our own baptism and may we be faithful in following in the footsteps of our Lord, who took His baptism seriously.

Have a good week! Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

We hear today the account of the baptism of Jesus and God's words from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." What do you imagine Jesus did (prior to the start of his public ministry) that was so pleasing to God?



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who designed the dome of the cathedral of Florence?

Last week's answer: Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders

Religious Ed Classes Return

The Wednesday night religious education classes for the K-12 will begin again this Wednesday January 12th at 6:00pm. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Baby Gifts for Birthright

Our local Birthright assists pregnant women and new mothers in need. Help support our Owensboro Birthright by donating baby gifts such as maternity and infant clothing, blankets, bottles or diapers during the month of January. Baskets will be available as you enter church.



Retirement Fund for the Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

From Catholic schools and hospitals, to parishes, retreat centers, and works of mercy, elderly sister brothers and religious order priests have prayerfully served our Church and world. Most ministered for little pay. Now without enough retirements savings many religious communities are struggling to care for aging members. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide nursing care, medicine and other necessities. Please be generous. Envelopes may be found in your monthly mailing or on the table as you enter church.



First Eucharist Parent Meeting

A parent meeting for their children preparing for First Eucharist is scheduled at IC Parish Office Wednesday January 19th at 6:00pm. Parents are asked to attend this important meeting on how to help their child prepare for this very special sacrament.

Free Freezer

Immaculate Conception has an old commercial 2 door stainless steel freezer for anyone who wants to haul it off. It will need repairs to get it working. Please contact the office.



Tuesday, January 11

8:00 am † Vic Johnson SC
By Linda Hamilton

Wednesday, January 12

5:30 pm † Dr. Glen Richards IC
By John and Marlene Wheatley

Thursday, January 13

8:00 am † Owen Pate SC
By Judy Pate

Friday, January 14

8:00 am † Lena Stevens IC
By Denis and Martha Wheatley

Saturday, January 15

5:00 pm People of the parish SC

Sunday, January 16

8:30 am † Beverly Snyder SC
By Betty Bolin

10:30am L&D Vic & Lois Johnson Fam IC
By Noel Quinn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date January 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



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, January 9

9:30am Adult Study Class SC

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Tuesday, January 11

8 am -7pm Adoration IC

Wednesday, January 12

6:00pm Religious Ed K-12 IC

Thursday, January 13

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Sunday, January 16

9:30am Adult Study Class SC

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 January 16

St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord	Judy Pate
Lector	Steve Allard
Eucharistic Min	Debbie Smeathers
Altar Servers	Steve Basham
Cross Bearer	Shelby Basham
Greeter/Usher:	Rosemary/John Neff
Gift Bearers	Rosemary/John Neff

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord	Angie Curry
Lector:	Wade Gaynor
Eucharistic Min	Paul Haycraft
Altar Servers	Gary Elder
	Chance Lyday
Cross Bearer	Carter Lyday
Greeter/Usher:	John/Lynn Powers
Gift Bearers	John/Lynn Powers



Why Do We Do That?

Baptismal Bib

Question:

At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

Answer:

When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them. Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers, and this is symbolized by the white garment.



Live The Liturgy- Inspiration for the Week

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those

holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

Blessing Box

Support our Blessing Box by bringing easy to carry and eat foods! For example instant soup, Vienna sausages, spam, canned ham, tuna, pop tarts, granola bars, etc. Also with winter coming new gloves, hats, scarfs and socks would be great!

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Christmas Collection\$3293.48	Christmas Collection\$1857.00
Mass Attendance 124	Mass Attendance 187
Weekly Goal\$3231.00	Weekly Goal\$2550.00
Collection 12-26-2021\$1981.00	Collection 12-26-2021\$7877.85
Difference under \$1250	Difference over\$5337.85
Mass Attendance 97	Mass Attendance 45
Collection 1-2-2022\$3532.00	Collection 1-2-2022\$3197.00
Difference over \$331.00	Difference over \$647.00
Mass Attendance 107	Mass Attendance 77/64
Week # 27 of 52	Week # 27 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal\$87,237	Fiscal YTD Goal \$68,850
Fiscal YTD Actual\$114,999	Fiscal YTD Actual \$81,787

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.