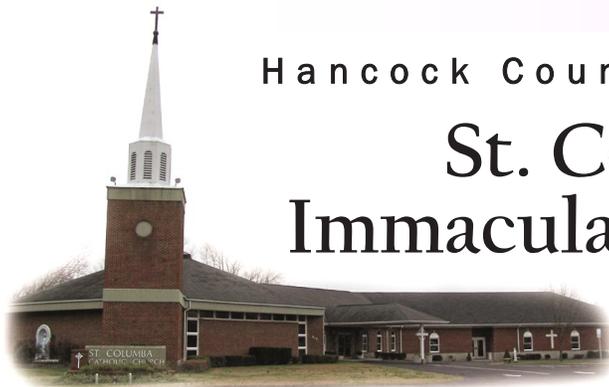


3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time/January 23, 2022

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

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is – the God of our salvation history or the “gods” of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.



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



Writing the Gospel of our Lives:

In our four Gospels we hear the evangelists as they report on the works and the way Jesus conducted Himself in doing the task of His Father's will. Starting today we begin the Gospel of St. Luke who informs us that Jesus (after His baptism) read that He had come to fulfill what the prophet Isaiah had foretold: to bring the good news to all, heal the sick, enable the blind to see, to release those in the bondage of sin. In virtue of our own baptism and acknowledging that in the words of St. Paul that we are the body of Christ and as His members it is now our task and responsibility to carry on the work and mission of Jesus Christ. Our works and the fruits of our labor will testify if we are sincere in this project. By our actions and good works may we express the genuine message of the Gospel (the good news) in our lives.

Have a wonderful week! Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

Today's reading contains both the opening prologue to the Gospel of Luke and the initial reaction to Jesus' return to his hometown of Nazareth. Luke is the only Evangelist to provide us with a prologue outlining his motivation to write his Gospel. What details do you find most interesting from Luke's prologue?



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who is the patron saint of lost things?

Last week's Answer: Fortitude, wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

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>).



January Whole Family Night-1/26/22

We invite all of our Religious Ed families to our first Whole Family Night of 2022 on Wednesday January 26th. Begin the evening by attending Mass together at Immaculate Conception at 5:30pm and after Mass at 6pm we will gather in the church to learn and participate in a Holy Half Hour experience with Charlie Hardesty-Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries at the Diocese. After the Holy Half Hour, we will move over to IC Parish Hall for a family dinner and fellowship. This is for all youth and their parents K-12. Younger siblings are invited too!

Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Meeting-2/2/22

There will be a Parent/Sponsor Meeting on Wednesday, February 2nd from 6pm-7pm in IC parish office. We will be discussing upcoming events and what to expect for Confirmation Day! I look forward to seeing you there! If you have any questions before then please feel free to contact Nicole at any time~ 270-315-0688.



Tuesday, January 25

8:00 am † Clinton Fentress SC
By Peggy and Butch Meriwether

Wednesday, January 26

5:30 pm † Parker Ogle IC
By Denis and Martha Wheatley

Thursday, January 27

8:00 am † Mary Buck SC
By Chuck and Brenda Lents

Friday, January 28

8:00 am † Roy Wheatley IC
By Clifton Banks

Saturday, January 29

5:00 pm † Eva Catherine Lutes SC
By Mary Davis

Sunday, January 30

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30



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 23

9:30am Adult Study Class SC

Tuesday, January 25

8 am -7pm Adoration IC

Wednesday, January 26

6:00pm Religious Ed K-12 IC
Whole Family Night

Thursday, January 27

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Sunday, January 30

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 Neena 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 Neena or Fr. Terry.

Sunday January 30

St. Columba 8:30am

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| Mass Coord | Judy Pate |
| Lector | Mike Fallin |
| Eucharistic Min | Rosemary Emmick |
| Altar Servers | Dennis Long |
| Cross Bearer | John Neff |
| Greeter/Usher: | Joe Hagman Family |
| Gift Bearers | Joe Hagman Family |

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

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| Mass Coord | Bob Ogle |
| Lector: | Angela Curry |
| Eucharistic Min | Amy Hess |
| Altar Servers | Aiden/Akyla Haycraft |
| Cross Bearer | Falyn Stokes |
| Greeter/Usher: | Marilyn McCaslin |
| | Eva Bulleit |
| Gift Bearers | Marilyn McCaslin |
| | Eva Bulleit |



Why Do We Do That?

Is it Right to Sue?

Question: Is it right to sue someone? Isn't it a way of getting revenge?

Answer: Revenge is inflicting harm for harm's sake, the idea of an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, and then some.

There is often a fine line between justice and mercy, between compensation and forgiveness. Unfortunately, things can happen to us that cause harm, suffering, and damage, regardless of people's intentions. When someone is hurt, especially in such a way that special care or treatment is required, the cost of that care needs to be paid.

In a perfect world, those with special needs, handicaps, or disabilities would find the help and care they need, including those who are injured or hurt. But justice is not always forthcoming, and people are not always fair. So, using the legal system to right a wrong is sometimes the only option.

In some cases, it is the only way that people can get the help they need and deserve. However, frivolous lawsuits, or 'fishing for money' is not only unfair, but immoral as well. The law is there to protect people and making use of it when necessary is a good thing.

Baby Gifts for Birthright

During the month of January please help support our mothers at the local Birthright in Owensboro. They are in need of all baby items especially night time diapers, toddler diapers, pullups, and baby wipes. Baskets will be available as you enter church. Thank you for your generosity!



Date Night at Bottom of the Barrel!

Join us for a wine tasting in Tell City, 606 Main St. Sunday, February 13, 6:00 pm

See Neena after Mass for tickets, or purchase through the church office.

\$5/person—includes wine tasting and appetizers, tour of the winery, and a discussion on the Miracle at Cana. Must be at least 21 years old to attend.

January's Whole Family Night

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

Want to learn more about eucharistic adoration? Come for a family-friendly holy half-hour, where silence is not expected. Dinner provided after in the IC parish hall. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after 5:30 Mass.

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Fr. Terry and Linda Hamilton with the recent passing of their aunt. May the Lord give them comfort and peace.

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception

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| Weekly Goal | \$3,231.00 |
| Collection 1-16-22 | <u>\$3109.00</u> |
| Difference under | \$122.00 |
| Mass Attendance | 120 |

Week # 29 of 52

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| Fiscal YTD Goal | \$93,699 |
| Fiscal YTD Actual | \$125,817 |

St. Columba

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| Weekly Goal | \$2,550.00 |
| Collection 1-16-22 | <u>\$1855.30</u> |
| Difference under | \$694.70 |
| Mass Attendance | 58/49 |

Week # 29 of 52

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| Fiscal YTD Goal | \$73,950 |
| Fiscal YTD Actual | \$89,149 |

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.