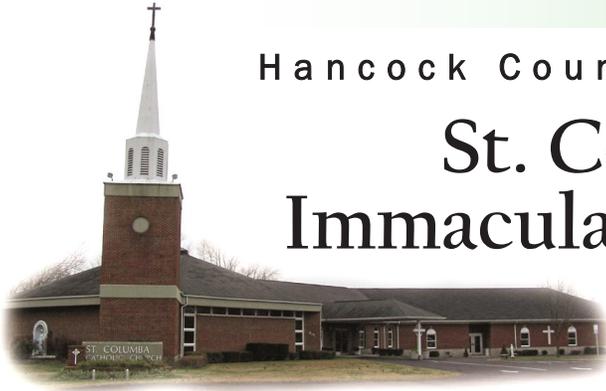


# Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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.retrouville.org](http://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

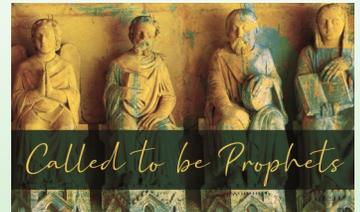
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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

St. Oscar Romero (1917-1980) was a “Salvadoran Roman Catholic archbishop who was a vocal critic of the violent activities of government armed forces, right-wing groups, and leftist guerrillas involved in El Salvador’s civil conflict (Encyclopedia Britannica).” As a voice of the voiceless, he was an outspoken champion of the poor who were the ones most affected by the civil unrest and violence. His advocacy provoked several attempts on his life. Nonetheless, St. Oscar Romero was convinced that before all else his faith in the resurrected Christ and the values of the Gospel trumped any earthly concern or worry. He walked with complete confidence and trust. On March 24, 1980, St. Oscar Romero was assassinated while celebrating Mass. Such is often the fate of those who challenge the socio-political agendas of the day.

We may look at the example of witness of St. Oscar Romero as something extraordinary. In one sense it is. Through the power of God, an ordinary human being did extraordinary things. But, in and of himself, St. Oscar Romero was simply a humble, loving servant of God. Oscar knew not only the power of love but the risk that comes when loving unconditionally. The beauty of God’s message was able to shine in and through him because he was able to step out of the way and be a vessel. One can assume that for St. Oscar Romero, one’s earthly life has no merit when faith, integrity, conviction, zeal and love are jettisoned. Fear and apprehension had no grip on this man who not only saw but spoke the truth.

Do we speak the truth? It makes us feel good to speak of God as love. But have we ever considered the ramifications of this radical message? There are assaults on human life occurring daily. More and more the value and worth of a human being is being reduced and minimized. We are becoming widgets in the production of life. In our whole simple humble ways, we too are called to be prophets. Knowing who you are and what is within your means to do, how can you make God’s love real, stand up for what is right, and give witness to the sacredness of all that is around you?



## 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**



## Welcoming Christ:

In our gospel this Sunday, we see how the truth really hurts. The hometown folks of Nazareth are at first happy to greet their native son (Jesus), but are just as quick to reject Him when he challenges their faith. They would be comfortable if Jesus had worked a few miracles, but when Jesus told them about changing and reforming their ways, He found out that He was “stepping on some toes”. In our own lives we too can get so

comfortable with a spirituality that we can ignore the challenges of Jesus to step us to a higher level. Sometimes like the folks at Nazareth we too can welcome Christ in our midst, but we can flinch and become uncomfortable in getting too close in fear that we will reform and change our lifestyles. Today let us truly roll out the welcome mat for our Lord and get to know Him better.

Have a great week, Fr. Terry



## Faith Sharing Question

### Gospel:

The people of Nazareth were “filled with fury” at Jesus’ words to them. How do you imagine Jesus reacted to being rejected by those in his hometown of Nazareth?



## Catholic Trivia –Just for Fun

**Question:** Who are the three Biblical archangels?

**Last Week’s Answer:** St. Anthony

## Rescheduled First Eucharist and Confirmation Meetings

The parent meeting for their children preparing for First Eucharist is rescheduled for February 2nd at 6:00pm at IC Parish Office. The Confirmation Parent/Sponsor meeting for the youth preparing for Confirmation will be rescheduled with date to be determined. Children will not attend the meetings and may go to class. Parents are asked to attend this important meeting on how to help their child prepare for this very special sacrament.

## Just a Reminder

When winter weather is upon us, the Religious Education classes on Wednesday and Adoration on Tuesday and Thursday follow the decisions of the Hancock County School system as far as cancellations. So if school is cancelled due to weather events the Religious Education classes or Adoration will also be cancelled. For confirmation you can check the Hancock County Catholic Youth, Immaculate Conception or St. Columba Facebook pages.



## A Note from the Adult Ministry Office:

**OOPS!** I could try to blame it on being a baseball fan, but I should just be honest... I had no idea the Super Bowl was scheduled for the same time as the Date Night. Please see the bulletin insert and note the adjusted date for the wine tasting event (**February 6<sup>th</sup>**). Also, it’s time to start getting excited for our upcoming Mission. Father Ken Geraci (Fathers of Mercy and author of *Why Be Catholic?*) will be joining us on February 28, March 1, and March 2 as an exciting way to kick off Lent. Details to come.



## Office Hours

Update on Office hours at the parish office in Hawesville. Currently hours are Monday-Thursday 10am-2pm. In addition, Fr. Terry will be in the office on Fridays from 8:30am-10am. As

always we encourage our parishioners to call and confirm someone is there before dropping in or you may make arrangements outside of office hours to meet with any of the staff. Our telephone numbers and hours are listed on the front of bulletin.



### Tuesday, February 1

8:00 am † Kevin Gearlds SC  
By SC Adult Class

### Wednesday, February 2

5:30 pm Roy Lee Ogle and Family IC  
By Karl Herzog

### Thursday, February 3

10:00 am † Ruth Madden HV  
By Eddie and Rachel Gray

### Friday, February 4

8:00 am † Alice Devine IC  
By Bob Ogle

### Saturday, February 5

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

### Sunday, February 6

8:30 am † Anna Lee Critchelow SC  
By Butch and Peggy Meriwether  
10:30 am † Phyllis Emmick IC  
By Bill Emmick

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Date January 30, 2022

**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

**Monday:** 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11



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

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 30

9:30am Adult Study Class SC

### Tuesday, February 1

8 am -7pm Adoration IC

### Wednesday, February 2

6:00pm Religious Ed K-12 IC

### Thursday, February 3

7am -4pm Adoration SC

### Sunday, February 6

9:30am Adult Study Class SC

9:30am Donut Sunday SC

6:00pm Date Night at Bottom of the Barrel

### 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. Time slots are still available. Contact Neena for more information.

## 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 February 6, 2022

#### St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord	Linda Hamilton
Lector	Mary Masterson
Eucharistic Min	Judy Pate
Altar Servers	Steve Basham
Cross Bearer	Larry Roby
Greeter/Usher:	Dan Allard
	Shelby Basham
Gift Bearers	Randy Miller Family

#### Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord	Mary Woodward
Lector:	Falyn Stokes
Eucharistic Min	Amy Severs
Altar Servers	Kenny Woodward
	Jane Quinn
Cross Bearer	Drew Lyday
Greeter/Usher:	Wade Gaynor Family
Gift Bearers	Wade Gaynor Family



## Why Do We Do That?

### Question:

I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

### Answer:

While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is Mary's conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" – the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

## Saint Of The Week – Examples Of Our Faith

### St. Blaise | February 3

You may be familiar with the annual "blessing of throats" that many parishes in the United States use to commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr. St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life. History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived. Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

*Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

## Blessing of Candles and Throats

Next weekend Feb 5th/6th at all of the Masses we will celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise with a blessing of throats. Due to COVID restrictions, instead of individual blessing of throats, Fr. Terry will do a general blessing of throats over everyone at the end of Mass.

## Sunday Collections

### Immaculate Conception

Weekly Goal .....	\$3,231.00
Collection 01-23-2022 .....	<u>\$3019.00</u>
Difference under .....	\$212.00
Mass Attendance .....	84
Week # 30 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$96,930
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$128,836

### St. Columba

Weekly Goal .....	\$2,550.00
Collection 01-23-2022 .....	<u>\$1430.67</u>
Difference under .....	\$1119.33
Mass Attendance .....	65/57
Week # 30 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal .....	\$76,500
Fiscal YTD Actual .....	\$90,580

## 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.*

## Koinonia Retreat

St. Pius X will be holding a Koinonia retreat on March 4-6th in the parish hall for any who are interested in attending. Please contact Larry or Stacey Freels at 270-314-8492 for more information or to register.

## Cursillos in Christianity

The upcoming Cursillo Weekends in English are:

**Men:** March 3-6, 2022; **Women:** March 10-13, 2022.

Retreat Weekends are being held at our wonderful Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp & Retreat Center in Bowling Green.

The Spiritual Directors for the Weekends are:

**Men:** Fr. Tom Buckman, Deacon Ken Bennett.

Lay Director: Tom Wagner.

**Women:** Fr. Terry Devine, Fr. Ken Mikculcik,

Deacon James Morgan. Lay Director: Teresa Westerfield.

Cost of the Weekend is \$180 and includes meals.

To register and for more information please contact one of the above. Application must be completed to register.

Please see Fr. Terry for more information.

## Women Shaped by Faith Saturday, Feb. 5 at Mount Saint Joseph

Local fitness expert Theresa Rowe will lead "Women Shaped by Faith: Shaping Bodies & Hearts for God's Purposes" on Saturday, Feb. 5. This will be an inspiring and motivating day of whole-person wellness to develop and nurture spirit, mind and body. Rowe will teach on the health benefits of combining our faith, mindset and fitness, using biblical principles for daily application. Also included is a Pilates for the Soul Mat Workout, specifically designed for every level of fitness. Please bring your own exercise mat. The retreat takes place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Mount Saint Joseph Auditorium, 8001 Cummings Road, Maple Mount (12 miles west of Owensboro on Hwy. 56.) Rowe is a TV and radio host of "Shaped by Faith." She is also an author, fitness expert and motivational health and wellness speaker. The \$30 fee includes lunch (the cost is \$40 at the door). To register, call 270-229-0206 or email [retreatcenter@maplemount.org](mailto:retreatcenter@maplemount.org) or register online at <https://ursulinesmsj.org/event/shaped-by-faith/>. Note: We will follow pandemic safety protocols.

## Blessing Box a Blessing to Many

Support our Blessing Box at Immaculate Conception by bringing easy to carry and eat foods! Foods are being taken by those in need!! Some examples of foods to bring are instant soup, Vienna sausages, spam, canned ham, tuna, pop tarts, granola bars, vegetables with pop top lids. Also with winter new gloves, hats, scarfs and socks would be great!



## Engaged Encounter Returns In-Person

*After a two year hiatus for Covid, Engaged Encounter is returning in-person*

Since the beginning of the pandemic, all marriage preparation (PreCana, Engaged Encounter, and ReMarriage) has been virtual using a PreCana online course called "Unveiled." PreCana and ReMarriage will continue to use Unveiled, but starting in March, Engaged Encounter weekend marriage prep will return-in person. The first Engaged Encounter retreat of 2022 will be held March 19-20 at the Sarto Retreat Center in Evansville. For more information and registration, visit [owensborodiocese.org/marriage-preparation](https://owensborodiocese.org/marriage-preparation).

## Marriage Retreat at Pennyriple Forest State Park Lodge March 11-12

It's been a rough couple of years. Why not take some time away as husband and wife to reconnect and reinvigorate your marriage. This retreat will be a chance to get away, stay in a beautiful lodge, enjoy undistracted time together, and strengthen a few communication skills while you're at it. Sponsored by the Office of Marriage & Family Life. We only have room for 20 couples, so we do expect this retreat to fill up.

Visit <https://owensborodiocese.org/marriage-retreat-registration/> for more information and registration.

## Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp

Gasper River is now accepting registrations for summer camp! Please visit <http://www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org/>. Camps do fill up. Also please contact Nicole Ballard about scholarship information.

## 2022 Summer Camp Schedule

by date		by grade	
June 5-10: EXPEDITION 1 QUEST 1	July 3-8: CAMP LIFE 2	3rd-4th grade EXPLORER CAMP JUNE 12-15 JULY 10-13 JULY 24-27	5th-6th grade EXPEDITION CAMP JUNE 5-10 JUNE 19-24 JULY 10-15 JULY 17-22
June 12-15: EXPLORER 1 June 12-17: CAMP LIFE 1	July 10-13: EXPLORER 2 July 10-15: EXPEDITION 3	7th-8th grade QUEST CAMP JUNE 5-10 JUNE 19-24 JUNE 26-JULY 1 JULY 17-22	high school CAMP LIFE JUNE 12-17 JULY 3-8 CALLED TO LOVE (GIRLS ONLY) JUNE 26-JULY 1
June 19-24: EXPEDITION 2 QUEST 2	July 17-22: EXPEDITION 4 QUEST 4		
June 26- July 1: QUEST 3 July 1: CALLED TO LOVE (GIRLS ONLY)	July 24-27: EXPLORER 3		

## 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!