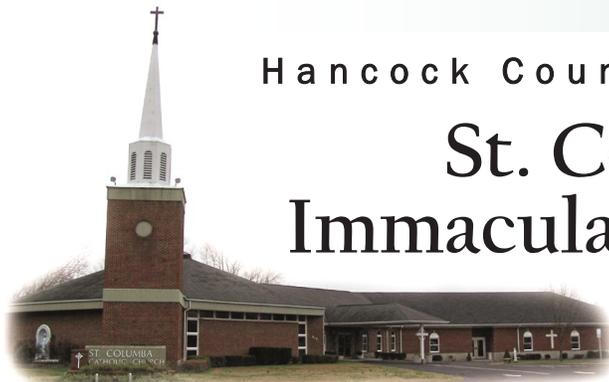


Hancock County Catholic Church

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 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
P.O. Box 391 • 8185 Hwy 60 W • Lewisport, KY 42351

GOSPEL MEDITATION

“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man,” these words, uttered by Simon Peter, can be found on any one of our lips. What real significance do I have in the big picture of God’s Divine plan? Even though we try our best to hide it, we all suffer from a lack of faith. We get tired, confused, and often lack any sincere desire to put anything into our relationship with God. It’s easier to simply reap whatever benefits the world has to offer and call it a day. Floating along on the superficial currents of life doesn’t require much effort and seems to get us through the day. Confronting our own infidelity, apathy, weakness of spirit, and doubt in God’s providence, how can we even remotely be considered a worthy vessel of God’s presence or credible voice for His message?

This is the irony of faith. God doesn’t seek the perfect vessels. He likes the broken ones. There is something to be said about living honestly and sincerely, and wrestling with sin, imperfection, and weakness rather than skipping through the peripheries of life with pretention, arrogance, and mendacity. If we believe ourselves to be our own “god” and serve only ourselves, we close the door to ever being used by the real and only True God. But, if we at least acknowledge that there is One greater than ourselves, then even in our deepest poverty and lowliness, God can enter.

Lessons are best learned from those who suffer. Only someone who has been lonely and lost can attest to the beauty of both Divine and human friendship. Only those who have really lost their way know what happens when they are found. Only those who are afraid know what it is to be calmed by God. The Gospel is messy because life is messy. There are no black and

white solutions to problems and challenges that are hazy and gray. When our hesitancy to encounter God gets replaced by friendship with God, we become more aware of our dignity and the fact that we are loved just as we are. We cannot be afraid to share our struggles, reservations, fears, and sinfulness with others. Our genuineness and sincerity will speak of the God who blesses us in our weakness.



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



God calls all of us:

The theme that runs through all three readings this Sunday is how God calls Isaiah the prophet, St. Paul, and the apostles to a specific task and job. Many excuses come about "I'm too big of a sinner", "I wouldn't know what to say or do", I'm too busy and I would rather not be involved". Don't all of these sound familiar when Jesus calls us to change our lives and to truly follow Him.

In Baptism, we are all commissioned and anointed with oil which symbolizes the strength of the Holy Spirit. It is only with faith and a deep trust in God that we can stay on the right road that leads to heaven. Jesus calls everyone of us to be His witnesses and to proclaim the love of God to all the world. May our acceptance of Jesus' call be sincere and may our efforts in bringing about His Kingdom be successful.

Have a great week! Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

In Luke's account of the call of the first disciples, he focuses almost exclusively on Peter and his interactions with Jesus. What lessons are we to learn from Luke emphasizing Peter's humility and obedience to Jesus' call?



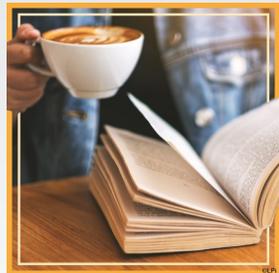
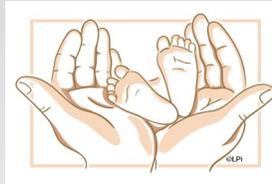
CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who was the first Catholic president of the United States?

Last week's answer: Michael, Raphael, and Gabriel

Hancock County Pro-Life Coalition

"The first meeting for the Hancock County Pro-Life Coalition will be held on Monday, February 7th, at 6 PM in the IC Parish Hall. This newly forming group will seek to be the hands and feet of Christ to our community through various pro-life opportunities. All are welcome to join!"



Lenten Book Club

Sign-ups continue for the Lenten Book Club! See Neena after Mass or contact her if you're interested. (859-230-6171). The cost for the book is \$5. Join us as we read C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. We will plan to meet twice to discuss the book at a location and time to be scheduled. If you're unfamiliar with this tale of temptation and the triumph over it, here is how the book is described on the back cover copy:

"Since its publication in 1942, *The Screwtape Letters* has sold millions of copies worldwide and is recognized as a milestone in the history of popular theology. A masterpiece of satire, it offers a sly and ironic portrayal of human life and foibles from the vantage point of Screwtape, a highly placed assistant to "Our Father Below." At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, *The Screwtape Letters* comprises the correspondence of the worldly-wise devil Screwtape and his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man."

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!



Tuesday, February 8

8:00 am † George Allard II SC
By Jack & Imogene Allard Fam

Wednesday, February 9

5:30 pm † Joseph Nally IC
By Betty Nally

Thursday, February 10

8:00 am † Harmon Long SC
By Denny and Denise Long

Friday, February 11

8:00 am † Special Intention IC
By Rose and Wally Harris

Saturday, February 12

5:00 pm † Delma McManaway SC
By David and Ellen Gibson

Sunday, February 13

8:30 am People of the Parish SC
10:30 am † Hannah Boehman IC
By Kenny and Mary Woodward

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date February 6, 2022

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

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26



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, February 6

9:30am Adult Study Class SC
 9:30am Donut Sunday SC
 6:00pm Date Night at Bottom of the Barrel

Tuesday, February 8

8 am -7pm Adoration IC

Wednesday, February 9

6:00pm Religious Ed K-12 IC

Thursday, February 10

7am -4pm Adoration SC
 9:00am Liturgy Planning Meeting IC

Sunday, February 13

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 February 13, 2022

St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord Judy Pate
 Lector Linda Hamilton
 Eucharistic Min Randy Miller
 Altar Servers Scott Basham
 Cross Bearer Lawson Ward
 Greeter/Usher: Bob Durbin
 Dennis Long
 Gift Bearers Kevin Ward Fam

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord Eva Bulleit
 Lector: Ashley Haycraft
 Eucharistic Min Mary Woodward
 Altar Servers Gary Elder
 Carter Severs
 Cross Bearer Akyla Haycraft
 Greeter/Usher: Steve Lyday Family
 Gift Bearers Steve Lyday Family



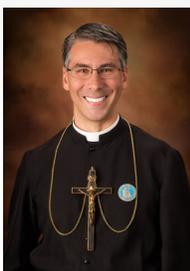
Why Do We Do That?

Question: Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom ..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like Protestants do? Where did it come from?

Answer: The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, but it is very ancient. It was first found in The Didache, also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (#2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it. Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!

Join us during this Year of Mercy
 February 27-March 1 at Immaculate Conception for our
 Parish Mission and Healing Service entitled:

Why Be Catholic?



Fr. Ken Geraci, lived the life of the prodigal son for most of his young adult life. Raised in a nominal Catholic family, who only lived the externals of the faith, Fr. Ken left the Catholic Church for many years. During that time he worked as a business profession in Advanced R&D and software testing; a few years into his career he joined a few of his co-workers in establishing a 4.5M Internet software company. Focused on money, fitness and success, he made little room for God; but God did not give up on him. During this journey, God presented him with

challenges that forced him to question his personal beliefs and the question "What is Truth?" Through a series of conversions, years of struggle, study and questioning, Fr. Ken found his way from agnosticism, to non-denomination Christianity and ultimately back to the Catholic Church.

Fr. Ken joined the Fathers of Mercy in 2006 and was ordained in 2012. Having lived a secular existence, Fr. Ken has a great understanding of the personal and societal pressures that individuals face and knows what it is like to "hate coming to church." This mission is for people of **all ages** and **levels of faith**, from those who are madly in love with Jesus, to those who pretty much cannot stand church or religion. **Regardless of your level of faith come and experience God's Divine Mercy!**

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception		St. Columba	
Weekly Goal	\$3,231.00	Weekly Goal	\$2,550.00
Collection 1-31-22	<u>\$4262.00</u>	Collection 1-31-22	<u>\$983.00</u>
Difference over	\$1031.00	Difference under	\$1567.00
Mass Attendance	86	Mass Attendance	64/56
Week # 31 of 52		Week # 31 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$100,161	Fiscal YTD Goal	\$79,050
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$133,119	Fiscal YTD Actual	\$91,563

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.