

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
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GOSPEL MEDITATION

1st Sunday of Lent

One of the greatest temptations human beings face is leaving the truth of who they are, where they came from and who created them in pursuit of more personal satisfactions. When we consider all that desires our attention in a given day, there are many lures that attract us to illusions about ourselves. We can easily find ourselves distracted or tired, preoccupied with preserving our status in life, social relationships, current trends, and corporate demands, and intrigued by pursuing what we perceive to be the “path of least resistance.” The daily concerns of life can quickly take our eyes off of our truth, making the empty promises of worldly accomplishments and ideologies seem so attractive. What is at risk in giving into this temptation?

We cease giving thanks to and worshipping our Creator as we pursue our own self-sufficiency, power, and prestige. We replace the true God with a “pet” one. While many do not totally dismiss the idea of God and pretend to remain at least remotely connected, they do not invest themselves heart, mind, and soul in the relationship either. That is why we are so easily swayed. If something attractive comes along, we lunge for it. After all, having a position above and over everyone else is a good thing, isn't it? In more honest moments, many have to admit that they believe this to be true. The Evil One is very convincing. But he can only gain control if we allow him to.

About temptation, St. Basil remarks, “As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation.” And here is found the reason for Lent. It is a wonderful opportunity to get a handle on the attractive lures of illusion that easily captivate us and bring us off track. It is also a time for some honest reflection rooted in prayer, fasting, and selfless giving that can bring us to temptation’s remedy: love. Love of his Father gave Jesus resistance. It can do the same for us.

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



Temptation

As we read on this first Sunday of Lent that not even Jesus was spared by the temptations of the devil, our biggest challenge is to have the courage and willpower to say NO to the devil just as Jesus did. This season of Lent will give us the opportunity to prepare ourselves for the most holiest week of the year that will climax in the death and rising of Jesus Christ. The devil will have many

opportunities to tempt us during this season of sacrifice, denial, practicing acts of love and charity. It is only by prayer and closeness to Jesus that we will be successful in rejecting the devil. Let us pray as we journey into these six weeks for the strength to reject the ways of evil and to put to death those things which keeps us in bondage and enslavement. Only with Jesus can we resist the temptations of the evil one and come to new life in the Lord.

Have a good Lent! Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

Jesus confronts and defeats the devil before he begins his public ministry. As we begin the season of Lent, in what ways do you think the devil is present in your life?



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What were the gifts that the three kings brought Jesus?

Last Week's Answer: 30 pieces of silver

Our Lenten Project 2022

This years Lenten Project finds us reaching out to help those locally as well as far away! We are asking you to help support St. Joseph's Peace Mission in Owensboro, our scholarship program for Gasper River Catholic Young Camp and continue our support of Water Women thru Water with Blessings

St. Joseph's Peace Mission for Children provides a safe haven for vulnerable youth in our community and throughout Kentucky. At this time, we have three homes on our campus that include; a short-term Emergency Shelter, Yewell Home for Boys and a most recent addition, "the Hayden Home for Girls." The origin of St. Joseph Peace Mission stems from a story of traumatic and senseless tragedy of child abuse - resulting in the death of a local, four-year old boy - Philip Strain. At the time of his death in 1995, the community realized the need to provide a safe haven for abused, neglected and at-risk youth in crisis. After many decisions, meetings and planning sessions - among local judicial authorities, religious leaders and various entities within the community - St. Joseph Peace Mission for Children was established. For more info you may see their website stjosephpeacemission.com

Water with Blessings provides clean water to families in over 45 countries by educating and sponsoring Water Women. The Water Women receive a Sawyer Point Filter with the pledge to filter water for her family and 3 other families. The clean pure water reduces the amount of diseases like cholera, typhoid and parasitic infection in adults and children. Follow up studies have shown a 95% reduction of waterborne illness such as cholera, typhoid or parasites in children.

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp Scholarship fund assist families in our local parishes to send their children to camp this summer.

How can you help? Our mission kickoff breakfast and lunch was just the beginning. Here are other ways you can help.

- **Pocket change**—Drop in change out of your pockets or purse as you leave Mass each week in our Water with Blessing Bucket.
- **Water Bottle**—Take a water bottle home and collect change in exchange for something you sacrificed this Lent .
- **Hot Cross Buns**—Neena and Nicole will be taking orders for Hot Cross Buns. Deadline is March 16th. \$10 for 6 buns. More information on the bulletin flap



Tuesday, March 8

8:00 am † James and Rose Cecil SC
By Charlotte Payne & Robert Cecil

Wednesday, March 9

5:30 pm † Joe Adkins IC
By Dennis and Martha Wheatley

Thursday, March 10

No Mass

Friday, March 11

No Mass

Saturday, March 12

5:00 pm People of the Parish SC

Sunday, March 13

8:30 am † Vivian Gearlds SC
By Denny and Denise Long

10:30 am † Parker Ogle IC
By Bob Ogle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date March 6, 2022

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36



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, March 6

9:30am Adult Study Class SC
9:30am Donut Sunday SC

Tuesday, March 8

8 am -7pm Adoration IC
8:30am Stations of the Cross SC

Wednesday, March 9

5:00pm Stations of the Cross IC
6:00pm Religious Ed K-12 IC

Thursday, March 10

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Friday, March 11

4-7pm Fish Fry SC
6-7pm Confessions SC

Sunday, March 13

9:30am Adult Study Class SC

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Interested in Mass ministry? Contact Neena and she will be glad to walk you thru the steps. Ministry forms are in the back of church and may be completed and dropped in the Sunday collection. You may also call the church office, contact Neena or Fr. Terry. (Please note #2 and #3 EM prepare the collection for the drop box)

Sunday March 13, 2022

St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord Judy Pate
Lector Pat Roberts
Eucharistic Min 1)Linda Hamilton
2)Rosemary Emmick
3)Amy Allard
Altar Servers Dennis Long
Cross Bearer David Emmick
Greeter/Usher: Dan/Amy Allard
Gift Bearers David/Rosemary Emmick

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord Eva Bulleit
Lector: Denise Hamilton
Eucharistic Min 1)Aimee Lyday
2)Mary Woodward
3)Amy Hess
Altar Servers Kenny Woodward
Cross Bearer Carter Lyday
Greeter/Usher: Loretta/Falyn Stokes
Gift Bearers Jason/Angie Curry



Why Do We Do That?

Should a Catholic Pursue an Annulment?

Question: After a civil divorce, is a Catholic obligated to pursue an annulment?

Answer: Many Catholics are not exactly sure what an annulment does. An annulment does not deny that a marriage took place, nor does it deny that there once was love. It does not mean that people say anything untrue, such as they never loved each other or that everything in their marriage was wrong. An annulment does not negate children, nor make them illegitimate. An annulment addresses the spiritual aspect of marriage. In effect, an annulment says that at the time of the wedding, there was either something present or something absent that prevented the sacrament from taking place. It is a spiritual determination that, if granted in the affirmative, allows a person to marry in the Church. Annulments have no legal standing and are unable to be used in a civil court. Therefore, a Catholic has no moral obligation to pursue an annulment. However, when the tragedy of divorce occurs, and there is no hope for reconciliation, annulments may help bring some spiritual closure to a person's life. Some people have found the process to be healing and others have found it to be difficult. Speak to your priest or a member of the Diocesan Tribunal staff to decide what is best for you.

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception

Weekly Goal\$3,231.00
Collection 2-20-22\$3615.00
Difference over \$384.00
Mass Attendance 97
Collection 2-27-22\$4975.00
Difference over\$1744.00
Mass Attendance 103
Week # 35 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$113,085
Fiscal YTD Actual\$148,986

St. Columba

Weekly Goal.....\$2,550.00
Collection 2-20-22\$1542.00
Difference under \$1008
Mass Attendance 84/62
Collection 2-27-22\$2274.00
Difference under \$276.00
Mass Attendance 58/74
Week # 35 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal \$89,250
Fiscal YTD Actual..... 101,525

St. Columba Mission Statement

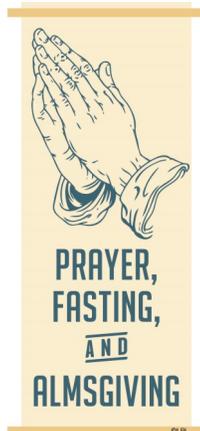
We, St. Columba Parish, are a living family of God committed to deepening and sharing our faith. We immerse ourselves deeper in our baptism to reach out to those in need, call people to recognize their talents and pray for guidance to lead all people to experience the light of Christ.

A Note from the Adult Ministry Office:

Wow! What a Mission! I want to thank everyone for your participation last week. The huge success would not have been possible without the collaborative effort. Between the kickoff breakfast at St. Columba and the lunch at Immaculate Conception, we really celebrated this unique and generous community (and raised a ton of money for our Lenten projects, St. Joseph Peace Mission in Owensboro and Water for Women in Haiti)! Seeing members from both churches coming together and being excited about their faith fills me with gratitude to be amongst you. I pray you all have a fruitful Lent. It's already had an awesome start! -Neena Gaynor

Lenten Opportunities for You!

- **Lenten Reading**—Browse thru the baskets with reading materials ranging from daily prayer to some outstanding books. Spend a little time every day preparing your mind and heart for Jesus this Lenten season.
- **Join our Book Club**— It's not too late to join the Lenten Book Club. See Neena for your copy of *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis and a reading guide to stay on track this Lent. We will be meeting at Blue Agave in Lewisport on Tuesday, March 22, at 6PM to discuss the first half of the book. Hope to see you there!
- **Lenten Confessions**— Fr. Terry will be hearing confessions after every Mass during Lent and every Friday from 6-7pm at St. Columba. You may also call to make an appt
- **Pray the Stations of the Cross**— Every Wednesday 5:00pm at IC. Every Tuesday 8:30am at SC. You are also invited to come to church anytime on the days of Adoration, Tuesdays at IC from 8am-7pm and at SC on Thurs 7am-4pm, to pray your own individual Stations of the Cross. Also SC will be open on Fridays during the Fish Fry for anyone wishing to pray the Stations. Materials will be available for you to use.
- **Attend Adoration**—You are invited to participate in Adoration on Tuesdays at IC from 8am-7pm and at SC on Thurs 7am-4pm. Remember to wear your mask.
- **Give your pocket change**—Every Sunday we will be collecting pocket change in our Water with Blessing Buckets. Feel free to drop in your loose change!!
- **Listen to the Bible in a Year!** - Join Fr. Mike Schmitz as he walks you thru the Bible in a year with daily readings, reflection and prayer. You may visit our parish website for the link or go to www.media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts
- **Contribute to our Lenten Project**— See the first page of the bulletin to learn more about our Lenten projects.
- **Participate in Holy Week** activities Beginning with Palm Sunday on April 10, Holy Thursday April 14th, Good Friday April 15th, Holy Saturday April 16th and Easter Sunday April 17th!



Hot Cross Buns

These traditional Lenten/Easter treats will be \$10 for 6 buns.

All proceeds will be split between Water Women and St. Joseph's Peace Mission (a shelter in Owensboro for vulnerable youth) as our Lenten Project.

Available for pickup:
SATURDAY - March 26
IC Parish Hall: Noon
SC Parish Hall: 1PM

See Neena/Nicole after Mass or
Call the church office:
270-927-8419



Deadline to order:
Wednesday, March 16 at noon

Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp

Looking for an exciting, faith-filled adventure this summer? Check out the summer camps at Gasper River Catholic Youth Camp outside of Bowling Green, Kentucky! A ministry of the Diocese of Owensboro, we combine outdoor adventures like zip-line, Giant swing, Climbing tower and more, along with the celebration of the Sacraments and the teaching of our faith to help young people grow in all areas of their lives! Camps are available for incoming third graders to just graduated high schoolers. Please visit our website, www.gasperriverretreatcenter.org or call our office at 270-781-2466 for more information or to get signed up. We can't wait to see you this summer, our 15th summer of camps will be an adventure of a lifetime!!!



A Note From Religious Ed-

We are looking for a family or a couple individuals to cook & serve a meal for our Whole Family Night on Wednesday, March 30th! Please contact Nicole if you have any questions or would be willing to help out!

^{SC} Join Us ^{4-7pm}
FOR A FISH FRY!