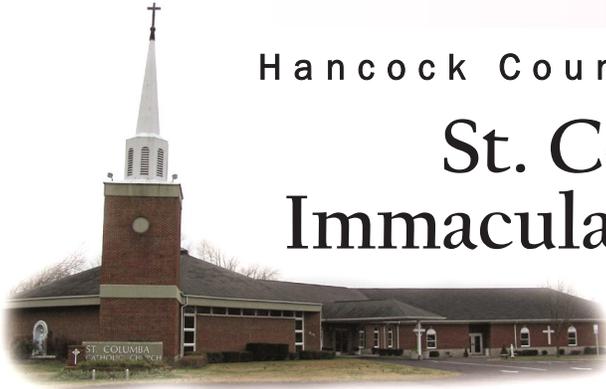


Hancock County Catholic Church St. Columba & Immaculate Conception



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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

Jesus tells his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: "May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God's presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.



Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God's presence and promise. The elegance of God's Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God's life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death.

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



Easter: Season of Potential

The Easter Season has been described many times as a season of rebirth, new life, and even the gift of hope. Just as the earth has brought forth new life in the wonders of springtime so it is for all Christians to have the potential to do likewise in their ways of Christian living. The only thing that can rob us of the peace of Christ would be the darkness of sin which destroys that potential of becoming happier people. The season (in truth - everyday) let

us pray that our doubts may turn in to trust and total surrender to God; that our anger and hostility may be transformed into compassion and pardon; that our criticalness and judgmental attitude may be changed to appreciation and gratefulness for what we do have. In closing, may we strive to be the witness of faith that Jesus calls us to be. May this season of Easter be our peace and joy not only for ourselves but for all.

God Bless You, Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

During his farewell discourse, Jesus reassured the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit and the promise of divine peace. When do you experience God's presence this way in your life?



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What are the three Sacraments of Initiation?

Last Week's Answer: Saint Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton (1774-1821)

7 Things Every High School Graduate Should Hear

1. Live with intention. College and the work force will be full of opportunities. Think carefully about your priorities for your new start.
2. Make the right friends. There will be plenty of new people! Concentrate on the ones who motivate you to be a better person.
3. It's a big world! Look for new perspectives, new opportunities, and new ideas that push you to grow.
4. Find a mentor. Building relationships with people who have "been there, done that" can be a great help.
5. Give yourself away. You may not need to volunteer anymore, but you'll surprised what you learn, how you grow, and who you meet when you serve.
6. Before you go, learn how to do your laundry, address an envelope, schedule a doctor's appointment, use public transportation, & cook basic meals (ramen doesn't count)
7. Remember that God is in control. And that's a good thing!

Congratulation to our Seniors

This Sunday we are celebrating the seniors in our parishes. We wish our graduates the best as they take this next step in life. Congratulations and you will be in our prayers as you journey forward! Keagan Adams, Landyn Emmick, Lily Ward, Hunter Severs, Bethanie Wheatley, Sam Walz, Jesse Volocko, Alyson Riley and Elijah Price.



Happy Birthday Catholic Church!

Join us as we celebrate Pentecost, the Founding of the Church, on June 5th at 5PM at Saint Columba. Eddie Price will be presenting on the History of Catholics in Western Kentucky and kids will have plenty of fun games to play (and cake to eat!). We'll be firing up the grill and praying, "Come, Holy Spirit!"



Tuesday, May 24

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

Wednesday, May 25

5:30 pm † George Hagman IC
By Debbie Smeathers

Thursday, May 26

8:00 am † Kevin Gearlds SC
By Denny and Denise Long

Friday, May 27

8:00 am † Debbie Bellwood IC
By George and Cheryl Gammon

Saturday, May 28

5:00 pm † Dr. Glen Richards IC
By John and Marlene Wheatley

Sunday, May 29

8:30 am † Ruth Madden SC
By Pat Roberts
10:30 am People of the Parish IC

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date May 22, 2022

Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26–16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22–18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Friday: Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

Next Sunday: *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

To all who helped me celebrate my 91st Birthday Supper. You made my day. May God Bless all of you!

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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, May 22

Mass honoring Graduates at SC and IC
9:30am Adult scripture study SC

Monday, May 23

Mower of the Week—Joseph Logsdon SC

Tuesday, May 24

8 am -7pm Adoration IC
5:00pm SC Finance SC
6:00pm SC PPC SC

Wednesday, May 25

6:00pm Adult Scripture Study IC

Thursday, May 26

7am -4pm Adoration SC

Sunday, May 29

The Ascension of the Lord

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 May 29, 2022

St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord Judy Pate
Lector Steve Allard
Eucharistic Min 1)Sandy Davis
2)Linda Hamilton
3)Dian Heavrin
Altar Servers Scott Basham
Cross Bearer Gerald Davis
Greeter/Usher: Larry Roby/Dian Heavrin
Gift Bearers Larry Roby
Shelby Basham

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord Bob Ogle
Lector: Neena Gaynor
Eucharistic Min 1)Mary Woodward
2)Bob Ogle
3)Wade Gaynor
Altar Servers Gary Elder
Josey Gaynor
Cross Bearer Carter Lyday
Greeter/Usher: Loretta/Falyn Stokes
Gift Bearers Loretta/Falyn Stokes



Why Do We Do That?

Question: I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

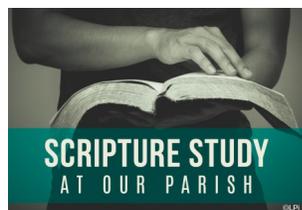
Answer: You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract

divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe — on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream — that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her. Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

Summer Reading Club

"A trillion years from now, your child will be either in Heaven or in Hell. And this is only the beginning of eternity." -Conor Gallagher, *Parenting for Eternity: A Guide to Raising Children in Holy Mother Church*

Unlike most parenting books which focus exclusively on the body and this fleeting world, this short work focuses upon your child's eternal soul. In these pages, you will be challenged to see the eternal consequence of every single parental act—acts of commission and acts of omission. Join us as we walk through this book together throughout the months of summer. For your copy, see Neena. Books are available for \$5/each, but if that's ever a problem, just let us know and we'll be happy to assist. I encourage you to attend Book Club meetings (1 in June, 1 in July) and be encouraged by others. If, however, you are unable to attend for whatever reason, please don't let that discourage you from reading on your own and praying with us for the protection of families, especially our children. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us!



Adult Scripture Study - Wednesday Nights after IC Mass

Join us as we break open the Word of God and dig deeper into the upcoming Sunday's readings. It'll be a beautiful opportunity to learn from one another and prepare our hearts to celebrate the Holy Mass each weekend. Class will meet in the office at 6:30pm.

Fish Fry Report

St. Columba Lenten Fish Fry yielded a profit of \$7825.00! Great work everyone!!!

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception	St. Columba
Weekly Goal\$3,231.00	Weekly Goal.....\$2,550.00
Collection 5-15-22\$3683.00	Collection 5-15-22\$2005.10
Difference over\$452.00	Difference under\$544.90
Mass Attendance 53/107	Mass Attendance 85
Week # 46 of 52	Week # 46 of 52
Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$148,626	Fiscal YTD Goal\$117,300
Fiscal YTD Actual\$190,456	Fiscal YTD Actual.....\$136,620

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.