

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

Since God created human beings, we have struggled to keep our focus on God. We wrestle with the question of “who is God” and foolishly believe some of God’s job description can be better completed by us. We wander in different directions, lose our way, think that happiness can be found elsewhere and even construct golden calves to worship. Are we simply too independent or just blatantly stubborn? It’s a good question to ask. Even with all of our silliness and distractions, God compassionately and patiently waits. He lets us assert our wills and knows that perhaps one day we will actually wake up and realize how lost we are.

“Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be made happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body but of the heart. But we cannot rise above ourselves unless a higher power lifts us up ... Divine aid is available to those who seek it from their hearts, humbly and devoutly; and this means to sigh for it in this valley of tears, through fervent prayer (St. Bonaventure).” One of the biggest human struggles is discerning what, exactly, is the highest good. We are ordered to achieve it but if we pursue it with clouded vision, we will never truly find it.

One of the greatest obstacles to God’s power and love is a stubborn, closed heart of stone. When we are fiercely determined to set our sights elsewhere for happiness or simply ride the popular currents of the day, we will never satisfy the deep ache and longing within. We know that ache well. It is precisely why we scurry all over the place, attempting to find the next best thing to take away its pain. Nothing in the created world ever can or will. We continue our journey. One day, people may wake up and realize that they are grazing in the wrong pasture and putting themselves in harm’s way. When this awakening occurs, it will be a most joyous day as we will see God’s wide-open arms waiting to receive us. “Lead me, Lord, in your path, and I will enter in your truth. Let my heart rejoice that it may fear your name (St. Bonaventure).”



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.

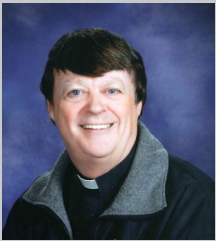
Holy Orders • Contact Fr. Terry if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood or Religious Life.

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



Lost and Found:

All of us have faced the dilemma of having misplaced items which can cause fear and anxiety, such as keys, receipts, purse, wallet, etc. We can worry about the list of items in our lives and the joy of finding them, but what about our souls and our personal relationship with JESUS. In the Old Testament, God reminded His people through Moses, Judges, Kings, and Prophets that they had fallen away from their God. Likewise in our gospel today,

JESUS is concerned about those who had wandered away, calling them to conversion and a change of life. Even today God does not want to lose any of us and calls us each day of our lives to change and renewal. Let our prayer this week challenge you and me to take a look at our relationship with JESUS and to consider how deep and secure it is. Is it strong? Do we take it for granted? Are we in danger of losing it? Have a great week!

Fr. Terry



Faith Sharing Question

Gospel:

The parable of the prodigal (lost) son is one of the best-known parables of Jesus. Which of the characters do you most resonate with: the father, the older son, or the lost son?



CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is considered the most ancient of Catholic litanies?

Last Week's Answer: John N. Neumann, fourth Bishop of Philadelphia

Coalition for Life

The next HC Coalition for Life meeting is September 12 at 6pm. In an effort to get more in our community engaged, we are going to rotate the location of the meetings. Revive Community Church will host in September. Their building is located downtown Hawesville next to the post office.



Religious Education:

Helps to build a strong foundation

Religious Ed Classes

Classes have started! Every Wednesday 6-7pm.

Youth K-7 will meet in IC office basement.

Highschool grades 8-12 will meet in IC Upper

Room. Adults will meet in the conference room in

the main floor office. Youth registration packets may be picked up in the classroom.

Parents of High School and Confirmation Youth,

For class on Wed. Sept 14th, the confirmation and high school youth will be attending a chastity presentation by Jason Evert at the Horn Community Center at St. Mary of the Woods in Whitesville. We will provide supper in the Parish Hall at 6:00pm, leave from IC Church parking lot at 6:45pm and return at 9:15pm. Parents are invited to attend a parent session "Parenting for Purity" at 6:00pm at the Horn Center. This session will help you talk to your teen about living a chaste life. Parents wishing to attend the parent session are welcome to attend on their own. Youth will attend a "Love or Lust?" presentation at 7:30 PM, which parents are also invited to join. Please contact Nicole if you can volunteer to help drive the youth or with any questions about the event.



Confirmation Candidate & Parent Meeting

There will be a Confirmation Candidate and Parent Meeting on Wednesday September 21 at 6:00pm in IC Parish Hall.



Tuesday, September 13

8:00 am † Jim Fallin SC
By Jack Steel

Wednesday, September 14

5:30 pm † Wallace Harris IC
By Charles & Patricia Hagman

Thursday, September 15

8:00 am † Leo Basham SC
By Mike and Shelia Ogle

Friday, September 16

8:00 am † Dr. Glen Richards IC
By John & Marlene Wheatley

Saturday, September 17

5:00 pm People of the Parish IC

Sunday, September 18

8:30 am † Bob and Ora Roby SC
By Larry and Joann Roby

10:30 am L&D Vic & Lois Johnson Fam IC
By Noel Quinn

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Date September 11, 2022

Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



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, September 11

9:30am	Adult Class	SC
	What We Believe	
6:00pm	Adult Class	IC office
	What We Believe	

Monday, September 12

	Mower of the Week—Bob Durbin	SC
6:00pm	Hancock Co	Revive Ch.
	Coalition for Life	

Tuesday, September 13

8 am -7pm	Adoration	IC
5:00pm	IC Finance Mtg	IC Office
6:00pm	IC Parish Council	IC Hall

Wednesday, September 14

6:00pm	Rel ED K-Adult	IC
6:00pm	HS/Confirmation to Chastity Rally	

Thursday, September 15

7am -4pm	Adoration	SC
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Saturday, September 17

10:00am	RCIA	IC office
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Sunday, September 18

9:30am	Adult Class	SC
	What We Believe	
6:00pm	Adult Class	IC office
	What We Believe	



Why Do We Do That?

Question: Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

Answer: Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by

Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son. Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the "Seven Sorrows of Mary," which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15). In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church's calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary's faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus. In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: "Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father" (Lumen Gentium, 65).

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Sunday September 18

St. Columba 8:30am

Mass Coord	Judy Pate
Lector	Rosemary Emmick
Eucharistic Min	1)Dian Heavrin
	2)Butch Meriwether
	3)Sandy Davis
Altar Servers	Steve Basham
Cross Bearer	Scott Basham
Greeter/Usher:	David/Michelle
	Winchell
Gift Bearers	Randy Miller Family

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Mass Coord	Angie Curry
Lector:	Loretta Stokes
Eucharistic Min	1)Amy Hess
	2)Aimee Lyday
	3)Bob Ogle
Altar Servers	Sebastian Meserve
	Chance Lyday
Cross Bearer	Drew Lyday
Greeter/Usher:	Heath Stokes Family
Gift Bearers	Heath Stokes Family



Altar Linens

St. Columba is in need of someone to clean and press our altar linens, corporals, purificators and finger towels. Please contact Neena or Denise if you can help with this ministry.

What We Believe:

Class has started but it is not too late to join us! You may choose to attend class at St. Columba (after 8:30am Mass) or Immaculate Conception at 6PM. You're more than welcome. We have a few extra books available.



We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Frances Storm. May the Lord give them comfort and peace.

Sunday Collections

Immaculate Conception

Weekly Goal	\$3,462.00
Collection 9-4-2022	<u>\$4950.00</u>
Difference over	\$1488.00
Mass Attendance	54/121
Week # 10 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$34,620
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$40,169

St. Columba

Weekly Goal	\$2,788.00
Collection 9-4-2022	<u>\$2799.17</u>
Difference over	\$11.17
Mass Attendance	92
Week # 10 of 52	
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$27,880
Fiscal YTD Actual	\$25,504

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.