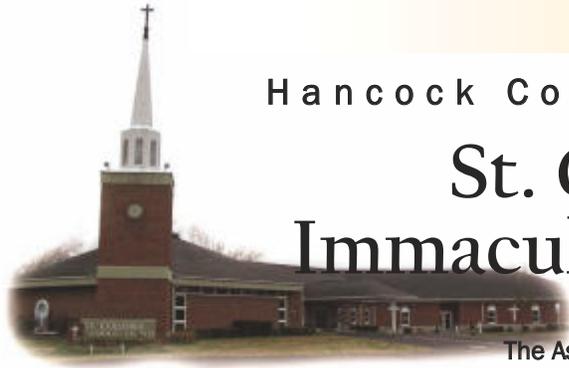


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**Membership in the Parish**

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**Bulletin Articles**

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**The Ascension of the Lord**

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power!



**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**



## Ascension Sunday

The Ascension completes Christ's earthly ministry. Entrusting His work to the disciples, Christ continues to work through them, even though He has physically left them. As Christians on earth we still have work to do. The great hope that Christ has shared with us must lead to action. We are called to be apostles. During our proclamation of faith at Mass, we recall that Christ will come

again. Meanwhile, our responsibility as members of Christ is to be sharers in His ongoing work for others.

Have a good week, Fr. Terry



## Faith Sharing Question

### Gospel:

Mark's account of the ascension of Jesus includes a final commissioning of the disciples to proclaim the Gospel, baptize believers, drive our demons, and heal the sick. How well do you think the Church fulfills this commission today?

## New Guidelines for the Mass

- All hymnals and missalettes may be returned to the pews for communal use.
- Congregational singing is permitted, but not recommended. Spread of the virus via droplets in the air remains a threat, and thus singing is only safe when everyone is properly masked. The best practice is to allow sung acclamations, responses, and responsorial psalms, or otherwise songs that are call/response in nature rather than having the congregation sing for a prolonged period of time. Choirs may resume but must be masked and placed three feet apart. Cantors may be unmasked if at least 8-12 feet apart.
- Pews will be open and other than family/household units, worshippers should be seated three feet apart in all directions

## Mass Ministers

As we gradually attempt to return to more of a normal Mass we wish to begin scheduling one Eucharistic Minister at the Sunday Mass times. Until the new schedule comes out in July we will schedule one EM each Sunday. We ask our current Eucharistic Ministers to please check the bulletin weekly. Please notify Denise if you do not wish to serve as an EM at this time. We ask if anyone wishes to be a Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Cross Bearer or Hospitality/Usher to please contact Denise at the church office.

## Cemetery Policy Reminder

Mowing season has begun. Just a reminder that the policy is: All flowers and ornaments must be attached to the headstone. Shepherd's hooks are for hanging baskets only. Items or mementoes left on the grass will be gathered up and discarded so as not to be in the way of the mower. Please pass this word along to your family and friends. Thank you.

*Thank You*

Peggy and Butch Meriwether would like express a sincere thank you to everyone for the thoughts, prayers, cards, food and gifts during the death of my Dad, Clinton Fentress. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Thanks,  
Peggy

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Date May 16, 2021

**Sunday: Ascension:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

**Seventh Sunday of Easter:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday: Morning:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

**Next Sunday: Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39, **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-



A listing of online Mass locations and times are on our website:

[www.icscchurch.org](http://www.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
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Antenna	CH 45 at 6:00am

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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.

**Bulletin Board**

**Sunday, May 16**

Feast of the Ascension SC

**Tuesday, May 18**

7am -7pm Adoration IC

**Wednesday May 19**

5:30pm Mass IC

**Thursday, May 20**

7am -4pm Adoration SC

8:30am Mass SC

**Sunday, May 23**

8:30/10:30 Mass to Honor SC/IC  
the Graduates

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**Changes to Mass and Disinfecting**

Teams please note the recent changes to the disinfecting schedule. Per Diocesan guidelines at all masses we now only need to use sanitizing wipes to disinfect all high touch areas such as door knobs, push plates, light switches, bathroom faucets, flush handles and commode seats. Pews do not need to be disinfected. The **spray can** disinfectant will also be used on **Saturday Night only** due to the turn around time of Mass on Sunday morning. We no longer need to use the garden sprayer. Missalettees may be placed in the pew for parishioners use but singing is still not recommended by the general assembly. Please contact Denise if you have any questions.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

**Saturday May 22**

Immaculate Conception 5:00pm

Lector: Volunteer  
Eucharistic Min: Volunteer  
Hospitality/Usher: Volunteer  
Disinfecting Team: Brenda Adkins

**Sunday May 23**

St. Columba 8:30am

Lector: Steve Allard  
Cross Bearer John Neff  
Eucharistic Min Amy Allard  
Hospitality/Usher: Randy Miller  
Scott Basham  
Disinfecting Team: Nicole Quinn  
Ron Spalding,

Immaculate Conception 10:30am

Lector: Bob Ogle  
Cross Bearer Volunteer  
Eucharistic Min: Mary Woodward  
Hospitality/Usher: Woodward Family  
Disinfecting Team: Amy Severs Family



**Why Do We Do That?**

Catholic Vs. Protestant Bibles

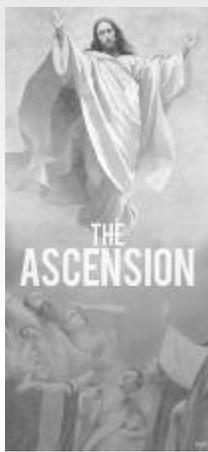
Question:

Why are Catholic and Protestant Bibles different?

Answer:

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians used a Greek translation of the Old Testament known as the Septuagint. This collection of the texts of the Hebrew Scriptures included 46 books.

At the time of the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s, the Protestant reformers began to create their own translations of the Bible (into local languages) and some began to question why the Jewish Scriptures would have included texts that were written in Greek, because, they assumed, the only valid Jewish Scriptures would have been written in Hebrew. And so, they decided to remove seven books from the Old Testament: Baruch, Sirach, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Tobit, Judith and Wisdom (as well as portions of the Books of Daniel and Esther). This means that the Protestant Old Testament only includes 39 books, while Catholic Bibles continue to include those original 46 books. Both Catholic and Protestant Bibles include 27 books and letters in the New Testament.



**Why Are We Looking at the Sky?**

Men of Galilee – why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. *Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!*

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself. Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history? – *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*

**Sunday Collections**

<p><b>Immaculate Conception</b></p> <p>Weekly Goal .....\$3,173.00  Collection 5-9-21.....<b>\$2,277.00</b>  Difference under .....\$896.00  Mass Attendance .....67/80</p> <p>Week # 45 of 52  Fiscal YTD Goal.....\$142,785  Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$146,795</p>	<p><b>St. Columba</b></p> <p>Weekly Goal.....\$2,500.00  Collection 5-9-21.....<b>\$1,783.00</b>  Difference under .....\$717.00  Mass Attendance .....90</p> <p>Week # 45 of 52  Fiscal YTD Goal .....\$112,500  Fiscal YTD Actual .....\$112,855</p>
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**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.*

# THANK YOU!

We want to send a sincere thank you to all our catechists this year. Although we did not have in-person faith formation classes, they were on stand by and ready just in case they were called.

Our Catechists (religious education teachers and assistants) spend untold hours in preparation and teaching time each week in order to pass on the Catholic faith to a new generation of believers—your children—and I know that I join all of our parents in offering our collective appreciation.

The time, energy and love that comprises those who take on this ministry is a powerful sign of Christian Discipleship: to pass on Christ's teachings and faith which was begun by Christ and His Apostles and carries on today through our families and neighbors, especially those involved in our religious education program.

K/1-Nicole Ballard and Amy Volocko  
2nd-Amy Severs and Beth Curry  
3rd- Mary Woodward  
4/5th-Melody Miller  
6/7th Confirmation- Aimee Lyday and Angie Curry

Again Thank You!!!



## Adopt a Senior

This year we are asking parishioners to "adopt a senior". Let us show our seniors how much we love them, support them and are praying for them! Feel free to adopt one, two, or all by sending a card,

letter, or even a little gift showing your support during this time. We will have Mass on May 23rd at both St. Columba and Immaculate Conception in honor of our graduates. If you need their address, it may be in the parish directory or feel free to contact Jill and she will send it to you. Thank you!

## Congratulations to our 2021 Seniors!

### St Columba

Adam Gregory son of Michelle and Brad Gregory  
Michael Payne son of Laura Hawes

### Immaculate Conception

Karly Booty daughter of Yvonne and Keith Booty  
Gracey Emmick daughter of Rachael and Kasey Emmick  
Rheanne Phillips daughter of Mike Fuchs  
Sam Snyder son of Polly and John Snyder  
Falyn Stokes daughter of Loretta and Heath Stokes

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## Summer Gift for all Youth!



Creator of all,  
Thank you for Summer!  
Thank you for the  
warmth of the sun &  
increased daylight.  
Thank you for the beau-  
ty I can see around me & for the opportunity to be outside  
& enjoy your creation.  
Thank you for the increased time I have to be with my  
family & friends.  
Draw me closer to You this Summer.  
Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I  
am doing.  
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence &  
light my path with Your word and counsel.  
As i enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a  
hunger and thirst for you.  
Amen

As we end the school year and begin summer break,  
please enjoy a small gift of sunglasses from your parish!  
Youth may find their sunglasses in the back of church!!  
Have a great Summer!

## YOU'RE INVITED



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19	-
MAY	7:00PM



## Permanent Diaconate

The Diocese is calling forth men who are interested in service to the Church as a Permanent Deacon. Permanent Deacons, under the leadership of our bishop and in partnership with priests, religious communities, laity, and the gifted women of the Diaconate Community, humbly commit themselves to the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ and his Church through the diaconal ministries of Service, Worship, and proclamation of the Gospel in word and deed. The next group of deacon candidates (English) will be forming in the Fall of 2021. More information about becoming a Permanent Deacon, who to contact if you have questions, and the required application which is due to be in by May 29, 2021, can be found at the diocesan webpage <https://owensborodiocese.org/permanent-diaconate/>.

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