

# SAINT COLUMBKILLE

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 26, 2020

### Welcome

We are GLAD you are HERE.

*Any Questions?*

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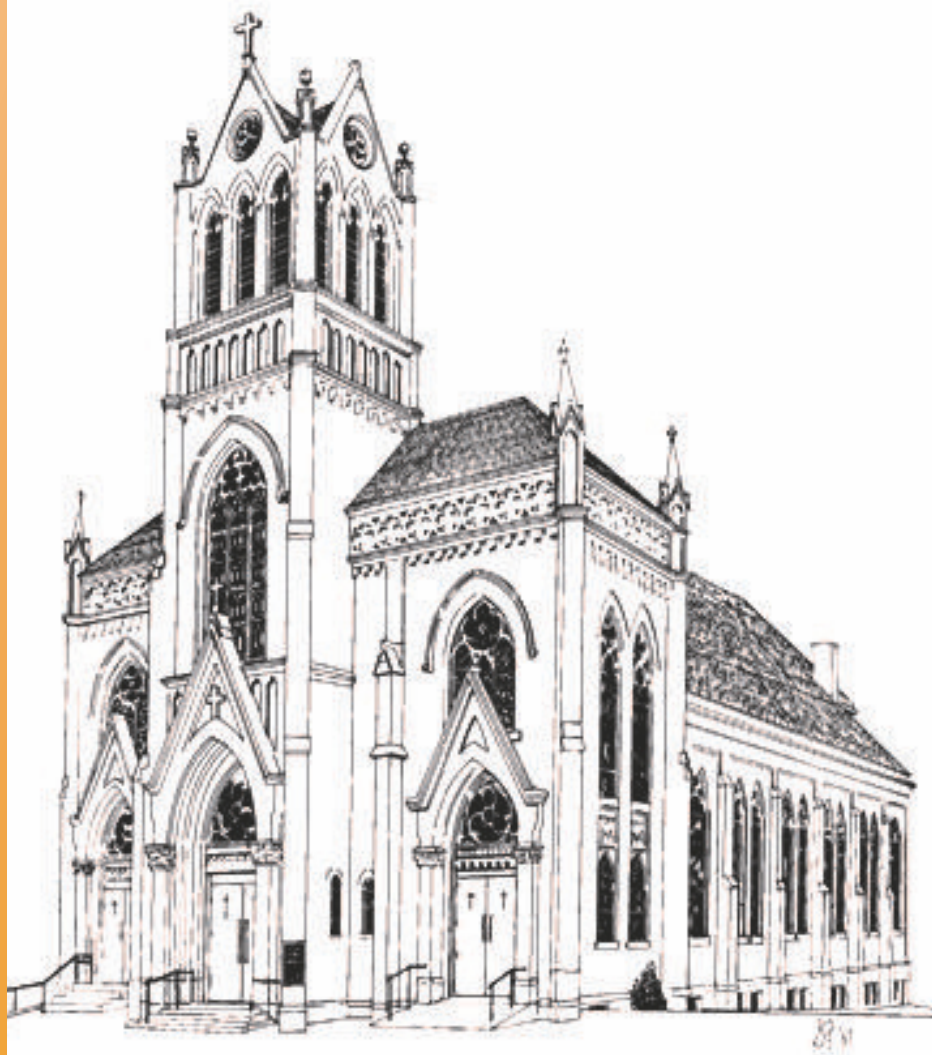
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### Mission Statement

**God CALLS us to be disciples and  
FORMS us by our Catholic Faith to  
ENCOUNTER Christ  
EMBRACE deeper faith and  
EMPOWER Christian action.**



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**ENCOUNTER:** Mass Intention and added prayers for:

**OFFERED BY PRIESTS PRIVATELY**

Monday, April 27

9:00 am † **Daniel P. Aslin**

Tuesday, April 28

9:00 am † **Dorothy Heitzman**

Wednesday, April 29

9:00 am † **Barbara Kruse**

\* Marvin & Brett Connolly

\* Winifred Cushman

Thursday, April 30

9:00 am † **Joan Ehlers**

Friday, May 1

9:00 am **In Thanksgiving**

Saturday, May 2

4:15 pm † **Roger & Lois Gerardy**

\* Allan Heiar

\* Jean M. Dunne

Sunday, May 3

8:00 am **Pro Popolo**

\* **Gerald, Susan & Kathy Wild**

\* Sara Wild

10:00 am † **John Schwendinger**

\* Tom & Betty Sacco

## Short Litany To Our Blessed Mother

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted, pray for us.

Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us.

Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

Our Lady, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.

Our Lady, Queen of Heaven & Earth, pray for us. Amen.



## A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God

We come to You in our weakness.

We come to You in our fear.

We come to You with trust.

For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our world.

We turn to you in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.

Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home.

Stabilize our communities.

Unite us in our compassion.

Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care.

**(Mention your particular concerns and prayers now).**

Jesus, I trust in You.

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Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.



During This Stressful Time we have had to adopt new guidelines for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. For the time being we can only do confessions by appointment. If you want to make an appointment, please call the Parish Office and the secretary will ask you a few questions and get your first name and your telephone number. The secretary will then contact Fr. Paul and he will call you direct either to set up an appointment or just talk to you on the phone. We don't like this situation any better than you do - but we have to be safe AND we want YOU to be safe as well. *"...shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen."*  
- Intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe



## **EMPOWER: Financial Report**

**Week of ..... 4/19/2020**

Weekly Received ..... \$14,523.50

Weekly Budgeted ..... \$18,759.00

Weekly Shortage ..... (\$4,235.50)

**Since July 1, 2019:**

Year-To-Date Received.....\$753,677.44

Year-To-Date Budgeted.....\$787,878.00

Year-To-Date Shortage.....(\$34,200.56)

**Sunday**

Why is Jesus so hard to see? That question wells up as I spend time with the story told by Cleopas and his companion to the still-unrecognized Jesus walking with them to Emmaus. Why not say "Hey guys! Its me-Jesus!?" Why vanish as soon as they realize He is their companion at table? Why doesn't Jesus just make Himself clearly present by-oh say-answering Pope Francis' (and our) prayer that this Coronavirus just disappear...or any of a thousand good things to make life and faith-easier?

Well, when Peter could not see seeing suffering as part of being Messiah, Jesus in Mt 16:23 responded "you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Admittedly, my mind easily goes to human things-comfort, understanding, what is satisfying or pleasing to me. So even with that as a given, what might be the divine things God wants my mind set upon?

One is the reverence with which God holds our freedom. Faith is always a gift from God but it is also a free choice! I was praying before Mass Easter morning about how convicting it would be for the pandemic to just be over on Easter. With 2/3 of the world under quarantine, who could refute that the God of Jesus Christ, is God indeed!

But God *invites* faith. The Divine mind knows the line between freedom, and coercion. By embracing in faith that Jesus was present to Cleopas and companion then, and us today: in the Word of God explained by Christ then and His Church now, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread at Mass, and in our sharing faith like those back in Jerusalem, I entrust God with setting the line where it needs to be.

Another is in that the Emmaus bound two-were two! They returned to Jerusalem to find the Eleven and those with them-more than two! When Jesus seems hidden, or vanishes, He does so into the *context of our relationships* of faith and self-gift. When my life experiences challenge, gratify, humble or fulfill-in *everything*-Christ wants us to *turn to each other*. Together, in His name, as two or more, we will find Him with us in what each shares. While not a substitute for receiving the Eucharist together at Mass, sharing oneself is an encounter with Jesus we can have in midst of a pandemic, even over old technology like the phone, or yikes!-A letter!

God's Divine mind sees togetherness, communion, and sharing as better for faith and love, than our understanding fully how it all works. God has shared enough reasons to believe to respect our rational minds, but not so much that He compromises our will. We find ourselves in the place of faith-together. Heaven is together with God, in God. Nurturing together now, makes sense *enough* to me for faith, and for loving you and God.

**Fr. Tom**

*Thank You*

St. Columbkille Parishioners for returning your Census snippet and for signing up for Electronic Funds Transfer OR increasing your EFT contribution!!! And Thank You for the donations you have dropped off or mailed to us. It's parishioners like YOU who have kept St. Columbkille strong in these trying times.

## ENCOUNTER: Readings for the Week

Week of April 26, 2020

Sun: Acts 2:14,22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35  
 Mon: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29  
 Tues: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35  
 Wed: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40  
 Thurs: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51  
 Fri: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59  
 Sat: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69  
 Next Sun: Acts 2:14a,36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



The parish of St. Columbkille gives thanks to God for the gift of Gary Anglin. We were blessed by his ministry and witness to the Lord's love these many years as a member of the Staff, in our worship, and as fellow pilgrim on the Way of the Lord. We hold him in our prayers, along with Deb, Kevin, Angie and all of Gary's family and friends. May Christ's Easter bring peace that we will be with Him again at the table of the Lord!



God called Gary to be a disciple and formed him by his Catholic Faith to  
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Gary Anglin **lived** the St. Columbkille Mission Statement!!

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