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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.** 

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3 pm Thursday Evenings at 6 pm Friday Mornings at 6:30 pm

These young people have been learning, preparing and sharing their faith for the past year and we are so excited to have them receive the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 6th. Please pray for them!

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#### **ENCOUNTER:** Mass Intention and added prayers for: Monday, September 27 9:00 am † Charlie Breitbach Tuesday, September 28 † Barbara Burckhard 9:00 am Wednesday, September 29 7:00 am † Jeanette Callahan—Parish Mass † Joan Higley — School Mass 9.00 am Thursday, September 30 9:00 am † Leo & Luella Seitz and Family Friday, October 1 † Adrian Schatz 7:00 am Saturday, October 2 † Roger & Lois Gerardy 4:15 pm Ruth & Richard Billmeyer \* Art Trausch \* Jack & Pat Anglin Sunday, October 3 8:00 am **Pro Popolo** William Kinsella \* Bill Huss \* John Welsh Jr. In Honor of Tim Jameson In Honor of Grayson Dall 10:00 am William Kinsella

Gerard Noonan

#### **EMBRACE:** This Week Monday, September 27 Cub Scouts—PH/Fogarty 6:00 pm 7:15 pm Families Anonymous—Fogarty **Tuesday, September 28** 6:00 pm Pastoral Council—PH Wednesday, September 29 9:00 am School Mass 6:00 pm Boy Scouts—Convent 6:00 pm Adult Choir — Church KCs—PH 6:30 pm Thursday, September 30 6:00 pm Reconciliation—Center Vestibule Friday, October 1 5:00 pm Shannon/Elston Rehearsal Saturday, October 2 1:30 pm Shannon/Elston Wedding

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong and so immediate before the throne of God, I entrust to you all my intentions and desires.

Help me, St. Joseph with your powerful intercession, to obtain all the spiritual blessings through the intercession of your adopted Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, so that, entrusting me here on earth with your heavenly power, you tribute my thanks and homage.

O St. Joseph, I never tire of contemplating You with Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not draw near as He rests with your heart. Embrace Him in my name, kiss His tender face for me and ask Him to give me back this kiss when I breathe my last breath.

St. Joseph patron of departed souls, pay for me!



**Next Sunday,** October 3 the Loose Coin Collection goes to the St. Pat's Meal.

"Get to Know the STO" — How does it work? Did you know that the 75% Tax Credit for an STO donation is the largest credit in the state of Iowa? It's a simple way to



help Catholic education and a simple tax credit to use. As an example: If you expect to owe \$900 in Iowa income taxes this year, donate \$1,200 to the STO, and you'll receive a \$900 Tax Credit Certificate. Redeem the credit at tax time, and you've now eliminated your Iowa income tax liability. You'll provide \$1200 worth of STO support for only \$300, and you now owe \$0 in Iowa Income Tax. Please check with your tax professional on how this might work for you. For more information, visit www.ourfaithsto.org.

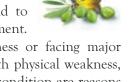


**Youth Choir is Back!** Under the direction of Ayla Murphy, middle and high school students are invited to participate in music ministry for our parish. Rehearsal dates fall on the Wednesday evening before a scheduled weekend Mass, beginning October 20 at 7 pm. For more information, visit st.columbkille.net/youth-

ministry.

Anointing the Sick will be offered at all Masses October 2/3. The sacrament is not only for the dying! It is meant to strengthen those who are

for the dying! It is meant to strengthen those who are facing serious life change because of illness and to assist them by providing spiritual reinforcement.



Anyone suffering from a serious or chronic illness or facing major surgery may celebrate this sacrament. Old age with physical weakness, or being in an age group or having an underlying condition are reasons for anointing even if no serious illness is present.

## Sanctuary Lamp: October, 2021 In Memory of Don Remakel



**Priesthood Sunday** is a special day set aside to honor the priesthood in the United States. Thank your priest for answering the call to the priesthood! Pray this prayer by St. Charles Borromeo for your priest and all priests. "O Holy Mother of God, pray for the priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be

pious in meditation, efficacious in preaching, and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy."

— Serra Club of Dubuque

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing this article on Sunday evening after our parish picnic and the need to say THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU is all I can think of right now. Our parish picnic is our final Joy of Columbkille event and it sort of signals the end of our "repair" season as well. (With the lift in front of the church, you can see that some repairs are still continuing.) From the Joy sponsors to parishioners who made the events happen to parishioners who volunteered their businesses' expertises in repairs, the list of THANK YOUs in quite long. Even the insert in today's bulletin cannot capture all of them.

Thank you and thank God. In a subtle way, our Gospel this week demands that we keep God in the center of all that we do. Jesus' disciples complain that a man was driving out demons "in the name" of Jesus and "He does not follow us." Jesus' disciples started to think of themselves as doing something or having a power separate from God. They saw themselves as possessors of power and only they could act. We must never forget that our ability to act is always dependent upon God.

In this light, I would ask you to pray for our Pastoral Council and all of our parish leadership. This past summer, the Pastoral Council has been working through how we need to update our school building. Some aspects are obvious and straightforward but other decisions require a choice among multiple solutions. The Pastoral Council received input from Holy Family, Barb Roling as our principal, and from others. I need to thank the Pastoral Council for participating in several additional meetings and outside work above and beyond its normal expectations.

While we are still in the midst of collecting information, this next meeting on September 28th @ 6 pm in Fogarty Hall will be a very important meeting. Please pray for us and pray God guides us to what is good for our parish and our school. Our goal is to send a letter back to Holy Family that outlines the breadth of options St. Columbkille is willing to consider and to help define how we would like to proceed in arriving at a decision.

Obviously, this will be a whole parish decision and some of the options cost more than others. We recognize that all of our current repairs are happening because of your generosity and all of our work going forward will be as well. One parishioner shared with me that they are asked constantly to support projects around the community. He said, "if a project addresses a true need, we happily support it; if it doesn't, we don't." This is the right sentiment and our Pastoral Council has taken it to heart.

Please know that our Pastoral Council meetings are open to everyone. If attendance is great, we can always move it to the Church! (That would be awesome.) Fr. Tom and I will have to work through all of the recommendations and concerns voiced and arrive at a set of possible solutions to the needs of our parish and school. This is happening in three ways. First, we are addressing those issues necessary for structural integrity and projects that are clearly needed.

Second, we are identifying and prioritizing projects that would fall into regular maintenance and updating. The most obvious example would be maintaining our church brick work and protecting our stained glass windows. Third, we are working through our Pastoral Council to consider options that will impact St. Columbkille for the next 25 years. Obviously, these decisions are much more difficult and thus asking for prayer.

Thank you for your support, your prayer and your generosity. The JOY of our picnic today gave me great hope for the future of St. Columbkille.

In Christ,

Fr. Dave

The Annual Fall Clean-up at Mt. Calvary and Mt. Olivet Cemeteries begins Monday, Oct. 4th and runs through Friday, Oct. 8, 2021. Please remove all items and decorations you wish to save no later than Sunday, October 3, 2021. All items not removed will be discarded. Cemetery Management requests that no decorations or plantings be placed on grave sites until Sat., Oct. 9, 2021.

# ENCOUNTER: Readings for the Week Week of September 26, 2021

Sun: Nm 11:25-29/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-4

3,45,47-48

Mon: Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tues: Zec 8:20-23/Lk 9:51-56
Wed. Dn 7:9-10,13-14/Jn 1:47-51
Thurs: Neh 8:1-4α,5-6,7b-12/Lk 10:1-12

Fri: Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16

Sat: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Mt 18:1-5,10 Next Sun: Gn 2:18-24/Heb2.9-11/Mk 10:2-16

## Dan Schutte Concert at Sinsinawa Mound Center on Friday, October 15,

**7 pm.** You've been singing Dan's beloved melodies for years. Now the composer of "Here I am, Lord," "City of God" and "Sing a New Song" wants to share his love of God with you. Dan weaves stories, prayer and reflection with song, inviting all into a deeper relationship with God. Dan has been composing music for worship for over 50 years and continues to inspire with uplifting new compositions for liturgy and personal spirituality, exhibiting an enduring ability to reach into people's hearts and draw them into prayer. This concert will be available both in person and via livestream. For more information go to www.sinsinawa.org/ MoundCenter/events.

Coats For Kids: The Knights of Columbus are requesting donations, coats, appliances & kitchenware for our sister parish, Our Lady of the Sioux Christmas Store (OLOTS), Oglala, SD and Dubuque local Schools. Checks should be made out to "K of C 15813" with "Coats for Kids" on the memo line. ALL donations must be in before Friday, Oct. 1. Items needed: New or slightly used clean coats sizes toddler to XL. New or slightly used clean clothes size 2T to 5 T. Questions? Contact Dan @563-227-1855 or email dan.welsh333@gmail.com.

In Celebration of Dave & Gloria Cahalan's 66th Wedding Anniversary St. Columbkille received money to cover the cost of Hosts & Wine for the month of October, 2021. What a wonderful gift!!







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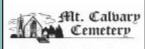


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