# November 28, 2021

# Welcome

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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 am



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

Monday, November 29 9:00 am † **Joan Higley** Tuesday, November 30 9:00 am † **Joyce Becker** 

Wednesday, December 1

9:00 am † Leo & Luella Seitz & Family

Thursday, December 2

9:00 am † Michael J. Kalb

Friday, December 3

7:00 am † Dorothy O'Neill & Family

Saturday, December 4

4:15 pm † John Patrick O'Boyle

\* Jack & Pat Anglin

\* Jim & Mary Billmeyer

\* Maury Sturm

Sunday, December 5

8:00 am Pro Popolo

\* Russ Goebel

\* John Welsh Sr.

\* In Honor of Tim Jameson

\* In Honor of Grayson Dall

\* In Honor od John & Polly Splinter

10:00 am † Tom Feltes

\* Morrie Klocker

# **EMBRACE:** This Week

# Monday, November 2

6:00 pm Cub Scouts—PH/Fogarty
7:15 pm Families Anonymous—Fogarty

Wednesday, December 1

6:00 pm Boy Scouts—Convent

6:30 pm KCs—PH 7:00 pm Youth Choir

7:00 pm Youth Choir Thursday, December 2

6:00 pm Reconciliation—Center Vestibule

Friday, December 3

6:00 am Confessions—Church

7:00 am Mass

Sunday, December 5

5:00 pm Confirmation—Ch/PH/Fogarty



Poinsettias are again being sold for \$15 to decorate our worship space for the Christmas

season. If you would like to purchase a plant in memory of someone, please send a check payable to St. Columbkille Church to the parish office **before December 6th.** 

Next Sunday December 5th the Loose Coin Collection goes to the St. Pat's Meal.



# Sanctuary Lamp: December, 2021 In Honor of Charlie Breitbach



In Memory of Janet Schwendinger St. Columbkille Church received money to cover the cost of Hosts & Wine for the month of December, 2021. What a wonderful Gift!!

In Memory of Ron & Marge Larson blue bags were donated as a tangible reminder to participate in our parish food drive. On the last weekend of each month, you are invited to take a bag from the back of church, fill it with non-perishable food items and bring it



back to church the first weekend of the month. The food donated will be transported to one of our community food banks. Please join in our parish effort to respond to the growing need of those facing hunger in our community.



Parish Prayer Chain: There is power in united prayer. Jesus said, "Again I tell you, if two of you join your voices on earth to pray for anything whatever, it shall be granted you by my Father in heaven." Matthew 18:19

This is a reminder that we have a group of dedicated parishioners ready and willing to pray for your personal, family, or

other intentions. To take advantage of this gift of intercessory prayer, please call or e-mail your request as follows: Lavern Anglin—845-7085, Rosemary Mallie—582-7968, or Julie Kouba—557-1986 or julianakouba@gmail.com. If you would like to become a member of the Prayer Chain Ministry, let one of them know as well.

St. Joseph the Worker is having a spaghetti dinner followed by the one-man play, "The 3 1/2 Stories of Christmas" on Friday, December 10. Dinner begins at 5:30 pm in Martin Hall and the play begins at 7 pm in the church. A freewill offering will be collected. Please call the parish office at 588-1433 to RSVP.

Welcome to Advent — again! The Church starts its own cycle around the sun before our western culture's calendar by a month, and about two months prior to our Vietnamese seminarians and the rest of the Asian world celebrating their new year.

That our new year of faith arrives first among these calendars is fitting I think. Faith in Christ tells us time is taking us somewhere—to a fulfilment, not just another trip through the seasons. And so Christians lean into our future with reason for hope when others might look on the future only with apprehension, or looking to oneself.

This month of Advent invites Christians to strain against the inertia of Sn's "things will never change" or "things don't need to change." We can expect an encounter with Christ in every event and relationship. We are here to reveal Christ who has come, is with us, and is coming again!

On one hand, this weekend's Gospel echoes the promise of last Sunday—that we can hope to encounter Christ as King. He waits in the moments where we can choose to exercise His power over sin and self-centeredness. There are many needs of the poor we can respond to and in which we can make a difference this holiday season. We can be part of revealing His reign of justice already at work in our midst, to renew our hopefulness, and that of our brothers and sisters in need.

On the other hand, Advent points us toward the celebration of Christ's birth in anything but power. W can hope to encounter Him in our circumstances of weakness and dependence not unlike those of a baby in manger. Perhaps I don't have great words to encourage a friend for whom the holidays are emotionally difficult because of a death or other loss. I can still go to them, confident I will encounter Jesus there in that shared vulnerability, and help reveal His presence simply by being present. Or, I can let Advent confront me with areas of sin and growth in my lie. Christ's love for me in my weakness promises I will encounter Jesus' healing when I come to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a parish on Sunday, December 12th.

What are the moments and experiences these weeks of Advent offer to encounter Christ in the power of His kingship, and the weakness of His infancy? A new year of Grace has begun. Be hopeful. Be confident! Jesus promises our vigilance will be rewarded!

Fr. 70m

Immaculate Conception Mass Times: 5:30 pm — December 7th—Vigil 7:00 am, (9:00 am School Mass Only), and 6:00 pm on December 8th



# ENCOUNTER: Readings for the Week Week of November 28, 2021

Sun: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 Mon: ls 2:1-5/Mt 8:5-11

Tues: Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 Wed. Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 Thurs: Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 Fri: Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 Sat: Is 30:19-21,23-26/ Mt 9I:35-

10:1,5a,6-8

Next Sun: Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6,8-11/Lk 3:1-6

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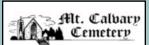


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