Saint Columbkille Catholic Church

December 5, 2021

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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

Second Sunday of Advent

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ENCOUNTER: Mass Intention and added prayers for:

Monday, December 6
9:00 am † **Steve Reisdorf**
Tuesday, December 7
9:00 am † **Olive Cole**
* Betty Sullivan
5:30 pm † **Roy & Millie Schlickman**
Wednesday, December 8
7:00 am † **Joyce Becker—**Parish Mass
9:00 am † **Adrian Schatz**—School Mass
6:00 pm † **Dorothy Heitzman**
Thursday, December 9
9:00 am † **Walter Becker**
Friday, December 10
7:00 am † **Donna Weitzel**
Saturday, December 11
4:15 pm † **Howard Herman**
* Honkamp/Wubben Family
* John Drexler
Sunday, December 12
8:00 am **Pro Popolo**
* Melvin Schuster
* Maury Sturm
* David & Judy Ochs
* Leo & Luella Seitz
10:00 am Lyle & Nellie Link
* Gerard Noonan
* ***80th Wedding Anniversary of Robert O. Specht and Caroline Reichert Specht***

EMBRACE: This Week

Monday, December 6
6:00 pm Cub Scouts—PH/Fogarty
7:15 pm Families Anonymous—Fogarty
Tuesday, December 7
5:30 pm Vigil of Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, December 8
Masses: 7 am, 9 am, and 6:00 pm
Thursday, December 9
6:00 pm Reconciliation—Center Vestibule
6:30 pm Encourage — Fogarty
Friday, December 10
6:30 am Confessions—Mass at 7 am
5:30 pm Frideres/Luper Rehearsal
Saturday, December 11
1:30 pm Frideres/Luper Wedding
Sunday, December 12
4:00 pm Communal Reconciliation

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.

Next Sunday—**December 12th** the Loose Coin Collection goes to **Our Lady of the Sioux.**

Dubuque County Right to Life, is seeking a qualified Executive Assistant to help advance our mission of building a culture of life in Dubuque County and the surrounding area. A superior candidate will be ambitious, trustworthy, and passionate across all Pro-Life matters. This position will require the capacity to execute specific projects while balancing key day-to-day office operations in an organized and competent manner. Specific abilities to succeed in this role are: Communication, professionalism, team-oriented, and customer service skills. Prior experience with technology (Microsoft Office Programs, social media, contact database management, mail merge, etc.), is desired. This position is 35 hours per week. Compensation will be commensurate with experience. To apply, please email letter of introduction and resume to Augustine Payne at apayne@dcrtl.org.

Immaculate Conception Mass Times:

- December 7th Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm
- December 8th 7 am, 9 am (School Mass ONLY), and 6 pm

Would you be interested to add a prayer to your life? Centering Prayer is helpful to many people—some pray it along daily and with others once a month in groups. If this interests you to learn more and/or join groups, maybe lead a group, too. Please let me know rather soon and more information will be sent to you. Contact Sister Jeanine Kuhn, PBVM at 1-515-441-1732 or Jeanine@dbqpbvms.org.

St. Columbkille Christmas Holiday Schedule

December 5 - Adoration in Church from 5-8 pm
December 12 - Communal Reconciliation 4 pm in Church
December 24 - Christmas Eve
- 4 pm Mass in Gym
- 4 pm Mass in Church
- 6 pm Mass in Church

December 25 - Christmas Day
- 8 am Mass in Church
- 10 am Mass in Church

December 31 - New Year's Eve
- 5:30 pm Vigil Mass

January 1, 2022 - New Year's Day
- 9 am Mass

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was invited over to a family's home for Thanksgiving and the parents asked the kids (1st ad 4th grade) what we should feed Fr. Schatz. They responded, "A kale sandwich." At least the kids do not sleep through my homilies! It did cause a reflection on thankfulness.

In the midst of this Advent Season, our readings encourage us to do two things. We are to prepare our hearts to welcome him. The second aspect is not so obvious. St. Paul calls us to reflect upon "our partnership for the gospel." He says, "I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of **your partnership for the gospel** from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that **the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus** (1:4-6).

As we come toward the end of the year, a necessary thankfulness resides in my heart and I would like to mention a few of them:

- While I cannot get specific in this column, one person does need to be thanked. Barb Roling, our principal, has managed our second year of our school being filled to capacity (293 kids plus) and COVID.
- First Communion families learn about forgiveness, sacrifice, and love and implement them. Thankful for our Catalysts for Christ prayer partners as well.
- The couples who prepared for Marriage and Baptism with vigor. I was inspired by their witness to love.
- Parishioners who made things happen in maintenance and repair of our buildings.
- All of our Councils for giving good counsel. I have been impressed by the care for our parish.
- Our parish staff work to share our mission well. It is a joy to work as a partner.
- Finally your support of our mission in every way—time, talent and treasure.

A person voiced a real concern for our future, both as a church and as a parish. She was fearful. In response to her, I was struck by St. Paul's words, "the one who began a good work in you." I am no prophet. I have no idea what the future may have in store for us. However, I think we can see that God has begun good work in us and we can have confidence that God wants to complete it. For this, I am thankful and I think appropriately hopeful.

May God bless and give you hope in this Advent season,

Fr. David

KC Council 510 is hosting a Special Fundraiser for the blue-lighted Centennial Cross in Key West on Saturday, December 11th from 5-7:30 pm at the Joliet Event Center, 781 Locust, Dubuque, IA. **Poor Man's Catering** has generously donated a Beef Tips and Homemade Noodles Dinner. RSVPs are REQUIRED. RESERVE A MEAL AND ARRIVAL TIME BY CALLING THE JOLIET EVENT Center at 563-588-2011. ALL proceeds from meal will go to repairing and relighting of the cross.

ENCOUNTER: Readings for the Week

Week of December 5, 2021

Sun:	Bar 5:1-9/Phil 1:4-6,8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Mon:	Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26
Tues:	Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14
Wed.	Gn 3:9-15,20/Mt 11:11-15
Thurs:	Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
Fri:	Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19
Sat:	Sir 48:1-4,9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sun:	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3,4,5-6/ Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

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