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# 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

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"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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# **RECONCILIATION**

Thursday: 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Friday: 6:30 AM to 7:00 AM Saturday: 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM or by appointment

## **ROSARY**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM

# **MASS TIMES**

Monday: 9:00 AM
Tuesday: 9:00 AM
Wednesday: 9:00 AM
Thursday: 9:00 AM
Friday: 7:00 AM

Saturday: 4:15 PM (livestreamed)
Sunday: 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM
Children's Liturgy of the Word is

celebrated during most 10 AM Sunday Masses



2023





## S INTENTION:

# **PASTOR'S REFLECTION**

Monday May 1 9:00 AM

† Dorothy Heitzman

† Robert D. Storck

Tuesday May 2 9:00 AM

† Joan Higley † Edine Storck

† Bert Tranel

Wednesday May 3 9:00 AM

† John & Janet Schwendinger

Thursday May 4 9:00 AM

† John & Joan Higley

† Carol Neiers

Friday May 5 7:00 AM

† Helen Molo

† Anna Mae Powers

Saturday May 6 4:15 PM

† Ron Larson

† Dave Lammer

† Guy A. Gard, Jr.

† Reinhold Nelissen

† Al Sloan Family

† Stan Nemmers

Sunday May 7 8:00 AM

† Gerald, Susan & Kathy Wild

10:00 AM

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† Betty Sullivan

† William Patt

† Berniece Knippel

† Janice Frederick

Can you believe we are talking about the Joy of Columbkille already?

For our new parishioners, The Joy of Columbkille is a series of celebrations that start with our golf outing and concludes with our parish picnic. While it has a fundraising component, we try to create opportunities for joy by gathering together as a parish.

In addition to our great partnership with the Knights of Columbus, a couple parishioners, Kirk Fitzgerald and Mike Specht, have added a new avenue of fun to our celebrations. They are hosting a St. Columbkille bus trip to a Brewers Baseball Game in Milwaukee. We want to take this opportunity to thank them for their work on this and bringing back a great tradition.

Here is the rundown of events that make up the Joy of Columbkille celebrations:

The St. Columbkille Golf Open - Sunday, August 6, 2023 at Bunker Hill. Our goal is 25 golf foursomes plus any who would like to join us for dinner and auction.

The Knights of Columbus Golf Outing and Fundraiser - Saturday. August 26, 2023 at Timberline Golf Course. How many attend? If you know the Knights, they will have lots of fun and they will always have room for another foursome.

Brewers Baseball Trip - Sunday, August 27, 2023 leaving from St. Columbkille at 6 a.m. Kirk and Mike said everyone will be at Mass at 4:15 on Saturday so we don't need a Mass at 5 a.m. on Sunday. We are starting with one bus so we have the capacity for 56 people total.

Parish Mass and Picnic - Sunday, September 17, 2023. If all goes as planned, we will celebrate Mass in our backyard and we have capacity for everyone - just bring a chair or blanket! A great part of our celebration is our First Communion kids share our Blue Bag program for those in need and we are fed as well. A big thank you to the Heiar family and friends for a wonderful meal.

Our fundraising effort this year will be called "Saved by the Bell." Let's just say our bell tower has some issues. We know what the problems are and we are figuring out solutions, but it will be costly. However, I love the fact that our bell reminds our entire neighborhood of God's presence in our world even if you can't make it into our church.

We look forward to celebrating the Joy of Columbkille with you.

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations is Sunday, April 30, 2023 (also known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday'). The purpose of this day is to fulfill Jesus' command to "Ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest' (Matthew 9:38). Please pray that young men and women may hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life. Please also invite young men and women to consider Jesus' call.

# PARISH NEWS

#### Blue Bag Weekend | May 6 & 7

Remember to take a blue bag home with you this weekend and return it next weekend with nonperishable food items and basic household and hygiene supplies for our neighbors in need. St. Vincent de Paul and the Voucher Center Food Pantry thank you



for your donation of 650.2 lbs. of food and household items during the month of March. The blue bags are donated in memory of Ron and Marge Larson.

#### Honor the Memory of a Loved One With the Eucharist

Did you know that you can honor the memory of a loved one and provide monetary assistance to the parish by covering the cost of hosts and wine for an entire month? Honor your loved one through the gift of the Eucharist for May 2023 by calling 563-583-9117, or stop by the parish office to make your request.



Next Sunday, May 7, the loose coin collection goes to St. Stephen's River Bend Food Bank.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **Mental Health America Dinner and Silent Auction**

MHA of Dubuque County invites you to celebrate Mental Health Month at their dinner and silent auction on Wednesday, May 10, 4:30—7 p.m. at Westminister Presbyterian Church. Both dine-in and take-out options are available. Tickets are \$15 each (ages 5 and under are free). MHA of Dubuque County addresses brain health and overall wellness by collaborating with community partners to reduce stigma and advocate for improved access to mental health resources. Order your tickets at <a href="https://www.mhadbq.org">www.mhadbq.org</a>, or call 563-513-9236 for more information.

#### Institute of the Transfiguration St. Francis de Sales Event

On December 28, 2022 Pope Francis issued a document entitled "Everything pertains to love" to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of St. Francis de Sales, a Doctor of the Church. To celebrate the life and teachings of this great saint and the Archdiocese of Dubuque's new Institute of the Transfiguration Spiritual Director training initiative, you're invited to hear Dr. Wendy Wright, an expert on St. Francis de Sales, on Friday, May 19, 2023 at Mt. Mercy University in Cedar Rapids. This event will include Holy Mass, a social with food and beverages, and a presentation by Dr. Wendy Wright on "St. Francis de Sales: Model of Holiness and Unity in Times of Division." Learn more and register at <a href="https://www.dbgarch.org/institute-events">www.dbgarch.org/institute-events</a>.

#### Hospice of Dubuque Tree of Life Memorial Service

As certain flowers bloom in the spring, we hold the memories of loved ones in our hearts. Join us at the Annual Tree of Life Memorial Service on Tuesday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in Washington Park where we will gather as a community to honor those we love. All are welcome to attend. Please bring lawn chairs due to limited seating. Visit hospiceofdubuque.org/tree-of-life.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday May 1	Cub Scouts 6:00 P.M.   Presentation Hall Boy Scouts 6:00 P.M.   Fogarty Hall Families Anonymous 7:15 P.M.   Fogarty Hall
Tuesday May 2	Holy Family Wrestling Practice 3:00 P.M.   Convent Building
Wednesday May 3	Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 P.M.   Presentation Hall Youth Choir Rehearsal 6:30 P.M.   Fogarty Hall
Thursday May 4	Eucharistic Adoration With Students 12:05—2:15 P.M.   Church All are welcome to join our students!
Saturday May 6	Book Study Group 6:30 A.M.   Convent Building, 2nd floor May Crowning 4:15 P.M.   Church
Sunday May 7	May Crowning 8:00 & 10:00 A.M.   Church Confirmation Preparation 5:00 P.M.   Church/Presentation Hall All are welcome to join for Mass at 5 p.m.!
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Sunday Aug. 6 Saturday	8:00 & 10:00 A.M.   Church Confirmation Preparation 5:00 P.M.   Church/Presentation Hall All are welcome to join for Mass at 5 p.m.!  Save the date!  Joy of Columbkille Golf Outing Bunker Hill Golf Course  Knights of Columbus Golf Outing

# STAFF CORNER

"Who unlocked the gate and left that gate open?", my Dad would ask. Never in my youth did I think to answer Dad by telling him "Jesus did!" If I only knew then what I know now, surely that would have opened the door (or should I say gate) to a great discussion. All I knew back then was *uh oh, someone's in trouble for not locking the gate,* and being tickled this time it was not me!

Faith assures me today my beloved Dad, now in an eternal pasture of love, did not question but instead was happy to see the gate was unlocked and left open. The eternal gate, that is.

In His resurrection Jesus opened for all his glorified gate to the pasture of eternal life, letting us know this world is not all there is. Jesus proclaims, "I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture" (John 10:9).

Jesus, thank you for opening your holy gate for all to come in and go out and find your pasture of lifegiving spirit shielding us from all evil.

In Your Divine Mercy, Jesus, I trust in YOU!



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#### Our Prayer in Awaiting a New Archbishop

Throughout the Easter season, Scripture presents Jesus' disciples at prayer a lot! They pray when someone is in prison, they pray for healings, they are at prayer when the Holy Spirit comes upon them at Pentecost. Prayer is powerful, and at the core of our partnering with God!

As we await Pope Francis' choice of a new archbishop for our diocesan faith-family, it is particularly important that we, the sheep of this flock, pray for the shepherd we need, and God has in mind for us. Please make it a point for your household to offer this prayer for our next archbishop often-perhaps at a daily meal together. We don't know when he will be chosen. If its not for some months, it will be after that much more prayer offered for him by his flock. God is good! He won't waste it!

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
in your mercy grant your Church in Dubuque
a pastor who will please you by his holiness
and will show us your watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

#### THE STAFF OF ST. COLUMBKILLE WELCOMES YOU!

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