

God CALLS us to be disciples and FORMS us by our Catholic Faith to

ENCOUNTER Christ · **EMBRACE** deeper faith · **EMPOWER** Christian action



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



MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday May 8 9:00 AM

† Joan Higley

† Dennis O'Neill & family

† Bert Tranel

Tuesday May 9 9:00 AM

† Del Link † John C. Welter

† John & Joan Higley

Wednesday May 10 9:00 AM

Thursday

May 11

9:00 AM

† Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Piekenbrock

† Bernadine VanOteghan

† Marge Sweeney

Friday
May 12
7:00 AM

† Helen Molo

† Sr. Helen Strohman

Saturday May 13 4:15 PM † Gina Danner

† Jack, Pat & Mary Lou Anglin

† Earl Larson

† Arnie Honkamp & Heidi Honkamp-Myhre

† Barb Zahren

† Guy A. Gard, Jr.

† Kathleen Hogan

† Judith Flanagan

† Doris Trausch

† Patrick R. Sullivan

Sunday
May 14
8:00 AM

† Sr. Ann Divis, M.S.

In honor of John & Polly Splinter

† David & Judy Ochs

† Bud Portz & Mary Mormann

† Myra Welsh † Peg Kircher

† Beth DeGree-Mueller

10:00 AM

Pro Populo

† Inez Schultz

† Bill Huss

† Robert & Hilda McCarron

† Beth DeGree-Mueller

May arrives this week! "April showers bring May flowers" was but one way of expressing the ancient association of the month of May with "Mother Earth."

This connection between May and motherhood led Christians to adopt May as the month of Mary, the Mother of God and our heavenly Mother. She brought renewed life—an eternal spring—into the world by giving birth to her Son, Jesus.

Mary—said Pope Francis— "is not only the bridge joining us to God; she is much more. She is the *road God travelled* in order to reach us, and the road that we must travel in order to reach Him."

Yes, Mary was God's *bridge*: giving Jesus our humanity to share in and come to save. But Mary's praying over the mystery of Godwith-us in Jesus (Luke 2:19), and ready "yes" to making that mystery so intimately and fully part of her life (Luke 1:38), shows us the *way* to let our humanity be shaped by the divine faith, hope, and love of her Son.

In past Mays, mom and dad would lead us in a daily rosary. Usually right after the evening meal before everyone got busy. Praying on the Mysteries—Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious, Luminous—provides a full range for the experiences in one's week, to be "found" in the lives of Jesus, and of Mary our Mother. Even if only one decade a day, discover in praying the mysteries of the Rosary the way to offer your life into the lives of Mary and Jesus!

Our pagan ancestors named the natural world's regenerative power "Mother Earth." In Mary's son Jesus, we know it is God's loving desire to bring us all to birth through our mothers and fathers, and provide us with a world of abundance, that is the source of life in this world, and eternally.

This May, let us allow Blessed Mary to be our road to life in Christ.

Fr. Tom Mc Demost

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

The Fiscal YTD totals as of April 30, 2023:

FYTD received: \$\$876,650.01 FYTD budgeted: \$871,552.00

Surplus: \$5,098.01



PARISH NEWS

Training/Refresher for Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

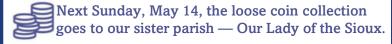
We will begin distributing the Precious Blood at Holy Communion on the first weekend of June. A training/refresher will be offered for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion after each of the weekend Masses on May 20/21. Please contact Tricia Tranel at t.tranel@dbqarch.org if you have questions or if you would like to help make this possible by becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

In Memoriam During the Month of May

Sanctuary Lamp - Dave Lammer

Call or stop by the parish office to make a memorial gift by:

- Providing the hosts and wine at all liturgies for one month
- Providing the candle in the Sanctuary Lamp for one month
- Requesting a Mass intention



COMMUNITY NEWS

NAMI Family and Friends Event | May 13

NAMI Family and Friends is a free, four-hour seminar that highlights treatment, recovery, diagnosis, communication strategies, crisis preparation, etc., for family members who care for loved ones with lived experience. The event is Saturday, May 13, 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m. at the Monticello Public Library. Morning coffee and lunch will be provided. Register online at namidubuque.org/jonescountyff, via email to Barb@namidubuque.org, or 563-590-2512.

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 www.dbqarch.org/institute-events.

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 8	Cub Scouts 6:00 P.M. Presentation Hall Girl Scouts 6:00 P.M. Convent Building, 2nd floor Families Anonymous 7:15 P.M. Fogarty Hall
Tuesday May 9	Holy Family Wrestling Practice 3:00 P.M. Convent Building Finance Meeting 6:00 P.M. Fogarty Hall
Wednesday May 10	Elementary Choir Rehearsal 6:00 P.M. Fogarty Hall Boy Scouts 6:00 P.M. Convent Building, 2nd floor
Thursday May 11	Eucharistic Adoration With Students 12:05—2:15 P.M. Church All are welcome to join our students! Catholic Charities Circle Meeting 4:30 P.M. Convent Building, 2nd floor Encourage Meeting 6:30 P.M. Fogarty Hall
Saturday May 13	Goerdt Baptism 5:15 P.M. Church
Sunday May 14	Mother's Day
	Save the date!
Sunday Aug. 6	Joy of Columbkille Golf Outing Bunker Hill Golf Course
Saturday Aug. 26	Knights of Columbus Golf Outing Timberline Golf Course
Sunday Aug. 27	Brewers vs. Padres Bus Trip St. Columbkille Parish will be sponsoring a baseball trip to Milwaukee to see the Brewers vs. the San Diego Padres on Sunday, August 27. The cost is just \$75.00 per person. This price includes your bus fare and Loge Outfield Box seat ticket to the game. For more details, please contact Kirk Fitzgerald (kirkfitzdbq2@gmail.com / 564-8209), or Mike Specht (mikespecht2@gmail.com / 608-630-5615).
Sunday	Joy of Columbkille Parish Picnic

STAFF CORNER

Enthusiastic Catholics!

When RCIA candidates met for the first time at the Joy of Columbkille parish picnic, some were outgoing, others timid. Some were ready to be Catholic, others weren't sure. Six months later, they have become community.

We laughed and cried recently as each shared about their journey: the joy of Reconciliation and the Rite of Election, enthusiasm for the Eucharist, renewed motivation for Christian living, a positive impact on family life and daily living, and the certitude of knowing God's hand in it all. If you attended the Easter Vigil, you know: These ten individuals are enthusiastic Catholics!

We now turn our focus to discovering how they might support our parish as our parish supports them. We congratulate them for embracing their journey and entering more deeply into the Family of God! Know that your own invitation to family/friends into RCIA may be the seed that grows the next enthusiastic Catholic.



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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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