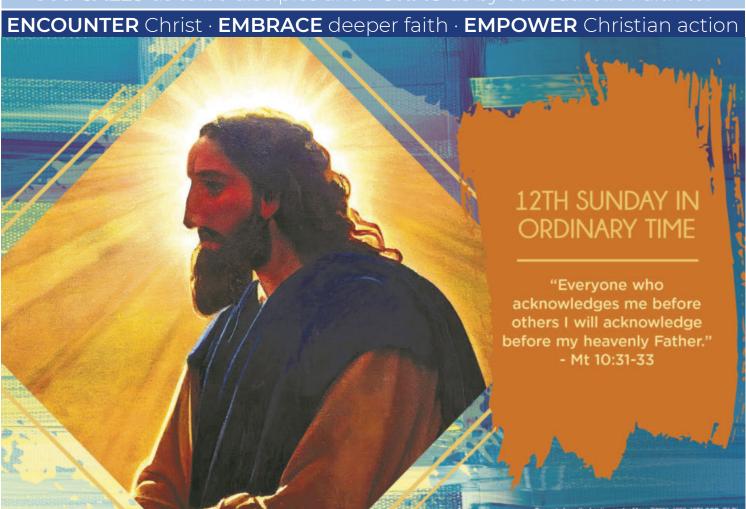


God CALLS us to be disciples and FORMS us by our Catholic Faith to



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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







MASS INTENTIONS

DEACON'S REFLECTION

Monday
June 26
9:00 AM

† Robert D. Storck † Joan Higley

Tuesday

June 27

9:00 AM

† Gilford & Coletta Hohnecker

Wednesday

June 28

9:00 AM

† Helen Molo



Thursday
June 29
9:00 AM

† Geraldine Goodman

Friday
June 30
7:00 AM

† Dorothy Heitzman † Mary Louise Pusateri

Saturday July 1 4:15 PM † Roy & Millie Schlickman † Richard & Ruth Billmeyer

† Guy A. Gard, Jr. † Phill Schmerbach

Sunday
July 2
8:00 AM

† Ruth Weber † Marie Merfeld

† Gerald, Susan, & Kathy Wild

† Earl Larson

10:00 AM

Pro Populo

† Joseph & Theresa Grace

† Debbie Menadue

† Shirley Gassmann

Thanks to Fathers McDermott and Schatz for letting me hijack this week's pastor's reflection! I'm reminded of a first-semester class on gratitude, which was presented by Deacon Len Froyen. We can easily take things in life for granted and Deacon Len's class made me look at gratitude in a new light. I'm indeed grateful for many things in my four-and-a-half-year journey towards this ordination weekend.

I'm grateful to Almighty God for the call towards the diaconate. If you had asked me 15 years ago, I'd have said you are crazy if you think I'd be a deacon! Yet here I am, still on that high of laying on the Cathedral floor during the Litany of the Saints and having Bishop Pates ordain me. I am sure I will be on the proverbial cloud nine all week!

I am grateful for our two pastors, for the help and confidence they have inspired in me as I moved towards this day. These two men are two of the most pastoral priests I have ever had the pleasure to have known. We are blessed to have them here at St. Columbkille!

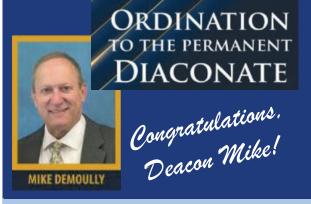
Sometimes we need others to provide clarity when it is needed. That makes me grateful for Deacon Travis King, who encouraged me to consider the diaconate. When he first asked me, I remember saying to him "I'm not holy enough to be a deacon." He said to me "Neither was Peter." Thank you, Travis, for letting the Holy Spirit work through you with that answer!

I am grateful for you, the parishioners of St. Columbkille's, for being able to serve you. Your words of encouragement and prayers mean more to me than you will ever know. I am humbled to provide my service as a deacon to you.

As a married deacon, my first vocation is my marriage. My wife, Jan, has been at my side for over 33 years and I would not be a deacon today if I did not have her love, prayers, and support. She often attended classes that only mattered to us guys in class, but she came anyway and did it cheerfully. She's endured listening to my practice homilies and has been instrumental in making them better and she also keeps me grounded and balanced. I can't think of someone I'd rather have walking with me in ministry than my wife. I'm so very grateful for her.

Thanks again to all who have in any way prayed for my vocation or helped get me here today, especially my brothers in our parish Knights of Columbus council. I pray that I will serve you well. May God continue to bless all of you now and forever!

- Deacon Mike DeMoully Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on Saturday, June 24, 2023



PARISH NEWS

Blue Bag Weekend | July 1 & 2

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 573.9 lbs. of food and



household items during the month of April. The blue bags are donated in memory of Ron and Marge Larson.

A Note of Thanks From Fr. Phil Kruse



"Thank you, everyone, for your prayers, cards and concerns during my recent health issues."

- Fr. Phil Kruse

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Citywide Adult Confirmation Preparation

Are you Catholic but have not been confirmed? Welcome! Preparation for adult confirmation will be offered this summer. Sessions will be held in the St. Raphael Cathedral Center and light refreshments will be provided. There will be a total of four sessions of about an hour offered once a week. The dates are: June 28, July 5, July 12, July 19. To register, or if you have any questions, please contact Deacon Greg Lambert at (563) 582-7646, ext. 211.

Generations for Life Summer Camp | July 23—25

Three days and two nights of learning, fun, fellowship, and outreach! Dubuque County Right to Life and the Ambassadors for Life are holding their first annual Generations for Life Summer Camp on July 23 – 25, 2023, at the Bean Farm in Scotch Grove. Camp is open to boys and girls, ages 14-18 years old (rising high school freshmen to rising freshmen in college). Boys and girls will have separate sleeping quarters. Activities will include outdoor fun activities as well as learning more about the pro-life cause. The cost is \$50 per person. Scholarships are available if cost is an issue. **Deadline to sign up is July 6th**. To register or to ask any questions, call the DCRTL office at 563-556-5960, or email dcrtl@dcrtl.org.

Walking Through Grief With Hospice of Dubuque

To support those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, the Hospice of Dubuque Bereavement Team is hosting Walking Through Grief. This drop-in support group is for any tri-state adult who has experienced a loss. From May through September, these walking sessions will take place at Bergfeld Recreation Area on the fourth Wednesday of each month, 9—10 a.m. (June 28, July 26, August 23 & September 27). To learn more, contact Mary Boots at bootsm@hospiceofdubuque.org or call 563-582-1220.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday

June 26

Families Anonymous Meeting 7:15 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

Tuesday

June 27

Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

Saturday
July 01

Cullers Family Baptism 5:15 P.M. | Church

Sat./Sun. **July 01/02**

Food on the First—Blue Bag Donations
Donations can be left inside the church
during the weekend Masses to help stock
the St. Vincent de Paul Voucher Center.



Sunday

Aug. 06

Joy of Columbkille Golf Outing Bunker Hill Golf Course

Knights of Columbus Golf Outing

Saturday

Aug. 26 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

Sept. 17

Joy of Columbkille Parish Picnic 10 A.M. Outdoor Mass followed by picnic

STAFF CORNER

The Joy of Columbkille is Upon Us!

As summer is now in full swing, so we anticipate the "Joy of Columbkille." If you're new to our parish or unfamiliar with this phrase, Joy of Columbkille is a series of events each year geared towards parish vitality—our parish family celebrating and sharing the JOY of our faith.

In the coming week, all registered parishioners will receive a mailing from our pastors inviting you to partake in these events:

- St. Columbkille Golf Outing—August 6, 2023
- Knights of Columbus Golf Outing—August 26, 2023
- Brewers vs. Padres Baseball Bus Trip—August 27, 2023
- Outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic—September 17, 2023

As Fr. Tom and Fr. Dave outline in their letter, building joy is the primary motivation behind these events, but your gifts of time, talent and treasure bring forth a stewardship that make the events possible for all to enjoy. Enclosed in the mailing you will find a sponsorship form where you can choose to make a financial contribution in support of our bell tower renovation—"Saved by the Bell"—the project chosen to benefit from this year's Joy of Columbkille event proceeds. If time or talent best fit your stewardship, we are always grateful for those who step forward to help with the golf and picnic committees. Contact the parish office to learn more about these opportunities.

Thank you, in advance, for sharing the JOY of your faith!



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SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Baptism is the basic Sacrament of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. With the new birth through water and the Word, we are freed from sin and regenerated as sons and daughters of God. We ask expecting couples to visit our website or contact Serena Freisinger at s.freisinger@dbqarch.org during pregnancy to help prepare for the baptism of their child.

First Reconciliation & First Communion

These sacraments are typically celebrated when a child is 7 or 8 years old, or in second grade. At St. Columbkille, we have a firm belief that since Reconciliation and Communion are part of everyday Catholic living, preparing for these sacraments at home within the family is essential. We are guiding families in a way that not only provides parents with the tools they need to prepare their child, but also walking with them to learn how to use those tools in their daily Catholic family life. If you are looking for more information in regards to these exciting Sacramental firsts, please contact Jessica Rauen at i.rauen@dbgarch.org.

Marriage

The sacred covenant in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony is a symbol of the union between Christ and his Church, and we would love to celebrate it with you at St. Columbkille. Please contact the parish office at least 6 – 12 months prior to the intended wedding date. For more information, visit our website or contact the parish office at 563-583-9117.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

The RCIA process is open to those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, even though they may not be ready to make a commitment at this time. For more information, visit our website or contact Tricia Tranel at t.tranel@dbqarch.org.



THE STAFF OF ST. COLUMBKILLE WELCOMES YOU!

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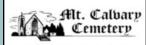
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