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15[™] SUNDAY **IN ORDINARY TIME**

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"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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







MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday
July 17
9:00 AM

† Robert E. Molo & Helen T. Molo

† Sue Thul & Family

Tuesday
July 18
9:00 AM

† Joan Higley † Helen Molo

† James M. † Norman Rupp

Wednesday + John

† John & Joan Higley † Susan Miller

Thursday
July 20

9:00 AM

July 19

9:00 AM

† Lynn Hohnecker

† Lucy Porter



Friday
July 21
7:00 AM

† Tom Goodman

Saturday
July 22
4:15 PM

† Gina Danner

† Bill Huss

† Don Ruden

† Lorene Herman

† Guy A. Gard, Jr. † Clarence Ruden

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† Don Oliver

† Jesse Freiburger Family

Sunday
July 23

8:00 AM

† Robert E. Molo & Helen T. Molo

† John & Myra Welsh

† Peg Kircher

† Ellen Vormazeele

† Beth DeGree-Mueller

10:00 AM

Pro Populo

† Roy & Millie Schlickman

† Debbie Menadue

† Helen Steele

† Beth DeGree-Mueller

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

The Fiscal YTD totals as of June 30, 2023:

FYTD received: \$1,077,159.41

FYTD budgeted: \$1,030,016.00

Surplus: \$47,143.41

Dear Parishioners.

At Mass, we listen to the Word of God and receive the Body and Blood of Christ. How does hearing the Word of God change us? How does receiving Christ change us? I would like to focus on the woman afflicted with hemorrhages from Mark 5:24-34 as a reflection on this combination.

Here are a few points I would like to raise:

- 1. Her life was awful! Can you imagine being afflicted by sickness for 12 years? This alone would require a great deal of faith just to not give up. Further, we are told, she "spent all that she had" and "only grew worse." She was dead to hope. If you were her friend, what would you tell her? "Just give up already!" Yet, someone told her about Jesus. She had a new hope.
- 2. **She listened to the Word of God.** We are told that "she had heard about Jesus" (Mark 5:27). This was the beginning of her life being completely changed. Who was that person who told her about Jesus? How did she trust this word enough to risk so much?
- 3. She touched (received) Christ. What do you think about as you approach the altar for communion? Do the words of this woman ever come to mind when she says, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured" (Mark 5:28). How does one go from hearing about someone to having such confidence? It is not logical. We call it a gift of faith. It is not a blind faith or leap of faith, but a faith built on what she heard. This is the faith with which we approach the altar.
- 4. **She had a new story.** In the midst of a crowd pushing in on Jesus, He asks, "who touched me?" This was not a story simply about healing or faith or crowds. Jesus forms a relationship with her even in the midst of a crowded world. She revealed herself to Jesus and she is no longer "a woman with a hemorrhage" but now she is his "daughter." My life is different when I live in relationship rather than just a person in the crowd.

Imagine again being her friend and you tell her the news, "Do you remember that guy whose cloak you touched? I just heard that he was crucified by the Romans and after three days, they claim he rose from the dead. How is that possible?" I would guess she would say, "It makes sense. You know I was dead to this world; I had no hope. Yet, Jesus convinced me that I was not simply a woman with a problem but I am his daughter. If Resurrection is a new life, an abundant life, then I already experienced it."

How do I allow the Word of God to help me receive ("touch") Christ and enter into a relationship with him as his son or daughter?

In Christ,

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PARISH NEWS



Introducing Christ Faith Home for Children (CFHC) – July 22 &23

Next weekend (July 22-23) we will welcome Sunitha Hepsiba Joe, Director of Christ Faith Home for Children in Chennai, India, to tell us about the services they provide for both

children's and women's welfare. That same weekend we will designate our loose coin collection to CFHC, and continue to do so throughout the year among our existing loose coin beneficiary organizations. A reception including light refreshments (with and Indian theme!) will be held after each Mass and provide an opportunity to learn more about CFHC. See the insert in this weekend's bulletin to read parishioners Jeff and Tammy Flynn's personal connection with CFHC, and why they choose to support this organization. Learn more about Christ Faith Home for Children at https://christfaithhome.in.

Thank You From Deacon Mike and Jan DeMoully

"Thank you to all of the parishioners at St. Columbkille for all the prayers, kind words of congratulations and your encouragement on my ordination to the diaconate. The Book of the Gospels will be proudly carried at and proclaimed from each Mass I assist at. The Hospitality Committee outdid themselves with wonderful food and fellowship. Jan and I are truly blessed to be in such a warm and welcoming parish. May God bless you abundantly now and forever."

- Deacon Mike and Jan DeMoully

Sept. 17



Next Sunday, July 23, the loose coin collection goes to Christ Faith Home for Children in India.

COMMUNITY N

Mary's Inn Denim & Lace Fundraiser—Save the Date!

The Mary's Inn Maternity Home is planning their annual Denim & Lace Fundraiser which will offer great food and both live and silent auctions of items donated by the local community. The event will be held Thursday, September 21, 2023 at Hotel Julien Dubuque. If you have potential auction items to donate, please contact Teri at 563-590-0733. To register online, please visit www.marysinnmaternityhome.org/events. All proceeds from the event will benefit Mary's Inn. Thank you for your support! For eight years, Mary's Inn Maternity Home has been serving women who are pregnant or parenting an infant and have no safe place to live. The organization receives no city, state or federal funding. 98% of their income comes from individual people who want to help girls who have made the choice to give their baby life.

Totus Tuus | July 30—August 4

Nativity Parish is hosting Totus Tuus from July 30 to August 4. Children going into grades 1-6 are invited to the day program which is Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Teens going into Grades 7-12 are invited to the evening program which is Sunday through Thursday, 6:30—8:45 p.m. For more information or to sign up online, visit nativitydbq.org/totus-tuus-2023.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday July 17	Knights of Columbus 4th Degree 6:00 P.M. Convent Building Families Anonymous Meeting 7:15 P.M. Fogarty Hall
Wednesday July 19	Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 P.M.
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Thursday July 20	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00 P.M. Fogarty Hall
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Sunday Aug. 06	Joy of Columbkille Golf Outing Bunker Hill Golf Course 2 P.M. start
Saturday Aug. 26	Knights of Columbus Golf Outing Timberline Golf Course 3 P.M. start
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. To purchase tickets, please contact Kirk Fitzgerald (kirkfitzdbq2@gmail.com / 564-8209), or Mike Specht (mikespecht2@gmail.com / 608-630-5615).
Sunday	Joy of Columbkille Parish Picnic

10 A.M. Outdoor Mass followed by picnic

STAFF CORNER

Listing to God's Word

As I write this, I am headed to a silent retreat – time to just listen and soak in God's Word. No doubt, I sometimes hear but don't understand. I receive with joy but worldly tribulations turn me from that joy. I hear but get caught in worldly anxiety and do nothing to bear fruit.

I'll hear the Word of God during my days of silence, but even there, I know I won't come away with a halo on my head – or if I do it'll certainly be tilted and tarnished! Yet, I go to hear, to listen so that I can bear fruit when I return.

The prophet Isaiah gives me hope despite my weakness: "Thus says the Lord:... my word shall not return to me void but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." I am imperfect, but God IS perfect and He will accomplish in me His will if I open my ears and my heart to receive and respond.



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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@dbaarch.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. It typically involves someone ready to take the next step in their faith journey. 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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