

Saint Columbkille

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

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



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."
- Mt 13:44

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday
July 31
9:00 AM

† Dorothy Heitzman
† Joan Higley
† Jack O'Neill and family
† John Dunwoody

Tuesday
Aug 01
9:00 AM

† Robert E. Molo and Helen T. Molo
† John and Joan Higley

Wednesday
Aug 02
9:00 AM

† Bert Tranel
† Richard Tranel

Thursday
Aug 03
9:00 AM

† John and Joan Higley
† Susan Miller



Friday
Aug 04
7:00 AM

† Dorothy Heitzman
† Regina Ankrum

Saturday
Aug 05
4:15 PM

† Gina Danner
† Guy A. Gard, Jr.
† Don Ruden
† Coletta Hohnecker
† Don Oliver, Jr.
† Jaime Lukens

Sunday
Aug 06
8:00 AM

† Gerald, Susan, and Kathy Wild
† David Ochs
† Ellen Vormazeele

10:00 AM

Pro Populo
† Matt Cusack and Millie & Roy Schlickman
† Patrick R. Sullivan
† Debbie Menadue
† Helen Steele
† Bob Wahlert



Parishioner feedback challenges the premise that if we look for and experience the Resurrection in our own lives, the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist will make sense. The challenge is that we have evidence for the Resurrection: the empty tomb, the change in the disciples, etc. What is the evidence that the bread and wine becomes the Body and Blood of Christ?

The single greatest piece of evidence for me is that our Catholic faith continues to see this participation in the Last Supper as the center of the whole Christian life. The very fact that there is "no evidence" for the Real Presence would make it easy to dismiss, yet it hasn't been.

The passages I have chosen have a two-fold aspect. First, each has a direct encounter with Jesus Christ. Second, each person changed substantially or had a profound new hope. Why is this such a big deal to me? Have you ever attempted to change the fundamental way you are living your life? It seems nearly impossible. In seminary formation, we expect seminarians to change substantially; it is tough yet it happens. It is not just changing habits; they live by a new hope through an ongoing encounter with Christ.

Of our sacraments, the Eucharist is the one we can receive every day and we are called to it on Sundays. Christ enters into our lives in a very subtle and ongoing way. God does not overwhelm, but invites. (I see that as the gift of "no evidence"; it gives us the freedom to simply receive it as complete gift.)

The passage for this week is the woman caught in adultery (John 8:3-11). She is set up, humiliated, and used as a pawn to set up, humiliate, and catch Jesus. Jesus enters into her world, he writes in the ground, and everyone changed. The stone throwers dropped their stones and went away. The woman changed; her hope was transformed. A hope for a quick death became a living hope shaped by mercy (love).

An encounter with Jesus changed the stone throwers and the woman and this is our invitation. The Eucharist is going to change us and that is part of its challenge - do we want to change? From my experience, the answer is a big NO! I remember convincing myself when I was in college that if I could simply disprove the witness of Jesus, then I could do whatever I wanted. I was closer to the stone throwers than I was to the woman, but Jesus still changed me.

May the love (mercy) Jesus reveals to this woman inspire us to be open to the change shown in her resurrected life.

In Christ,

Fr. David Schatz

PARISH NEWS

Blue Bag Weekend | August 5 & 6

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 342.6 lbs. of food and household items during the month of June.



The blue bags are donated in memory of Ron and Marge Larson.

Joy of Columbille to Support Bell Tower Renovations



While building JOY is our primary motivation behind the Joy of Columbille events, your financial support allows us to address critical needs within our parish. This year we are focusing on the interior of our bell tower with our catchy slogan, "Saved by the Bell." While it is not a '90s TV show, our bell has been saving us by calling us to

worship for over 100 years. Therefore, the beams supporting it need to be replaced and the interior of the tower needs to be refurbished for the next 100 years. To get a better idea of the project, watch Fr. Tom's YouTube bell tower video tour at https://youtu.be/s_o82oFeKmY. Sponsorships and donations can be made online at www.stcolumbille.net/sponsorships.



Next Sunday, August 6, the loose coin collection goes to St. Stephen's River Bend Food Bank.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Join Us in Prayer as We Await a New Archbishop

As we await the appointment of a new archbishop for the Archdiocese of Dubuque, come and pray at the Cathedral of St. Raphael on Wednesday, August 9. Weekday Mass begins at 5:15 p.m., followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and praying the rosary. Come for all or part of that time. We'll conclude with Benediction at 6:30 p.m.

SNAP Enrollment Assistance at Catholic Charities

Did you know that many families qualify for public food assistance (SNAP benefits) but do not even apply? SNAP helps families buy nutritious foods with an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) card, similar to a debit card. A Catholic Charities



Case Manager can help families complete the SNAP application in a matter of minutes! Please contact 1-800-772-2758 for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday July 31	Families Anonymous Meeting 7:15 P.M. Fogarty Hall
Tuesday Aug 01	Finance Council Meeting 6:00 P.M. Fogarty Hall
Wednesday Aug 02	Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 P.M. Presentation Hall
Thursday Aug 03	Hospitality Committee Meeting 12.00 P.M. Parish Office Boy Scouts Meeting 12.00 P.M. Convent Building, 2nd floor
Sunday Aug 06	O'Brien Baptism 10:00 A.M. Church Nelson Baptism 11:00 A.M. Church Joy of Columbille Parish 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 stcolumbille.net/joy-of-columbille-events
Sunday Aug. 27	Brewers vs. Padres Bus Trip St. Columbille 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 Sept. 17	Joy of Columbille Parish Picnic 10 A.M. Outdoor Mass followed by picnic

STAFF CORNER

In the Gospel this weekend, we hear how the Kingdom of Heaven is a treasure worth selling everything to gain it! This great gift is given to us freely at our Baptism. As we grow, we can either accept or reject this precious gift of eternal union with God. Even if we choose to reject this gift through sin, the Heavenly Father always holds out His hand to offer it back to us through the Sacrament of Reconciliation! I am grateful to my parents for helping me accept this gift at my Baptism until I grew to accept it on my own. This gift is one that I try to accept daily through the ways I speak, act, and pray. Like my parents, all parents are able to cooperate with God when they request Baptism for their children. Baptism is the gateway to all of the other Sacraments which keep us in union with God here on earth.

If you are a parent expecting a child, this is a great time to prepare for not only his/her birth, but also for his/her Baptism! All expecting parents are asked to visit the Baptism page of our website: stcolumbkille.net/baptism and fill out the Baptism intake form. Although children can be baptized at any age, why make them wait to become a member of God's family? Why wait to shelter them under Our Heavenly Father's protection?



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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 j.rauen@dbqarch.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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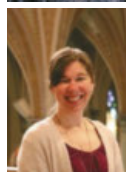


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