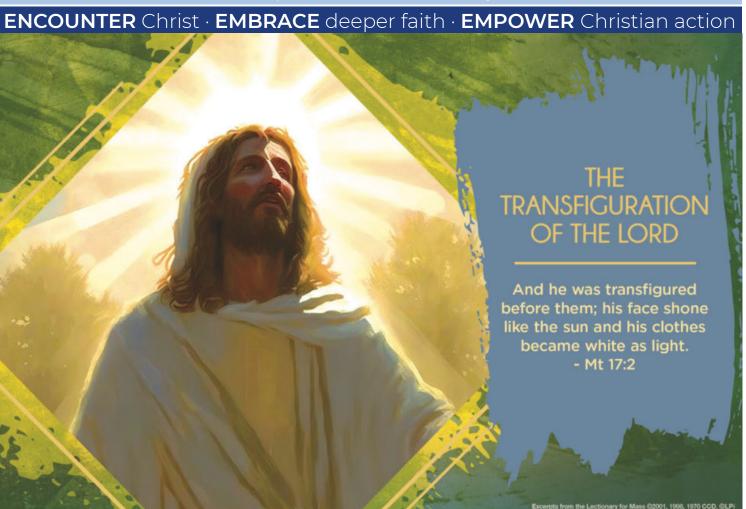


God CALLS us to be disciples and FORMS us by our Catholic Faith to



# **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 Aug 07 9:00 AM † Jack, Pat and Mary Lou Anglin † Robert D. Storck

Tuesday
Aug 08

9:00 AM

† Alice Freyaldenhoven

† Judy Ochs † Edine Storck

Wednesday Aug 09 9:00 AM

† Joan Higley † Susan Miller

† Irene Herrig

Thursday
Aug 10
9:00 AM

† John and Joan Higley

† Lucy Porter

† Sr. Bernadine Curoe

Friday
Aug 11
7:00 AM

† Robert E. Molo and Helen T. Molo

† Regina Ankrum

Saturday Aug 12 4:15 PM † Elaine VanOtegham † Guy A. Gard, Jr.

† Roger Ott, Sr. † Brent Postel

† Brian Oliver

† Gene and Margaret Stillmunkes

† Jaime Lukens † Orville Conlan

Sunday Aug 13 8:00 AM

† Marie Merfeld

† David and Judy Ochs

† Bud Portz and Mary Mormann

† Sr. Bernadine Curoe

† Jack and Dianne Holmes

† Jim and Sue Gregory

10:00 AM

Pro Populo

† Roy and Millie Schlickman

† Norman Rupp † Debbie Menadue

† Helen Steele

Thank you for your prayers while on retreat last week. Not many areas of New Melleray Abbey are air-conditioned so it was warm—but I was not on RAGBRAI and so I feel fortunate in that! God is good!

On retreat I worked through a classic of Christian spirituality—The Way of Perfection—by St. Teresa of Avila. Written in the 16th century, it remains a practical reflection on some of the foundational aspects of a fruitful prayer life.

Among those aspects is a practice of being "recollected." Recollection is "collecting back" one's attention, emotions, senses from all that pulls them away from awareness that God is here, in this moment with me! Even on retreat—away from the daily news, emails, etc. of life—I continued to experience random thoughts, questions, and concerns (like the heat and humidity) pulling me from paying attention to the Lord. Frustrating! But the more I try to be recollected to God's presence throughout the day, the easier it is to pay attention to God when I'm trying to pray.

Not only that, a more recollected stance throughout the day helps one respond with more of Jesus' compassion and presence during the day's activities.

Recollection is a habit that though work—is worth forming! One practice is each morning to ask God to remind through the day when my thoughts are tied up in mindless music, or plans—anything I don't need to be thinking about in that moment—to offer a simple "Jesus, mercy" five times. I found myself saying that lots! But I was surprised how much I grew in being recollected over the course of a few days.

St. Peter reminds us to be "attentive to (knowing Jesus is with us) as to a lamp shining in a dark place." Recollecting to that gift will change how we feel, and act, and find Him. The more He is the light, the more we will see!

In Christ,

7. Jom Mc Demost

### **PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Fiscal YTD totals as of July 31, 2023:

FYTD received: \$84,483.66

FYTD budgeted: \$98,625.00

Deficit: -\$14,141.34

Note: July 1, 2023 starts the new fiscal year.

#### 2023-2025 IMPACT Cohort Application

The next offering of the IMPACT program will be held at Resurrection School in Dubuque starting in September, 2023. IMPACT is a two-year adult



formation program facilitated by the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Through reading and monthly sessions with dynamic presenters, IMPACT provides spiritual, theological, intellectual, and pastoral formation in the Catholic faith in order to help participants live as missionary disciples in their parish and community. To learn more or to apply online, visit <a href="https://www.dbqarch.org/impact">www.dbqarch.org/impact</a>.

# **PARISH NEWS**

#### **Invitation to RCIA**

Do you know someone wanting to make a journey from emptiness to fullness, from solitude to community, from search to understanding? This is a journey of encountering Jesus through Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It is the journey to explore and choose the Catholic Faith in the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults" (RCIA). To anyone who might be interested in this journey of discovering how entering the Catholic Faith can bring joy and fullness to life, please offer the invitation and/or contact Tricia Tranel at t.tranel@dbqarch.org. The exploratory journey is formally beginning soon, and all are welcome.

#### In Memoriam During the Month of August

Hosts & Wine - Susan Miller Sanctuary Lamp - Maury and Jared Sturm



Next Sunday, August 13, the loose coin collection goes to our sister parish, Our Lady of the Sioux.

#### Join Us in Prayer and Thanksgiving

As we look forward to the installation of our new archbishop, Thomas Zinkula, 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.

#### Is God Calling You to Religious Life?

On the weekend of November 3-5, 2023, the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist invites you to join them on a spiritual vocational discernment retreat that includes Holy Mass, Divine Office, Rosary, and the opportunity to enjoy time with the Sisters. You will hear conferences given about Mary and the Eucharist, as well as on the specific theme of the retreat.

Please note: This Vocational Discernment Retreat is for young women between the ages of 16 (high school juniors) and 30. Transportation from Dubuque to Michigan will be provided free of charge, and supervision of the trip will comply with the safe environment policies of the Archdiocese. Please contact Deacon Travis King (email: king1339@msn.com or phone: 563-213-6447) with any questions or to secure transportation. For additional information and registration, please visit:

https://www.sistersofmary.org/news-events/news/event/ fall-2023-vocational-discernment-retreat/.

#### The Church of the Nativity Children's Choir -Accompanist Needed

The Church of the Nativity is in need of a piano accompanist for their children's choir. The group rehearses every Wednesday during the school year from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m. They generally sing on the fourth Saturday or Sunday of the month. This can be a paid position. If interested, contact Mary Ann McCauley at the church office or email her at dbq057s@dbqarch.org.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Cub Scouts** 

Monday

Aug 07	6:00 P.M.   Presentation Hall Boy Scouts 6:00 P.M.   Fogarty Hall Families Anonymous Meeting 7:15 P.M.   Fogarty Hall
Tuesday Aug 08	Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministers' Meeting 6:00 P.M.   Presentation Hall
Thursday Aug 10	Catholic Charities Circle Meeting 4:30 P.M.   Convent Building, 2nd floor Adoration All are welcome! 6:30—7:30 P.M.   Church Encourage Meeting 6:30 P.M.   Fogarty Hall

6:30 A.M.   Convent building, 2nd floor
Brennan/Rusch Wedding 1:00 P.M.   Church
Link Baptism 11:00 A.M.   Church Confirmation Small Group Leaders 5:00 P.M.   Fogarty Hall



Saturday Aug. 26	Timberline Golf Course   3 P.M. start stcolumbkille.net/joy-of-columbkille-event
Sunday	Brewers vs. Padres Bus Trip

St. Columbkille Parish will be sponsoring Aug. 27 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 (kirkfitzdbg2@gmail.com / 564-8209), or Mike Specht (mikespecht2@gmail.com / 608-630-5615).

Joy of Columbkille Parish Picnic 10 A.M. Outdoor Mass followed by picnic Sept. 17

Sunday

## STAFF CORNER

#### Come, Adore Him

According to recent polling, only 30% of Mass attendees BELIEVE that the Eucharist is the real Flesh and Blood of Jesus. Think about that. The Real Presence is a core belief of our faith - the early Church enthusiastically believed in the Real Presence, martyrs died for this belief, and yet 70% of practicing Catholics today think it is just a symbol!

One way to show our love for Jesus in the Eucharist is by adoring Him in Eucharistic Adoration (properly known as Exposition and Benediction). Adoration is a great way to pray. Sitting in the presence of the Lord allows you to share your thoughts with Jesus, listen for His voice, and still your heart if it is restless. There is no "right way" to adore. Just being with Him is enough. For me, my "normal" routine is to pray a rosary, then pray the Liturgy of the Hours, and then just sit in His presence, all in one hour. And that hour flies by! And it has been fruitful.

On Thursday, August 10, I will lead the Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with our RISE! young adult group and our intention this month is for vocations to the priesthood, permanent diaconate and religious life. Exposition and Benediction occurs every second Thursday each month at 6:30 p.m. I invite you to come and spend time with the Lord Jesus as you gaze upon Him in the monstrance. After all, He loved you enough to die for you.



Mike DeMoully
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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 <a href="mailto:s.freisinger@dbaarch.org">s.freisinger@dbaarch.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:j.rauen@dbgarch.org">j.rauen@dbgarch.org</a>.

#### 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 <a href="mailto:t.tranel@dbqarch.org">t.tranel@dbqarch.org</a>.

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

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