

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



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply,
"You are the Christ, the
Son of the living God."
- Mt 16:15-16

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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

AUGUST

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2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday
Aug 28
9:00 AM

† Lucy Porter
† Don Oliver, Sr.

Tuesday
Aug 29
9:00 AM

† Geraldine Goodman
† Regina Ankrum

Wednesday
Aug 30
9:00 AM

† John and Janet Schwendinger
† Joan Higley



Thursday
Aug 31
9:00 AM

† Dorothy Heitzman
† Susan Miller
† Brian Oliver

Friday
Sept 01
7:00 AM

† Robert E. Molo & Helen T. Molo

Saturday
Sept 02
4:15 PM

† Arnie Honkamp & Heidi Honkamp-Myhre
† Guy A. Gard, Jr.
† Lucy Porter
† Mary Jo & Harold Heiar and John & Corrine Schulte

Sunday
Sept 03
8:00 AM

† Gerald, Susan & Kathy Wild
† John & Myra Welsh and Daisy Stabenow
† Peg Kircher
† Lorraine Muenster

10:00 AM

Pro Populo
† Debbie Menadue
† Brian Gockel

Jesus singles out Peter by saying, "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it" (Matt 16:18). This passage speaks of the pope's unique position within our church and I would like to encourage your reflection on God working through human beings.

Will another human being ever disappoint you? Yes! Our nature as human beings and the relationships we form are in constant need of reform. Yet God demonstrates this continuous want to work through human beings.

By the position of the "Pope" Peter, Jesus established a set of boundaries for where a structure and the person interacts. While many within our world see no value in this structure set up by Jesus, I would argue the structure acknowledges the bond between the human and divine.

1. **God works through flawed human beings and transforms them.** Following St. Peter through the Gospels is a rollercoaster ride, yet by the time we get to the Acts of the Apostles we find Peter transformed into the likeness of Christ. He becomes symbolic for all of us as disciples.
2. **St. Paul knows where to go with his complaints.** Paul went to Peter early on in his ministry for approval of his work and then returned to complain about the practices of the church. Having one person representing the whole is critical for making the church real. The interaction between St. Peter and St. Paul, even in tension, formed a clearer picture of what God has revealed to us.
3. **Our daily lives matter.** Jesus' insistence on working through human beings gives meaning to our lives. By Jesus' selection of Peter, we have this famous transformation from fishing for fish to fishing for human beings (Matthew 4:18). I would guess that one of the joys of heaven will be the surprise of how God worked through us and the challenge of hell will be when we discover we refused.

Flaws and all, Jesus chose Peter to work through him in this world and gave us the concrete unifying component of our church. As all of us need to train our hearts to be closer to God, our church holds this bond and tension between the human and divine better than any other solution even as it needs reform.

In Christ,

Fr. David Schoty

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PARISH NEWS

Blue Bag Weekend | September 2 & 3

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 553.8 lbs. of food and household items during the month of July. The blue bags are donated in memory of Ron and Marge Larson.



Coffee With Friends at St. Columbkille | September 14

Please join us after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Fogarty Hall on Thursday, September 14 for a special gathering with friends! Fellowship and Fun! Bring your friends! Refreshments provided. Please RSVP by noon the day before by calling the parish office at 563-583-9117. Hope you can join us!

Lunchtime Liturgical Longing | September 19

Ever find yourself loving the Sunday liturgy but longing to grow even deeper in your understanding of the Mystery of the Mass? Join us in Fogarty Hall for a lunchtime of getting to know fellow-parishioners, prayer, a brief-but-deep dive into an aspect of the liturgy/Mass, and discussion. This first offering will dive into the prayer we sing at the beginning of Mass, the Glory to God. Invite a friend, and bring a sack lunch! Tuesday, September 19, 12:10 - 12:50 p.m.



Next Sunday, September 3, the loose coin collection goes to St. Stephen's River Bend Food Bank.

COMMUNITY NEWS

In Celebration of the Archangel St. Raphael

Come join the Cathedral and St. Patrick Parishes in celebration of the Archangel St. Raphael on Friday, September 29. Gather for Mass with Bishop Pates at 7 p.m. A social will be held in the Cathedral Center to follow.



Eyeglasses and Hearing Aid Collection

The Dubuque Noon Lions Club collects unwanted eyeglasses, sunglasses and hearing aids to be shared with individuals in need. There are two drop boxes in town where these items can be donated – at the Asbury HyVee (to the left of the pharmacy door) and at the South Locust St. HyVee (to the left of the food door). The drop boxes are painted a bright yellow and display the Lion's logo. It is only through the kindness of donors that we can offer the gift of sight to those in need – Thank you!

Pilgrimage to Ireland and Northern Ireland

Come along April 15-25, 2024, to some of the most enjoyable places in all of Europe, visiting the Emerald Isle – Belfast, Knock, Galway, Dublin and so much more! Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,399 with departure from Omaha. For more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther at 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday

Aug 28

Cub Scouts

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 29

Pastoral Council Meeting

6:00 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

Sunday

Sept 03

Weber Baptism

11:00 A.M. | Church



Sunday

Sept. 17

Joy of Columbkille Parish Picnic

10 A.M. Outdoor Mass followed by picnic

More information coming soon!

Please support these businesses who have generously supported our Joy of Columbkille events. We thank them for their sponsorship!



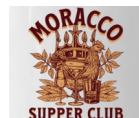
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"You know that Guardian Angel prayer is a prayer we often prayed when I was kid," 90 years "young" Loretta shared. Hey, I know that one, too! That is such a cool prayer! Let's pray, "Angel of God my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light, to guard, to rule and guide. Amen."

As I share this conversation I recently had with an elderly homebound parishioner, I reflect on how I am brought closer to Christ through her. I am amazed at how age distance between two people really does not matter when it comes to the eternal importance within our lives. Common values are shared and brought to light despite our age gap. If one takes a pinch—yes just a pinch—of their time to visit a homebound parishioner, moments together become truly golden.

Who among us does not know the Guardian Angel of God prayer? A gift given to me through my personal experience of bringing the Body of Christ to parishioners is the bright light that has been unearthed of the shining smile from the person I visit. What about you? Have you ever considered being a Homebound Communion Minister? How about giving it a try?

Below is a description of what a Homebound Communion Minister does:

- Manifest faith and charity in union with Christ on behalf of the whole community toward parishioners who cannot be present at Mass with the Sacred Scripture and the Body of Christ.
- Visits take place right after the Mass you attend or on a day and time previously set up that works for both you and the homebound parishioner.
- Before visiting the homebound parishioner let this person know the day and time you will be stopping by.
- Pray and extend prayerful conversation together in a positive light during visits.

A complete guide is provided for Homebound Communion Ministers to follow along with further details, assistance, and training.

In union with the Body of Christ, our homebound parishioners are thrilled and appreciate our volunteers reverently uniting them to our Church altar of the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Lord. Please contact Alice, our Pastoral Care Minister, at the parish office if you are interested in this shared ministry.



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