

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

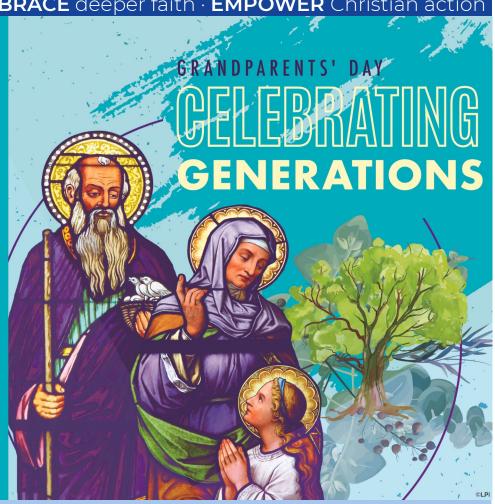
**ENCOUNTER** Christ · **EMBRACE** deeper faith · **EMPOWER** Christian action

Most Holy Saints Anne and Joachim, come close to us and guide our hand and our hearts in the way of virtue.

Help us to parent our children and grandchildren with a gentle heart as you did.

Show us how to raise our children in faith and bring our families into the Light of Jesus.

Remain close to us and help us on our journey to salvation.



## **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 Sept 11 9:00 AM † Robert E. Molo & Helen T. Molo

Tuesday
Sept 12
9:00 AM

† Dorothy Heitzman

Wednesday Sept 13 9:00 AM

† Susan Miller

† Regina Ankrum



Thursday
Sept 14
9:00 AM

† Joan Higley

† Judy Ochs

† Jerry & Rita Arensdorf

Friday
Sept 15
7:00 AM

† Grace Gassman

Saturday
Sept 16
4:15 PM

† Jack, Pat, & Mary Lou Anglin

† Bill Huss

† John Van Otegham

† Guy A. Gard, Jr.

† Patrick R. Sullivan

† Phillip Schmerbach

† Larry Bird

Sunday Sept 17 8:00 AM

† June & Kenneth Palm

† Lawrence & Dolores Maro & Lois

10:00 AM

Pro Populo

† Roy & Millie Schlickman

† Brian Gockel

This is a fun time of the year to gather in a few different ways. As I am writing this bulletin article, I am listening to the seminarians' intense conversation about Nebraska's loss to Minnesota. I think they may have enjoyed Nebraska's misery a bit too much!

Now on to a topic of pure fun - Our Parish Picnic is next weekend, September 17, 2023. Since we had 69 families join our parish in the past year, I thought I might summarize what happens at our parish picnic and how to get the most out of it:

- We celebrate our 10 am Mass outside in the back of our church and on the hillside of the seminary. You can either bring chairs or a blanket and sit on the lawn.
- After Mass, you make a mad dash for a Moracco chicken dinner. If you have never had their chicken, you are in for a treat. The Moracco is also a full-service Supper Club at 1413 Rockdale Rd. They are normally closed on Sunday but they provide this meal for us each year. We thank them for their generosity. (You really don't have to dash they serve from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)
- Pull a strategic move a mad dash for the baked goods in the gym! Parishioners bring in all kinds of baked goods and it is all good. However, I think going early helps you plan a healthy diet. For instance, if you go early, you can get a peach pie for Monday, raisin cookies for Tuesday, banana bread for Wednesday, and zucchini bread for Thursday. How much healthier can you get than peaches, raisins, bananas and zucchini? On Friday, you could splurge and get some scotcheroos.
- Kids games, inflatables and tickets! Throughout Dunn Field, we will have all kinds of fun events for the kids and it is so fun to see them collect tickets and go to the ticket booth for fun prizes they get to choose.
- Finally, our raffle turns the day into a bit of a fundraiser and we thank you for your support. You can see the raffle tickets in the bulletin today with some great prizes. Thank you for the whole team that makes this day go.

I am sure I missed something but I just wanted to give you a bit of an overview. This is the final event of our Joy of Columbkille season and I hope you can fully participate and experience a little more joy. Thank you for all those who sponsored these events.

In Christ,

In Don'd Schoty

# JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP!



www.facebook.com/groups/stcolumbkille

#### Restored Communion Chalices and Patens — Thank you!

Our church liturgical guidance calls for the vessels we use at Mass to be "considered precious or noble." Parishioner Daryle Dorr recently restored the nobility -and the *shine*-of our Communion chalices and patens by donating their being polished and relacquered in memory of Wilbur ("Bill") & Marie Dorr, Richard ("Dick") Dorr, and Rev. Roman A. Schares. Thank you, Daryle, for helping us better express how precious is Christ's gift of Himself in the Eucharist!



# **PARISH NEWS**

#### **Invitation to Become an Altar Server**

All 4th and 5th grade students are invited to become altar servers at our weekend Masses. To sign up for a practice time, go to <a href="https://www.stcolumbkille.net/altar-server-sign-up">www.stcolumbkille.net/altar-server-sign-up</a> and complete the form. Contact Tricia Tranel at <a href="mailto:tranel@dbgarch.org">t.tranel@dbgarch.org</a> for more information.



#### **Country Store Donations for Parish Picnic**

Please consider making or baking a treat and donating it to the parish picnic country store next weekend! We are looking for breads, cakes, pies, cookies, or any sweet treat ideas (no refrigerated items due to the heat, please). Items can be whole or packaged individually. All items must be labeled with your name and can be dropped off on:

- Friday, September 15, 8:30 a.m.—12 p.m. in the parish office
- Saturday, September 16, 3:30—4:30 p.m. in Presentation Hall
- Sunday, September 17, 9—10 a.m. in the school gym.

#### St. Columbkille to Sponsor St. Pat's Meal on Sept. 27

St. Columbkille Church is sponsoring the St. Pat's meal on Wednesday, September 27. This service provides approximately 200 people who are in need in our local community with a hot meal each Wednesday night. Do you have an hour or two to help prepare and deliver food, serve the meal, or clean up? The meal is served at approximately 5:00 p.m. Please call Deb and Marty Huseman at 563-556-8667 to volunteer.



Next Sunday, September 17, the loose coin collection goes to Maria House/Teresa Shelter.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### ATTENTION MEN OF THE PARISH...That Man is You!

The UCM Parish (combining men from St. Columbkille, St. Anthony, St. Joseph the Worker, and Nativity parishes) will begin the 2023 Fall Semester of THAT MAN IS YOU! on September 16th. Sessions will be at the Cathedral Center starting at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings. This program is titled "Worthy of the Call". During this semester, we will discover and embrace the call to have a life full of God's love, peace, joy, and mercy. This semester will take us on a breathtakingly beautiful journey through the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary from the Holy Land during Advent. Contact Jim Unsen (junsen6901@aol.com or 563-556-4857) or Jim Sigwarth (563-451-5296) to register.

#### **Volunteer Companions Needed at Hills & Dales**

Only a couple of hours a month can bring joy to one of God's special people. Deacon Steve and Kathy MacDonald direct the Spiritual Enrichment program at Hills & Dales Development Center. In order to attend, each student is in need of a volunteer companion. Professionals will be on duty the entire time to take care of personal care issues and health concerns. Volunteers are needed to be a friend by reading children's bible stories, assisting with art activities, coloring, etc. Training will be provided. If interested, or for more information, please email Deacon Steve at stevekathymac@gmail.com.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday
Sept 11

Cub Scouts

6:00 P.M. | Presentation Hall **Boy Scouts** 

6:00 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

**Girl Scouts** 

6:00 P.M. | Convent Building, 2nd floor Families Anonymous Meeting

7:15 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

Tuesday
Sept 12

Holy Family STEM Explorers 3:15 P.M. | Presentation Hall

Finance Meeting 6:00 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

Thursday

Sept. 14

Coffee With Friends

Following 9 A.M. Mass | Fogarty Hall Eucharistic Adoration With Students

11:55 A.M.—2:00 P.M. | Church All are welcome to join our students! Catholic Charities Circle Meeting

4:30 P.M. | Convent Building, 2nd floor Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 P.M. | Church Encourage Meeting

6:30 P.M. | Fogarty Hall RISE Group Meeting

7:30 P.M. | Presentation Hall

Saturday

Sept. 16

Kroll Baptism 4:15 P.M. | Church

Sunday

Sept. 17



Joy of Columbkille Parish Picnic

Outdoor Mass at 10 A.M.

Moracco chicken dinner, 11 A.M.—1 P.M.

•Free games and inflatables for the kids!

•Free Knights of Columbus lemonade stand!

Raffles and Country Store!



Sign up to volunteer and reserve your meal(s) today to save! (*Prices increase on Tuesday, September 12.*) See the bulletin insert or visit <u>stcolumbkille.net/picnic</u>.

## STAFF CORNER



for Grandparents
and the Elderly

In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The U.S. bishops have approved the transfer of the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in the U.S. to the first weekend after Labor Day in September to coincide with National Grandparents (and the Elderly) Day in the United States as many local communities, schools, and parishes have celebrated for some time. (www.usccb.org)

Looking back upon my childhood and early adult years, I feel fortunate to have known all four of my grandparents (and some great-grandparents) as well as I did. Their faith in Jesus was evident to me even as a young child. To see all four of my grandparents at Mass each Sunday was truly a joy. Not to mention the anticipation of a family brunch afterwards! It was quality time that the Lord brought us together in. Memories of EWTN and Mother Angelica on the TV (with the volume cranked WAY up so that grandpa could hear!), along with grandpa's prayer book and holy water next to his chair, witnessing their works of service in their community and parish, and gathering for grace before meals... it all takes me back to the time where the roots of my faith were planted. And not only by grandparents, but by elderly friends of the family who were also invited to share in our joy and, in turn, shared so much with us.

My daughters are blessed to have known most of their grandparents and great-grandparents as well. Some family traditions come and go with each passing generation, but one true gift that we can continue to pass on is our Catholic faith.

This weekend we are called to celebrate and visit with the grandparents and elderly in our lives. A visit is a personal choice to *arise and go in haste* to others (cf. Lk 1:39), just as Mary did when she visited her elderly cousin, Elizabeth. It is an opportunity for a grandchild to pray with his or her grandparent, or for a young person to pray with an elderly person they are visiting. It is also an opportunity to live out our parish mission statement as a disciple of Jesus as we EMPOWER Christian action and enable others to ENCOUNTER Christ within us.

May God bless you as you arise and go in haste!



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