

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



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."
- Mt 18:21-22

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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

SEPTEMBER

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MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday
Sept 18
9:00 AM

† Mary Hinkel
† Regina Ankrum
† Charles and Helen Wessels
† Alvin and Christine Link

Tuesday
Sept 19
9:00 AM

† Susan Miller

Wednesday
Sept 20
9:00 AM

† Robert E. Molo and Helen T. Molo



Thursday
Sept 21
9:00 AM

† Tom Goodman

Friday
Sept 22
7:00 AM

† Alice Amling

Saturday
Sept 23
4:15 PM

† Gina Danner
† Bernadine Van Otegham
† Guy A. Gard, Jr.
† Nelissen and Jansen families
† Bill Huss

Sunday
Sept 24
8:00 AM

† Robert E. Molo and Helen T. Molo
† Peg Kircher
† Gary Anglin
† Beth DeGree-Mueller
† Gina Danner
† Bill Huss

10:00 AM

Pro Populo
† Debbie Menadue
† Chuck Kass
† Beth DeGree-Mueller

Welcome to our Joy of Columbkille Parish Picnic weekend! Most weeks that begin with our Sunday gathering, the communion in Christ we renew at Mass, becomes visible in relationships beyond those with fellow parishioners. This weekend, the gratitude for each other fostered in the ritual we share each Sunday, is made visible to each other in the more “free-form” of our picnic conversations and games!

As we express and enjoy the life together that being a parish family brings, Jesus’ Gospel challenge to be radically forgiving might seem a bit of a “kill-joy.” Forgiveness involves things like conflict, humility, or vulnerability--not so easy.

But of all the qualities needed for life-together, from the intimacy of marriage, to the inter-dependence of nations, is any virtue more necessary than forgiveness? Few things engage the self-giving of true love like forgiveness. And, doesn’t restoring a relationship thought to be damaged, bring amazing joy?

So it makes sense that Jesus would strengthen our own resolve to work at forgiveness, by inviting disciples to nurture *gratitude* for all God has forgiven us. Our Christian faith makes a radical forgiveness reasonable. When I have no reason to forgive, or expect forgiveness, a Christian can call on three helps:

- Forgiving because *Jesus* loves the offender, not because I do
- Asking or offering forgiveness because Jesus is gracing me to do what I don’t have the desire to
- Forgiving out of my love for Jesus, who forgives me for so much

I can’t come up with any greater motivation to try again at a relationship that has hurt me multiple times, or to hope that I’ll be forgiven again, than bringing faith in Jesus into the hurt.

Forgiveness does not always bring reconciliation, and resuming a prior relationship. That is another step, and not always possible. But gratitude for Jesus empowers forgiveness from my heart.

May our picnic bring us to gratitude for the communion in Jesus we enjoy!

In Christ,

Fr. Tom McDermott

You Saved the Bell!

Our Joy of Columbkille effort to bring critical repairs to our bell tower was a great success! We thank Origin Design, Giese Roofing and Giese Manufacturing, and Dave Hinz Construction for their excellent work! Also John Freund and John Hohnecker for coordinating the reconstruction.

The total cost was \$33,367. “Saved by the Bell” direct donations of \$12,475 covered part of the cost. The Golf Outing proceeds totaling \$35,523 supplied the remaining balance with funds to spare! Thanks to you and the Holy Spirit within our parish, St. Columbkille will continue to “ring out it’s joy to the Lord!”



September 17, 2023

PARISH NEWS

Lunchtime Liturgical Longing

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.

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 24, the loose coin collection goes to the Dominican Sisters of Vietnam.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Wahlert Booster Club Pickleball Tournament | Oct. 1

The Wahlert Catholic High School Booster Club is hosting a mixed-doubles pickleball tournament on Sunday, Oct. 1 at Veterans Memorial Park. Your \$25 per player registration will benefit Wahlert and Mazzuchelli athletics and activities programming, and there will be prizes for the top teams in both brackets. We hope you'll join us for an afternoon of friendly competition and fun! Visit holyfamilydbq.org/booster-club to register your team by September 29.

An Invitation From the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Bishop Pates invites very Catholic woman in the Archdiocese of Dubuque to consider joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) as a member. The Catholic Daughters is one of the oldest and largest organizations for Catholic women having been founded in 1903, and is dedicated to the principles of "unity and charity". Today the CDA focuses on the concerns of a contemporary church and society as well as issues that affect the well-being of women and children. CDA offers the opportunity for women to come together to share their faith as well as in service to their church and civic communities. For more information and to find a local chapter, visit www.iowacatholicdaughters.org.

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 18	Cub Scouts 6:00 P.M. Presentation Hall Boy Scouts 6:00 P.M. Fogarty Hall
Tuesday Sept 19	Lunchtime Liturgical Longing: Session 1 12:00 P.M. Fogarty Hall Altar Server Training 3:15 P.M. Presentation Hall
Wednesday Sept. 20	Altar Server Training 3:15 P.M. Presentation Hall Family Faith Formation Kickoff 6:00 P.M. Church/Presentation Hall Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 P.M. Presentation Hall
Thursday Sept. 21	Eucharistic Adoration With Students 11:55 A.M.—2:00 P.M. Church <i>All are welcome to join our students!</i> Altar Server Training 3:15 P.M. Presentation Hall St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00 P.M. Fogarty Hall
Saturday Sept. 23	Book Study Group 6:30 A.M. Convent Building, 2nd floor Danner/Althaus Wedding 1:30 P.M. Church Rollins Baptism 5:15 P.M. Church
Sunday Sept. 24	RCIA 10:00 A.M. Presentation Hall

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



STAFF CORNER

"Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" (Matthew 18:21)

Peter asks very human questions in our Gospel. How often do I also ask these questions! Jesus doesn't give an easy answer either. "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Jesus asks us to forgive completely!

But, Jesus, how can I possibly forgive this person who has hurt me over and over again? We do not have the capacity to forgive others completely on our own, especially when it comes to those who have hurt us deeply. Thankfully, the Lord does not ask us to do things without also providing us with the graces to do it.

Forgiving is not natural...It is supernatural! With God's grace, we are able to forgive even those who have hurt us the most. Lord, please give this person the same mercy that I would want for myself!



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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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