

# 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

# CORNERSTONE



*"The stone that the  
builders rejected has  
become the cornerstone."*

MATTHEW 21:42 AB

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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  
**Oct 09**  
9:00 AM

† Dorothy Heitzman



Tuesday  
**Oct 10**  
9:00 AM

† Joan Higley  
† John and Bernadine VanOtegham  
† Jerry and Rita Arensdorf

Wednesday  
**Oct 11**  
9:00 AM

† Susan Miller

Thursday  
**Oct 12**  
9:00 AM

† Thomas Nauman

Friday  
**Oct 13**  
7:00 AM

† Regina Ankrum

Saturday  
**Oct 14**  
4:15 PM

† Nicholas and Grace Ervolino  
† Guy A. Gard, Jr.  
† Patrick R. Sullivan  
† Don Oliver, Sr.

Sunday  
**Oct 15**  
8:00 AM

† John and Myra Welsh  
† Blaine and Janaan Hancock  
† Lawrence and Dolores Maro,  
LaVerne Koltes, Rita Koos, and  
Neil McDermott

10:00 AM

Pro Populo  
† Debbie Menadue  
† Louis and Sylvia Kress  
† Velma Healy

How many items can you fit into one day? One Saturday, a few weeks ago, I celebrated Mass, Marriage, Baptism, Confession, and Anointing of the Sick and I was falling asleep at 8:30 p.m.!

This weekend makes me think about the range of a parish's activities again. In addition to Mass, we are celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing after each of the Masses and Baptisms as well. On top of all of that, hopefully you received a letter about our school project in the mail this last week. It seems strange to have such a large project not to be our sole focus but celebrating Mass, Baptisms, Reconciliation, Marriages, and Anointing are so big that they need to shape everything else that we do.

We have known that our school needed to be renovated since we arrived in 2018, but the extent of our renovation and addition has changed over the years. The project we arrived at seems to be the best solution for the good of our students and our parish. I am excited about the good of this project for the long term benefit of our students, our parish, and our teachers.

We will be asking for your support of this project and it will not be a small ask. We still have to raise \$2.8 million by February 1, 2024 to make this project go. Part of my confidence in this project is the fact that over the years, both the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council were very diligent in their assessment. They kept asking the questions: Should we do this? Can we do this? What should we do? What do we need? Is this the best solution? Their rigor improved this project and allowed them to give unanimous support for our project.

While we have informational meetings scheduled later in October, we are happy to hear any questions that you may have. May our work together always bring a better and brighter focus on God working in our lives no matter the activity.

May God bless and keep our busy parish growing in Christ.

*Fr. David Schatz*

### School Project Informational Meetings

Please join us during one of the informational meetings for a detailed review of the architectural renderings and to learn more about this capital campaign.

**OUR FUTURE  
IN CHRIST**



**All meetings will take place inside the school gym on:**

Sunday, October 22 at 11:30 a.m.

Monday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 26 at 1:00 p.m.

## PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

### The Fiscal YTD totals as of Oct. 1, 2023:

FYTD received: \$246,445.09

FYTD budgeted: \$276,150.00

**Deficit: -\$29,704.91**

*Note: July 1, 2023 started the new fiscal year.*

**October 08, 2023**

# PARISH NEWS

## Coffee With Friends at St. Columbkille | October 12

Please join us after the 9:00 a.m. Mass in Fogarty Hall this Thursday, October 12. Refreshments provided. Bring a friend! Please RSVP by noon on Wednesday, October 11 by calling the parish office at 563-583-9117.



## Clarity Clinic Donation Drive | October 7—27

A donation drive for the Clarity Clinic pregnancy boutique will be held through October 27 to help moms and dads in need. The donation area is in the center vestibule with a listing of items needed. Some of the greatest needs include cribs, diapers, wipes, and baby gates. Clarity Clinic is a non-profit organization that allows moms to earn points to use in their boutique. Thank you in advance for your witness to life by supporting parents in need.

## In Memoriam During the Month of October

**Hosts & Wine** – Susan Miller

**Sanctuary Lamp** – Lawrence & Dolores Maro Family and  
Alvin & Alverna Koos Family

*Call or stop by the parish office to make a memorial gift by:*

- Providing the hosts and wine at all liturgies for one month (\$250)
- Providing the candle in the Sanctuary Lamp for one month (\$12)
- Requesting a Mass intention (\$5 per Mass)



**Next Sunday, October 15, the loose coin collection goes to Catholic Charities.**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Remembrance Mass for Babies Lost Through Miscarriage, Still Birth, or Infant Death | October 16

Whether you have lost a baby recently or years ago, please join us at Church of the Nativity for a Mass of Remembrance for families who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death on Monday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m. Fellowship will follow in the O'Brien room. For more information or to register, please call Dee Dee at the Parish office at 582-1839.

## Fall Clean-up for Mt. Calvary and Mt. Olivet Cemeteries

The annual Fall clean-up will begin on Monday, October 16 and run through Friday, October 20, 2023. Please remove all items and decorations you wish to save no later than Sunday, October 15, 2023. All items not removed will be discarded. Cemetery Management requests that no decorations or plantings be placed on grave sites until Saturday, October 21, 2023. Check Cemetery Regulations before placing decorations to avoid losing items that do not conform.

## 2023 Pro-Life Awareness Speaker for DCRTL

Dubuque County Right To Life is hosting Emily Albrecht from Equal Rights Institute for Pro-Life Awareness Week. There will be two public opportunities to hear her speak in the area (Tuesday, October 17 and Thursday, October 19). RSVP is required by October 11. Visit [www.dctrl.org](http://www.dctrl.org) for more information.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday

**Oct. 09**

**Holy Family After School Programming**

***Captured on Canvas: Art Academy***

3:15 P.M. | Presentation Hall

**Cub Scouts**

6:00 P.M. | Presentation Hall

**Boy Scouts**

6:00 P.M. | Fogarty Hall and Convent

Tuesday

**Oct. 10**

**Holy Family After School Programming**

***STEM Explorers***

3:15 P.M. | Presentation Hall

**Finance Committee Meeting**

6:00 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

Wednesday

**Oct. 11**

**Youth Choir Rehearsal**

6:30 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

Thursday

**Oct. 12**

**Coffee With Friends**

9:30 A.M. | 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

**St. Vincent de Paul Meeting**

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

**Encourage Meeting**

6:30 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

**Eucharistic Adoration Holy Hour for Life**

6:30 P.M. | Church

Saturday

**Oct. 14**

**O'Donnell Baptism**

5:15 P.M. | Church

Sunday

**Oct. 15**

**KC Benefit Breakfast for Adele Miles**

7 A.M.—12 P.M. | Presentation Hall

**Cattani Baptism**

10:00 A.M. | Church

St. Columbkille  
**COFFEE and DONUT SUNDAY**

**A Parish Social Gathering**

*Hosted by our Parish Welcoming Committee and Pack, Troop, and Crew 13*

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

*After the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses*

**Presentation Hall**





# STAFF CORNER

## A God of LIFE

I never cease to be amazed at the goodness of our God! In today's parable the "tenants" deserve nothing, yet the landowner (God) gave them generous opportunities to choose the way of life over death. He spared nothing, even sending his son, giving the tenants all that he had for their good.

Concluding the parable, Jesus asks what should be done with the tenants. The reply was "death" – but Jesus did not consent. Rather, he rejoices in the rejected – the cornerstone of what would become a LIVING Temple – the Church.

Before Jesus concludes this encounter, he promises abundant life, saying the kingdom will be given to those who will produce its fruit. Our God is truly a God of LIFE and abundant fruitfulness! Let us come to Mass accepting the gift of His Son, feeding on the Bread of Life, and then going forth to be the Living Church, producing abundant fruit for the kingdom.



**Tricia Tranel**  
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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:t.tranel@dbqarch.org).

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