

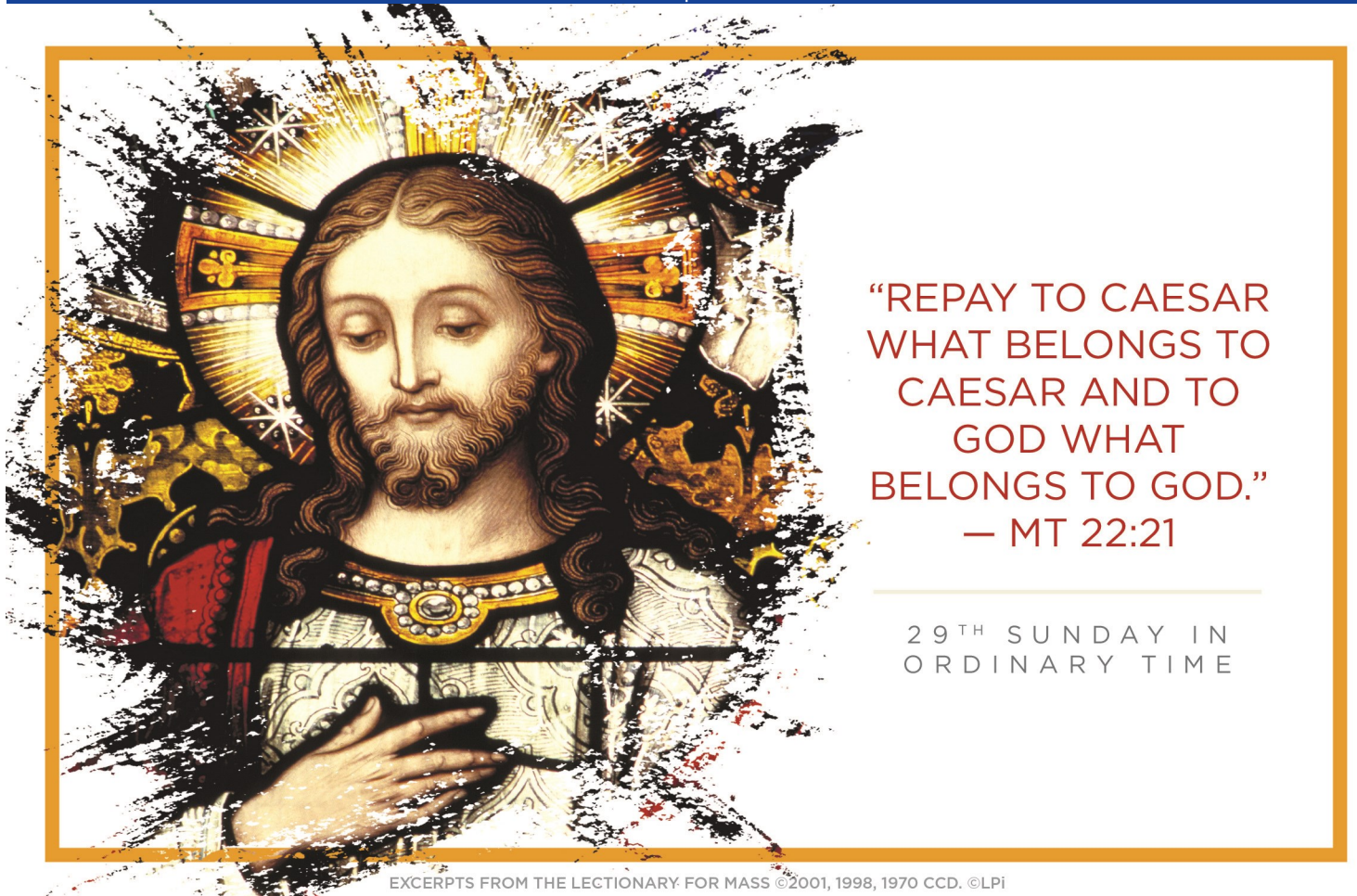
# Saint Columbkille

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

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



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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

## DEACON'S REFLECTION

Monday  
**Oct 23**  
9:00 AM

† Laura Hemmer Mills  
† Jerry & Rita Arensdorf

Tuesday  
**Oct 24**  
9:00 AM

† Susan Miller



Wednesday  
**Oct 25**  
9:00 AM

† Jerry Hoerner

Thursday  
**Oct 26**  
9:00 AM

† Joan Higley  
† LeRoy Helle  
† Jack Dunwoody

Friday  
**Oct 27**  
7:00 AM

† Regina Ankrum

Saturday  
**Oct 28**  
4:15 PM

† Gina Danner  
† Bill Huss  
† Maury and Jared Sturm  
† Don Ruden  
† Arnie Honkamp and  
Heidi Honkamp-Myhre  
† Guy A. Gard, Jr.  
† Reinhold Nelissen  
† Brent Postel  
† Agnes Strong

Sunday  
**Oct 29**  
8:00 AM

† June and Kenneth Palm  
John and Polly Splinter

10:00 AM

Pro Populo  
† Geraldine Goodman  
† Jerry & Rita Arensdorf

In early May, before I was ordained, Father David set up a preaching schedule with Deacon Travis and me. I looked at the schedule, added some more dates and that was that. About a month ago, I looked at this weekend's readings. And I discovered that I get the gospel with politics and religion – two things that many are told shouldn't be discussed! And I thought I'd have wedding feasts, vineyards and landowners. Thanks, Father David!

Jesus is presented a dilemma by the Pharisees and Herodians and he handles the dilemma to pay the tax or not by using it to push back against both groups. He says, "Repay unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's". That statement puts them between a rock and a hard place as they really can't disagree with either of those statements. So politics and religion are indeed related!

The Church teaches in the Catechism (paragraphs 2238 through 2243) about the duties of citizens – the repaying unto Caesar part. In paragraph 2240, the Church teaches that we have a duty to submit to authority and co-responsibility for the common good, which makes it morally obligatory to pay taxes, to exercise the right to vote, and to defend one's country.

However, in paragraph 2242, the Church also teaches that citizens are obliged in conscience not to follow the directives of civil authorities when they are contrary to the demand of the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons or the teachings of the Gospel. So, there is a healthy tension there between obeying the competent authority and pushing back when necessary.

Politics, by nature, is a rough thing and these days always seems to be divisive. Think about any hot button issue today, whether it be abortion, the death penalty, euthanasia, the transgender ideology, immigration, or any of the other issues that face the country and divide us. It is easy to take a right wing or left-wing approach and have it dominate our thoughts and actions to the extent that politics suddenly becomes our god and idol. We forget to pay unto God and instead pay solely to Caesar.

Repaying unto God however, does not mean that we retreat from the world and that we do not consider the world of politics. As Catholics, we have a duty to ensure the common good. We do this by both rendering unto Caesar through our duties as citizens and rendering unto God through our duties as Christians.

Let us work hard for the common good AND work for communion with God. Vote when you have a chance. Be active in your community. And help those invisible among us: the poor, the immigrant, the homeless. Live out the Gospel, especially Matthew 25. That's how we will maintain a healthy balance between our duties as citizens and our duties as Christians. That is how we equally repay unto Caesar and repay unto God.

– Deacon Mike DeMouilly

### Would You Like to Save Money on Your 2023 Iowa Income Taxes?

As an Iowa taxpayer, you can help income-qualifying families choose Catholic education while saving big on your taxes. To see how an STO donation can minimize or even eliminate your Iowa income tax bill, a sample tax scenario is on our website [www.OurFaithSTO.org](http://www.OurFaithSTO.org). The STO is good for families, and good for you! For more information, talk to your tax professional or financial advisor, or call Steve Kane, Our Faith STO Director, at 563-552-0297.



# PARISH NEWS

## Praying for Your Deceased Loved Ones

A ritual prayer of remembrance will be celebrated at all the week-end Masses on October 28/29 when we will read each of the names of those whose funerals were celebrated at St. Columbkille Church in the past year. Additionally, you are invited to enter the names of any deceased loved ones in the Book of Life found at the back of the center aisle. The Book of Life will be placed before the altar from October 28 through November 19, when a petition will be included for those being remembered.

## Clarity Clinic Donation Drive

A reminder that Clarity Clinic is holding their baby drive through Thursday, October 26. The donation area is in the center vestibule with a listing of items needed. Thank you in advance for your witness to life by supporting parents in need.

## Celebrating All Saints of St. Columbkille!

Join us as we learn the stories and symbols of the saints of St. Columbkille Church after the 6:00 p.m. Mass on All Saints Day, Wednesday, November 1 in Presentation Hall. Saint windows and paintings will be displayed on the large screen for easy viewing. A family-friendly presentation will be followed by interactive activities and discussion for all. Come celebrate the beautiful saints that adorn our church! Scan the QR code for a sneak peek of our Virtual Saints Tour!



**Next Sunday, October 29, the loose coin collection goes to Dubuque County Right to Life.**

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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](mailto: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/>.

## 2023 LIFT Vendor Fair at Resurrection | November 5

Mark your calendar and come shop for the holidays at the 2023 LIFT Vendor Fair! The vendor fair will take place on Sunday, November 5 from noon - 4:00 p.m. at the Resurrection School gym. If you would like to have a booth at the fair, please contact Barb Dieck at [barbdieck@gmail.com](mailto:barbdieck@gmail.com) for availability.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday <b>Oct. 23</b>	<b>Cub Scouts</b> 6:00 P.M.   Presentation Hall <b>Boy Scouts</b> 6:00 P.M.   Fogarty Hall/Convent, 2nd floor <b>School Project Informational Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.   St. Columbkille School Gym
Tuesday <b>Oct. 24</b>	<b>Pastoral Council Meeting</b> 6:00 P.M.   Fogarty Hall
Thursday <b>Oct. 26</b>	<b>School Project Informational Meeting</b> 1:00 P.M.   St. Columbkille School Gym <b>Catholic Charities Circle Meeting</b> 4:30 P.M.   Convent Building, 2nd floor
Saturday <b>Oct. 28</b>	<b>Remembrance Mass</b> <i>A ritual prayer and Mass of remembrance for those deceased in the past year.</i> 4:15 P.M.   Church
Sunday <b>Oct. 29</b>	<b>Remembrance Mass</b> <i>A ritual prayer and Mass of remembrance for those deceased in the past year.</i> 8:00 and 10:00 A.M.   Church <b>Remembrance Brunch</b> <i>For invited families of those whose funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Columbkille in the past year.</i> 11:00 A.M.   Presentation Hall

# OUR FUTURE IN CHRIST

## 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.

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



- Sunday, October 22  
11:30 a.m.
- Monday, October 23  
6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, October 26  
1:00 p.m.

## STAFF CORNER

"[M]y chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." Isaiah 45:4

A child raises his/her hand frantically waiting to be chosen by the teacher, or feels disappointed when he/she is not chosen to be on a team. As adults, we want to be chosen for a job position and are disappointed when we are not. We all have a deep desire to be chosen. We look to fulfill this desire through often good, although worldly means. Through Baptism, *you are already chosen* to be a member of God's family. And as a member of His family, the Father lavishes abundant graces on *you*! Even when you do not realize it or you are moving away from Him, He still chooses *you* and still desires to lavish *you* with His graces! He calls *you* His own. He gives you the title: Beloved, and there is nothing you can do to earn or deserve it! This is shown best when babies are baptized! Babies cannot *do* anything. They cannot know all the 10 commandments, pray the rosary, or help someone in need, but as the water is poured onto their heads, the Father's sanctifying grace is poured into their souls! Wow! What a generous and loving Father we have! Frequenting the Sacraments, learning/saying prayers, practicing the works of mercy are not ways to *earn* the Father's love, but are ways to *respond* to the love He has already freely lavished upon us! May you be given the grace to see how the Father has lavished His abundant love on *you*!



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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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