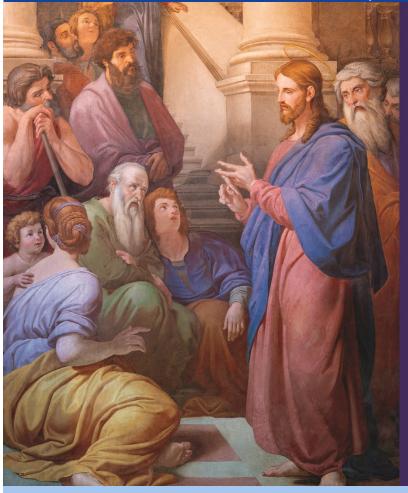


God CALLS us to be disciples and FORMS us by our Catholic Faith to:

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



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"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

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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 (livestrea

Saturday: 4:15 PM (livestreamed)

**Sunday:** 8:00 AM | 10:00 AM







### MASS INTENTIONS

### PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday Nov 6 9:00 AM	† Robert D. Storck † Susan Miller
Tuesday Nov 7 9:00 AM	† Edine Storck † Jerry & Rita Arensdorf † LeRoy Helle
Wednesday Nov 8 9:00 AM	† Joan Higley
Thursday Nov 9 9:00 AM	† Robert E. Molo & Helen T. Molo † Regina Ankrum
Friday Nov 10 7:00 AM	† Bob & Betty Sullivan
Saturday Nov 11 4:15 PM	† Al Burcham † Earl Larson † Guy A. Gard, Jr. † Richard Nunez † Al Sloan † Ray Vogt
Sunday Nov 12 8:00 AM	† David & Judy Ochs † Fr. Joseph Hauer † June & Kenneth Palm
10:00 AM	Pro Populo † Brian Gockel † Harry & Mary Schiltz † Lester & Tereasa Bishop † Thomas, Joe, Joe Jr., & Ruth Graham † Lester, Betty, & Lenny Pope

What is the role of the priest within our world? While they go by different names, every culture has priests who signal the bond between heaven and earth and point to the human person's transcendent nature. In today's first reading, the Prophet Malachi recognizes the central importance of good priests for the good of the whole community and vice versa.

For Catholics, we need good priests all the more. Beyond showing our transcendent nature, the priest is a concrete symbol and reality of Jesus Christ's presence with us. Our priesthood testifies to Jesus' Incarnation: God walked with us as a man.

Do you have a son or grandson who has the capacity to show Jesus to the world, to proclaim the Gospel with clarity, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to lead human beings toward our transcendence?

In working with seminarians, parents and grandparents are often fearful that the demands of the priesthood today are simply too great and the reward is not sufficient.

In response to the first, we simply have to choose formation over fear. Our church provides 6-8 years of formation to prepare our seminarians.

In response to the second, we live in a world where modern philosophies promote leadership as a way for personal gain or simply as an exercise in power. We have to reject this.

Leadership by Jesus went through the garden. He felt the burden of his priesthood and asked his Father, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39). In prayer, in honesty, in self-sacrifice, he saved the human race and enjoyed the resurrected life to share it with us.

It kind of sounds like I am praying for our young men to experience the call to priesthood so that they can be miserable! If self-sacrifice is a dirty word, then leadership is miserable. However, if true leadership leads to the resurrected life, then self-sacrifice becomes a blessing.

Can you imagine the blessing of priesthood for your son or grandson? Next **Saturday**, **Nov**. **11**, I am leading a day called "**Thinking of Priesthood?**" at St. Cecilia's church in Ames. If your son or grandson is 18 to 30 years of age and you think God gave him the capacity to be a priest, I would ask you to invite them. Your invitation is an important part of God's call. Please let me know if he would like to attend and please pray for the good of this day.

In Christ.

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The 75% tax credit sounds too good to be true, but it's not.

If you file an Iowa income tax return, your contributions to the Our Faith School Tuition Organization (STO) receive a 75% tax credit. For example, if you expect to owe \$1500 in Iowa income tax, you can donate \$2000 to the STO and receive a \$1500 tax credit (\$2000 x 75%); this leaves you owing \$0 dollars on your Iowa income taxes. In addition, your gift may qualify for federal deductibility. But let's not forget that the \$2000 you've given will provide tuition assistance for qualifying families in the Archdiocese. It is that simple. The STO is good for families, and good for you! For more information, call Steve Kane, Our Faith STO Director, at 563-552-0297.

## **PARISH NEWS**

### St. Columbkille to Sponsor St. Pat's Meal | November 8

St. Columbkille Church is sponsoring the St. Pat's meal on Wednesday, November 8. 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.

#### Coffee With Friends | November 9

During this season of remembrance, join us as we listen to a witness talk of hope that will be shared following the 9 a.m. Mass on Thursday, November 9 from 9:30—10:30 a.m. in Fogarty Hall. Please RSVP to Alice at the St. Columbkille parish office. Hope to see you there!

#### In Memoriam During the Month of November

**Hosts & Wine** – In honor of David & Gloria Cahalan's 68th Wedding Anniversary

Sanctuary Lamp – Maury and Jared Sturm



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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, November 12, the loose coin collection goes to our sister parish, Our Lady of the Sioux.

# **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### Bereavement Support Offered by Hospice of Dubuque

To celebrate National Hospice & Palliative Care Month, Hospice of Dubuque is offering the following upcoming programs:

#### BOOK READING AND SIGNING | NOV. 9

Hospice nurse and author, Diane Fasselius, will share excerpts from her recently published book, entitled Moments that Matter: Finding the Grace in Living, Dying, and Surviving Loss. This event is open to the public on Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hospice of Dubuque's Theisen Education Center located at 1670 JFK Road.

#### CHILDREN'S BEREAVEMENT WORKSHOP | NOV. 16

Hospice of Dubuque will offer a children's bereavement workshop on Thursday, November 16, from 5:30—7:30 p.m. Contact Mary Boots at 563-582-1220 for more information.

### Experience "The Eucharistic Miracles of the World"

The Vatican International Exhibition, a captivating design created by Blessed Carlo Acutis, a young man who was Beatified on October 10, 2020, will be showcased in Martin Hall at St. Joseph the Worker Church from November 11th to November 16th. All are invited to come and witness its profound impact during these dates from 8:30 a.m.—7 p.m. Also, on Wednesday, November 15, hear Fr. Bob Gross present "The Holy Eucharist, Our Rest and Our Strength", 6:30—7:30 p.m. Registration is not required.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Monday
Nov. 6

Cub Scouts
6:00 P.M. | Presents

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

6:00 P.M. | Fogarty Hall/Convent, 2nd floor

Wednesday

St. Pat's Meal

Nov. 8 5:00 P.M. | St. Pat's Catholic Church

Thursday
Nov. 9

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
Eucharistic Adoration

6:30—7:30 P.M. | Church Encourage Meeting 6:30 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

RISE Social

7:30 P.M. | Presentation Hall

Saturday

**Nov. 11** 

First Reconciliation Retreat

9:00 A.M. | Church/Presentation Hall KC's/Dubuque County Right to Life 3:00 P.M. | Presentation Hall

Young Baptism 5:15 P.M. | Church

Sunday

RCIA

Nov. 12

11:00 A.M. | Presentation Hall

### PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

The Fiscal YTD totals as of October 29, 2023:

FYTD received: \$294,263.09

FYTD budgeted: \$355,050.00

Deficit: -\$60,786.91

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

Stay up to date and support our school campaign by visiting: stcolumbkille.net/

our-future-in-christ.



## **STAFF CORNER**

Next weekend we will be hosting our First Reconciliation retreat for our second grade families. We have a focus for the retreat day on the Parable of the Lost Son, or as we like to call it "The Feasting Father". (Luke 15:11-32) We keep our eyes on the Father because it is so important for our children, and us adults, to know this Father's loving embrace; completely and incomprehensibly unconditional. At the retreat, we provide the opportunity for our families to sit with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration, to be gazed upon so lovingly by Jesus, and appreciate some silence in gazing upon Him.

As we grow in our understanding of God's love, I believe it helps us to become more comfortable in the confessional. In my own life, I have experienced a shift from fear of confessing my wrongdoings and facing my weaknesses, to anticipation of what God and His grace can do in my life when I take this step in building up my relationship with Him.

Please say a short prayer today for the First Reconciliation families; that this retreat experience may deepen their understanding of the joy of the Father when we move closer to Him.



Jessica Rauen Coordinator of Embracing Deeper Faith Family Faith Formation j.rauen@dbqarch.org

#### THANK YOU FROM THE MILES FAMILY



Thank you so much to the Knights of Columbus for hosting a breakfast for Adele. Their hard work made for a great morning!

Thank you so much to the Parish, The Boy Scouts and The Saint Columbkille Community that were able to share their morning to show Adele support! It was truly an outpouring of love for our little girl. We are grateful to God for all of you.

-The Miles Family

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

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