

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



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

“Amen, I say to you,
whatever you did for one
of the least brothers
of mine, you did for me.”
- Mt 25:38-40

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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

NOVEMBER 26
2023

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MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday
Nov 27
9:00 AM

† Susan Miller
† Regina Ankrum

Tuesday
Nov 28
9:00 AM

† Robert E. Molo & Helen T. Molo
† Don Oliver, Jr.

Wednesday
Nov 29
9:00 AM

† Lois Donovan
† Geraldine Goodman
† Jerry and Rita Arensdorf

Thursday
Nov 30
9:00 AM

† Dorothy Heitzman
† Don Oliver, Sr.

Friday
Dec 01
7:00 AM

† Family of Dorothy O'Neill
† Ruth Esser Recker

Saturday
Dec 02
4:15 PM

† Earl Larson
† Mike Kalb
† Guy A. Gard, Jr.
† Phillip Schmerbach
† Brian Oliver



Sunday
Dec 03
8:00 AM

† Gerald, Susan, and Kathy Wild
† John Welsh, Sr.
† Mary and Ernest Skrabby
† Robert Clemens
† Monica and Wilfred Specs
† Gerry Haxmeier

10:00 AM

Pro Populo
† Matt Cusack & Millie and Roy Schlickman
† Jerry and Rita Arensdorf
† John O'Boyle

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe is the name we give to Masses this weekend. It's a mouthful—but then, the meaning in those words offers a lot to chew on!

A Solemnity is the highest ranking Holy Day in our church liturgical calendar. Throughout the coming year, the Church unfolds the entire mystery of Christ's saving work in its daily worship.

Established in 1925, Pope Pius XI's goal was to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ (and faith in Him) out of public life would result in continuing discord among peoples. "This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever."

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public.

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with one's whole life: Christ must reign in our minds by believing what He revealed about God and us; He must reign in our wills so we choose according to God's desires; He must reign in our hearts so we love God above all things; Christ must reign in our bodies so our actions are in service to our Lord and the coming of His Kingdom.

A new Church year starts next weekend. The days until then offer a graced time to consider how well we live our faith publicly. We can be Christ-like and Catholic—expressing our beliefs without imposing them. Christ sends us forth from Mass to "glorify the Lord by your life." We will do that convincingly, and respectfully, if one is allowing Christ to first reign within us.

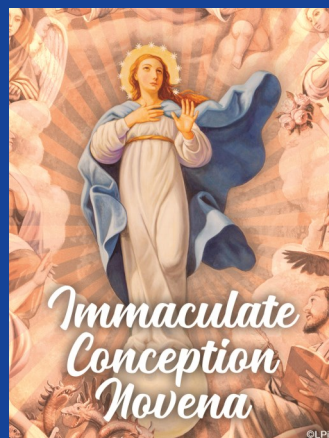
F. Tom McDermott

Novena to the Blessed Virgin Mary, The Immaculate Conception Traditionally prayed November 29 — December 7

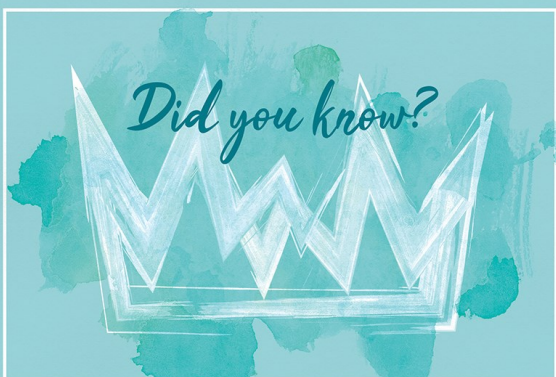
Introductory prayer for all 9 days:

Come O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

Intercessory prayers for each day can be found at: mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers > Novenas



Did you know?



The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

November 26, 2023

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of a Loved One

Our worship space will once again be decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you would like to contribute in memory of a loved one, or to the fund in general, please send a check payable to St. Columbkille in the amount of \$15, or submit your request and payment online at: stcolumbkille.net/Christmas-poinsettias. The deadline for inclusion in the Christmas bulletin is Monday, December 11.



Join Us For Advent Reflections Starting November 30

Hold onto the reigns, pause your sleigh brakes, and take a break! Take a brief moment on Thursdays and join us for our Advent Reflections from 9:30—10:30 a.m. in Fogarty Hall. Starting week one on Thursday, November 30, we will pause to fill our sleighs with *ADORE* which delightfully steers our hearts to focus on the coming of Christ. Please RSVP by contacting Alice at the parish office.



Next Sunday, December 3, the loose coin collection goes to St. Stephen's River Bend Food Bank.

COMMUNITY NEWS

No Midnight Christmas Eve Mass at Cathedral

Late-night Christmas Eve Mass Change: For those who have the practice of attending midnight Mass at the Cathedral, please note that it has been cancelled. If you want or need a Mass later than our 6 p.m. at St. Columbkille, there is a 9 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph the Worker, and there are 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Masses offered at Nativity and also at Holy Trinity churches here in Dubuque.

"You Matter": An Evening of Mental Wellness | Dec. 5

"You Matter", an evening of Mental Wellness presented by Haley DeGreve from Grey Matters Collective, will be hosted at Holy Spirit Parish on Tuesday, December 5th, 6:00 p.m. — 8:00 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church. A social will follow in Kriebs Hall. This event is free and all are welcome!

Farley/Epworth CEW Weekends | January, 2024

Do you need a break? Something missing in your life? Are you looking for something more? Consider taking time for yourself to make a Christian Experience Weekend (CEW)! Unplug from the chaos of today and grow in faith, strengthen your personal relationship with God, and get engaged with your Christian community! This retreat includes talks, a sacramental presence of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Non-Catholics are welcome to attend! Cost is \$40 for the weekend. Meals and lodging included. This amount will be returned to you if you are unable to attend. If the cost is too much for your budget, pay what you can. We don't want anyone to miss out because of the cost. The women's weekend is January 12 -14, 2024, and the men's is January 19 - 21, 2024. Both will be held at Seton Catholic School in Farley. If you have questions, please contact Lay Directors Janet Stelken (563-590-4255) or Gerald Morrison (319-393-2869) or visit farleyepworthcew.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday
Nov. 27
Cub Scouts
6:00 P.M. | Presentation Hall
Boy Scouts
6:00 P.M. | Fogarty Hall/Convent, 2nd floor

Tuesday
Nov. 28
Holy Family After School Program
Mississippi River Life
3:15 P.M. | Presentation Hall
Pastoral Council Meeting
6:00 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

Wednesday
Nov. 29
Holy Family After School Program
Lego Brick Masters
3:15 P.M. | Presentation Hall
First Reconciliation
5:30 P.M. | Presentation Hall/Church

Thursday
Nov. 30
Advent Reflections
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!
First Reconciliation
5:30 P.M. | Presentation Hall/Church

Saturday
Dec. 02
Book Study Group
6:30 A.M. | Convent Building, 2nd floor

Sunday
Dec. 03
RCIA
11:00 A.M. | Presentation Hall/Church
Confirmation Preparation Adoration
5:00 P.M. | Church
All are welcome to join our students!



Blue Bag Weekend | Dec. 2 & 3

Remember to take a blue bag home with you and return it next weekend with nonperishable food items and basic household and hygiene supplies for our neighbors in need!

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

**OUR FUTURE
IN CHRIST**



STAFF CORNER

Heal your heart, calm your fears, rest your minds.

Please join us!

Come, experience ADORE reflections this Advent.

"Joseph, how are your feet feeling?" Mary asked. "Well, um, feeling pretty well. Thank you for asking, Mary," Joseph gently replied.

After an experience like none other, Joseph trusted and continued his Advent journey. But surely at times one would imagine he prayed deeply and questioned *Why, Lord?*

Feeling trapped in a world that does not match our expectations is a struggle often testing our trust in our faith and even testing the faith we have in ourselves. Like Joseph, we each experience our own Advent journey. What makes your Advent different than last year's? Or is it fairly the same?

You are warmly invited to join us this Advent for ADORE taking place on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in Fogarty Hall. Come, free your mind this Advent with these uniquely deep and beautiful brief reflections given by Fr. John Burns in his ADORE series. Come, encounter the quiet, safety, and rest of the hearts of Mary and Joseph in the preparation for the birth of our Savior. Please contact Alice at the parish office for further information.



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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.

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