

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



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when
the time will come."
- Mk 13:33

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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

DECEMBER

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MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday
Dec 04
9:00 AM
† Susan Miller
† Jack, Pat, & Mary Lou Anglin

Tuesday
Dec 05
9:00 AM
† Helen Ann Lattner
† Craig McFadden

Wednesday
Dec 06
9:00 AM
† Lucy Porter

Thursday
Dec 07
9:00 AM
† Betty Sullivan
† Jerry & Rita Arensdorf

6:00 PM
† Sr. Ann Divis, M.S.



Friday
Dec 08
7:00 AM
† Regina Ankrum

9:00 AM
† Susan Miller

6:00 PM
† The deceased members of the
Paul H. Freisinger Family

Saturday
Dec 09
4:15 PM
† Guy A. Gard, Jr.
† Susan Miller

Sunday
Dec 10
8:00 AM
† David & Judy Ochs
† June & Kenneth Palm

10:00 AM
Pro Populo
† Helen Ann Lattner

Happy Advent!

Advent prepares for two events: the First Coming of Christ (Christmas) and His Second Coming, when the fullness of the Resurrection will be complete. Each event tells us two things: God cares about what is going on on earth and our end is in heaven with God. To highlight these, we will be using the First Eucharistic Prayer (Roman Canon) throughout the season of Advent.

The way we participate in God's care is by living an **intentional** life. Our every action, but especially our prayer, holds greater value than simply an event. What is or who is my motivation or intention for each event? For what or who do you pray for? Knowing your intention for Mass is critical to understanding the purpose of the Mass.

The Roman Canon is explicit in our responsibility to have a personal intention at Mass. It says, "Remember, Lord, your servants N. and N. and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or **they offer for themselves and all who are dear to them**: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true."

While we have communal intentions listed in our bulletin, God wants you to have your own personal intention. We never go to Mass simply for ourselves; we place someone before God. Mass is serious spiritual work on behalf of others.

While we await Jesus Christ's Second Coming, our spiritual life encourages us to live as a gift that unites heaven and earth. God wants others to encounter Christ through you. The Roman Canon expresses this by saying, "In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: **command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel** to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, **may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.**"

By participating in Mass, you become part of the "gifts" being borne on high. **Christ comes to us every time we celebrate Mass** and he leads our souls upward to heaven.

Overall, Advent and the Roman Canon is trying to convince us that more is going on in our world than can be seen and God wants us to participate in it. We participate most fully when we come with an intention for Mass and we offer ourselves upon the altar to be taken up to heaven.

May we celebrate this season well together.

In Christ,

Fr. David Schatz

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

The Fiscal YTD totals as of November 26, 2023 :

FYTD received: \$368,026.26

FYTD budgeted: \$433,950.00

Deficit: -\$65,923.74

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



Next Sunday, December 10, the loose coin collection goes to our sister parish, Our Lady of the Sioux.

December 3, 2023

PARISH NEWS

In Memoriam During the Month of December

Hosts & Wine – Lois Drexler (donated by the Link family)

Sanctuary Lamp – Maury and Jared Sturm

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)

Join Us For Advent Reflections

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. Please RSVP by contacting Alice at the parish office.

Immaculate Conception Social | December 8

Join us for a family-friendly social with ice cream (Mary-style!) and activities for all ages to celebrate the Immaculate Conception immediately following the 6:00 p.m. Mass on December 8 in Presentation Hall. All are welcome!

Learning About The Liturgy – Intentions at Mass: Bringing Hope to the World | December 10 & 12

Do the intentions I bring to Mass make a difference? Are they heard? Do they have the same effect if I just pray privately at home? What if I have more than one intention, even a whole handful of them – will God hear them all? Can I know that my intentions are good and pleasing to God? Can they bring any hope to our world? Explore these and more questions as we *Learn About the Liturgy* through a brief presentation and time for sharing: Sunday, December 10 between the two Masses (9:00-9:45 a.m.) in Presentation Hall OR for a repeat session Tuesday, December 12, 11:10-11:50 a.m. in Fogarty Hall. (Feel free to bring your lunch!)

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of a Loved One

If you would like to contribute to the poinsettia fund, 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.



Night of Prayer for Life | December 12

Dubuque County Right to Life is having a *Night of Prayer For Life* on December 12th (the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe – patroness of the unborn) from 6-8 p.m., here at St. Columbkille's. During this time there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, hymns of praise led by Brandon & Cassie Schetgen, recitation of the Rosary with meditations, Scripture reading and meditation by Deacon Travis King, and Benediction. There will also be periods of quiet adoration of the Blessed Sacrament throughout the evening and there will be time when confession will be available for those who wish. Please join us in praying for the protection of the unborn and the mothers who are in crisis! You are welcome to come and go at any point.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass:

Thursday, December 7, 6:00 P.M.

Holy Day:

Friday, December 8

7:00 A.M., 9:00 A.M., & 6:00 P.M.

Ice cream social for all ages in Presentation Hall following the 6:00 P.M. Mass on Friday.

Monday

Dec. 04

Cub Scouts

6:00 P.M. | Presentation Hall

Boy Scouts

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

Tuesday

Dec. 05

Holy Family After School Program

Lego Brick Masters

3:15 P.M. | Presentation Hall

Wednesday

Dec. 06

First Reconciliation

5:30 P.M. | Presentation Hall/Church

Knights of Columbus Meeting

6:30 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

Thursday

Dec. 07

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!

Parent Association Meeting

12:00 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

Hospitality Committee Meeting

12:00 P.M. | Parish Office

Sunday

Dec. 10

Learning About the Liturgy:

Mass Intentions

9:00 A.M. | Presentation Hall

Stay up to date and support our school campaign by visiting:

stcolumbkille.net/our-future-in-christ



STAFF CORNER

The Potter

This Advent we're hearing about intentions. We offer our prayer, especially our Mass, for intentions dear to our heart; and then we are *supposed* to trust God will hear and answer our intentions. In reality, that isn't always easy.

I've wondered, am I asking for the "right" thing? For what's best for me? For others? Will God REALLY hear and answer?

Advent reminds me that God sends his Son to reveal his perfect love. Isaiah tells us today that we are the clay, God is the potter, and we are all the work of God's hands. This gives me hope. God is the potter reshaping me, reshaping my intentions, and indeed reshaping all creation according to his perfect love. Despite the imperfections of my intentions, the Potter can make them beautiful!

Join us between the 8:00 and 10:00 Masses next Sunday as we explore this gift -- to offer our intentions at Mass. (Find details in "Parish News.")



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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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