

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



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men.”
- Mk 1:17

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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

JANUARY

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MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday
Jan 22
9:00 AM

† Bert Tranel

Tuesday
Jan 23
9:00 AM

† Jerry and Rita Arensdorf
† Del Ament
† Jill Ament

Wednesday
Jan 24
9:00 AM

† Susan Miller

Thursday
Jan 25
9:00 AM

† Regina Ankrum

Friday
Jan 26
7:00 AM

† Lucy Porter

Saturday
Jan 27
4:15 PM

† Guy Gard, Jr.
† Don Oliver, Jr.
† Maury and Jared Sturm
† Lorene Herman

Sunday
Jan 28
8:00 AM

† Earl Larson

10:00 AM

Pro Populo
† Jerry and Rita Arensdorf
† Don, Helen, Pat, and Tim Steele



SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. MARIANNE COPE
Feast Day: January 23

St. Marianne Cope immigrated to the USA from Germany when she was a child. A gifted leader, she oversaw schools, hospitals, and missions during her long life. Most notably, she volunteered to provide care to those outcast with leprosy on the Hawaiian island of Moloka'i, Hawaii.

"I am hungry for the work and I wish with all my heart to be one of the chosen ones, whose privilege it will be to sacrifice themselves for the salvation of the souls of the poor Islanders.... I am not afraid of any disease, hence, it would be my greatest delight even to minister to the abandoned 'lepers'."

She cheerfully carried out her mission until she died on August 9, 1918. While in service, she was awarded the Royal Order of Kapiolani by the Hawaiian government for her selfless love and care of those in need and never contracted leprosy. She was canonized in 2012.

Throughout this year, our Sunday Gospel will come primarily from the Gospel of St. Mark and it is a difficult Gospel to embrace. Unlike the Gospel of St. Luke, Mark launches into the story of Jesus. For example, in our Gospel today, Mark places Jesus' call of St. Peter et al in the first chapter. Luke provides five chapters of background before this moment. If the Gospel of Mark is treated as a stand-alone report, it is unsatisfying in its brevity and conclusion. I would encourage you to embrace the Gospel in a different context.

1. The Gospel of St. Mark is the earliest Gospel and was written when the "key" players around Jesus were still alive. St. Peter is considered one of Mark's primary sources and he continued to preach and live while the Gospel was being written.
2. The Gospel flows out of a community gathered in worship and already believed. While we see this in all of the New Testament, it is particularly true of Mark. The Gospel flows out of a group of people who already formed the church. This church was celebrating a form of the "Mass." The collected passages attempts to understand the fullness of what Jesus had revealed to them within this community: the surprising nature of St. Peter's leadership, the outreach to both Jews and Gentiles, and the shocking reality of Jesus' testimony about salvation.
3. The believers recognized that they could/would be killed for their faith. The most famous persecution during this time was from Nero around 64 AD. He blamed the "Christians" for a fire that destroyed Rome. However, as we see in the Conversion of St. Paul, persecution was a normal part of being a follower of Jesus. When Jesus says, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Mark 8:34), he is not using hyperbole. Receiving the cross would have been the expected outcome.

I would encourage you to read all of the Gospel of Mark with a more sympathetic eye and place yourself in the place of the first hearers: you have your own experience of Jesus' saving work within you (call upon your Baptism), you worship on a regular basis (Jesus enters your life in the Eucharist), and the life Jesus promises is worthy of embracing the cross (the toughest one to embrace because our threats are not immediate.) The passages of Mark are not simply thrown at us, they show us how deep Jesus is willing to go into our lives.

In Christ,

Fr. David Schatz

PARISH NEWS

Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Breakfast | February 4

The St. Columbkille Knights of Columbus will be serving breakfast on Sunday, February 4th in Presentation Hall, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



The delicious meal will include KC French toast, ham, sausages, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, breakfast rolls and donuts. Everyone is welcome! **A FREE WILL offering will be accepted with all proceeds going to the Iowa State KC Ultrasound Initiative** to provide enhanced 3D imaging for ultrasounds at crisis pregnancy centers so those served can better see the child in their womb. Join your fellow parishioners for great food at Breakfast for the Babies!



Next Sunday, January 28, the loose coin collection goes to Catholic Charities.

COMMUNITY NEWS

2024-2025 Enrollment for Holy Family Catholic Schools

Preschool and Pre-K: Enrollment is now open for St. Columbkille parishioners. To learn more, visit holyfamillydbq.org/early-childhood.

K-12 Enrollment: On Jan. 29, new family enrollment will open at all Holy Family Catholic Schools, with priority given to members of supporting Catholic parishes. If you are interested in enrolling your child at St. Columbkille, Mazzuchelli Catholic Middle School or Wahlert Catholic High School, complete an inquiry form at holyfamillydbq.org/info or contact Director of Enrollment Rebecca Mueller at 563-582-5456 or rmueller@holyfamillydbq.org. School tours can be scheduled online by visiting holyfamillydbq.org/visit and Kindergarten Visit Nights will be hosted in February 2024.

Holy Spirit CEW Weekends | March, 2024

The 2024 women's weekend will be held March 1-3, and the men's weekend will be held March 8-10. Both will take place at Shalom Spirituality Center in Dubuque. Register online at holyspiritdbq.org/CEW2024.

Help Relight the Centennial Cross in Key West

The Knights of Columbus have set up a non-profit organization formed to rebuild and relight the blue cross in Key West. The cross was originally constructed in 1937 to commemorate the Centennial of the Archdiocese of Dubuque and has been a symbol of Christian faith for over 8 decades. Now it's time to bring it back and make it even better. The plan is to pour new concrete footings and erect a new steel cross that is at least 126' tall and add blue LED lights on both sides of it. It's an ambitious project, but with your help it will be done.



Donations can be sent to: Centennial Cross, PO Box 1315, Dubuque, IA 52004-1315, or payment can be made on the website at www.centennialcross.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Monday Jan. 22 | Cub Scouts 6:00 P.M. Presentation Hall Boy Scouts 6:00 P.M. Fogarty Hall/Convent, 2nd floor |
| Tuesday Jan. 23 | Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 P.M. Fogarty Hall |
| Wednesday Jan. 24 | Holy Family After School Program: Lego Brick Masters 3:15 P.M. Presentation Hall Family Faith Formation 5:00 P.M. Zoom |
| Thursday Jan. 25 | Eucharistic Adoration With Students 11:55 A.M.—2:00 P.M. Church <i>All are welcome to join our students!</i> Catholic Charities Circle Meeting 4:30 P.M. Convent, 2nd floor |
| Saturday Jan. 27 | Book Study Group 6:30 A.M. Convent, 2nd floor Altar Server Appreciation Night 4:15 P.M. Mass in Church <i>Activities in the school gym following Mass</i> |
| Sunday Jan. 28 | Deiujuste Baptism 11:00 A.M. Church RCIA 11:00 A.M. Presentation Hall |



Our Future in Christ Campaign Update

We are closing in on our capital campaign finish line and a group of parishioners have come forward with a **\$1-million-dollar matching pledge**. If we can raise \$1 million dollars between now and January 31, 2024, it will become \$2 million dollars – and we will meet our goal!

To contribute your gift to this matching pledge, simply visit www.stcolumbkille.net/our-future-in-christ, or scan the above QR code. Our goal can be met with your gift of a direct donation or a five-year pledge.

May God bless us and sustain us in His work entrusted to us!

DAY OF PRAYER

for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

January 22, 2024

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

*Good and gracious God,
you blew into our nostrils the breath of life.
You are the One to whom we owe our very existence.*

*Give us the courage to take that unpopular position
of protecting those who have no voice,
the unborn child in the womb
to the person taking his or her last breath.*

*The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure.
Embolden us to speak the truth
about protecting the child, the elderly,
and the one without a voice in the public square.*

*With thankful hearts,
we ask all this of the One God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.*

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FOR THE
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THE STAFF OF ST. COLUMBKILLE WELCOMES YOU!
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