

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



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

His fame spread everywhere
throughout the whole
region of Galilee.
- Mk 1:28

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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

28

2024

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MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday
Jan 29
9:00 AM

† Geraldine Goodman

Tuesday
Jan 30
9:00 AM

† Susan Miller
† Eleanor Nunez

Wednesday
Jan 31
9:00 AM

† Regina Ankrum

Thursday
Feb 1
9:00 AM

† Helen Ann Lattner

Friday
Feb 2
7:00 AM

† Ruth Esser Recker
† Bob Sullivan

Saturday
Feb 3
4:15 PM

† Guy Gard, Jr.
† Gina Danner
† Bill Huss
† Brian Oliver
† Earl Larson
† Reinhold Nelissen
† Steve Bonfig



Sunday
Feb 4
8:00 AM

† Peg Kircher
† Dick Strub

10:00 AM

Pro Populo
† Steve Simon

5:00 PM

† Robert E. and Helen T. Molo

SAINT OF THE WEEK



ST. JOHN BOSCO

PATRON SAINT OF YOUTH
Feast Day: January 31

I must admit, it warms my heart (its -4°F as I type) to hear in today's Gospel how those in the synagogue were asking each other about what Jesus did and said in the synagogue. Our hope is always that *Jesus' words* would generate conversation among church-goers, even if Fr. David's or my words don't give reason to! Jesus' words are *spirit and life* (John 6:63).

Our world needs the Spirit of God's love and the Life of Christ's Gospel pushing out the unclean spirits that lie to us. Some tell us to despair of Christ freeing us from what limits life. Others tempt us to believe that what Jesus' Church speaks with authority about today—sin, or justice, our bodies or the need to live the Gospel—God really doesn't care about. Those spirits are truly unclean: they distance us from Christ.

What do you talk about after being in Church? Sometimes our seminarians tease at breakfast about what is being said to each other "not 10 minutes after the Body of Christ passed those lips." Do you ever talk about how the readings struck you with anyone or in the car? Do you ever visit about the intention you had for Mass today? We are sent to glorify God. We glorify Him when what He just said *to us* influences our conversations after Mass.

I have an invitation for empty-nesters who miss friends formed over years in the bleachers watching each others' kids. If you have not seen someone who doesn't come to church, invite them to Mass here on Sunday, February 4. Tell them the pews are a lot like bleachers, and afterward downstairs you can catch up at the free-will offering KC breakfast. When you have shared about where kids and life have gone, ask if they have any reaction to the readings, and share your own.

Jesus still speaks with authority. He commands "do this in memory of me" about Mass. Not because He needs it, but because we do. Isn't that worth talking about?

Fr. Tom McDermott

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PARISH NEWS



Capital Campaign Update

THANK YOU to all who have pledged for our campaign. Your pledges have secured the timeliness of our project and we met our matching pledge! If you have not yet pledged, your support would be greatly appreciated. Visit our website at stcolumbkille.net/our-future-in-christ or call the parish office.

Knights of Columbus 19th Annual Baby Shower

The Knights of Columbus Councils #510, #10069, #5513 and #15813 will be holding their 19th Annual Baby Shower. The Baby Shower will run from February 14 – March 31. All donations will be given to Birthright. **Donations can be placed in the baby crib on display at St. Columbkille's Parish From Feb 17- March 22.** A list of requested items (diapers, newborn outfits, blankets, etc.) will be available in the cribs. Please be generous.



Next Sunday, February 4, the loose coin collection goes to St. Stephen's River Bend Food Bank.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Adult Confirmation Preparation | February 21—March 20

Are you an adult, practicing Catholic who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Were you asked to be a Godparent and now need to be Confirmed? Beginning Wednesday, February 21, a five-week series of classes will be held 6:30—8 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Center (1229 Mt. Loretta Avenue) for practicing adult Catholics to receive this Sacrament. These sessions will explore topics and your questions about the Mass, stewardship, the Sacraments, the Bible, prayer, and more—all while helping you prepare yourself for Confirmation. Weekly attendance is mandatory, and your Confirmation sponsor is strongly encouraged to attend to support your growth. If interested, please contact Tricia Tranel at the St. Columbkille parish office for more information and to register.

2024-2025 Enrollment for Holy Family Catholic Schools

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

K-12 Enrollment: On January 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 holyfamilydbq.org/info or contact Director of Enrollment Rebecca Mueller at 563-582-5456 or rmueller@holyfamilydbq.org. School tours can be scheduled online by visiting holyfamilydbq.org/visit and Kindergarten Visit Nights will be hosted in February 2024.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools' Week

January 28 – February 3, 2024

Monday

Jan. 29

Holy Family After School Program

Lego Brick Masters: Walking the Tightrope

3:15 P.M. | Presentation Hall

Cub Scouts

6:00 P.M. | Presentation Hall

Boy Scouts

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

Thursday

Feb. 01

Eucharistic Adoration With Students

11:55 A.M.—2:00 P.M. | Church

All are welcome to join our students!

Hospitality Committee Meeting

12:00 P.M. | Parish Office

St. Columbkille Parent Association Meeting

12:00 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

Sunday

Feb. 04

KC Breakfast for the Babies:

Ultrasound Initiative Fundraiser

8:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. | Presentation Hall

Hutchins Baptism

11:00 A.M. | Church

Confirmation Preparation (Teaching) Mass

5:00 P.M. | Church

All are welcome to join our students for Mass and learn about the Sending Forth Rites.



Blue Bag Weekend | Feb. 3/4

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

Blessing of Throats | Feb. 3/4

The annual blessing of throats will take place after all Masses next weekend, Feb. 3rd and 4th, as we commemorate the beloved bishop and martyr, St. Blaise.



STAFF CORNER

Catholic Schools' Week, 2024

National Catholic Schools' Week is an annual celebration of the gift of Catholic schools and their amazing communities. We are so blessed at St. Columbkille Catholic Elementary School to have such invested parishioners, supportive families, dedicated staff, and gifted students.

Every day is a gift to attend Catholic school – ones we utilize to grow students in their academics, social and emotional learning, and most importantly their faith formation. With a week dedicated to this celebration, our staff has worked very hard to create meaningful experiences for students to build our community with some extra fun.

We will begin this celebration on Sunday, January 28th with recognition of our parishes. We appreciate the guidance, prayers, and support from St. Columbkille Parish and wish to acknowledge your love. We look forward to sharing with you pictures and descriptions of our fun following Catholic Schools' Week.

Thank you, again, for all you do for our school! We are counting on your prayers, and will keep your families in our prayers as well!

Through the intercession of Saint Columbkille,



Meredith Willman
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