

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



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:39

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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

FEBRUARY

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MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday
Feb 05
9:00 AM

† Jerry and Rita Arensdorf
† Elmer Bousselot Family

Tuesday
Feb 06
9:00 AM

† Pete Roth
† Eleanor Nunez
† Mary Beth Tranel

Wednesday
Feb 07
9:00 AM

† Cletus Loeffelholz

Thursday
Feb 08
9:00 AM

† Regina Ankrum

Friday
Feb 09
7:00 AM

† Kenneth Schmidt

Saturday
Feb 10
4:15 PM

† Guy Gard, Jr.
† Susan Miller
† Barb Zahren
† Brian Oliver

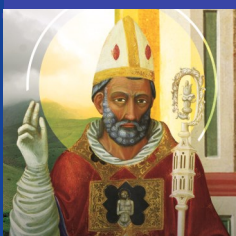


Sunday
Feb 11
8:00 AM

† Mary Hinkel
In honor of John and Polly Splinter
† Beth DeGree-Mueller
† David and Judy Ochs

10:00 AM

Pro Populo
† Blaine and Janaan Hancock
† Beth DeGree-Mueller



SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. BLAISE, *Bishop & Martyr*
Feast Day: February 3

St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. History has it that a mother came to him with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise's command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer:

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Does prayer change the way you live your life?

Oftentimes, prayer is seen as nice. Or an activity for old people. But certainly not vital for understanding my daily mission. Culturally, I think we have been sold on the idea that *I make myself*. When I am my own god, I have no need for prayer.

Jesus confronts this very idea in our Gospel today. He is seen as valuable and powerful. Simon receives immediate benefit of being Jesus' disciple: Jesus heals Simon's mother-in-law. Then, the whole town benefited from his presence and they were willing to follow him easily. We are told, "The whole town was gathered at the door" (Mark 1:33).

In the midst of this place of value and power, we are told, "Rising very early before dawn, [Jesus] he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed" (Mark 1:35). Simon and his companions could not stand this. We are told Simon "pursued" him, which, in Greek, is typically in the context of "pursuing your enemy." Through prayer, Jesus came back to his core responsibility: "He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that **I may preach there** also. **For this purpose have I come**'" (Mark 1:38).

Think about the fundamental change in Jesus' action and how it changed his value and power. From Peter's perspective, Jesus made an immediate and provable impact upon his life. He controlled access to His power and value. Preaching in another town had no immediate value for Peter. Preaching required faith; healing proved Jesus' value without the need for faith.

Even though Jesus is the Son of God, he went off to pray. He knew that his life flowed out of the inner relationship with God, his Father. Of all people, Jesus could have taken on the assessment: "I am my own god, I have no need for prayer." Yet, he knew he was God only in relationship to the Father and united through the will of his Father.

Jesus prayed. That is a really big deal. There is an acknowledgement that the realities of our daily lives can lead us to lose our purpose or to cause us to start thinking about ourselves as gods. [G]ods do not need to pray to anyone else but themselves.

Prayer does not have to be hard; prayer simply has to be in relationship with God. This is why "Our Father" is so critical. It places us from the very beginning in relationship with God our Father and confirms "Thy will be done." Praying Our Father is no small task and it gives us that ability to find a "deserted place" in the midst of our day.

Let us help one another pray.

In Christ,

Fr. David Schoty

PARISH NEWS

In Memoriam During the Month of February

Hosts & Wine – In memory of Dick Strub

Sanctuary Lamp – In memory of Richard Linden

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)

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 11, the loose coin collection goes to our sister parish – Our Lady of the Sioux.

PARISH MISSIONS

Nativity Parish Mission | February 4—6



This year, eight priests of our own Archdiocese will be leading the Nativity parish mission: "Holy Spirit, Healing Fire". The mission will be held Sunday, February 4 through Tuesday, February 6 with each night beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Attend one night or all three! Topics and speakers include:

Sunday, February 4

Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Fr. Bob Gross and Fr. Michael McAndrew

Monday, February 5

Healing Prayer

Fr. Ben Valentine and Fr. Scott Bullock

Tuesday, February 6

Impartation (Commissioning)

Fr. Kevin Earleywine and Fr. Andrew Marr

Resurrection Parish Mission | February 18—20



Do you want to feel closer to God? That's what a parish mission is all about! It blends story, laughter, reflection and scripture into an enjoyable 50-minute presentation each evening. All are invited to attend (especially kids!) February 18, 19, and 20 at Church of the Resurrection, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

The presenter this year is Fr. Ron Hoyer, C.M., from St. Louis.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday

Feb. 05

Cub Scouts

6:00 P.M. | Presentation Hall

Boy Scouts

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

Thursday

Feb. 08

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, 2nd floor

Eucharistic Adoration

6:30—7:30 P.M. | Church

Encourage Meeting

6:30 P.M. | Fogarty Hall

Saturday

Feb. 10

Book Study Group

6:30 A.M. | Convent, 2nd floor

Sunday

Feb. 11

Behnke Baptism

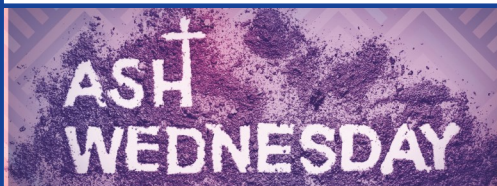
11:00 A.M. | Church

RCIA

11:00 A.M. | Presentation Hall

Wednesday

Feb. 14



St. Columbkille Parish Lenten Reflections: Restore your heart this Lent!

Fuel your Lenten journey with us on Thursdays, right after the 9 a.m. Mass in Fogarty Hall, as Jesus invites us into his life through Sr. Miriam James Heidland's meaningful reflections. Let us tread our Lenten pathways together as we restore our hearts by turning our attention daily to Jesus's journey on the Cross. Hope you will join us starting Thursday, February 15 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. Please RSVP by contacting Alice at the parish office.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

The Fiscal YTD totals as of January 28, 2024:

FYTD received: \$641,796.55

FYTD budgeted: \$611,475.00

Surplus: \$30,321.55

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

STAFF CORNER

Have you noticed some kiddos coming to Mass dressed in blue?

I wanted to take an opportunity to fill you in on what we are doing to help our young people prepare for full participation in the Mass come April when they begin to receive Jesus in the Eucharist!

We have provided our First Communicants with blue t-shirts so that you (parishioners of St. Columbkille) will know who they are and can be praying for them these next two months. You also may notice that they have their own Offertory envelopes. They are bringing these envelopes to Mass, and inside they contain some “act of Communion” that they offer up that week to be included with the other gifts of the church. This “act of Communion” may be something they do at home to love their family, their fellow students or teachers, or it may be a monetary offering. In the words of St. Paul in our second reading, I like to think of this as their offering “the gospel free of charge”!

Please pray for the First Communicants and their families during this important time of preparation.



Jessica Rauen
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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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