

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 LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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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 19
9:00 AM

† Bert Tranel

Tuesday
Feb 20
9:00 AM

† Susan Miller
† Roger Konrardy
† Norman Rupp

Wednesday
Feb 21
9:00 AM

† Regina Ankrum
† Joelle Hope Hepler

Thursday
Feb 22
9:00 AM

† Jerry and Rita Arensdorf
† Marge Larson
† Tom Nauman

Friday
Feb 23
7:00 AM

† Elizabeth Flavin

Saturday
Feb 24
4:15 PM

† Guy Gard, Jr.
† Maury and Jared Sturm
† Eleanor Nunez
† Hugh and Agnes Strong
† Don Oliver, Sr.
† Don Oliver, Jr.
† Brian Oliver

Sunday
Feb 25
8:00 AM

† June and Kenneth Palm
† Earl Larson

10:00 AM

Pro Populo
† Lucy Porter



A not uncommon aspect of growing up is how we resist accepting advice from parents or peers—even one's children—until we are in a mess we can't get out of ourselves. Few of us have escaped learning some things "the hard way."

Perhaps that is why the Church has structured Lent as two halves. The readings during the weekdays from now until March 10 challenge us with the invitation to prayer, fasting, works of mercy, forgiveness, and turning from hardness of heart. We are focused on one's call to conversion: to notice the situation we are in and how efforts to avoid or overcome sin reveal our inability to do so on one's own. This brings us to "compunction:" a spiritual quality of having one's ego deflated, or "punctured", so we "remember that we are dust" and the good we want to do is beyond our own strength. We need a Savior!

The second half of Lent's weekday readings are taken from the Gospel of John. They present us with more of a "who is Jesus" as a healer and life-giver, and Who—if one believes in Him—can offer eternal life. This Jesus of Lent's concluding weeks leading up to Holy Week and Easter will confront and overcome even death as an aspect of the sin we struggle against. Jesus is the Savior we have come to know we need.

As we make our way into Lent this year, its important to truly challenge ourselves with, "what are the areas of sin that are my weaknesses?" Our failures will keep Lent from being just an exercise in self-discipline. Rather, they will send us in search of the one who wants to be our partner in conversion from sin. Drop in on daily Mass at times this Lent. You will encounter help in knowing how you need a Savior, and in knowing that Savior is Jesus Christ.

H. Tom McDermott

Easter Memorials

The flowers that decorate our worship space during the Easter season remind us not only of the joy of the resurrected life of Christ, but also of the resurrected life of our loved ones who have passed.



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 www.stcolumbkille.net/Easter-Memorial. The deadline for inclusion in the Easter bulletin is Monday, March 18.

CATHOLIC Q&A

Q: Can you recommend some good books for Lenten spiritual reading?

A: On more than one occasion, a coach being interviewed about his team—successful or not—will be asked about the next step. The inevitable response includes something about getting back to basics. Reviewing the fundamentals of the sport strengthens performance and builds confidence.

The best Lenten reading takes us back to the fundamentals. If Lent is the time for the Church to be on retreat, then we should focus on the texts that help us deepen our understanding of our faith. Spend time reading one of the Gospels, and use a Scripture commentary to learn all you can about the passion of Jesus. Read about the lives of the saints, especially your patron saint and that of your parish. Finally, you can use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn more about the church's teachings and beliefs. The sections on prayer and the Mass are really great reflections.

Focusing on the basics really helps us take another step forward in our faith. We have not only a better understanding of what we believe and practice, but also why we believe. With that belief comes the confidence we need to be better, more faithful witnesses to Christ. ©LPi



Next Sunday, February 25, the loose coin collection goes to Dubuque County Right to Life.

PARISH NEWS

Memorial Money Makes a Joyful Song Unto the Lord

Thanks to the generosity of the families of Geraldine Goodman, Lois Drexler, Lucy Porter, and Helen Ann Lattner, our pipe organ has received some needed repair. The “swell motors” (which control the air flow through the pipes—and thus the volume) were no longer working. The repair company replaced the swell motors and was delighted with the overall solid structure and usability of the pipe organ at St. Columbkille. Thanks to our donors for making this repair possible so our pipe organ can continue to enhance the musical participation of our own and future generations! We are blessed in all who provide for parish life and worship by remembering St. Columbkille in their estate plans.

BEWARE: Scam Email and Text Requests

If you happen to receive an email or text message that appears to be from one of our priests requesting some sort of confidential/immediate discussion, or to purchase something (such as gift cards), please know that these messages are all SCAMS! Neither of your priests would ask things like that of you. Please simply delete.

A Thank You From Our Arts and Environment Committee

Our parish arts and environment committee would like to thank Carol Lavenz, Jen Porter, Karen Fleege, Isabelle Stratford, Caroline Stratford, Mrs. Stratford, Terri O’Neil, Serena Freisinger, Cindy Hanten, Rick Hanten, Daryle Dorr, Chris Polley, Mark Hoeger, Ochs Family Tree Farm (for the greens in our outside urns), and numerous parishioners who helped with set up and take down duties. And the Beth Kircher family for the care of our poinsettias. THANK YOU! If you are interested in helping our committee decorate for the liturgical seasons, please contact Jan DeMouly at 563-451-8850.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Journey with Jesus Through Lent: Online Women’s Prayer

Looking for companions on your Lenten journey? Join other women of faith and Presentation Sisters online for an hour of prayer and sharing on February 25 and/or March 24 at 5:00 p.m., CST. Scripture invites us to journey with Jesus through everything life brings our way – whether it’s the awe and joy of the transfiguration, or the deep sorrow of the women standing at the cross. Open to single women aged 18—45 seeking prayer and faith sharing. Hosted by Presentation Sisters in North America. For more information visit:

<https://dbqpbvms.org/lenten-journey-womens-prayer-2024/>.

Celebrate Life Rally in Washington, DC | June 20—24

Dubuque County Right to Life is sponsoring a pilgrimage to our nation’s capitol for the National Celebrate Life Rally on June 22, 2024. Buses will leave Thursday evening, June 20, and return around noon on Monday, June 24. The cost is \$450 per person, which includes transportation, hotel accommodations and some meals. If you are interested, please plan to attend our next informational meeting on Wednesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. at Beckman Catholic High School. If unable to attend this meeting, call DCRTL at 563-556-5960.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Feb. 19	Holy Family After School Program Lego Brick Masters: Gravity Car Derby 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
Tuesday Feb. 20	Lenten Reflections: RESTORE 1:30 P.M. Fogarty Hall <i>See below for more information.</i>
Wednesday Feb. 21	Elementary Choir Rehearsal 5:30 P.M. Fogarty Hall Stations of the Cross 6:30 P.M. Church Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 P.M. Presentation Hall
Thursday Feb. 22	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 Building, 2nd floor
Saturday Feb. 24	Book Study Group 6:30 A.M. Convent Building, 2nd floor

St. Columbkille Parish Lenten Reflections: RESTORE your heart!

Join us every Tuesday from 1:30—2:30 p.m. this Lent in Fogarty Hall as we prepare our hearts for our Lenten journey ahead. Fuel your journey 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, turning our attention daily to Jesus’s journey on the Cross. Please RSVP by contacting Alice at the St. Columbkille Parish Office.



STAFF CORNER

An Opportunity to Love BETTER This Lent

We're accustomed to showing our love for others on Valentine's Day. But celebrating Ash Wednesday on February 14 this year takes our calling to love others to an entirely different level. Acts of love within our own households or social circles *should* be easy. But the season of Lent calls us to move outside of what is "easy" or "normal". We are called to love BETTER.

One opportunity we have as members of St. Columbkille's is to participate in the Wednesday night meal offered by St. Patrick's Parish. This service provides approximately 200 people in need with a hot meal each Wednesday night. Do you have a couple hours to spare to help your fellow parishioners prepare food, serve the meal, or clean up afterwards? If so, please contact Deb and Marty Huseman at 563-556-8667 and let them know which date(s) you are interested in assisting. Opportunities this year start during Lent on February 28 and continue to April 10, June 12, August 14, October 9, and December 11.

Not only does this service outside of our normalcies allow us to love better, but to enter into our parish mission and EMPOWER Christian Action. *"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in,...'"* (Matthew 25: 34-35).



Keri Gockel
Coordinator of
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Welcoming and Communication

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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