

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 OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit."

- Jn 12:23-24

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday
March 18
9:00 AM

† Helen Ann Lattner

Tuesday
March 19
9:00 AM

† Joseph and Martha Hart
† Jules and Helen Kohl
† Eleanor Nunez
† Lorraine O'Hea

Wednesday
March 20
9:00 AM

† Jerry and Rita Arensdorf

Thursday
March 21
9:00 AM

† Susan Miller
† William Patt

Friday
March 22
7:00 AM

† Robert E. Molo & Helen T. Molo

Saturday
March 23
4:15 PM

† Derrek Drexler
† John and Lois Drexler
† Fay and Robert Sippel
† Guy Gard, Jr.
† Don Ruden
† Earl Larson
† Marilyn Hohnacker Lennon



Sunday
March 24
8:00 AM

† Melvin Schuster
† Mary Jo & Harold Heiar,
Nick & Maggie Koos,
Coletta Koos & Wilber Burger,
Alvin & Alverna Koos
† Jerry Hoerner

10:00 AM

Pro Populo
† John and Joan Higley

I ran across this bit of poetry from Thomas Troeger. It has afforded me thoughtful reflection on Jesus' image of our Christian lives as the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies, so it can bear fruit.

Before the fruit is ripened by the sun, before the petals or the leaves uncoil, before the first fine silken root is spun, a seed is dropped and buried in the soil. Before we gain the grace that comes through loss, before we live by more than bread and breath, before we lift with joy an empty cross, we face with Christ the seed's renewing death.

The repeated "before" reminds me of Lent's purpose of looking deeply into our lives, actions, desires and loves. In doing so, we are to get in touch with our deepest longing and hunger—our hunger for relationship with God. We are to do so because our tendency is to slide into "living by bread and breath"—responding to one's desire for comfort, for excitement, and the day to day needs of our bodily existence. What have your Lenten disciplines revealed about how your life is about only bread and breath, rather than experiencing God?

With our desire for God uncovered, I then "face with Christ the seed's renewing death." Will I follow Christ into my own renewing death to self-concern? The key is that we face that invitation to renewal *with Christ*. The Stations of the Cross offer a deliberate reflection on how Christ has faced all of the losses of friendship, dignity, comfort, life and the seeming absence of God that we fear. With trust in His Heavenly Father, and the deepest of loves for us, He endured His renewing death. With Christ, we can as well! And if we do, our Lent will have set in place that graced dynamic of *with Christ* being the seed that first dies to self, for the harvest of renewing love.

In Christ,

Fr. Tom McDermott

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.

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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**.



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PARISH NEWS

Communal Reconciliation Service | March 17



This Sunday, March 17 at 4:00 p.m. we offer a Communal Reconciliation Service. In addition to individual confessions, a communal celebration offers an opportunity to examine how our lives conform to the same word of God and to assist one another in mutual prayer. The communal nature of the service will help you more easily experience how the Body of Christ is strengthened anew through Reconciliation. Join us as we experience the mercy of God made visible in community.

Knights of Columbus 19th Annual Baby Shower



A reminder that the Knights of Columbus Councils #510, #10069, #5513 and #15813 are currently holding their 19th Annual Baby Shower. Donations can be placed in the crib in the center vestibule until **Friday, March 22**. All donations will be given to Birthright. A list of requested items (diapers, newborn outfits, blankets, etc.) is available in the crib. Thank you for your generosity!



Next Sunday, March 24, the loose coin collection goes to the Archdiocese Jail and Prison Ministry.

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 Sunday, 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/>.

Thank You From Catholic Charities

These past several weeks Catholic Charities has received strong spiritual and financial support for their 2024 Annual Appeal. It is the collective radiance of our individual lights that weaves a vibrant tapestry of compassion and love. Thank you for your generous commitment to our Annual Appeal and all the ways you are sharing the light of Christ throughout the Archdiocese of Dubuque. Join our community of salt & light today at <https://catholiccharitiesdubuque.org/donate>.

DCRTL 30th Annual LIFE Dinner | April 4

The All are welcome to Dubuque County Right To Life's 30th Annual LIFE Dinner on Thursday, April 4th, 2024, from 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at the Grand River Center. There is no cost to attend. Our keynote speaker this year is Mark Houck, the founder and president of The King's Men, Inc. He is an author, activist, and internationally known motivational speaker. Please kindly RSVP by calling the DCRTL office at 563-556-5960, or via email at dcrtl@dcrtl.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday March 18	Cub Scouts 6:00 P.M. Presentation Hall Boy Scouts 6:00 P.M. Fogarty Hall/Convent, 2nd floor
Tuesday March 19	Lenten Reflections: RESTORE 1:30 P.M. Fogarty Hall Holy Family After School Program: Stem Explorers 3:15 P.M. Presentation Hall
Wednesday March 20	Family Faith Formation 6:00 P.M. Zoom Meeting Stations of the Cross 6:30 P.M. Church Knights of Columbus Meeting 6:30 P.M. Presentation Hall
Thursday March 21	Eucharistic Adoration With Students 11:55 A.M.—2:00 P.M. Church <i>All are welcome to join our students!</i> St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:00 P.M. Fogarty Hall
Saturday March 23	Book Study Group 6:30 A.M. Convent building, 2nd floor First Communion Retreat 9:00 A.M. Presentation Hall
Sunday March 24	Palm Sunday



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday—March 24

4:15 p.m. Saturday, 8 & 10 a.m. Sunday (regular Mass times)

Holy Thursday—March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:30 p.m.
Adoration to follow until 10 p.m.

Good Friday—March 29

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 p.m. (Noon)
Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3 p.m.
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 5:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday—March 30

Vigil Mass at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday Masses—March 31

7:30 a.m. | 9 a.m. | 10:45 a.m.

STAFF CORNER

Since October, our group of 29 high school students have been preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in October of 2024. The students have been hearing witness talks, presentations from parishioners on topics of our faith, discussing their faith in small groups, and Encountering Christ in Scripture in reflection with our pastors. One thing we are working to develop further in the program is Empowering Christian Action through acts of service.

This Sunday's gospel passage reminds me of (former) Archbishop Jackels' homily at a Confirmation Mass when he would quiz the Confirmandi about how bread and wine are made. The wheat would have to be grinded and the grapes crushed. *"Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."* (John 12:25-26)

These verses are so beautiful and reveal to us that the grain of wheat must die first in order to be fruitful. I pray that your fasting, almsgiving and prayer this Lent has allowed you to see the beauty in that!



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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