

# 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

Dear Mother,

Intercede for all of our Mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own “Fiat.” May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love—the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

Amen.

MOTHER'S DAY

WE ARE  
NURTURED  
IN LOVE



## RECONCILIATION

**Thursday:** 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM  
*Including Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*

**Friday:** 6:15 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

Children's Liturgy of the Word is celebrated during most 10 AM Sunday Masses.

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# MASS INTENTIONS

# PASTOR'S REFLECTION

Monday <b>May 12</b> 9:00 AM	† Mary Oelke Dwyer
Tuesday <b>May 13</b> 9:00 AM	† Souls in Purgatory † George Hoppenjan † Eleanor Nunez
Wednesday <b>May 14</b> 9:00 AM	† Roger Sisler † Mark McKeon & family † Harold & Geraldine Hackbarth and family
Thursday <b>May 15</b> 9:00 AM	† John and Joan Higley † Pete Weis † Ken Foster
Friday <b>May 16</b> 7:00 AM	† John and Janet Schwendinger † Lucy Porter
Saturday <b>May 17</b> 4:15 PM	† Ruth and Richard Billmeyer † Margaret Wertz † Sharon Faley-Hamel † Bob Ervolino † Guy Gard, Jr. † Reinhold Nelissen † John and Janet Schwendinger
Sunday <b>May 18</b> 8:00 AM	† Dorothea M. Hamel-Green † James Green † Robert and Theresa Brennan † Dick Schmid
10:00 AM	Pro Populo † Appel and Waletski Families

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this column, the Conclave is set to begin tomorrow, May 7th. By the time you read this column, we may have a new Pope. May God bless him!

I think the Church has been living her prophetic vocation as we have observed the 9 days of mourning for Pope Francis. The Church sets aside 9 days to remember Pope Francis, his ministry as the Pope and Bishop of Rome, to pray for the repose of his soul, and to thank God for his ministry. We need time to mourn, to pray, to reflect, and to ponder where the Holy Spirit is leading the Church into the future. So many people make hasty decisions in their lives that make things only worse. The Church provides a model of making important decisions without undue haste. May we grow in the gifts of prudence and discernment from the Holy Spirit.

With the death of Pope Francis, we are reminded again that the Risen Jesus is the Lord of the Church and the Pope is his Vicar. The family of the Church needs a shepherd, but we are never orphans. God is always with us. I am very much comforted by the presence of the Holy Spirit in this time of transition.

While we are waiting for the Conclave, there is one piece of national news that I want to share that could affect fellow Catholics in the state of Washington. This last week, the Governor of Washington signed into a law a provision that priests must break the seal of confession if they hear child abuse during the celebration of the Sacrament of Confession. Unfortunately, Governor Robert Ferguson who signed the law is a Catholic and his uncle is a Jesuit priest.

Archbishop Etienne of Seattle stated in response to the law that no Catholic priest can follow the law. The Sacrament of Confession and the Seal of Confession is absolute.

I am grateful for the clarity of response by Archbishop Etienne. He made the true point that the Catholic Church can continue the policies that protect children from abuse while, at the same time, honoring our sacred belief in the seal of confession. There have been other attempts over the long history of the Church by civil authorities to interfere with our beliefs and, each time, the Church has resisted.

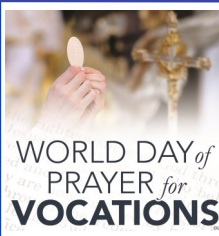
This is one area of church practice where I believe priests would be willing to suffer. I would.

Jesus, help us to remain faithful to your ways. Jesus, help us to make up for our sins by the works of justice and reconciliation.

Have a great week.

In Jesus,

*J. Cross*



Today, the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond for God's call.

## Loose Coin Collections

- \$516.95 was collected for St. Stephen's River Bend Food Bank on May 3/4.
- This weekend we are collecting for our sister parish, Our Lady of the Sioux.
- Next weekend, May 17/18, we will collect for the Dominican Sisters of Vietnam.



# PARISH NEWS



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Pilgrimage**

## The Flotilla is Happening! | May 23

We are going to capture a bit of Fr. Samuel Mazzuchelli's spirit with our

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage on the Mississippi River. You can check out the entire route through the Archdiocese at [dbqarch.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage](http://dbqarch.org/eucharistic-pilgrimage). However, if you want to join the special route of the Mississippi in your own boat, please join us at the Massey Marina Park at 2:15 p.m. on Friday, May 23. The Diocese of Davenport and the perpetual adorers will be arriving at the Marina at 2:30 p.m., and we will head for the Dubuque Marina with the intention of arriving at 4 p.m. Please spread the word to anyone who would like to participate in the procession. It would be wonderful to have a good number of boats alongside Jesus.

## Honoring Mary During the Month of May



As we honor the Virgin Mary in May, we invite you to bring flowers to church any day(s) throughout the month and place them on our Mary altar. Let's make a shrine for our Mother that overflows with the beauty of floral gifts and prayers from her children! Find vases of water near the Mary altar for your use. A volunteer will help remove wilting flowers for us.

*Ave Maria!*

## Disciple Maker Index Survey Results

We continue to review our DMI results and, during the month of May, we will be releasing information around the Four Factors of a Thriving Parish. This week's review expands on results from "Sunday Experience." Our strengths within this category show that an average of 87% of parishioners surveyed feel welcomed and accepted, 85% feel that our parish offers vibrant and engaging Sunday Masses, and 88% feel that the preaching/homilies connect their faith to their everyday life. Thank you once again for your participation in the DMI survey. It gives our leadership great insights into what we do well and how we can better serve our community. Please continue to pray for our parish and the archdiocese as we seek the Holy Spirit's guidance during the discernment of the DMI results.

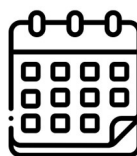
## Our Call to Share — Spring Collection

In the coming few weeks, we will take up the Our Call to Share Spring collection. This is a 4-in-1 collection that supports four important regional and national ministries: The Catholic Campaign for Human Development, The Retirement Fund for Religious, The Hispanic Ministry Collection, and The Catholic Communications Campaign. A collection envelope with more information will be sent out to parishioner mailboxes. By giving to ministries beyond our local parish, we respond to Christ's call to be as one body – united in faith and mission - through our support of the broader Catholic Church.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday <b>May 12</b>	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 5:30 P.M.   Convent Building <b>Cub Scouts</b> 6:00 P.M.   Presentation Hall <b>Men's Scripture Sharing</b> 7:00 P.M.   Fogarty Hall
Tuesday <b>May 13</b>	<b>Boy Scouts</b> 5:30 P.M.   Presentation Hall <b>Men's "Bible in a Year" Group Study</b> 6:30 P.M.   Convent Building <b>Finance Council Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.   Fogarty Hall
Wednesday <b>May 14</b>	<b>Encourage Meeting</b> 6:30 P.M.   Fogarty Hall <b>Wahlert Catholic High School Baccalaureate Mass</b> 7:00 P.M.   Church
Thursday <b>May 15</b>	<b>St. Vincent de Paul Meeting</b> 6:00—7:30 P.M.   Convent Building <b>Adoration and Reconciliation</b> 6:30—7:30 P.M.   Church
Saturday <b>May 17</b>	<b>That Man Is You</b> 5:45 A.M.   Fogarty Hall <b>Book Study Group</b> 6:15 A.M.   Convent Building <b>Feldhake / Vega Wedding</b> 1:00 P.M.   Church <b>Hoffmann Baptism</b> 5:15 P.M.   Church
Sunday <b>May 18</b>	<b>Driscoll Baptism</b> 11:00 A.M.   Church

*Please Note:*



**Thursday, May 22**  
There will be no evening Adoration/Reconciliation.

**May 29 – June 6**  
The 9 A.M. weekday Masses will instead be celebrated at 11:15 A.M. during these dates. All are welcome!

## STAFF CORNER

### Mother's Day and The Month of Mary

Each of us has a mother on earth who loves us, carried us for nine months and ten days, gave birth to us, nurtured us, and guided us as we grew. A mother teaches, sacrifices, and walks with us in many ways throughout our lives. Surely, she has endured suffering and hardship, mixed with joy and reward, while raising her children. This weekend is a meaningful opportunity to honor our mothers and express our gratitude in a special and practical way. If we do this every year, may we continue with love. If we've never done it before, let's give it a try. We also remember our mothers who have gone before us—may they be united with Christ in eternal joy.

Beyond our earthly mothers, we all share a heavenly mother—the Blessed Virgin Mary. As the mother of Jesus, she is also our spiritual mother, who lovingly intercedes for us in every circumstance of life. The Catholic Church dedicates the month of May to honoring Mary, recognizing her special role in salvation history and her example of faith, obedience, and maternal care for the Church.

Indeed, Mary is beautiful both inside and out because she lived the Word of God with her whole heart. We are invited to imitate her virtues—especially through prayer, acts of charity, and praying the Rosary, particularly within our families and communities.



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**THE STAFF OF ST. COLUMBKILLE WELCOMES YOU!**  
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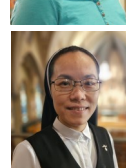
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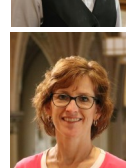
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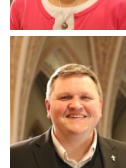
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