



ST. COLUMBKILLE

CATHOLIC CHURCH



HELPING EVERYONE TAKE
THEIR NEXT STEP TO BE
MORE LIKE JESUS

PARISH ANNUAL REPORT
FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

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INTENTIONS & PRESIDERS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:15AM +Pham Suu, *Fr. Tom*
+Trinh Quyt
5:30PM +Jacinta *Fr. Magnuson*
Farrell

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:15AM +Ron Martin *Fr. Moser*
5:30PM +Charlie *Fr. Tom*
Hardesty,
+Rose Ann Divis,
+Lawrence Piitz

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:15AM Anniversary *Fr. Tom*
Blessings for Bob & Andrea Fillaus
5:30PM Blessings for *Fr. Moser*
Lee Farrell and Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:15AM +Bernie & Mary *Fr. Tom*
Pieper
5:30PM +Brenda Guillory *Fr. Moser*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:20AM Poor Souls *Fr. Moser*
8:15AM +Nguyen Te, *Fr. Magnuson*
+Nguyen Xung,
+Rani Vande Berg

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:15AM (Communion Service)
5:00PM +Bob Hult, *Fr. Ostrander*
+Edwin Kosmicki,
+Hugo Wischmann
6:30PM Deceased *Fr. Ostrander*
members of the Keck Family
+Kathy Murray

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

7:30AM +Charlotte Pohl, *Fr. McNeilly*
+Elvira Stone,
+Rita Munnelly
9:00AM +Beverly Norris, *Fr. Tom*
+Pam Ostransky,
Special intention for SJH
10:30AM +John Clatterbuck, *Fr. Tom*
+Deacon Yano DiGiacomo,
+Rev. Trinh Pham,
+Vung Bui
12:00PM +Eleanor Tex *Fr. Magnuson*
+Mary Andersen
5:00PM Parishioners of *Fr. Magnuson*
St. Columbkille

As you read through this annual report, you'll discover inspiring stories of how our ministries, groups and parishioners are making a meaningful impact.

We invite you to reflect on how you can get involved in three key areas: *prayer, participation & generosity.*

You Can Lead, Serve and Grow with St. Columbkille through:

Prayer

- Enrich Your Prayer Life
- Attend a parish prayer event

Participation

- Serve Our Community
- Connect Through Social Activity
- Serve Our Children
- Lead Our Parish
- Share Your Faith With Others
- Grow In Faith
- Serve At Mass

Generosity

- Commit to an increase in your annual financial contribution to our parish

For detailed information on specific ministries, please visit: saintcolumbkille.org/ministries.

Ready to take the next step? Scan the QR code to fill out your Columbkille Commit Commitment Card and choose how you will contribute via prayer, participation & generosity.

The image shows a sample of the 'Columbkille Commit' form. It is divided into three main sections: PRAYER, PARTICIPATION, and GENEROSITY. Each section contains a list of options with checkboxes for selection. The PRAYER section includes options like 'Attend a parish prayer event' and 'Enrich your prayer life'. The PARTICIPATION section includes 'Serve our community', 'Connect through social activity', and 'Serve our children'. The GENEROSITY section includes 'Commit to an increase in your annual financial contribution to our parish'. There is also a 'Family Giving Address' section and a 'Parish App' section at the bottom.



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IN GRATITUDE AND CELEBRATION

Dear Parishioners of St. Columbkille,

As we look back on the past year, my heart is full of gratitude. What a gift it is to be among you and to serve as one of your priests. The life of our parish is vibrant and filled with the Holy Spirit—and that is because of *your openness and fidelity to God*.

St. Columbkille is truly a community of all generations—rooted in prayer, service, and ongoing formation. Whether it's the joy of children in our faith formation programs, the dedication of volunteers in outreach, or the quiet power of daily Mass and adoration—every corner of our parish life reflects a people striving to become more like Jesus.

Our mission at St. Columbkille is simple, yet bold: “*Helping everyone take their next step to be more like Jesus.*” We believe that this mission is best lived out through **prayer, participation, and generosity, what we refer to as ‘Columbkille Commit’**. These three initiatives shape everything we do—from how we gather, to how we serve, to how we grow in faith together.

This *Annual Report* celebrates this shared journey. I encourage you to take a few moments to browse the photos and read the stories that highlight how we are becoming more like Jesus.

Finally, don't miss the video linked by the QR code—you'll see familiar faces and moments that speak to the beauty and strength of our parish family.

Peace,

Rev. Thomas A. Greisen
Pastor



PRAYING TOGETHER

Courtyard Rosaries



Parishioners gathered to pray the Rosary on Tuesday evenings during May, the month of Mary, and October, the month of the Holy Rosary.

1st Thursday Adoration



With the faithful participation of parishioners, we were able to continue 1st Thursday Adoration and Benediction

Living Stations



During the Lenten Mission week, St. Columbkille teens presented living stations titled "Such as These," scripted by XIV Ministries.

St. Columbkille School rallied, with fervent prayer, around 2 students who were diagnosed with leukemia this year.

Prayer Jar



Crusader Walk



The 2025 St. Columbkille School Crusader Walk fundraiser culminated with an indoor illuminated Rosary.

Prayer Box



A Prayer Box was added by the Sacred Heart sculpture. After being prayed for, the intentions are burned two times a year at a Courtyard Rosary.

Feast of St. Columbkille Parish Picnic

Continuing the tradition of honoring exemplary ministries within our parish community, at this year's parish picnic we honored two ministries that embody the heart and mission of our parish – the Grief Support Ministry and the Funeral Lunch Committee. The women and men of these groups serve and accompany families and friends in some of the most tender of times, as they mourn the loss of those they love. We recognized them not only to say, "thank you," but to lift up their quiet acts of faith, service, and love that so often go unseen but are deeply felt. The picnic was a beautiful celebration of our community, in no small part due to the good work and generosity of parishioners and parish groups. Members of The Knights of Columbus, Women's Guild, Fish Fry Committee, Scouts, American Heritage Girls, Confirmation students, parish staff, and individual parishioners gave of their time and talent to make this a truly beautiful day!



Advent and Lent Speakers Growing in Faith



The parish had two dynamic speakers for Advent and Lent, Deacon Omar Gutiérrez and Sr. Georgette Lehmuth. Dcn. Omar shared stories about Christians as they strive for holiness in our world and how we can build the kingdom of God. Sr. Georgette challenged us to take a journey of peace, seeking reconciliation as lifetime Pilgrims of Hope.

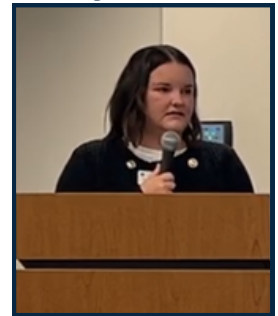
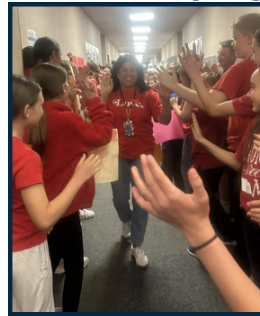
PRAYER, PARTICIPATION & GENEROSITY



New Deacons
In May, Jim Horacek, Phil LaSala, John Cavanaugh and Mike Campie were ordained into the permanent diaconate.



Saying Goodbye



In 2025 we bid farewell to Dr. Brandi Redburn, principal of St. Columbkille School, and Kara Wesely, Director of Development.



OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

17 adults were received into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil 2025. After the group put their faith in action by making sandwiches for the poor, one participant shared: *"[I] really enjoyed tonight. To be part of that was amazing. There was once a time in my life where I was in line to receive a sandwich myself, so being on the other end and being able to be part of providing for others in need was truly a blessing."* Many graces were shared throughout the year.

Teen Ecclesia

Members of our youth group spent eight days in prayer and service to those in need in Omaha, using John 15:12 as their cornerstone: *"This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you."*

“ Teen Ecclesia was majorly impactful to me because of the gift of serving Christ through serving others. Teen Ecclesia started out with a day of focusing on God, and being outside. This set up the week in a very good way. Before we started every service project, we would always pray. The central focus on Jesus while serving others helped me grow immensely in my faith. It became very clear that I was not just serving others, but rather serving Christ as well. Toward the end of the week, my peers and I truly felt that we were serving God. This understanding strengthened my faith immensely, and I know that I wish to serve Christ every waking moment with the same compassion and joy I had at Teen Ecclesia. ”

~Owen Tejral, Teen Participant

PARTICIPATION ACROSS GENERATIONS



This past year, many seniors enjoyed Tai Chi, Zumba, yoga fit, and senior exercise with resistance bands.

Senior Exercise & Tai Chi had 30-65 attendees each week

An average of 75 people each month enjoyed the fun and fellowship of the Senior Luncheon.

Religious Education



"I choose to be a Religious Education catechist because I enjoy sharing the life and love of Jesus with our parish children." ~ Julia Hout, RE Lead Catechist



2nd season of On the Journey

36 Small Groups

330+ participants



Vacation Bible School



“ Everything about VBS is fun!
~Tommy O.

The 2025 theme was “True North” and had 72 children participate with 56 volunteers helping to make the program a success.

Alpha

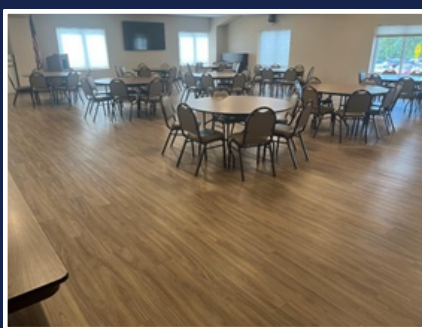
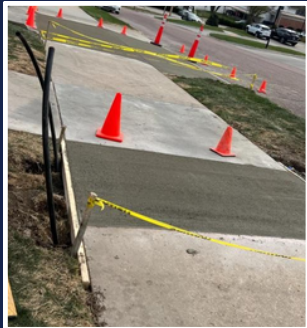


Alpha finished up its 18th and 19th seasons with 110 participants and 50 team members



SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY

Maintenance for Mission - Launched September, 2024



We are less than \$30,000 away from the goal of \$1,500,000.

As of July 31, 2025, we had received \$1,100,000 with \$1,477,000 in pledges.



[Donate](#)

Please consider a contribution to help us reach the finish line.

Thank you for your generosity!

First Priority Projects Completed

- Church South Wall Brick Repair
- Church West Side Main Door Repair
- Sacred Heart Center Flooring Replaced
- School 13 HVAC Units Replaced

Second Priority Projects Completed

- Concrete repair at the rectories, church & Sacred Heart Center

Extraordinary Gifts



St. Columbkille was blessed with many extraordinary gifts this past year.

As part of his estate, Fr. Dave Reeson left St. Columbkille \$20,000 to be used toward the parish debt. With the efforts of Helping Hands at Ceili and Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving, an additional \$43,216 was raised. We applied the \$63,216 to our West Courtyard loan. This payment shortened our loan by 23 months and saved us \$25,000 in interest.

In addition to extraordinary monetary gifts, here are some examples of other extraordinary gifts our parish received.

A Divine Mercy Icon was donated by the Coufal Family.



The Coufal family shared, *"The Divine Mercy image and prayers has touched our family's hearts in a deeply profound way—bringing comfort, hope, and a renewed closeness to Christ. We invite everyone to take a moment to pause before the image, pray the Divine Mercy prayers, and open your heart to the endless love and mercy of Jesus."*

A secured access system was added to the parish office as a result of a generous anonymous gift from a parish family.



"Feeding the Multitude" sculpture funded by a generous anonymous parish family.



FINANCIAL REPORT

Counting Our Blessings

This past year, God has blessed our parish in many ways. Your generosity has been extraordinary: Sunday tithing increased by 7% compared to the previous year, and our Maintenance *for* Mission campaign raised over \$1.1 million—funds already being used to replace aging equipment and infrastructure. We also received \$451,000 in legacy gifts from the estates of four parishioners. These are truly wonderful blessings, and we are deeply grateful.

Looking Beneath the Surface

At first glance, our financial statement looks very strong. However, when we set aside the Maintenance *for* Mission gifts and estate donations, the picture changes. *Without them, we would have faced a net loss of \$177,000 after making loan principal payments.*

The greatest challenge remains our outstanding debt of \$1.5 million from the Parish Center and West Courtyard projects. Each year, these loans require \$375,000 in principal and interest payments, which significantly limits our cash flow and flexibility.

Planning for the Future

With the guidance of the parish Finance Council, our goal is to reach a point where Sunday tithing alone covers all parish operating expenses. Once we achieve that, extraordinary gifts can be directed toward building a long-term Maintenance Fund, expanding mission and evangelization efforts, or saving for future needs.

The Maintenance *for* Mission campaign is already helping us take a major step in this direction by covering planned capital expenditures. And, with steady progress, we remain on track to pay off our debt by 2029.

Invitation for Continued Generosity

Next year's budget assumes a 4.2% increase in Sunday tithing and \$120,000 in extraordinary gifts. We invite you to prayerfully consider how you might contribute—whether by supporting Maintenance *for* Mission, increasing your regular tithing, or giving toward debt reduction. Together, with God's grace, we can continue our mission *to help everyone take their next step to be more like Jesus.*

| OPERATING INCOME STATEMENT | | | | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--------------|
| | Fiscal Year | | Fiscal Year | | Variance |
| | Ending June 2024 | Ending June 2025 | | | |
| INCOME | | | | | |
| Sunday Tithing | \$ 2,912,245 | \$ 3,108,623 | \$ 196,378 | | 7% |
| Debt Reduction | 108,810 | 93,566 | (15,243) | | -14% |
| Votive Lights and Memorials | 32,263 | 42,381 | 10,118 | | 31% |
| School, Lunchroom and Crusader Care | 1,984,855 | 2,350,691 | 365,836 | | 18% |
| Mission, Liturgy, and Religious Education | 134,376 | 159,170 | 24,794 | | 18% |
| Group Fees and Fundraising | 639,627 | 739,538 | 99,911 | | 16% |
| Other Operating Income | 231,257 | 170,162 | (61,096) | | -26% |
| Income before Extraordinary Gifts and Maintenance for Mission Income | \$ 6,043,433 | \$ 6,664,131 | \$ 620,698 | | 10% |
| Extraordinary Gifts/Estates | 0 | 451,617 | 451,617 | | |
| Maintenance for Mission Income | 0 | 1,118,975 | 1,118,975 | | |
| Total Income | \$ 6,043,433 | \$ 8,234,722 | \$ 2,191,290 | | 36% |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| Personnel Costs | \$ 3,316,820 | \$ 3,469,373 | \$ 152,553 | | 5% |
| Admin. Services and Supplies | 1,335,501 | 1,474,933 | 139,432 | | 10% |
| Grounds Service and Snow Removal | 236,601 | 177,812 | (58,789) | | -25% |
| Cleaning Services | 137,360 | 134,225 | (3,135) | | -2% |
| Property Insurance | 111,158 | 121,852 | 10,694 | | 10% |
| Mission, Liturgy, and Religious Education | 146,025 | 142,472 | (3,553) | | -2% |
| Groups and Fundraising | 612,680 | 516,183 | (96,497) | | -16% |
| Expenses before Capital Expenditures and Maintenance for Mission Expenses | \$ 5,896,145 | \$ 6,036,850 | \$ 140,705 | | 2% |
| Capital Expenditures | 594,741 | 57,155 | (537,586) | | -90% |
| Maintenance for Mission Expenses | 0 | 369,598 | 369,598 | | |
| Total Expenses | \$ 6,490,886 | \$ 6,463,603 | \$ (27,283) | | 0% |
| NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) | \$ (447,453) | \$ 1,771,120 | \$ 2,218,573 | | -496% |

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| Principal Loan Payments | \$ 338,574 | \$ 378,005 |
| NET INCOME LESS PRINCIPAL LOAN PAYMENTS | \$ (786,027) | \$ 1,393,114 |

LOOKING AT THE NUMBERS



ST. COLUMBKILLE SCHOOL

563 Students
32 Certified Staff
27 Support Staff



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

409 Students
33 Catechists



SACRAMENTS

123 Baptisms, including adults
6 Profession of Faith
140 First Communions
130 Confirmations
21 Marriages, including 8 convalidations
46 Funerals



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

205 Families Assisted
\$64,910 Donations from Church Collections
\$75,000+ Rent & Mortgage Assistance
\$3000 Transportation Expense Assistance
\$27,000+ Utility Assistance
\$571 in Thrift Store Vouchers
\$6000 to the NeighborGood Food Pantry



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

167 Prayer Shawls Distributed



ROSARY MAKERS

17 members
5575 Rosaries Made and Distributed



COMMUNITY & DONUTS

10 Donut Sundays
3840 Donuts
840 Cookies

PARISH CENSUS

3590 Families
10,999 Individuals



ATHLETICS

15 Sports
1100 Registrations
150 Coaching Positions



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

16 Deacons
26 Sacristans
250 EMHCs
90 Lectors
163 Altar Servers
62 Hospitality Ministers
75 Musicians
15 Leaders of
Children's Liturgy of the Word



FISH FRY

6 Fish Fries
200+ Volunteers
5150 Attendees
3250 Pounds of Fish Served
150 Drive-Thru Cars Each Week



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

230 Members
3127 Breakfasts served



CEILI

364 Attendees
30+ Volunteers
\$111,824 Net Amount Raised

