St. Columbkille 5th grade girls basketball team made desserts to bring and serve at the "God Appetite" gathering at The Bethlehem House on December 19th. The Bethlehem House is a beautiful facility that is set up to help pregnant women choose life for their unborn babies. They provide long term support for expectant and new mothers. Thank you for taking the time to serve others!
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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
Baptismal preparation classes are required for parents with children to be baptized. Call the Parish Office for information.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE
The Archdiocese requires a minimum of six months notification for all who are to be married in order to arrange for and complete the various activities/programs associated with marriage preparation. Contact the Parish Office before setting a date.
Greetings members of St. Columbkille Parish!

You may be wondering what all the tanks are about? I include these pictures because I was trying to think of a creative way so say “Tanks (Thanks) to you!” My goal was to send a personal Thank-You to each person that sent me or our outstanding staff a kind note, the promise of prayer, Christmas cards, goodies, gift cards, a Patriots shirt, Runza certificates, CDs, Omaha steaks, bottles of wine, checks, or cash. Unfortunately I am running out of time and have lots on my plate before I leave for my three month Sabbatical in Rome. In trying to clear off my desk, I found some cards and gift cards from my birthday and even two from last Easter that I had planned to send people a personal note to say thanks. Since I am running out of time, I am resorting to this general thanks in the bulletin. I am deeply touched by the generous hearts of so many in our parish. I certainly feel loved here at St. Columbkille. Please be assured that I will keep each of you in my prayers every day that I am on Sabbatical, and I would appreciate your prayers, too.

“God so Loved the word that He gave us his Son!” Our parishioners follow the example of God as we give to make our liturgies so joyous at Christmastime. This includes Michelle Grzywa and her team of parishioners who created the beautiful Advent and Christmas environment in the church, the many EMHC’s, musical groups, lectors, children’s choir members, and those who set up and served the awesome reception at the 5:00 PM Christmas Day Mass. Thank you to all the young people who were involved in the various Christmas programs, the choir that provided the special Midnight Choral Prelude, and the many who contributed to the giving tree that made Christmas more joyful for those that needed a little help. What wonderful celebrations we had over Christmas, thanks to all who helped! To anyone I may have missed, please know it is a slip of the mind and not of the heart. May you enjoy the start of this new year!

Sincerely, I am...

...your brother in Christ,

Fr. Dave
**CONVERSATION DINNERS**
The Parish Center welcomes you on Sunday, January 13th after the 10:30am Mass for a Sunday Brunch Potluck with Silly Games to follow. Sign up by contacting Mindy Pelton at 402-291-3802 or dinnersfor8@gmail.com.

**ST. COLUMBKILLE 101**
Anyone who is interested in learning about the parish or registering is invited the next session of St. Columbkille 101 on Sunday, January 6th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center, formerly the Steinhausen Center. There will be a 50-minute presentation, along with refreshments and childcare.

**REMINDER: AUTOMATIC DOORS**
We have installed new, automatic handicap-accessible doors on the north end of the church. Please make use of these doors anytime you need to, and remind others who may need assistance to utilize these doors.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
Spend an hour with the Lord to celebrate the Christmas Season! You are welcome to stop by the Adoration Chapel (behind the tabernacle) at any time. To sign up for a weekly Holy Hour, contact Anthony Flott at aflott@cox.net.

**MASS INTENTIONS**
If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, please call the Parish Office at 402-339-3285. Masses can be said at our parish, another parish, or you can even send intentions early for Fr. Dave to take to Rome when he goes on sabbatical. The recommended stipend is $10.

**RESPECT LIFE**
The Respect Life Group will meet on Monday, January 14, at 7 PM in the parish office. Join us in making our parish a center of life! One upcoming event is Nebraska's Walk for Life at the state capitol in Lincoln on Saturday, January 26. Questions? Please call Cathy Badura 402-592-3765.

**ST. COLUMBKILLE PARISH**
St Columbkille Parish is seeking to hire a full-time Director of Communication. This position is responsible for the development and dissemination of a consistent parish message of missionary discipleship using multimedia platforms. The position provides leadership and collaborative support to the work of parish staff, volunteers, and groups. A complete job description and application instructions are posted online at [www.saintcolumbkille.org/communication](http://www.saintcolumbkille.org/communication). If you have questions, please contact Phil LaSala, Director of Pastoral Services, at pilasala@saintcolumbkille.org or 402-339-3285.

**ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES RAFFLE**
Have you heard of Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS)? They serve expectant women and parenting families in a variety of ways. St. Columbkille's Respect Life group will assist in selling raffle tickets for EPS during the Knights of Columbus pancake breakfast on Sunday, January 13. Winners of the raffle will be announced at EPS's annual benefit dinner held on Sunday, January 27. You do not have to attend the dinner to be eligible to win. Prizes are: 1st cash prize: $1500, 2nd cash prize: $500, 3rd cash prize: $250. Tickets are 1 for $20, 3 for $50 and 10 for $100. You can also email Lrice@essentialps.org or call 402.554.0121 to purchase tickets. Please consider supporting EPS in their efforts to provide life-affirming pregnancy options and free services for women facing unplanned pregnancies.
HOPE AFTER ABORTION
Are you the mother, father, grandparent, family member, medical professional or counselor involved in an abortion? Are you suffering from an abortion experience? Project Rachel offers spiritual and psychological healing. Call 1-888-456-HOPE (4673) for a referral for private, sensitive and confidential counseling and/or reconciliation. More information is available online at www.hopeafterabortion.com

MARRIAGE RETREAT
Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on February 15th-17th, 2019, call 1-800-470-2230 or go to www.retrouvaille.org.

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FORMED
It’s now easier than ever to sign up for FORMED! Just go to saintcolumbkille.formed.org and register—no parish code necessary! Get access to great talks, videos, and reflections that are sure to help you grow closer to Christ.

HOSPITAL STAY
If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please call the Parish Office at 402-339-3285 to let the parish know so we can visit and minister to them.

ROAD TO EMMAUS
Once again this year, our parish is offering a series of presentations to the entire community called Road to Emmaus. These sessions focus on topics that new and lifelong Catholics alike have found helpful as they have learned about the Catholic Church and her traditions. All are welcome, whether you’re a cradle Catholic, a new member, or a non-Catholic interested in learning more. Our next session will meet in the church from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

- January 23rd – Church Tour, this session will meet in the church
- February 21st – Rome Beneath the Surface
- March 27th – Encountering Jesus through the Liturgy

FORMED PICK

God Made Man
By Fr. Shannon Collins

Rediscover the True Meaning of Christmas
Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful traditions of the Church during Christmas. Listen before the Christmas season ends!

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—Julie L., Sterling, VA

www.saintcolumbkille.formed.org
Welcome back, preschoolers! We will be collecting donations of $4-$5 to help in preparing our preschool basket for the silent auction. We have a great project planned! If you would like to learn more about this fun parish celebration and fundraiser, please visit the Ceili website at www.ColumbsCeili.org.

Teen Faith Christmas Break: Teen Faith will not meet December 20th-January 8th. We will see everyone again on January 9th for Small Group Faith Sharing.

Questions? Contact Nicole Cook at 402-339-0990 or ncook@saintcolumbkille.org.

Free Throw Contest
The Knights of Columbus Council #6429 Free Throw Contest will be held on Friday January 25th in the St. Columbkille gym. The contest is open to boys and girls age 9 – 14. Ages 9, 10 and 11 registration will end and shooting will begin at 6:00. Ages 12, 13 and 14 registration will end and shooting will begin at 7:00. Registration forms will be available at the event and there is no fee. Please contact Dick Van Haute at 402-871-4647 if you have questions.

Parish Athletics
Questions? Contact Sarah Yarpe at sayarpe@saintcolumbkille.org or 402-592-1533.

CRUSADERS SOCCER U7-U14
Registration for Spring 2019 is open now, and the deadline to register is January 11th! Late registration does not guarantee a spot on a team. Season runs March through May. To register, visit the Soccer page.

CRUSADERS SELECT BASEBALL 2019
Our 2019 9U, 10U, and 11U select baseball teams are still looking for 1-2 more players for next season. If you are interested in trying out for those teams or have any questions please contact St. Columbkille Baseball Commissioner Jim Horacek at crus8rbaseball@gmail.com.

2018-2019 ACTIVITY SPORTS PASS SALE!
Pay $25 and get admission to all home basketball games. Good for immediate family defined as parents and children. Purchase your sports pass at the your next home basketball game!

CRUSADERS WINDOW DECALS
Only $5.00! New designs in stock. Show your school spirit and support St. Columbkille Athletics! Available to purchase at all home basketball games and through the Athletics office. Questions? Contact Sarah Yarpe at sayarpe@saintcolumbkille.org.
Save that Styrofoam!

The Plastilite truck will be in the parish parking lot and open after all the Masses on January 5th and 6th. Thanks for caring for the planet!

**Senior Happy Club**

All seniors are invited to meet for lunch on Monday, January 7th at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center, formerly the Steinhausen Center. Fr. Tom Greisen will introduce himself to us and be our speaker. The main dish will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and invite a friend.

**Columb’s Ceili**

**Early Bird Special!**

Register early for the chance to win $100 Ceili bucks each month until the big day, up to $300 total! Ceili bucks can be used on auction items. Registration is now open online at www.columbsceili.org.

Continue to watch the Bulletin for event updates, live auction details, and ways to join in the fun!

What is Columb’s Ceili?

Ceili (pronounced kay-lee) is an Irish word for party. In celebration of our parish heritage and in honor of our patron, St. Columb, we hold an evening of friendship, community, and celebration each year in March. Learn more at columbsceili.org!

**Columb’s Ceili**

Saturday, March 2nd, 2019

Early Bird Special!
UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Calendar

Legend:
C. Church
S.H. Social Hall
P.C. Parish Center
(formerly Steinhausen)
P.O. Parish Office
Ed. C. Education Center

Monday, January 7
9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise (SH)
5:00 p.m. No Religious Education Class

Tuesday, January 8
9:30 a.m. Zumba Fitness (SH)
3:30 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal (SH)
7:00 p.m. KofC 4th Degree Assembly (SH)
7:00 p.m. RCIA (Parish Center)

Wednesday, January 9
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (PO)
9:00 a.m. Spirituality Alive (SH)
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (PC)
1:00 p.m. Bible Study (PC)
1:30 p.m. Rosary Makers (SH)
5:45 p.m. No Religious Education Class
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir (C)
8:00 p.m. Athletic Council (PC)

Thursday, January 10
6:00 a.m. That Man is You (PC)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (PO)
7:00 p.m. Moms of Faith (PC)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (C)

Friday, January 11
9:15 a.m. Line Dancing (SH)

Saturday, January 12
7:00 a.m. Yoga Fitness (PC)
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Ed C)
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (PC)
11:00 a.m. Neighborhood Facilities Meeting (PC)

Sunday, January 13
8:00 a.m.-Noon Knights Breakfast (SH)
8:00 a.m.-Noon Blood Pressure Checks (SH)
8:00 a.m.-Noon Fair Trade Sale (SH)
11:30 a.m. Conversational Dinners (PC)
3:00 p.m. Prayer Group (C)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST
The Knights of Columbus Breakfast is Sunday, January 13th, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Come to the Social Hall for delicious, made-to-order omelets, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, and pancakes. Coffee and orange juice will also be served.

All Dads and Daughters, Grades K-8, wear your best Hawaiian and join us for a Luau!

Daddy Daughter Dance
Sunday, January 20th
6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. Columbkille Social Hall
Sponsored by the Home and School Association
Dancing | Games | Door Prizes

If you are interested in volunteering or donating items for the event, please contact Jessica Rempe at jessicarempe@gmail.com or 402-871-8797. Please email or text a photo of Dad/daughter(s) to be included in the slideshow. Registration forms can be found online at www.saintcolumbkille.org.

Fair Trade Sale
Sunday, January 13th
Social Hall
8:00 a.m. - Noon

The Fair Trade Team promotes the sale of foods and crafts purchased at a fair price from farmers and artisans around the world. The Fair Trade Team sponsors a fair trade sale the second Sunday of each month, excluding June and July.

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- 2 Corinthians 9:7

CONSIDER JOINING A GUATEMALAN MISSION TRIP!
Under the leadership of Father Damian Zuerlein, the Archdiocese of Omaha began a mission project in 2003 called Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity. Trip #16 is being planned for summer 2019! If you would like to learn more about the mission of Ixim, please attend the first Formation Session, which will focus on discernment and reflection. When? Sunday January 20th at 1:30 pm. Where? St. Frances Cabrini Parish Center, 10th and William Street. Questions? Call Ixim Director Charlie Petro at 402-934-7706 or visit www.ixim.org.

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