St. Columbkille Catholic School Open House and Religious Education Kick-Off

We are so excited that Parish School and Religious Education programs are getting going! Pictured above is Principal Brandi Redburn and some very enthusiastic students and teachers at the Open House. Also pictured is last year’s Confirmation formation program, which provides a taste of what’s to come for our new group of 8th graders!
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Mass Schedule

Monday-Thursday
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
8:15 a.m. (Communion Service)
Vigil 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Friday
6:20 a.m. & 5:30 a.m.
Sunday
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
10:30 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Monday-Thursday
5:00-5:20 p.m.
Saturday
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Mass, Homilists, Intentions & Presiders

Monday, August 26
8:15 AM †John and Mary Nguyen (Fr. Magnuson)
5:30 PM †Lowell Fischer (Fr. Soltys)
Tuesday, August 27
8:15 AM †Hay Nguyen (Fr. Reeson)
9:30 AM Dcn Jordan (Shadowlake)
5:30 PM †Rev. Wayne Schlaudtman (Fr. Hanneman)
Wednesday, August 28
8:15 AM †LaVern Preesser (Fr. Hanneman)
5:30 PM †Dennis Mixan (Fr. Reeson)
Thursday, August 29
8:15 AM †Larry and Eleanor Gresk (Fr. Reeson)
9:30 AM Dcn Jordan (Papillion Manor)
5:30 PM †Victor M. Mindra (Fr. Hanneman)
Friday, August 30
6:20 AM Archbishop George Lucas Blessings
(Fr. Reeson)
8:15 AM †Abbot Raphael Walsh, O.S.B.
(Fr. Reeson)
Saturday, August 31
5:00 PM †Fred and Rita Jansen (Fr. Reeson)
6:30 PM †Gayle Trede (Fr. Reeson)
Sunday, September 1
7:30 AM †Beverly Lane (Fr. Reeson)
9:00 AM †Ben Nelson (Fr. Reeson)
10:30 AM Parish (Fr. Ostrander)
12:00 PM †George Bamsay (Fr. Ostrander)
5:00 PM †Melissa Tschauerer Hizer (Fr. Ostrander)

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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.
When it comes to education and faith formation, there are a variety of ways to teach and get one’s point across. When I was growing up in Fremont, Nebraska, it was common for a teacher to take a youngster in the junior high into the hall and give the student a whack. Today we don’t use a paddle or even a taser to discipline, and for this I am grateful. I believe that we teach and motivate best by our example. If I want someone to know it’s important to pray I demonstrate this by praying myself. If I want someone to know it is important to forgive, I forgive. If I want someone to know it is good to be generous, then I am generous. If I want someone to know it is important to be patient, then I must be patient with others. We have outstanding teachers in our elementary school and our religious formation programs, as well as parents who powerfully teach by example.

It is exciting that our programs are kicking off for the year. On August 14th the children enrolled in our school, along with their parents, were able to meet their teachers and enjoy some time with their classmates and friends. They then enjoyed an awesome potluck dinner and some chicken fingers provided by the Home and School Association.

Last Sunday, our 8th graders and their parents gathered for an orientation and began the final year of preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This preparation started while the youngsters were in the 7th grade and will culminate with Confirmation in May when a bishop confers the sacrament on those who are well prepared to receive the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Christian parents are the primary teachers of the faith. Preparation for and reception of Confirmation includes attending Sacramental meetings, participating in a Day of Reflection retreat, research on saints, service to parish and community, as well as attending a confirmation rehearsal the day before they receive the Sacrament. The readiness to receive Confirmation is not something determined by grade level or earned by completion of a program, but it truly depends on the readiness of the student as demonstrated by his/her sincere practice of the faith, sufficient instruction, and a proper attitude towards receiving the sacrament. As parents and sponsors, we need to support our child’s spiritual growth by practicing the faith, taking our kids to Mass each week, and attending the sacramental meetings designed to help form both ourselves and our children. In other words, we need to teach and guide by our example. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are truly gifts that we don’t earn, deserve or have a right to, but are gifts freely given by God.
**Stewardship Reflection**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:30

Our standards in society are different from God’s standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, “What have you done with the gifts I have given you?” How will you respond?

**Fighting Hunger with Catholic Charities**

Almost 13% of Nebraskans don’t know where their next meal is coming from, and nearly one in six children is living in poverty. Catholic Charities’ food pantries provide food to individuals and families lacking the resources to satisfy basic nutritional needs for themselves and their families. They also provide delivery to homebound seniors, and mobile pantries reaching rural areas and those with transportation barriers. Last year, over 57,000 people received aid through these services. To donate online or to learn more, please visit ccomaha.org.

**Help Renovating House on Shamrock St.**

As good Stewards of God’s gifts, our parishioners have always been very generous in offering their time, talent and treasure. We are now in need of some skilled and unskilled laborers for a renovation project on a house we own on Shamrock St. We are looking for volunteers to help us with concrete block repairs, installing two egress windows, some electrical work and a variety of other general labor. Please contact the Parish Office at 402-339-3285 if you can contribute your skills and a few hours of your time. A member of our crew will then contact you to plug you in when and where needed.

**Goodwill Donations for Eagle Scout Project**

Parishioner Josh Bousquet is collecting donations for Goodwill as his Eagle Scout project. Josh is a member of troop 359. He is looking for new or gently used clothing, shoes, books and toys. He will be collecting these in the Social Hall of the church after all Masses this weekend, and also on August 31st-September 1st.

**42nd Archbishop’s Dinner for Education**

Tickets are now available for the 42nd Archbishop’s Dinner for Education, Thursday, September 12th at the Embassy Suites in La Vista. This annual celebration of Catholic education recognizes outstanding teachers and administrators throughout our Catholic school system, thanks those who support our schools and raises vital scholarship funds for low-income students to attend Catholic Schools. A social hour beings at 6 p.m. followed by dinner and a program at 7. **Tickets are $150 each or $65 for patrons under the age of 35. To purchase tickets online, go to http://give.archomaha.org/Dinner2019 or contact Janet Griffin at 402-827-3764, jmgriffin@archomaha.org.** Proceeds from the dinner help provide a $5,000 gift to each 2019 honoree and towards scholarships for families in need, administered by the Children’s Scholarship Fund of Omaha.

**Tri-City Food Pantry August Most-Needed List**

**Food Items:**
- Canned Fruit
- Pork and Beans
- Muffin Mix
- Tuna Helper
- Chicken Helper
- Jelly
- Canned Pasta Sauce
- Stuffing
- Potato Sides
- Canned Pasta

**Non-Food Items:**
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels
**St. Cecilia’s Cathedral Tour**

St. Joseph’s of Springfield, NE invites anyone interested to join in on their second annual tour of St. Cecilia’s Cathedral on **September 13th beginning at 10 a.m.** The focus is on symbolism and art. The tour will last about an hour, and Mass will be offered in the Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel at 11:15 a.m. **Please reserve your spot by calling Candy Connery at 402-661-4214.** The Cathedral Museum will also be open that afternoon.

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**Saturday Evening Rosary before 5 pm Mass**

You’re invited to join us in praying a Rosary each Saturday at 4:30 pm, right before the 5 pm Mass. **We are greatly in need of leaders.** You don’t have to be a pro at the Rosary, just willing to give of your time to be a part of this important prayer community and lead your peers in asking for Mary’s intercession. **This is a great way to practice giving of your time and talent in making disciples.** Questions? Contact the Parish Office at (402) 339-3285.

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**Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Join Casting Nets Ministries for a life-changing pilgrimage to the Holy Land from January 15-25, 2020! Experience Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Capernaum, Bethlehem, Mt. of Olives, Jerusalem and so much more. For more information call Tony Brandt at 316-641-4050 or email Tony@CastingNetsMinistries.com or visit www.CastingNetsMinistries.com

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**LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:**

**RCIA 2019**

Are you a non-Catholic who attends mass? Is your spouse or friend Catholic? Are you feeling called to learn more or to become Catholic? Consider learning more about the Catholic Church and starting the process of becoming Catholic through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you or someone you know is interested, contact Nicole Cook at (402) 339-0990 or ncoock@saintcolumbkille.org. RCIA sessions will begin after Labor Day.

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**Columban Fathers Retreat: Journeying with the Saints**

The Columban Fathers invite you to spend a morning with them reflecting on the Saints and their impact on our daily lives. The reflection is **Saturday, September 7th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Columban Priests Residence at 1902 N Calhoun St., Bellevue, NE.** Lunch is provided. Please **RSVP by calling 402-291-1920.**
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE | 402-339-0990
Office Hours 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
2019-2020 Nine Month Program
For students in grades K-8.
The last day to register for the fall program is Thursday, August 29th.

St. Columbkille Parish

ST. COLUMBKILLE SCHOOL
If you have a student who will be in grades 4-7 and have considered switching over to St. Columbkille, now is your chance! If you are interested, please contact the principal, Mrs. Redburn, at bredburn@saintcolumbilleschool.org or by calling the School Office at 402-339-8706. We would love to meet you, tell you a little bit about our school, and take you on a tour! St. Columbkille students work every day to grow in spirit, mind and body as disciples of Christ.

Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts
Religious Emblems Program
The Religious Emblems Program encourages all Scout members to grow stronger in their faith and live out their duty to be reverent towards God, faithful in his religious commitments, and respectful towards others’ convictions and religious traditions. The Boy Scouts of America has approved these programs, administered by various religious groups, and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform.

Each year, the National Catholic Committee on Scouting, sponsored through St. Columbkille Church, hosts the Catholic Religious Emblems Program for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. If your Scout meets the eligibility requirements listed below and you are interested in signing him up for one of the programs, please contact Tara Henkenius at: thehenkeniusfamily@gmail.com or 402-578-8673. *Classes for Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII will begin in September.

ELIGIBILITY

Light of Christ: Registered Tiger or Wolf of Catholic Faith
*The Scout must complete the requirements before starting 3rd grade.

Parvuli Dei (Children of God): Registered Bear or Webelos I of Catholic Faith *The Scout must have completed 2nd grade.

Ad Altare Dei (To the Altar of God): Boy Scout of Catholic Faith; active member of the Troop for 6+ months; and completed the 6th grade. The content is designed for Scouts who are 13-14 years old, but older Scouts may also work on the program. *Before work begins, the applicant’s parent, counselor, unit leader and pastor must sign the approval form.

Pope Pius XII: Registered youth member of the Boy Scouts of Catholic Faith; and has started 9th grade. The content is designed for Scouts who are 15-16 years old, but all registered Venture Scouts and all registered Boys Scouts who are still in high school before their 18th birthday are eligible.

High School Parents: Stay up-to-date on all that’s happening with Teen Faith! Receive short, weekly emails with all the information you need about ongoing Teen Faith events. To sign up, email your name, preferred email address, student’s name, grade, and school to Nicole Cook at ncook@saintcolumbille.org.

American Heritage Girls
Are you looking for an organization that helps instill in your daughters the values of their faith and service to others? American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a Christ-centered character development ministry for girls ages 5-18. AHG encourages girls to become servant leaders through service projects, badge work that emphasizes life skills, and fun team-building outdoor adventures. The troop at St. Columbkille has openings in all grades for this year. Contact Andrea Powers at ahgomaha@gmail.com for more information. Registration night for AHG will be Wednesday, August 28th at 6 p.m. in the St. Columbkille Social Hall.

High School Youth Group: Teen Faith
Questions? Contact Nicole Cook at 402-339-0990 or ncook@saintcolumbille.org.

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PARISH ATHLETICS
Unless otherwise stated, contact Sarah Yarpe with any questions at sayarpe@saintcolumbkille.org or 402-592-1533, and to register, visit the Athletics website at www.saintcolumbkille.org/athletics.

MICROSOCcer REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!
Open to boys and girls in preschool and kindergarten. The season runs six weeks from September 6th to October 11th. Practices and games will be held on Friday nights at 6 p.m.

CRUSADERS BASKETBALL REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!
Register now for 2019-2020 Crusaders Basketball! Deadline to register is September 13th! Open to boys and girls in grades 2 through 8. Season runs late November to March.

BACK-2-SCHOOL SPIRITWEAR SALE OPEN NOW!
Stock up on all of your St. Columbkille Crusaders Spiritwear! Deadline to order is August 30th! Proceeds benefit St. Columbkille Athletics!
Parish Calendar

Monday, August 26th
9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise (SHC)
3 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)
6 p.m. Cub Scouts (SL)

Tuesday, August 27th
7:00 a.m. Construction Meeting (PO)
10 a.m. 4th Grade mass Practice (C)
12:30 p.m. PAT (PO)
3 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)
6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus (SHC)
6:00 p.m. Respect Life District Meeting (PO)
6:30 p.m. Lord Teach Me to Pray (C)

Wednesday, August 28th
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (SHC)
1:00 p.m. Bible Study (SHC)
3:00 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)
6:00 p.m. Heritage Girls (SL)
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir (C)
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council (SHC)

Thursday, August 29th
3:00 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (SL)
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (PO)

Friday, August 30th
9:15 a.m. Line Dancing (SL)
3:00 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)

Saturday, August 31st
7:00 a.m. Yoga Fitness (SHC)
9:00 a.m. Baptism (C)
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Ed C)
5:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Project (SL)

Sunday, September 1st
7:00 a.m. Eagle Scout Project (SL)
3:00 p.m. Prayer Group (C)
5:00 p.m. Eagle Scout Project (SL)

Magnificat-Omaha Brunch
Magnificat-Omaha invites all women to a September 21st Fall Brunch at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 9:30 am, with guest speaker Barbara Heil, former missionary and now dynamic conference speaker. Cost: $20. For reservations and information, go to www.MagnificatOmaha.org or email magnificatomaha@gmail.com.

Magnificat-Omaha is an archdiocesan-wide Catholic women’s organization focused on evangelization.

Sarpy County People’s Choice Awards Voting Begins
Voting for Sarpy County People’s Choice Awards is now accepting ballots! St. Columbkille Church won last year, and you can help us win again by voting for not only our church, but also St. Columbkille School and the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift store. You can cast your ballot here:

That Man is You!
That Man is You! is a multimedia men’s program focused on the development of authentic male leadership. Over the course of three years, That Man is You! successively considers men in their relationship to God, their spouse, and their children. Meetings are Thursday mornings from 6 - 7 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Center starting September 12th. Meetings include breakfast, a video presentation and a small-group discussion. To sign up email Duncan Murray at duncanmurrayne@gmail.com or call/text 402-290-2081. Walk-ins are also welcome!
PARISH GIFTS
(This report is for the Sunday Collection and does not represent all Parish financial income and expenses).

August 18th

Budgeted Weekly Operating Income……..$48,869
Sunday Tithe Collections……………………22,820
Sunday Tithe-Automatic Withdrawal…………………20,794
Children’s Collection……………………………353
Assumption……………………………………4,329
Sunday Tithe-Total…………………………$48,296

Year-to-Date Budgeted Tithing…………342,083
Year-to-Date Total Tithing………………344,494
Year-to-Date Overage/(Shortfall)………( 2,411)

Other Collections:
Debt Reduction……………………………………204
Votive Lights……………………………………….383
St. Columbkille Ed Trust…………………………345
St. Vincent de Paul………………………………610
Future Fund………………………………………..288

Fluorescent Light Fixtures Available

There are several fluorescent light fixtures in the Social Level of the Church that were removed as part of the ceiling replacement. The bulbs (T-8’s) are not included. There are 8ft, 4ft, and 3ft fixtures available. These are great for garages, storage sheds and basements. If you would please add a few dollars into your offering for the fixtures you take, that would be appreciated. The fixtures will be going to recycling soon, so act now if you want some!

St. John the Baptist Parish Bazaar

The St. John the Baptist Parish Bazaar is on Sunday, September 1st at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 201 North 4th St., Petersburg. The Bazaar begins with Mass at 10 a.m. Following Mass there will be a meal in Werner Hall, several raffles, kids’ activities, Bingo and a Social Garden. Cost of the meal is $12 for adults and $6 for children (ages 4-12).

Mary Our Queen Fall Festival

Mary Our Queen Church, 3535 119th St. is having a Fall Festival on September 7th from 4-11 p.m. The Festival is free and for all-ages, and includes an outdoor Mass at 4 p.m. with live music following. Food includes tacos, fried rice and egg rolls, sausages, burgers, and an Italian food truck. There will also be shaved ice and adult beverages. With the Huskers game on and games, inflatables, face painting, balloon animals and contests, there will be plenty to do.

*No outside alcohol allowed.

Marriage Anniversary Celebrations: September 15th and 29th

You are invited to attend the annual Mass honoring marriage on September 15th at the Cathedral or September 29th at St. Mary’s in Norfolk. This Mass honors 1, 5, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60 + years of marriage. There will be a Rosary at 1:30 p.m. and Mass at 2 p.m. on both days.
Every year the Rosary Maker’s Club makes thousands of Rosaries for a wide range of groups and ministries, bringing a comforting and devotional form of prayer to all who receive them.

Rosary Makers

This year, the Rosary Maker’s Club completed 4,278 rosaries. They were distributed as follows:

250 to St. Columbkille Knights, Don Kohl, Red, White & Blue Rosaries for the Veteran’s Hospital, Veteran’s Home, Cemetery and Mother’s Day Breakfast; 193 to Jim Edwards for the Veteran’s Hospital, Hillcrest, Mable Rose Assisted Living and Papillion Manor; 130 to St. Columbkille School and Religious Education First Communicants; 150 for St. Columbkille Parish and Religious Education Confirmation Candidates; 60 to St. Columbkille School, Mrs. Loffler’s First Grade Class; 50 to Jennifer Sauer of St. Columbkille Summer Religious Education Program Confirmation Candidates; 1 to Kelly Vap for Personal Devotion; 1 to Meagan Weiss for Personal Devotion; 1 to Nick Rockenbach for Personal Devotion; 1 to Nick Price for Personal Devotion while in Air Force Boot Camp; 375 to St. Cecilia Cathedral’s and their EME’s; 46 to Cloister’s On The Platte; 400 to Ella Jane Bailey-St. Bernard’s Rosary Project for Funerals; 100 to All Saints Catholic School First Communicants and Confirmation Candidates; 150 to Holy Name First Communicants and Confirmation Candidates; 100 to St. Bernadette First Communicants and Confirmation Candidates; 50 to St. Bernard’s First Communicants and Confirmation Candidates; 100 to St. Peter and Paul Catholic School First Communicants and Confirmation Candidates; 200 to Sister Margaret-Notre Dame Academy and Convent for use in religious life; 100 to Spirit Catholic Radio for evangelizing; 500 to Father Paul Zaccone’s Mission Trip to Tonga; 600 to St. Francis Cabrini Parish for Father Damian Zuerlein and Charlie Petrow’s Mission Trip to Guatemala; 240 to Gaspar Nzita for Educate The Congo Rosary Project-One million rosaries for Five million Catholics to Pray for World Peace; 240 to Blythe Kaufman of The Children’s Rosary Project in New Hartford, Connecticut to establish children’s rosary groups in every parish; 240 to Father Charles Fox of the St. Paul’s Street Evangelization in Warren, Michigan to minister to those who live on the street.

A special thanks to all the ladies of St. Columbkille Rosary Makers who donated their time and talent to create the beautiful rosaries to be distributed here and around the world. The Rosary Makers are Barb Berkes, Courtney Fricke, Barb Gray, Yen Hoang, Agnes Kelly, Kyong Miller, Rosemary Orin, Shirley Paulsen, Lek Psota, Julie Rockenbach, Laura Sanjurjo, Elvira Stone, Shirley Van Dorn, Jane Werner, Eileen Wilson and JoAnne Bennett. I also want to thank the St. Columbkille Women’s Guild, St. Columbkille Knights of Columbus, Catherine Vescio, Nino Franco, Barb and Lloyd Gray, Rosemary Orin, Elviria Stone, Shirley VanDorn, Eileen Wilson and William Bennett, Sr. for helping fund our group as well as allowing us to share our faith.

We will again be meeting in Mid-September, if you are interested in joining the Rosary Makers, please contact JoAnne Bennett at (402) 679-3979.