25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?” - Lk 16:11
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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.

Bulletin Deadline
Bulletin items are due 10 days before the issue date. Please email them to Anna Ferguson at aferguson@saintcolumbkille.org. We reserve the right to make any edits we deem necessary.
Reeson’s Ramblings:

God has used 40-day/year periods of time to transform individuals, communities, even the entire world—from Noah and the flood to the Israelites traveling through the desert towards the Promised Land, to the disciples after Christ’s resurrection. Even after Jesus’ baptism he spent forty days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness to prepare for his life of ministry.

40 Days for Life is a focused, pro-life campaign with a vision to access God’s power through prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end the evil of abortion. I am asking that all parishioners consider participating in the pro-life activities we have scheduled for this fall.

First, we will be showing the movie “Unplanned” in the Sacred Heart Center on Sunday, September 29th at 6:15 p.m. I have just seen this movie and found it to be outstanding. It is the true story of the Planned Parenthood clinic director Abby Johnson’s spiritual journey to becoming an ardent pro-life advocate. If you haven’t see this compelling film yet, this is your chance. It is rated R, so even though the film’s subject is tastefully presented, young people should still be accompanied by an adult. All are invited to attend. You can see the trailer of this movie by going to: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gBLWpKbC3ww

Second, I plan to pray for one hour at the Bellevue abortion clinic, 1002 W Mission Ave., Bellevue, NE, on Thursday, October 3rd from 3-4 p.m. I’d love for as many of you as who can attend to join me for this. We will be praying for the women, their babies, the clinic’s workers and abortionists. We know this can be a powerful way to witness to the mothers, nurses, staff, and even the abortionists. I do ask that this hour of prayer be peaceful and respectful. We are not there to shame anyone or yell or direct hate or aggression at anyone, despite what strong feelings we might have. We will pray and witness from a posture of love.

Third, I realize that many will not be able to join me for prayer on October 3rd due to work, picking up kids from school, and many other obligations, so on Saturday, October 19th, a block of twelve prayer hours have been set for St. Columbkille to pray outside the clinic from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can sign up for any amount of time you wish—most people stay for an hour. Feel free to invite family and friends to join you.

You can find details for the 40 Days for Life events in the information block on the “Upcoming Events” page of the bulletin.

Finally, it is always good and helpful to pray for, and maybe even fast for, all those impacted by abortion—from mothers, to clinic staff, nurses and abortionists. God hears and sees our offerings for these precious souls.
Stewardship Reflection
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
“No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).” LUKE 16:13

Is money a “god” that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Being generous with the gifts we have received helps us build the Kingdom of God on earth and encourages us to use those gifts in a way that puts our relationship with God at the center of our lives.

Tri-City Food Pantry September Most-Needed List
- Chunky Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Fruit
- Muffin Mix
- Chicken Helper
- Jelly
- Canned Pasta Sauce
- Stuffing
- Potato Sides
- Canned Pasta
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels

Deacons Honored for Years of Service
On August 31st, three deacons and their wives were honored for their many years of ministry to the Church. Pictured below from left to right are: Bud and Lois Tharp (40 years), Steve and Mary Ann Jordan (20 years) and Brian and Pat Thomas (10 years). We are so grateful for their service to our parish.

Stewardship Hours
The basketball committee is looking for volunteers to assist with various duties/responsibilities. The season runs from November through March. If you are interested, email Jim Sauer, Basketball Commissioner, at saintcolumbkillebasketball@gmail.com.

Come Be a Part of St. Columbkille’s Premier Fundraiser!
Looking for a fun way to get service hours? Join us at the kick off party and find out how you can become part of this wonderful event!
Sinnott’s Sand Bar
206 E. Lincoln St. Papillion
Friday, September 27th, 7:00pm
RSVP: Text “I’m In!” to (402) 813-1480

St. Columbkille Parish
Christians Encounter Christ Weekend
Come for a lively, joy-filled weekend and become strengthened spiritually as you live and study with priests and laity in discussion, prayer and song. Men and women’s three-day weekends are both at the Archdiocesan Retreat and Conference Center, 3330 N 60th St., Omaha. The retreat cost is $80, which is all-inclusive. The men’s retreat weekend is October 4-6th, and the women’s retreat weekend is October 18-20th. For more information call or email MaryAnn Mucia at 402-339-5067, dmucia835@cox.net.

Mass of Healing & Hope
Many families struggle with miscarriage, infertility, and even abortion. You are welcome to attend a Mass of Healing & Hope to celebrate the brief lives of these children and to pray with families who are currently unable to conceive. The Mass will be held at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 6116 Dodge St., on October 3rd at 7 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration
Spend an hour with the Lord in prayer! You are welcome to stop by the Adoration Chapel, located behind the tabernacle, at any time. To sign up for a weekly Holy Hour, contact Anthony Flott at aflott@cox.net.

Symbolon: Knowing the Faith
Episode 3: The Bible
“I finally realized that the most important book to learn is the Bible.”
—Loida T., Sugarland, TX

Be Set on Fire to Read God’s Word
Is the Bible more than just a collection of ancient writings? If God reveals his truth to us through Sacred Scripture, what does that really mean for our faith?

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. Classes have already started, but if you or someone you know is still interested, contact Nicole Cook at (402) 339-0990 or ncoock@saintcolumbkille.org.

Teams of Our Lady for a Better Marriage
If you are interested in spiritually enriching your marriage, you are invited to attend a Teams of Our Lady for a Better Marriage info meeting on September 26th from 7-8 p.m. September 29th from 4-5 p.m., or September 30th from 7-8 p.m. at Sue and Tony Plaza’s house, 5614 N 151 St. Couples gather monthly with a spiritual counselor to share a meal, pray and study the faith.
Religious Education Office | 402-339-0990
Office Hours 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Religious Education Classes
Monday, September 23rd: 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.
Wednesday, September 25th: 5:45 - 7:00 p.m.

Sacramental Information
First Reconciliation Parent Only Meeting
Sunday, September 22nd
2:00 p.m. in the Church Social Hall

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@saintcolumbkilleschool.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.

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

Teen Faith Updates

Teen Faith This Week—Small Group
Faith Sharing: On the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, our high school students meet at the homes of adult leaders from within the parish to learn about and share their faith with their peers. For more information or to find out where your teen’s group meets, contact Nicole Cook at (402) 339-0990 or ncook@saintcolumbkille.org.

Teen Faith Next Week—Large Group—
The Eucharist: The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, but what does that mean? What do we know about the Eucharist and how do we know it? Join us from 7-8:30 in the Social Level as we try to answer these questions and more. Large Group is open to all teens in 9th-12th grades. Questions? Contact Nicole Cook at (402) 339-0990 or ncook@saintcolumbkille.org.

Teen Faith This Week—Large Group—
The Blessing of Animals: The blessing of animals is a special event that celebrates the love and care that God has for all life. The blessing will take place in the church courtyard on Saturday, October 5th at 10 a.m. Families are invited to bring their pets to join in the celebrations of God’s love.

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High School Parents: Stay up-to-date on all that’s happening with the high school youth group, 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@saintcolumbkille.org.

St. Columbkille Children’s Liturgical Choir
The Children’s Liturgical Choir is now accepting children in grades 3-6. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the Music/Liturgy Room off the Social Level of the church (enter/exit through the South doors), beginning October 1st. The Children’s Liturgical Choir normally provides music ministry for the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the third Sunday of the month, from October through April, and on some special events such as the Blessing of Animals on Saturday, October 5th at 10 a.m. in the church courtyard and the 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in the church. If your child is interested in participating, please fill out the registration form found at http://ow.ly/4Tzp50w8Xn1 and return it to David Batter before September 27th. You can drop forms off at the school or parish office, as well as email them to David at dbatter@saintcolumbkille.org. For further information or if you have questions, contact David Batter at (402) 339-3285 or dbatter@saintcolumbkille.org.
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.

Crusaders Intramural Basketball Registration Coming Soon!
Registration will open in December for Intramural basketball. Open to boys and girls in Kindergarten and 1st grade. Season runs January through February on Saturday mornings.

Safe Environment Training Requirement for All Coaches
St. Columbkille Athletics requires all coaches, assistant coaches, and volunteers to complete the diocesan Safe Environment Training. If you are considering coaching or volunteering in the near future visit the link below to register for an upcoming training session:
https://archomaha.org/safe-environment/

Heb 12:1
Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.

Go Crusaders!
## Upcoming Events and Announcements

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<td>Bereavement Support Group</td>
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<td>Adult Faith Formation</td>
<td>Road to Emmaus Series: The Road to Emmaus Adult Formation series begins again Thursday, September 26th. This series is led by members of the RCIA Team, and is open to all. Sessions are held from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Center.</td>
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**Gifts and Events Cont’d**

### Parish Gifts

*(This report is for the Sunday Collection and does not represent all Parish Financial Income and Expenses).*

**September 15th**

- Budgeted Weekly Operating Income: $48,869
- Sunday Tithe Collections: $25,459
- Sunday Tithe-Automatic Withdrawal: $16,221
- Children’s Collection: $426
- Sunday Tithe-Total: $44,606

- Year-to-Date Budgeted Tithing: $537,559
- Year-to-Date Total Tithing: $525,815
- Year-to-Date Overage/(Shortfall): $11,744

Other Collections:
- Debt Reduction: $231
- Votive Lights: $410
- St. Columbkille Ed Trust: $357
- St. Vincent de Paul: $285
- Future Fund: $183

Did you know that you can use our new online/texting giving platform to make your Sunday offering using your debit/credit card? Check out all the different ways you can give to St. Columbkille at [www.saintcolumbkille.org/give/gifts-to-st-columbkille](http://www.saintcolumbkille.org/give/gifts-to-st-columbkille).

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**Pine Ridge Reservation Benefit**

St. John’s Parish Partners are hosting a “Come Land at the Flight Deck” benefit for our brothers and sisters on the Pine Ridge reservation. Gather for food, live music, a raffle and auction, face painting and good company on **Sunday, September 22nd from noon to 3 p.m. at the Flight Deck Tap & Grill (30th & California)**. The Flight Deck Management is generously donating 10% of all food and drink sales the whole time, so bring your appetite!

**Marriage Anniversary Celebrations: September 29th**

You are invited to attend the annual Mass honoring marriage on 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.

**Pro-Life Events**

- **“Unplanned Screening”**
  September 29th at 6:15 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Center. The film is rated R, so any young person under the age of 17 should be accompanied by an adult. You can find a trailer on YouTube.

- **Prayer at Bellevue Abortion Clinic**
  Join Fr. Dave in peaceful prayer outside of the Bellevue abortion clinic, 1002 W Mission Ave., Bellevue, NE, on **Thursday, October 3rd from 3-4 p.m.**

- **Parish Day of Prayer at Bellevue Abortion Clinic**
  On **Saturday, October 19th**, our parish is holding an all-day prayer vigil outside the Bellevue abortion clinic from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. You can sign up for any amount of time you wish—most people stay for an hour. Feel free to invite family and friends to join you. Again, this is a peaceful prayer opportunity. Please remain loving, compassionate and respectful to all.

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**Blessing of Animals**

As part of our celebration of the Feast of St. Francis Assisi, our Blessing of Animals will take place at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 6th in the church courtyard. You are invited to bring your pet on a leash, in a crate, cage or other appropriate container. We will celebrate God’s creation of our animal companions and they’ll be blessed during a brief ceremony.
With St. Vincent de Paul’s feast day coming up on September 27th, there will be a Vincentian speaking after each Mass on **September 21st and 22nd** as part of St. Vincent de Paul Awareness Sunday. This is also **Bundle Sunday Weekend**, where St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting new or gently-used winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves and boots that will be given to those in need in the Omaha area. There tends to be a shortage of children’s coats, and extra-large and larger coats especially. The **SVDP truck will be located in the north parking lot of the school, behind the Sacred Heart Center, and will be accepting donations twenty minutes before and after each Mass**. Anyone in need of a coat, or anyone interested in helping give away coats, can attend the **SVDP Coat Give-A-Way on November 2nd at St. Peter’s Church (709 28th St., Omaha)**. Bi-lingual volunteers especially needed. For more information contact Cindy at 402-669-8014.

Additionally, please consider supporting St. Columbkille’s American Heritage Girls Troop. Girls from the troop will be selling the World’s Finest Chocolate bars (caramel, dark, crisp, milk, and almond) for $1 after all the Masses on this same weekend, **September 21st-22nd just outside the church and near the SVDP truck collecting coats**. 100% of the profits go directly to the AHG ministry to support the troop at St. Columbkille. They are still accepting girls ages 5-18 to the troop. Please contact Andrea Powers at ahgomaha@gmail.com for more information about AHG.

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**Prayer to St. Vincent de Paul**

Noble Saint Vincent de Paul,  
beloved servant of the poor,  
may we follow your example and do good works  
among those whom society has abandoned,  
enslaved, or forgotten.  
Inspire us to feed the hungry,  
to love a child,  
to provide comfort and medicine to the sick,  
to clothe those whose garments are threadbare,  
and to offer hope and our Lord’s words  
to all who need respite.  
Pray for us to our beloved God  
that we may commit ourselves selflessly  
to doing the same charitable acts  
that you did all your life,  
and intercede with him  
that we may have the favor of his guidance  
and strength and love upon this important and  
meaningful work. Amen.