Thank You, Shirley!

On Monday, parishioner Shirley Paulsen “retired” from serving as a money-counter for 18 years. Fellow members of the group celebrated her with cake and a gift. Shirley served as a wonderful example of stewardship at St. Columbkille, and we are so grateful for all the time she’s given to help our community thrive!
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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.

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. & 8:15 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, October 7th
8:15 a.m. †Hay Nguyen (Fr. Cusak)
5:30 p.m. †Sheila Pille (Fr. Ostrander)

Tuesday, October 8th
8:15 a.m. †Vicki Buso (Fr. Hanneman)
10:00 a.m. (Poor Souls) (Hillcrest Shadowlake)
(Fr. Greisen)
5:30 p.m. †Lowell Fischer (Fr. Greisen)

Wednesday, October 9th
8:15 a.m. †Donald Melcher (Fr. Greisen)
5:30 p.m. †Harold and Darlene Bart (Fr. Reeson)

Thursday, October 10th
8:15 a.m. †Bernard and Ione Morrissey (Fr. Reeson)
9:30 a.m. †Lucille McCoy (Papillion Manor)
(Fr. Greisen)
5:30 p.m. †Harry and Mary Corlas (Fr. Greisen)

Friday, October 11th
6:20 a.m. Special Intention Mary Werhnhoff (Fr. Reeson)
8:15 a.m. †Elizabeth Kelly (Fr. Reeson)

Saturday, October 12th
8:15 a.m. Communion Service (Dcn Thomas)
5:00 p.m. †Leo B. Kalamaja (Fr. Reeson)

Sunday, October 13th
7:30 a.m. †Robert Schmitz (Fr. Reeson)
9:00 a.m. †Melissa Tschauer Hizer (Fr. Reeson)
10:30 a.m. †David Wintle (Fr. Greisen)
12:00 p.m. Parish (Fr. Greisen)
5:00 p.m. †Jeanette LaFoy (Fr. Greisen)

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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.
Reeson's Ramblings: Upcoming Health Fair

By now, many of you know our annual Community Health Fair is this Sunday, October 6th from 12:30-5 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Center. The Fair is a wonderful time to check up on your personal wellness as well as perhaps start new healthy habits. Parishioner Gretchen Reid and her Parish Nurses work very hard putting this event together each year, which always brings in a wide variety of services—from your annual flu shot to blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, to opportunities to talk with a chiropractor, physical therapist and dermatologist.

I want to take a moment to recognize Gretchen and the many ways she exemplifies stewardship through her care for the whole person. Gretchen worked as a nurse for 41 years until retiring in 2004. She had been an Air Force nurse, but spent most of her time as an OB nurse and administrator at CHI Midlands Hospital. During that time, besides nursing, she went to school earning two other degrees, all while raising a family. One year after retiring she decided to take a parish nursing course. Once completed, she signed a contract with Father Damian and Ronnette Sailors from CHI and began working with our parish.

Gretchen began her ministry by successfully starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry, which is a group of 5—9 members who gather and pray each month for those in need. Since February of 2006, they have given out 1,732 shawls. These go all over to people in need. The group even sends some to Dover, Delaware, providing comfort families who are there to meet caskets being transported back to the U.S. from overseas. The group also makes unique red, white and blue shawls for veterans in hospice. In this way they serve as disciples to those in need and to those who are suffering.

Also in February of 2006, Gretchen and a few other parish nurses launched St. Columbkille’s exercise program. It began small and got off the ground with the help of a grant from the Sarpy/Cass Health Department. Over time though, the program quickly grew and added Tai Chi, Yoga and Line Dancing. They even offered Zumba for a few years. According to Gretchen, the classes are all about community. Since starting, these exercise classes serve people from 27 different congregations, and include regulars from Council Bluffs, Springfield and everywhere in between. This is truly impressive. A participant who was not a St. Columbkille parishioner once said these classes that felt like church when everyone gathered together in this way. There is even a gentleman who comes early to Tai Chi every week to help set up. He once said that prior to this class he had never even been in a Catholic church. This especially illustrates our parish mission of going and making disciples.

As a nurse, Gretchen encourages taking care of the temple of the Holy Spirit—our bodies—that God has given us. And in addition to the Health Fair each fall, the parish nurses take blood pressures readings during our Lenten Fish Fries, and they also pass out colorectal screening kits in March. For Gretchen, caring for the whole person in this way and reaching out to the community about health issues is a way of making healthy, active disciples.

Gretchen loves nursing and caring for people in all that she does for our parish. As a result of her work, she’s watched many friendships form, particularly through the exercise groups. It is said that if you have a good network of friends, then you have a 50% less chance of having a stroke or heart attack. Since 2008, Gretchen’s exercise participants haven’t suffered from either of these. I’d call that a success.

I could not be more grateful for all that Gretchen does for our community. We are truly blessed that she so generously shares her gifts of time and talent in caring for our parishioners.

Your brother in Christ,
Fr. Dave
Stewardship Reflection

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.” ~2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith; we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, will your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

Stewardship Hours: Helping with Dishes

The Knights of Columbus are looking for volunteers to help wash and dry the dishes used at their Pancake Breakfasts each month. Using reusable dishes and utensils rather than paper, plastic or Styrofoam helps our large parish be more sustainable and better stewards of creation. You can volunteer your time in two-hour increments. The next Pancake Breakfast is October 13th. Please contact Dan or Shelley Hill at papio.hills@cox.net or at 402-331-5670.

Tri-City Food Pantry October Most-Needed List

Note: the pantry is closed on Wednesdays, and only accepts donations during operating hours at Heartland Family Services. See their website for more details: https://tricitypantry.org/donate/

- Chunky Soup
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Canned Fruit
- Muffin Mix
- Baked Beans
- Jelly
- Canned Pasta Sauce
- Stuffing
- Potato Sides
- Canned Pasta
- Kleenex
- Paper Towels

Seven Sisters Apostolate

All women are invited to join a Seven Sisters Apostolate group here at St. Columbkille. The Seven Sisters Apostolate is comprised of groups of seven women who work together to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a particular priest from the parish or a religious leader from the diocese. Each woman signs up for a Holy Hour one day a week—whenever fits best with her schedule—and during that time only prays for that particular priest or leader. There is already a group formed to pray for Fr. Reeson, and a second one is forming for Fr. Greisen. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Ruth Murray at ruthmurrayne@yahoo.com.

Archdiocesan Appeal

It is currently that time of year, time for the Archdiocesan Appeal, which serves as the annual way to raise funds that support all the wonderful and much-needed work the Archdiocese of Omaha does. You should have already received pledge cards in the mail, and look for info on our church bulletin boards and in the info racks. I encourage everyone to participate and send in their pledges—even if it’s just to pray for the Appeal, which is a box you can check on the pledge card. A significant portion of our parish generously donated last year and we’d like to continue with our stewardship support. ~Fr. Dave

Bethlehem House Drive

Help Bethlehem House’s important ministry by donating supplies to this Catholic, pro-life maternity home that supports mothers, infants and youth in need. Bethlehem House will be collecting items such as diapers, wipes, toilet paper, new or gently used women’s clothes, and more. See the back of the bulletin for more details.

Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus is handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations for their annual Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities after all of the Masses this weekend. Please consider supporting this worthy cause.
**First Friday Devotion**

All are invited to celebrate the next parish First Friday devotion at the **6:20 a.m. Mass on Friday, October 4th**. The devotion, revealed to Jesus by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1675, will begin shortly after Mass. This is an incredible way to pray for and receive, in community, God’s special graces.

**Public Square Rosary Rally**

St. Columbkille is holding a Public Square Rosary Rally in the **west parking lot at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 12th**. It will be one of 20,000 rallies taking place across the U.S. that day, in reparation for offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and for the U.S.’s conversion. For more information contact Jerry Loos at 402-935-7700.

**Ixim: Spirit of Solidarity**

Since 2004, parishioners from across the Archdiocese of Omaha have gone to our sister diocese in Huehuetenango, Guatemala to work alongside our sisters and brothers in Christ. The 17th trip will be **June 17th – June 28th 2020**. All are invited to an upcoming information meeting:

— Sunday, October 27th, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., St. Stephen the Martyr Gonderinger Center, 16701 S. St., Omaha 68135.

— Sunday, November 3rd, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., St. Vincent de Paul John Paul II Meeting Room, 14330 Eagle Run Dr., Omaha.

— Sunday, November 10th, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at St. Columbkille Parish Office Conference Room, 200 E 6 St, Papillion.

— Sunday, December 8th, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m., Cabrini Center Library, 1248 S 10 St, Omaha, NE 68108.

For more information contact Charlie Petro at cpetro@archomaha.org or 531-218-6354.

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**Adult Faith Formation**

The **Road to Emmaus** Adult Formation 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**. Upcoming sessions:

- **October 24th** – The Liturgical Year
- **November 18th** – The Four Last Things

Join us Thursday, October 24th to learn about the Liturgical Year, which guides our worship as Catholics. **Questions? Contact Nicole Cook at (402) 339-0990 or ncook@saintcolumbkille.org.**

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**FORMED**

**Divine Mercy in the Second Greatest Story Ever Told**

*Episode 6: Fatima*

“The story of Fatima here is quite powerful!”
— Mariann G., Trenton, NJ

Grasp the **Historical Importance of Fatima**

Against the backdrop of a world engulfed in war, the prophetic drama surrounding Our Lady’s appearance in Portugal captures the minds and hearts of believers and unbelievers alike.

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**Moms of Faith**

All moms, expecting moms, foster moms or moms in the process of adopting are welcome to join our Moms of Faith group.

**Faith & Fellowship**

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month

9:15 a.m.

Parish Social Hall

For more information, contact Michelle Lanoue at StCMomsofFaith@outlook.com.
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE | 402-339-0990**  
Office Hours 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Religious Education Classes  
Monday, Oct. 7th:  5:00-6:15 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 9th:  5:45-7:00 p.m.

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**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.

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**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: TEEN FAITH**  
Questions? Contact Nicole Cook at 402-339-0990 or ncook@saintcolumbkille.org.

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**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—**  
**Catholic Social Teaching:** What does the Church tell us about our responsibility to our neighbor? We’ll dive into our call to live for and with our neighbor at next week’s meeting. **Join us October 16th from 7-8:30 in the Social Hall.**

**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.

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**Crusaders Alumni - 2nd Annual Trivia Night**  
Friday, 10/18 @ 7pm - Social Level  
Visit www.crusadersalumni.com for more info and to rsvp.
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!
Parish Calendar

Legend:
C - Church
SL - Social Level
SHC - Sacred Heart Center
PO - Parish Office
Ed C - Education Center

Monday, October 7th
9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise (SL)
11:30 a.m. Senior Luncheon (SHC)
3:00 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)
6:30 p.m. Moms of Faith Illuminated Rosary (C)
7:00 p.m. Respect Life (PO)

Tuesday, October 8th
7:00 a.m. Construction Meeting (PO)
12:00 p.m. PAT (PO)
3:00 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)
3:15 p.m. 3rd Grade Brownies Meeting (SHC)
6:30 p.m. Lord Teach Me to Pray (C)
7:00 p.m. RCIA (SHC)
7:00 p.m. RCIA Childcare (SL)

Wednesday, October 9th
9:00 a.m. School Song Practice (C)
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (SHC)
1:00 p.m. Bible Study (SHC)
1:30 p.m. Rosary makers (SL)
3:00 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)
3:15 p.m. School Lector Training (C)
5:30 p.m. Spirituality Alive Leaders Meeting (PO)
6:00 p.m. American Heritage Girls (SL)
6:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting (SL)
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir (C)
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting (SHC)
8:00 p.m. Athletics Council Meeting (SHC)

Thursday, October 10th
6:00 a.m. That Man is You (SHC)
1:00 p.m. Creation Care (SHC)

3:00 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)
5:30 p.m. Uniform Fittings (SHC)
6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (SL)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (SL)
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (PO)
7:00 p.m. Moms of Faith (SHC)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (C)

Friday, October 11th
Crusader Walk—parking lot (SL)
3:00 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)
4:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus (SHC)
5:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (C)

Saturday, October 12th
7:00 a.m. Yoga Fitness (SHC)
8:00 a.m. Wedding Preparation (SL)
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Ed C)
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (SHC)
1:00 p.m. Women’s Guild Bake Sale Prep (SL)
10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Animals Rain Location (SL)
2 p.m. Wedding (C)

Sunday, October 13th
8:00 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks (SL)
8:00 a.m. Fair Trade Sale (SL)
8:00 a.m. Knights of Columbus Breakfast (SL)
8:00 a.m. Women’s Guild Bake Sale (SL)
10:30 a.m. Baptism Prep Class (SHC)
1:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul (SHC)
3:00 p.m. Prayer Group (C)

St. Columbkille 101
(Revised October Session Date)
Are you new or interested in learning about the parish? To register with St. Columbkille, please join us for St. Columbkille 101, a welcoming program, on Sunday, October 13th, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Center, south of the church. There will be a 50-minute presentation, along with refreshments and childcare. If you’ve registered online or registered a while ago but have not attended Columbkille 101, please come to finish the registration process. Thanks!

Pro-Life Events

- Annual Metro-Area Life Chain
  You are invited to participate in the annual Metro-Area Life Chain on Sunday, October 6th from 2-3 p.m. The St. Columbkille group will gather at W. Dodge Rd., across from N. 80th St. This event is a great way to demonstrate that the Pro-life movement is pro-love, pro-woman, and pro-information. For more information, contact Cathy Badura at 402-592-3765 or Whitney Bradley at wabradley@archomaha.org, 402-557-5516.

- 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. Sign up at http://ow.lyGRgV50wyfne
  For more information contact Debbie Rowe at 402-218-5129 or Mike Jones at 402-657-4088.

Senior Happy Club

All seniors are welcome to attend the next potluck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on October 7th in the Sacred Heart Center. Jeff Heck of First Star Recycling will speak on recycling and its importance. Main course provided, please bring a side-dish and friend. For more info contact Sue Cummings at 402-339-8879.

Fair Trade Sale
The next Fair Trade Sale will be October 13th. Now’s a great time to think about early Christmas shopping. See what items are available or order from the catalog.

Mercyfest
Mercyfest for 7th and 8th grade girls is on Saturday, October 12th, from 5-8 p.m. at Mercy High School, 1501 S. 48th St., Omaha. Come find out why girls all over Omaha choose Mercy. For more details and to register, please go to: https://www.mercyhigh.org/events/.
**PARISH GIFTS**

This report is for the Sunday Collection and does not represent all parish financial income and expenses.

**September 29th**

Budgeted Weekly Operating Income........ $48,869
Sunday Tithe Collections........................22,933
Sunday Tithe-Automatic Withdrawal.........17,609
Children’s Collection...........................189
Sunday Tithe-Total...............................$40,731

Year-to-Date Budgeted Tithing.............. 635,297
Year-to-Date Total Tithing......................610,928
Year-to-Date Overage/(Shortfall)............(24,369)

Other Collections:
Debt Reduction..................................330
Votive Lights......................................418
Building Rental..................................95
St. Columbkille Ed Trust......................276
St. Vincent de Paul..............................1,064
Future Fund......................................103
Mission Cooperation...........................11,761

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.

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**2019 Community Health Fair**

October 6th 12:30 - 5 PM

St. Columbkille Sacred Heart Center
543 N. Jefferson St.

Chiropractor, Physical Therapy, Blood Sugar and Blood Pressure Tests, Flu, Pneumonia and Shingles Vaccines, and more.

**St. Columbkille Parish Center Beam Signing**

All are invited to sign a steel beam that will be used to build our new Parish Center. Come memorialize your part in the future of our parish on October 12-13th, in the Church courtyard, after all Masses.

**Remembering Our Little Ones Miscarriage and Infant Loss Prayer and Support Group**

If you have experienced a pregnancy or infant loss, recently or years ago, please join us in the Social Hall every third Sunday of the month from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. There will be a special prayer service on October 15th in the Church. For more information, please contact Kristin Heilman at 402-250-7758 or kristin_heilman2811@yahoo.com; or Marci Petta at 402-502-4416 or marcipetta@yahoo.com.

**Respect Life Meeting**

All are invited to attend the next Respect Life monthly meeting on October 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Columbkille Parish Office Conference Room.

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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 Sunday, 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.

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BUNDLES FOR THE
Bethlehem House Drive
October 19th & 20th

St. Columbkille Parish is teaming up with the Bethlehem House to collect items needed for their ministry. Bring any of the following items to the truck parked on the east side of the Sacred Heart Center before or after Mass on October 19th and 20th!

- Diapers (size newborn and pull-ups)
- Baby wipes
- Baby monitors
- Toilet paper
- Silverware sets
- Gas & grocery giftcards ($10)
- New or gently used women’s clothing, handbags, & accessories

Founded in 2005 as a Catholic pro-life maternity home, Bethlehem House provides emergency housing for women, infants, and youth. It is a community funded, faith-based nonprofit organization providing social services, at no cost, to families. Structured programming and case management by a trauma-informed staff help women develop life skills, build accountability, gain financial literacy, and set goals through a 12-course Family Life program. If you would like to make a monetary donation in lieu of the above, please contact Holly Sak at 402-502-9224. Learn more at BethlehemHouseOmaha.org