Happy Epiphany!

As the Christmas season comes to a close, we celebrate the Epiphany, the day the Wise Men finally found the baby Messiah in the manger after following a star on a long journey to Bethlehem. May we, like them, continue moving closer and closer toward Jesus each day.
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**Mass Schedule**

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**Monday, January 6th**

**8:15 a.m.** †Helen Langton (Fr. Greisen)

**5:30 p.m.** †Harold and Darlene Bart (Fr. Greisen)

**Tuesday, January 7th**

8:15 a.m.  The deceased members of the Tran Family (Fr. Soltys)

10:00 a.m.  Poor Souls (Fr. Greisen) (Hillcrest Shadow Lake)

5:30 p.m.  †Michael Mooney (Fr. Greisen)

**Wednesday, January 8th**

7:30 a.m.  †Kyon Bogacz (Fr. Greisen)

10:30 a.m.  †Gerald Coufal (Fr. Magnuson)

**Thursday, January 9th**

8:15 a.m.  †MaryEllen Kraneuff (Fr. Magnuson)

9:30 a.m.  Vocations (Communion Service) (Papillion Manor) (Fr. Greisen)

5:30 p.m.  †Rose Greisen (Fr. Greisen)

**Friday, January 10th**

6:20 a.m.  Healing for Rachel Clasemann (Fr. Wasikowski)

8:15 a.m.  †Anita Devney (Fr. Soltys)

**Saturday, January 11th**

8:15 a.m.  Communion Service (Den Ortgies)

5:00 p.m.  †Fred and Rita Jansen (Fr. Greisen)

6:30 p.m.  †Evelyn Nollett (Fr. Greisen)

**Sunday, January 12th**

7:30 a.m.  †Anette Schmitz (Fr. Greisen)

9:00 a.m.  †Lowell Fischer (Fr. Greisen)

10:30 a.m.  †Jim Burson (Fr. Reeson)

Noon  Parish (Fr. Reeson)

5:00 p.m.  †Tim Varney (Fr. Reeson)

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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.

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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.
The Church was beautiful and the liturgies outstanding during the Advent season and Christmas. There are so many people who are instrumental in making our parish welcoming and engaged in creating meaningful liturgies and programs.

I want to highlight one group that made our Christmas Day 5:00 pm Mass and reception a huge success. Our parish is the only one in the area that offers a “Last Chance Mass” on Christmas Day at 5:00 pm. This year 450 people attended the Mass. Next year our Communications Director, Anna Ferguson, will publicize this event more widely in the Catholic Voice, the Papillion Times and the Omaha World Herald, and we will expect to welcome an even larger group of people from the surrounding area to celebrate the Birth of our Savior with our parish community.

Some of the people who were instrumental in this celebration were those who provided our music, including Kathy Blake, Michelle Plamer and Scott Ussery. As a prelude, they performed two very touching renditions of the songs “Mary Did You Know?” and “Hallelujah.”

189 people attended the reception and were treated to a wide variety of delicious hors ’oeuvres, and enjoyed hot chocolate and Christmas cheer (wine). Several families brought homemade cookies and candies so no one went away hungry. I wish I would have taken pictures of this community building event since it was a beautiful sight! The food and beverage was prepared and served with love by Dee and Ron Iske, Sue and Richard Cummings, Carol and Kent Brady, and Kathy Smithberg, and went far beyond my expectations.

Our Social Hall was set up with 500 chairs for the simulcast Vigil Mass, and a team moved into action to take down and set up tables for the reception. These volunteers included Deacon Steve Jordan, the Connot family and the Francois family. Another family who I almost crossed paths with in Turkey also stepped up to the bat and helped. The name of this family does not come immediately to my mind but if they read this and invite me to their home for dinner I will never forget them again! :)

Pax,
Fr. Dave
HELPERS NEEDED WHEN THE SNOW FLIES!
St. Columbkille’s is looking for a few volunteers to occasionally push or blow some snow and spread some ice-melt or chicken grit around the doors of the church when needed. This is a great chance for anyone looking for a service opportunity and is usually needed before the first Mass of the day. If you already come to early Mass or are an early riser and could come to the church to offer your gifts, please contact Mr. Bill Heese at bheese@saintcolumbkille.org or at (402) 616-4740.

We hire a snow removal company for the main parts of our parking lot so you would only need to be concerned with the steps and sidewalk close to the doors. Your service is a form of love in action!

Volunteer Opportunity
The Parish Office is looking for a couple of volunteers to occasionally help answer phones and greet visitors, particularly on days when the parish staff is out or in a meeting. Perhaps you are recently retired and would like to help out on a periodic basis? The parish offers lots of fringe benefits, like all the coffee you can drink. Training will be provided and all you need to bring is a cheerful spirit, pleasant voice, and welcoming smile! For more information contact Carmen McCarthy in the Parish Office at 402-339-3285.

Funeral Lunch Ministry
The Funeral Lunch Ministry is in need of men to help with the lunches. For example, we need help with lifting heavy coffee pots, carrying drink dispensers, and taking out the trash. Your help would be greatly appreciated. For additional information, contact Joann Peterson at 402-339-2799 or Sue Cummings at 402-339-8875.

Everyday Stewardship—Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments

God’s GPS Never Fails
I use GPS wherever I go, and it serves me well most of the time. However, sometimes it leads me to a place that does not exist. Then there are those times when I am about to turn, and the man inside my phone shouts out, “GPS signal lost!” or “Rerouting!” The problem is, when the area is unfamiliar to me, I have no choice but to listen. I could try to get where I am going by simple intuition or by pulling over to look at a paper map, but I don’t trust my sense of direction. And I haven’t bought a paper map in close to a decade!

Many people move through life without any direction. They find themselves constantly rerouting and wondering when they will ever get to a satisfying final destination. What they need is a compass and a companion for the journey. Yet they have no idea how to get either.

Prayer can serve as a compass, and it connects us to a companion for the journey. Stewardship living is impossible without prayer. If we count on our own will and believe we can become fruitful without daily contact with the Divine, we can find ourselves looking for directions more than moving toward a destination. God, through prayer, will help us see all we have as a gift. God, through prayer, will lead us away from materialism and selfishness and toward freedom and generosity. Even when we fall to sin, the path back is clearer. God’s GPS signal is never really lost.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi
Men’s Retreat at Cloisters On the Platte
The next St. Columbkille Men’s Retreat at The Cloisters on the Platte will be **February 13th-16th, 2020.** The retreat is Ignatian, featuring an adapted version of the Ignatian Exercises and the Ignatian Examen as ways to enhance your spiritual life. **To register, go to cloistersontheplatte.com.** For more information, you can find some videos at The Cloisters on the Platte website. You can also reach out to Russ Perry at 402-960-6509 or rperry@cloistersambassadors.com.

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God of all heaven and earth, from the breath of your love came the creation of the world. We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love you have for us your children. Be our daily star, guiding our lives to search for your kingdom of love. May we always follow your light of truth in all that we do, forever trusting, hoping and believing in your word. Lift our eyes tonight to see your eternal life shining brightly, leading us home.

Amen.

Source: www.lords-prayer-words.com
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE | 402-339-0990

Please Note: The Religious Education Office is closed for the Christmas/New Year Holidays and will reopen Monday, January 6th, 2020.

St. Columbkille Parish

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.

Youth, Stewardship Highlights

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

Teen Faith Updates

Teen Faith Schedule At-a-Glance:

- January 8th – Small Group Faith Sharing
- January 15th – Large Group: Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- January 22nd – Small Group Faith Sharing
- January 29th – Large Group: Relationships

All events go from 7-8:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Teen Faith 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.

Epiphany Activities to Do With Kids

- Make Three Kings (Wise Men) Puppets to retell the story of Epiphany, or dress up and put on an Epiphany Play.
- Little ones will enjoy crafting their own cardboard tube Kings or popsicle stick Kings.
- Decorate your windows with beautiful Stained Glass Stars and Nativity Scenes.
- Play an Epiphany game with the kids.
- Make Starlight Cookies
- And of course, King’s Crowns! I love these cardboard tube king’s crowns, perfect for decorations, or you could make a version for the kids to wear.

For instructions for these crafts and more ideas, visit https://wunder-mom.com/15-ways-celebrate-epiphany-children/.

St. Columbkille Youth Choir

Youth Choir is open to all 7th-12th graders. Meetings are Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. in the church. Questions? Contact Tiffini Coveney at Teamcoveney@1791.com or 402-315-7449.
**Parish Athletics**

Questions? Contact Sarah Yarpe, Director of Athletics, at syarpe@saintcolumbkille.org

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**Crusaders Soccer Registration Open Now!**

Registration is open for Crusaders Spring 2020 Soccer!

**Deadline to register is January 15th.**

Open to boys and girls U7-U14.

Recreational/Competitive leagues available.

Season runs March through May.

To register, visit the Athletics website: https://www.saintcolumbkille.org/athletics.

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**St. Columbkille Athletics Blankets for Sale!**

We are taking pre-orders for our NEW Crusaders fleece blankets. Oversized fleece blankets are available in two different styles. **Cost: $40/blanket. Limited stock available.**

Please send your order/payment to the school as soon as possible!

All proceeds benefit the youth athletes at St. Columbkille.

To view blanket options and place an order, visit the Athletics website: https://www.saintcolumbkille.org/athletics.

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**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, please visit the link below to register for an upcoming training session: https://archomaha.org/safe-environment/.

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**Coming Soon!**

- Crusaders Track 2020--Registration opens in February.
- Crusaders Microsoccer Spring 2020 (3 year-old, Preschool, Kindergarten)--Registration opens in February.
- Crusaders Recreational baseball/Softball 2020--Registration opens in February.
UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Calendar

**Monday, January 6th**
(School Resumes at noon)
9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise (SL)
11:30 a.m. Senior Luncheon (SHC)
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Centers (SL)
7:00 p.m. Respect Life (PO)

**Tuesday, January 7th**
3:00 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)
5:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (SHC)
7:00 p.m. RCIA (SHC)

**Wednesday, January 8th**
9:00 a.m. School Song Practice
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
3:30 p.m. Reconciliation Centers (SL)
6:30 p.m. American Heritage girls (SL)
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir (C)
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Committee (PO)
8:00 p.m. Athletics Council Meeting (SHC)
8:00 p.m. Wedding Music Meeting (C)

**Thursday, January 9th**
1:00 p.m. Creation Care (SHC)
3:00 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)
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, January 10th**
9:15 a.m. Line Dancing (SL)
3:00 p.m. Crusader Care (SL)
5:00 p.m. Parent/Child 2nd grade quilt workshop (SL)

**Saturday, January 11th**
7:00 a.m. Yoga Fitness (SHC)
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Ed C)
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (SHC)
11 a.m. Cub Scout/Deacon Interviews (SHC)

**Sunday, January 12th**
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)
11:30 a.m. Columbkille 101 (SHC)
3:00 p.m. Prayer Group (C)

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**St. Columbkille Respect Life Group**
St. Columbkille’s Respect Life group will be meeting on **Monday, January 6th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office Conference Room**. Please consider attending as we start a new year of “Bringing Disciples to Life.” New members are always welcome! Any questions, please call Cathy Badura at (402) 677-6688.

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**Fair Trade Sale**
The next Fair Trade Sale will be this **Sunday, January 12th from 8 a.m. to noon in the parish Social Level**. There will be various types of chocolate, coffee, tea, and much more to buy.

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**Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

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**Gather and Save Your Styrofoam**
A Plastilite Truck will be at the St. Columbkille southeast bottom parking lot this weekend, **January 4th and 5th**. Please bring all your large Styrofoam pieces for recycling.

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**St. Columbkille 101**
Are you new or interested in learning about the parish? To finish registering with St. Columbkille, please join us for St. Columbkille 101, a welcoming program, this **Sunday, January 12th 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 yet attended St. Columbkille 101, please come to finish the registration process. Thanks!
**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

Give your spouse a special gift this Christmas. Sign up now for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day. For more information call Pat and Janelle Benson at (308) 940-1105, or visit WWME.org.

**Upcoming dates:**
- February 7th - 9th: Ramada Inn, Kearney
- August 28th - 30th: Quality Inn, Ogallala
- October 2nd - 4th: Immaculate Monastery, Norfolk

Deadline to register is 1 month prior to date of weekend.

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**Retrouvaille Weekend**

Is your marriage going down the right road or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage.

Does the distance between you both seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track.

For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend Program, and to register for the February 14-16, 2020 weekend, call 1-800-470-2230 or go to www.retrouvaille.org. The last day to sign up for the February weekend is January 31st, 2020.

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**Collection numbers for Christmas and for December 29th will be in the January 12th bulletin.**

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**PARISH GIFTS**

THIS REPORT IS FOR THE SUNDAY COLLECTION AND DOES NOT REPRESENT ALL PARISH FINANCIAL INCOME AND EXPENSES.

**December 22nd**

**Budgeted Weekly Operating Income** .......... $48,869

- Sunday Tithe-Collections .................. 27,989
- Sunday Tithe-Automatic Withdrawal ............ 20,804
- Children’s Collection........................ 339
- Solemnity of Mary..................................... 30
- Immaculate Conception............................ 131
- **Sunday Tithe-Total .................. $49,293**

**Year-to-Date Budgeted Tithing ............** 1,221,725

**Year-to-Date Total Tithing ................** 1,189,764

**Year-to-Date Overage/(Shortfall) ........** ($31,961)

**Other Collections:**
- Debt Reduction........................................ 500
- Votive Lights........................................... 502
- St. Columbkille Ed Trust .................. 501
- St. Vincent de Paul ............................ 1,290
- Thanksgiving Day-St. Vincent de Paul .......... 50
- Christmas/Easter Flowers .................. 256
- Retirement Fund for Religious .............. 141
- Future Fund........................................ 95

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**Senior Happy Club: Welcome ALL Seniors**

Please join us for the potluck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on January 6th in the Sacred Heart Center. Our guest speaker will be Regina Lubash, who will speak about hospice care. The main course will be provided. Please bring a friend and a side dish to share.

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Gospel Reflection: Go Home A Different Way  
By Anna Ferguson, Director of Communication

I used to have a sticky note attached to the bottom of my desktop at my old job that read, “Go home a different way.” That phrase comes from this weekend’s Gospel, from the story of the three Wise Men, or Magi, in Matthew 2:1-12 who followed a star to Bethlehem and found Jesus, the prophesied Messiah. While the Wise Men were en route, they stopped in Jerusalem to ask where they might find the newborn king, which really rattled King Herod and the rest of the city. Herod learned from his chief priests and scribes that Jesus had been born in Bethlehem and then pulled the Wise Men aside and gave them a special mission: “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” When the Wise Men found Jesus in Bethlehem, they were overjoyed, prostrated themselves, and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gifts fit for a king.

Having found the Messiah and paid him homage, the Wise Men would set out to return to their home country the next day. The night before they were set to leave, they had a dream in which an angel warned them not to return to Herod but to go home by another way. As you know from this story, we know that Herod’s intentions were evil; he didn’t want competition from another king, didn’t want to lose his kingdom. So the Wise Men take a different route and the Holy Family, also warned by an angel, flees to Egypt and stays there until Herod dies and they can return to their home in Galilee.

Go home a different way

Two years ago, about halfway through my first year of graduate school, I went on a silent retreat over the Epiphany weekend with Creighton’s Campus Ministry. Of course, the story of the Wise Men finding Jesus featured heavily. Throughout the three days of talks, reflections, time for journaling, prayer, reading, the Sacraments and even hiking around at the snow-covered retreat center, we were encouraged to draw our attention to, again and again, how we had received the same call as the Wise Men did: Go home a different way.

Like the Wise Men, we had journeyed a long-ish distance--from Creighton University to the Benedictine Retreat Center out in Schuyler, NE--to hopefully find and encounter the Messiah. We carried with us ourselves, our gifts and talents, burdens, joys, sufferings, pain and energy, hopes and fears. We had expectations and ideas of what might happen and what we hoped would happen. Some of us were nervous, as this was the first silent retreat for many participants. Others of us were excited and comfortable with the upcoming silence, eager to use it as a way to go deeper, to step further away from life’s noisy distractions and closer to God.

In the midst of trying to just savor the retreat and hoping it would feel longer than three days (I love silent retreats!), I kept being reminded of the end, of going home. As much as I didn’t want to think about the end of the retreat, it actually provided fruitfulness to my prayer and a challenge to make the most of the limited time I had there. If I, like the Wise Men, was being challenged to go home a different way, what did that mean? As I brought that question to Jesus over and over again in prayer, I found that going home a different way—going home changed—meant, for me, giving Jesus the time and space in my mind, heart and day to speak to me. It meant sharing my whole self with Jesus and listening closely to his response. It meant trusting my heart in his hands and letting myself simply be loved. Finally, it meant living that love out to the fullest in my daily life. I resolved to go home trusting in God more than I ever had before.

I think we all can learn a lesson from the Wise Men. Even though Christmas is over, we spent Advent and the Christmas season encountering Jesus in various, maybe even new, ways. It’s important to think about what those experiences meant to us, how they impacted us, and how we will keep them alive into this new year. How can we let them shape us in new ways? How can we go home to ourselves, our families, our life circumstances in new ways? How can we take what Advent and Christmas were all about and let them shape us as disciples?

Peace,

Anna