Friendly Competition

Fr. Dave showed off his athletic skills while playing in a Staff vs. 8th grade volleyball game that was part of recent Catholic Schools Week celebrations at St. Columbkille School. We’re so lucky to have such a fun and involved pastor.
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.
Sunday
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION

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

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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.

MASS, HOMILISTS, INTENTIONS & PRESIDERS

Monday, February 17th
8:15 a.m. †Nicholas Wilson (Fr. Greisen)
5:30 p.m. †Bud Stranglen (Fr. Greisen)
Tuesday, February 18th
8:15 a.m. †Joseph Sarraillon (Fr. Greisen)
9:15 a.m. (Hillcrest Shadow Lake) (K. Smithberg)
5:30 p.m. †Karen Tschauer (Fr. Reeson)
Wednesday, February 19th
8:15 a.m. †Larry and Eleanore Gresk (Fr. Reeson)
5:30 p.m. Blessings for Russell and Annette Smith (Fr. Greisen)
Thursday, February 20th
8:15 a.m. †Kathleen Pettigrew (Fr. Greisen)
9:30 a.m. Communion Service (Papillion Manor) (K. Smithberg)
5:30 p.m. †Ray Lonowski (Fr. Reeson)
Friday, February 21st
6:20 a.m. †Michael Mooney (Fr. Reeson)
8:15 a.m. Thanksgiving from Dan and Judy Batenhorst (Fr. Reeson)
Saturday, February 22nd
8:15 a.m. Communion Service (Den Hill)
5:00 p.m. Living and deceased members of the Swede Jurgenson Family (Fr. Greisen)
6:30 p.m. Parish (Fr. Greisen)
Sunday, February 23rd
7:30 a.m. †Becky Barry (Fr. Greisen)
9:00 a.m. †Mary Stannard (Fr. Greisen)
10:30 a.m. †Raymond Irlbech (Fr. Reeson)
Noon †Christine Overkamp (Fr. Reeson)
5:00 p.m. †Kyron Bogacz (Fr. Reeson)

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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.
As you know, we just finished celebrating Valentine’s Day, with probably many people extending the fun of the holiday throughout the weekend. About a year ago a little girl of 4 years old told her parents that she wanted to marry me. By the times she is ready to marry in 25 years or so, I will most likely be at my retirement home at Calvary Cemetery in a grave. Her parents wisely advised her to instead just share a Valentine’s Day card with me as she does with many of her friends and relatives. Whether you helped your children create valentines and treats for their classmates, spent intentional time with a spouse or significant other, or celebrated your deepest friendships, Valentine’s Day, in the end, is all about love, and not just romantic love.

Did you know that Valentine’s Day is actually named after a saint, St. Valentine? Not much is known about St. Valentine but we do know that he was once a priest and bishop living and serving in Rome. It is also believed that he was martyred for converting Romans to Christianity, marrying Christian couples and ministering to Christians who the Roman Emperor, Claudius II, oppressed. Valentine even tried to convert Claudius! This only infuriated him, though, to the point where he told Valentine that he had the choice between renouncing his Christian faith or being martyred for it. Valentine refused to turn his back on God and so was martyred on February 14th, 269. His feast day is thus celebrated on February 14th each year.

It’s funny to think that for society, Valentine’s Day conjures images of a cute baby angel named Cupid who shoots people with magical arrows that help them fall in love. Almost as soon as Christmas is over, you can walk into any Target or Walmart and see shelves full of various pink and red chocolate treats, stuffed animals, flowers, and cards—all gifts you can give to your “valentine.”

None of this is particularly bad or wrong, but it is important to remember that love, like St. Valentine himself, is deeper and more faceted than Valentine’s Day initially presents. There are three kinds of love: Eros—a romantic, intimate love; Philia—brotherly love that is loyal and noble; and Agape—a universal love that wills the good of everyone, even those you haven’t met. This love, in particular, symbolizes perfect love, a love like Jesus’ that puts others first, that commits to the common good and is self-sacrificial.

Valentine’s Day, and society in general, tend to focus almost entirely on Eros, that intimate, romantic love, but the love we feel and foster in our friendships and family relationships is just as important. That form of love helps us build communities of people committed to growing in holiness together and journeying together through good and bad times. These “brotherly” relationships support us in our daily lives and help us know we are part of a bigger family that expands beyond romantic partners.

Agape love, too, is often ignored, but if you look closely enough, you can see examples of such love all around! Think of the many firefighters, wildlife caretakers, volunteers and generous donors who came to Australia’s aid when its 2019-2020 bushfire season was even more deadly than years past. Think of the sacrificial love good parents have for their children—sacrificing sleep, personal time, certain freedoms and money. Think of all the ways our parish models this love through volunteering at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store, delivering Thanksgiving Meals and generously giving to our Christmas Giving Tree. Agape is a form of love that pulls us out of ourselves and gives food and drink to the starving, clothes to the naked, love to prisoners, hospitality to the lonely and homeless, etc. This is Biblical love that truly changes the world around us.

While Valentine’s Day is over, I invite you to think about these three different kinds of love. How do you see them in your daily life? Who shows you love and in what ways? How do you love others? Are you tapping into and giving away all three kinds? May we think of every day as a day to cherish and model love to each other.

Pax,
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!

St. Vincent de Paul Stewardship Opportunity
As the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store expands its hours, we are looking for volunteers to help out. Once construction is complete, the store will be open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Stop by the store to pick up a Volunteer Application.

Tri-City Food Pantry February Most-Needed List

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Care of Creation: Lenten Challenge
With Lent right around the corner, the Care of Creation Team challenges YOU to abstain from single-use plastics this Lent. Over the next couple weeks you’ll see a list of tips for how to eliminate using single-use plastics and other sustainability ideas in the bulletin. We’ll also publish a fun Bingo sheet to help your family participate. Finally, Team members will be showing off sustainable living products in the Narthex right before Lent to spark some ideas. Stay tuned!

Please use caution in wintry conditions!
We do our best to remove snow and ice from our parish campus, but please be careful during the winter months because our parking lots, sidewalks, and steps may be slippery!

Digital Giving Cards
Do you give to our parish electronically, through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or Abundant? If so, in gratitude for your generosity, we’ve created these cards to help symbolize your gifts and allow you to participate in the collections during Mass. Simply pick up one of these cards as you walk into the church and drop it in the collection baskets during the offertory. These cards give physical representation to your electronic giving.

Interested in giving electronically? Go to www.saintcolumbkille.org/give/online-giving to learn more.
Healing with Project Rachel

Is there an abortion in your past? Do you feel a sense of loss? Despair? Alienation and guilt? Do you feel distant from your Church? PROJECT RACHEL can help heal the wounds of abortion. For private, sensitive and confidential counseling and/or reconciliation, call 1-888-456-HOPE (4673). More information is available online at www.hopeafterabortion.com.

Unbound Lenten Series

Are you sometimes overwhelmed, hurt and discouraged with the burdens of life? Do you want the freedom that comes with experiencing God’s love and mercy? You are invited to an Unbound eight-week video series seminar at St. Mary’s Church, 1625 Adams St., Ashland, NE, in the church basement. The seminar will be on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. beginning on February 18th.

Materials needed: Unbound: A Practical Guide To Deliverance by Neal Lozano and accompanying workbook. Both will be available for purchase the first night.

To sign up contact Fr. Holoubek at frbhol@gmail.com or 402-944-3554, or contact Therese Kresak at 402-521-0852. You can learn more online at www.lincolndiocese.org and

Lectio: Peter

Peter and the Keys - The Primacy of the Church

Dr. Tim Gray takes us back to the Old Testament and the significance of the imagery the keys had in the kingdom of King David. From there we can see how Jesus was restoring and perfecting his Church in giving Peter the “keys of the kingdom.”

Watch on FORMED.ORG

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**Religious Education Office | 402-339-0990**

**Religious Education Class Information**

**No Class:** Monday, February 17th  
Class: Wednesday, February 19th  

**Confirmation Meeting**  
Sunday, February 23rd at 2:00 p.m., in the Church  
For candidates and a parent.

**Summer Program Registration Begins**  
Monday, February 17th  
Open to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade.  
The four adult faith opportunities must be completed before registrations will be accepted. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Class sizes are limited and will close when the maximum number is reached.  
Please register now by calling 402-339-0990.

**Looking Ahead…**  
Ash Wednesday Prayer Service for all Wednesday Religious Ed students on February 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the school gym. Families are welcome to join us.

**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.

**Teen Faith Updates**

**Teen Faith Schedule At-a-Glance:**
- **February 19th**—Large Group: Church Tour  
- **February 26th**—Small Group Faith sharing/Ash Wednesday  
- **March 4th**—Large Group: Catholic in College  
- **March 11th**—Small Group Faith Sharing

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.

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**St. Columbkille Youth Choir**

YOUTH CHOIR (desperately) needs YOU! Without new members, we won’t survive.  
If you’re in 7th -12th grade and like to sing you’ll LOVE our group. Earn service hours and learn leadership skills that look GREAT on college applications. Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Church. For more info contact Tiffini at 402-315-7449 or TEAMCOVENEY@1791.com
PARISH ATHLETICS
Questions? Contact Sarah Yarpe, Director of Athletics, at sayarpe@saintcolumbkille.org

MICROSOCcer REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!
Registration is open for St. Columbkille Spring 2020 Microsoccer!
Deadline to register is February 28th.
3-Year-Old, Preschool and Kindergarten divisions available.
Practices/Games held on Friday evenings at the St. Columbkille Sports Complex.
Season runs March 27th through May 8th.
To register, visit the Athletics website: https://www.saintcolumbkille.org/athletics

TRACK REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!
Registration is open for St. Columbkille Track!
Deadline to register is February 28th.
Open to boys and girls 5th through 8th grade.
Season runs late March through early May.
To register, visit the Athletics website: https://www.saintcolumbkille.org/athletics

VOLLEYBALL PARENT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 2/27
Join us for an informational parent meeting to discuss the upcoming Fall 2020 season, registration changes and the new facility.
Date: Thursday, February 27th
Time/Place: 7:00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Center
Questions? Contact Katie Hart at katiekozlik@yahoo.com

COMING SOON!
- Rookie T-ball League 2020 (preschool and kindergarten)—Registration opens in March.
- Crusaders Volleyball Fall 2020—Registration opens in March.
- Third Grade Volleyball Skills Camp 2020—Registration opens in March.
### Parish Calendar

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<td>10:00 a.m. Wedding Convalidation (C)</td>
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### Legend:
- C - Church
- SL - Social Level
- SHC - Sacred Heart Center
- PO - Parish Office
- Ed C - Education Center

### St. Peter Catholic Trivia Night
St. Peter Church, 709 S. 28th St., Omaha, invites you to partake in their 12th annual Catholic Trivia Night on **February 22nd from 6 p.m.-10 p.m. in their Parish Hall**. The event includes a hearty Italian dinner catered by Lo Sole Mio Ristorante Italiano, and team trivia focusing on the Catholic faith. Desserts provided by Wheatfields and rolls provided by Rotellas. Beer and wine will also be available. Tickets are $320/team of eight, or $40/individual. Limit of two priests or consecrated religious per team. You can register online at stpeterchurch.net/trivia_night or call 402-341-460.

### Girl Scouts
The St. Columbkille Girl Scout troops will be selling cookies after all Masses this weekend of **February 15th/16th**. Stop by and pick up your favorite cookies while supporting our Girl Scouts!

### Young Catholic Professionals Executive Speaker Series
**Fr. Andy Alexander and Maureen Waldron**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO LENTEN PRAYER AS A PATH TO SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**

FEB. 18 | ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE 
MASS 6:15 | SOCIAL 7:00 | SPEAKER 7:45

Young Catholic Professionals serves young adults in their 20s and 30s in connecting with one another to grow in faith. Follow us on Facebook @ YCP Omaha, or contact Mark Morrow at mark.morrow@ycpomaha.org.
February 9th

Budgeted Weekly Operating Income……..$48,869
Sunday Tithe-Collections…………………………………….25,392
Sunday Tithe-Online Donations (monthly)…………………..2,869
Sunday Tithe-Automatic Withdrawal…………………………17,359
Children’s Collection………………………………………………356
Sunday Tithe-Total………………………………………………..$45,976

Year-to-Date Budgeted Tithing ……………………1,563,808
Year-to-Date Total Tithing……………………………………….1,623,031
Year-to-Date Overage/(Shortfall)……………………………………$59,223

Other Collections:
Debt Reduction………………………………………………………522
Votive Lights…………………………………………………………394
St. Columbkille Ed Trust………………………………………..322
St. Vincent de Paul…………………………………………………2,171
Future Fund………………………………………………………….289
Home & Foreign Mission (4 in 1)…………………………………445

In Loving Memory
Lee Skelton
John Gelecki
May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Volunteer Opportunity
Do you have advanced Excel spreadsheet skills? Would you be interested in a project? Please contact the Business Manager, Debbie Armentrout, for more details at 402-592-8494 or at dkarmentrout@saintcolumbkille.org. Great opportunity for service hours.

Planning for a Great Lent: A Columban Retreat
Saturday, February 22nd with the Columban Fathers at 1902 N. Calhoun St., St. Colombans, NE. The retreat will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and conclude with lunch at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome, please bring a friend. Please RSVP by calling 402-291-1920, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., or via email at mission@columban.org.

The Catholic Business Group meets monthly. We offer you the opportunity to grow long-term working relationships with other local business professionals and hear from local and national speakers with messages to encourage and motivate our members to live exemplary Catholic Lifestyles in their own business and personal environments.

We wish to encourage you to join the Catholic Business Group and enjoy the fellowship with other Catholic business men and women in your community.
As you can see, our Parish Center is really coming along. There are still rooms available for purchase and naming throughout the Center. If you are interested in buying and naming a room(s), please contact the Parish Office at 402-339-3285.