Butterfly Bench Permanently Landed at St. Columbkille

Last Monday our St. Columbkille butterfly bench, created as part of the Papillion 150 “Wings Over Papillion” project, was placed in its permanent location on our grounds. Situated next to our St. Columbkille statue, in the courtyard area outside the church’s main doors, the bench serves as an especially welcoming part of this outdoor space and it depicts our history of growing along with Papillion. The bench is titled “Under God’s Wings” and was painted by parishioner Katy Bovick.
**PUBLIC & LIVE STREAMED Masses**

**Monday-Thursday**
Public Mass: at 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Live streamed at 8:15 a.m. on the St. Columbkille Parish YouTube channel and via the link to it at the top of our website.

**Friday:** 6:20 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. Live streamed at 8:15 a.m.

**Saturday:** Communion service, 8:15 a.m., Sunday Vigil Public Mass & Live streamed on parish YouTube channel at 5 p.m.

Sunday
Public Masses at 9 a.m. and noon

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**Reconciliation**

**Monday-Thursday**
5:00-5:20 p.m.

**Saturday**
3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Mass, Presiders & Homilists**

**Monday, July 13th**
8:15 a.m. Fr. Greisen
5:30 p.m. Fr. Greisen

**Tuesday, July 14th**
8:15 a.m. Fr. Greisen
5:30 p.m. Fr. Reeson

**Wednesday, July 15th**
8:15 a.m. Fr. Reeson
5:30 p.m. Fr. Ron Wasikowski

**Thursday, July 16th**
8:15 a.m. Fr. Ron Wasikowski
5:30 p.m. Fr. Reeson

**Friday, July 17th**
6:20 a.m. Fr. Reeson
8:15 a.m. Fr. Reeson

**Saturday, July 18th**
8:15 a.m. Communion Service (Dcn Stier)

5:00 p.m. Fr. Reeson

**Sunday, July 19th**
9:00 a.m. 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.

**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.
Clay in the Hands of the Potter

Julie Haney sent me the following prayer and I felt compelled to share it as the introduction to my Ramblings this week.

An Old Farmer’s Prayer
A visiting pastor attended a men’s breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast.

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began. The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was growing concerned. Without missing a beat, the farmer continued. "And Lord, you know I don’t much care for raw white flour." The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm, fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up that we don't like, when life gets hard, when we don't understand what you're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

That is a great message. I know I am far from perfect but I am pleased to know that God is not done mixing.

I also like the analogy, which is mentioned so often in the scriptures, that indicates that we are but clay in the potter's hands. To say that we are clay in the hands of the Potter acknowledges God’s handiwork as the Master Potter, or Creator, of all of us. It also recognizes God’s authority to shape us inwardly, to spiritually fashion us into a vessel fit for His use, molded as an image of our Lord Jesus Christ. The apostle Paul says God wants to form us into “a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work” (2 Timothy 2:21).

Our entire life rests in God’s hands. Like a skilled potter, He knows how to apply precise pressure, when to relax His grip, how to score our life with His fingernail, how to squeeze and nudge—all of which increases our fitness as a vessel for His use. At times the Master Potter places us in the kiln where the fires of life turn us into stronger vessels.

I am grateful that God continues to work with and form us throughout our lives.

Your Brother in Christ, [Signature]
Imagine for a second that you awaken one night to the sound of screaming and scrambling, crackling and popping sounds, glass shattering, and frantic knocking at your door. You rush from your bedroom to your front door, look through the tiny peephole and realize it’s your next door neighbor looking frantic. You open the door and begin to ask what’s wrong when suddenly you smell the smoke.

“My house is on fire!” your neighbor exclaims.

Sure enough, you peek around the corner of your door and see their house engulfed in flames, their family huddling together just across the street watching the carnage unfold. Your neighbor asks if he can borrow your cell phone to call 911 but you have already dialed. The fire department is on its way, you tell him, and sure enough, you hear sirens after a minute or two.

“How else can I help?”

You spend the next few hours comforting your neighbor and his family, inviting them into your living room, getting them water and blankets to wrap up in. You help look after his children while he and his wife talk with the fire department and try to get next steps figured out. You do whatever you can to help them all feel safe and reassured that they are not alone. You promise to help as much as you can.

Now imagine that as you’re helping your neighbor and his family get through this tragedy, you see another one of your neighbors corner one of the fire fighters and scream at him in frustration.

“You can’t use all that water on his house, then there won’t be enough water for mine! Doesn’t my house matter as much as his? Mine is just as flammable as his! Why aren’t you paying attention to mine?”

This is silly, right? No one would say that if their neighbor’s house was on fire. We all know that of course, every house is flammable and every house matters to our local fire department. We trust that they will respond with the same amount of care, efficiency, skill and effort to every house or structure that catches fire. We also know that when a house is on fire, that is the house that needs all of the attention at the moment and all of the water. It’s not that the other houses don’t matter or don’t have equal value or just as much right to water and resources and aid. Rather, this means that in that moment, that house on fire has to be the most important thing to the fire fighters otherwise there will be no more house. Period.

But what happens when certain houses aren’t given the same care, attention and resources by the fire department? What happens when the houses occupied by people of color, for example, are not treated the same way as the houses occupied by their white neighbors? It’s not their neighbors’ fault; it’s a problem with the system and how the system decides who gets what treatment, but it’s a problem nonetheless and it needs to be dealt with before an emergency unfolds. What if those people of color whose houses are not being cared for equally go to the Fire Chief and ask that the system be changed? And what if the Fire Chief refuses to listen and address the problem? What then? Do all houses really matter then? Might those neighbors need to explain that their houses matter, too?

When you read the words “black lives matter,” what comes up for you? Do you feel discomfort? Anger? Fear? Indignation? Sympathy? Energy? Sadness? When I first heard those words and was introduced to the Black Lives Matter movement several years ago, I felt frustration and anger. Don’t all lives matter? Doesn’t my life matter as much as the life of a person of color? I had to wrestle with those words, how I felt about them and why, had to dig to find the truth.

Around this time a priest friend of mine gave a particularly challenging homily in which he stated, “You cannot say all lives matter if you cannot say black lives matter.” Wow, I felt convicted. I didn’t really like hearing that. What I realized after a while, though, was that he was right, and hearing analogies like the burning house one above helped me get there.

If I believe all houses deserve the same kind of care, attention, resources, professional skill and efficient response by the fire department, then it goes without saying that my neighbor’s house matters. Following this logic, I should also be able to say that my neighbor’s house matters in the moments when it is being ignored and treated unfairly by the fire department. I need to be ok with the fact that when my neighbor’s house is on fire and the fire department is not helping put that fire out, my neighbor may need to shout, “My house matters!” in order to get the help and equality they need. And if I want to help my neighbor out, I can join in their plea, I can use my voice, which, as a white person, evidently the fire department is more
keen to listen to, to tell them, “Yes, my neighbor’s house matters. All houses matter, but right now, their house especially matters because it is the house on fire.”

Replace “neighbor” with “people of color,” “house” with “life/lives,” and “fire department” with so many systems that still treat people of color unfairly—education, housing, employment, healthcare, etc. When people of color protest and say “black/brown lives matter,” they are not saying that only black/brown lives matter or that white lives matter less. Instead, in that moment they are needing to remind those broken systems and the people who treat them unfairly that their lives matter, too. They are the houses on fire not being cared for, they are suffering from unfair, racist systems and far too many people in power who care too little about responding to this injustice.

The Catholic church teaches that life is sacred, from conception to natural death. This isn’t Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative in origin—this is Catholic. No matter where you stand politically, whether you are a supporter of the Black Lives Matter movement or not, whether you know a lot about systemic racism and privilege and are comfortable engaging in conversations about these issues or not, whether you are new to these concepts and are feeling uncomfortable, angry, confused, frustrated, attacked or not—if we call ourselves pro-life, this means standing with those who’s lives clearly don’t matter to certain people and not being afraid to remind those folks that their lives matter, too. We do this for the unborn all the time. We pray for unborn lives, stand in prayerful protest outside of abortion clinics, join in the March for Life, support pro-life legislation and engage in conversations with others about how unborn lives matter. People of color are doing the same things, trying to convince certain people and leaders that their lives matter just as much as other lives.

At St. Columbkille, we have made it clear that we stand with our brothers and sisters of color, that we will not tolerate hate, discrimination or racist words/actions directed towards them. We know we have a lot to learn and that we have only just begun doing the work of standing up with them and supporting their efforts to prove that their lives matter, that they are just as worthy of respect and equality as white people are. And we appreciate hearing from parishioners of color and parishioners who have been engaged in racial justice work, who have ideas and knowledge, life experience and thoughts on how we, too, can engage in this work even more.

So what do next steps look like for us, as a parish, moving forward with the desire to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of color? Here are a few suggestions I’d like to pose:

1) Engage in conversation with your friends, family, peers, coworkers, etc. Don’t be afraid to talk about issues like racism and privilege. Be willing to listen openly, especially to people of color. It is going to be uncomfortable and difficult, but listen nonetheless and know that if you are a white person, you’re not being personally attacked. Instead, you are being asked to understand that people of color are not always treated fairly or with dignity and respect the way white people are. As they share their life experiences, they are not blaming you, only pointing out injustice that needs to be changed.

2) Read books and listen to podcasts by people of color, and amplify their voices. Follow their accounts on social media and share their content. Learn as much as you can and share resources with others. Make room at the table for people of color, so to speak.

3) Stand up against instances of racism—jokes, actions, words, etc. If we are pro-life, if we believe vulnerable lives matter, then we need to stand up against degrading, unfair, even violent words and actions that tear life down, especially the lives of people of color.

Here are some good resources for learning more:

The Ignatian Solidarity Network has some foundational Catholic resources on combating racism: https://ignatiansolidarity.net/resources/faith-in-action-responding-to-racial-injustice/

A good book to read: How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram Kendi

As someone who loves Catholic Social Teaching and living the faith that does justice, feel free to reach out to me if you’d like to have a conversation about racial justice or other issues and the Catholic response. While not an expert in any way, I do have some experience working on these kinds of issues and love engaging in dialogue around them. Together, we can learn, grow and do better.
St. Columbkille Parish

ANNOUNCEMENTS, GIFTS

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

June 28th
Budgeted Weekly Operating Income $48,869
Sunday Tithe Collections 13,534
Sunday Tithe-Online Donations (Weekly) 4,320
Sunday Tithe-Automatic Withdrawal 17,380
Ascension 10
Feast of St. Columbkille 125
Sunday Tithe-Total $35,369

Year-to-Date Budgeted Tithing 2,541,188
Year-to-Date Total Tithing 2,562,241
Year-to-Date Overage/(Shortfall) $21,053

Other Collections:
Debt Reduction 45
Votive Lights 492
Building Rental 500
St. Columbkille Ed Trust 120
St. Vincent de Paul 720
Future Fund 40
Catholic Communication Campaign 35
Peter’s Pence 280

June 30th marked the end of the Parish’s fiscal year. The Finance Council will review all the financial data for the year and compile it into a full report, the Annual Report, which will be published and available to you in September.

July 5th
Budgeted Weekly Operating Income $50,238
Sunday Tithe-Collections 18,970
Sunday Tithe-Online Donations (Weekly) 6,966
Sunday Tithe-Automatic Withdrawal 17,156
Assumption 20
Sunday Tithe-Total $43,111

Year-to-Date Budgeted Tithing 50,238
Year-to-Date Total Tithing 43,111
Year-to-Date Overage/(Shortfall) ($7,127)

Other Collections:
Debt Reduction 185
Building Rental 95
St. Columbkille Ed Trust 1,345
St. Vincent de Paul 785
Future Fund 133
Catholic Communication Campaign 335
Vanco Processing Fee Donations 105

July 1st marks the beginning of the new fiscal budget. You will notice that we have budgeted $50,238 per week to meet our financial needs. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 12th
9:00 a.m. +Karen Tschauner
Noon +Br. Stan Sobczyk

5:30 p.m. +Daniel Karnowski

Monday, June 13th
8:15 a.m. +Theresa Dusatko
5:30 p.m. +Frank Bianco

Thursday, July 16th
8:15 a.m. +Blessings for Evelyn Irene Jones
5:30 p.m. +Sue Freeman

Friday, July 17th
6:20 a.m. +Michael Mooney
8:15 a.m. +Norm Schmitt

Saturday, July 18th
5:00 p.m. Deceased members of the Doty Family

Athletics Updates

Open to girls 7U-14U.
Season runs August through October
To register, visit the Athletics website:
https://www.saintcolumbkille.org/athletics

CRUSADER CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT 2020
REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!
Date: August 8th, 2020
Location: Eagle Hills Golf Course
Registration: 11:30 a.m.
Shotgun: 1:00 p.m.
Proceeds from the tournament help support St. Columbkille Athletics. For more information contact Travis Pinkelman at trcp@hotmail.com To register, visit the Athletics website: https://www.saintcolumbkille.org/athletics
Expanded Mass Offerings & “Mask Mondays”

Expanded Mass Schedule
We recently expanded our current Mass offerings with the hope that more Masses will give you more options to choose from as we gather once again for public worship. More Masses also means we'll be able to social distance more effectively by spreading out more.

- As of last Monday, July 6th, we resumed our pre-COVID daily Mass schedule: 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday; and 6:20 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. on Friday.

- As of July 11th, we reinstated Saturday morning Communion Services at 8:15 a.m. We've also resumed our Saturday evening Mass at 5:00 p.m., in addition to our two Sunday celebrations at 9:00 a.m. and noon.

Overflow seating is in the Social Hall when required. We continue to live stream daily and weekend Masses, which you can find on our parish YouTube channel, whose link is featured at the very top of the homepage of our website.

Please stay home if you feel sick or if you have any hesitation about being in public. If, however, as our society reopens and you're feeling healthy and are out and about more, please consider coming to any of our Masses, whether weekend or weekday. Maybe you can come to a Mass on your way to baseball practice? Or perhaps when you're on your way to eat out somewhere—we'd love to see you anytime you might be in the neighborhood! :) The Sunday dispensation is still in place, but if you feel comfortable we invite you to return to participating in the deeper kind of nourishment you receive when you celebrate Mass in-person with a community and physically receive the Eucharist.

Mask Mondays
To provide as safe an environment as possible, we now require everyone to wear a mask at our morning and evening Masses on Mondays, starting this Monday, July 13th. This reflects a desire shared from some of our parishioners and it provides another option for anyone who might feel safer in a mandatory mask environment. If you don't have a mask or forget yours, we'll provide one for you at the door, or you can get a free cloth mask at the Parish Office. As life evolves in light of COVID-19, it is our goal to make Mass available to as many people as possible. Expanding our schedule gives people more options to attend Mass and spreads out the crowds more. Additionally, requiring masks at our Monday Masses enables anyone who is at a higher risk of contracting COVID-19 and seriously suffering from it, or, anyone who simply feels more comfortable taking that extra precaution, to attend worry-free, perhaps even for the first time in nearly four months! Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to the Parish Office at 402-339-3285 or stop in.

Upcoming Knights of Columbus Blood Drive
The next Knights of Columbus blood drive will be on July 19th in the Sacred Heart Center from 7 a.m. to noon.

Drive Details:
Site: St. Columbkille Catholic Church
Address: 543 N. Jefferson, Papillion, NE, 68046
Room Name: Sacred Heart Center
Date: Sun Jul 19, 2020
Time: 7:30: AM - 1:30: PM
Blood Program Leader Name: Joe Bixler
Blood Program Leader Phone Number: 712-328-1841
To make an appointment go to:
https://rcblood.org/3d2bxs8

From the Red Cross:
You can be assured that each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including social distancing and face coverings for donors and staff – have been implemented to ensure the health of all those in attendance. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive and are required to wear a face covering or mask while at the drive, in alignment with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance.

In Loving Memory of

Deacon Dennis Kirlin
Betty Barnhart

Free Books and DVDs!
We recently cleaned out the parish library and now have a number of books and DVDs that are looking for new homes. If you’re interested, stop by and see if something catches your eye. Books and DVDs are on the old cake walk shelves in the parish Social Level. Take whatever you like.
St. Columbkille Catholic School

WE ARE HIRING!

Crusader Care Director
Crusader Care is an established before and after school program with DHHS licensure. This is a part time position with 4-5 hours per day. Hours are approximately 6:30-7:45 AM and 3:00-6:00 PM on days when school is in session.

If interested or for more information, please email Sarah Foreman
sforeman@saintcolumbkilleschool.org
or call 402-339-8706
You may have noticed all the activity along North Jefferson St. To accommodate for the future increased activities of our new Parish Center, the Facilities Committee felt that it was important to expand our parking. This is not being funded with campaign funds. This new parking will bring us 85 more parking stalls that will be used for parish, teacher and event parking. It took several years to acquire the land necessary for this expansion. Unfortunately, we have not been able to come to an agreement with the property owners in the center of the block. We ask that you to be a good “neighbor” and respect their area as private property. We also ask that you be cautious when traveling in the area. This is currently an active construction site with lots of large equipment and trucks present and going in and out. Safety is always our priority. The included map below will give you an idea of the space and also show you where the private property is located within it.

Cub Scouts Pack 359
Chartered by St. Columbkille Parish

For over 80 years, Cub Scouts have been having the time of their lives making new friends and learning new things in an environment designed to help them succeed. From building their own Pinewood Derby® car to learning how to roast the perfect marshmallow with their best friends at a family campout, your child will LOVE being a Cub Scout.

**Meeting Time:** Pack 359 meets once a month. Den's meet between 1 -3 times a month.
**Meeting Location:** St. Columbkille

Who: Any incoming Kindergartener through 5th grader

For more information, schedule of events or to join, please send an email to pack359@gmail.com or visit our website cubpack359.com

The Brown Scapular—Garment of Grace

The Legion of Mary invites you to receive Our Lady’s Brown Scapular in a short investiture ceremony on **Thursday, July 16, at 6 p.m. in the church, after the 5:30 p.m. mass. Scapulars will be provided or you can bring your own.**

The thirteenth century was a turbulent time and the Church was threatened by enemies on all sides. Tradition says it was then that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Simon Stock, superior general of the Carmelite Order, on July 16, 1251, and in her hand she held the “Garment of Grace,” which we know as the Brown Scapular, and she gave this promise: “Take this scapular, it shall be a sign of salvation, a protection in danger, and a pledge of peace. Whosoever dies wearing this scapular shall not suffer eternal fire.”

The Holy See defines the Brown Scapular as “an external sign of the filial relationship established between the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother and Queen of Mount Carmel, and the faithful who entrust themselves totally to her protection, who have recourse to her maternal intercession, who are mindful of the primacy of the spiritual life and the need for prayer.”

Marriage Blessing

Parishioners Joe and Linda Kueper recently celebrated 50 years of marriage and received a special blessing. Congratulations on 50 years! We are honored by your witness to the vocation of marriage and we wish you many more happy years together.