St. Columbkille Cornfield Classic Wooden Bat Tournament

St. Columbkille baseball recently had their annual St. Columbkille Cornfield Classic Wooden Bat Tournament over Father's Day weekend. Nearly 50 teams participated and it was great turnout!
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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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.

RECONCILIATION

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

MASS, HOMILISTS, INTENTIONS & PRESIDERS

Monday, July 20th
8:15 a.m. +Frank Bianco (Fr. Chuck Swanson)
5:30 p.m. + Prentise Beebe, Jr. (Fr. Denny Hanneman)

Tuesday, July 21st
8:15 a.m. +Joanna Savvas (Fr. Reeson)
5:30 p.m. +Carleton Faler (Fr. Tom Magnuson)

Wednesday, July 22nd
8:15 a.m. +Beverly Lane and +Denise Lane (Fr. Ron Wasikowski)
5:30 p.m. +Margaret Arnold (Fr. Reeson)

Thursday, July 23rd
8:15 a.m. +Br. Stan Sobczyk (Fr. Ron Wasikowski)
5:30 p.m. +Alice Mikkelson (Fr. Reeson)

Friday, July 24th
6:20 a.m. Poor Souls (Fr. Reeson)
8:15 a.m. +MaryAnn Kramolisch (Fr. Reeson)

Saturday, July 25th
8:15 a.m. Communion Service (Dcn Vande Berg)
5:00 p.m. +Arlene Szolek (Fr. Reeson)

Sunday, July 26th
9:00 a.m. + Joann Rieden (Fr. Greisen)
12:00 p.m. + Eileen Alley (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.
SUNDAY’S READINGS

FIRST READING:
For your might is the source of justice;
your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.
(Wis 12:16)

PSALM:
Lord, you are good and forgiving. (Ps 86)

SECOND READING:
And the one who searches hearts
knows what is the intention of the Spirit,
because it intercedes for the holy ones
according to God’s will. (Rom 8:27)

GOSPEL:
“Let them grow together until harvest;
then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters,
“First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for
burning;
but gather the wheat into my barn.”” (Mt 13:30b)

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19, 2020
Sunday: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday: St. Bridget, Religious
Friday: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
Saturday: St. James, Apostle
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

NEVER GET TIRED
OF DOING LITTLE THINGS
FOR OTHERS.
SOMETIMES THOSE
LITTLE THINGS OCCUPY
THE BIGGEST PART
OF THEIR HEARTS.
—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

REFLECT

FIRST READING
The Jewish sage speaks of God as master of all who judges us with clemency and governs us with leniency. What are some areas of your life that make you grateful for a merciful God?

SECOND READING
Paul teaches the Christians in Rome that the Spirit helps us “to pray as we ought.” When do you find yourself most at prayer?

GOSPEL READING
We hear today a series of parables describing aspects of the kingdom of heaven: the parable of the weeds among the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. What do you think makes Jesus’ parables such an effective method for teaching about the mystery of the kingdom of heaven?
Sometimes it seems like we’re being herded into church, but we are doing that to provide for the safety of our parishioners as we organize social distancing.

Parishioner Sheila Stovall picks up a batch of bulletins each week and delivers them to some of our more homebound parishioners, often making it into a bike ride. Recently, she stopped to admire Sr. Jean Marie’s garden while dropping off a bulletin. The beauty of her garden, called “Julia’s Garden,” reminds us that there is still plenty of beauty in our world today.
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@stcolumbkilleschool.org or call 402-339-8706
ANNOUNCEMENTS, GIFTS

PARISH GIFTS

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

July 12th

Budgeted Weekly Operating Income ................. $50,238
Sunday Tithe-Collections .................................. 24,131
Sunday Tithe-Online Donations (Weekly) .............. 6,095
Sunday Tithe-Automatic Withdrawal .................... 15,396
Sunday Tithe-Total ........................................... $45,622

Year-to-Date Budgeted Tithing ......................... 100,476
Year-to-Date Total Tithing .................................. 88,732
Year-to-Date Overage/(Shortfall) ......................... ($11,744)

Other Collections:
Debt Reduction ............................................. 355
Votive Lights ................................................ 594
St. Columbkille Ed Trust .................................... 245
St. Vincent de Paul ......................................... 1,530
Future Fund ................................................... 270
Catholic Communication Campaign ................... 10
Misc. Donations/Stocks, Estates, etc ................. 25
Abundant/Vanco Processing Fee Donation ............ 106

Tri-City Food Pantry July Most-Needed List

Food
Canned Chicken ........................................ Macaroni and Cheese
Pudding .................................................... Potato Sides
Stuffing .....................................................
Diced Tomatoes ......................................... Non-Food Items
Canned Potatoes ....................................... Shampoo
Canned Carrots ......................................... Dish Soap
Pasta Sauce ............................................... Laundry Detergent
Ramen Noodles ......................................... Diapers (sizes 5 or 6)
Canned Pasta .............................................

Athletics Updates

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

Nebraska Retrouvaille

Does your marriage need a tune-up? Or even a major overhaul? Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change. They may need your time and attention. Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family, and it needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help. Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriages have become off-course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples, and it can work for your marriage, too.

For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program, or to register, call 1-800-470-2230 or go to www.retrouvaille.org last day to sign up. The next weekend program is August 21st-23rd, 2020. The last day to register is August 1st.

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

St. Columbkille Parish
Reminder of 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.

Weekday Masses:
M-TH: 8:15 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.
Friday: 6:20 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.
Daily Mass Live Stream time: 8:15 a.m.

Weekend Masses:
Saturday morning Communion Service: 8:15 a.m.
Saturday Evening (Sunday obligation): 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.
Weekend Mass Live Stream time: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Overflow seating is in the Social Level 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.

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. If you do not have a mask, one will be provided to you by a member of our Hospitality Ministry. You can also pick one up for free in the Parish Office.

If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to the Parish Office at 402-339-3285 or stop in.
GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Grace and sin, belief and unbelief, good and evil all exist together. While we wrestle with these two dimensions of reality inwardly, they are also witnessed in the actions and words of others. Many, all too often, beat themselves up because of their sin. We are also all too quick to pass judgment on others whom we perceive to be in error and walking down a wrong path. God does not make rash judgments, nor should we. Patience is the order of the day as is an understanding that God is ultimately the caller of the shots.

Our faith tells us that while God allows the wheat and the weeds to coexist, the wheat will always triumph. As long as we can cultivate even a little faith and a small measure of desire for God, He can produce abundant blessings and good things. Even when the weeds seem to have triumphed, there still may be a small measure of faith remaining that can be cultivated and grown. It doesn’t take much! Unless a person totally allows the weeds to reign, there is always to be found at least a small measure of faith, good, light, and love. With even this small portion, God can produce abundant growth.

Admittedly, it is easy to give into the weeds, and they grow very quickly. Any gardener knows this to be true. Sometimes, the weeds even seem more attractive and vibrant. Dealing with weeds can quickly become a losing battle, and they can look healthier and grow faster than the very plants we are trying to protect. It’s easy to give into them and let them win. While God will deal with all things in due time, we are responsible for keeping things in check in the short term. It is our task to keep our eyes fixed on God’s presence and mercy. We are asked to avoid judgment. And, it is not our responsibility to deal with the weeds in someone else’s garden, only our own. One garden is enough responsibility for anyone.

Weeds have power. We have to realize this. While they can appear attractive and healthy, they can quickly choke us off from God’s presence. Our task is one of maintenance and cultivating a desire for God. Even the smallest kernel of faith can grow into something wonderful. In God’s time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds.

“He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’” - Mt 13:29-30

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LIVE THE LITURGY
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as I wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which I also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing. Just as weeds can easily overtake the best of gardens, so too can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God’s presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God’s mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil. In God’s time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener.

BE A GIFT OF LOVE AND COMPASSION FOR ONE ANOTHER.

ST. MARY MACKILLOP

PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING
Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!

Please DONATE
“THE RIGHTEOUS WILL SHINE LIKE THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER.” —MT 13:43A

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME