Two of our good stewards, Doug McWilliams and Bob Murnan, are replacing the retaining wall at Father Tom’s house. This is certainly stewardship in action. Thank you Doug and Bob, and thanks to all of our good stewards!
### 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 at 7:30 a.m.* and noon

**Sunday**  
Public Masses at 7:30 a.m.*, 9 a.m. (masks required)*, 10:30 a.m.* and noon

*Beginning August 16

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**Bulletin Deadline**

Bulletin items are due 10 days before the issue date. Please email them to Jackie Buso at jibuso@saintcolumbkille.org. We reserve the right to make any edits we deem necessary.
Archbishop Lucas invited the Archdiocese of Omaha to embrace the vision of being One Church: Encountering Jesus, Equipping Disciples, and Living Mercy. That’s the vision – now, how does that apply to us in our lives each day? The vision has come from the Church - from the archdiocese. Now we need to experience church outside that structure that we associate with 4 walls – it’s also church and it helps us mature.

When we’re younger we’re given the rules – think of them as the container we need when we’re young – we do need boundaries. Things are black and white. But as we grow, we find that our situations don’t allow us to easily distinguish between good and bad, right or wrong. In our lives it’s common to have to choose between good and good. And that can be baffling and a bit disturbing because the rules we were given don’t apply in many of the situations we face as grownups. And so, God calls us to grow.

To leave the old ways, we look at our lives and pass through that discomfort that usually ends with a newer way of looking and seeing. To mature into what we are called to be as Christians involves effort. All that involves growth in numerous ways: individual, parish and community. We do this in numerous ways in our lives. At St. Columbkille, one way is the Alpha Program that’s just begun, and another way is with Spirituality Alive.

Sr. Jean Marie Faltus started Spirituality Alive a number of years ago and we’re excited to continue it now – even with COVID. It involves some relatively short reading and expanding our awareness of God and how he calls us, then sharing with others to deepen our sense of God in our lives. Because we gather, what we share is more than theology – we share our lives and how God interacts with each of us. The book we’ll be covering in anticipation of Advent and Christmas this year is *Joy to the World* by celebrated author, Scott Hahn. It’s a book that will take us deeper into the meaning of the events surrounding the Nativity and how they apply to our lives today. Secondary selections will be posted on the parish web site. But this Fall’s program might look a little different.

Because of COVID 19, we’ll need flexibility in meeting and what we consider a sharing group. Can be:
- A group meeting in a house that permits adequate social distancing
- Meeting in one of the churches meeting rooms
- Zoom meetings
- “Sub-groups of 2’s or 3’s that accommodate distancing
- Some combination of the above

If you’ve been involved with a group in the past, someone may have contacted you already. If you haven’t been contacted, please consider becoming active once again. If you’ve considered starting a group, please contact me. If you would like to join a group, please contact this email as well: spiritualityalive@archomaha.org.

As in the past, we’ll be offering books to individuals who would like to share more informally with spouses or friends. Watch the bulletin for more specifics and dates.

Through growth in efforts like Spirituality Alive, we can participate in furthering the vision of the Archdiocese: One Church: Encountering Jesus, Equipping Disciples, and Living Mercy.

PAX,

Fr. Dave
**Our Lady of Sorrows**

September 15 is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. It commemorates the sorrows Mary experienced in her life on Earth as the Mother of God. Traditionally, there are seven: The Prophecy of Simeon (Lk 2:22-35), The flight into Egypt (Mt 2:13-15), The loss of Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:41-51), Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary (Lk 23:27-31), Mary stands at the foot of the Cross (Jn 19:25-27), Mary receives the dead body of Jesus (Jn 19:38-40), and Jesus is laid in the tomb (Jn 19:41-42).

These are often prayed on a chaplet containing 7 sets of 7 Hail Marys, meditating on each sorrow as in the rosary. When Our Lady appeared in the church-approved apparition in Kibeho, Rwanda in the 1980s, she asked that this chaplet be revived. Pamphlets explaining how to pray it are in the literature rack in the narthex of the church during the month of September.

**Spirituality Alive is Back**

- After a break, we’re pleased to announce that Spirituality Alive is returning this fall.
- Groups will begin next month, the week of October 11, for the following six weeks.
- The primary selection is Scott Hahn’s *Joy to the World*. And should serve as a wonderful lead into Advent and the Christmas seasons. Secondary selections will be posted on the parish web site.
- For folks who have been involved previously in Spirituality Alive, you may have already been contacted by your previous host. If not, please send an email to spiritualityalive@archomaha.org and we will see if we can situate you in an existing or new group. Additionally, if you haven’t been involved in the past but would like to join or start a group, contact that email address as well.
- As in the past, for folks who would prefer a less organized approach, we’ll be offering single copies as well for $10. Being aware of COVID 19, though, please contact the email above to order a book.
- We look forward to restarting this dynamic and community-building program and the blessings it brings to our parish and the entire community.

**Retirement Advice**

St. Columbkille’s Knights of Columbus Field Agent J. Krawczyk is co-sponsoring access to an on-line live presentation of retirement income expert and best-selling author Tom Hegna presenting his insight on retirement planning in “Don’t Worry, Retire Happy!”

Please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 17 @7pm. Registration is required and will be available soon!

**Hospital Stay**

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, please call the Parish Office at 402-339-3285 to let the parish know so we can visit and minister to them.

**Mass Intentions**

If you would like a Mass said for a loved one, please call the Parish Office at 402-339-3285. Masses can be said at our parish or another parish. The recommended stipend is $10.
Deacon Information Evening

Have you ever considered being a Deacon? Do you know someone who has the qualities that you’d like to see in a Deacon? Our Parish will be hosting a Deacon Information Evening on September 13th at 6 p.m. in the Church. Please contact Deacon Steve Jordan if you (and your spouse) would be interested in attending or if you know of someone who you’d like to suggest. Fr. Dave will be contacting those suggested and inviting them to attend. For more information, contact Deacon Steve Jordan at MAJ805SAJ@COX.NET, or call or text 402-290-4916.

Mary and the Saints

Question: Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

Answer: One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in “the communion of saints.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.

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Due to the Labor Day holiday and early bulletin deadlines, the Parish Gifts for September 5th & 6th will be posted in the bulletin the weekend of September 19th and 20th.

We don’t now “pass the basket” during Mass for the collection but we hope you won’t walk “past the basket” when you attend Mass. Baskets are located near many of the doors. If you miss the basket you can always drop it off at the parish office anytime.

Envelopes and Online Giving
If you are tithing through Abundant online and are receiving church envelopes for weekly or monthly giving, please contact the Parish Office to change your envelope designation to special giving only, which you will receive in the mail quarterly. Call 402-339-3285 or email cmmccartney@saintcolumbkille.org. Thanks!

Bereavement Support during COVID
If you or someone you know is suffering the loss of a loved one, you know how everything changes. Emotionally you may feel alone and your faith walk may even be suffering. These feelings are quite normal but during this COVID time of uncertainty in our world, you might feel even more isolated. You need not suffer alone. St. Columbkille offers grief support. Talking about your feelings, fears or even your anger, may help you begin to move forward.

For information about upcoming groups, for questions or for prayer, please call Mary Stuart at 402 452-3239. Watch the bulletin for more information on when our Fall group can resume.

“God is our refuge and our strength, an ever present help in distress”

Psalm 46:2
Bundle Sunday September 12 & 13

St. Vincent de Paul is hosting Bundle Sunday again this year.

Items accepted for donation include; household items, non-perishable food, and we are especially looking for winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves and winter boots that will be given away to the poor in the Omaha area.

**When:**
Saturday, September 12th and Sunday, September 13th after all scheduled Masses. Also, between 1:00-4:00pm Sunday afternoon, during the Tour of the Doug & Judy McWilliams Parish Center.

**Where:**
The SVDP Truck will be located in the North Parking Lot of the School (behind the Sacred Heart Center).

**How:**
You can bring your donations to be dropped off 20 minutes before and after each Mass and during the tour.

Anyone who needs a coat is welcome to join the St. Vincent de Paul Coat Give-A-Way held on November 7, 2020.

Every first Saturday in November the Coat Give-A-Way is held at St. Peter’s Church off Leavenworth. It seems there is always a shortage of children’s coats and extra-large and larger coats.

Please consider helping out on this special day. We are especially in need of bi-lingual Volunteers. Contact Cindy at 402-341-4560 Ext. 102.
ST. COLUMBKILLE 101

St. Columbkille 101 is a brief introduction to the parish held monthly. You will have the opportunity to get to know the pastor, meet other new parishioners, engage with current parishioners, and learn more about the parish and its programs for all ages and interests. Free refreshments and childcare are provided. In the meantime, check out some of the many ways you can get involved in our parish! Join us for our next meeting on Sunday, September 20 at 1:00 p.m. in the McWilliams Parish Center.

Help With Live Streaming & Simulcasting Masses

You might know that, due to the current pandemic, we are livestreaming our daily 8:15 a.m. Mass and our 5:00 p.m. Saturday weekend Mass to our parish YouTube channel. This is so that our fellow parishioners who aren’t able to join us in-person can still participate with us as a community in Mass from their homes.

Due to physical distancing constraints because of the pandemic, we have had to reduce available seating in the church worship space. Consequently, we have about 100 additional seats set up in the Social Level, and we simulcast all of our weekend Masses so that those parishioners seated down there can also participate in-person in the Mass.

Both of these activities involve someone being present in the church building a little before Mass and throughout Mass, operating the HDMI camera in our worship space through a computer. With live-streaming, there are also a few steps taken to activate the stream.

Do you have an interest in filming or photography? Have some aptitude for running programs on a computer?

Would you be willing to assist with this new ministry? If so, please contact Linda Gries at gries8716@msn.com or 402-339-7058. Training, guidance, and practice will be provided.
Help Needed Sanitizing the Church

We continue to need your help sanitizing the church between each Mass, particularly on weekends, so as to ensure everyone’s safety. Together, it only takes about 15-20 minutes and all supplies will be provided. The job includes spraying down pews, door handles and bathrooms. The disinfectant does not need to be wiped off, making sanitizing a fast process. If you would like to help, please sign up here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080c4aaead2ba5f49-church

Food Drive for Tri-City Food Pantry

St. Columbkille’s American Heritage Girls troop is sponsoring a food/necessities collection for the Tri-City Food Pantry. The pantry serves those in need in the Ralston/Papillion/La Vista area. Please consider donating any of the following items or making a monetary donation in the form of cash or check made out to: “Tri-City Food Pantry.”

Donations can be dropped off between September 19th through the 25th. On Saturday and Sunday, September 19th and 20th from 2-5 in the parking lot east of the church (near the parish office) you can drive by and drop off your donations. No need to get out of your car. Drive up, pop the trunk, and let us unload the items for you. During the week, Sep 21-25, donations may be dropped off in the narthex of the church any time! We will have boxes where you can leave your food items. Please leave monetary donations at the parish office. The Pantry appreciates your support and any donations! Thank you!!

The pantry is limited in its storage ability so please stick to the most needed items below:

*Canned Chicken
*Pudding
*Stuffing
*Diced Tomatoes
*Canned potatoes
*Canned carrots
*Ramen
*Potato sides
*Baked Beans
*Muffin Mix
*Hamburger Helper
*Chicken Helper
*Tuna Helper
*Saltine Crackers
*Red/Kidney Beans
*Laundry soap

Upcoming Knights of Columbus Blood Drive

The next Knights of Columbus blood drive will be on September 20th, in the Sacred Heart Center from 7 a.m. to noon in the Sacred Heart Center.

Drive Details:

Site: St. Columbkille Catholic Church
Address: 543 N. Jefferson, Papillion, NE, 68046
Room Name: Sacred Heart Center
Date: Sunday September 20th, 2020
Time: 7:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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.

Count Your Blessings
What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don’t we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others?