The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3rd, 2021

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

- Mt 2:10-11
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 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.
Masks required at all Masses.

RECONCILIATION

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

MASS, HOMILISTS, INTENTIONS & PRESIDERS

Monday, January 4th
8:15 a.m.  +Nicholas Wilson (Fr. Greisen)
5:30 p.m.  Ann Geary-Healing (Fr. Greisen)

Tuesday, January 5th
8:15 a.m.  +The Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Reeson)
5:30 p.m.  +Joan Persell (Fr. Greisen)

Wednesday, January 6th
8:15 a.m.  +Kathleen Dale (Fr. Greisen)
5:30 p.m.  Dcn. Bill Hill-Blessings (Fr. Reeson)

Thursday, January 7th
6:30 a.m.  +Leo Dietrich (Fr. Reeson)
8:15 a.m.  +Gerald Coufal (Fr. Reeson)

Saturday, January 9th
8:15 a.m.  Communion Service (Dcn. Vande Berg)
5:00 p.m.  +Fred & Rita Jansen (Fr. Reeson)

Sunday, January 10th
7:30 a.m.  +Rich Kriegler & Cliff Swertzic (Fr.Reeson)
9:00 a.m.  Rachel Claseman-Healing (Fr. Reeson)
10:30 a.m. Bob & Jeannie Niemic-Blessings (Fr. Greisen)
12:00 p.m. +Leonard Szatko (Fr. Greisen)
5:00 p.m.  +Barbara Hawks (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. Please contact Deacon Bill Hill regarding Marriage Preparations at 402-250-3030 and the Parish Office at 402-339-3285 before setting a date.

Bulletin Deadline
Bulletin items are due 10 days before the issue date. Please email them to Jackie Buso at jbuso@saintcolumbkille.org. We reserve the right to make any edits we deem necessary.
Chastisement vs. Punishment

Question:

What is the difference between a chastisement and a punishment?

Answer:

The distinction between chastisement and punishment is, in many ways, a subtle one, but which is still relevant in our Catholic tradition.

First, chastisement is a concept that is grounded in Sacred Scripture. Here, we see chastisement as a response by God to people’s actions that is intended to teach a lesson. As St. John Paul II observed, “chastisement appears to be … a kind of divine pedagogy, in which the last word is reserved to mercy: He scourges and then shows mercy, casts down to the depths of the nether world, and he brings up from the great abyss” (Tobit 13:2). The idea here is that in order to capture our attention or to highlight how we have not lived out our covenant-relationship with God as we should, there are times when God uses events in life to draw us back to the quality of relationship or faith that we should have.

The concept of punishment, however, has a different sense. The Catechism of the Church observes that punishment is the consequence of a damaging action that “has the primary aim of redressing the disorder” and to protect the community and the common good from further damage or harm (see no. 2266). Although we always hope that someone who is being punished for a crime or some other harmful action will learn from their actions, punishment isn’t necessarily intended to teach a lesson in the same way that a chastisement is.

Ultimately, how we make the distinction between chastisement and punishment is a matter of discernment. As with almost everything in life, our experiences can be an opportunity for grace — or for something less — depending on how open we are to recognizing the movement of God’s Spirit within them.
It’s Finally Here! A Kitchen Renovation Update!!!

The Facilities Committee would like to share with the parish the progress of the Social Hall Kitchen Renovation Project. Things are finally pulling together nicely as we come close to the end. A preview of what you will soon see:

New Choir Space:
- Relocated and enlarged with new lighting, new ceiling, cabinet resurfacing, new carpeting, and lots of outlets.

New Dishware room:
- All new space with stainless steel rinse and disposal prep area, relocated dishwasher with steam exhaust hood and rack storage, three compartment sink and hand washing sink. New flooring and washable wall treatments for ease of clean up.

Updated Kitchen space:
- Relocation of the dishwashing equipment to the dishware room allows more space for food prep and cooking. Relocated one of the islands to allow more space in between and new doors and finishes. New cabinets and storage spaces for more food prep areas and utility and handwashing sinks. New exhaust hood so all the ovens, stoves and fryers can be underneath to exhaust heat and smells to the exterior. New restaurant style grease interceptor system that removes grease from the waste water prior to entering the sewer lines. New rolling doors for the serving window and bar area and new stainless steel countertop with lot of outlets for roasters. All new ceilings and flooring to make clean up a snap.

Like any renovation there are often unforeseen circumstances which cause delays, so when the new plumbing was being installed, we ran into a collapsed main sewer line that required some extensive work and ultimately a complete replacement both on the inside and outside of the building. We also had to upgrade our electrical service into the kitchen to meet code requirements. While we are disappointed with the additional cost and delay to the timeline, the work needed to be done so that we can avoid issues in the future and bring us within code regulations.

We still have a few punch list items to fix and very soon we will have our final inspection which Will then give us our long awaited “Certificate of Occupancy.” At that point we take full possession Of the site and we can start moving all the cooking items back in. Then we just have to wait for The COVID 19 restrictions to be lifted so that we can fully enjoy our newly renovated kitchen.

The Facilities Committee will soon provide the parish with a full report on all of our construction projects as soon as all the final details are completed. Even though the pandemic may have put a damper on our parish activities, we were still able to accomplish a great deal in 2020 and from here our parish can look forward to making many more memories and deepening our commitment to living out our ministry mission.

May you all have a Happy New Year!

God Bless,

St. Columbkille Facilities Committee
Social Hall Renovation Sneak Peek

Dishware Room
Relocation of dishwasher, new exhaust hood and 3 compartment sink area

Savory Station
New rolling window, sink and stainless steel countertop

Main Kitchen—right view
New cabinet, sink and prep area, flooring, lighting and rolling window, upgrading of electrical and relocation of islands

Main Kitchen—left view
New exhaust hood and fire suppression, new ceiling, microwave and prep space, cleaning of existing equipment

Choir Room
New carpet, ceiling, lighting and chairs, resurfaced cabinetry

Merry Christmas
St. Columbkille
Due to early bulletin submission deadlines during the holidays, the gifts for December 27th will be reported in the January 10th bulletin.

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

**December 20, 2020**

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**Stewardship** is a concept that is rooted in the Bible. To give you a little homework; please look up and reflect upon one or two of the following references each week:

**Old Testament**
- Dt. 26: 1-4
- 1 Chr. 29: 14-16

**New Testament**
- 1 Cor. 4: 1-2
- 1 Cor. 16: 1-2

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**Parish Calendar**

**Monday, January 4**
- 9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise (SHC)

**Tuesday, January 5**
- 6:30 p.m. RCIA (C)

**Wednesday, January 6**
- 9:00 a.m. Spirituality Alive (MPC)
- 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (MPC)
- 1:00 p.m. Rosary Makers (SHC)
- 7:00 p.m. Webelos 2 (SL)
- 8:00 p.m. Bible Study Group (MPC)

**Thursday, January 7**
- 6:00 a.m. That Man is You (SHC)
- 6:00 p.m. Webelos 2 (MPC)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (SL)
- 7:00 p.m. Pathway Rollout Mtg. (MPC)
- 7:15 p.m. Legion of Mary (SHC)
- 8:00 p.m. Moms of Faith (MPC)

**Friday, January 8**
- 9:15 a.m. Line Dancing

**Saturday, January 9**
- 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (MPC)
- 3:00 p.m. Girl Scout Mtg. (MPC)

**Sunday, January 10**
- 3:00 p.m. Prayer Group (C)
- 6:00 p.m. Teams of Our Lady (SHC)

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**Prayer Line**

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Wanted: Full-Time Communication Coordinator

We are currently seeking candidates to fill the position of Communication Coordinator on our St. Columbkille Parish Staff.

The position is responsible for the development and dissemination of a consistent parish message, via multiple media sources and events, in support of the parish’s focus on helping everyone take their next step to be more like Jesus. This individual should be a practicing Catholic in good standing, active in parish life, and have a deep love for Jesus. The Communication Coordinator will provide leadership and collaborative support to the efforts of the parish staff and groups. For a full position description and guidance for how to apply, please see our parish website, or contact Phil LaSala at (pjlasala@saintcolumbkille.org).

Employment Opportunity!

Receptionist/Office Assistant position available in the Parish Office at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. Welcoming person to greet visitors and answer phones in a busy work environment along with clerical responsibilities. Applicant should possess excellent verbal and written communication skills and strong multi-tasking and organizational skills. Proficient in Outlook, Word, Publisher and Excel. This 12-month position is 30-hours per week from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Benefits available including tuition discount. Please submit resume to: parishoffice@svdpomaha.org

Resumes and Applications are due by January 11, 2021.

Masks are Required at St. Columbkille

Effective immediately, masks are required at all Masses and parish gatherings. This decision was reached after much prayer and careful deliberation to promote the well-being of all our parishioners. Thank you for your cooperation!

2021 church calendars are available in the baskets by each door of our church. Free of charge while supplies last.
DADDY DAUGHTER DATE NIGHT

Drive through style❤
Sunday, January 17
Come anytime between 5:00-6:15 PM to pick up your Date Night package in St. Columbkille School front drive

Please complete and return form to school office by January 4. Cost is $10 per family; checks payable to St. Columbkille HSA.

Last name: __________________________________________

Daughter name(s): __________________________________

Questions? Email jessicarempe@gmail.com
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Wise Men See God in the Simple Things

If you’re on social media, you have probably seen a meme going around that features this quote: “God has a plan for your life. The enemy has a plan for your life. Be ready for both. Just be wise enough to know which one to battle and which one to embrace.”

There were certainly two competing plans for the Magi: God’s and Herod’s. And, wise as they supposedly were, it wasn’t entirely easy for the Magi to discern which was which.

After all, Herod posed as a friend. He offered the Magi hospitality and kindness. Though the Gospel doesn’t say so, he probably flattered them and appealed to every moral weakness he could observe in them. In his palace, they must have felt great physical comfort — rest and tables of plenty on what was an otherwise long and treacherous journey.

But if the Magi were honest with themselves, I’ll bet they would have admitted that, regardless of Herod’s charm, they felt a gnawing sense of doubt while in his presence. When they looked upon the Christ Child, born in a stable without any of the comforts of the world or protections of wealth, they probably felt the opposite. They probably felt safe.

The Magi were lucky enough to have the right plan spelled out for them in a dream, but for the rest of us, it’s enough to remember this: God’s plan is often the one that leads us to places of great simplicity, great humility and great love. Let’s have the wisdom to view power with suspicion, and innocence with admiration.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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