Second Sunday of Advent
December 9th, 2018

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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.

ST. COLUMBKILLE PARISH DIRECTORY

MASS SCHEDULE

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 10
8:15 AM †The Tran Family (Fr. Greisen)
5:30 PM †Harold Murphy (Fr. Greisen)

Tuesday, December 11
8:15 AM †Tristan Grochal (Fr. Reeson)
5:30 PM †Jack Miller Sr. (Fr. Greisen)

Wednesday, December 12
8:15 AM †Nicholas Wilson (Fr. Greisen)
5:30 PM †Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Kornsusky (Fr. Reeson)

Thursday, December 13
8:15 AM †Jerry and Polly Chaumont (Fr. Reeson)
5:30 PM Christian Swanson - Blessings (Fr. Greisen)

Friday, December 14
6:20 AM †Irene Kucirek (Fr. Reeson)
8:15 AM Fred & Roseanne Mance - Blessings (Fr. Reeson)

Saturday, December 15
8:15 AM Communion Service (Dcn. Thomas)
5:00 PM †Josephine Balus (Fr. Greisen)
6:30 PM Dallas & Teresa Vogel Anniv. (Fr. Greisen)

Sunday, December 16
7:30 AM †Darlene Bart (Fr. Greisen)
9:00 AM Parish (Fr. Greisen)
10:30 AM †Kathy Bellino (Fr. Reeson)
12:00 PM †Ray Slawinski (Fr. Reeson)
5:00 PM †James Dugan (Fr. Reeson)
Reeson’s Ramblings

Last weekend I spoke at all of our Masses on the archdiocesan report on clergy abuse, and here I just wanted to affirm that we have removed Fr. Steinhausen’s name from the red brick building across the street from our church, and we will rename it in the future. In the meantime, we will refer to this building as the Parish Center. For more information on the archdiocesan report, please visit our website under “Latest News.”

Now is the time for us to focus our attention on the season of Advent, which is a blossoming time of preparation for our Lord. During Advent, we are called to the quiet darkness to prepare our hearts for the birth of our Savior. This is quite the opposite of how our current culture anticipates Christmas by adding more lights, more noise, and more chaos to everything.

Now, that doesn’t mean we must live as Scrooges until December 25th. One way to think about Advent is to imagine how an expectant-mother prepares for the birth of her child. She doesn’t wait until the night she goes into the hospital to set up her child’s nursery, does she? Much more likely, she will thoughtfully make her home ready, and perhaps even hold a party before her child is born, because she knows what is coming. So, too, we can celebrate the birth of Christ, even as we anticipate it, as long as our joy is rooted in that preparation.

There are so many great things going on in our community to help us to get into the spirit of the Advent season! We just celebrated our Advent Family Festival with our Religious Education families, and it was a blast.

See below for a list of upcoming events. Coming up first is the Tri-City Carol Concert, which features groups from all over the area, and originally started at St. Columbkille before it outgrew our space. Our very own St Columbkille Adult Choir will be singing in this show, and you won’t want to miss it!

**Tri-City Carol Concert**
Sunday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m.
St. Paul’s Methodist Church

**Preschool Christmas Program**
Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m.

**Kindergarten Christmas Program**
Monday, December 17th at 6:30 p.m.

**7th & 8th Grade Advent Program**
Tuesday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.

May the joy of this season remain with us all year long!
Pax,
Fr. Dave
ART AND ENVIRONMENT
Are you feeling drawn to answer the call of stewardship in the liturgical area of our parish?

A special and rewarding ministry, Liturgical Art and Environment, is a flexible, interesting, and active way to become involved. With the current initiative to grow parish discipleship, the Art & Environment committee is welcoming change, new ideas, and more involvement. The upcoming Advent season is the perfect time to join and add to the diversity of this group!

Those who can create, imagine, install, organize and clean are all needed to help create beauty in the worship space and beyond.

If you feel an interest, please contact Michelle at 402-689-3536 or magrzyw@saintcolumbkille.org.

Christmas Lights
- Individuals to install exterior lights. This can be done on your own schedule, with direction from the committee.

Christmas Decor
- Friday, December 21st from 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- Sunday, December 23rd immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

PROMOTE Vocations!
The Archdiocesan Office of Vocations asks each parish to provide a liaison to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If you would like to be considered for our parish liaison, please call the Parish Office at 402-339-3285.

END OF YEAR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS
2018 charitable contributions must be received by 11:59 p.m. on December 31st in order for you to claim a charitable contribution for 2018.

End of the year tax statements will be sent out before January 31, 2018. Please send us your current email address so that your statement can be sent via email. This saves the parish hundreds of dollars in postage. We make every effort to be good stewards of your financial gifts.

Remember to submit any changes to your family contact information, employment, phone number, or email to the Parish Office to prevent delays in delivering your end of year tax statement.

Most members give a cash gift, but a gift of stocks or bonds is another way to benefit your church and gain a tax advantage. A gift of appreciated stocks or bonds provides a deduction at the fair market value on the date of the transfer. This gives the investor the advantage of a larger deduction without paying capital gains taxes. Seek the advice of your tax professional and keep in mind this alternative method for providing a gift to your church.

If you have any questions regarding a year end gift please call Debbie Armentrout at 402-592-8494. We appreciate the sacrifices made by each and every one of you this year!
Who is Our Lady of Guadalupe?

Our Lady of Guadalupe is our Blessed Virgin Mary when she appeared to Juan Diego in December 1531. Her image miraculously appeared inside Juan Diego’s cloak when he opened it to show the bishop the roses that had been gathered as a sign of her appearance.

Why is she important? Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the Americas and Patroness of the Unborn. The image inspired a wave of conversion of Aztec people to Catholicism and thus stopped the practice of human sacrifices. The image has become Mexico’s most popular religious and cultural symbol. As Patroness of the Unborn, she distributes graces, given to her from God, to people who ask for her help to protect the most helpless of human beings.

When is this feast day? Wednesday, December 12th. Some ways you can easily celebrate this at home are: pray a “Hail Mary” or a rosary for Mary’s intentions, eat something Mexican, or search the internet for the image. Also, you might attend Mass that day or the 7:00 p.m. presentation on Marian Devotions at the Parish Center, formerly the Steinhausen Center.

Now that you have some answers, are you up for a challenge? On December 12th, ask one person this question: Did you know today is the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe? Spread the word of Mary’s care and love for all!
We are looking forward to our special Advent program on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall beneath the church. Children should arrive by 6:15 p.m. All are welcome!

Questions? Contact Nicole Cook at ncook@saintcolumbkille.org or (402) 339-0990.

Teen Faith This Week—Small Group Faith Sharing:
Small groups meet in the homes of adult leaders. For information on where your teen’s group meets, contact Nicole Cook at ncook@saintcolumbkille.org or (402) 339-0990.

Teen Faith Next Week—Large Group—Finals Study Break and Christmas Party! Take a break from studying to enjoy fellowship and celebrate the end of a great first half to our year! We’ll have food, games, movies, and prayer. Bring your favorite Christmas treat to share if you’d like.

Questions? Contact Sarah Yarpe at sayarpe@saintcolumbkille.org or 402-592-1533.

Bowling Fundraiser
80s flashback! Wear your totally rad 80s gear! Register your teams now—limited space available! January 18th, 6:30-9:30 p.m. (dinner/drinks served at 5:30 p.m.) at Papio Bowl. Cost: $35/bowler (6-person team). To register, visit the Athletics website: https://www.saintcolumbkille.org/fundraising/bowling

Questions? Contact Travis Pinkelman at 402-490-0367 or trcp@hotmail.com

CRUSADERS SOCCER U7-U14
Registration for Spring 2019 opens December 6th! Deadline to register is January 11th! Late registration does not guarantee a spot on a team. Season runs March through May. To register, visit the Soccer page.

CRUSADERS SELECT BASEBALL 2019
Our 2019 9U, 10U, and 11U select baseball teams are still looking for 1-2 more players for next season. If you are interested in trying out for those teams or have any questions please contact St. Columbkille Baseball Commissioner Jim Horacek at crus8rbaseball@gmail.com.
Save the Date!
Saturday, March 2nd, 2019

Columb’s Ceili

How You Can Help

- Donate items and gift cards for silent auction baskets
  Contact silent@columbsceili.org
- Donate hotel points and airline miles
  Contact live@columbsceili.org
- Serve as an adult or youth steward at Ceili (must be high school age or older)
  Contact stewards@columbsceili.org

Continue to watch the Bulletin for event updates, live auction details, and ways to join in the fun!

What is Columb’s Ceili?
Ceili (pronounced kay-lee) is an Irish word for party. In celebration of our parish heritage and in honor of our patron, St. Columb, we hold an evening of friendship, community, and celebration each year in March. Learn more at columbsceili.org!

Parish Nurse News—Winter Reminders

- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents every year.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container, and keep it outside at least 10 feet from your home and any nearby buildings.
- Plug only 1 heat-producing appliance (such as a space heater) into an electrical outlet at a time.

Save your Styrofoam to recycle! The Plastilite truck will be in the parish parking lot and open after all the Masses on January 5th and 6th.

Epiphany Party
Hosted by Moms of Faith

Join us for a fun filled morning learning more about the Feast of the Epiphany.

St. Columbkille Social Level
Thurs, January 3rd
9:30-11:00 am
Parish Calendar

Monday, December 9
9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise (SH)
12:00 p.m. Parish Exercise Christmas Party (PC)
5:00 p.m. RE Class (Ed C)
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts (SH)
7:00 p.m. Respect Life (PO)

Tuesday, December 10
9:30 a.m. Zumba Fitness (SH)
3:30 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal (SH)
5:00 p.m. Youth Group Steubenville Mtg (PO)
6:00 p.m. Basketball Uniform Fittings (SH)
7:00 p.m. RCIA (SH)

Wednesday, December 11
9:00 a.m. Spirituality Alive (SH)
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (PC)
1:00 p.m. Bible Study (PC)
1:30 p.m. Rosary Making (SH)
5-8 p.m. 1st Communion Quilt Workshop (PC)
5:45 p.m. RE Class (Ed C)
6:30 p.m. Liturgy Committee (PO)
6:30 p.m. Preschool Christmas Program (SH)
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir (C)
8:00 p.m. Pastoral and Finance Council Meetings (PC)
8:00 p.m. Athletics Council Meeting (PO)

Thursday, December 12
6:00 a.m. That Man is You (PC)
6:30 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (SH)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (PO)
7:00 p.m. Moms of Faith (PC)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Ch)

Friday, December 13
9:15 a.m. Line Dancing (SH)

Saturday, December 14
7:00 a.m. Yoga Fitness (PC)
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Ed C)
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (PC)

Sunday, December 15
3:00 p.m. Prayer Group (C)

Legend:
Ch. Church
S.H. Social Hall
P.C. Parish Center
(formerly Steinhausen)
P.O. Parish Office
Ed. C. Education Center

Respect Life
The Respect Life Group will meet on Monday, December 10th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office. Join us in making our parish a center of life! For information, call Cathy Badura at 402-592-3765.

Sidewalk Advocates for Life
Are you interested in a peaceful, prayerful method of reaching out to women and men entering the local abortion facility and helping them to choose life? If so, Sidewalk Advocates for Life might be for you! This new “sidewalk counseling” program uses a very compassionate, woman-oriented method to save lives and help woman in unplanned pregnancies by offering them more life-affirming options.

Our Respect Life group partners with St. Gerald, St. Matthew, and St. Mary in Bellevue, and our training will be held on Tuesdays, December 4th and 11th, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room at St. Gerald (96th & Q). The cost is $20 for training and materials. More information at www.sidewalkadvocates.org!

Please contact Bernadette Costello at 402-960-3259 or bcostello23@gmail.com or Janice Todd at 402-871-4699 or janicetoddcmc@msn.com if you plan to attend or with any questions.

Knights of Columbus Breakfast
The Knights of Columbus Breakfast is Sunday, December 9th, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Come to the Social Hall for delicious, made-to-order omelets, sausage, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, and pancakes. Coffee and orange juice will also be served.

Join the Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) for an Advent Morning of Reflection, Saturday, December 15th at Christ the King Church. The morning begins with the 8:15 parish Mass, includes a continental breakfast, presentations by Deacon James Keating and the IPF Staff, and time for silent reflection. The event concludes at noon, and there is no charge. For planning purposes, please register online at PriestlyFormation.org or call Linda at 402-280-3901.

Bulletin Deadline
Bulletin items are due ten days before the issue date. Please email them to Tess Sousek at mtsousek@saintcolumbkille.org.
**Parish Gifts**

December 2nd, 2018

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Year-to-Date Budgeted Tithing .......... 1,158,970
Year-to-Date Total Tithing.............. 1,003,200
Year-to-Date Overage/(Shortfall) ....... (155,770)

Other Collections:
Debt Reduction ........................................ 369
Votive Lights............................................ 504
Building Rental....................................... 100
St. Columbkille Education Trust ........ 569
St. Vincent de Paul................................. 832
Future Fund............................................ 186
World Mission Sunday ......................... 2
Campaign for Human Development .......... 3,741
Thanksgiving Day..................................... 159

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good:
His love endures forever.”
- Psalm 107:1

**Job Opportunity**

St Columbkille Parish is looking for someone to fill a possibly full-time or part-time janitorial position to clean the church, Social Hall, Parish Center (former Steinhausen Center), and Parish Office. Duties include vacuuming, cleaning restrooms, and any other general cleaning needed, along with assisting in the setup of tables and chairs. Please email or call Bill at 402-616-4740 or bheese@saintcolumbkille.org if interested.

Seeking mothers, women, and girls to be a part of Catholic Charities’ Mentoring Moms Program. Opportunities to mentor 1 on 1, volunteer in friendly support groups, hold babies, make goodies or donate baby items. If you would like to help in any way, please call or email Sierra Barrios at Catholic Charities at (402)829-9283 or mentoringmoms@ccomaha.org.

"The next Young Catholic Professionals (ages 21-40) meeting is **Tuesday, December 18th** at Christ the King. Rick Berger will be speaking on "Transitions: Opportunity, Timing, and Faith". Come to Mass at 6:15 pm followed by an evening of faith, fellowship, and friendship! [www.facebook.com/YCPOmaha](http://www.facebook.com/YCPOmaha)

**Gaudete**

The Third Sunday of Advent

3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 16th
Historic Boys Town Dowd Chapel
13943 Dowd Drive, Boys Town

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**Omaha Academy Choir**
Kat Doebel, Director

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GRADE(S): ____________________________________________
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