Third Sunday of Advent
December 16th, 2018

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Mass Schedule
Monday-Thurday: 8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturday: 8:15 a.m. (Communion Service) Vigil 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m.

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

Mass Intentions
Monday, December 17
8:15 AM †Alice Budin (Fr. Greisen)
5:30 PM Maria Xung - Blessings (Fr. Greisen)

Tuesday, December 18
8:15 AM †Joe and Dorothy Gunis (Fr. Greisen)
5:30 PM †Monica Smith (Fr. Reeson)

Wednesday, December 19
8:15 AM †Bernard & Ione Morrissey (Fr. Reeson)
5:30 PM †Neil Butler (Fr. Greisen)

Thursday, December 20
8:15 AM †Yvonne Gray (Fr. Greisen)
5:30 PM †Lawrence Kawa (Fr. Reeson)

Friday, December 21
6:20 AM †Paul Brogna (Fr. Reeson)
8:15 AM †Edmund Berkes (Fr. Reeson)

Saturday, December 22
8:15 AM Communion Service (Dcn. Stier)
5:00 PM †John & Loretta Kalamaja (Fr. Reeson)
6:30 PM †Rita MacIntyre (Fr. Reeson)

Sunday, December 23
7:30 AM †Helen and Ed Kawa (Fr. Reeson)
9:00 AM †Edith Vaca (Fr. Reeson)
10:30 AM Parish (Fr. Greisen)
12:00 PM †Jerome Glesinger (Fr. Greisen)
5:00 PM †Margaret Janak (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.
Reeson’s Ramblings
The Christmas Season can often turn into a busy and chaotic time, especially when we compete with the worldly standards of what Christmas is supposed to look like. This year, be sure to find some quiet time to ponder the coming of our Lord and redirect your heart towards the things that really matter.

Also, a gentle reminder not to leave valuables in your car during Mass. Of course, we would like to believe that we are free to worship without fear of anything bad happening, but that is not always the case. Be sure to lock your cars up and either bring valuables with you or leave them at home.

Many, many thanks for all the wonderful donations to the parish recently—artwork, computer screens, furniture, giving tree contributions, food items, cookies, and many more goodies have been given to us, and we are grateful for each one! Once again, thanks to all the stewards who gave time, talent, and treasure to finish Fr. Tom’s house. Our parish family is very blessed!

Pax,
Fr. Dave

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Christmas Mass Times
O COME, LET US ADORE HIM!

Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m., & Midnight

Christmas Day
7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon, & 5:00 p.m.
ART AND ENVIRONMENT
Are you feeling drawn to answer the call of stewardship in the liturgical area of our parish?

Art and Environment is a flexible, interesting, and active way to become involved. 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 magrzywa@saintcolumbkille.org.

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

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation to celebrate the feast of Mary, Mother of God. Mass times are Monday, December 31st at 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday, January 1st at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

5:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS MASS RECEPTION
Join Fr. Dave for a Christmas celebration following the “last chance” Christmas Day Mass at 5:00 p.m. There will be cookies, hot chocolate, wine, and cheese, and the best thing about this Mass (other than receiving the joy of Jesus, of course!) is that you won’t have to fight for a good seat or park half a mile away! All are welcome!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.
Come experience the love and mercy of God through the sacrament of confession!

Other Area Advent Reconciliation Services
St. Gerald
9602 Q Street, Ralston
Friday, December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary
811 West 23rd Avenue, Bellevue
Tuesday, December 18th at 3:30 p.m.

St. Matthew
12210 S. 36th Street, Bellevue
Normal Confession Schedule
Wednesdays at 6 pm and Sundays after 10:30 Mass

St. John Vianney
5801 Oak Hills Drive, Omaha
Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 18th at 1:30 p.m.

Gaudete
The Third Sunday of Advent
3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 16th
Historic Boys Town Dowd Chapel
13943 Dowd Drive, Boys Town

Omaha Chamber Singers
David Batter, Conductor

Omaha Academy Choir
Kat Doebel, Director

Alonza W. Davis Middle School Select Choir
Phillip Schorg, Director

Jeff Hoffman, Organ
Jay Reilly, Lector
Please pray for all those who have died, and especially for:

† William Heckendorn, father of Rick
† Gary Stott, husband of Karen
† John Skocz, father of Mary Jo Kampschneider
† Sally McKenzie, mother of Melissa
† Vicki Buso, mother of Steve and Rob
† Elizabeth Svagera, daughter of CJ and Jennifer

May they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed receive the mercy of God.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

Leader: Let us pray as Pope Francis taught us in Laudato Si’:

Assembly: Creator God, please guide us. Help us act in love and courage to honor You, O Creator, and to fulfill our role as protectors of the Earth, our common home. The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

Amen.

Road to Emmaus

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FORMED PICK

Brother Francis: O Holy Night

Celebrate the Birth of Jesus

Recall the wonder and joy of Christmas with Brother Francis in this heartwarming presentation that will remind you Who we celebrate during the Christmas season!

Watch on formed.org

“Awesome for the kids big and small.”
—Toby J., Toledo, OH

Celebrating the newest members of God’s family in Baptism!

Jacob Barnes
Sloane Bails
Oakley Bails
Kyla Nesbit
Camille Lipari
Mason Hubenka
Henry Freyermuth
Greyson Madej

Henry Moyer
Toby Kaipust
Remy Brown
Evie Dworak
Alessandra Grace Ulanday
Anderson
Vincenzo Guido
Samuel Bass

www.saintcolumbkille.formed.org
There are no preschool classes for students this week so that our staff may attend CPR/First Aid Training and offer several conference times for parents. Parents who have chosen to schedule a conference with their child’s teacher will meet at their scheduled time this week.

Parish Athletics
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.

2018-2019 activity sports pass sale!
Pay $25 and get admission to all home basketball games! Good for immediate family defined as parents and children. Purchase your sports pass at the your next home basketball game!
Save that Styrofoam!
The Plastilite truck will be in the parish parking lot and open after all the Masses on January 5th and 6th. Thanks for caring for the planet!

Columbia’s Ceili
Saturday, March 2nd, 2019
Still looking for Christmas gifts?
Consider Ceili tickets!
Invite your family and friends to enjoy
a night of fellowship and fun!
Watch for online registration at www.columbsceili.org.
Continue to watch the Bulletin for event updates, live auction details, and ways to join in the fun!

What is Columbia’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!

No-Stress Gift Giving With C.A.R.E.
Don’t know what size to buy? Not looking forward to the crowded stores? Let C.A.R.E. take your cares away with a gift card to a store, restaurant, or generic CARE Certificate. Stop after Mass to buy cards or go online to www.ShopWithScrip.com to order a printable gift certificate or order physical cards. Instructions are on the school website under the Resource tab. Email questions or orders to StCCareCards@gmail.com. Every purchase earns Tuition Rewards and helps C.A.R.E. donate to parish and school needs.

On the cover: Moms of Faith St. Nicholas Party

Knights of Columbus
Planning meeting is the third Tuesday each month; General Membership meeting is the fourth Tuesday each month. Meetings are at 7:15 pm in the Steinhausen Center. All Knights are invited and welcome to attend both meetings. If you are interested in joining or want more information, please contact Brett Connot, Grand Knight, at 402-291-1206.
Parish Calendar

**Monday, December 17**
9:15 a.m. Senior Exercise (SH)
5:00 p.m. RE Class (Ed C)
6:30 p.m. Kindergarten Music Program (SH)
7:00 p.m. Safety & Security Meeting (PO)

**Tuesday, December 18**
9:30 a.m. Zumba Fitness (SH)
3:30 p.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal (SH)
7:00 p.m. RCIA (SH)
7:00 p.m. Women’s Guild (PO)
7:00 p.m. School Advent Program (C)

**Wednesday, December 19**
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. NO Rosary Making
2:00 p.m. School Advent Program (C)
5:45 p.m. RE Class (Ed C)
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir (SH)
7:00 p.m. Ceili Meeting (SH)
7:00 p.m. Parish Reconciliation Service (C)
7:00 p.m. Outreach Meeting (PO)
7:00 p.m. Teen Faith (PC)

**Thursday, December 20**
6:00 a.m. That Man is You (PC)
1:00 p.m. Creation Care (PC)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (PO)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (C)
8:00 p.m. Finance Council (PC)

**Friday, December 21**
9:00 a.m. Art & Environment (C)
9:15 a.m. Line Dancing (SH)

**Saturday, December 22**
7:00 a.m. Yoga Fitness (PC)
9:00 a.m. Art & Environment (C)
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Ed C)
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (PC)

**Sunday, December 23**
3:00 p.m. Prayer Group (C)
6:00 p.m. Art & Environment (C)

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**WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS**

Our guild is so thankful to all who donated your wonderful holiday cookies to our Holiday Cookie Walk. Our event was a huge success, despite the weather God shared with us. Your generosity is so appreciated! Please note our next guild meeting will be January 15th. There is no regular meeting in December. Questions? Contact Dee Iske at 402-734-3762 or iskew@cox.net.

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**All Dads and Daughters Grades K-8, wear your best Hawaiian and join us for a Luau!**

**Daddy Daughter Dance**
**Sunday, January 20th**
6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. Columbkille Social Hall
Sponsored by the Home and School Association
Dancing | Games | Door Prizes

If you are interested in volunteering or donating items for the event, please contact Jessica Rempe at jessicarempe@gmail.com or 402-871-8797. Please email or text a photo of Dad/daughter(s) to be included in the slideshow. Registration forms can be found online at www.saintcolumbkille.org.

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**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 GIFTS

**December 9th, 2018**

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<th>Budgeted Weekly Operating Costs</th>
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Year-to-Date Budgeted Tithing .................. 1,209,360
Year-to-Date Total Tithing ...................... 1,060,044
Year-to-Date Overage/(Shortfall) .............. (149,316)

**Message from Fr Dave:** As you can see from this report, we are down in our regular weekly contributions by almost $150,000, or about 12%. I would sure appreciate everyone considering an end of the year, tax deductible contribution to get us to where we need to be. Peace!

**Other Collections:**
- Debt Reduction ........................................... 789
- Votive Lights .............................................. 361
- St. Columbkille Education Trust .............. 401
- St. Vincent de Paul ........................................ 645
- Future Fund .................................................. 144
- Christmas/Easter Flowers ....................... 986
- Retirement Fund for Religious ................. 4,761
- Thanksgiving Day/St. Vincent de Paul .......... 70

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

## 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, 2019. Please send us your current email address so 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 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.

Aside from cash, 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!

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**REDUCED RENT AT JPII NEWMAN**

The St. John Paul II Newman Center is excited to offer a new reduced rental rate for the 2019-2020 school year. This subsidized rate of only $595/month is for 12-month leases. To apply for housing or learn more, please visit JPiiOmaha.org/apply.

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**The Season of Advent**

MEANS THERE IS SOMETHING ON THE HORIZON
THE LIKES OF WHICH WE HAVE NEVER SEEN BEFORE.

— Jan Richardson
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Dear Parishioners,

Once a year the St. Vincent de Paul Conference takes the opportunity to update the parish on its ministerial work. First, a huge Thank You is extended on behalf of the over 1,500 people helped this year in our local community. Your unbelievable generosity has enabled the Vincentians to volunteer over 4,200 hours and traveled over 2,700 miles just around our community to minister aid and hope on a daily basis to those befallen with life's problems.

The Vincentian teams react quickly to schedule in-home visits when calls for help arrive at the Parish Office. This year 224 home visits were conducted. During our visits, we listen to their story and work together in identifying how they can best get over the “bump in the road”. We also pray with them and tell them that the people of St. Columbkille parish have generously given us donations to aid them when possible. We deliver hope and a chance to get back on their feet.

The main causes of their financial crises are job loss and health issues. Too often, illness leads to missed work and lower income or job loss. Unmanageable health costs caused by high insurance deductibles, uncovered medical expenses or the inability to afford insurance devastate their budget. These lower income families live on the edge, and any change in their budget can drastically affect them. They live with the fear of eviction, utility shut off, the inability to feed their children or getting medicine they can't afford.

With your open-handedness this year the Vincentians distributed over $86,000 in aid, including $38,684 for rent, $32,552 for utilities, and over $15,000 for other critical family needs such food, clothing, gas, auto repair, and medical needs. Your donations from the monthly Saint Vincent De Paul envelopes, special Thanksgiving collections, and a percent of the local thrift store sales make this happen. Additionally, we often leverage support from other parishes and local services to create an expanded support safety net for families in need. Our collaboration with the Tri-City Pantry helped 300 of our families.

Finally, thank you on behalf of the Vincentians for supporting our ministry, which is led by the Holy Spirit and guided by the beatitudes. If you are inspired to live your faith by responding to the needs of the poor in this special way, please join us. All are welcome.

Linda Kueper and Kathy Burson

Presidents of St. Columbkille St. Vincent de Paul