"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women."

- Pope Francis
St. Columbkille Parish Directory

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Mass Schedule
Monday-Thursday
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
8:15 a.m. (Communion Service) & 6:30 p.m.
Vigil 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
Reconciliation
Monday-Thursday
5:00-5:20 p.m.
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3:30-4:30 p.m.

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Sacrament of Marriage
The Archdiocese requires a minimum of six months notification for all who are to be married in order to arrange for & complete various activities/programs associated with marriage preparation. Contact the Parish Office before setting a date.

Mass Intentions
Monday, December 24
4:00 PM †Lee & Beulah Chaumont (Fr. Reeson)
6:00 PM †Tony Caniglia (Fr. Reeson)
12:00 AM For the Parish (Fr. Greisen)
Tuesday, December 25
7:30 AM †Darlene Bart (Fr. Reeson)
9:00 AM †Judith Spear (Fr. Greisen)
10:30 AM †Brousek, Gunis & Vogel Families (Fr. Greisen)
12:00 PM †Yano & Emma DiGiacoamo and †Joe and Mary Caniglia (Fr. Greisen)
5:00 PM †John Squiers (Fr. Reeson)
Wednesday, December 26
8:15 AM †Martha Young (Fr. Greisen)
5:30 PM †Neil Butler (Fr. Reeson)
Thursday, December 27
8:15 AM †Naomi Kuchta (Fr. Reeson)
5:30 PM †James Martinez (Fr. Greisen)
Friday, December 28
6:20 AM †Ed Ryan (Fr. Reeson)
8:15 AM †Jay Hopkins (Fr. Reeson)
Saturday, December 29
8:15 AM Communion Service (Dcn. Hill)
5:00 PM †Jim Wintle (Fr. Greisen)
6:30 PM †Josephine Balus (Fr. Greisen)
Sunday, December 30
7:30 AM †Denise Lane (Fr. Greisen)
9:00 AM †Dottie Schmid (Fr. Greisen)
10:30 AM †Marlene Larchick (Fr. Reeson)
12:00 PM Parish (Fr. Reeson)
5:00 PM †Juanita Jones (Fr. Reeson)

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Reeson’s Ramblings

Merry Christmas to each of you, your families, and all those you love! Christmas is a wonderful time to be surrounded by the people who fill our hearts with joy (and sometimes annoyance, like my brothers). Christmas can also be especially difficult on those who have lost a loved one. My prayers are with you all as you celebrate this joyful season.

On Christmas day at 5:00 PM, we are again offering a Mass where there will be no need to arrive an hour early to find a seat - parking will be plentiful, and a party with cookies, hot chocolate, wine and cheese will follow in the Social Hall. For Christmas, I would like to give each parishioner of St. Columbkille a gift of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but I can't afford that. I will, however, storm heaven with prayers for each of you. Let us all join together in praying for peace on earth that the world needs so badly.

As we ponder the newborn babe, we remember the ultimate end for which we were created, Heaven. We know there will be overflowing amounts of joy, love, mercy, and happiness when we are united with God. Let us live our lives in a way that reminds others of Heaven, as well, as we celebrate this wonderful time together!

Pax,

Fr. Dave

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.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

5:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS MASS RECEPTION
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Merry Christmas!
From the priests and staff at St. Columbkille!

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Hearing Assistance in Church
We have three hearing assistance devices. These devices function much like the old transistor radios of the past. Each device has an ear piece that hangs on the ear, sending out all that is amplified through the church sound system. These church-owned devices are kept in the sacristy and can be obtained from the sacristan before Mass. The devices need to be returned immediately following Mass so they can be used by others.

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A CHRISTMAS PRAYER
BY ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

Let your goodness, Lord, appear to us, that we, made in your image, may conform ourselves to it. In our own strength we cannot image your majesty, power and wonder; nor is it fitting for us to try. But your mercy reaches from the heavens, through the clouds, to the earth below. You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of your eternal love. Caress us with your tiny hands, embrace us with your tiny arms, and pierce our hearts with your soft, sweet cries.

Amen.

ROAD TO EMMAUS

Once again this year, our parish is offering a series of presentations to the entire community called *Road to Emmaus*. These sessions focus on topics that new and lifelong Catholics alike have found helpful as they have learned about the Catholic Church and her traditions. All are welcome, whether you’re a cradle Catholic, a new member, or a non-Catholic interested in learning more. Our next session will meet in the church from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

- January 23rd – Church Tour, *this session will meet in the church*
- February 21st – Rome Beneath the Surface
- March 27th – Encountering Jesus through the Liturgy

A FORMED PICK

The Story of the Nativity

Explore the Birth of Christ

This fast-paced look at the true story of the Nativity clears away misunderstandings about Jesus’s origin and is invaluable for learning more about the truth of Christmas.

“*I LOVE the biblical referencing tying the Old and New Testaments together...it shows the fullness and perfection of God’s plan unfolding!* ”

—Sandy S., Eustis, FL

www.saintcolumbkille.formed.org
**SACRED HEART PRESCHOOL**

We wish all our preschoolers and their families a safe and blessed Christmas! Preschool classes resume on Monday, January 7th.

**Religious Education Class Information**

**No Class:** Monday, Dec 24th
**No Class:** Wednesday, Dec 26th

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**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP: TEEN FAITH**

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

**Teen Faith Christmas Break:** Teen Faith will not meet December 20th-January 8th. We will see everyone again on January 9th for Small Group Faith Sharing.

**High School Parents:** Stay up-to-date on all that’s happening with Teen Faith! Receive short, weekly emails with all the information you need about ongoing Teen Faith events. To sign up, email your name, preferred email address, student’s name, grade, and school to Nicole Cook at ncook@saintcolumbkille.org.

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**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 is open now, and the **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!
Merry Christmas from the Ceili!

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: 12 WAYS TO HAVE A HEALTHY HOLIDAY SEASON

Brighten the holidays by making your health and safety a priority. Take steps to keep you and your loved ones safe and healthy—and ready to enjoy the holidays.
Excerpts from the Centers for Disease Control. Submitted by Shelley Hill, BSN R.N.

1. **Wash hands often to help prevent the spread of germs.** It’s flu season. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.
2. **Bundle up to stay dry and warm.** Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: warm layers, gloves, hats, scarves, and waterproof boots.
3. **Manage stress.** Give yourself a break if you feel stressed out, overwhelmed, and out of control. A great way to manage stress is to pray. Other wonderful ways to manage stress are to connect socially, exercise, and get plenty of sleep.
4. **Don’t drink and drive or let others drink and drive.** Whenever anyone drives drunk, they put everyone on the road in danger. Choose not to drink and drive and help others do the same.
5. **Be smoke-free.** Avoid smoking and secondhand smoke. Smokers have greater health risks because of their tobacco use, but nonsmokers also are at risk when exposed to tobacco smoke.
6. **Fasten seat belts while driving or riding in a motor vehicle.** Always buckle your children in the car using a child safety seat, booster seat, or seat belt according to their height, weight, and age. Buckle up every time, no matter how short the trip.
7. **Get exams and screenings.** Ask your health care provider what exams you need and when to get them. Update your personal and family history.
8. **Get your vaccinations.** Vaccinations help prevent diseases and save lives. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year.
9. **Monitor children.** Keep potentially dangerous toys, food, drinks, household items, and other objects out of children’s reach. Protect them from drowning, burns, falls, and other potential accidents.
10. **Practice fire safety.** Most residential fires occur during the winter months, so don’t leave fireplaces, space heaters, food cooking on stoves, or candles unattended. Have an emergency plan and practice it regularly.
11. **Prepare food safely.** Remember these simple steps: Wash hands and surfaces often, avoid cross-contamination, cook foods to proper temperatures and refrigerate foods promptly.
12. **Eat healthy, stay active.** Eat fruits and vegetables which pack nutrients. Limit your portion sizes and foods high in fat, salt, and sugar. Also, be active for at least 2½ hours a week and help kids and teens be active for at least 1 hour a day.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Calendar

Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 25
Merry Christmas!!

Wednesday, December 26
9:00 a.m. Spirituality Alive (SH)
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (PC)
5:45 p.m. No RE Class
6:30 p.m. Youth Choir (SH)

Thursday, December 27
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (PO)

Friday, December 28
9:15 a.m. Line Dancing (SH)
11:00 a.m. JOY Group (PC)

Saturday, December 29
7:00 a.m. Yoga Fitness (PC)
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Ed C)
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (PC)

Sunday, December 30
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

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!

JUST OLDER YOUTH (JOY)
Are you retired and looking for a fun afternoon outing? Join our group this Friday at 11:00 a.m. in the Social Hall. We play dominos, hand and foot, and pinochle, and would be happy to teach you. Please bring a friend and snack to share. Contact Joann at 402-339-2799 with any questions.

WOMEN’S GUILD NEWS
Our guild is so thankful to all who donated your wonderful 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.

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**

Due to the early holiday deadline, the Parish Gifts from December 16th will be recorded in the next bulletin.

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!

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**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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**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 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.
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**Items needed:** **New coats, boots, socks, gloves/mittens, hats.**

*Both adult and kids sizes!*

**Drop-Off Sites in Omaha:**

- **Spirit 102.7-FM Studios**
  13326 A Street

- **Catholic Charities of Omaha**
  3300 N 60th Street

Drop off donations by Dec. 28
Contact kvss@kvss.com or 855-571-0200.

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