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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.

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday-Thursday
8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Saturday
8:15 a.m. (Communion Service)
Vigil 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Friday
6:20 a.m. & 8:15 a.m.
Sunday
7:30 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m.
3:00-3:30 p.m.

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

Mass Schedule
December 31
8:15 AM †Harry Harbison (Fr. Greisen)
5:30 PM †David Fuller (Fr. Greisen)

January 1
9:00 AM †Jessica Knipping (Fr. Greisen)
11:00 AM †Christine Overkamp (Fr. Reeson)

January 2
8:15 AM †Bro. Leonard Reeson (Fr. Reeson)
5:30 PM †Jeanne Medskar (Fr. Greisen)

January 3
8:15 AM †Mary Misar (Fr. Greisen)
5:30 PM †Dottie Schmid (Fr. Reeson)

January 4
6:20 AM †Helen Langton (Fr. Reeson)
8:15 AM †Naomi Kuchta (Fr. Reeson)

January 5
8:15 AM Communion Service (Dcn. Perry)
5:00 PM †Anna Webb (Fr. Reeson)
6:30 PM †Rich Kriegler & †Cliff Swertzic (Fr. Reeson)

January 6
7:30 AM †James Dentinger (Fr. Reeson)
9:00 AM †John & Dorothy Meyer & †Vincent Wattier (Fr. Reeson)
10:30 AM †Marlene Larchick (Fr. Greisen)
12:00 PM †Kerri Rockenbach (Fr. Greisen)
5:00 PM Parish (Fr. Greisen)
Reeson’s Ramblings

I love that Christmas has 12 days, and that we are still able to wish each other a Merry Christmas, even today! As we celebrate the gifts of family, faith, and Christ’s birth, we look forward to another celebration uniting the Archdiocese of Omaha next June. Read on to learn more about ArchOmaha Unite, a one-day family reunion with your Catholic brothers and sisters where you WON’T have to pretend to like your aunt’s fruitcake...

One day, one Church, one Holy Spirit

You may have noticed the posters near all the doors promoting something called ArchOmaha Unite. This is a very exciting event put on by the archdiocese that will happen on the eve of Pentecost next year – June 8th, 2019. It’s a day for all Catholics in the archdiocese to come together and celebrate, no matter your age or where you are in your faith - it’s for everyone, and we are all invited! In a world that’s experiencing deep division, Unite is an opportunity to put our differences aside and unite through what we share, instead of focusing on what divides us. You’ll be hearing quite a bit about Unite over the next few months, and I’m excited that our parish will be a part of it.

Archbishop Lucas is putting together ArchOmaha Unite in hopes that we will be able to receive joy in a way that will refresh, energize, and inspire. Join your brothers and sisters from across the Archdiocese of Omaha, and experience a celebration of community and faith at ArchOmaha Unite on June 8, 2019. For more information, visit unite.archomaha.org.
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. and 11:00 a.m.

CONVERSATION DINNERS
The Parish Center welcomes you on Sunday, January 13th after the 10:30am Mass for a Sunday Brunch Potluck with Silly Games to follow. Sign up by contacting Mindy Pelton at 402-291-3802 or dinnersfor8@gmail.com.

REMINDER: AUTOMATIC DOORS
We have installed new, automatic handicap-accessible doors on the north end of the church. Please make use of these doors anytime you need to, and remind others who may need assistance to utilize these doors.

ST. COLUMBKILLE 101
Anyone who is interested in learning about the parish or registering is invited the next session of St. Columbkille 101 on Sunday, January 6th, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center, formerly the Steinhausen Center. There will be a 50 minute presentation, along with refreshments and childcare.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION
Spend an hour with the Lord to celebrate the Christmas Season! You are welcome to stop by the Adoration Chapel (behind the tabernacle) at any time. To sign up for a weekly Holy Hour, contact Anthony Flott at aflott@cox.net.

CELEBRATE THE EPIPHANY!
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH
The Feast of the Epiphany marks the end of the Christmas Season and celebrates the arrival of the wise men. A devotion you may want to consider is to gather as a family to pray an Epiphany Blessing over your home, asking God’s blessing on all those who live there and visit. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home’s entrance:

\[20 + C + M + B + 19.\]

The letters C, M, and B have two meanings: they are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, and they also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which translates as “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs represent the cross, and 2019 is the year. “Chalking the door” is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God’s blessing of our lives and home. A traditional Epiphany Blessing is on page 5.

What is Liturgical Living?
*Liturgical Living* is a collection of ideas and creative ways to celebrate the Church’s liturgical seasons, solemnities, and feast days within the home, bringing a vibrancy to faith outside of church. *Liturgical Living* doesn’t have to be elaborate, artistic, or even particularly exciting. Just bringing awareness to the rhythm of the Church’s year has a profound impact and helps universalize the experience of Catholicism.
**EPIPHANY BLESSING**

Prayer Leader: Our help is the name of the Lord:  
Response: The maker of heaven and earth.  
Prayer Leader: The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:  
Response: From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.
Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant, through the invocation of your most Holy Name, that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

**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.

**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, December 31st
No Class: Wednesday, January 2nd

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.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

HOW COULD ANYONE POSSIBLY HANDLE RAISING A CHILD WHO WAS THE SON OF GOD?

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

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.

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!

CRUSADERS WINDOW DECALS
Only $5.00! New designs in stock! Show your school spirit and support St. Columbkille Athletics! Available to purchase at all home basketball games and through the Athletics office. Questions? Contact Sarah Yarpe at sayarpe@saintcolumbkille.org
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!

Senior Happy Club
All seniors are invited to meet for lunch on Monday, January 7th at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center, formerly the Steinhausen Center. Fr. Tom Greisen will introduce himself to us and be our speaker. The main dish will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share and invite a friend.

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. Questions? Contact Dee Iske at 402-734-3762 or iskew@cox.net.

On the cover: Our RCIA participants and their families made over 500 sandwiches for clients of the Heart Ministry Center. The sandwiches were given to whose who came to the food pantry the week before Christmas. Thank you for giving of yourselves to serve others!
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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**Parish Calendar**

**Monday, December 31**
New Year’s Eve
5:00 p.m. No Religious Education Class

**Tuesday, January 1**
New Year’s Day

**Wednesday, January 2**
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (PC)
1:30 p.m. No Rosary Making
5:45 p.m. No Religious Education Class

**Thursday, January 3**
9:00 a.m. Moms of Faith Epiphany Party (SH)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (SH)
7:00 p.m. Legion of Mary (PO)

**Friday, January 4**
9:15 a.m. Line Dancing (SH)

**Saturday, January 5**
7:00 a.m. Yoga Fitness (PC)
9:00 a.m. Bible Study (Ed C)
9:30 a.m. Tai Chi (PC)

**Sunday, January 6**
11:30 a.m. St. Columbkille 101 (PC)
3:00 p.m. Prayer Group (C)

**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
Thur., January 3rd
9:30-11:00 am

**Fair Trade Sale**

**Sunday, January 13th**
Social Hall
8:00 a.m. - Noon

The Fair Trade Team promotes the sale of foods and crafts purchased at a fair price from farmers and artisans around the world. The Fair Trade Team sponsors a fair trade sale the second Sunday of each month, excluding June and July.
PARISH GIFTS
December 16th, 2018

Budgeted Weekly Operating Costs $50,390
Sunday Tithe - Collections 49,212
Sunday Tithe - Online Giving (monthly) ............... 16,611
Sunday Tithe - Automatic Withdrawal ................ 346
Assumption ......................................................... 35
All Saints Day ....................................................... 10
Immaculate Conception ....................................... 145
Sunday Tithe - Total ............................................. $66,359

Year-to-Date Budgeted Tithing ...................... 1,259,750
Year-to-Date Total Tithing .............................. 1,126,404
Year-to-Date Overage/(Shortfall) ............ (133,346)

Message from Fr Dave: As you can see from this report, we are down in our regular weekly contributions by about $130,000. 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 ......................................................... 10,540
Votive Lights................................................................. 426
Building Rental ............................................................. 165
St. Columbkille Education Trust ................. 412
St. Vincent de Paul ................................................... 1,240
Future Fund ................................................................. 5,210
Christmas/Easter Flowers ....................................... 374
Seminary ................................................................. 10
Retirement Fund for Religious ...................... 5,266
Mothers/Fathers/All Souls Day Cards ............. 35
Thanksgiving Day/St. Vincent de Paul ............... 25

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

*Due to early holiday bulletin deadlines, the Parish Report is one week behind. The number from December 22/23 will be featured in next week’s bulletin.

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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