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Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
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RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 2:30 - 3:45 PM, the Thursday before
the First Friday of each month, 7:00 - 8:00 PM
and by appointment.

BAPTISM

Celebrated on most Sundays after the
12:00 PM Mass. Preparation is required
for parents before their first child's Baptism.
Please call the Parish Office to register.

MARRIAGE

In keeping with Diocesan regulations,
arrangements must first be made with a priest
at least six months before the date selected to
allow for required preparations.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

This sacrament is available upon request
by speaking with one of the priests.

“Behold,

I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me
according to your word.”

the season of
Advent
2025

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

PARISH REGISTRATION — Please register at the Parish Office during our
business hours or online at our website.

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MASS INFORMATION



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Monday, December 15 – Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Gary Topolski

Tuesday, December 16 – Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Paul Maruna +

Wednesday, December 17 – Late Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Daniel Wells +

Thursday, December 18 – Late Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Ok Ja Bliss and the Deceased

Members of the Bliss Family

Friday, December 19 – Late Advent Weekday

8:15 AM The People of St. Columbkille Parish

Saturday, December 20 – Late Advent Weekday

8:15 AM August and Margaret Schwamel

4:00 PM Alice Blaszak + and the Deceased

Members of the Blaszak Family

Sunday, December 21 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 AM Bruno and Helen Szczap +

10:00 AM Andrew and Mary Tartal +

12:00 PM Thomas Fedor +



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

As missionary disciples of Jesus, formed as a community through Scripture and Sacraments, we are sent into the world to joyfully proclaim the Gospel.

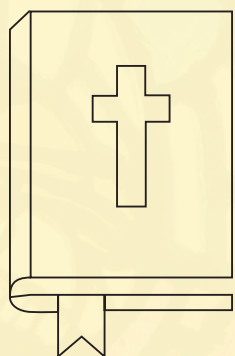
PARISH VISION STATEMENT

As the Parish of Saint Columbkille, we strive to be a welcoming, caring, Catholic family that transforms lives, proclaiming the Kingdom of God.

OFFERTORY GIVING

| YTD | | 11/23/25 |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| \$ 277,838.74 | Weekly Offertory Collection | \$ 12,088.00 |
| \$ 99,466.33 | Faith Direct Online Offertory | \$ - |
| \$ 37,493.00 | Repairs & Maintenance | \$ 1,103.00 |
| \$ 5,549.00 | School Support | \$ 92.00 |
| \$ 220.00 | Easter 2026 | \$ 135.00 |
| \$ 125.00 | Christmas 2025 | \$ - |
| \$ 29,797.82 | Other & Misc | \$ 487.00 |
| \$ 450,489.89 | Total | \$ 13,905.00 |

Thank you for your support of St. Columbkille Parish. Our mission is to worship God, serve others, and form disciples of Jesus Christ. This mission would not be possible without your prayers and giving of your time, talent and treasure. Please note YTD reflects July through the current week received and Faith Direct Online Offertory is deposited biweekly. THANK YOU!



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Monday, December 15

Num 24: 2-7, 15-17a
Mt 21: 23-27

Tuesday, December 16

Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13
Mt 21: 28-32

Wednesday, December 17

Gen 49: 2, 8-10
Mt 1: 1-17

Thursday, December 18

Jer 23: 5-8
Mt 1: 18-25

Friday, December 19

Jdg 13: 2-7, 24-25a
Lk 1: 5-25

Saturday, December 20

Is 7: 10-14
Lk 1: 26-38

Sunday, December 21

Is 7: 10-14
Rom 1: 1-7
Mt 1: 18-24

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS ALL THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE ILL:

Madelyn Adamic, Dan Adams, Mary Annibale, Dan Archer, Robert Baker, Christine Banaszak, Carol Bednar, Lucy Bennett, Ted Bergansky, Isabel Blaha, George Brayer, John Brough, Georgene Callaghan, Robert Carpenter, Douglas Ceraldi, Barbara Chandler, Don Cristillo, Joseph Cwiklinski, Carolina Dalrymple, Mary Beth Davis, Marlene DeLaat, Robert Dittrich, Cheryl Fasser, Doris Fiorentino, Christine Fontana, Carmen Francino, Salvatore Fricano, Sandy Friedel, Ray Fritz, Mary Galgas, Dustin Green, Dylan Greve, Jamil Hadad, Rachel Harr, Marilyn Jirousek, Jack Kaniecki, Mary Ann Kannenberg, Jennifer Karam, Barbara Kathrein, Joan Knotek, Michael Kopkas, Angelica Korbas, Michael Kowalczyk, Terrie Kowalski, Ron Kwiakowski, Len Labuda, Gloria Latran, Rachel Liepelt, Robert Maeder, George Makovicka, Kathy Martuch, Kevin Mayer, Pam Mayer, Mairead McGinty, Manus McMaffery, Thad McNeil, Wayne Miller, Mary Minnillo, Marilyn Moavero, Dolores Montelone, Brian Mysza, Joan Nagy, Levon Owen, Joan Parete, Terry Perciak, Matthew Powers, Chuck Ptak, Jeremy Pupkiewicz, Ed Rogowski, Mary Rose, Ronald W. Sevchek, John Sheeban, Tony Smetana, Maria Snyder, John Spisak II, MaryAnn Stimson, Dorothy Sutkowy, Jim Sweeny, Jim Szente, Bernice Szollosi, Dolores Talion, Nash Taylor, Tony Tomecko, Carolyn Toomey, Terry Toth, Yvonne Uhlik, Denise Vargo, Maria Vogel, John Vohaty, David Zenda, Geraldine Zickes.

If you would like your loved one's or friend's name on the list, please call the rectory office at (216) 524-1987. Please be sure that the person who is ill consents to their name being placed on the list before submitting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our newest members to the Saint Columbkille Parish family:

Ms. Hattie Furies

REST IN PEACE

May all our deceased parishioners live forever in the joy of the Resurrection...

Elizabeth Krupa



RECENT BAPTISMS

Welcome to the family:

Kailani Maldonado

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR



PREPARE THE WAY FOR JOY!

The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. The word “gaudete” is derived from the Latin words “gaudium,” joy, and “gaudeo,” to rejoice or be glad. Gaudete Sunday occurs eight to thirteen days before Christmas, and the nearness of the feast is reason for great joy. Gaudete is taken from the Entrance Antiphon for the Mass: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near” (paraphrase, Philippians 4:4-5). Advent is a time of joyful expectation and eager preparation for the Solemnity of Christmas. If you are anything like me, preparing for Christmas can be stressful and often leads to impatience. Impatient people are stripped of their joy because they are overwhelmed with the worries and anxieties of life. This

week when you are tempted to lose your patience, and everything seems to be going wrong, take a quiet moment and remember why we are here: God is with us in Jesus! God has a human body, a will, heart and intellect like yours...Jesus' patience was tested in every way and yet He did not fall into sin. Jesus loves you and died for the forgiveness of your sins...Christmas is coming, rejoice!

MULTIPLE REASONS FOR JOY

There is joy in looking forward to the annual celebration of Christmas, but there is also joy in recalling the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas. The joy is heightened because He was born to save us from our sins (Mt 1:21b). The joy also extends to anticipation of the Second Coming, either at the end of physical life or the end of the world, the time when believers will be given the crown of righteousness (2 Tm 4:8) and a place in the Father's house (John 14:2) to dwell with God and His angels and saints for all eternity.

A JOYFUL COLOR

Rose represents joy and may be used as the liturgical color for Gaudete Sunday. Violet remains the official color for the Season of Advent, the Third Sunday included, because all of Advent has a penitential tone, a time to be absolved of sin and be in the state of grace for Christmas. Gaudete Sunday offers a brief respite to focus on the uplifting, upcoming joyful celebration of the Nativity.

JOYFUL ADORNMENTS

The priest wears a rose chasuble to symbolize joy in reaching the halfway point of the Advent Season. Church decorations may include roses or other flowers, a rose-colored altar cloth, drapery on the pulpit or ambo, chalice veil, tabernacle curtain, or wall hangings. The third candle of the Advent wreath is rose.

JOYFUL PRAYERS

The prayers in the Roman Missal on the Third Sunday of Advent convey a joyful message. The immediacy of Christmas is addressed in the Collect opening prayer, “O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity,” followed by two explicit references to joy: “enable us ... to attain the joys of so great a salvation” and “to celebrate them with ... glad rejoicing.” Preface II of Advent says, “we rejoice at the mystery of his Nativity” and that we are “exultant in his praise.” The Communion Antiphon contains the joyful message, “Behold, our God will come, and he will save us” (cf. Is 35:4). Two invocations in the Solemn Blessing for Advent refer to joy: the second, “may he make you ... joyful in hope,” and the third, “So that, rejoicing now with devotion at the Redeemer's coming.”

JOYFUL OPLATKI!

Oplatki Christmas wafers are available in the vestibule after Masses this weekend. The tradition of the Oplatki originated in Poland in the seventeenth century. The Oplatki are enjoyed by families, typically right before the Christmas Eve meal. The entire family will gather around the table with the Oplatek. Generally, the eldest member of the family will begin the ritual by breaking off a piece of the wafer and passing it to another family member with a blessing. This blessing can simply consist of what you desire for your loved one in the upcoming year – whether it be good health, success, or happiness. The purpose of this act is primarily to express one's love for each member of his or her family.

The significance of the Oplatki Christmas wafer is in that it shadows the Eucharistic meal Catholics participate in at each Mass. Just as we share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ and receive Christ's love through the Eucharist, the Oplatki allows for one's immediate family to come together and share the love they have for one another. The Oplatki tradition is one that is easy and fun to introduce to the family at Christmas time. All it requires is a simple wafer paired with love and affection, and the willingness to share it. This is a heartwarming tradition that will enhance your family's time together during the Christmas season.

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

CHRISTMAS MASS AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE!

It is never too early to start planning for going to Confession and Mass for Christmas. We will have extra Confessions on Monday, December 22nd from 1-2 PM, 7-8 PM in church and on Tuesday, December 23rd from 1-2 PM. Our Christmas Eve Masses on Wednesday, December 24th will be at 4 PM, 6 PM, and 10 PM. Christmas Day Masses will be on Thursday, December 25th at 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM. On behalf our entire parish family and parish staff, I want to wish you and your families a very blessed upcoming Christmas season.

ANGEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND!

You can help our school make tuition even more affordable for our families using a new State of Ohio tax credit. Ohioans can now receive a 100% tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1,500 for married couples filing jointly) for donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund. Best of all it is completely free! It is very easy to apply. I did it in just five minutes from my computer. Simply review your tax liability form from the State of Ohio from last year (Form 1040 IT, line 8c) to help you estimate the amount of your tax liability for this year against which the credit can be taken. Make your contribution online at www.catholiccommunity.Novemborg/angel, or by calling 216-902-1312.

Make sure you list St. Columbkille School on the application form so our kids can benefit from the donation. Contributions must be made by December 31st, 2025 for St. Columbkille to use the money next school year and by April 15, 2026 to be eligible for a tax credit in 2025. Use the tax receipt that you receive from the Angel Scholarship Fund to claim your tax credit when you file your State of Ohio income tax return. You will receive all the money you donated back from the State of Ohio with your tax refund next year! Please speak with a member of our Finance Council after Mass this weekend if you have questions, or contact the rectory for more details on how to donate.

Never forget, the Lord is with us, always!

Pastor Anthony J. Luso

PARISH NEWS



Women of St. Columbkille
We Invite You to St. Columbkille Women's Fellowship
Mark your calendars for Wed. December 17th and bring a friend
Meeting will be held from **6pm-8:30pm** in the Parish Center



FAITH DIRECT TRANSITION TO ParishSOFT ONLINE GIVING

Remember to bookmark your new login URL: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/cp/Account/Login>. New benefits include: 1) Real-time access to donations with same-day deposits; 2) Powerful, flexible forms for events, pledges, and giving; 3) Expanded payment options like PayPal, Apple Pay, Venmo, and more; 4) Better reporting tools and enhanced donor engagement. To help you navigate the new platform, visit the Information Center by scanning the QR code on the right which includes FAQs and the Introduction to ParishSOFT Giving: An Interactive Demo. Please note: There may be up to two final disbursements processed and reported through Faith Direct. If applicable, you will receive an email notification when those are ready.



WEEK AT A GLANCE

14

SUNDAY

5:00 PM Bible Study (FF Rooms)
5:30 PM Den Meeting (School Gym)
7:00 PM Troop Meeting (School Gym)
7:00 PM Catching Fire (Varied)

15

MONDAY

16

TUESDAY

7:15 PM Men's Fellowship (FF Rooms)

17

WEDNESDAY

6:00 AM Men's Discipleship (PC MR)
11:00 AM WWP (PC MR)
6:15 PM Legion of Mary (Rectory B.)
7:00 PM Choir (Church)
7:00 PM OCIA (PC MR)
8:00 PMAA Meeting (PC B.)

18

THURSDAY

7:30 PM AI-Anon Beginners (PC B.)
8:00 PM AI-Anon (PC B.)

19

FRIDAY

2:00 PM Patriotic Rosary (Church)
2:30 PM Meal Ministry (School Gym)

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE: ST. COLUMBKILLE SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 25TH | 11 AM - 1 PM

FAITH FORMATION

JOIN OUR ADORATION TEAM!

Today is the perfect day to spend time in Perpetual Adoration with Jesus. We are blessed at St. Columbkille to have one of the few Perpetual Adoration Chapels in the Diocese! There is a need of Adorers and we are asking for your help with the following hours:

Thursday: 12-1 PM

Friday: 12-1 AM, 10-11 AM, 11 AM-12 PM, 9-10 PM, 11 PM-12 AM

Saturday: 4-5 AM, 6-7 AM, 7-8 AM, 3-4 PM, 5-6 PM

Sunday: 3-4 AM, 8-9 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM

We pray you will become part of our Adoration Family! Please call Scott or Amanda at (216) 310-6831 with any questions. If you are a current adorer and would like an updated Adoration list for your hours, please send a request to seffertz@stcolumbkilleparish.org.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment that you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth." – Mother Teresa



PARISH NEWS

Sunday Social

After every Mass this weekend in the Church Basement!

DECEMBER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Join fellow parishioners as we come together to Serve Others. There are several different projects planned throughout the day. See all of the listings below. There's something for everyone!



MEAL MINISTRY (DECEMBER 12 & 19)

Preparing and delivering homestyle meals for our homebound parishioners. Kitchen Workers are needed from 2:30 - 4:30 PM in the SCS Kitchen to help prepare food and pack meals. Drivers are needed to deliver the meals to our homebound parishioners between 4:30 - 5:00 PM. Report to the St. Columbkille School kitchen at 4:15 PM to pick up meals and a delivery route. Deliveries should take no longer than 30 to 45 minutes to complete. Drivers may bring along a buddy to help carry the meals from the car to the person receiving the meals. Children may accompany an adult on deliveries.

BROADVIEW MULTI-CARE CENTER

Join us at Broadview Multi-Care Center for their annual Christmas Program, performed by the residents and assisted by St. Columbkille volunteers. The residents have been hard at work planning and rehearsing for this special event, but they can't do it alone. Volunteers are needed to assist with costuming, cues, pushing a wheelchair or two, and serving refreshments after the performance. Volunteers should meet in the 3rd floor atrium at Broadview Multi-Care at 1:15 PM on Sunday, December 14th. The program will begin promptly at 2:00 PM. Light refreshments will be provided. Wear some red or green to add to the festivities!



FOOD AND CLOTHING PANTRY VOLUNTEER

Serve the poor of the Slavic Village area as St. Columbkille volunteers staff the Food and Clothing Pantry at Ozanam Center. Pack bags of canned food and produce, carry bags of food to pick-up line, and sort and hang clothing donations at the Ozanam Center at Holy Name Church on Broadway Ave. Volunteers must be able to lift and carry boxes and bags of groceries and must be at least 13 years old.

Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All volunteers should meet at the Ozanam Center at 8:30 AM on Saturday, December 20th.

CHURCH AND ADORATION CHAPEL CLEANING

Let's give our church and adoration chapel a good cleaning! Help is needed to wash down the pews and kneelers before the holidays. Meet in the church vestibule at 9:30 AM on Saturday, December 20th. Please bring a bucket and cleaning rag; soap and water will be provided. Join us! Many hands make light work!



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CLAIM YOUR TAX CREDIT IN THREE EASY STEPS

1

REVIEW YOUR TAX LIABILITY FROM LAST YEAR

Use this to estimate tax liability for the current year. The maximum tax credit is \$750 per tax payer (\$1,500 for married filing jointly).

2

DONATE AND DESIGNATE YOUR CONTRIBUTION

You contribution can be designated to a school of your choice (St. Columbille)!

*Contribution can be any amount. The amount of the tax credit cannot exceed the amount of your tax liability.

3

CLAIM YOUR TAX CREDIT

A tax receipt will be provided that documents your Angel Scholarship Fund contribution. This receipt is then submitted with the Ohio 1040 tax form.



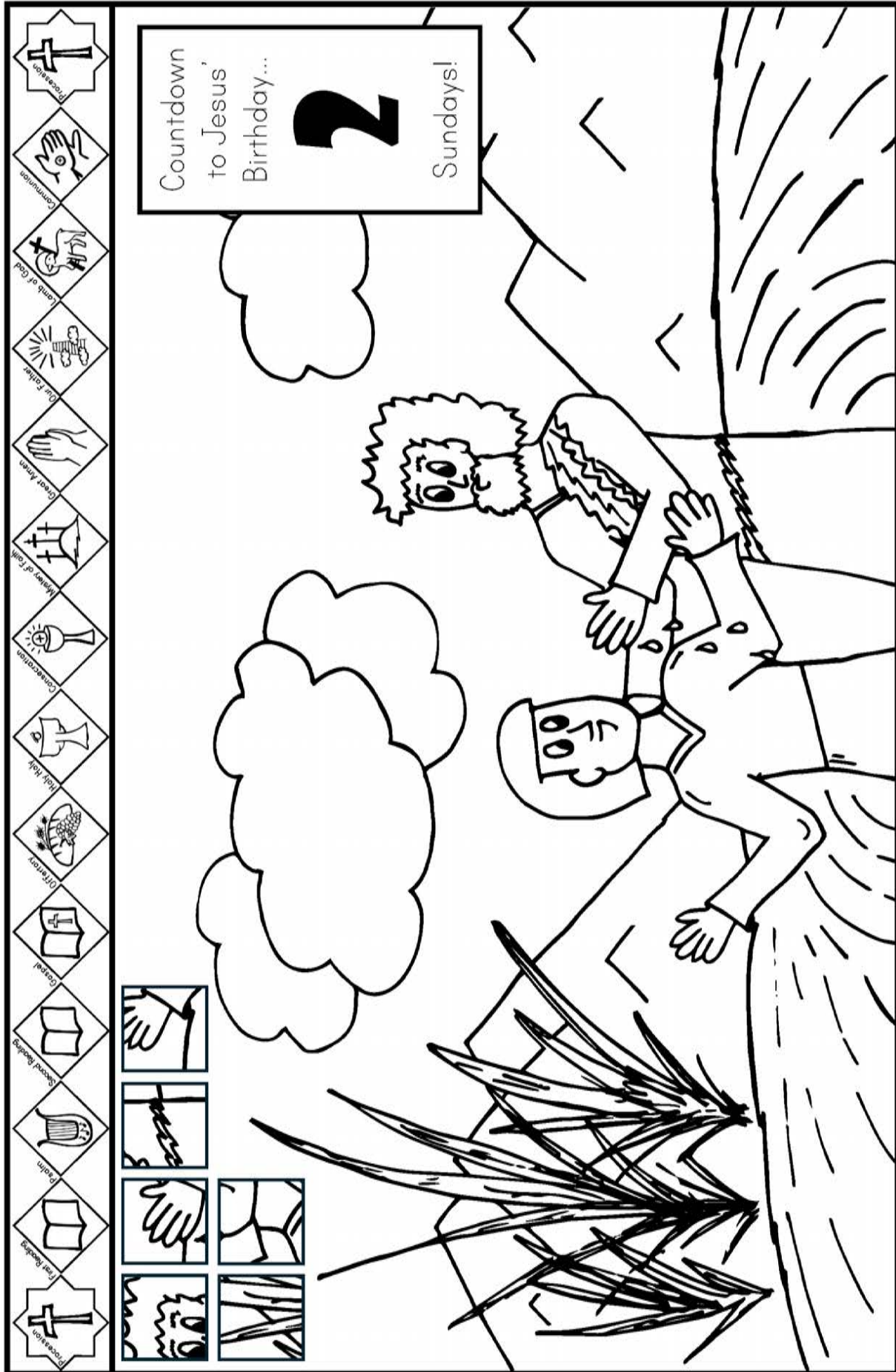
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