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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.

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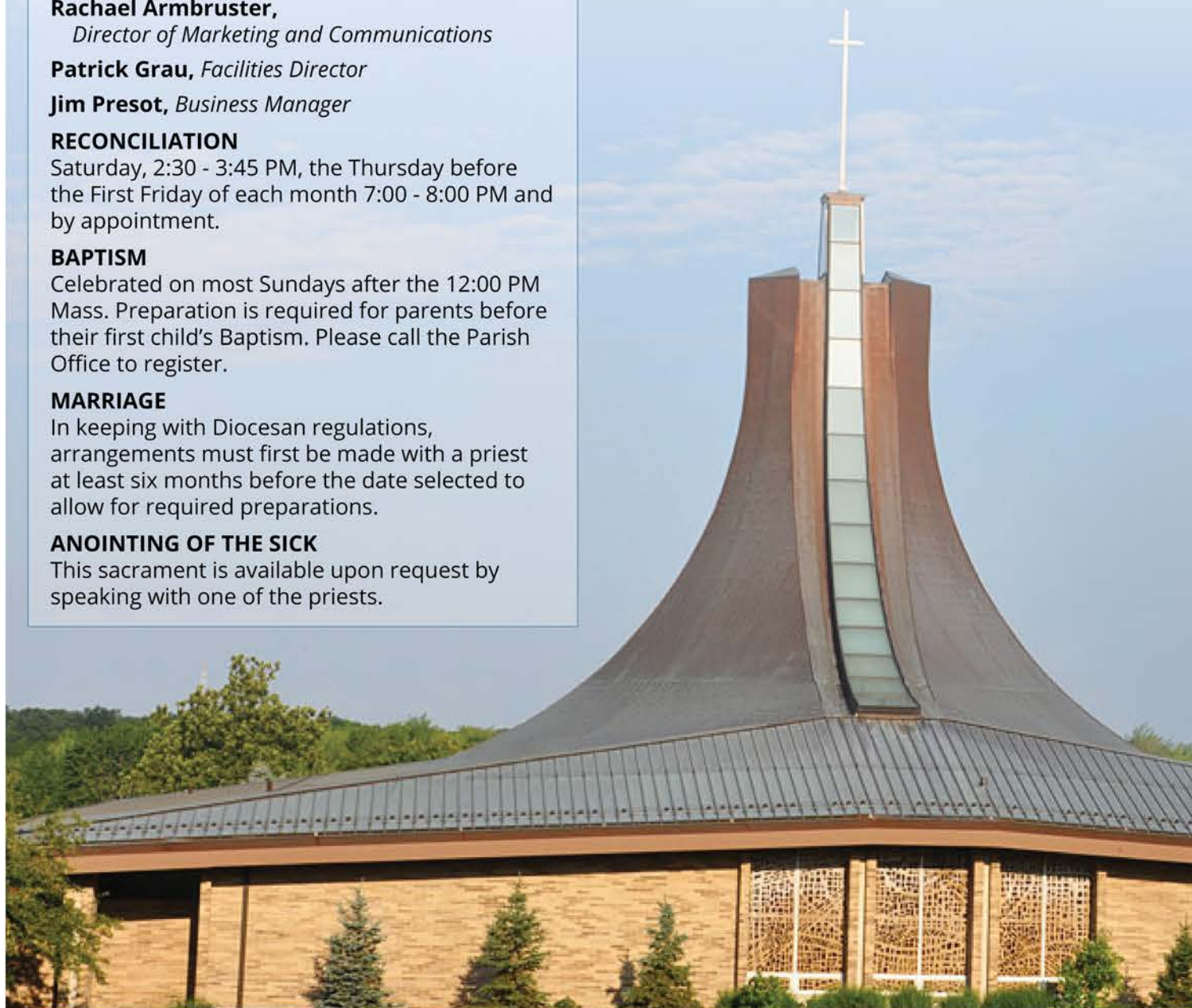
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## MASSES

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00 PM

**Sunday** 8:00 AM • 10:00 AM • 12:00 PM

**Monday-Saturday** 8:15 AM



## 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, August 11 – Weekday

8:15 AM Michael James Bakos +

### Tuesday, August 12 – Weekday

8:15 AM Janice and Thomas Fedor +

### Wednesday, August 13 – Weekday

8:15 AM All Souls

### Thursday, August 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe

8:15 AM The People of St. Columbkille Parish

4:00 PM Edward and Michael Cerny +

### Friday, August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 AM The Bishop, Priests, and Deacons  
of the Diocese of Cleveland

7:00 PM Carmine and Lucia Mucciarone +

### Saturday, August 16 – Weekday

8:15 AM Al and Elizabeth Koeth +

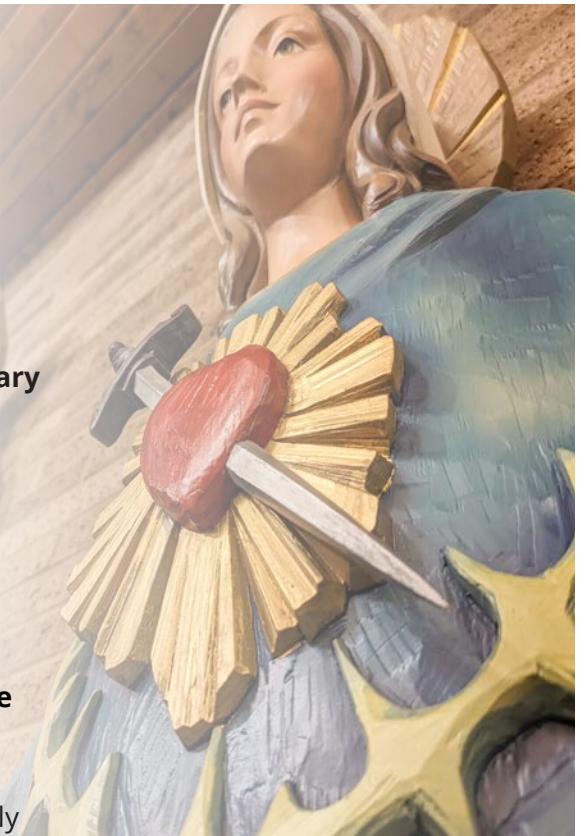
4:00 PM The Deceased Members of the  
Tracek, Hrovat and Rowan Families

### Sunday, August 17 – The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Eligio Cardona +

10:00 AM Irene Nicastro and William Dinnin +

12:00 PM Joseph and Dominica Zappitelli + and Family



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

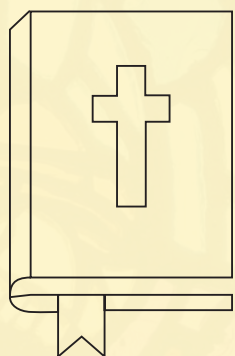
As missionary disciples of Jesus, formed as a community through Scripture and Sacraments, we are sent into the world to joyfully proclaim the Gospel.

## OFFERTORY GIVING

YTD		7/20/25
\$ 37,382.00	Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 11,595.00
\$ 12,862.00	Faith Direct Online Offertory	\$ -
\$ 6,089.00	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,222.00
\$ 637.00	School Support	\$ 5.00
\$ 60.00	Easter 2026	\$ -
\$ -	Christmas 2025	\$ -
\$ 1,575.06	Other & Misc	\$ 43.00
\$ 58,605.06	Total	\$ 12,865.00

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, August 11

Dt 10: 12-22

Mt 17: 22-27

### Tuesday, August 12

Dt 31: 1-8

Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14

### Wednesday, August 13

Dt 34: 1-12

Mt 18: 15-20

### Thursday, August 14

Jos 3: 7-10a, 11, 13-17

Mt 18: 21 - Mt 19: 1

### Friday, August 15

Rv 11: 19a;

Rv 12: 1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15: 20-27

Lk 1: 39-56

### Saturday, August 16

Jos 24: 14-29

Mt 19: 13-15

### Sunday, August 17

Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10

Heb 12: 1-4

Lk 12: 49-53

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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

Madelyn Adamic, Dan Adams, 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, Cheryl Fasser, Doris Fiorentino, Christine Fontana, Carmen Francino, Salvatore Fricano, Sandy Friedel, Ray Fritz, Mary Galgas, Dylan Greve, Dustin Green, Jamil Hadad, Rachel Harr, Jo Ann Jablonski, Marilyn Jirousek, Mary Ann Kannenberg, Jennifer Karam, Michael Kopkas, Angelica Korbas, Michael Kowalczyk, Terrie Kowalski, Ron Kwiakowski, Len Labuda, Gloria Latran, Rachel Liepelt, Robert Maeder, George Makovicka, Dolores Malvic, Kathy Martuch, Kevin Mayer, Mairead McGinty, Mary Minnillo, Jack Kaniecki, Joan Knotek, Paul Kovar, Pam Mayer, Manus McMaffery, Thad McNeil, Wayne Miller, Dolores Montelone, Brian Mysza, Joe Mytro, Joan Nagy, Theresa Nero, Levon Owen, Joan Parete, Nash Taylor, Terry Toth, Terry Perciak, Chuck Ptak, Matthew Powers, Jeremy Pupkiewicz, Ed Rogowski, Mary Rose, Richard J. Ryba, Ronald W. Sevchek, John Sheeban, MaryAnn Stimson, Tony Smetana, Maria Snyder, Dorothy Sutkowy, Jim Sweeny, Jim Szente, Bernice Szollosi, Dolores Talion, Tony Tomecko, Carolyn Toomey, Robert Topolski, Yvonne Uhlik, Denise Vargo, John Vohaty, Maria Vogel, David Zenda, and 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:

*Mr. Joseph Gross and Angelique Colonie*

### REST IN PEACE

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

*Kathleen Girardi & Matteo Vicario*



### RECENT BAPTISMS

Welcome to the family:

*Lucy Olena Keeney  
Olive Marie Welms*

## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR



### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY!

This Friday, August 15th, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. Assumption Masses will be celebrated at 4 PM on Thursday, 8:15 AM, and 7 PM on Friday. The dogma of the Assumption was definitively defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1st, 1950, and teaches that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. There, she sits at her Son's right hand, as Queen of Heaven and Earth. **The foundation for the teaching is rooted in Scripture, specifically in St. John's mysterious and apocalyptic vision recorded in Revelation chapter 12.**

The woman of Revelation 12 is identified as Mary, the one "who brought forth a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron . . . [the one] caught up to God and his throne" (Rev 12:5). Revelation 12, however, also uses imagery that reveals the woman to be Daughter Zion, the Queen-Bride of Israel, and the Mother of the Church. In likening the woman to the Queen Bride of Israel, St. John's description of her echoes Isaiah, who said that Israel would be arrayed like a radiant Queen Bride (Is 60:19–20, 62:3–5). Solomon's bride in the Song of Songs is similarly described (Songs 6:10). St. John drives this point home by telling us that the woman wears a crown of twelve stars, an obvious symbol of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Throughout the Book of Revelation, the twelve tribes are also reckoned as signs of the twelve Apostles, the representatives of the new Israel, the Church (Rev 7:4–8, 21:12–14). So, just as Daughter Zion was a symbol of the chosen people of God – Israel – the woman in Revelation is also a symbol of the new people of God, the Church. St. Paul, in language similar to that of Revelation, called the Church "the Jerusalem above . . . our mother." St. Paul also spoke of the Church as the Bride of Christ (Gal 4:26; Eph 5:31–32). Likewise, St. John referred to the Church as a "Lady" (2 John:5). The woman of Revelation, however, is more than a symbol for the Church. She is also its mother with "offspring" in addition to the one male child to whom she gives birth. And those children are described in Revelation as those who believe in Jesus. **Mary, by association with her Son, Jesus, is our spiritual mother and the Mother of the Church.**

In Revelation 12, we see a great battle which is a dramatic portrayal of the fulfillment of God's promise in the Garden of Eden. The serpent lies in wait beneath the woman, preparing to devour her offspring. The birth of her son becomes the occasion for mortal combat. During the battle, the woman flees into the desert—to a place especially prepared for her by God. Later, after the devil's defeat, St. John sees the woman given eagle's wings to fly to a place in the desert where she would be nourished by God. John's language recalls Jesus' words to His Apostles in John 14:1–3.

The picture Revelation paints serves as the biblical outline for the Church's dogma of Mary's Assumption. Mary is Daughter Zion, the woman who gave birth to the world's Savior. Because she is the New Eve, she is free from the shadow of sin and its consequences. This includes the long-term separation of soul and body that exists for the rest of us as we wait for the resurrection of the body at the end of time. Mary has been taken up into heaven by God to join her Son in the place He prepared for her. And in that place, as Christ the King's mother, she sits at His right hand, wearing the crown of the Queen Mother.

The meaning of the Assumption of Mary for us is quite profound. **Mary's Assumption anticipates our ultimate union with Christ.** The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) states: "...finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death." The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians (CCC, 966).

**Mary's Assumption is a "type" of the Church and a model for all Christians.** The Second Vatican Council reminded us: By reason of the gift and role of her divine motherhood, by which she is united with her Son, the Redeemer, and with her unique graces and functions, the Blessed Virgin is also intimately united to the Church. As St. Ambrose taught, the Mother of God is a type of the Church in the order of faith, charity, and perfect union with Christ. For in the mystery of the Church, which is itself rightly called mother and virgin, the Blessed Virgin stands out in eminent and singular fashion as exemplar both of virgin and mother ("Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium," 63).

**Mary's Assumption reveals the power of love.** Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed: Taken up into heaven, Mary shows us the way to God, the way to heaven, the way to life. She shows it to her children baptized in Christ and to all people of



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good will. She opens this way especially to the little ones and to the poor, those who are dear to divine mercy. The Queen of the world reveals to individuals and to nations the power of the love of God whose plan upsets that of the proud, pulls down the mighty from their thrones and exalts the humble, fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich empty away – Luke 1:51-53 (Pope John Paul II, “Homily at St. Peter’s Basilica,” Rome, August 15, 1999).

**Mary’s Assumption tells us that death is not the end.** Pope St. John Paul II explained: Mary’s Assumption is an event that concerns us precisely because every human being is destined to die. But death is not the last word. Death – the mystery of the Virgin’s Assumption assures us – is the passage to life, the encounter with Love. It is the passage to the eternal happiness in store for those who toil for truth and justice and do their utmost to follow Christ (Pope John Paul II, “Homily at St. Peter’s Basilica,” Rome, August 15, 2001).

### **WE HAVE A LEGION OF MARY AT ST. COLUMBKILLE PARISH!**

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholics who, with the sanction of the Church and under the powerful leadership of Mary Immaculate, Mediatrix of All Graces, serve the Church and their neighbor on a voluntary basis in about 170 countries. The first meeting of the Legion of Mary took place in Myra House, Francis Street, Dublin, Ireland, on 7 September, 1921. This meeting was to have very beneficial consequences for the mission of the Catholic Church and, in a special way, for millions of members of Christ’s lay faithful who would serve in the Legion and for those who would be served by the legionary apostolate.

The object of the Legion of Mary is the glory of God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active cooperation in Mary’s and the Church’s work. The unit of the Legion of Mary is called a praesidium, which holds a weekly meeting, where prayer is intermingled with reports and discussion. Persons who wish to join the Legion must apply for membership in a Praesidium.

The Legion sees as its priority the spiritual and social welfare of each individual. The members participate in the life of the parish through visitation of families, the sick, both in their homes and in hospitals and through collaboration in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by the parish. Every legionary is required to carry out a weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary. This weekend, Lori Modic, the president of our Legion of Mary here at St. Columbkille, will be speaking after all the Masses and personally inviting you to join in the mission.

### **FAITH DIRECT ONLINE GIVING BECOMING PARISHSOFT ONLINE GIVING!**

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### **FR. SUSO AWAY ON VACATION**

I will be away from the parish on vacation from Sunday, August 10th through Wednesday, August 20th. Every year, a group of priests including Fr. Sean Ralph and Fr. Kevin Estabrook who served as vicars at St. Columbkille travel to a cabin on Little Hawk Lake in northern Ontario Canada. We pray together, celebrate Mass, swim, eat, play games and relax. Please keep me in your prayers...know that I will be praying for you! I leave Fr. Spicer in charge of the pastoral responsibilities until my return.

Never forget, the Lord Jesus is with us, always!



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

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### SUNDAY

5:00 PM	Bible Study	(FF. Rooms)
7:00 PM	Catching Fire	(Varied)

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### MONDAY


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### TUESDAY


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### WEDNESDAY

6:15 PM	Legion of Mary	(Rectory B.)
8:00 PM	AA Meeting	(PC B.)

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### THURSDAY

7:00 PM	Holy Name Meeting	(PC MR.)
7:30 PM	Al-Anon Beginners	(PC B.)
8:00 PM	Al-Anon	(PC B.)

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### FRIDAY

2:00 PM	Patriotic Rosary	(Church)

## PARISH NEWS



### GOOD SAMARITAN PANTRY NEEDS

The Good Samaritan Pantry needs your help! Needed items include: canned peas/carrots/potatoes, canned fruit, coffee, jelly/jam, toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry detergent, dish soap, paper towels, and toilet paper. **We are also especially in need of soup.** Cash donations are appreciated. Thank you for your continued generosity to those in need!

### WARM UP AMERICA

Our next meeting will be on August 18th in the Rectory Basement at 1 PM. For information, call Lois at 216-524-2869. May everyone have a great summer!

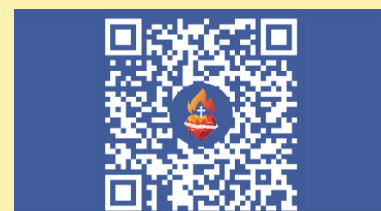


### 50 +

The St. Columbkille 50+ Seniors Club will meet for our annual summer picnic on Wednesday, August 20th, at the Seven Hills Summitview Commons Pavilion (behind City Hall) from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. In the event of rain, it will be moved into the regular meeting room in the Seven Hills Community Room. See you there!

### CATCHING FIRE: JOIN A THRIVING CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY!

Meetings are every Sunday at 7 PM here at St. Columbkille Parish. Ages 18-39. Learn more at [catchingfirestc.com](http://catchingfirestc.com) or scan the QR code to join our GroupMe for updates and announcements! Build Community • Form Disciples • Worship God





# AUGUST-AT-A-GLANCE

Want to get involved? There are more opportunities to Serve Others this month!

## MEAL MINISTRY

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH AND AUGUST 22ND**



Kitchen workers and drivers needed. Please note: we are currently delivering meals to approximately 25 of our homebound parishioners on each delivery day. Consequently, no more than 2 bakers are needed each delivery day for the meal ministry. If the slots on the sign up are full, please consider waiting for another day to bake for the meal ministry, or support one of our other baking service projects (see parish website).



PARMA BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT  
AUGUST 12TH - AUGUST 13TH



**THIS EVENT IS  
CANCELLED!**

## SERVICE SATURDAY: OZANAM

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH**



Help is needed as St. Columbkille volunteers serve the poor at the Ozanam Center. Duties include packing bags of fresh produce and staple foods, carrying the bags of food to the cars of the 120-130 families who come to the Center for food, and sorting and hanging clothing donations. All volunteers must be able to lift and carry boxes and bags of groceries and must be at least 13 years old. Under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

To volunteer, please scan the QR code next to each event, visit our website, or call the rectory office (216-524-1987) with any questions or for more information.

# Holy Name Society

## NAVIGATING CHALLENGES WITH CHRIST

Join us at our next Holy Name Society meeting as we host mental health therapist Luke Brown, LPCC for a discussion on navigating life's hardships and challenges with Christ.

**Topic:** Navigating Challenges with Christ

**Who:** All men & women of the parish & community

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** St. Columbkille Parish Center

**Date:** Thursday, August 14th, 2025

**Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 PM

- 7:00 PM - Rosary
- 7:30 PM - HNS Business Meeting
- 8:00 PM - Guest Speaker & Refreshments

**PLEASE RSVP:**

**[holynamesociety@stcolumbkilleparish.org](mailto:holynamesociety@stcolumbkilleparish.org)**

**or text/call: 440-915-4603**



St. Columbkille Parish

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# OCIA

Join Us At Our First Session

**September 3rd**

7 PM in the Parish Center

## Curious about OCIA?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a faith journey for those exploring the Catholic Church. It's for unbaptized adults, baptized Christians curious about Catholicism, or baptized Catholics seeking First Communion or Confirmation.


No pressure to become Catholic - our goal is to help you discern God's will. We support you through prayer, answering questions, and meaningful conversations.

**Do you know someone who is ready to meet Jesus? Invite them to OCIA!**

Contact Fr. Patrick Spicer [pspicer@stcolumbkilleparish.org](mailto:pspicer@stcolumbkilleparish.org)  
or Megan McDonald [mmcdonald@stcolumbkilleparish.org](mailto:mmcdonald@stcolumbkilleparish.org)

*"Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, (Jesus) which gives life a new horizon and decisive direction."*

- Pope Benedict XVI




# Catholic Kids

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August 10, 2025

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During Mass, the whole church celebrates together. Your participation in Mass is connected to everyone else who is praying in Heaven and on Earth.

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## Saint Moses

Saint Moses was a large, strong man who robbed people and led a group of criminals. He hid with some monks, learned about their faith, and became a Catholic! He joined the monastery and worked hard to turn away from his sins. He became a priest and was a great leader for peace and kindness in the monastery.

Saint Moses is the patron saint of nonviolence and Africa.



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