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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.

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

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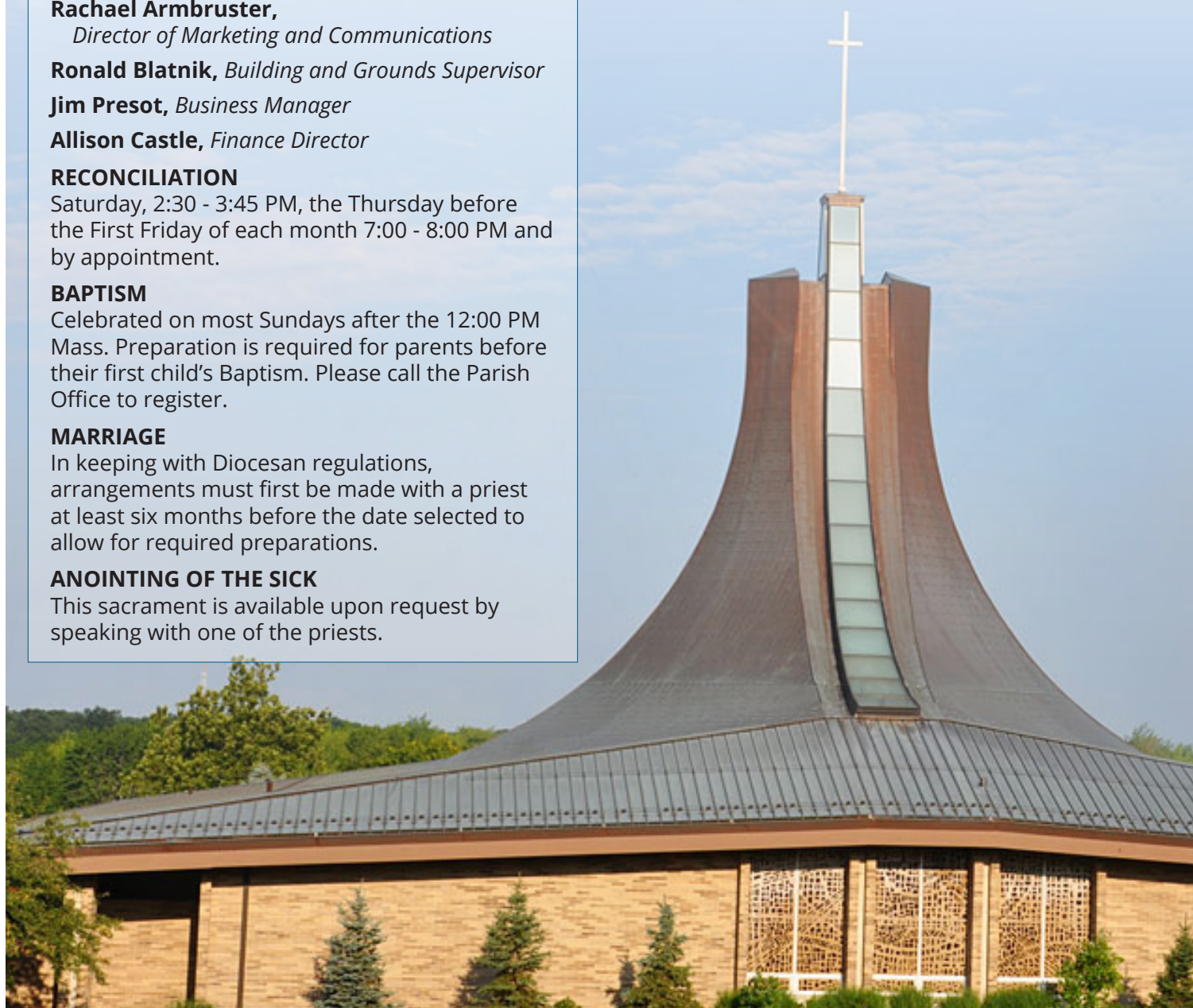
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MASSES

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, September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:15 AM Patrick Camillo

Tuesday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

8:15 AM The Deceased Members of the
Ralph Parete Family

Wednesday, September 16 – Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

8:15 AM The People of St. Columbkille Parish

Thursday, September 17 – Weekday

8:15 AM The Sadowsky, Skrovan,
and Walters Families

Friday, September 18 – Weekday

8:15 AM The Souls of Ralph and Helen Jarzembak

Saturday, September 19 – Weekday

8:15 AM All Souls
4:00 PM The 45th Wedding Anniversary
of Mike and Rosanna Barth

Sunday, September 20 – The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM The People of St. Columbkille Parish
10:00 AM Walter Wielgus + and Joseph Przyblek +
12:00 PM Paul, Katherine, and George Ujhazy



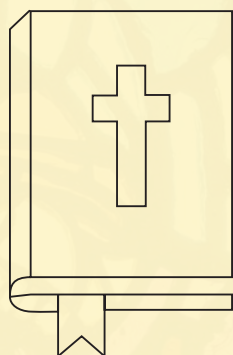
PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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		8/23/26
\$ 99,448.05	Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 9,960.00
\$ 45,170.74	Faith Direct Online Offertory	\$ 3,013.80
\$ 15,353.00	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 830.00
\$ 2,731.00	School Support	\$ 164.00
\$ 1,010.00	Easter 2027	\$ -
\$ -	Christmas 2026	\$ -
\$ 7,946.59	Other & Misc	\$ 554.92
\$ 171,659.38	Total	\$ 14,522.72

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, September 14

Num 21: 4b-9

Phil 2: 6-11

Jn 3: 13-17

Tuesday, September 15

1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31a

Jn 19:25-27

Wednesday, September 16

1 Cor 12: 31 - Cor 13:13

Lk 7: 31-35

Thursday, September 17

1 Cor 15: 1-11

Lk 7: 36-50

Friday, September 18

1 Cor 15: 12-20

Lk 8: 1-3

Saturday, September 19

1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49

Lk 8: 4-15

Sunday, September 20

Is 55: 6-9

Phil 1: 20c-24, 27a

Mt 20: 1-16a

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 and Ken Banaszak, Catherine Barbato, Carol Bednar, Lucy Bennett, Ted Bergansky, Isabel Blaha, George Brayer, John Brough, Georgene Callaghan, Robert Carpenter, Rosemarie Caruso, Douglas Ceraldi, Barbara Chandler, Don Cristillo, Joseph Cwiklinski, Carolina Dalrymple, Mary Beth Davis, Marlene DeLaat, Robert Dittrich, Mark Fecek, Rose Marie Felice, Doris Fiorentino, Christine Fontana, Carmen Francino, Salvatore Fricano, Sandy Friedel, Ray Fritz, Mary Galgas, Dustin Green, Dylan Greve, Jamil Hadad, Marilyn Jirousek, Jack Kaniecki, Mary Ann Kannenberg, Barbara Kathrein, Joan Knotek, Michael Kopkas, Angelica Korbas, Michael Kowalczyk, Terrie Kowalski, 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, Johanna Oros, Larry Oskowski, Levon Owen, Joan Parete, Terry Perciak, Matthew Powers, Chuck Ptak, Jeremy Pupkiewicz, Carol Putre, Ed Rogowski, Mariely Rodriguez, Mary Rose, Ronald W. Sevchek, Margaret Simenc, John Sheeban, Nicholas Shopp, Tony Smetana, Maria Snyder, John Spisak II, MaryAnn Stimson, Dorothy Sutkowy, Jim Sweeny, Bernice Szollosi, Dolores Talion, Nash Taylor, Tony Tomecko, Carolyn Toomey, Terry Toth, Yvonne Uhlik, Denise Vargo, Maria Vogel, John Vohaty, Brian Welsh, 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



BANNS OF MATRIMONY

Banns III

Kayla Major & Robbie Golem

REST IN PEACE

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

Henry Curschman



RECENT BAPTISMS

Welcome to the family:

Madison Mae Godfray

LETTER FROM THE PASTOR



HAPPY FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS!

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Galatians 6:14) This Monday, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross of Jesus. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, commemorates three historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628.

The Edict of Milan, issued in 313, granted religious freedom across the Roman Empire. This was a mutual agreement between Roman Emperors Constantine I in the West and Licinius in the East. Before this edict, Christians had endured various state-sponsored persecutions over the prior two and a half centuries. After the Edict was signed, from 314 to 324, Constantine and Licinius were in continual conflict. The tension escalated when Constantine accused Licinius of plotting against him. In 324, Constantine defeated Licinius in battle and subsequently executed him on charges of conspiracy. This made Constantine the sole ruler of the Roman Empire, including Jerusalem, which had previously been under Licinius' control.

In 326, Constantine's mother, Saint Helena, a devout Christian, embarked on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Her mission was to identify significant sites from Christ's life and establish churches at those locations. In Jerusalem, she aimed to find the True Cross and to build a church over the sites of Mount Calvary and Jesus' tomb, known as the Holy Sepulcher. Upon identifying Mount Calvary and the empty tomb, she discovered three discarded and buried crosses. After an investigation, the local bishop confirmed they were the crosses used to crucify Jesus and the two thieves. Since Helena did not know which cross was Christ's, she arranged for a sick woman to touch all three. The woman was immediately healed upon touching one of them, indicating that it was the True Cross.

Following the discovery of the True Cross, Mount Calvary, and Christ's tomb, Emperor Constantine ordered the construction of a church to encompass these sites and house the True Cross. The Church of the Holy Sepulcher was erected and dedicated on September 13, 335. As the legend goes, the following day, Christ's Cross was brought outside the newly built church for the faithful to venerate. Thus, the first showing, or Exaltation of the Holy Cross, might have occurred on September 14, 335. Over the next three centuries, because liturgical celebrations were not widely centralized, the Feast was likely celebrated annually in Jerusalem and varied in other ecclesiastical jurisdictions.

In 614, the Persians invaded Jerusalem and took the True Cross as a trophy. The Persians, primarily followers of the ancient religion of Zoroastrianism, were not Christians. Allowing the Holy Cross to remain in their possession was seen as sacrilegious. Eight years later, in 622, Eastern Roman Emperor Heraclius initiated military campaigns to recapture Jerusalem and the True Cross. Finally, in 628, he triumphed, and the following year, Emperor Heraclius entered Jerusalem with the True Cross, restoring it to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. After that, the Feast of the Holy Cross became a universal celebration within the Church, starting in Rome and subsequently spreading throughout the entire empire, and has been celebrated annually on September 14 ever since.

Although we commemorate these three historical events today, the core of our celebration is not the physical wood of the Cross or the holy sites where Jesus died and was buried. Our primary focus is the infinite love shown through the selfless and perfect Sacrifice of the Son of God and the boundless mercy that has poured forth upon the world as a result. The Cross itself is a cruel instrument of torture and death. The fact that it is now the symbol of God's perfect love only further magnifies that love and showcases God's infinite power to use the worst for the best: to use death to bring life and to transform the greatest act of cruelty ever known into the greatest act of mercy ever bestowed upon the world. The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice. It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ. We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24-25).

As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, call to mind the crosses you bear each day. Oftentimes when faced with crosses, we seek a way out, succumb to self-pity, and are often tempted by anger and despair. Instead, try to allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, your good, and the good of others. Crosses in

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life should not be avoided; they must be transformed. Although the suffering may remain, it must become redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.

Prayer: Most glorious and triumphant Lord, You gave Your life for the salvation of my soul, using the most horrific act of cruelty as the means of Your redeeming grace. I open myself to that grace today and pray that You bestow it in superabundance. I also pray that I will have the courage and wisdom to embrace my crosses every day of my life, uniting them to Your Cross, and trusting that You will use these sacrifices as a means of the further bestowal of Your love on the world. Saving Cross of Christ, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You.

WELCOME, NEW BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS SUPERVISOR – RON BLATNIK!

I am excited to announce that our new director of buildings and grounds started working last week: Mr. Ron Blatnik. Ron is a parishioner and graduate from our elementary school. Ron joins us at a really important time as we grow closer to starting the renovation of our campus later this fall. Ron can be reached by phone at 216-524-1987 ext. 42 or email rblatnik@stcolumbkilleparish.org. When you see Ron around, please introduce yourself and welcome him to his new role!

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA) STARTING SOON!

Are you or someone you know curious about the Catholic faith and want to learn more? You are invited to join OCIA or the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults! OCIA begins on Wednesday, September 16th at 7 PM in the Parish Center. This is for anyone who is interested in being baptized or has been baptized but needs to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Please pick up a flyer at the Welcome Desk with more information.

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE

13 SUNDAY

5:00 PM	Bible Study	(FF Rooms)
5:30 PM	Boy Scouts	(School Gym)
6:00 PM	Catching Fire	(Varied)

14 MONDAY

7:00 PM	Good Samaritan	(Rectory B.)

15 TUESDAY

7:15 PM	Men's Fellowship	(PC MR)

16 WEDNESDAY

6:00 AM	Men's Discipleship	(PC MR)
7:00 PM	Choir	(Church)
7:00 PM	OCIA	(PC MR)
8:00 PM	AA Meeting	(PC B.)

17 THURSDAY

9:00 AM	Legion of Mary	(Rectory B.)
7:30 PM	Al-Anon Beginners	(PC B.)
8:00 PM	Al-Anon	(PC B.)

18 FRIDAY

2:00 PM	Patriotic Rosary	(Church)
7:30 PM	Homeschool Moms	(FF Rooms)

FAITH FORMATION

JOIN OUR ADORATION TEAM!

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:

Monday: 4-5 AM **Friday:** 12-1 AM, 10-11 AM, 9-10 PM, 11 PM-12 AM

Saturday: 4-5 AM, 6-7 AM

Sunday: 3-4 AM, 9-10 AM, 10-11 AM, 2-3 PM, 7-8 PM

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 scott.effertz@gmail.com.



FAITH FORMATION



This week's Gospel passage is a difficult lesson. I wonder sometimes if St. Peter believes that he is being generous when he says that forgiving someone seven times is an adequate number. I am glad Christ did not agree with this number because I have surely sinned against an individual more than seven times. Regardless, Christ is asking him and us to forgive an unlimited amount of times. Forgiveness is a difficult topic. Sometimes, I meet people who have misconceptions about what forgiveness is. For example, forgiveness is not dismissing that what the other person did was unimportant, non-hurtful, and sinless.

The sin they committed is still very real, hurtful, and important, regardless of our forgiveness of it. Christ wants us to forgive so that we can be free. Free from the anger, sadness, and resentment that comes with refusing to forgive someone. Free to love Him and others more fully. Lacking forgiveness only hurts us. As the old saying goes, holding a grudge is like drinking poison and hoping that the other person dies. If you find it difficult to forgive someone, this is something to take to prayer. Ask God what He wants you to do with this pain, anger, sadness, or resentment. I would even recommend taking it to Confession. The road to forgiveness is difficult, but it ultimately brings us closer to Christ.

GOOD SAMARITAN

The Good Samaritans are very thankful for your support of our Ministry. Because of your kindness, the shelves of our food pantry are well stocked, including an abundance of pasta and canned fruits & vegetables. For those who want to donate to the pantry, the items needed for September include: INSTANT MASHED POTATOES, JELLY, SYRUP, PUDDING CUPS, TOOTHPASTE, DISH SOAP, PUMP HAND SOAP.

Interested in our ministry? Call the rectory – we welcome new members!



50 +

The next meeting of the St. Columbkille 50+ Seniors Club will be this coming Wednesday, September 16th, at the Seven Hills City Hall Community Room gathering at 10:30 AM, with lunch at 11:15 AM, and the meeting starting at noon.

New members are always welcome.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Calling all women! Please join us as we dive into the Bible and explore its importance in our lives. We will be offering two back-to-back studies this year titled "Reclaiming Friendship" (Fall session - 6 weeks) and "Rooted and Radiant" (Winter/Spring session starting in January - 11 weeks). Participants may choose to sign up for either or both studies.

Reclaiming Friendship - Explore what it takes to stay close for the long haul, what to look for in a friend, and how to navigate toxic relationships. There is a way to protect your heart without closing yourself off from future intimacy. The key is found in discovering God's plan for friendship, which was meant to be a foretaste of heaven.

Rooted and Radiant - Through this Bible study, we dive deep into understanding who Jesus is and what that means for us. We learn how to abide in the wisdom of Christ to navigate the ever-increasing demands and messages of our culture, and what it means to live in the freedom of Christ and how to continually set our minds on Him.

We will be "kicking off" the year with fellowship and a potluck lunch on Wednesday, October 7th from 11:30 AM-1 PM in the Parish Center. The lessons will begin the following week, Wednesday, October 14th, and meet weekly through the end of April. We are asking for a small donation to cover book costs.

Enrollment forms will be available in the upcoming weeks at the rectory or the Welcome Desk in the church. You may also email Julie at WalkingWithPurpose@stcolumbkilleparish.org with any questions.



COLLECT BLESSINGS FOR HEAVEN

Please consider volunteering for a couple hours (or all day) during the 37th Annual Appalachian Collection on Saturday, September 19, from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the St. Basil the Great parking lot. To register for a time slot and view photos from last year's event, please visit www.kofc14406.org/Collection and complete the scheduling sheet. We need help removing donations from cars and placing them in the 53' trailer. It is simple, easy and fun.

All help is welcome. Young, old, and in-between. This is a perfect event if you or your organization are looking for service hours. If you don't need service hours, consider helping anyway – it will aid your entry into heaven. Take the time, you will not regret it.

Some statistics from last year: Last year's collection brought 45 volunteers together to manually load two 53' trailers. Please call Ken Peters at 216-849-1434 with questions – hope to see you there. Please consider helping – we make it fun. May God bless you and your family.

WARM UP AMERICA

Our next meeting will be on September 21st in the Rectory Basement at 1 PM. Thank You to all who donated yarn! It is always appreciated especially with fall and winter coming soon. We are still looking for fleece and flannel blankets for Hattie Larlham. Questions? Call Lois at 216-524-6735. Have a great fall!





OCIA

Join Us At Our First Session
September 16th
 7 PM in the Parish Center

You are invited to join the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). Have you ever wondered what Catholics really believe? Or perhaps you've been attending Mass with a spouse or friend and are feeling a desire to learn more? Join us on Wednesday, September 16, from 7-8 PM in the Parish Center.

What is OCIA? OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults/ formerly RCIA) is a faith journey for those exploring the Catholic Church. OCIA isn't a classroom lecture; it's a supportive, grace-filled journey of faith, prayer, and community. Our goal is to help you discern God's will. We support you through prayer, answering questions, and meaningful conversations.

Who is OCIA for? For the unbaptized adults, baptized Christians curious about Catholicism, or baptized Catholics seeking First Communion or Confirmation.

How does it work? The OCIA process follows the path of the early Church, walking through four stages:

Inquiry (Pre-Catechumenate):

A casual, welcoming period to ask questions, meet others, and share your own story.

The Catechumenate:

A time of dedicated formation to dive deep into Scripture, traditions, and the teachings of the faith.

Purification & Enlightenment:

A time of intense spiritual preparation that coincides with the season of Lent, culminating in the Easter Vigil.

Mystagogy:

The weeks following Easter where the newly initiated dive deeper into the life and mission of the Church.

Take the First Step! Classes meet weekly on Wednesday from 7-8 PM. The first session is on September 16th; no pressure! Just come to say hello!

Do you know someone ready to meet Jesus? Invite them to OCIA! Contact Fr. Elizer Mondragon at emondragon@dioceseofcleveland.org OR Megan McDonald at 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

Introducing a brand new faith sharing opportunity for the men of our parish!

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Empowering Men to Grow In Faith



PRAYER - INSPIRATION - FELLOWSHIP

Share faith, personal testimony, and insights with your fellow brothers at meetings that will be anchored in Catholic faith, or dynamic videos that explore its themes, motifs, and lessons. We encourage ALL men, no matter what stage they are in life, to come together **every Wednesday morning** from 6 AM - 7 AM in the Parish Center.

Come as you can! Men are welcome to visit one meeting or both any time that they are available!

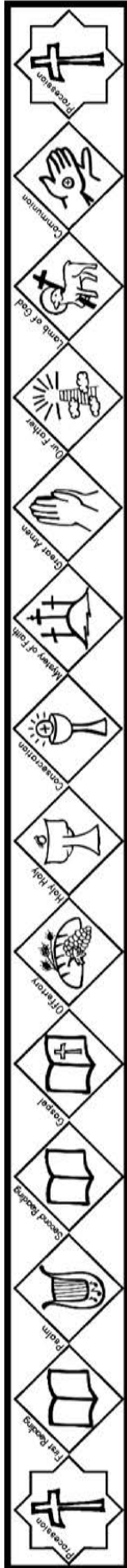
"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." - 1 Corinthians 15: 58

JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST!

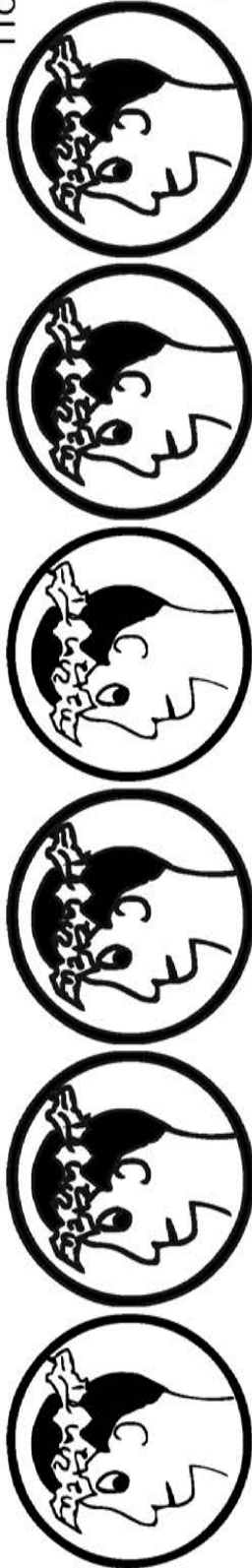
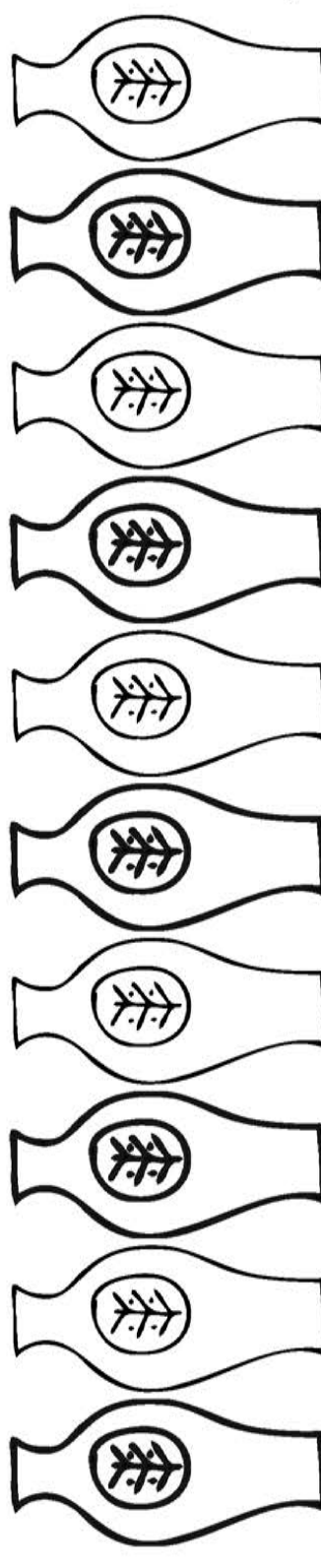
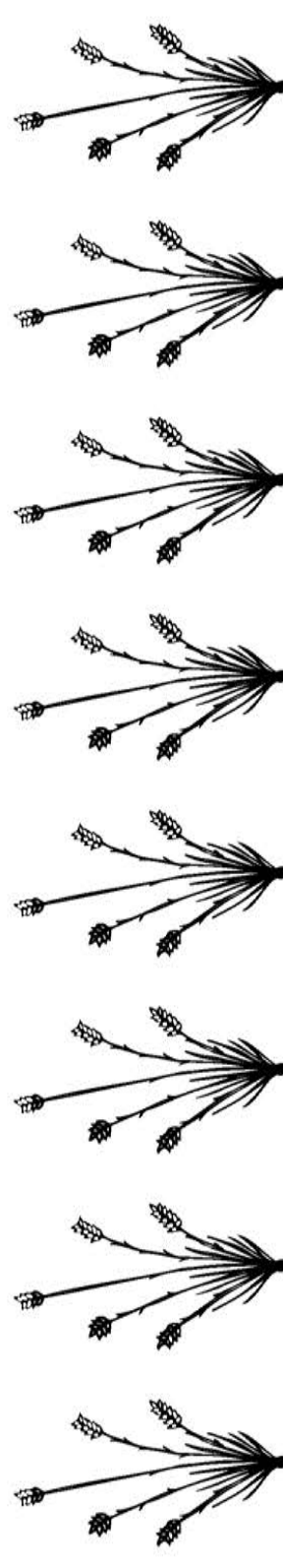
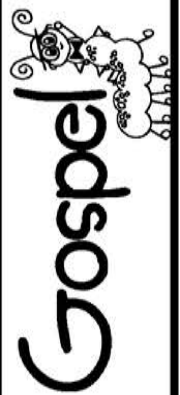


Weekly Discipleship Breakfasts will relaunch on Wednesday, **September 16th** at 6 AM - 7AM in the Parish Center. We will participate in the "That Man Is You" Catholic video program with fellowship, coffee, and bagels to follow! To register for the breakfasts and "That Man Is You" or for more information, please contact Eric Perusek (eperusek@stcolumbkilleparish.org).

Breakfast: Every Wednesday at 6 AM



How Many?



Jesus tells a parable today. Do you remember what "parable" means? It's a story that Jesus uses to teach a lesson. Today's lesson is about a man who was dishonest with money. Jesus reminds us that we should always be honest!



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