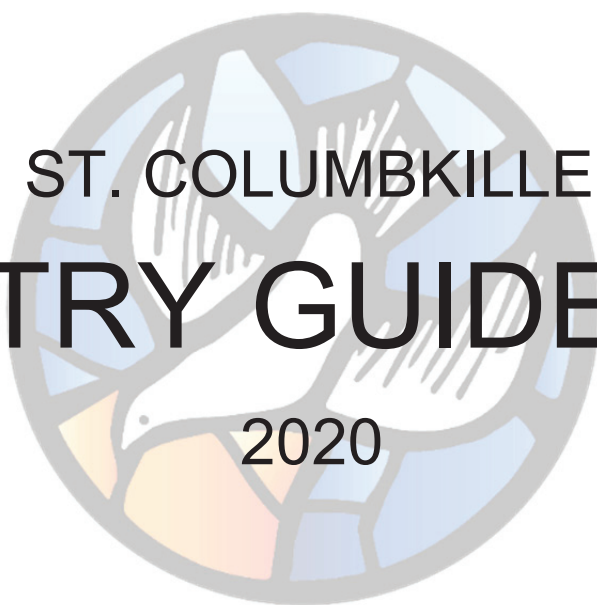




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MINISTRY GUIDEBOOK
2020





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Just Older Youth (JOY)
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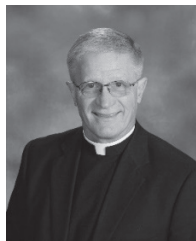
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SAINT COLUMBKILLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

What do I need to know about St. Columbkille Parish?

Who are my priests?



Fr. Dave Reeson
Pastor



Fr. Tom Greisen
Senior Associate Pastor

When are Mass times and Confessions?

There are seven weekend Masses and two each weekday, so plenty to choose from! The schedule is as follows:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays: Monday-Thursday, 8:15 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:20 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

Saturday, 8:15 a.m. (Communion Service)

Confessions are offered on Saturdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday from 5:00-5:20 p.m., and anytime by appointment at the Parish Office.

Speaking of the Parish Office, where is that?

It's the gray house just east of the church, open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., and we love visitors!

Who is St. Columbkille, anyway?

St. Columbkille was one of the great saints of Ireland, and a missionary to Scotland. Born in 521, he spent his life writing poetry and music, establishing churches and monasteries, preaching the gospel, and painting manuscripts. By the time he was 25, he had founded 27 monasteries and 40 churches. His name means "Dove of the Church" in Gaelic. St. Columbkille lived, with every ounce of his energy, the commission of Jesus to "go and make disciples". In short, he was a pretty cool guy.

Any big events I should know about?

There's always a lot going on around the parish. Some of our yearly parish-wide events that we'd love you to come to include:

Parish Mission (Fall)

Reconciliation Services (Lent and Advent)

Gift Giving Weekend (Advent)

Lenten Fish Fry (Lent)

Columb's Ceili Celebration (Spring)

How can I get involved?

Glad you asked! This guidebook is meant to open the door to your involvement. Browse through our *QuickStart Guide* on pages 2-3, and then take a look around and see how you can share your talents with our parish community! New members are always welcome in these ministries!

A Letter from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

St. Columbkille Parish has been serving our community well for nearly 150 years. We continue to build a church family that will enable our parish and the people of God to spiritually thrive over the next 150 years.

We are a stewardship parish. Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts by love of God and neighbor. Thank you for being good stewards.

When I mention stewardship, people sometimes grab their wallets because they're thinking I'm talking money. Stewardship isn't money-oriented, but is instead a *way of life* that involves four pillars. In a nutshell, these pillars of stewardship are:

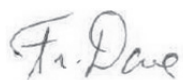
Hospitality – Welcoming all, with Christian kindness
Prayer – A heart-to-heart with God
Formation – Continuous conversion
Service - Love in action

We are so blessed at St. Columbkille to have a thriving community that is built on all four of these pillars. Our parish really flourishes because of the ways our engaged parishioners live their lives. Everything we have is a gift from God and what we do with our gifts is our response to God's love. I thank every person who is involved in one or more of our many ministries. I know our parish wouldn't be the same without you!

There are so many marvelous things going on at St. Columbkille, it's impossible to be part of them all. I hope this GUIDEBOOK presents you with an overview of the many opportunities available to you, and that you feel welcomed to participate, engaging more fully in our parish life. It's fantastic that you give an hour every week to the Lord at Mass. Just imagine what would happen if every one of us gave God just one more of the remaining 167 weekly hours to grow in faith and minister to others!

Whether you're looking to deepen your prayer life, serve God and others, grow in your faith, or just meet some new friends, I believe we have something suited to your needs. Every group we have is here to help you grow as a disciple of Christ so that we can all better fulfill our mission to "Go and Make Disciples".

Our parish is growing in so many ways, and I can't help but stop and thank God for all that he has given us. I look forward to seeing all the members of our parish more fully engaged in the Church as a member of St. Columbkille Parish!



Fr. Dave



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Russ Perry | 402-960-6509

Bob Stier | 402-331-0716

Bud Tharp | 402-339-3614

Brian Thomas | 402-614-7640

Eric Vande Berg | 402-651-8451

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

What we do: Spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist. All parishioners are invited to join as an Adorer and to offer one hour each week in devotional prayer in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition to spending an hour in prayer with God, this devotion may bring blessings to individuals, families, the parish, and those in need of prayers.

Time Commitment: 1 hour per week

Contact: Anthony Flott | aflott@cox.net | 402-342-4698

www.saintcolumbkille.org/adoration

ALPHA

What we do: Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith which typically run over eleven weeks. Participants are placed in small groups, share a meal together, listen to a talk and then engage in small group discussion and prayer. Each talk looks at a different question around Christianity and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the world and everyone is welcome.

Time Commitment: 2 hours per week for eleven weeks, plus 1 Alpha day away.

Contact: Marlo Monico | mmmonico@gmail.com
Chuck Monico | monico1@cmsoutdoor.com

www.saintcolumbkille.org/alpha

ALTAR SERVERS

What we do: Boys and girls in 4th grade through high school are eligible to serve at the altar during Mass, assisting at parish worship on Sundays, weekdays and Holy Days. Servers who attend public school will not be scheduled for weekday morning Masses during the school year.

Adult altar servers minister at funeral liturgies, which usually take place mornings Monday through Saturday.

Time Commitment: One or more Masses a month

Contact: Fr. Tom Greisen | tagreisen@archomaha.org | 402-339-3285 ext. 106

www.saintcolumbkille.org/altar-servers

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

What we do: A Christ-centered character development ministry for girls ages 5-18. Troops encourage girls to become servant leaders through participation in service projects for the Church and community. Badge work emphasizes life skills, and there are fun team-building, outdoor adventures such as hiking and camping. Faith-filled leadership and biblical principles guide the girls to live their lives as Jesus taught. Our mission is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country.

Time Commitment: Twice a month

Contact: Andrea Powers | AHGOmaha@gmail.com

www.saintcolumbkille.org/ahg

ART AND ENVIRONMENT

What we do: The Art and Environment Committee designs, creates, and implements physical elements in the sanctuary, including altar/ambo coverings, flowers, plants, candles, stands, banners, and other liturgical elements. The committee meets throughout the year but is the busiest during Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Michelle Grzywa | bagmdd@aol.com

www.saintcolumbkille.org/art-and-environment

ATHLETICS

What we do: St. Columbkille offers a variety of opportunities for all parish youth to participate in: soccer, volleyball, basketball, track & field, flag football, cheerleading, softball, and baseball. Parents are welcome to coach or volunteer. Teams play in parochial athletic leagues and against local area recreational and select teams. Parish athletics reinforce strong Christian attitudes.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Sarah Yarpe | sayarpe@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-592-1533

www.saintcolumbkille.org/athletics



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BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

What we do: The death of a loved one can be a devastating and lonely experience. There are many unanswered questions and changes in your reality. If you or someone you love have suffered a loss, you need not suffer alone. St. Columbkille offers a twice-yearly support group that is educational, spiritual, and non-judgmental. The group is peer-driven, where all are on equal footing.

Time Commitment: Once a week for 8 weeks

Contact: Mary Stuart | memastuart@hotmail.com | C: 402-957-5827

www.saintcolumbkille.org/bereavement

BIBLE STUDY

What we do: A variety of Bible Studies are offered at various times throughout the year.

Time Commitment: Varies

Contact: Nicole Cook | ncook@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-0990

www.saintcolumbkille.org/bible-study

BOY SCOUTS

What we do: Boys from any school may join our Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, and membership in St. Columbkille Parish is not required.

Cub Scout Pack 359 includes K-5 boys and meets monthly, and a boy's Den usually has Scouts from one grade who meet 2-3 additional times a month. The Pack is dedicated to teaching young boys the importance of duty to God and country, to do their best, and to have fun!

Boy Scout Troop 359 includes boys from 5th - 12th grade. The Troop meets weekly with a local campout one weekend per month. The boy-led, adult-guided Troop focuses on developing young men of good moral character.

Time Commitment: Once a week

Contact: Phil Jones (Cub Scouts) | phillipjones@gmail.com

Dave Woodard (Boy Scouts) | dwoodard@troop359papillion.org.

www.CubPack359.com

www.Troop359Papillion.org

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

What we do: Gives children the opportunity to hear the Sunday scripture readings proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to their age during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you would like to help, Safe Environment training is required, and materials to lead the readings are provided by the Religious Education Office, as well as opportunities to shadow current ministry stewards.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Lori Long | llong@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-0990

www.saintcolumbkille.org/clow

COLUMB'S CEILI

What we do: Ceili is an annual Spring event where parishioners gather to celebrate together. It consists of a dinner, dance, fundraising silent and live auction, and the Spirit of St. Columbkille Award. Many hands are needed to help put on this big event!

Time Commitment: Once a year

Contact: Varies | chair@columbsceili.org

www.columbsceili.org

www.saintcolumbkille.org/ceili

COME AND SEE

What we do: A 10-week program designed to enhance understanding and answer questions about the Catholic Church and its teachings. Baptized Christians who have been practicing their faith or the Catholic faith, have a developed prayer life, and have a basic understanding of stewardship and discipleship may make a profession of faith and become members of the Catholic Church at the program's conclusion.

Time Commitment: Once a week for 10 weeks

Contact: Nicole Cook | ncook@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-0990

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CONVERSATIONAL DINNERS

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Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Mindy Pelton | mindy.pelton@gmail.com | 402-291-3802

www.saintcolumbkille.org/conversational-dinners

CREATION CARE TEAM

What we do: Works to bring care for creation to the center of parish community life. The team raises awareness about our responsibility to care for the earth and its resources, offers opportunities to participate in campaigns to influence legislators, and educates the parish community about how depletion of resources affects all life, especially the lives of the poor worldwide. The team also involves parishioners in activities that help them evaluate their lifestyles and make changes to protect the earth and all life forms.

The Creation Care Team meets the second Thursday of each month.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Shelley Hill | papio.hills@cox.net | 402-331-5670

www.saintcolumbkille.org/creation-care

CROSSOVER PRISON MINISTRY

What we do: Write letters to the imprisoned. You do not use your name or address. There is an interview process with guidelines to help you. Most NE inmates wait 12-18 months to receive a pen-pal to write about their faith.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Janet | janet.crossover@gmail.com |

www.saintcolumbkille.org/crossover

ELIZABETH MINISTRY

What we do: Support women in the joys, trials, and sorrows of childbearing. Members are women from the faith community who are willing to share their presence and experiences in the hope of encouraging other women going through similar circumstances such as mothering twins, being an older first time mom, or experiencing pregnancy and infant loss.

Other ways to help include: providing meals to new moms, collecting donation items for community needs, assisting other ministries, supporting the Stephen Center, planning a prayer service for families who have lost a child, and various other activities.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Marci Petta | marcipetta@yahoo.com | 402-502-4416

www.saintcolumbkille.org/elizabeth-ministry

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)

What we do: Distribute the Eucharist at Mass. Candidates must be recommended by the Pastor, receive formal archdiocesan instruction, and be mandated by the archbishop.

Time Commitment: Varies

Contact: David Batter | dbatter@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-3285 ext. 107

www.saintcolumbkille.org/emhc

FAIR TRADE TEAM

What we do: Promotes the sale of foods and crafts purchased at a "fair price" from farmers and artisans around the world. Each purchase made by parishioners celebrates human dignity and demonstrates a special concern for the poor.

The Fair Trade Team sponsors a fair trade sale the second Sunday of each month, excluding June and July.

Time Commitment: Flexible; Sales once a month

Contact: Sheila Stovall | baskfan@cox.net

www.saintcolumbkille.org/fair-trade



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FINANCIAL PEACE

What we do: This life-changing class is taught by Dave Ramsey and his team on video, and helps participants achieve their financial goals by showing how to eliminate debt, save for the future, and give like never before. The class challenges and motivates parishioners to make a financial plan and change their family trees forever.

Time Commitment: Once a week for 10 weeks

Contact: Joe and Jen Holzapfel |
jmholzapfel@yahoo.com

www.saintcolumbkille.org/financial-peace

FUNERAL LUNCH MINISTRY

What we do: Provides hospitality for family and friends after funeral Masses or memorial services. Members help provide food, set-up, serve, and clean-up. Groups rotate so the same people are not called every time.

Time Commitment: Varies

Contact: Joann Peterson | 402-339-2799

Sue Cummings | susanmcummings@cox.net |
402-339-8875

www.saintcolumbkille.org/funeral-lunches

GIFT GIVING WEEKEND

What we do: St. Columbkille Parish joins with other area churches and organizations to help supply the Sarpy County Christmas Center, a one-day event where parents of families who qualify through Family Services can come to pick out a toy and an item of clothing for their children to open on Christmas morning. On the last two weekends of November, a "Giving Tree" is located in the Narthex and filled with paper ornaments that have gift suggestions on them. Parishioners are invited to take ornaments and return unwrapped gifts to the church on a designated weekend in December.

Time Commitment: Once a year

Contact: Becky Grant | bgrant@radiks.net |
402-592-1103

www.saintcolumbkille.org/giving-weekend

GIRL SCOUTS

What we do: Girls connect with and inspire others and take action on shared ideas to make the world a better place. All K-12 girls in the parish are welcome to join a troop. Activities include Vala's Pumpkin Patch night, Girl Scout Cookies sales, and Girl Scout Sunday. Girl Scouts also provides a Stephen Center dinner, and offers Leadership Awards. Adult teams are needed to help form and run troops.

Time Commitment: 3-5 hours per month

Contact: Jen Benson | jpatten314@aol.com |
402-598-3163

www.saintcolumbkille.org/girl-scouts

GROUNDS COMMITTEE

What we do: Our parish grounds are 100% parishioner-maintained, and there are always opportunities for individuals or families to spend time helping in the continued care of our parish. Jobs may include mowing, weeding, planting flowers, trimming, and other general landscaping, as needed.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Parish Office | 402-339-3285

www.saintcolumbkille.org/grounds

HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

What we do: Parents of students attending St. Columbkille School help plan and support school activities throughout the year.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Kristin Steenson, President |
hsapresident@saintcolumbkilleschool.org

www.saintcolumbkilleschool.org/home-school-association

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS AND USHERS

What we do: Assists with seating, collects monetary offerings, brings up offertory gifts, and distributes bulletins and worship aids with a spirit of welcoming. Men and women, high school age and older, are invited for this ministry.

Time Commitment: Varies

Contact: David Batter |
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www.saintcolumbkille.org/ushers

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AWARENESS MINISTRY

What we do: Increases awareness of intimate partner violence and be a resource for those affected by such violence.

Contact: Jean Brazda, Executive Director of Sarpy County Victim Witness Unit and Diversion Services | jbrazda@sarpy.com | 402-593-2201

www.saintcolumbkille.org/intimate-partner-violence

IXIM GUATEMALAN OUTREACH

What we do: Archdiocesan project that strengthens our sister-diocese relationship with the Catholic Diocese of Huehuetenango, Guatemala. Mission trip offered every summer.

Time Commitment: Once a summer

Contact: Mark Zimmer, Director of Ixim | mzimmer@archomaha.org | 402-452-4980

www.archomaha.org/ministries/missions/ixim/

JUST OLDER YOUTH (JOY)

What we do: Retired parishioners gather for a fun outing to play dominoes and cards on the fourth Friday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Sacred Heart Center. Please come, and bring a snack to share. Players who don't know the card games but are willing to learn are encouraged to join!

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Joann Peterson | 402-339-2799

www.saintcolumbkille.org/just-older-youth

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

What we do: Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, along with defending our priests, and promoting healthy families.

Brother Knights serve the Church by following its teachings, supporting Brother Knights in their temporal and spiritual needs, acting for the good of the country, and giving aid to widows, orphans, the sick and the less fortunate.

The Council provides financial and service support to our priests, school, and religious education program, and many other community groups. The Knights support worthy causes on the local, state, and national levels such as the pro-life "One Rose, One Life" campaign and Tootsie Roll sales that support people living with mental disabilities.

Time Commitment: Once a month

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www.saintcolumbkille.org/knights

www.nebraskakofc.org/kc6429/

LECTORS

What we do: Proclaim the readings at Mass and other liturgies. Candidates must be recommended by the Pastor, receive formal archdiocesan instruction and be mandated by the archbishop. Good reading skills, poise, and a strong voice are needed. Lectors should be people of prayer who enjoy reading and studying the Bible and other Christian writings.

Time Commitment: Approximately one Mass a month

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LEGION OF MARY

What we do: Lead people to Jesus Christ so they can benefit from the love and mercy of God. The Legion also seeks to increase the faith and holiness of their own members through prayer and service to Our Lord. Every active Legionary carries out weekly apostolic work in the spirit of faith and in union with Mary. The spirituality of the Legion is that of St. Louis-Marie de Montfort: To Jesus Through Mary.

There is also Auxiliary Legion membership that is open to people who wish to associate themselves with the Legion by undertaking a service of prayer in its name.

Time Commitment Active Members: Weekly mandatory meeting, Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Office. Two hours of approved works weekly.

Time Commitment Auxiliary Members: Praying the Legion of Mary card, the Tessera, including daily Rosary.

Contact: Holly Sales | hollysales@catholicexchange.com | 402-689-0827

www.saintcolumbkille.org/legion-of-mary

LENTEN FISH FRY

What we do: Supports parish religious education programs. Hundreds of stewards serve over 1,000 people each week. Funds raised go towards parish and school needs, such as Social Level upgrades, new tables and chairs, stained glass windows, and the school cable bill. Donations have also gone to Ceili and the St. Columbkille Education Trust Fund.

Time Commitment: Every Friday in Lent except Good Friday

Contact: Bridget Sefranek | bridget.a.sefranek@gmail.com | 402-681-8827

www.saintcolumbkille.org/fish-fry

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY

What we do: A three-part Ignatian prayer series developed to meet the desire for ongoing spiritual growth, for an appropriate response to the call to holiness, and for a deeper commitment to Jesus.

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- *Part 2: My 19th Annotation* allows you to pray the full Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.
- *Part 3: Discernment and Gifts of the Spirit.*

Time Commitment: 12 weeks

Contact: Cathy Beccard | acbeccard@cox.net | 402-592-5862

www.saintcolumbkille.org/lord-teach-me-to-pray

MENTORING AT THE SARPY COUNTY JUVENILE CENTER

What we do: Youth at the Center often request an individual mentor to walk with them and provide a source of advice and care. Training is provided.

Time Commitment: Once a week

Contact: Sr. Jean Marie Faltus | jfaltus754@cox.net | 402-593-9214

www.saintcolumbkille.org/youth-mentoring

MIDLANDS HOSPITAL COMMUNION AND VISITATION

What we do: St. Columbkille Parish and St. Mary Parish in Bellevue provide Holy Communion and visitation daily to all Catholic patients at Midlands Hospital. Must be a mandated EMHC.

Time Commitment: Varies

Contact: MaryAnn Mucia | dmucia835@cox.net | 402-339-5067

www.saintcolumbkille.org/midlands

MISCARRIAGE SUPPORT

If you have experienced a miscarriage recently, or even years ago, and need support, please contact Marci Petta or Kristin Heilman. This is a confidential time to ask for prayers, remember your loss, share your feelings, fears, memories, pictures, and anything you want with someone who truly understands. Set time will be specific to the individual.

Contact: Marci Petta | marcipetta@yahoo.com | 402-502-4416

Kristin Heilman | kristin_heilman2811@yahoo.com | 402-250-7758

www.saintcolumbkille.org/miscarriage-support

MOMS OF FAITH

What we do: Welcomes families to the community, assists parish programs, and provides an opportunity for mothers and families to gather for spiritual, community and social activities. Moms of Faith hosts play dates, girls' night out, weekly fellowship gatherings during the school year, and family events. The group strives to encourage members in their vocations, and to help them learn and grow in the Catholic faith. It also promotes service to God and others within the parish and community.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Michelle Lanoue | StCMomsOfFaith@outlook.com | 402-650-0908

www.saintcolumbkille.org/moms-of-faith

MONEY COUNTERS

What we do: Gather on a weekly basis to count the money offered at the weekend liturgies.

Time Commitment: Once a week

Contact: Ted Brass | jtbrasss@q.com 402-597-9921

www.saintcolumbkille.org/moneycounters

MUSIC MINISTRY

What we do: Serve as leaders of musical prayer for a variety of liturgical situations, including Sunday Mass and school liturgies. Options include:

Adult Choir: Rehearses on Thursdays, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., September through May and regularly sings at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, Holy Days, Triduum, Christmas, and other major parish celebrations. The choir sings 4-part music and is open to anyone 18 years of age or older with some previous choral experience.

Cantors and Psalmists: Lead the gathered assembly in liturgical song.

Children's Choir: Usually sings at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the third Sunday of the month during the school year.

Grade School Ensembles: Lead music at school Mass. Contact Bethany Wisniewski at bwisniewski@saintcolumbkilleschool.org.

Youth Ensemble: High school-aged parishioners lead music once a month. Contact Tiffini Coveney at sean-n-tiff@cox.net.

Keyboard and Guitar Accompanists: Musicians with skills at piano, organ, and guitar accompany musical prayer throughout the year. This ministry ranges from accompanying larger choral ensembles to a single cantor at Mass. Instruments are sometimes combined to form ensembles.

Wing and a Prayer: Regularly leads music at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on the second Saturday of each month. Contact Barb Nelson at 402-339-4817.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: David Batter | dbatter@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-3285 ext. 107

www.saintcolumbkille.org/music

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

What we do: Natural Family Planning (NFP) is a general term for ethical, natural, safe and effective methods for both achieving and avoiding pregnancy in marriage. It is the method of family planning approved by the Catholic Church. Couples learn how to observe and interpret the wife's signs of fertility and infertility, while growing in intimacy. NFP is medically safe, natural, easy to learn, and inexpensive. Couples avoiding pregnancy achieve effectiveness rates of 97-99%.

Contact: Lisa and Mike Brandon | ILoveCocaCola22@hotmail.com | 402-915-1533

www.saintcolumbkille.org/nfp



SAINT COLUMBKILLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH MISSION

What we do: The Parish Mission, usually held in the fall, is an opportunity for parishioners to deepen their faith formation through a series of talks on relevant faith topics by a nationally-known speaker. Talks and speakers vary year to year, usually for three nights, with a different talk each night and light reception afterwards. Keep your eye on the bulletin for more information!

Time Commitment: Typically held once each year. We will not hold a Parish Mission during the 2019-2020 academic year.

Contact: Nicole Cook | ncook@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-0990

www.saintcolumbkille.org/parish-mission

PARISH NURSES

What we do: The Parish Nurse Team provides Blood Pressure screening and other screenings at parish activities. They write articles for the Sunday bulletin on current health information. They provide several health programs for seniors, including senior exercise, a walking club, Tai Chi, Line Dancing and Yoga.

Time Commitment: Varies

Contact: Gretchen Reid | barryreid@aol.com | 402-592-0726

www.saintcolumbkille.org/nurses

PRAYER LINE

What we do: Prays for any individual or group that has a need. More than 100 parishioners pray daily as part of the Prayer Line. Contact this ministry to add a petition or to join.

Time Commitment:

Contact: StColPrayerLine@cox.net | 402-592-5862 or Parish Office | 402-339-3285

www.saintcolumbkille.org/prayer-line

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

What we do: Meet in the evening on the second Thursday of the month for one hour. We knit, crochet and pray for those we have given prayer shawls to. Our prayer shawls are given to those in need, the Fallen Soldier program, hospice houses, and those entering the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Gretchen Reid | barryreid@aol.com | 402-592-0726

www.saintcolumbkille.org/prayer-shawl

PRISON BIBLE STUDY

What we do: Lead weekly Bible Study for the imprisoned.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Mike Smith | mcsmith1975@gmail.com | 402-253-9925

www.saintcolumbkille.org/prison-bible-study

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

What we do: Each year during the Advent and Lenten seasons, there are several major reconciliation services, in addition to our regular reconciliation times. We invite many local priests to hear confessions for our parishioners, so most everyone has the opportunity to come to know and understand the mercy of God through reconciliation. After the service, we have a reception downstairs to celebrate!

Time Commitment: Once or twice a year

Contact: Parish Office | 402-339-3285

www.saintcolumbkille.org/reconciliation-services

RESPECT LIFE

What we do: The Respect Life group participates in, and shares information about, our archdiocesan pro-life activities. Our mission statement is "Bringing disciples to life." Our prayers and works are to promote a culture of life for all. We follow the guidance of our archdiocese's Formation of Family Life ministry.

Time Commitment: Once a month, usually the first Monday of the month, 7-8 p.m.

Contact: Cathy Badura | mcbadura@gmail.com | 402-592-3765

www.saintcolumbkille.org/respect-life



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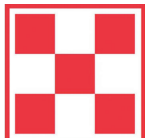
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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

What we do: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the way for any adult to become a Catholic. RCIA is a discernment and learning process through which participants are invited to learn about the faith through prayer, study, and participation in the life of the parish community. If the Spirit leads them to do so, they can then be confirmed in the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

Time Commitment: Once a week

Contact: Nicole Cook | ncook@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-0990

www.saintcolumbkille.org/rcia

ROAD TO EMMAUS

What we do: This series of 90 minute sessions on the Catholic Church and her traditions is interesting and helpful for both lifelong Catholics and those who are not Catholic.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Nicole Cook | ncook@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-0990

www.saintcolumbkille.org/road-to-emmaus

ROSARY MAKERS

What we do: A women's group that meets once a week, September through May, to make rosaries for individuals, groups, schools, hospitals and missions. Experience is not needed—those who do not know how to make rosaries can be easily taught. No dues are required and supplies are provided, but free-will donations are always accepted.

Time Commitment: Once a week, flexible

Contact: Joann Bennett | joanne.bennett@aits-web.com | 402-679-3979

www.saintcolumbkille.org/rosary-makers

SACRISTANS

What we do: Men and women who prepare for daily and weekend worship by preparing the sanctuary and helping as needed before and following worship services.

They maintain the materials used in our prayer and assist the priest in preparing for all sacramental occasions. An interview is required with the pastor before ministry preparation and service begins.

Time Commitment: Varies

Contact: David Batter | dbatter@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-3285 ext. 107

www.saintcolumbkille.org/sacristans

SECRET KINDNESS AGENTS

What we do: The Secret Kindness Agents serve others by participating in and promoting Kindness Projects throughout the year, such as creating care packages for cancer patients, cleaning up local parks, and much more.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Jessica Rempe | jessicaremp@gmail.com

www.saintcolumbkille.org/secret-kindness-agents

SENIOR EXERCISE PROGRAM

What we do: Provides opportunities for community exercise nearly every day through Senior Exercise class, Tai Chi, Line Dancing, and Yoga Fitness.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Gretchen Reid | barryreid@aol.com | 402-592-0726

www.saintcolumbkille.org/senior-exercise

SENIOR HAPPY CLUB

What we do: A potluck luncheon and social gathering on the first Monday of the month. All are invited to join for the purpose of sharing ideas, past experiences, and wonderful memories. Members are free spirits with no dues, officers, or committees. The club meets in the Sacred Heart Center at 11:30 a.m. the first Monday of every month. Bring a friend and a side to share.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Sue Cummings | 402-339-8875
www.saintcolumbkille.org/happy-club



SAINT COLUMBKILLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

SHEPHERDS

What we do: Raise funds for parish youth programs by selling 4th of July fireworks. Volunteers are always needed to work the fireworks stand, and this is a great way to complete service hours.

Time Commitment: Varies

Contact: Mike Williams | MikeWilliams1@cox.net | 402-319-9094

www.saintcolumbkille.org/shepherds

SPIRITUALITY ALIVE

What we do: Faith-sharing groups of parishioners who meet six weeks in the fall and during Lent. Each group is devoted to five purposes: prayer, community building, discipleship development, ministry in the parish, and service to the larger community.

Group members read and discuss a book, and apply it to their ongoing faith development. Please join, or start a group. New members or groups are always welcome!

Time Commitment: 6 weeks in Fall and Spring

Contact: Parish Office | 402-339-3285

www.saintcolumbkille.org/spirituality-alive

ST. COLUMBKILLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

What we do: Helps students in preschool through 8th grade grow in the Catholic faith and academics by providing a caring and loving community atmosphere where Gospel principles are modeled and taught daily by adults and other students, experienced in liturgy, and practiced by students in mission and service activities.

The mission of St. Columbkille Catholic School is to grow in spirit, mind, and body as Disciples of Christ. For more information or to register or schedule a school visit and tour, please call the School Office at 402-339-8706.

Contact: **www.saintcolumbkilleschool.org**

ST. COLUMBKILLE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

What we do: To call all people to a personal encounter with Jesus, form them into disciples, and help them make a permanent commitment to live as Jesus taught. This program serves as an aid to parents in their own lives and the lives of their children. Both school year and summer options are available for children in Kindergarten through 8th grade. The program is spiritually based, liturgically oriented, and Christ centered.

Time Commitment: Once a week during the academic year, or daily for 2 weeks in summer.

Contact: Lori Long | llong@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-0990

www.saintcolumbkille.org/religious-education

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

What we do: To grow as disciples of Jesus by helping those in need, materially and spiritually. Members accomplish this through personal visits. Watch the bulletin for meeting dates.

Also, a St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is located at 807 Tara Plaza in Papillion, and is manned by volunteers from our community. Donations are welcome any time.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Parish Office | (Volunteers) 402-339-3285 | (Assistance) 402-506-6713

www.saintcolumbkille.org/svdp

TEAMS OF OUR LADY

What we do: An international movement of Married Spirituality, officially recognized by the Holy See. Teams of 5-7 Christian couples meet monthly with a priest or spiritual advisor to eat, pray and discuss topics reflecting faith and marriage.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Art & Cathy Beccard | acbeccard@cox.net | 402-592-5862

www.saintcolumbkille.org/teams-of-our-lady

THANKSGIVING MEALS

What we do: Collect food and funds to provide a complete Thanksgiving Meal, and deliver meals to needy families in the community.

Time Commitment: Once a year

Contact: Becky Grant | bgrant@radiks.net | 402-592-1103

www.saintcolumbkille.org/thanksgiving-meals

THAT MAN IS YOU!

What we do: A Catholic fellowship program that helps men to become better husbands, fathers and faithful followers of Christ. During a series of short weekly meetings, men learn from the teachings of the Church, current social and medical science, and the wisdom of the saints, and share their faith journeys, all to help them meet the challenges facing men today.

Time Commitment: Once a week

Contact: Duncan Murray | duncanmurrayne@gmail.com | 402-290-2081

www.saintcolumbkille.org/that-man-is-you

THE CLOSET AT SOUTHGATE MISSION

What we do: Provides hygiene and paper products to the low-income residents of the Chandler Pointe Apartments. Open the fourth Saturday of the month. Donations and volunteers are always welcome!

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Sr. Jean Marie Faltus | jfaltus754@cox.net | 402-593-9214

www.saintcolumbkille.org/closet

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY

What we do: A network of parishioners provide transportation assistance to parish activities for those in need. People who would be willing to give rides to others are needed.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Ruth Ann Graef | 402-592-4741

www.saintcolumbkille.org/transportation

TRI-CITY FOOD PANTRY

What we do: Located at 302 American Parkway in Papillion, the pantry supports people living in and around the tri-cities of Papillion, Ralston, and LaVista. Churches of the Tri-City Ministerial Association provide support, as do clubs, organizations and individuals. Members of the parish volunteer to staff the pantry on a regular basis.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Melissa Nelson (Volunteers) | tricitypantry@gmail.com | 402-552-7061

Parish Office (Referrals) | 402-339-3285

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

What we do: A week-long, activity-packed program every summer for kids in K-6 to help reaffirm the commitment of God's people. Relies on parent volunteers to help coordinate and plan all of the activities. The week includes games, snacks, crafts & activities, skits, songs and, of course, Bible lessons. The program helps children spark imagination with faith-building fun! All volunteers must have Safe Environment certification.

Time Commitment: One week during the summer

Contact: Lori Long | llong@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-0990

www.saintcolumbkille.org/vbs

VISITATION MINISTRY

What we do: Ministers bring their presence and are Christ to those with a physical, emotional, or spiritual need such as the homebound, lonely, sick, disabled, or bereaved. Ministers also support caregivers, those who are separated or divorced, those who are struggling with faith issues, and those experiencing any kind of emotional, spiritual, or physical stress. For those called to it, Ministers can also participate in hospice care. Training consists of an initial interview with Deacons Steve or Bob, then a follow-up one hour orientation with Hillcrest Healthcare.

Time Commitment: Varies

Contact: Dcn. Steve Jordan | maj805@cox.net | 402-290-4916

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WOMEN'S GUILD

What we do: Welcomes all ladies of the parish to participate in its activities. The Guild is affiliated with the Archdiocesan Omaha Urban Council of Catholic Women. The Guild serves the various groups and members of our parish and the greater community through service projects, fundraisers, and hospitality. There are no dues.

The Women's Guild offers its members a sense of Christian community and hope to kindle friendships that last a lifetime.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Dee Iske | iskew@cox.net | 402-734-3762

www.saintcolumbkille.org/womens-guild

WELCOMING MINISTRY

What we do: Welcomes all new members of our parish by helping out with St. Columbkille 101, a short introductory program to acquaint new parishioners with St. Columbkille Church, and doing home visits. Members of the ministry bring welcome packets that include a parish directory and Ministry Guidebook, as well as a letter from the pastor and other materials.

Time Commitment: Flexible

Contact: Karen Riesberg | kriesberg@q.com | 402-658-0970

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM LEADERS

What we do: Youth ministry relies on a team of parents and volunteers – of all ages! – within the parish community to assist in catechesis and coordination of events. Chaperones and general help are also essential to the functioning of youth programs and provide good examples and relationships for young people.

All volunteers must complete Safe Environment Training.

Time Commitment: Varies

Contact: Nicole Cook | ncook@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-0990

www.saintcolumbkille.org/youth-ministry-leaders

YOUTH MINISTRY: TEEN FAITH

What we do: For 9th-12th grade students of St. Columbkille Parish and the surrounding community. We offer twice-monthly large group gatherings for all high school students, each with varied offerings focused on social, spiritual, catechetical, and service opportunities.

On the opposite weeks, teens participate in Small Group Faith Sharing where they talk and learn about their faith in a more intimate environment, led by adult lay ministers within the parish.

Special service and conference opportunities are offered throughout the year as well.

Time Commitment: Once a week

Contact: Nicole Cook | ncook@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-0990

www.saintcolumbkille.org/teen-faith

Councils and Commissions

ATHLETICS COUNCIL

What we do: In addition to providing the development of athletic skill, the athletics program fosters social interaction, self-esteem and Christian attitudes. The youth of our parish, not the athletic activity, is our key focus. By learning to set personal and team goals, and working to achieve these goals, our youth will learn that success is not measured by the final score, but by the efforts of individuals working together.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Sarah Yarpe | sayarpe@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-592-1533

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

What we do: Provides visionary planning to the entire St. Columbkille campus, focusing on current and future buildings and outdoor areas.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Dave Fanslau | dkfanslau@cox.net
Scott Bovick | bov9@hotmail.com

EDUCATION TRUST BOARD

What we do: The St. Columbkille Educational Trust Endowment has been built through the generosity of many parishioners and supporters throughout the years to enhance the faith formation ministries of the parish, including religious education, adult formation, youth ministry, and the elementary school. The Board serves to make contributions to the educational ministries of St. Columbkille that will have a long-lasting and far-reaching impact on those programs and their participants.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: John Larsen | john.larsen@marathonventuresinc.com
Erin Diaz De Leon | rediazdeleon@gmail.com.

FINANCE COUNCIL

What we do: In its advisory role, the Finance Council assists the pastor in the preparation of the annual budget, the creation and communication of periodic financial reports, and protection of parish temporal goods. The Finance Council is to reflect the broad-based ideas of the parish community, and acts as a consultative resource for the pastor.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Karen Smith | ksmithneb@hotmail.com
Debbie Armentrout | dkarmentrout@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-592-8494

LITURGY COMMISSION

What we do: Coordinates the liturgical worship of the parish community. This group consists of representation and leadership from each of the liturgical ministries, including priests, deacons, musicians, sacristans, ushers, servers, lectors, EMHCs, and members of Art & Environment.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: David Batter | dbatter@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-3285 ext. 107

OUTREACH COMMISSION

What we do: The Outreach Commission is a forum for parish leaders of ministries of care and social justice to dialog with one another and to identify areas of potential cooperation and shared concern.

Time Commitment: Every other month

Contact: Phil LaSala | pjlasala@saintcolumbkille.org | 402-339-3285 ext. 105

PASTORAL COUNCIL

What we do: A representative body of the faithful whose focus is on the whole community and the pursuit of the mission of the Church.

Time Commitment: Once a month

Contact: Dean Demers | Chair | dcdemers1985@yahoo.com

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