

# SAINT COLUMBKILLE

December 26, 2021

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## Mission Statement

**God CALLS us to be disciples and  
FORMS us by our Catholic Faith to  
ENCOUNTER Christ  
EMBRACE deeper faith and  
EMPOWER Christian action.**

Reconciliation: Saturdays at 3 pm  
Thursday Evenings at 6 pm  
Friday Mornings at 6:30 am

A Graced Christmas to all! Our Savior, Jesus—Hope of the world—is born and a weary world rejoices!

Whether we feel the world's weariness in great or small measure, we too are those of whom Isaiah the prophet spoke: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!"

That light is Christ! That hope is Christ! He invites us to "Come close" for He is Emmanuel—God *with us*. Having gathered with the shepherds around His birth, let us set forth as they did to amaze those still wearied with our Hope and rejoicing!

**May you have the gift of FAITH, the blessing of  
HOPE, and the peace of His LOVE.**

— The Pastors and Staff of St. Columbkille



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**ENCOUNTER: Mass Intention and added prayers for:**

Monday, December 27  
9:00 am † **Adrian Schatz**

Tuesday, December 28  
9:00 am † **Richard Nunez**  
\* Fr. Tom McAndrew

Wednesday, December 29  
9:00 am † **Donna Weitzel**  
\* Steve Noonan

Thursday, December 30  
9:00 am † **Joan Hamilton**

Friday, December 31  
7:00 am † **Clifford, Myrene & Paul Lattner**

Saturday, January 1  
9:00 am † **Betty Schatz**  
4:15 pm † **John Rodham**  
\* Nick & Grace Ervolino  
\* Helen Rodham  
\* Merly B. Kuhl  
\* Maury Sturm  
\* Gina Danner  
\* Jack & Pat Anglin  
\* Melvin Schuster  
\* Joe Conlan  
\* Donna Weitzel  
\* John, Myra, John Jr., & Linda Welsh

Sunday, January 2  
8:00 am **Pro Popolo**  
\* John Schwendinger  
\* Gene Weber  
\* Lucille Donner

10:00 am † **Gene Weber**  
\* John & Janet Schwendinger  
\* Barb Setter

**EMBRACE: This Week**

**Monday, December 27**  
6:00 pm Cub Scouts—PH  
7:15 pm Families Anonymous—Fogarty

**Wednesday, December 29**  
6:00 pm Adult Choir  
6:30 pm KCs—PH

**Thursday, December 30**  
*Parish Office Closed*  
6:00 pm Reconciliation—Center Vestibule

**Friday, December 31 — New Years Eve**  
*Parish Office Closed*  
6:00 am Confessions  
7:00 am Mass  
5:30 pm Vigil Mass

**Saturday, January 1 — Mary, Mother of God**  
9:00 am Mass  
4:15 pm Mass

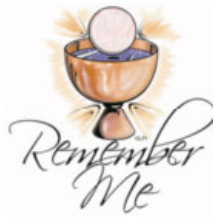


Special Thanks to ALL our wonderful parishioners who supplied treats to the Rectory Office - We appreciate all the love that went into the baking, cooking, gathering, delivering, etc. YOU ARE AWESOME!!

Next Sunday, January 2nd the Loose Coin Collection goes to Catholic Charities USA to provide tornado relief for the victims in Kentucky and neighboring states.

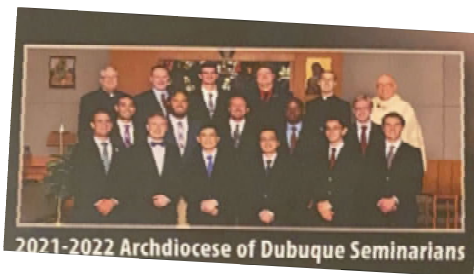


**Sanctuary Lamp: January, 2022**  
*In Memory of Maury Sturm*



In Memory of the Lammers and Wissel Families St. Columbkille Church received money to cover the cost of Hosts & Wine for the month of January, 2022. What a wonderful Gift!

We rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, during this most Holy Season! You can help ensure this “Good News of great joy” proclaimed by the angels echoes down future generations by making a gift through your will or a planned gift to St. Columbkille. If you have questions about this please contact Fr. Tom or Fr. David at 563-583-9117 and leave a message. If you would like information about gift planning, please contact our planning partner at the Catholic Foundation at 563-552-0176 or [CFAD@OurCFAD.org](mailto:CFAD@OurCFAD.org).



will give a witness talk as part of this. Come check it out!

**COMING SOON:**  
Wednesday, January 12, 2022 St. Joseph the Worker Parish is hosting the regional Holy Hour for Vocations at 7 pm. One of our seminarians

Do you know someone who is struggling with divorce? St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church is offering a program “Surviving Divorce”, for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling years later. This twelve-week program begins Monday, January 31st at 6 pm in Martin Hall. A “come and see night” will be held on Monday, January 17 at 6 pm for anyone who wants to learn more about the program and meet the facilitators. Childcare will be provided for each session. A \$25 program fee covers the cost of all materials. For more information, email Maria Schmitz at [dbq062s6@dbqarch.org](mailto:dbq062s6@dbqarch.org) or call 773-789-9795. To register, go to: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45aaac22a7ffc34-registration](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45aaac22a7ffc34-registration).

A reminder that [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) is a FREE resource that offers programming to help us reflect on the birth of Jesus and bring Christ into Christmas for all ages. Visit [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) to get started.



Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas! Thank you for all your warm wishes, cards, and updates. **Can you imagine Mary and Joseph's first family Christmas letter?** *Dear Friends, While Joseph was a little concerned, we welcomed a surprise little bundle of joy. Joseph has had a hard time finding a place to stay and now he thinks we need to quickly move to Egypt. I guess our lives will be filled with surprises. With love, Joseph, Mary and Jesus.*

What would sustain a family through such challenges? Their faith gave them the **confident hope** that God is with them no matter what. God is with us and this gives us confident hope.

We celebrate Christmas to remind ourselves of the true hope God has given us and to encourage its growth within. This hope is more than optimism or even a secure future; it's infused as a gift at our Baptism giving us the gift of knowing God's love for us on a daily basis and the love that awaits us as our final goal.

As we celebrate our New Year and reflect upon our goals, please add to your goals being an Ambassador of Hope. To be a person who takes the joy of Christmas and turns it into a gift of hope for others.

Our parish mission, **Encounter Hope** on January 23, 24, and 25 will be a great way to get started. Check out [stcolumbkille.net/parish-mission](http://stcolumbkille.net/parish-mission) for more details. Please invite your friends and family as well.

In Christ,

**Fr. David**

A joyful Christmas to all! I offer that knowing the stresses of this past year may make joy a challenging experience to tap into. But isn't that why our Savior was born in a stable, and placed in a feedbox? So we could look into all kinds of situations of impoverishment, or "I'm not enough," and be confident that Christ waits within. In that confidence, is our joy, and hope! God's faithful desire *for us* seen through stable and cross is clear!

The song "O Holy Night" has guided us this Advent to find "a thrill of hope" that allows for "a weary world rejoices!" That verse began with "He appears, and the soul *felt* it's worth."

*Feel your worth* to God this Christmas! When weariness is what you feel because you're at the limits of your physical, emotional, or spiritual strength, bring to mind Christ's birth into *your life* at Bethlehem, Baptism and each Mass you attend. Feel your worth anew! Jesus appeared in the world, and remains with us to bring us the joy that weariness won't overcome.

When we have joy and hope, the strength to share ourselves and what we have found in Christ will appear too. Our joy in Christ becomes rejoicing in each other—and the weariness of a world feeling alone and unloved receives from us the chance to feel their worth, and reason to rejoice in Christ's appearance as well! Joy to you all in the year to come!

**Fr. Tom**

## ENCOUNTER: Readings for the Week

### Week of December 26, 2021

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-41-52  
Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1 a, 2-8  
Tues: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18  
Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35  
Thurs: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40  
Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

**THANK YOU** to all who have recently contributed to the Thanksgiving and Christmas Giving Tree collections and, in doing so, supported our parish and Saint Vincent de Paul Society by tending to those in need. An additional thank you to those who took time to send a Christmas card to our elderly parishioners. May God bless you all in your generosity this holiday season.

Special Thanks to the Sponsors of our St. Columbkille 2022 Religious Calendars: Hoffmann Schneider & Kitchen Funeral Home, Home + Floor Show, and Steele Capital Management, Inc. The calendars are available on the radiators in the back of Church. Please pick one up on your way out of Church.

**New Family Enrollment Opens Jan. 31, 2022 at Holy Family for grades K-12** Priority enrollment is given to members of Holy Family's supporting parishes. For more information/scheduling a personal tour, etc. visit [holyfamilydbq.org/visit](http://holyfamilydbq.org/visit). **3-year old & 4 year old pre-K** will open at Holy Family's five-early childhood sites on **Monday, Jan. 10, 2022**. Contact Rebecca Mueller at [rmueller@holyfamilydbq.org](mailto:rmueller@holyfamilydbq.org) or 563-582-5456, Holy Family participates in the state of Iowa FREE Pre-K grant.

**EMBRACE: Families Anonymous (FA) is a fellowship of people whose lives have been affected by the use of mind-altering substances or related behavioral problems of a relative or friend. For more information, call 563-580-7379.**

Sunday, December 26, 2021



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