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January 2, 2022

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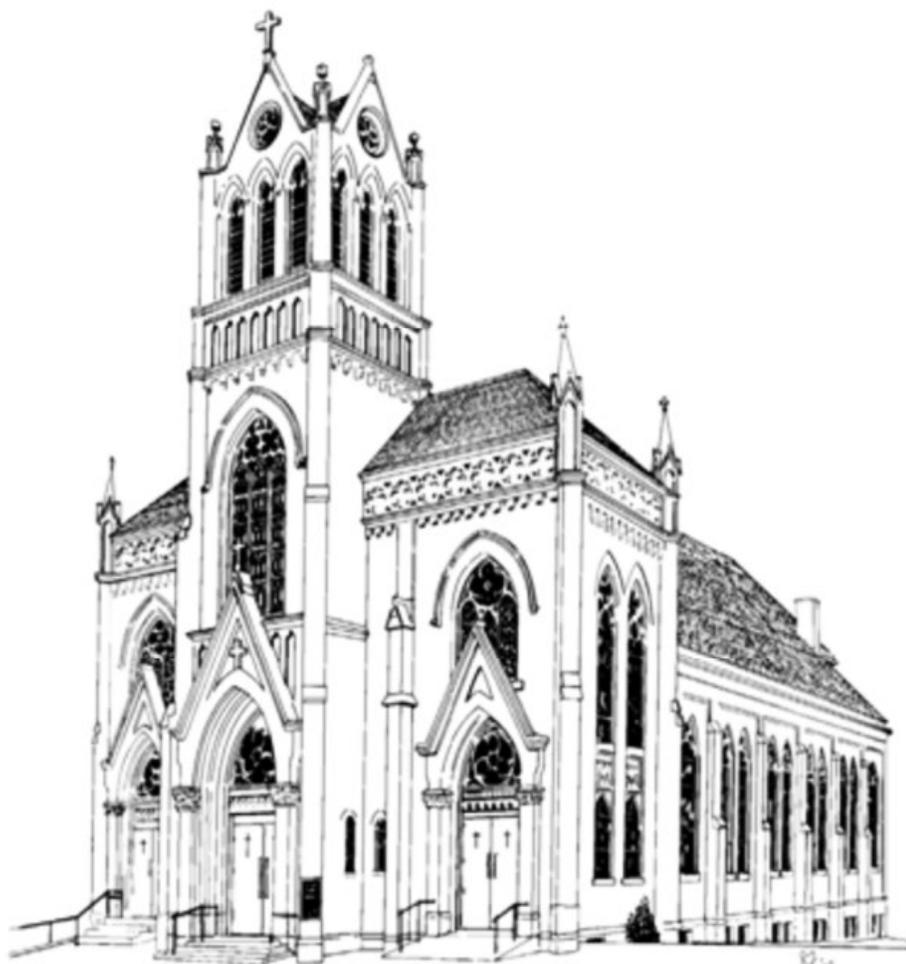
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## Mission Statement

**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



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

Monday, January 3

9:00 am † **Samuel Becker**

Tuesday, January 4

9:00 am † **Leo & Luella Seitz**

Wednesday, January 5

7:00 am † **Steve Makovec**

9:00 am † **Adrian Schatz**

Thursday, January 6

9:00 am † **Dorothy Heitzman**

Friday, January 7

7:00 am † **Joan Higley**

Saturday, January 8

4:15 pm † **Bill Huss**

\* Albert, Earl & Dorothy Cady & Family

\* Earl Larson

Sunday, January 9

8:00 am **Pro Popolo**

\* Bill Huss

\* In Honor of John & Polly Splinter

10:00 am **Lucille Conlon**

\* Roy & Millie Schlickman

\* Matt Cusack

Next Sunday, January 9th the Loose Coin Collection goes to **Our Lady of the Sioux.**



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Start the New Year out by considering a 2022 Our Faith STO Donation. If you missed out on the opportunity to donate to the STO in 2021 and receive your 75% tax credit, now is the time to consider making a donation for the new year. Our allotted amount of Iowa income tax credits from the state of Iowa has been replenished for 2022, and there are now more tax credits available than ever before! If you'd like to learn about making a tax credit eligible donation for 2022, please visit our website at [www.OurFaithSTO.org](http://www.OurFaithSTO.org), or contact Deacon Brian Zeman at [b.zeman@dbqarc.org](mailto:b.zeman@dbqarc.org) or 563-556-2580 x 296.

**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).



**EMBRACE: This Week**

**Monday, January 3**

6:00 pm Cub Scouts—PH/Fogarty

7:15 pm Families Anonymous—Fogarty

**Tuesday, January 4**

6 pm Empowering Christian Action—Fogarty

**Wednesday, January 5**

6:30 pm KCs—PH

**Thursday, January 6**

6:00 pm Reconciliation—Center Vestibule

**Sunday, January 9**

10:45 am RCIA—Fogarty

5:00 pm Confirmation/Mass

**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.

**To the parishioners of St. Columbkille —**

Thank you for your donation of 323.21 lbs of food and household items for the month of November 2021.

— The SVDP Voucher Center Staff

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



**2022-2023 New Family Enrollment Opens Jan. 31 at Holy Family:** New family enrollment for grades K-12 students at Holy Family Catholic Schools will open on Monday, Jan. 31, 2022. Priority enrollment is given to members of Holy Family's supporting parishes. For more information or to schedule a personal tour of a Holy Family Catholic school, visit [holyfamilydbq.org/visit](http://holyfamilydbq.org/visit). **2022-2023 Preschool, Pre-K, and Pre-K Plus Enrollment:** New family enrollment in three-year-old preschool or four-year-old Pre-K will open at Holy Family's five early childhood sites on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022. Priority enrollment is given to children who are registered members of one of Holy Family's supporting parishes. Please contact Director of Enrollment Rebecca Mueller [rmueller@holyfamilydbq.org](mailto:rmueller@holyfamilydbq.org), 582-5456 or Holy Family Early Childhood Program Director Lis Ernst [lernst@holyfamilydbq.org](mailto:lernst@holyfamilydbq.org), 583-5206. Holy Family participates in the state of Iowa free Pre-K grant.

Dear Parishioners,

Let us welcome 2022 together!

Due on December 22, this article made today (January 2) feel like it is so far away. The New Year has arrived, the seminarians return tomorrow, and of course, I am not ready. I am a great prophet. Two weeks before it happens, I can assure you I will not be ready. The joy of life—we have all the time and we never have enough time.

In the midst of our time crunch, we have this feast day of Epiphany. The celebration of the Magi traveling from the East because of a strange star. Today, Jesus is revealed as the light to the nations. **He is to be the light that orders our use of time.** How does that work?

The simple answer I believe is that we do not “fit” God into our lives; God calls us to fit our lives into His. This is a much more radical way of living. Living as God’s disciple causes one to journey out of one’s own comfort zone into a foreign land. God is calling us to be immigrants in a world that doesn’t welcome immigrants.

The current trends in seminary formation signal the radical nature of this call. The church is attempting to come to an understanding of how a young man can actually enter into seminary formation and the repeated answer given is that our young men need a “stage” of preparation before they can enter into seminary.

I just finished three days of meetings about the future of seminary formation and the radical proposals and current attempts are surprising to say the least. The most radical move I heard of is being done at a seminary in Minnesota. A seminarian enters a house of formation separate from the seminary dedicated to prayer and service of the poor. In addition, they live this year or longer with a complete technology fast and weekly group counseling sessions. When questioned about this, the advocate for this program said, “Our culture is not good for young men. We have to let them experience a space not saturated by the culture so they can discover who they are in the eyes of God. This is needed for all young men, not just those entering into seminary.”

Yikes, that seems like a rather dire assessment and I wonder if it is not a bit of a loss in the hope of Epiphany. God is the light that guides us through any darkness. Yet, we have to acknowledge the radical nature of following Christ.

I do think we need to cultivate the virtue of hope more fully within our culture, not separate from it. We are called to let God’s light shine in the culture and I hope our **Mission: Encounter Hope** will help God’s light to shine brightly.

May God bless and keep you,

**Fr. David**

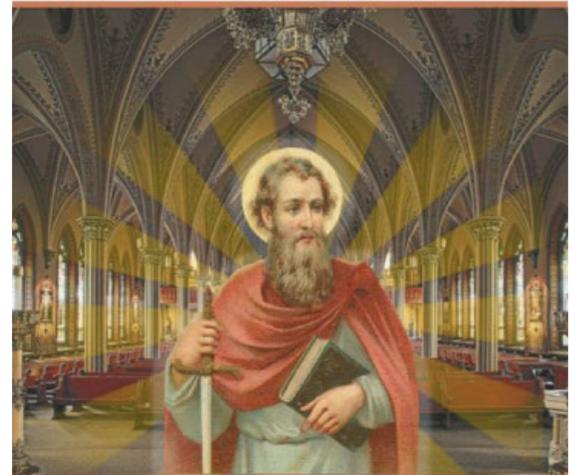
The **Archdiocese of Dubuque** is looking for Catholic, college-age men and women disciples to serve on teams during the summer of 2022 for Totus Tuus leading songs, teaching, performing skits, and sharing witness talks with the children and youth of the Archdiocese. These are paid positions with training and most expenses provided during the summer. If you, or a college-age person in your life, are interested in this wonderful opportunity, the application information can be found at [www.dbqarch.org/TotusTuus](http://www.dbqarch.org/TotusTuus).

## ENCOUNTER: Readings for the Week

### Week of January 2, 2022

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Mon: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mr 4:1-7, 23-25  
Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/J 3:22-30  
Next Sun: Is 42:1-4,6-7/Acts 10:34-38/  
Lk 3:15-16,21-22/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

## SAVE THE DATE



## ENCOUNTER HOPE

ST. COLUMBKILLE PARISH MISSION

JANUARY 23, 24, & 25

6:15 - 7:30 PM EACH NIGHT



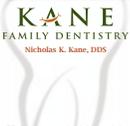
[StColumbkille.net/parish-mission](http://StColumbkille.net/parish-mission)

Mea Culpa, Mea Culpa, Mea Maxima Culpa ... I am SORRY to report I missed several names in the 2021 Poinsettia List ... Poinsettias were paid for In Memory of Blaine Hancock, Joseph & Florence Thill, and Art & Doris Trausch.

*Sue, the Secretary*

Sunday, January 2, 2022

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