

# CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome We are GLAD you are HERE. *Any Questions?* 

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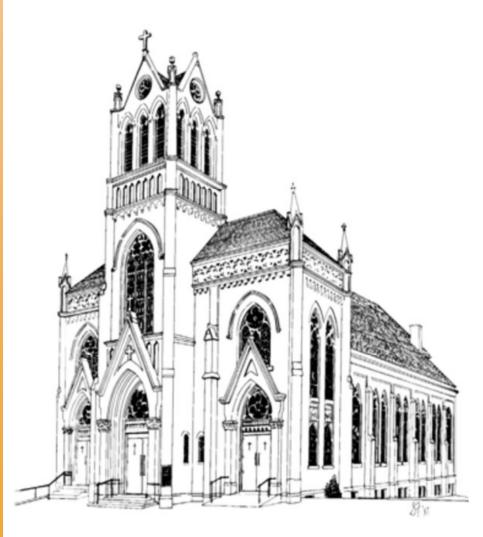
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#### **Mission Statement**

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

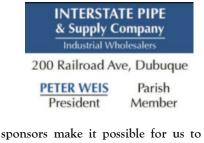
prayers for: Monday, January 10 9:00 am † Daniel P. Aslin Tuesday, January 11 9:00 am **† Ambrose & Theresa Klein** \* Greg Wardle Wednesday, January 12 7:00 am **† Joan Higley** 9:00 am + Adrian Schatz Thursday, January 13 9:00 am † Donna Weitzel \* Patricia Glab Friday, January 14 7:00 am **† Bob Sullivan** Saturday, January 15 4:15 pm **† John A. Baumgartner** \* Don Ruden \* Jared Bennett \* Sturm Family \* Dunne Family Sunday, January 16 8:00 am **Pro Popolo** Betty Schatz 10:00 am Roy & Millie Schlickman

### embrace: This Week

Monday, January 10 6:00 pm Cub Scouts—PH/Fogarty 7:15 pm Families Anonymous—Fogarty Tuesday, January 11 6:00 pm Finance—Fogarty Wednesday, January 12 7:00 am Parish Mass 9:00 am School Mass 5:45 pm Family Faith Formation Thursday, January 13 6:00 pm Reconciliation—Center Vestibule 6:30 pm Encourage—Fogarty Sunday, January 16 10:00 am Allen Baptism

**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.

Please Thank This Proud Sponsor of the St. Columbkille Bulletin:



Our sponsors make it possible for us to provide the weekly Bulletin with no cost to the parish! Tell them you saw their ad in our Bulletin! Next Sunday, January 16th the Loose Coin Collection goes to Birthright.



**The Baptism of the Lord Invites Reflection** on the commitment St. Columbkille's makes at each Baptism: to support parents in handing on our faith in Christ. Providing that support last year was aided greatly by those who had remembered the parish in their estate plans or memorials. *We are grateful!* Please empower St. Columbkille's providing that support in the future by including the parish in your legacy plans. For more information on 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 <u>CFAD@OurCFAD.org.</u>



**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!

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. They 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 <u>www.dbqarchg.org/</u> TotusTuus

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### Through the Waters of Baptism We Welcome Into the Family of God:

- Hendrix William son of Eric & Emily May
- Mila Carter daughter of Eric & Emily May
- William Peter son of Kevin & Stephanie Meyers

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 12-week program begins Monday, January 31 at 6 pm in Martin Hall. For more information contact Maria Schmitz at 773-789-9795; or register at <u>www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f45aaac22a7ffc34-registration.</u>

#### Dear parishioners,

When I was farming, I'd call the veterinary or hog buyer and first identify myself "This is Tom McDermott." But there were four Tom McDermotts on our mail route at the time—(plus more in the area, but hey, it's a great name!) So I'd continue with "*Irwin's* Tom." Not too many Irwin's out there.

Jesus' Heavenly Father takes care of *identifying His Son* after Jesus' baptism. The Father's voice is heard "you are my beloved Son." His identity as God's Son is important because of what Jesus is calling for. John the Baptist challenged listeners to *change* their lives, choices, and sinful ways. Jesus' baptism will ask them to *lay down* their lives *like He will* for sinners, enemies, and the helpless because that is *who Jesus is*—the Father's love made visible. No wonder the Baptist described it as being baptized with fire!

But that is what baptism into Christ invites: become one whose way of loving brings Jesus Christ to mind. If we are going to take on such a challenging identity, it helps to know that my loving like Jesus is pleasing to the God who called me into life in the first place.

Lest the idea of loving like Jesus seem impossible for us, Jesussinless—accepts being baptized. He could have refused and in effect said "Sin is a problem on your end, not mine." But as testimony that our struggle against Sin is fully His, Jesus goes down into the water with us.

What a hope-filled moment our Baptisms then become! What a source of strength to claim when trying to love more deeply out of the Christ in me, or try again when I have failed. Our actions time and again fall short of Jesus' way of love. They challenge one's ability to hear the Father say to me: "beloved son" or "beloved daughter." But God hopes we will recall our being baptized into Christ's *with us against sin* from the start, and humbly, gratefully reclaim all that being a "beloved of God" makes possible for us.

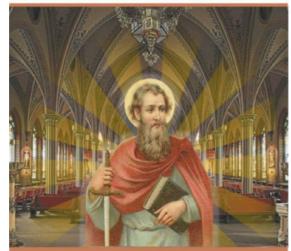
Identifying with Jesus is not easy. We can lose hope, lose faith that change is possible. The parish mission "Encounter Hope" in 2 weeks will put us in touch with St. Paul's faith. But maybe more importantly with his zeal—His confidence in God's love that powered him through persecution and failure and awareness of his sin, to find his deepest identity in Christ within him. Come to the mission and find that beloved-ness of God is your truth too!

Fr. Tom

#### ENCOUNTER: Readings for the Week Week of January 9, 2022

MCCK OI	Junuary 7, 2022
Sun:	ls 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, 2122
Mon:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tues:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1,4-5,6-
	7,8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wed.	1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thurs:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Fri:	1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22/Mk 2:1-12
Sat:	1 Sm 9:1-4,17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sun:	ls 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

## SAVE THE DATE





# JANUARY 23, 24, & 25

6:15 - 7:30 PM EACH NIGHT



**EMPOWER:** The Office of Catholic Charities is the social service organization of the Archdiocese focusing on strengthening families and reducing poverty. Call 563-556-2580 when in need.

