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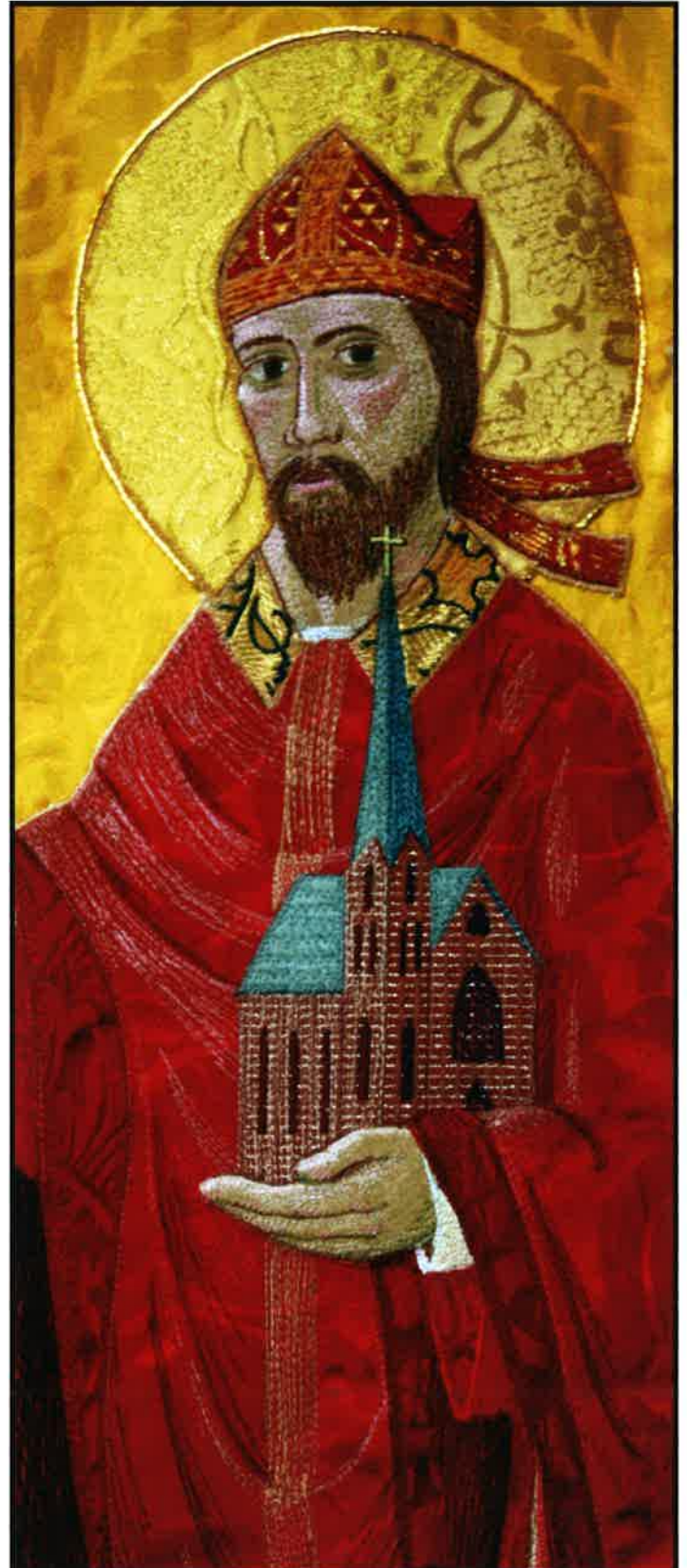


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BAPTISM

Baptism are celebrated for active members of St. Colman of Cloyne parish. Parents must first register for a Baptism preparation class. Please call the parish office one month in advance to register for a class, and schedule a Baptism.

MATRIMONY

Matrimony is celebrated for active members of Saint Colman of Cloyne Parish. Preparation includes a pre-marital inventory, meetings with the priest, participation in the Diocesan Pre-Cana Program, and Natural Family Planning classes. Please contact Parish Office at least six months in advance to secure a date.

SICK CALLS

Any time day or night in an emergency. Please notify the Parish Office if someone is hospitalized, or confined to home or a nursing facility because of illness, age or infirmity.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Interested in faith? Classes to learn more about the faith are held from Fall to Pentecost. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members! Please register through the Parish Office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil
5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning
9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass
8:30 a.m. Monday & Thursday
5:30 p.m. Tuesday

CONFESSION

Tuesday
5:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Saturday
9:30 a.m. until all are heard
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, August 31

1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday, September 1

1 Corinthians 2:10b-16
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday, September 2

1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Luke 4:38-44

Thursday, September 3

1 Corinthians 3:18-23
Luke 5:1-11

Friday, September 4

1 Corinthians 4:1-5
Luke 5:33-39

Saturday, September 5

1 Corinthians 4:6b-15
Luke 6:1-5

Sunday, September 6

Ezekiel 33:7-9
Romans 13:8-10
Matthew 18:15-20

Ministers List

Saturday, September 5

Lector: Bonnie Hall

Ushers: David McCoppin,
Rob Wheaton, John McCoppin

Sunday, September 6, 9am

Lector: Tom Esper

Ushers: Bob Robinson,
Steve Janasov, Nick Elrich

Sunday, September 6, 11am

Lector: Alicia Denen

Ushers: Bob Engle

Counter Volunteers

This Week

Patty Griffiths &
Vicki Ream

This Week's Mass Intentions (August 29 - Sept. 6, 2020)

Saturday, August 29, 2020 + Vigil of the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ordinary Time

9:30am Confessions (Cry Room)
4:00pm Confessions (Cry Room)
5:00pm +Vivian LaRose by Carroll & Carol Van Meter

Sunday, August 30, 2020 + The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Pro Populo [For the People]
5:00-6:00pm Adoration

Monday, August 31, 2020 + Weekday

8:30am + Duane Denniston by Chris & Tina Garland

Tuesday, September 1, 2020 + Weekday

4:15pm Adoration
5:00pm Confessions (Cry Room)
5:30pm + Mike Wilson by Mary Smith

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 + Weekday

Thursday, September 3, 2020 + Weekday

8:30am + Kathryn Dietz by Chris & Tina Garland

Friday, September 4, 2020 + Weekday

Saturday, September 5, 2020 + Vigil of the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Confessions (Cry Room)
4:00pm Confessions (Cry Room)
5:00pm +Monica Markovich by Marge McLaughlin

Sunday, September 6, 2020 + The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Pro Populo [For the People]
11:00am +Gene Gad by The St. Colman Parish Family
5:00-6:00pm Adoration

The Catholic Bishops have granted the dispensation of the weekly obligation to attend weekend Mass indefinitely. Those who are feeling well and who are not in the high risk categories are encouraged to come to Mass. Those in the high risk categories, or who are not feeling well, are encouraged to remain home.

If you choose to attend Mass, face masks are required as well as a ticket for the weekend Mass that you want to attend (including the new Sunday Mass at 11am.). Tickets may be obtained via the link on the St. Colman website or by calling the Parish Office before Thursday. Daily Masses do not require a ticket to attend.

Watch the St. Colman Mass on our YouTube channel: "St. Colman of Cloyne Streaming". You can also access it from the website. Just click the link where it says to view Mass "click here".



As you may have guessed, we will not be having the Oktoberfest this year due to the Covid restrictions in place. As soon as the date for Oktoberfest 2021 is set, we will let you know!

Face Mask Fundraiser Update

Thank you to everyone who supported the face mask fundraiser. As you can see in the collections list, we made \$626 with the fundraiser!

Some of you have asked to purchase additional masks. The minimum order is 50. If we can get at least 50 more sold, we will place another order. Contact Tina in the Parish Office if you want to put your name on the list.

Smart Phone Catholic Resource

Do you own a Smart Phone? If you do, consider adding a free app, "Laudate". It contains over 200 Catholic Prayers, Liturgy of the Hours, Podcasts of Mass Readings, Audible Rosary, Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, Bible, Catechism, Vatican Documents, Catholic Media and more. Take advantage of this tremendous Resource and grow in your faith!



You can also use this for the readings when you are at Mass if you forgot your missal. *There are still missals in the back of church to be taken.*

Mum Fundraiser Follow up

WOW!! Thank you for everyone who ordered mums! We sold over 300 mums!!

Delivery will be on Tuesday, September 1. You will be able to collect your mums that evening until 6:30, each day the remainder of the week (at least) from 9am—1pm, and after Mass on Saturday and Sunday. With the following Monday being a holiday, the Parish Office will not be open. Please plan to pick up your mums during one of these times as they will not be watered while in the Parish Hall.

Christmas wreaths and poinsettias will also be sold again this year beginning in October!

Happy Birthday This Week To...

Aug. 31: Ludene Flerchinger

Sept. 1: Jacob Pettit

Sept. 2: Tom Murdock,
Becca Ratliff

Sept. 3: Marilyn Kimmet,
Connie Schirtzinger

Sept. 5: Greg Flerchinger

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 2020

Assumption	\$ 195.00
Cemetery	\$ 200.00
(Virtual) Fair Booth	\$ 195.00
Home Mission	\$ 5.00
Latin America	\$ 155.00
Religious Education	\$ 472.00

Other Income

Mask Fundraiser*	\$ 26.00
Mum Fundraiser	\$ 1,896.00
Women of St. Colman	\$ 50.00

* We raised \$626 with the mask fundraiser

Notice of Additions to the Sunday Mass Schedule

◆ Adoration will now be held every Sunday from 5:00-6:00pm. Father will also have Adoration on Tuesday at 4:15 in September.

◆ Beginning September 6th an 11:00am Mass has been added to accommodate more parishioners returning to weekend Mass while seating is still limited in the church. *(This is not a permanent change to the Mass schedule.)*

Sacrificial Giving 8/23/20

	Weekly Offertory	YTD Offertory
Budgeted	\$ 6,092.00	\$ 48,736.00
Actual Offertory	\$ 5,030.00	\$ 43,274.00
Difference	\$ (1,062.00)	\$ (5,462.00)

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) begins on **Thursday, September 10 at 7pm** in the Parish Center Conference Room.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and/or entering the Church should attend this session.

Catholics who would like to learn more about their faith are also welcome to attend.

Contact Rebecca Elrich, coordinator for Religious Education, at reled@stcolmanwch.org if you plan to attend.

Social distancing will be practiced. Masks are required.

Church Open for Prayer

The church will resume open times for prayer Monday - Saturday from 7:30am - 1:00pm. Enter through the ramp door. Please be advised that it is your responsibility to clean and sanitize the areas you use. Members of the parish staff will not be on hand to sanitize the church throughout the day. (Dave and Paul will continue to sanitize the church after each Mass.) Please take a sanitizing wipe when you enter and wipe down the area where you sit to sanitize before and after your time in the pew.

In order to tell where people have been, we have colored discs like the one here with the wipes. Pick up a disc when you get your wipe. Leave it in the pew where you sit. That will indicate to Dave and Paul where they need to clean each morning. Notify a staff member if you come in to pray but there are no discs available. That indicates we need to order more.

From the Pastor's Desk...

Acedia, commonly called sloth in the West, is poorly understood these days. Often times, when thinking of sloth, our thoughts immediately move to mere laziness. Inactivity and laziness can be a symptom of sloth, but they are not the only possible symptom of acedia. The reason that laziness is so associated with sloth is that in medieval monasteries, where a great deal of spiritual literature was being written, physical labors were part of the spiritual life in a very close way. Neglect of a chore was neglect of the spirit and neglect of the spirit manifested as neglect of a chore.

Acedia, however, is much deeper and a more fundamental problem than simple laziness. It is a spiritual disease. Left untreated, it leads to a hatred of God. The complete opposite of the call of Our Lord. "Jesus said to him: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with thy whole mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment." (Matt 22:37-38) The love of God is our first obligation as Christians, really as human beings. Acedia is in direct conflict with this.



So, what is acedia? It is a vice, a sin, a spiritual disease by which one experiences a certain kind of sadness, sorrow or repulsion to that which is holy or spiritual. In the beginning, it is felt only as a reluctance to pray or a desire to pray hastily. At this stage, it is not a sin, but rather a temptation. As we consent more and more to this aversion to prayer and to the presence of God in our lives, we find that aversion, that sadness, grow within us.

It starts with occasionally missing prayers and being willfully distracted at Mass. Soon the person who has a growing problem with acedia begins to miss prayer all together throughout the week and it feels like an extreme burden to go to Mass for an hour. Mass is experienced with little to no prayer. Rather Mass becomes merely counting minutes to leave. No adoration takes place, no charity is evoked from the heart. The question of "What am I really getting out of this?" arises, rather than "How can I lay my heart on the altar and give You the worship You deserve, Lord?"

Later, as one's acedia deepens, all pretense of prayer or the spiritual life is driven away. Prayer may be reduced to prayer before meals or there may be simply none at all. Mass is attended on Christmas, Easter, perhaps Ash Wednesday, or maybe not at all throughout the year. This is when the fillers come in and enslave us to acedia.

While acedia itself is this repulsion to prayer and the spiritual life, it finds comorbidity easily with an overly developed attachment to pleasure or work. With the time that one could be praying, one fills this with simply pleasurable activities, eating, television, social media, sports, etc. Or, one fills one's time with work. Experiencing the avoidance of prayer and the spirit, it is easy to make the excuse, "I must take care of this." Or, "there is some emergency at work, with the children, with a family member, or some other thing." This leads people to say, "I can't go to Mass, there are only so many hours in the week." (By the way, there are one hundred sixty-eight hours in the week and while Mass is not your only priority, it needs to be your first.)

In its more advanced stages, acedia looks either like depression or workaholism. When one takes away prayer and fills it with activities that give pleasure but do not give meaning to one's life, a dark state settles over the soul. Eventually, the pleasure is not enough to distract us anymore and we can experience a deep emptiness inside. We no longer feel rested or recreative in these activities. Instead, we live for the pleasure they give which is diminished more and more.

Alternatively, one can be so consumed by work and other 'necessary' activities that one hardly notices the meaninglessness of the work one does. "Unless the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." (Ps 126:1) If we are not working toward the Kingdom of God, our work is ultimately meaningless. This too catches up with us. We can never rest, never stop, never take a moment. The stress and the strain build and build and we are crushed under the weight.

In the end, acedia makes us reject all that is good in our life for a few unfulfilled and unfulfillable desires that ultimately provide us no real pleasure, no rest, and certainly no meaning. We end up resenting God. Feeling that to follow Him is just too arduous a task. No one could ever live up to it. Those who seem to be either somehow so much more specially blest than we are or they're probably just hypocrites. We see God as some cruel despot out to strip us of our freedom and keep us from all the pleasures of the world. We see God as one to make us miserable. We then either hate God, or certainly more popularly today, simply reject His existence. Now, we can be happy, now we can live our life, now we can be free.

The problem is that deep down, we are miserable. Deep down, we feel that emptiness from which we so desperately would like to distract ourselves. All we need is to turn around and spend a little time with the Lord.

Wherever we are in our spiritual journey, if we feel the presence of acedia creeping into our lives or if it has been there for years, we need to stop and find the time to be with the Lord. "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Matt 26:40) Our treatment needs to be an aggressive one. Our battle, a decisive one. We come into the Church and spend time with the Lord. He is there. He is present. To sit in the pews is no different than sitting at the feet of the Lord the side of the mount. Know that His love is for you. That He is there for you. That He wants you to visit Him. Do not let the disease spread further. Do not let the enemy control you. Be with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who loves you with Unfathomable Love.

The Church is open for prayer 7:30am-1pm Monday-Saturday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sundays 5:00pm-6:00pm.

Yours in Christ

Father C. M. Haddad

In Loving Memory...

Nancy Jo Esper

May 17, 1934 - August 23, 2020



Nancy Josphine "Nancy Jo" Esper, 86, of Washington C.H. entered the gates of Heaven on August 23, 2020.

Nancy Jo was born May 17, 1934 in Newark, Ohio to the late James and Hazel (Nutter) Snow. Following high school graduation, Nancy attended the Ohio State University Art College. In 1978 she moved to the area with her husband Tom and family after extensive military duty. Over the years she became active in many groups and organizations.

Prior to her illness, Nancy was an active member of St Colman of Cloyne Catholic Church and had served on the Columbus Diocesan Counsel of Catholic Women. She was a 20+ year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed floral arranging and crafts. She was a member of both the Washington Garden Club, the Posy Club and the Ohio Assn. of Garden Clubs. She served her community as a Fayette County Election Board Precinct Judge and a member of the Lioness Club. She helped mentor the local youth as a 4-H advisor and a Campfire Girl Leader. She was a dedicated member of the FACIRE Club. She enjoyed collecting lighthouses. Nancy was devoted to her family but especially loved time spent with her grandchildren.

Along with her parents, Nancy was preceded in death by a brother, James Snow.

She leaves behind her husband Tom Esper, whom she married December 29, 1956; her children, Tammy Scott and Hector of WA, Daniel Esper and his wife Milli of TX, Linda Powers and her husband Randy of Beavercreek and Susan Holloway and her husband Mark of New Holland; Grandchildren, Melissa Barber, Kelly Dudley, Mathew Esper, Bradley Holloway, Sarah Day, Ryan Powers, Tracy Wimmer, Megan Powers, Alissa Esper, Alexandra Guidry, Jazzmine Eubanks and Jade Sammon; as well as 4 great grandbabies, her church family and her countless friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial is planned for Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 11am with father C.M. Haddad officiating. Burial will follow at the St. Colman Cemetery. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 26th at the Roberts Funeral Home in Washington Court House from 5pm to 7pm, with an Order of the Eastern Star service at 7pm. Donations in her memory are suggested to St Colman Catholic Church or The Women of St Colman, 219 S North Street, Washington CH, Ohio 43160.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon her. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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