PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Columbkille Parish is an extension of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati; a “People called together” by Jesus to be His flesh and blood representatives; To be like Him as a priest (to worship), as a prophet (to teach) and as a king (to serve). – Adopted June 1, 1998
Greetings fellow parishioners!

Our Mass attendance continues to nudge up to our social-distance capacity of 90 at St. Columbkille. It’s worth remembering that 90 is an estimate presuming a mix of family members sitting close together and singles and couples sitting further apart.

At the 4:00 Mass this past Saturday, June 27, we allowed 100 in the pews because forty or more were visitors celebrating a double golden anniversary. They were sitting close together in reserved pews. The rest of the church had enough space for others to sit further apart.

At Holy Name, there were 32 attending, well within the COVID capacity. Sunday at the 8:15, there were 82 in church and 10 in the overflow. At the 11:00, 82 were in church and none in the overflow. (Just a reminder that the overflow meets in the first level of the Parish Center Classroom 7/8.)

Considering the use of the overflow these past weeks, it appears that offering one overflow per weekend may be sufficient. This would also ease the demand on volunteers needed to have each overflow. We will continue to monitor this and give advance notice about reducing to one overflow.

A continuing bright spot is the financial support that continues to come through, even with weekend attendance about half of pre-COVID levels. Thanks go out to all you generous parishioners who keep pitching in, some in the Sunday basket, some electronically, some mailing it in, and others coming to Mass during the week. I was a little worried about this when the shutdown started. I did not need to be!

Can we see the light at the end of the tunnel? There has been concern recently about some states having an increase of new cases, but this seems to be among younger people who are resuming their activities and who are much better able to throw off the infection with minor symptoms. Increased testing may also be at work, revealing more infections. The trends to watch would be numbers of hospitalizations and deaths. If these continue to decline, we’re in good shape.

Keep praying and doing those commonsense things that reduce the risk of infection, especially if you are at elevated risk.

Fr. Mike
**FOOD FOR ALL MOBILE PANTRY NEWS**
St. Columbkille Church Parish Center Parking Lot

Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

TEFAP Eligibility Guidelines: Household income less than 230% federal poverty line. Drive-thru pantry until further notice. Please remain in your car. Picture ID and current piece of mail necessary for registration. Empty your vehicle’s trunk to make room for groceries. Made possible by Catholic Charities of Southwestern OH and the strong support of area churches, organizations, and volunteers. Interested in volunteering? POC: April Hoak at 513-672-3720.

Have you had a chance to spring clean during quarantine? Catholic Charities Food for All program is looking for T-shirts to use to make re-usable tote bags. If you would like to donate your old T-shirts, please feel free to drop those by the parish office during regular business hours. April will pick those up when the pantry is held at St. Columbkille.

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**THANK YOU!**
Thank you for your generous support in last week’s Peter’s Pence Collection! Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is too late to give. For more information, visit usccb.org/peters-pence.

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**ARCHBISHOP JOHN CARROLL’S PRAYER FOR GOVERNMENT**

Composed by Archbishop John Carroll on the Inauguration of George Washington as the First President of the United States.

“We pray you, O God of might, wisdom, and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to your people, over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty. We pray for the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability. We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our fellow citizens throughout the United States, that we may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that we may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal. Grant this, we beseech you, O Lord of mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.”

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**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!**

Jim & Carol Utrup
Bob & Kathy Eversman
Both couples celebrated 50 years on June 27, 2020. Congratulations. It takes a lot of patience, Christ’s love, and commitment to reach such a milestone. We are so happy for Jim & Carol and Bob & Kathy. Please remember these couples, and all who are called to the vocation of marriage in your prayers.

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**BAPTISM WORKSHOP**
Saturday, July 11, 2020
5:00 p.m. / StC Parish Center

If you are a first-time parent seeking a Baptism for your baby or child, then you are required to attend a Baptism Workshop. The workshop will be held if someone has registered. To register for the class or to schedule a Baptism, please call the parish office at 937-382-2236 or email: parishoffice@stcolumbkille.org Thank you.

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**Eucharistic Exposition @ SC**
Every Friday from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Come into the quiet presence of our Lord and feel renewed. It reaps such beautiful spiritual blessings. We are enlisting the help of additional Eucharistic Guardians to sign up for half-hour increments in addition to our existing one-hour guardians that we already have. For more information, or to sign up for a half-hour time slot, POC: Mike Gress at 937-725-2328 or mgress1950@gmail.com.
“Humility is the virtue that tells us the truth about ourselves, that is, how we stand, not in the eyes of men, but before God. – Fulton J. Sheen


“Knowing belongs to man’s intellect or reason; loving belongs to his will.”


SC RIGHT TO LIFE NEWS
Please pray for babies and mothers!
9 MONTHS WITH CHRIST IN THE WOMB

From March 25th to December 25th, 2020, St. Columbkille will be participating in this Archdiocesan Respect Life Prayer Campaign.

The July’s Monthly Reflection is available online at catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/respect-life-2/nine-months-with-christ-in-the-womb/.

Week 15 Reflection:
Jesus squinted his face up for the first time yesterday. He can also move his head a little from side to side in that highly buoyant amniotic sac we call his home. Jesus of the womb; Hear our prayers!
We are also asking everyone to pray daily our special prayer to Christ in the womb.

“Dear Jesus of the Womb, most fragile child of Mary’s protection, we look to you as the youngest image of perfect innocence. We lift our prayers to you who will save each of our souls. Just as you entered humanity through this most gentle and helpless state, now help us to find your presence in the face of all the gentle and helpless persons of the earth. Bless us with eyes that see you and ears that hear you: in the presence of the poor and the outcast, the hungry and the homeless, the condemned and the war-torn, the elderly and the unborn. May we discover you every day as at Christmas and offer our gifts every day as at Epiphany. This we ask of You and the Father, with your Holy Spirit and in union with Mary your tender home. Amen.”

PRAY FOR LIFE, JULY
Join us in praying that mothers will receive ongoing care and support as they raise their children! walkingwithmoms.com/pray-for-moms

FAITH FORMATION NEWS
Contact the Faith Formation Office
Debbie Valley
937-382-1596
email: dvalley@stcolumbkille.org

Please check the new Faith Formation website sites.google.com/stcolumbkille.org/stcolumbkillefaithformation/home for updated lessons for your child to accomplish at home. Please turn in all completed work no later than July 15th so we can close out the 2019-20 school year.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS
WOMEN’S ENCOUNTER
We will gather to say a Rosary after the 9:00 a.m. SC Mass on Thursday mornings between July 9th – September 3rd. Our weekly study will resume on September 10th. POC: Carol Bedinghaus at 239-290-3649 or email: cbedinghaus@aol.com.

“5TH STEP” MEN’S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 11, 2020
7:02 AM / SC Parish Center Basement
After breakfast, a formed.org program will be viewed, and discussion will follow. We will conclude with prayer and are back to our busy schedules by 8:30 a.m. POC: Bob Schaad at 937-725-5134 or email: bschaad@wilmingtonsavings.com or Les Conover at 937-302-9909 or email: lesconover@gmail.com.

ANYONE NEED HELP?
If you or someone you know needs help with food, rent, or utility payments, please call St. Vincent de Paul Society at 937-382-6851. A telephone volunteer will return your call within two business days to set up an appointment. Thank you so much for your continued support.

FOOD for Thought

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ONLINE FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE!!
Please visit stcolumbkille.org/2020-2021-faith-formation-registration to register your student for the upcoming session!

RADICAL RIDE VBS 2020
Monday, July 27th – Friday, July 31st
Registration now available on the St. Columbkille website:
stcolumbkille.org/2020-vbs.
Not quite ready to venture out? An online VBS is available the same week! Go to mailchi.mp/catchat.ca/at-home-vbs-experience-for-your-parish-1017054 to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
7th graders - Adults are needed to help with VBS this summer. No special skills are needed! To volunteer, please register on the St. Columbkille website: https://stcolumbkille.org/2020-vbs-volunteer.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS
All YD Summer Events are open to incoming Freshmen – Graduated Seniors
All Activities after July 1st require a new Health Information Form (this is different from the permission form). This form is available on the parish website. This Health Information Form is good for the entire year (July 1st – June 30th).

YDISCIPLE EVENTS!
GAME NIGHT – Come see your friends and make new ones! Thursday, July 9th, we will be meeting at Chris and Amy Brausch’s house for a fun time. See stcolumbkille.org/y-disciple for more information and permission form.

STEUBENVILLE LIVE! We have the opportunity to gather and take part in a live-streaming Steubenville Youth Conference. Speakers include Brian Kissinger, Chris Padgett, Mary Bielski, and Fr. Mike Schmitz. July 17th and 18th, all YD Youth are invited to participate in the Parish Center. If you would prefer to participate in your own home, arrangements can be made. Cost is $25.00 to attend. See stcolumbkille.org/y-disciple for more information and permission form.

JAVA AND JESUS
Thursdays, July 9th – August 13th
9:00-10:30 a.m.
Mass and Coffee (or Hot Chocolate)
Hey teens entering Grades 9-12, as well as recent high school graduates! Join us for the 9:00 a.m. StC Mass on Thursday mornings and then walk to Kava Haus for some fellowship and scripture reflection. God endorses coffee (He-brews). Permission forms must be on file before you can attend. See stcolumbkille.org/y-disciple for more information and permission form.

ONE THING THAT I HAVE LEARNED FROM LIFE…
“That money doesn’t buy class.” – Andy Rooney
(A man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words!)

HOLY FATHER’S JULY PRAYER INTENTION
Our Families: We pray that today’s families may be accompanied with love, respect, and guidance.

WANT A SERVING OR TWO OF OUR CATECHISM?
Want to take a bite or two from the Catechism of the Catholic Church?
THE PROFESSION OF FAITH – Part One
Section One / I Believe – We Believe
Chapter Two – God Comes to Meet Man
The Revelation of God

6. What does God reveal to man?
God in his goodness and wisdom reveals himself. With deeds and words, he reveals himself and his plan of loving goodness which he decreed from all eternity in Christ. According to this plan, all people by the grace of the Holy Spirit are to share in the divine life as adopted “sons” in the only begotten Son of God.

7. What are the first stages of God’s Revelation?
From the very beginning, God manifested himself to our first parents, Adam, and Eve, and invited them to intimate communion with himself. After their fall, he did not cease his revelation to them but promised salvation for all their descendants. After the flood, he made a covenant with Noah, a covenant between himself and all living beings.

Source: vatican.va/archive/compendium_ccc/documents_archives_2005_compendium-ccc_en.html#Mans Capacity for God
SAINTS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

July 6th – St. Maria Goretti, Virgin & Martyr (1890 – 1902)
Powerful story of forgiveness!
Maria Goretti was the daughter of a poor tenant farmer and never learned to read and write. She made her First Communion at the age of 12 and was very shy. Maria was assaulted by her 18-year-old neighbor, Alessandro and stabbed multiple times. She passed less than 24hrs later. Alessandro was sentenced to 30 years in prison. He was unrepentant until he had a dream of Maria gathering flowers and offering them to him. It changed Alessandro’s life. He was released after serving 27 years and his first act was to beg for forgiveness of Maria’s mother.

Source: franciscanmedia.org/saint-maria-goretti/

July 7th – Blessed Emmanuel Ruiz & Companions (1804 – 1860)
Born of humble parents in Santander, Spain, Blessed Emmanuel Ruiz became a Franciscan priest and served as a missionary in Damascus. This was at a time when anti-Christian riots shook Syria and thousands lost their lives in just a short time. Among these were Emmanuel, superior of the Franciscan convent, seven other friars, and three laymen. When a menacing crowd came to look for the men, they refused to renounce their faith and become Muslims. The men were subjected to horrible tortures before their martyrdom. Emmanuel, his brother Franciscans and the three Maronite laymen were beatified in 1926 by Pope Pius XI.

Source: franciscanmedia.org/blessed-emmanuel-ruiz-and-companions/

July 8th – St. Elizabeth of Portugal (1271 – 1336)
Who is this Saint?
At the age of 12, Elizabeth was given in marriage to Denis, king of Portugal. She went to daily Mass, befriended and helped pilgrims, the sick and the poor. She remained faithful to her scandalous husband. For years, Elizabeth constantly helped with peace efforts between her son Alfonso and her husband.

Source: franciscanmedia.org/saint-elizabeth-of-portugal/

July 9th – St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions (d. 1648 – 1930)
Christianity arrived in China by way of Syria in the 600s. The 120 martyrs in this group died between 1648 and 1930. Eighty-seven of them were born in China, and were children, parents, catechists, or laborers, ranging in age from nine years to 72. This group includes four Chinese diocesan priests. The 33 foreign-born martyrs were mostly priests or women religious, especially from the Order of Preachers, the Paris Foreign Mission Society, the Friars Minor, Society of Jesus, Society of St. Francis de Sales (Salesians), and Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. Augustine Zhao Rong was a Chinese soldier who accompanied Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse of the Paris Foreign Mission Society to his martyrdom in Beijing. Not long after his baptism, Augustine was ordained as a diocesan priest. He was martyred in 1815.

Source: franciscanmedia.org/saint-augustine-zhao-rong-and-companions/

July 10th – St. Veronica Giuliani (1660 - 1727)
What can we learn about St. Veronica Giuliani?
At the age of 17, Veronica joined the Poor Clares directed by the Capuchins. Her father had wanted her to marry, but she convinced him to allow her to become a nun. In her first years in the monastery, she worked in the kitchen, infirmary, sacristy, and served as portress. At the age of 34, she was made novice mistress, a position she held for 22 years. When she was 37, Veronica received the stigmata. Life was not the same after that. Church authorities in Rome wanted to test Veronica’s authenticity and so investigated. She lost the office of novice mistress temporarily and was not allowed to attend Mass except on Sundays or holy days. Through all, Veronica did not become bitter, and the investigation eventually restored her as novice mistress.

Source: franciscanmedia.org/saint-veronica-giuliani/

LAY CATHOLIC STUDIES OPPORTUNITIES
The Holy Father calls us to be “Missionary Disciples” for the world. Mount St. Mary’s School of Theology, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, helps lay Catholics prepare for this great task through theological coursework, spiritual growth, and pastoral formation. Take a class for credit or audit, work toward a degree in Pastoral Ministry, Theology or Biblical Studies, or earn a Certificate in Ministry. Daytime, weeknight, and Saturday classes begin August 19th. Classes are designed for busy adults, and help you grow in wisdom while preparing for new opportunities. Class locations for 2020-21 include Cincinnati and Vandalia. Call 513-231-1200 for information.

WORD OF LIFE
“For our nation: May our laws protect the right to life of every human being, from conception to natural death.” We pray to the Lord

“O God our creator… through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.” Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops “Prayer for Religious Liberty”
Drew and Stu’s Back in Time Shoes is a clever children’s book created by Barb Coyle and Maureen Born, author and illustrator respectively, to benefit Cincinnati Right to Life. The core mission at Cincinnati Right to Life is to educate and communicate a loving message intended to change hearts and minds on abortion and build a true culture of life. Your donation for this extraordinary book enables us to continue our work for babies, mothers, and families in need! Please visit give.cornerstone.cc/righttolifecincinnati+shoes to purchase. The suggested donation is $15.00.

WHO WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT?
“Women have the right to choose what to do with their body, not the baby’s body. – Alveda King
Source: pro-lifearticles.org

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Antiphon
“Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.”

The Gloria
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; we glorify you; we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Responsorial Psalm Refrain
“I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.”

Apostles Creed
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Closing Hymn:
America The Beautiful
O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
Whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America!
May God thy gold refine,
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

SC SUNDAY MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED!
8:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Visit the homepage of stcolumbkille.org Scroll to this pic and click on it!
It will link to our SC YouTube Page!
While on our YouTube page, you can click “subscribe” to receive notifications of when Mass will begin to your smartphone or personal device!

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