

## ST. COLUMBANUS - BP

### St. Columbanus FF Program

All classes begin at 6:30pm –7:30pm.

Wed., Jan. 14 - Class (BP grade 1)

Wed., Jan. 21 - Class (BP grade 9)

Wed., Jan. 28 - Class (BP grade 8)

### St. Columbanus Faith Formation Program

The decision was made to continue collecting food items thorough the month of January for the Blooming Prairie Backpack Program. Bulk donations are needed such as individual wrapped items like: Granola bars, Oatmeal, Fruit snacks, Peanut Butter, or any healthy snacks.



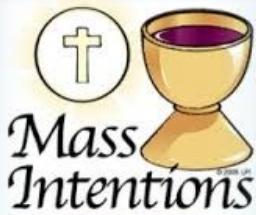
Please do not donate expired food.

### **IHM Seminary will host “Come and See” Weekends on February 21-23 and March 14-**

**16.** This is an excellent opportunity for young men thinking about a vocation to priesthood to experience seminary life. To register contact the Vocations Director: [bmulligan@dowr.org](mailto:bmulligan@dowr.org)

Thank you to all who donated to St. Vincent DePaul Society in 2025!

Because of your financial assistance, we were able to bring light to those in need. We gladly accept donations at any time throughout the year. If you would like to contribute, please write your check to St. Vincent de Paul; you can drop it in the collection basket or mail to 512 S. Elm, Owatonna.. We also offer direct withdrawals which are deducted monthly from your bank account through our Angels Giving Program. If you are interested in signing up, please contact our treasurer at [svdp.treasure22@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.treasure22@gmail.com) for a sign-up form or call Kris Tucker at 507-213-4117.



We are now accepting **Mass Intentions** for the New Year 2026.

The months ahead currently have dates open, but can fill up fast. If you want a certain date

please call the office or stop in with your intentions.

The Mass intentions are \$10 a piece per individual and as well for one couple.

## SACRED HEART– HAYFIELD

### Sacred Heart Faith Formation Schedule

All classes begin at 6:15 PM and end at 7:15 PM during the FF calendar year.

Wed., Jan. 14 - Class

Wed., Jan. 21 - Class

Wed., Jan. 28. - Class

### **SACRED HEART CHURCH Raffle Items NEEDED...**

The Mission Quilters have again donated a beautiful Valentine quilt for a RAFFLE PRIZE for our Valentine Event on **February 12th**. Currently, we also have chocolates from the Chocolate Shoppe in Mantorville, a gift certificate from Casey's and chocolates from Monastery Candy in Dubuque, IA. Please add to the list of prizes for this event. Please contact Kathy Blanchard, Denise Butler or Barb Aarhus if you have something to donate by **January 15**. We need your help with food donations, cash for misc. food items, raffle ticket sale and service help for the event. Let's, again, bring some joy and love to our community this



February. Watch for the signup sheets at church or you sign-up on-line for this event.



## HOLY TRINITY– LITOMYSL

### Holy Trinity Faith Formation Schedule:

**Please meet in the church by 6:30 pm**

**Sun., January 11 - 2nd Graders -**  
**(First Reconciliation after Mass)**

**Wed., January 14 - Class (Please meet in the church)**

**Wed., January 21 - Class (Please meet in the church)**

**Wed., January 28 - Class (Please meet in the church)**



Thank you to the Litomysl CCW for the Christmas box we received.

Bob & Carol Prokopec



**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD — JANUARY 10 & 11, 2026**

## KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



### St. Columbanus Prayer Team:

Please contact Kay Zellmer at 507-438-0554 for any private or public requests. Private means that only the team will be praying and public means that the person prayed for will be named in the bulletin for congregational and team prayers.

**Please include the following in your prayers:**

**Kerry & Peg Stensvold, Morgen Snider, Wally & Jean Wilke, Judy Remker, Diane & Frank Volicek, Jackie Olson, Tom Walters, Krew Haase**

### Sacred Heart Prayer Team:

**Prayer:** *Public (bulletin) – Barb Aarhus, 507- 477-2458*

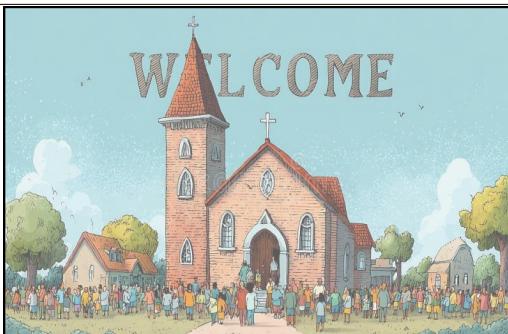
**Prayer Chain:** *(private) – Barb Schimek, 507- 696-6775*

**Please include the following in your prayers:**

**Chris Hahn, Michele Klenner, Pat Towey Sr., Dennis Tempel, Jerry Amundson, Kathy Blanchard, Dawn Hugeback**

**\*All Military members and their families as well.**

**Please keep all our parishioners that are away at college or studying online in your prayers as they work towards their career choice.**



The gifts of God's eternal love and the Church He gave to guide us to heaven are meant for everyone. It's up to us to share these gifts with the world, starting with those we love and those in our own community.

Chances are you know someone—maybe many people—who have left the Catholic Church. Often, all they are waiting for is an invitation to come home, an invitation that can be extended to them by ordinary followers of Jesus Christ, like you and me.

### What is a catechism?

"Catechism" is the name given to a written work that contains a summary of all the beliefs of the faith that is used as a teaching tool.

A catechism is a text which contains the fundamental Christian truths formulated in a way that facilitates their understanding. There are two categories of catechism: major and minor. A major catechism is a resource or a point of reference for the development of minor catechisms. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is an example of a major catechism. The *Baltimore Catechism* is an example of a minor catechism. Until the second half of the twentieth century, for millions of Catholics in the United States the word *catechism* meant the *Baltimore Catechism*, which originated at the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884 when the bishops of the United States decided to publish a national catechism.

The *Baltimore Catechism* contained 421 questions and answers in thirty-seven chapters and gave unity to the teaching and understanding of the faith for millions of American Catholics. Its impact was felt right up to the dawn of the Second Vatican Council in 1962.

At that time, Blessed John XXIII articulated a vision for the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council that charged them to guard and present more effectively the deposit of Christian doctrine in order to make it more accessible to the Christian faithful and all people of goodwill in the contemporary world.

In 1985, a synod of bishops in Rome convened to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council's proposal to develop a universal catechism for the Catholic Church was made and accepted. The fruit was the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, first published in 1992. Subsequent language editions were published in 1994. A new edition with some modifications was released in 1997.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is arranged around four pillars or parts:

- The Profession of Faith
- The Celebration of the Christian Mystery
  - Life in Christ
  - Christian Prayer

The content of the *Catechism* is faithful to Apostolic Tradition, Scripture and the Magisterium. It incorporates the heritage of the Doctors, Fathers, and Saints of the Church and illuminates with the light of faith, contemporary situations, problems and questions.

For further background on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, see the *Informative Dossier* from the Catechism Editorial Commission.

For more interesting facts go to [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)