

SOLEMNITY OF MARY AREA MASSES

St. Columbanus - BP

New Year's Day

Jan.1, 2026 - 9:00 AM

Austin Area Masses

New Year's Eve

St. Augustine - Dec. 31, 2025 - 7:00PM

New Year's Day

St. Augustine - Jan. 1, 2026 - 9:00AM

St. Edward - Austin, Jan 1, 2026 - 5:30PM

Owatonna Masses

New Year's Eve - Evening Vigil

St. Joseph - Dec. 31, 2025 - 4:00 PM

New Year's Day

St. Joseph - Jan. 1, 2026 - 8:00AM

ST. COLUMBANUS - BP



St. Columbanus FF Program

December Schedule

NO CLASSES - Dec. 24th and Dec. 31

Happy New Year!!

See you on Wed., Jan. 7 -

(BP - grades 2, 3 & 4)

St. Columbanus Faith Formation Program

Food items are being collected during the month of December for our own

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.

Friendly Reminder

About the end - of - year Contributions

Please get any end of the year donations into the office by noon on Tuesday, December 30 so we can get these to the banks in a timely fashion. The office will be closed next week on Thursday, January 1.

Have a very Happy New Year!

SACRED HEART- HAYFIELD

Sacred Heart Celebrating 90 years

Thank you to all that made our celebration a great success. It was a great tribute to all of the faith filled people who have come before us here at Sacred Heart.

There are extra GIFTS - History books and Pocket Prayer Quilts that were given out that evening still available at the church entrances.

LOOK INTO THE PAST # 9

A LADDER ESCAPE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

It was Christmas Day, 2018, and Father Tom Niehaus had just finished the Christmas morning Mass at Sacred Heart. All the people were gone. He needed to use the restroom before heading back to Blooming Prairie for the later morning Mass. Stacy Tempel had just gotten home when Father Tom called her and said he was locked in the restroom and couldn't get the door open. Stacy came back and pulled on the door from the hallway but nothing budged. So, Plan B was to get the ladder out of the furnace room and hold it outside the window for the escape. Father Tom opened the window, climbed on the assist rail, and shimmied his way out the window in the cold. Thank the Lord for his size and agility, he was free, and down the road he went with a great story to tell.



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The Bloodmobile will be at Sacred Heart Church on **Friday, January 2nd**, from 11 AM to 5 PM. For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

Sacred Heart Faith Formation Schedule

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

Happy New Year!!!

See you on Jan. 7 - Class w/ Rosary



HOLY TRINITY- LITOMYSL



Holy Trinity Faith Formation Schedule:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

1/7/26: Class @ 6:30 pm

(Please meet in the church)

THE HOLY FAMILY — DECEMBER 27 & 28

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 Klennert, 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.

A GIFT FROM ST. COLUMBANUS!!!

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO GRAB A BOOK WRITTEN BY
MATTHEW KELLY FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS READING
FROM THE BASKETS AT THE SOUTH ENTRANCE
AND CENTER TABLE IF YOU HAVE NOT TAKEN ONE
RECENTLY.**



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.

HOW CAN I HELP MY LOVED ONES COME HOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

It can be very painful when a loved one is separated from the faith. However, many of the saints and other holy men and women felt that same pain. The Holy Spirit endowed them with the wisdom to reach out with the truth of the Catholic faith in a respectful, appealing, and effective manner. There are [resources available](#) to [aid in your evangelization](#) based on the wisdom of these holy people. This wisdom can change negative attitudes toward the Catholic Church or help bring someone out of indifference and into the light of truth. Pray, pray, pray for the souls of those who are away, and share your faith "with gentleness and reverence" (1 Peter 3:15) with those you know, whether through your personal witness, your invitation to Mass, or through the gift of a great Catholic book or CD. Remember that God wants your loved ones home even more than you do! Remain trusting in His love for them and in the Holy Spirit to guide you to serve them as best you can.