

ST. COLUMBANUS - BP

St. Columbanus FF Program

All classes begin at 6:30pm –7:30pm.

Wed., Jan. 7 - Welcome Back Class! (BP - grades 2, 3 & 4)

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

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

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



The list of those who donated to the Christmas flowers and decorations at St. Columbanus is included in last weekends bulletin. Thank you to all who donated!

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.

WOMEN OF THE CLUSTER MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Winona-Rochester Diocese CCW Quarterly Meeting -- Saturday, January 10th at Holy Family, 1904 N Mantorville Ave, Kasson, MN. 9:00 am - 3:00 pm includes breakfast, lunch, and mass. The two speakers: Cathy Blaeser, Co-Executive Director of MCCL and Sir Raymond de Souza, Respect Life.

All are welcome to attend!

Austin Area Council of Catholic Women Quarterly Meeting -- Tuesday, January 20th at Queens of Angels Church, 1001 Oakland Ave East, Austin, MN. Registration begins at 10:30 am, Mass 11:00 am followed by lunch, meeting and a tour of the largest Nativity display in the USA at Queens of Angels. *PLEASE NOTE: This is a date change of the meeting. If there is bad weather and no school the meeting will be cancelled.

All members are welcome to attend!

SACRED HEART- HAYFIELD

Sacred Heart Celebrating 90 years

LOOK INTO THE PAST # 10

The year was 2025. Denise Butler and Ann Johnson represented Sacred Heart at the Synod Diocesan Meeting in Mankato that summer. They returned with great enthusiasm to celebrate Sacred Heart's 90th Anniversary. Plans came together for a celebration on December 13th with a liturgy, a children's Christmas program, and a dinner for all. Kay Simon, Barb Aarhus, and Kathy Blanchard began writing a history book of the last 15 years. Mission quilters made pocket prayer quilts for all. Michelle Johnson organized the children's Christmas program. Denise Butler planned a delicious ham and roast beef dinner. Father Becker invited Bishop Robert Barron to officiate the liturgy for the celebration. Many hands decorated the sanctuary and hall. Door prizes were donated by members of the church to be given away. Glenn and Roger Hahn were asked to represent our altar servers of the past. The members of the Hoebing and Samuelson families were selected as gift bearers, representing their mother, Mabel, one of the founding members of the church. So, on December 13th, a cold night, people, young and old, from all over, filled the church with warmth to pay tribute to all who came before them in the past 90 years. A festive, catered dinner was enjoyed by 140 guests that evening of celebration.

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. 7 - Class w/ Rosary

Wed., Jan. 14 - Class

Wed., Jan. 21 - Class

Wed., Jan. 28. - Class

HOLY TRINITY- LITOMYSL

Holy Trinity Faith Formation Schedule:

Please meet in the church by 6:30 pm

Wed., January 7 - Class (Please meet in the church)

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)



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD — JANUARY 3 & 4

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.



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.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you — tell you to chase? Point to it. And go forth.

The Stars We Follow

Everyone follows a star.

It is human nature to seek. If we are rich, we want to be richer. If we are smart, we want to be smarter. If we are powerful, we want to be more powerful.

We cannot stay in one place, so to speak — to say, "I am what I am, I have what I have, and it is enough." Even the very act of maintaining a status quo, be it health or wealth or spiritual goodness, requires action. It requires effort. It requires movement. This is human nature. There is nothing wrong with it. When we stop seeking, we die.

But what are we looking for? Where are we going?

I often wonder if the Magi knew what they were seeking — really, truly knew. They were seeking "the newborn king of the Jews," yes, but did they understand who he was? What he was? I don't see how they could have. They were wise men, but they were not prophets. They simply knew this was an endeavor they had to undertake. They knew it in their souls.

There really is very little that we know for certain about the Magi. We don't know how many of them there were. We don't know their religion. We don't know where they came from. All we know for certain is that they listened to a voice they heard deep within themselves. And, heeding that voice, they went forth.

And what did they find? They found what we all seek, even if, foolishly, we seek it in riches or power.

They found the face of the Child.

So tell me this. Of all the stars you could follow, which one does the voice — that one deep within you— tell you to chase?

Point to it. And go forth.

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