

The Angelus

This is the prayer prayed in early morning, at noon, and in the evening, 6:00 p.m. Through this constant presence in the midst of everyday, the Christian proclaims that all our time and all our human space is transformed by the Incarnation, the presence of God with us.

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
Response: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
(Hail Mary)

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
Response: May it be done unto me according to Your word.
(Hail Mary)

And the Word was made flesh.
Response: And dwelt among us.
(Hail Mary)

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
Response: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: O Lord, it was through the message of an angel that we learned of the Incarnation of Christ, Your Son. Pour Your grace into our hearts, and by His Passion and Cross bring us to the glory of His Resurrection. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

If you have been away from the Church for a while, perhaps you may wish to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation to assist you in a renewal of your commitment to God and His Church.

The usual times for Reconciliation are listed in this bulletin. Parish Penance Services are scheduled in Advent and Lent. Feel free to approach any priest to request the Sacrament.

Here is a common form:
"Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been _____ (amount of time in weeks, months, years) since my last Confession. These are my sins: _____ (begin to tell the priest the sins that you are confessing)."

An act of Contrition is part of the celebration. You may use any form you may remember. The simplest expression of sorrow may be "Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner." Or you may use a common form that you have memorized.

Here is another formula: "Oh my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee. And I detest all of my sins, because of Thy just punishments. But most of all because I offend Thee, my God, Who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen."

The priest will give you a "penance" to perform, an action or prayer to indicate your sorrow for your sins, and then he will give you absolution (forgiveness) from your sins. Don't worry if you are nervous about the Sacrament. Just ask the priest for his help and you will be fine!

Blessed Sacrament School students and staff wish all of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

We would like to invite you to join our school and be part of the Crusader Family. Our Open House and Registration for the 2016-2017 school year is Sunday, January 24, 2016, from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. We have free before and after school daycare for Kindergarten, busing from all local school districts, a virtue program for character development, sports, girls group, Boy Scouts and much more! Call 740-345-4125.

Mary Packham
Principal

For those who are not Catholic

We welcome you to our parish! If you have any questions or are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, give us a call. The process for Adults who choose to join the Church is called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (The R.C.I.A.). Classes begin in September and run through May. Inquiries may be made at any time through the year.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Our parish celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation every year with our Eighth graders, and any adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament. Our parish will celebrate this sacrament in 2016. If you are in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation, please call the Parish Office to begin the process of preparation.

Parish Stewardship

Scripture teaches us to return to God a tithe, that is, 10% of the material possessions we produce. In the Catholic Church, this is understood to be a personal charge to each family. It is usual to contribute 5% to one's local Parish community for ordinary needs, and 5% to other charities and works for the public good. Registered parishioners receive a monthly packet of envelopes which include the weekly stewardship and the other collections that are taken through the course of the year. Guest envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

Our Centennial Building, completed in 2005, was built through the support of the Diocese of Columbus through a loan from the Parish Aid Fund. We have a substantial debt to repay. All contributions to the Building Fund are used to cover the cost of interest and to lower the principle owed to the Diocese.

We are always in need of ideas and assistance for creating income to offset expenses of Parish and School. Your contribution and suggestions will be gratefully received!

Blessed Sacrament Endowments

Blessed Sacrament depends on the generosity of all the members of the Parish and School families to meet the day-to-day fiscal needs. We are also blessed to have six endowments in the Catholic Foundation of Columbus that promise to assist the life of our parish and school community into the future.

The Endowment Funds currently held by the Catholic Foundation on behalf of Blessed Sacrament are:

The Blessed Sacrament Education Endowment Fund, established May 21, 1991.

The Norbeck Rubeck Education Endowment Fund, established December 15, 1998.

The Church of the Blessed Sacrament Parish Endowment Fund, established December 12, 2007.

The Blessed Sacrament School Alumni Association Endowment Fund established July 1, 2008.

The Frank, Patricia & Mark Rubeck for Blessed Sacrament Church and School Endowment Fund established October 18, 2013.

Nathan Fitzsimmons Vogelmeier Endowment Fund for tuition assistance, established September 1, 2015.

Contributions may be in the form of cash, check or other receivables.

For more information contact:
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The Catholic Foundation
Toll Free (866) 928-8893

The Community of our Parish

Our parish family gathers at many different times throughout the year for fellowship beyond our Sunday worship. One Sunday of each month is Donut Sunday. We have times for prayer and social gatherings with other members of the parish through organizations such as the Widows Club, Holy Name Society Men's Group, Knights of Columbus, and other organizations.

You are most welcome to join us for any of these gatherings. If nothing fits the bill for you, then perhaps it is a call to start something new. God invites us to share faith and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Ministries in the Parish include Altar Servers, Ushers and Greeters, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Bereavement Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Home and School, School Advisory Board, Finance Committee, and many others. Where is God calling you to serve?