



Syrian children in a refugee camp.

“Whoever receives one child such as this...”

**Regular Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday 5:30pm in the parish office chapel**  
**Wednesday 7:30am in the parish office chapel**  
**Thursday 5:30pm in the parish office chapel**

**Friday 8:15am**  
**Saturday 5:00pm**  
**Sunday 9:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm**

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# ST. COLUMBA CATHOLIC PARISH

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We are a Eucharist-centered community called to enable, strengthen, and encourage each other to live out our vocation as the Body of Christ.

**Join us**  
**Monday at 7:30am**  
**for Morning Prayer**  
**in the parish office chapel**

**Join us Wednesday at 7:15am for**  
**Morning Prayer before**  
**morning Mass at 7:30am in the**  
**parish office chapel**

**Join us Tuesday and Thursday at 5:15pm**  
**for Evening Prayer before Mass at**  
**5:30pm in the parish office chapel**

**Reconciliation** Saturday 4:00pm and by appointment.

**Communion** for the sick or homebound may be requested by calling the parish office.

**Becoming a Catholic: the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** is for adults who have never been baptized or are from another Christian faith tradition. Contact Judy Sturdevant.

**Preparation for Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, 1st Reconciliation and Marriage** requires regular participation in Sunday Mass, registered in the parish for a minimum of six months, and participation in preparation gatherings. Contact the parish office for information.

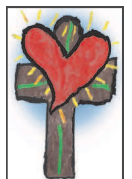
**Marriage** preparation requires a minimum of nine months before the wedding. Contact Fr. Kevin F. Novack.

**New Parishioners** If you would like to become a St. Columba parishioner simply fill out a registration form, found in the vestibule of the church, on the website, or from the parish office.

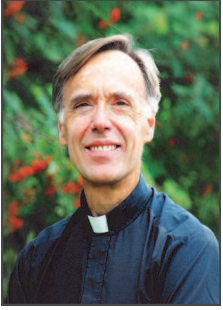
**Pray for the sick of our parish:** Clarence Abeyta, Rose Archuletta, Barbara Ealick, Genevieve Larson, James Mead, Margaret Ann Merry, Therese Michels, and Chapman Sanford

**For our family and friends:** Erin Casey and Jo Weger

**For our troops:** Michael Abeyta-Griego, PJ Abeyta, Adam Beach, Brian Beach, Bert Close, DJ Cummins, Ben Fiala, Kraig Jones, AJ Meiers, Matthew Petersen, Chuck Sauvage, Hunter Schlemeyer and Luke Wood



## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—September 20, 2015



Dear Parishioners,

What is the measure of true greatness? For some it is being recognized and celebrated. It is gaining a “title”. For others it is power. For some it is the sense that they have made a mark in the world, accomplished something out of the ordinary, and won the admiration of others. We all can be influenced by such desires for greatness and recognition, even in subtle ways. In Jesus’ world, the child is the one who has none of this. The child is not valued because he or she is not capable of doing something remarkable that will win the admiration of others. He or she cannot lead, amass power, exhibit prowess, establish their authority, or make a significant contribution to the world. A child in Jesus’ world has potential value, but in a world of a 50% infant and childhood mortality rate, they really don’t count. (Remember the line from the Gospel about the number of people fed by the multiplication of loaves and fishes – five thousand, not counting women and children.) Jesus continues to teach us that true greatness is in emptying ourselves of power and becoming the servant. He himself demonstrated this when at the Last Supper he washed the feet of the twelve. In Jesus’ world, the child is not necessarily regarded as innocent, precious, and priceless, but as the one without power, who can do nothing to enhance another’s worth, and cannot offer another anything that can expand one’s stature or sense of importance. Welcoming the one who can do nothing for us is receiving Jesus. The measure of true greatness is seeking only to show mercy and care for those who cannot repay, who seem in the eyes of the world not to count. Will we choose to be great in the eyes of our Lord, or continue to struggle for greatness measured by worldly success?



**We formally welcome into our parish community new parishioners  
Verlynn Madalena and her children**

### New Mass Schedule

#### Beginning Saturday, September 19

Saturday 5:00pm  
**Sunday 9:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm**  
**Tuesday 5:30pm in the parish office chapel**  
Wednesday 7:30am in the parish office chapel  
**Thursday 5:30pm in the parish office chapel**  
Friday 8:15am in the church

#### FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

##### IT'S GREEK TO ME SCRIPTURE STUDY

**Wednesday, September 23  
and Friday, September 25**

Newcomers and visitors are always welcome. Scripture Study is held each Wednesday (6:30pm) with the same session shared each Friday (9:30am). The sessions focus on the readings for the upcoming weekend.

**The readings for Sunday,  
September 27 are  
Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48  
Numbers 11:25-29  
and James 5:16.**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The gathering and presentation of the gifts at Mass is our ritual way of expressing the sacrificial love that we are called to live. When money, bread and wine are brought forward, we are presenting ourselves as a gift. Many churches, including St. Columba, have modified the monetary gift for convenience sake, and have introduced electronic giving. The unfortunate result has been separating the act of sacrificial giving from the Mass, the ritual heart of God's people. Given the way we use money today this may perhaps be necessary, but it doesn't change the fundamental action: we give ourselves and what is given back as a result of God's love is the living presence of Jesus. Sacrificial giving, the kind of selfless love Jesus modeled for us, means letting go of something of ourselves, not simply giving of what is left over. Our giving needs to impact our living; our living leads us to giving. Giving of oneself should be mindful and intentional, and an act of trust that God is faithful and that God provides what we need. It should be costly, or it doesn't represent the kind of giving that we are called to, and it isn't an act of faith. Typically we will give when there is a need. We need to keep the lights on, the water running, the ministries going. If people need food or clothing, we respond; if we need the parking lot repaired, people step up. And if services are continuing, and needs seem to be met, our giving seems to diminish. But this is not what sacrificial giving is about. We do not simply give to a need; we need to give. It is our very nature as followers of Christ to give because it is an act of faith and love.

Fr. Kevin

## STEWARDSHIP

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said,  
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35

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## WORSHIP COMMISSION

**Sunday, September 27**, we gather at 11:30am to celebrate our **Parish Family Mass**.

**Please join us.**

"Families need moments of rest and celebration, time for standing back and recognizing the gifts of God and how well they have developed," Pope Francis said at his August 12<sup>th</sup> weekly general audience. "Celebrations are times to enjoy that which cannot be produced or consumed, that cannot be bought or sold. Celebrations are a precious gift God has given the human family. The most important celebration for a family is Sunday Mass which brings people the grace of Jesus Christ, his presence, his love, his sacrifice, his making us a community, his being with us. When people bring their lives to Jesus in the Eucharist, the real meaning of life is revealed," Pope Francis said.

## The St. Columba Leadership Forum

is meeting

**Thursday, September 24** (6:30pm)  
beginning in the church with  
Evening Prayer.

August Leadership minutes are  
available on the website under the  
Leadership Forum tab  
([www.stcolumbacatholic.org](http://www.stcolumbacatholic.org))  
and in the back of the church.

**Save the Date:** our  
largest fundraiser of the  
year, our 22nd Annual  
Auction & Gala, is set  
for **Saturday, October  
24**. This year's theme is "Beyond  
the Moon." This fun adult evening  
is certainly a night you won't  
want to miss!

We start the evening off with  
delicious hors d'oeuvres, while  
you shop the silent auction, with  
more than a hundred items to  
choose from. Enjoy dinner, a cash  
bar, and an exciting live auction  
to round out this spectacular  
evening, raising tens of  
thousands of dollars for our  
school!

To purchase tickets (\$35 each) or  
to donate a product or service to  
the silent or live auction, please  
contact Auction Coordinator Katie  
Stewart at 970-779-0608 or  
[kstewart@stcolumbaschooldurango.org](mailto:kstewart@stcolumbaschooldurango.org).  
Also, volunteers are needed for  
all aspects of the auction; talk to  
Katie to see how you can help!



## PARISH CALENDAR

### Monday 21

- 9:00am St. Columba volunteers prepare lunch At Manna Soup Kitchen

### Tuesday 22

- **5:30pm Mass**

### Wednesday 23

- 6:30pm Scripture Study

### Thursday 24

- 6:00am That Man is You
- **5:30pm Mass**
- 5:30pm St. Columba Volunteers prepare dinner at VOA Community Shelter
- 6:30pm Leadership Forum

### Friday 25

- 9:30am Scripture Study

### Saturday 26

- 4:00pm Reconciliation

### Sunday 27

- 9:00am Mass-Breaking Open the Word
- 11:30am Family Mass
- **5:00pm Mass followed by Life Night**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**21 Monday 7:30am** *Saint Matthew, Apostle*  
Morning Prayer

**22 Tuesday 5:30pm**

**23 Wednesday 7:30am** *Saint Pius of Pietrelcina*

**12:00 Mercy Regional Medical Center Chapel**  
+ Fury and Alvene Dalla rq Theresa Marcum

**24 Thursday 5:30pm**

**25 Friday 8:15am**

+ Jacob Shepherd rq Brian and Cathy Simbeck

**26 Saturday 5:00pm**

Parishioners

**27 Sunday 9:00am 26th Sunday in OT**

+ Lloyd Gladson rq Angie Gladson

**11:30am**

**5:00pm**

+ Fury and Alvene Dalla rq Theresa Marcum

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday 21:** Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13 Matthew 9:9-13

**Tuesday 22:** Ezra 6:7-8,12b,14-20 Luke 8:19-21

**Wednesday 23:** Ezra 9:5-9 Luke 9:1-6

**Thursday 24:** Haggai 1:1-8 Luke 9:7-9

**Friday 25:** Haggai 2:1-9 Luke 9:18-22

**Saturday 26/Sunday 27:** Numbers 11:25-29  
James 5:1-6 Mark 9:9:38-43,45,47-48

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27 MASSES

### Saturday September 26

5:00pm

**Sacristan:** Margaret Ledford

**Lector:** Margaret Ledford, Bonnie Simons

**Euch. Min.:** Gail Smith, Pat Lougee, Beth Johnson, Charles Fox

**Altar Servers:** Nathan H., Sign-in:

**Ushers:** Mary Thompson, George Thompson, Kim Zook

### Sunday September 27

9:00am

**Sacristan:** Graziella Morris

**Lector:** Ron Pevny, Todd Rossignol

**Euch. Min.:** Grace Abeyta, Tim LaFrance, Darlene Fincher, Bob Gallegos

**Altar Servers:** Tommy P., sign-in:

**Ushers:** Joyce Watt, Kevin Brennan, Janet Wallace

### 11:30am Family Mass

**Sacristan:** Julie Romero

**Lector:** Cameron M.

**Euch. Min.:** Shelley Gundrey, Margaret Ledford, Joel Krueger, Margie Krueger

**Altar Servers:** David S., Pablo S.

**Ushers:** Cheryl Rome, Janice Tune

### Sunday September 27

5:00pm

**Sacristan:** Julie Romero

**Lector:** Joe Pope,

**Euch. Min.:** Judy Sturdevant, sign-in:

Sign-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Altar Servers:** sign-in: \_\_\_\_\_

**Ushers:** sign-in: \_\_\_\_\_

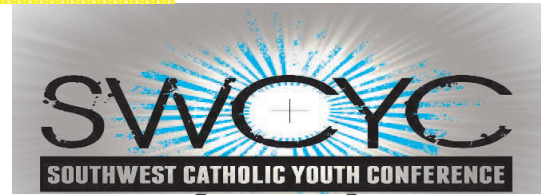
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**Silent Meadows, A Place of Prayer** offers Spiritual Day Retreats for adults.

**St. Paul, Spiritual Guide Saturday, September 26:** Reflect on key passages of St. Paul's Epistles deepening our commitment to God and recognizing St. Paul as a spiritual guide in our path to holiness.

**Into the Silence Saturday, October 3:** Free of life's pressures "to do"; an opportunity "to be" focusing on one's inner relationship to God through listening and prayer. Spiritual direction will be available for those who desire it.

\$40.00 fee includes breakfast and lunch. To register contact Mary Ann (759-2833). More info is available on the website [www.silentmeadowretreat.com](http://www.silentmeadowretreat.com).



This 4th Annual Youth Conference is for Catholic teens (ages 13 and up)  
**Save the date: October 17, 2015**  
 Farmington Civic Center 10:30am—9:00pm  
 \$25.00 ticket includes lunch, snack and dinner  
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 More information is available on the website [www.swcyc.com](http://www.swcyc.com)

Look for more information from St. Columba Youth Ministry soon!

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