

ST. COLUMBANUS - BP

St. Columbanus CCW

Sign up forms to help with future CCW events are available at both entrances and the center table. Please grab a form and fill it out. You can drop it in the Sunday collection basket, the office or to Millie Burns. All women of the parish were sent an email with information about the upcoming events and an electronic signup through Google doc was attached for those who wish to sign up electronically. Any questions can be directed to Millie Burns. Thank you for your consideration.



**** REMINDER to those who would like to donate items to the Steele County Free Fair - Catholic Fair Booth -**

If you have any items to donate to the Catholic Fair booth, they can be **dropped off at the office at St. Columbanus - BP through August 1**. They will take Catholic items, jewelry, rosaries, pamphlets, statues, artwork, books, etc. The most popular items are usually figurines and statues. We are also looking for volunteers (families are welcome) to staff the booth. **If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, call or email Deb McManimon dmcmanimon72@gmail.com or 507-271-1737. Thanks!**

HOLY TRINITY- LITOMYSL



Faith Formation registration forms will be available soon at St. Columbanus for the 2025 - 2026 calendar year.

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New Volunteers/ Recertify/ Become Certified

Informational fliers are at both entrances of the church and the center table.

Are you interested in becoming certified? It takes less than an hour of your time. Certification is good for 5 years.

Please contact the office or Diane Rumpza for any questions.

Our goal month is **September, 2025** to have all interested individual's certified. You can register or recertify at www.virtusonline.org.

*Check with your parish FF Director on their goals and on any information to become certified.

Everyone is invited to the 53rd annual LITOMYSL SUMMER FESTIVAL

**at Holy Trinity Catholic Church at Litomysl, 9946 SE 24th Avenue, rural Owatonna
will be Sunday, July 27th**

beginning with a Polka Mass at 10:15 a.m. by the Litomyslaneous Polka Band. The Owatonna KC Choir will sing at 9:30 am.

- Food and refreshment stands outdoors 11 am to 4 pm.
- Pie, Ice Cream and Filled Biscuits served in the church basement
- Many Adult and Children's Games • Raffle with 42 prizes - drawing at 3:30 pm.
- PRIZES GALORE!!
- Country Store
- Used a Bit Sale and a Silent Auction in the St. Isidore Parish Center.
- Live musical entertainment including the The Klecker Band, Hans Hohrman, the Dan Stursa Band and the Rockin' Hep Cats
- Free Shuttle
- Prune, poppyseed and apricot biscuits (buchty) go on sale at 11 am (in the church basement)
- Holy Trinity Church is Handicapped Accessible and Air Conditioned

All are welcome to the Czech community of Litomysl on July 27th for a fun-filled day.

Visit our website: www.litomyslchurch.org

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — JULY 19 & 20, 2025

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, Garrett Weckworth, 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.**

REFLECTION

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC – BENEATH THE SURFACE

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflection: Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. Oooh, Mary, she's so holy. Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha — perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line. But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, he basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did he do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

Saint Mary Magdalene

