

A Guide to the Art of St. Columban Catholic Church

Chillicothe, Missouri





(Top section from left to right) 1) **St. Aloysius Gonzaga**: Patron of young people and the relief of pestilence. 2) **St. Columban**: Patron against floods and of motorcyclists. 3) **St. Clare**: Patroness of television and against eye disease. (Lower section from left to right) 1) **St. Peter**: Patron of bridge builders and fishermen. 2) **Calvary scene-Mary and St. John**: Patron of burn victims and writers. 3) **St. Paul**: Patron of tent makers and reporters. Murals: Jesus ascending into heaven. Mary being assumed into heaven.

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(Left to right) 1) **St. Anne** with the child Mary: Patroness of mothers and grandmothers. 2) **The Sacred Heart of Jesus**. 3) **St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**: Promoter of the Sacred Heart devotion and patroness against the death of parents.



(Left to right) 1) **St. Francis**: Patron of animals, merchants and ecology. 2) **Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth**, holding the baby Jesus. 3) **St. Elizabeth**: Patroness of charitable societies and of the homeless.



1) **St. Joseph** holding the baby Jesus: Patron of the Universal Church. 2) Mural of "Christ the Good Samaritan."



1) **St. Anthony**: Patron of finding lost items and of increased faith in the Eucharist. 2) Mural of Jesus with the sisters of Lazarus: Martha and Mary.



What are saints?

Saints are human beings who lived holy lives in obedience to God's will and are now in heaven for eternity.

How are the saints important?

The lives of the saints are examples to us of how to live the Christian faith. Additionally the saints are capable of showing their love and concern by praying for us from heaven. In doing so they practice the great commandment to "love one another as I have loved you." (Jn. 15:12)

Why pray to saints?

Baptism makes those who receive it members of the Body of Christ. It connects us spiritually to each other on earth as well as in heaven. Just as we ask others to pray for our intentions, so we ask the holy ones in heaven whom we are connected to through baptism to pray with us to God for our intentions also. "The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects" (Jas. 5:17).

What are patron saints?

Patron saints are chosen as special protectors or intercessors regarding areas of life. These areas can include occupations, churches, countries, causes -- anything that is important to us. Often times a particular patronage is associated with a saint because it was also associated with them during their life time. People may seek out the intercession of a certain saint if that saint is the patron of the intention they are praying for.

Why do churches have statues of saints?

Statues of the saints help foster devotion. They are visible reminders of saints much in the same way secular statues are reminders of heroes or political figures. A church is meant to be a little bit of heaven on earth. So it is appropriate that images of the saints are present since the saints are in heaven.



Symbols for the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.



(Left to right) 1) **St. Mary Magdalen**: Patroness of repentant sinners and of converts. 2) **St. Therese**: Patroness against illness and of florists.



"The Pieta": Based off the original by Michelangelo. Mary holds the body of Jesus after it is taken from the cross



St. Patrick: Patron of Ireland, Nigeria and against snakes.



The Holy Family: Joseph, Jesus and Mary.



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St. Francis receiving the stigmata(wounds of Christ).

Jesus appears to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque as the Sacred Heart.

The Annunciation: Gabriel appears to Mary.

The Christ Child appears to St. Anthony.

