

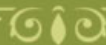
ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET

GRETNA, NE 68028



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.” - Lk 21:13-15

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NOVEMBER 13, 2022



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
Gretna, Nebraska

Welcome

We invite you to become involved
in our parish community!

There are many opportunities for
experiencing the peace and joy of our loving
God in liturgy, education, prayer and service.

If you would like to join our parish
family, please visit our website or
the Parish Office for a registration form.

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours.....M-F 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM
Phone.....402-332-4444
Fax.....402-332-5107
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Flocknote.....text STPATGRETNA to 84576

MASS AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday.....5:00 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & Noon
Monday.....No Mass or Communion Service
Tuesday.....6:00 PM
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.....7:30 AM
Holy Days.....7:30 AM & 6:00 PM
Holidays (on weekdays)9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....4:00 PM - 4:40 PM
Or call the parish office for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Parishioners registered for a minimum of one
year are eligible to marry here. Six months of
marriage preparation prior to your wedding is
required by the Archdiocese. Contact the Parish
Office to schedule a wedding date and marriage
preparation instruction.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sundays
of each month after the Noon Mass. A baptismal
date will not be set until you become a registered
parishioner and both the parents and Godparents
attend the baptismal class for their first child.
Classes are held at 7:00 PM on the second
Monday of each month in the Fr. Hitch Room.
Please call the Parish Office if you will be
attending a specific class.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If you, a relative or friend are hospitalized or shut
in, short or long term, and would like a visit from
the Pastor, Deacon or Pastoral Minister, please
call the Parish Office. For emergencies or if facing
danger or death, call 402-332-4428.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Access the Adoration Chapel through the Church
from 6 AM to 7 PM or contact the office for an
access card to the back door. To sign up for an
hour, contact Jean Hlavacek at 402-504-4222.

REFLECT AND RESPOND

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING (MAL 3:19-20A)

The prophet Malachi speaks of God's judgment at the end of time and the importance of fearing the Lord. What do you think it means to "fear" the Lord?

SECOND READING (2 THES 3:7-12)

Paul talks about himself (and Silvanus and Timothy) as a "model" on how to behave for the believers in Thessalonica. Who are some family members that you think model the faith well?

GOSPEL (LK 21:5-19)

Jesus forewarned His disciples that because of their faith in Him, they would be persecuted, even "handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends ... hated by all because of my name." How would you react if your family and friends hated you because of your belief in Jesus?

GOSPEL MEDITATION



Many make it their life's ambition to determine precisely when the world will end. By reading the signs of the times, consulting scripture, or looking to prophetic predictions that are sometimes centuries old, they claim a certain credibility in being able to do so. Is all that necessary to know? Even when His disciples pointedly asked Him this question, Jesus did not directly answer. While the end will inevitably come, Jesus points out that there is a lot we need to do first: remain faithful, face persecution, endure suffering, face wars and insurrections, and give testimony. Human beings tend to focus their energies on the wrong kingdom. Consumed with all of the things we have built and seeking to preserve them, we forget that we belong to a different kingdom, the Kingdom of God.

All of the "stuff" we have constructed will be taken away. All that will remain is God's kingdom. Which kingdom do we prefer? We answer that question by honestly looking at where we invest most of our time and energy. What matters to us as we embrace a new moment or day in our lives? If our relationship with God, the strength and integrity of our souls, and the steadfastness of our character are of utmost importance, then it matters little when the physical end will come. We will have what we need to persevere, endure, and confront whatever comes our way. Jesus cautions that we do not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed or overly terrified by the agonies and disappointments of the world. Although we may be apprehensive and uncertain when faced with complex challenges, God is with us. We will receive the inspiration we need to forge ahead.

God is a God of salvation and new beginnings. Whether we consider the daily unfolding of our earthly lives or our eternal ones to come, God never leaves us with dead ends. There is always hope, and there is always something new to come. As Julian of Norwich reminds us, "God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us." This wisdom holds true whether life is stable and profitable or challenging and uncertain. If we remember this simple truth, we will be ready regardless of the day or the hour.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

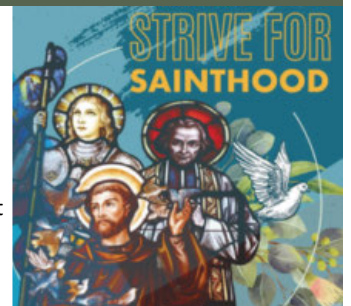
How does a person become a canonized saint?

ANSWER:

It is important to remember that all the saints are people, real people who lived just as we do! The first saints of the Church were martyrs or theologians known for a holy life. Over time, the Church has established a set process to investigate the causes of saints.

After a holy person's death, the bishop of their diocese initiates the canonization process with the Vatican.

Typically, they must wait five years to ensure any false enthusiasm has lessened. With Vatican approval, the process begins and the person receives the title "Servant of God." The first phase involves collecting information about the person's life and scrutinizing it carefully. One person has the specific role of raising doubts—this is the origin of the phrase "devil's advocate!" When it is clear the person truly lived a heroically holy life according to Church teaching, they are declared "Venerable."



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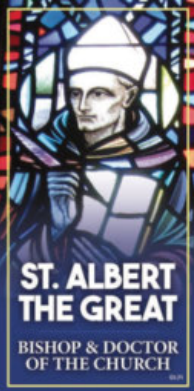
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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If the person is a martyr for the faith, they will also be declared "Blessed." If the person is not a martyr, they must be credited with a miracle. This is also closely examined for authenticity. Once the miracle is authenticated as truly a miracle performed by God through the person or through their intercession, they are beatified. An additional authenticated miracle is required before canonization, and we can call them "Saint."

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

Bishop and Doctor of the Church



St. Albert the Great (1206-1280) was born in Bavaria, Germany, the eldest son of a powerful military count. As a youth he was sent to study at the University of Padua where he encountered and entered the newly-founded Dominican order as a mendicant friar, forsaking his inheritance against his family's wishes. He was the first Dominican to earn a Master of Theology degree and was sent as a lecturer to the University of Paris (which at that time was the intellectual center of Europe) before launching a Dominican house of studies in Cologne. He introduced the works of Aristotle to western thought which allowed his most brilliant student, St. Thomas Aquinas, to synthesize the Catholic faith with human reason, that is, the truths established through philosophy. St. Albert the Great was a renowned scholar and a pioneer in the field of natural science, keeping his own laboratory for scientific experiments. He is known as one of the greatest thinkers of his day, called by his contemporaries "the teacher of everything there is to know" for writing an encyclopedia of all human knowledge up to that point in history. St. Albert the Great was also one of the most famous preachers of his day and served as the papal theologian in Rome. He was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1931 by Pope Pius XI. St. Albert the Great is the patron saint of scientists and philosophers.

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND

Mother and Reformer

St. Margaret was born in exile around 1045, in what is now Hungary. She is the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and Edward the Atheling, the Anglo-Saxon heir to the throne of England. The family returned to England, but Edward died soon after their arrival, making Margaret's brother Edgar the presumptive heir. However, the Norman Conquest would turn their world upside down. Agatha and her children fled the country. They likely intended to go back to Hungary, but they were shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland. King Malcolm Canmore III took the exiles under his wing, and he fell in love with the beautiful, gracious Margaret. Although she initially rebuffed his proposals, the couple were married in 1070 at the castle of Dunfermline. Margaret and Malcolm had eight children, six sons and two daughters. Margaret brought culture to the Scottish court and used her influence to soften her rough husband. The saint led a life of austerity, aiding Church reform, promoting Easter communion, and founding churches and monasteries. She instituted the Queen's Ferry to the shrine of St. Andrew and founded pilgrimage hostels. Saint Margaret, Queen of Scotland, died on November 16, 1093, four days after her husband and eldest son were killed in the battle of Alnwick.



BL. MARIA FORTUNATA VITI



Blessed Maria Fortunata Viti (1827-1922) was born in Italy, the eldest daughter of nine children. Her father had a gambling and alcohol addiction, and her mother died when she was 14 years old. Maria then cared for her younger siblings and worked as a housekeeper to earn money for the family as her father sunk deeper into his addiction. Maria rejected an offer for marriage, deciding instead to become a Benedictine nun at the age of 24. Sr. Maria Fortunata, illiterate her entire life, spent more than seventy years in the monastery as a housekeeper attending to the washing, sewing, and other simple tasks, which was her path to holiness. She was admired for her great simplicity of heart, and her confessor testified that she was often accosted by the devil with threats, physical attacks, and vile insults in attempts to break her virtue. She had great devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and made frequent visits to the chapel tabernacle as she carried out her daily tasks. She died at the age of 95, and after her death miracles were reported at her grave. She is a patron saint against poverty, temptations, loss of parents, and mental illness.



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Gretna, Nebraska

READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 18:35-43
TUESDAY: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 19:1-10
WEDNESDAY: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 19:11-28
THURSDAY: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 19:41-44
FRIDAY: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Lk 19:45-48
SATURDAY: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 20:27-40
NEXT SUNDAY: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY: St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
WEDNESDAY: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin
THURSDAY: St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
FRIDAY: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
NEXT SUNDAY: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe





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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
Please Give Generously

Together, through the help of the Holy Spirit, we will create a culture of unity, evangelization, leadership and mercy. May God transform our simple gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and bring the ministry of the church to its fulfillment. Our parish has currently committed \$28,220 towards our goal of \$121,503. Thank you for saying yes to being a disciple and living mercy to our neighbors across the archdiocese. If you haven't already, please prayerfully consider supporting this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal.



ADVENT GIVING TREE
Give a Gift to Someone in Need



ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Advent Giving Trees will be in the narthex, as well as the south entrance beginning the weekend of November 19-20 for those parishioners who wish to donate a gift. Please check out your ornament on the sheet provided. Many of the adult ornaments are for parishioners in need who are homebound or in care facilities. Your wrapped gifts should be returned by Thursday, December 8. Thank you for your consideration to reach out to those in need. Questions can be directed to Joan Ingram at 402-203-3604.

SEMINARIAN PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for our Seminarians as they prepare for God's holy priesthood.

This week let us pray for **Logan Hepp** (Theology II at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary) from St. Stephen the Martyr in Omaha.



"By your endurance you will gain your souls." Are you being invited to gain your soul and the souls of countless others for Christ as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Scott Schilmoeller at 402-558-3100 or email vocations@archomaha.org.

"PRAY ALWAYS AND DO NOT LOSE HEART."



Baptisms

Since our last update on October 30, three children have been baptized into the Body of Christ. We congratulate the parents and family members, and we welcome your little ones into the Family of Faith! We are praying our Lord Jesus will bless, guide and inspire each of you in His love as you travel along your faith journey.



Name.....Date

Calvin Nicholas Hobbs.....11/6/2022

Thomas Reed Shoemaker.....11/6/2022

Brody Anthony Ostransky.....11/6/2022

WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS



We welcome 48 families or individuals since June 1, 2022 who have joined our Family of Faith as registered parishioners of St. Patrick Church of Gretna. We are so glad you are here...Congratulations! We will keep you in our prayers and wish you all the very best!

| Family Last Name | First Name(s) | Membership Date |
|------------------|---|-----------------|
| Casey | Daniel, Lisa, Cecilia, and Naomi | June 7, 2022 |
| Shelton | Christopher and Mary Kunyiha-Shelton, Bannson, and Victoria | June 7, 2022 |
| Rindone | Scott and Brittany | June 14, 2022 |
| Hilderbrand | Bryan, Nicole, Nevaeh, and Sienna | June 20, 2022 |
| Hilderbrand | Dean and Pat | June 21, 2022 |
| Benak | Cassie, Melanie, Johnathan, and Andrew | June 27, 2022 |
| Shepler | Dustin, Kimberly, Grayson, and Jaxson | July 8, 2022 |
| Bures | Paul and Kristy | July 11, 2022 |
| Felici | Jason, Brianna, Braylen, Bailey, and Baylor | July 15, 2022 |
| Maloney | Christopher and Jamie Myers | July 19, 2022 |
| Staver | Nick and Morgan | July 20, 2022 |
| Heck | Joseph, Rebecca, Anna, Luke, and Leah | July 21, 2022 |
| Oberhauser | Todd, Stephanie, and Todd | July 21, 2022 |
| McWilliams | Ethan, Alicia, James, and Brooks | July 22, 2022 |
| Simons | Rachel, Eleanor, and Charlotte | July 26, 2022 |
| Magnuson | Peter, Beth, Anders, and Stieg | July 29, 2022 |
| Rasmussen | Chase and Samantha | July 29, 2022 |
| Ferguson | Aaron, Hiroko, Kai, and Aila | August 5, 2022 |
| Jackson | Jake, Katie, Jayden, Jenna, and Josie | August 5, 2022 |
| Rodriguez | Alonzo, Elvia, Leslie, Kimberly, and Jaylee | August 9, 2022 |
| Fitch | Robert, Kylee, Presley, and Ryan | August 12, 2022 |
| Costello | Brennan and Lauren | August 16, 2022 |
| Clement | Phillip, Maira, Eric, and Valerie | August 18, 2022 |
| Foresman | Steve, Caroline, Drew, Maggie, and Ryan | August 18, 2022 |
| Janda | Rebecca | August 18, 2022 |

WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS
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| Family Last Name | First Name(s) | Membership Date |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|
| Kafonek | Tom, Tina, Jackson, and Parker | August 23, 2022 |
| Koperski | Michael and Lorri | August 24, 2022 |
| Vipond | Roxanne | August 25, 2022 |
| Nordhues | Kevin, Anna, Lyla, Hazel, and Archer | August 29, 2022 |
| Burbridge | TJ, Brigid, Elizabeth, Thomas, and Mary | August 30, 2022 |
| Mason | Travis, Karyl, Brady, and Dawson | August 31, 2022 |
| Pecha | Joseph, Jennifer, Jace, and Lauren | August 31, 2022 |
| Whitman | Douglas, Susan, Amanda, Kathryn | August 31, 2022 |
| Mollak and Zimmerman | Justin, Rebecca, Zayden, and Zeke | September 1, 2022 |
| Lienemann | Alec, Nichole, and Lyra | September 7, 2022 |
| Pagel | Cody, Kelsey, and Beckham | September 7, 2022 |
| Stribley | David, Ashtin, Oliver, and Archer | September 7, 2022 |
| Smith | John and Shelley | September 13, 2022 |
| Voorhees | Boyce, Kylie, Cydney, and Cayl | September 16, 2022 |
| Namuth | Todd and Stacy | September 26, 2022 |
| Scharpenburg | Mark, Veda, Hannah, Sarah, and Mary | September 26, 2022 |
| Hobbs | Chris, Caroline, and Calvin | September 28, 2022 |
| Ostransky | Nicholas, Ashley, and Brody | October 7, 2022 |
| Belieu | David, Molly, Jack, and Madeline | October 21, 2022 |
| Novak | Richard | October 21, 2022 |
| Sullivan | Michael IV, Katie, Michael V, and Carter | October 21, 2022 |
| Karnish | Kylie | October 22, 2022 |

DONATE TO THE FOOD PANTRY THIS THANKSGIVING

In the very early days of Christianity, when people gathered to celebrate the Eucharist, it became customary to bring offerings of food for the poor to the table of the Lord. This Thanksgiving Day we are asking our parishioners to reenact this tradition by bringing nonperishable food items to place before the altar before Mass. All donations will be given to the Gretna Neighbors food pantry. Thank you for considering. Please call Joan Ingram 402-203-3604 with questions.



Stewardship Report

Nov. 2-8, 2022

| General Contributions | Nov. 2-8 | Fiscal YTD thru Nov. 8 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Sunday's Offering - Nov. 5-6 | \$26,912.72 | \$401,900.84 |
| Other Contributions | \$3,805.50 | \$22,513.92 |
| Total General Contributions | <u>\$30,718.22</u> | <u>\$424,414.76 *</u> |
| Surplus/Deficit | \$5,968.22 | <u>(\$21,085.24)</u> |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Income | | \$463,174.12 |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Expenses | | \$399,791.68 |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date Net Income | | <u>\$63,382.44 ***</u> |

* Our budget requires an average weekly income of \$24,750.

'Other Contributions' include Holy Days, Maintenance & Repairs, and other Special Collections.

*** Current Fiscal Year - July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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THE KNIGHT'S CORNER



KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Knight of the Month for November, Joe Carney. Pictured is Grand Knight, Joe Krajicek, presenting the certificate to Knight of the Month, Joe Carney.



KNIGHT FAMILY OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our Family of the Month for November, the Ken and Elizabeth Beckman family. We thank you for your service and contributions to the Knights, to our parish, and our community!

NOW IS THE TIME TO BECOME A KNIGHT

For Catholic men that are 18 years of age you can join the Fr. John V. Wallace Knights Council #10047 at St. Patrick here in Gretna and your dues will be taken care of while you are in school up to four years by the Council. This includes trade schools, community colleges, and universities. If interested please contact our Chancellor and Membership Director, Randy Meerian at rmeerian@gmail.com or 402-981-6471.



WINTER GEAR DRIVE—THRU NOVEMBER 28



Our annual Winter Gear Drive sponsored by our Knights Council will begin Monday, October 24 and run thru Monday,

November 28. The drop boxes are in the narthex of the church. We are collecting new or gently used: winter coats, stocking hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, blankets, and sleeping bags. All items collected will be given to Least of My Brethren and other nearby ministries supporting area homeless and those in need. Thank you for your support!

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Joe Krajicek.....402-616-9612
Deputy Grand Knight, John Schaffert ..402-672-7903
Financial Secretary, Marty Stednitz.....402-332-3840
Chancellor & Membership Director, Randy Meerian402-981-6471



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MASS INTENTIONS

An individual may ask a Priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday or if they are ill), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of one who has died (†). To request a Mass intention, stop by the Parish Office to schedule. A minimum of \$10 per Mass is requested.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH (L)
No Communion Service or Mass

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH (L)(U)
6:00 PM † Kade Reiman

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH (L)(U)
7:30 AM † Frank and Delores Charvat

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH (U)
7:30 AM † Bill and Edna Sempeck

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH (U)(U)
7:30 AM † Mike Hoffmann

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH (L)(U)
5:00 PM † Ruth Povandra

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH (U)
8:00 AM † Tim Stednitz
10:00 AM For Our Parishioners
12:00 PM † Fred and Mary Ann Matulka and † Dave Gilmore

LITURGICAL VESTMENT COLORS

- (L) **White**—JOY—Christmas, Easter, Mary, Saints
- (R) **Red**—LOVE—The Passion, Holy Spirit, Martyrs
- (G) **Green**—HOPE—Ordinary Time
- (V) **Violet**—HUMILITY—Advent, Lent
- (P) **Rose**—JOY—Gaudete, Laetare Sundays



Let us pray for all those affected by COVID-19. Pray for Chris Wheeler (cousin of

Mary Pajeda), Logan Naro (grandson of Jean Hlavacek), Yvonne Grace, Jo Anne Lyons (mom of Theresa Gulizia), Marolyn, Lil Herbstritt, Brad, and Deacon David Medeiros. Pray for Mike (son of Cleo Nienaber), Kathy Fitzpatrick, Pete and Judy Bartman, Julie Pohar (sister of Jodi Rupiper), Nolan Schultz, Mike Petersen, and Reece Bittner (grandson of Bruce Jefferies). Pray also for all our parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, and in nursing homes, and for all our parishioners and loved ones who have recently passed away.

To add a loved one to the prayer line, please call Corliss Lovstad at 402-968-5877 or email her at clovstad@gmail.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH—33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
- 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
- 8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Religious Education Classes—Basement Commons, RE Classrooms
- 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Parish Breakfast—Parish Center and Kitchen

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

- 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Women's CRHP—Youth Group Room
- 6:30 PM to 8:15 PM American Heritage Girls—Basement Commons
- 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Ephesians Bible Study—Parish Center AB and Kitchen
- 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Baptism Class—Father Hitch Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

- 5:30 PM to 5:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 6:00 PM)—Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM to 6:40 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion (after Mass)—Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

- 7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
- 8:00 AM to 8:15 AM Liturgy of the Hours—By the Tabernacle
- 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM 55+ Club Outing—Offsite
- 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM Faith Connection—Father Hitch Room
- 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Outreach Meeting—Father Hitch Room
- 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Religious Education Classes—Basement Commons, RE Classrooms
- 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Maintenance Committee Meeting—Parish Center C
- 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Religious Education Parent Bible Study—Father Hitch Room
- 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Group Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

- 7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Outreach Ministry—Parish Center C
- 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM Private Event—Parish Center and Kitchen
- 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM RCIA—Parish Center C

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

- 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM Men's Faith Sharing—Father Hitch Room
- 7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
- 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Father Hitch Room
- 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM Private Event—Parish Center and Kitchen

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

- 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM First Reconciliation—Sanctuary and Confessional
- 4:00 PM to 4:40 PM Confession—Confessional
- 4:30 PM to 5:00 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 5:00 PM)—Sanctuary

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH—OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

- 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
- 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
- 8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Religious Education Classes—Basement Commons, RE Classrooms
- 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Baptisms—Sanctuary and Narthex

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

This Weekend—November 12-13



This weekend, November 12-13, we will have a second collection to support Catholic Charities of Omaha. For nearly a century, whenever there are people in need, Catholic Charities has been there. They respond to everyday crises, every day—from domestic violence to mental health, feeding the hungry to comforting the afflicted, protecting the most vulnerable, and helping people help themselves to rise above adversity. Catholic Charities ministers to the greatest and most fundamental needs of our community—advocating for the voiceless, hungry, addicted, abused, and forgotten individuals and families annually throughout the area, regardless of race, religion, creed, or socioeconomic status. Their service area is expansive, meeting the needs of urban and rural individuals and families throughout the Omaha Archdiocese's 23 counties. In 2021 alone, they served more than 280,000 people throughout the 23 counties of the Omaha Archdiocese. This couldn't happen without the generosity and compassion of many donors, employees and volunteers. Together harnessing the strength of the human spirit and the power of community to shine a light for those in darkness. Please be generous during this collection.

LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

NOVEMBER 19TH 5:00 PM NOVEMBER 20TH 8:00 AM NOVEMBER 20TH 10:00 AM NOVEMBER 20TH NOON

Sacristan
Pat Gilmore

Lectors
Gabe Ronk
(Read the 1st Reading)

Lori Wewel
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Kathy Tasler
Tracy Wollenburg
Larry Neppel
Beth Hurd

Ushers
Don Garrison
Chad Soupir
Mike Tasler
Jeff Wollenburg

Rosary Reciter
Kathy Dauner

Altar Servers
Shailynn Gatewood
Kenley Ronk
Aslyn Ronk

Greeters
Chris Gatewood
Need Sub

Sacristan
Joan Ingram

Lectors
Sandy Scheef
(Read the 1st Reading)

Luke Krajewski
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Amy Beran
Laura Fischer
Joe Krajicek
Deb Benes
Deacon Larry Heck

Ushers
Kevin Kaup
Larry Scheef
Tony Schultz
Marty Stednitz

Rosary Reciter
Duane Benes

Altar Servers
Andrew Kula
Sarah Kula
Nick Kula

Greeters
Mary Maw
Sally Stednitz

Hilcrest SR
Gene Schwarting
Kathy Schwarting

Sacristan
Mitch Wendlandt

Lectors
Judy Weier
(Read the 1st Reading)

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Andrew Brei
Therese Nisbet

Sacristan
Linda Schriener

Lectors
Rebecca Campbell
(Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)

Stephanie Lampe
(Standby: if a Sub is Needed)

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Delma Stoner
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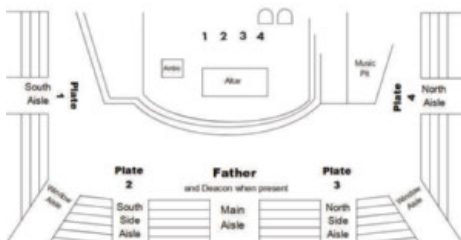
Greeters
Carole Lisiecki
Mary Zeigler

Vocations Crucifix
John McQueney

The Vocations Crucifix can be picked up after any of the weekend Masses from the Sacristy, and should be returned before the following weekend.

If you are unable to serve at your assigned time, please find a substitute. The Parish Office greatly appreciates your help, support and patience as we work together in providing Mass to our parish family!

EMHC STATION MAP



EMHC Positions (see diagram above):

- 1) South Aisle
- 2) South Side Aisle
- 3) North Side Aisle
- 4) North Aisle
- 5) Main Aisle—Father and Deacon when present

33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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TADPOLES CLASS
Limited Spots for Preschool Class



St. Patrick Catholic Preschool began registration for our youngest students, the TADPOLES on October 1. Class will begin on January 7 and is available to students who will be 3 by March 15 and potty-trained. This class will meet on Friday morning only (8:40 AM to 11:10 AM) and class size is limited to 12 children. If you wish to register or know of an interested family, please go to <https://stpatricksgretna.org/mesmerize/education/preschool/preschool-registration-2/>. This class will fill quickly so early registration is recommended. Please contact Preschool Director, Hannah Penson at 402-332-3050 if you have any questions.

HOLY FAMILY SHRINE RETREAT
Get Your Tickets Today

Come to the 20th Anniversary Holy Family Shrine Retreat on Saturday, December 10 from 8:30 AM to 4 PM. Tickets are \$50 a piece. Get away from it all, if only for a day... Learn how the Holy Spirit called the founders of the Shrine, attend Mass, join Hannah Keisling in praise and worship music, contemplate the Holy Spirit moving in your own life... But, don't miss it! Spots are limited! Buy tickets today at <https://holyfamilyshrine.com/schedule-reservations/retreat/>.



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
Prayer After Each Mass



Since we pray this version of the Saint Michael Prayer after every Mass, perhaps you would like to pray it on your own or with your family. Please feel free to cut this out and carry it with you.

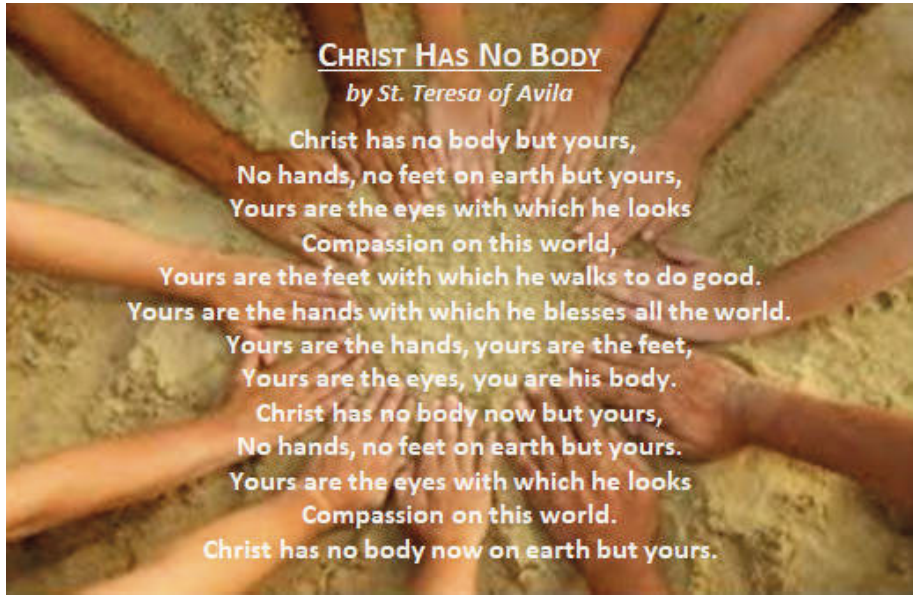
Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness

and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell, Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS AND SEMINARIANS
6:30 PM on Monday, November 21 at St. Gerald in Ralston



Join the Serra Club of West Omaha for a beautiful *Holy Hour for Priests and Seminarians* at St. Gerald Catholic Church (9602 Q St, Ralston) on Monday, November 21 beginning with a reception in the Narthex at 6:30 PM followed by the Holy Hour at 7 PM. The Presider will be Father Frank Baumert, Chaplain of the Serra Club of West Omaha. Prayers for our Priests and Seminarians are especially needed as our Archdiocese faces a shortage of priests amid a challenging time for our Catholic Church and our culture at large. We need to support our Priests and Seminarians with fervent and ongoing prayer, now more than ever. Please show your support and invite your family, friends, and guests to join us! If you are interested in helping to build the Church locally through vocations support, contact Bruce Jefferies, Serra VP, at westomaha@serrainternational.org. Learn more at serrawestomaha.org and follow us on Facebook @serrawestomaha.



CHRIST HAS NO BODY

by St. Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

ST. PATRICK PRESCHOOL BOOKFAIR
November 12th—19th

St. Patrick Catholic Preschool will be hosting our annual Scholastic Book Fair the weekend of November 12-13 in the Parish Center and during RE classes on Wednesday, November 16. A wide variety of books and educational resources are available for purchase. If you prefer to shop online, go to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/stpatrickspreschool>. If you have any questions, please call the preschool office at 402-332-3050.



THE CATECHISM IN A YEAR
With Fr. Mike Schmitz—Coming January 1, 2023!



In response to countless requests, Ascension is launching *The Catechism in a Year* (with Fr. Mike Schmitz) on January 1, 2023! With this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 days
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- See how Church teaching is rooted in Sacred Scripture
- Absorb over 2,000 years of Sacred Tradition
- Encounter God's plan of sheer goodness
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded.

If you have ever wanted to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape your life—this podcast is for you! Ascension is excited and can't wait to start this incredible journey with you! Keep up-to-date on all things *Catechism in a Year* (CIY) by joining their Facebook group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/catechisminayear>

GIVING OPTIONS AT ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

Celebrate Giving Tuesday, November 29

Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, **Giving Tuesday** kicks off the charitable holiday spirit and motivates end-of-year giving. At a time when we are all experiencing the challenges of a tight economy and high inflation, generosity is what brings people of all races, faiths, and political views together across the globe. Generosity gives everyone the power to make a positive change in the lives of others and is a fundamental value anyone can act on.



St. Patrick Church asks all parishioners to prayerfully consider their return to God and His Church through stewardship consisting of these equally important elements—Prayer and Presence, Gifts of Service or Time and Talent, and Financial Gift or Treasure. We are a tithing parish and recommend 5% of a family's gross income go to our parish, 1% to the Omaha Archdiocese, and 4% to other charities of your choice.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER (EFT)

Through EFT, the parish office manages your online tithing account for you where you authorize St. Patrick to debit your bank account or credit card, allowing an automatic deposit into the bank account of St. Patrick. This is referred to as a "Managed Account." If interested, visit the home page of our parish website and click on the Online Giving button, then under Electronic Funds Transfer, click on the "EFT Form" button. Print out and return this completed authorization form to the parish office with your voided check or savings deposit slip or provide your credit card information on this same form.

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving allows you to directly manage your own account where you can make contributions without writing checks or worrying about cash donations. This is referred to as an "Independent Account." You can access the St. Patrick online contributions page where you can set up and directly manage an account for automatic giving via checking, savings, or credit card, determine the timing or amount of your recurring gifts, or provide one-time donations for special collections or causes. Simply go to the home page of our parish website and click on the Online Giving button, and under Online Giving, click on the "Sign Up Now" button.

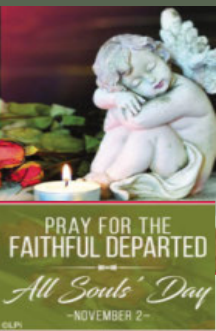
ENVELOPES

If electronic or online giving is not an option for you, St. Patrick offers church offering envelopes on a bi-monthly basis (e.g., a pack of a two-month supply of envelopes are mailed to you every other month). This occurs automatically upon registration as a parishioner unless the parish office has been notified that you do not wish to receive envelopes due to your choice of one of the other giving options. As you know, St. Patrick also gladly accepts cash donations at Mass. However, if you want us to record your contribution and include it on giving statements for income tax purposes, we can only do so if you use envelopes, contribute by check, EFT, or online giving. Contact Jolene Jefferies at 402-332-4444, x203, or email her at jmjefferies@archomaha.org for assistance.

"He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God."
2 Corinthians 9:10-11

WE REMEMBER THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Add Your Loved Ones' Names to the Book During November



We remember and honor our beloved faithful departed in the month of November. The Church holds the month of November in dedication and remembrance of our beloved faithful departed. The book of the names of the dead will be placed in front of the ambo throughout the month of November. We honor with great respect the memory of those names already in the book. Please feel free to add any **new** loved ones you wish to remember by signing their name on the sheets in the Narthex. If you have added their name to the book in previous years, it need not be added again.

May perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.



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ADVERTISE FOR YOUR MINISTRY GROUP

Does your parish ministry group have opportunities for others to get involved? Contact Megan Seamann, meseamann@archomaha.org, about getting your parish ministry group opportunities advertised.

WELCOME, JIM ERNST!

Our New Custodian



Hello to all of the parishioners of the St. Patrick community! My name is James Ernst and I was born and raised in Lincoln, Nebraska. I served in the U.S. Marine Corp and am a retired steel worker. I have three adult children and one

grandson. I now live in Papillion and look forward to getting married in June next year to my fiancé, Holly. Over the last two years, I have begun a new chapter in my life in the custodial industry and I take great interest in satisfaction and service. My strong work ethic and high quality standards are reflected in my work. I love God and look to honor Him in all I do. I am grateful to meet such wonderful people and feel welcomed to be here. I look forward to meeting many more of you, so be sure to introduce yourselves if you see me around!



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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

OACCW FALL MEETING—ST. LUDGER'S PARISH HALL, CREIGHTON, NOVEMBER 15



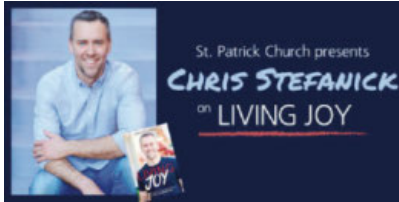
Women: You are invited to the OACCW (Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women) Meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 15 at St. Ludger's Parish Hall (407 Clark Ave, Creighton) at 9:30 AM. Registration is at 10 AM, Welcome at 10:15 AM, with Guest Speaker Cheryl Drozd, "For such a time as this," 11 AM Officer meeting for officers/board members or Rosary for general assembly, 11:30 AM Holy Mass followed by lunch and meeting. Agenda items for afternoon session include nominations/ election for 2nd Vice-President, updates, and NCCW Convention report. Please come, enjoy getting back together with our sisters in Christ, and working as His hands and feet with our time, talent, and treasurers. Looking forward to seeing you there! P.S. Anyone with finished baby blankets or bibs for Christ Child Society please bring to meeting. Thank you!

THE WAY RETREAT—GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT CENTER, WAVERLY, NOVEMBER 18-20

A healing retreat for female survivors of abuse will be held November 18-20 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat Center (7303 N 112th St, Waverly). The Christian-based Way retreat is open to women of all faiths and traditions impacted by the trauma of abuse as a child or an adult. The three-day retreat includes a private room, meals, and retreat materials. The cost is \$250. Financial assistance is available. To request an application for the retreat or for more information, please contact Mary Beth Hanus at mbhanus@archomaha.org.



LIVING JOY WITH CHRIS STEFANIK—ST. PATRICK FREMONT, NOVEMBER 30



Are you struggling with joy? Have joy but want more? Wherever you fall on the spectrum, you will not want to miss Chris Stefanik coming to St Pat's to share part of his teaching on joy! Chris will be here Wednesday, November 30 at 6:30 pm for a one-hour talk in the church, followed by Q&A and a book signing! Parishioners are also planning to share treats that bring them joy in

Delaney Hall after, so be sure to mosey on down there and see what that's all about! Register for FREE here: <https://stpatfremont.flocknote.com/signup/101832>

STM PEDDLER' MARKET—ST. THOMAS MORE, DECEMBER 1

Please join us for our 16th annual STM Peddlers' Market on Thursday, December 1 from 5 PM to 9 PM at St. Thomas More (3515 S. 48th Ave, Omaha). Registrations are being accepted for artisans and vendors. Check out the link on Eventbrite or contact Sara for registration details, stmpeddlersmarket@gmail.com or 402-981-9941. Shoppers are also wanted for this event. Enjoy free admission, pizza, soup, beer and wine and two floors of shopping. Bring your mom and daughter for a fun evening!



V2 WINTER ADVENTURE—PRO SANCTITY RETREAT CENTER, DECEMBER 2-4



Join Virtus et Veritas Ministries for the 2022 V2 Winter Adventure! Welcoming young men grades 6th through 12th and their fathers. NOTE: An adult male (e.g. Father, Grandfather, Uncle, older brother 19+) is strongly recommended to register and attend in addition to son(s) planning to attend. Overnight Stay: Friday night 7:00 PM through Sunday 9:00 AM. Cost to participate is \$90. Food included in cost: three meals on Saturday, snacks, continental breakfast on Sunday. Activities included in cost: Team-Building Activities, Sledding and Snow Activities (weather-permitting), Formation talks and small group discussions, and Prayer time. Please eat dinner

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