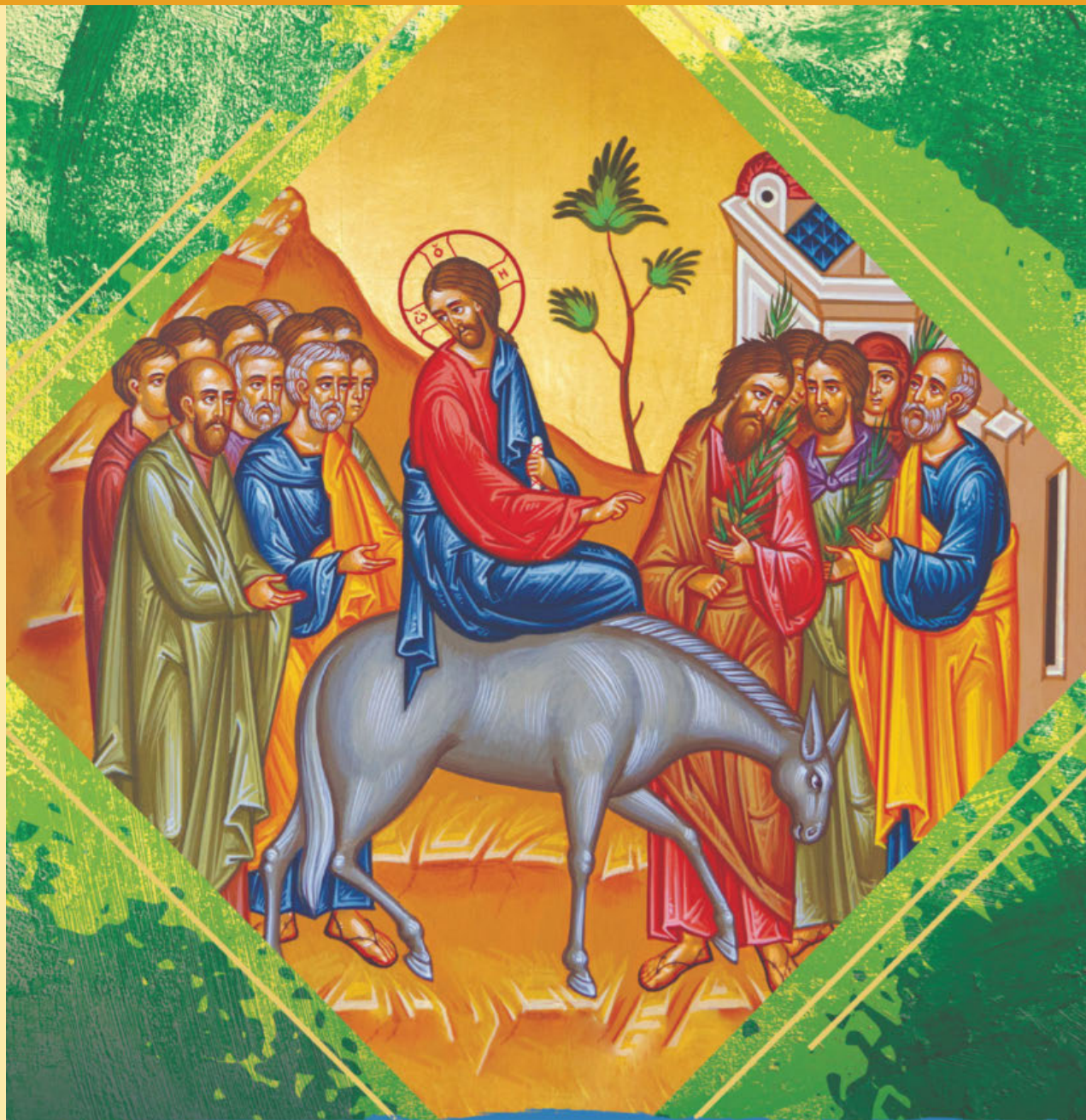


ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET

GRETNA, NE 68028



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord!” - Mk 11:9

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MARCH 24, 2024



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
Website.....stpatricksgretna.org
Facebook & Instagram.....@stpatgretnane
YouTube.....@StPatrickCatholicChurchNE
E-mail.....stpatrick.gre@archomaha.org
Flocknote.....text STPATGRETN 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 PM on the second Monday of each month in the Fr. Hitch Room. Please call the Parish Office if you will be attending the 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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

FIRST READING (IS 50:4-7)

Despite his suffering, we hear how the prophet Isaiah found strength in his faith and fidelity to God. How does your faith help you through professional or family challenges?

SECOND READING (PHIL 2:6-11)

Paul taught that central to Jesus's identity was his humility and obedience to God. How well do you practice these Christian virtues?

GOSPEL (MK 14:1—15:47 OR 15:1-39)

We hear today Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord. How do you prepare yourself to listen to the Passion narrative?

GOSPEL MEDITATION



A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus "looked around...and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11) for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of His marital purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon He will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: His one body, His Church.

Lenten challenge: This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares His bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

ANSWER:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the Eucharistic bread is the small white communion "wafer" that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: "The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made...it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament" (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the *Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments*, no. 48).

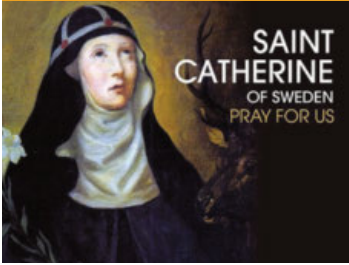


The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the "matter" of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a "wafer"—which is properly called a "host"—should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. "raised") bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white "wafer" is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

SAINT CATHERINE OF SWEDEN

Religious



St. Catherine of Sweden (1331-1381) was the fourth of eight children born to St. Bridget of Sweden and her husband, Ulfo. As a child she was sent by her parents to be educated in a convent, and was later given in marriage to a German nobleman. Catherine was able to persuade her husband, a virtuous young man, to live together in a mutual vow of perpetual chastity. They lived happily together in complete devotion to God. After the death of her father, and with her husband's consent, Catherine accompanied her mother to Rome.

While there, Catherine's husband died. She continued to be a companion to her mother and rejected further offers of marriage. Her mother worked to establish a new religious order, called the Order of the Holy Savior, or the Bridgettines. After her mother's death, Catherine took her body back to Sweden for burial while continuing the work of establishing the Bridgettines. She later traveled back to Rome to advocate for her mother's canonization and for Pope Urban VI to ratify her Order. While in Rome she became great friends with St. Catherine of Siena. St. Catherine of Sweden finally returned to Sweden and became abbess of the newly founded Bridgettines, living the rest of her days as a model of prayer and penance. St. Catherine of Sweden is the patron saint against abortions and miscarriages. Her feast day is March 24.

SAINT JOHN OF EGYPT

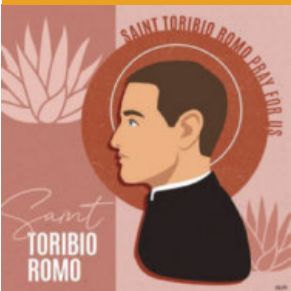
Religious

St. John of Egypt (4th c.), also known as John the Hermit or John the Anchorite, worked alongside his father, a carpenter, until he was twenty-five years old. He then discerned a call from God to go out into the desert and become a hermit. He spent sixteen years in spiritual training under the care of a religious superior who commanded him to perform difficult and unreasonable tasks, which John obeyed with childlike simplicity. After this time of spiritual training he withdrew into greater solitude in a small cell at the top of a cliff, praying incessantly and avoiding contact with people for the last fifty years of his life. He had the gift of prophecy and could perform miracles, and foretold to Emperor Theodosius his future victories as well as the time of his death. People traveled from afar for his counsel or blessings, and to hear him preach. He would receive visitors two days a week from a tiny window in his cell. He became so famous for his holiness that St. Augustine wrote of him, making reference to the devils who came to tempt John continually. St. John of Egypt's feast day is March 27.



SAINT TORIBIO ROMO GONZÁLEZ

Priest and Martyr



St. Toribio Romo González (1900 – 1928) was born in Santa Ana de Guadalupe, near Jalisco, Mexico. He entered seminary at the age of 13 and was ordained a priest in 1922 when he was only 22. As a priest, he dedicated himself to serving the faithful in the midst of the Cristero War, a period of intense religious persecution in Mexico during the 1920s and 1930s. Despite the danger posed by the anti-Catholic government, Romo continued to carry out his pastoral duties. He provided sacraments, offered spiritual guidance, promoted devotion to the Eucharist, and was frequently forced more and more to do so in secret or under the cover of night. He became known

for his compassion and selflessness, often risking his own safety to bring consolation and hope to the persecuted Catholic community, and catechesis, as well as the Eucharist, to the poor. In the late 1920's, a formal law was passed that imposed strict penalties on priests who were found exercising their priestly ministries. Despite the risks, Romo continued to celebrate Mass and administer the sacraments to those in remote areas. For a time, he had to hide in an abandoned distillery in the town of Tequila in order to avoid violence, and celebrated Mass there for the community. Tragically, on February 25, 1928, Romo was murdered. He was shot twice by government troops who broke into his bedroom while he was asleep. His martyrdom became a powerful testimony to the enduring strength of the Catholic Church in Mexico in the face of discrimination. St. Toribio Romo, pray for us!



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READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

TUESDAY: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY: *Chiasm Mass*: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps

116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

SATURDAY: *Easter Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7

NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

THURSDAY: Holy Thursday

FRIDAY: Good Friday

SATURDAY: Holy Saturday

NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday





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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
This Friday at 3 PM

Join us this Friday, Good Friday, March 29 at 3 PM in the Church for the Stations of the Cross.



LENTEN ALMSGIVING
Least of My Brethren



Least of My Brethren food pantry is having a Costco gift card drive throughout

Lent. The cards will be used to purchase frozen chicken, hamburger, and hotdogs. You can help us by giving one dollar a day for the 40 days of Lent towards a gift card. If you would like to participate in this project, please drop off the Costco gift card to the parish office during regular office hours. Not a Costco member? No problem, gift cards from places like HyVee, Fareway, Walmart, and Dollar General, allow us to purchase other food items in need. God bless.

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

SEMINARIAN PRAYER CORNER

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

This week let us pray for **Ethan Menning** (College II at St. John Vianney Seminary) from St. Patrick in Elkhorn.



"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Docility in prayer is essential to vocation discernment. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to 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 March 17, four 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. Congratulations!



Name.....Date

- Amelia Rae Brune.....3/17/2024
- Cole James Plugge.....3/17/2024
- Graham Joseph Plugge.....3/17/2024
- Hudson Reid Plugge.....3/17/2024

SAVE THE DATES: SUMMER RE PROGRAMS
Totus Tuus and Vacation Bible School



TOTUS TUUS AT ST. PATRICK:

Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) is a fun and energetic parish based summer catechetical program for both grade school age children and junior and senior high school youth.

- June 17-21 for 1st-6th graders, 9 AM to 2:30 PM each day. Cost is \$35 per child.
 - June 16-20 for 7th-12th graders, 6:30 PM to 8:45 PM each night. No cost!
- Registration begins in April—watch the parish website or call the RE office, 402-332-3454.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS) AT ST. CHARLES:

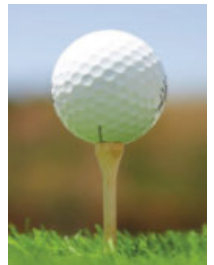
A week of faith discoveries, memorable music, and new friends! (Volunteer opportunities for 7th grade and above.)

- June 3-7 for 4 year-olds-5th grade, 9 AM to Noon each day. Cost is \$45 per child.
- Register at www.stcharlesomaha.org/vbs.

TEE IT UP FOR VOCATIONS! MONDAY, JUNE 3
Golf with Priests, Seminarians, and Consecrated Religious

The Serra Clubs of Omaha and West Omaha will host their Annual Golf, Tennis, and Pickleball Outing, followed by a cocktail hour, dinner, and awards at The Pines Country Club in Valley on Monday, June 3 (best ball format) with registration beginning at 11 AM. Tennis and Pickleball will both be at Genesis Westroads at 3 PM. All proceeds received support the vocations programs of the Archdiocese of Omaha. Early registrations are welcome!

- Golf \$125 (Includes box lunch and dinner)
- Foursome \$500 (Includes box lunch and dinner)
- Tennis \$75 (Includes dinner at The Pines)
- Dinner Only \$40 (No golf or tennis)
- Sponsor a Priest, Seminarian, or Religious \$125
- Hole Sponsor \$250



To register as a player and/or a sponsor and to pay online, go to: <https://serrawestomaha.org/golf/>. If you wish to pay by check, go to the website to download the PDF Registration Form and mail your completed form and check per the instructions at the bottom of the form. For questions, contact Joe Grier at 402-680-6654. Make this event one of your priorities this summer!

Dear Jesus, if you wish it, you can heal these wounds from my past. If you wish it, you can make me well again. I believe that you do will it. Heal me, in your name. Amen.

ST. JOSEPH CONSECRATION

Consecrate Yourself, Your Children, and Your Family!

WHY: God entrusted the Holy Family to St. Joseph to keep them safe, and so should you!

WHO: All St. Patrick parishioners, children, and families

WHAT: To participate in a 33-day preparation and consecration to St. Joseph OR to renew your consecration to St. Joseph if you have participated in the past

WHEN: Preparation begins on Saturday, March 30 and ends with our consecration on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker, Wednesday, May 1.

WHERE: In the comfort of your own home

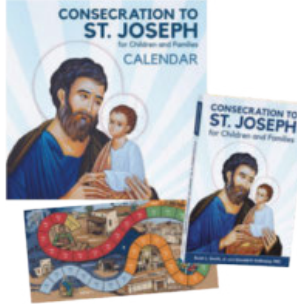
HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Stop in the parish office to purchase the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Fr. Donald H. Calloway for \$5 OR *Consecration to St. Joseph for Children and Families* (book, calendar, and sticker set) by Fr. Donald H. Calloway and co-author Scott L. Smith, Jr. for \$10. (We have ordered the book in bulk for better availability for all parishioners who would like to participate.)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO CONSECRATE YOURSELF TO ST. JOSEPH?

What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to St. Joseph? Well, it basically means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. St. Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance.

Father Baxter will lead all parishioners, children, and families to make their consecration to St. Joseph after the 7:30 AM Mass on Wednesday, May 1.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Paul and Carrie Hubert at forlife9@icloud.com or call 402-671-8123 to join this prayer community in preparing to make a consecration to St. Joseph and receive weekly emails with additional resources about St. Joseph.



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THE KNIGHT'S CORNER



KNIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are available and can be picked up at the church office or by contacting Randy Meerian at 402-981-6471. The scholarship deadline is Monday, April 15. This is a separate scholarship application process from the Church Scholarship. The Gretna Knights of Columbus Council #10047 has established multiple scholarships. To be eligible for a Knights Scholarship, the candidate must be the son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandchild, or legal guardian of an active member in good standing of the Gretna Knights of Columbus Council #10047. Members in good standing are members who are current with their member dues, have been a member for at least two years, and are not in the process of transferring to another council.



FEBRUARY FAMILY OF THE MONTH



At our recent March Knights of Columbus Council meeting our Grand Knight presented the February Family of the Month award to the Drasis and Charlene Pajeda family. Congratulations to our Family of the Month for February, the

Drasis and Charlene Pajeda family. Thank you to the Pajeda family for your service and contributions to our Knights Of Columbus Council, our parish, and our community. Pictured from left to right is Grand Knight, Bruce Jefferies presenting the Family of the Month Award to Drasis Pajeda.

WILD GAME FEED—ONLY A FEW TABLES LEFT

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 4th annual Wild Game Feed Saturday April 13. There are only 10 tables left. Please contact Larry Sibley for more information for tickets or for donating items for the silent auction, 402-957-8770 or LCSIB@centurylink.net.



Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Bruce Jefferies.....402-521-4262
 Deputy Grand Knight, John Schaffert ..402-672-7903
 Financial Secretary, Marty Stednitz.....402-332-3840
 Chancellor & Membership Director, Randy Meerian402-981-6471

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Tuesday, April 2

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration for Religious Education 2024-2025 will begin on Tuesday, April 2. Current

families will receive emails or register online at the parish website, stpatriksgretna.org/education/religious-education.

God in Heaven, hear me as I call to you! Pour new life into me! Renew my heart in your word! Help me to know you! Help me to glorify you, worship you, and trust you. Amen.

Stewardship Report

Mar 12 - Mar 18, 2024

Current Fiscal Year - July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024

General Contributions	Mar 12 -Mar 18	Fiscal YTD thru Mar 18
Sunday Offering-Mar 12-Mar 18	\$19,173.96	\$900,456.58
Other Contributions	\$563.50	\$95,298.66
Total General Contributions	\$19,737.46	\$995,755.24 *
Surplus/Deficit	(\$5,012.54)	\$55,255.24
Fiscal Year-to-Date Income		\$1,305,323.85
Fiscal Year-to-Date Expenses		\$1,205,383.34
Fiscal Year-to-Date Net Income		\$99,940.51

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

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



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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, MARCH 25TH 

No Communion Service or Mass

TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH 

6:00 PM † John Kula Sr.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH 

7:30 AM † Dorothy Kobza

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH 

7:00 PM For Our Parishioners

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH 

7:00 PM For Our Parishioners

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH 

7:00 PM For Our RCIA Candidates






SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST 

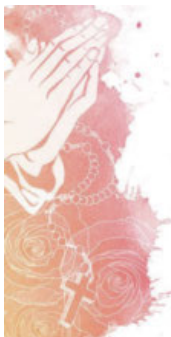
8:00 AM For Our Parishioners

10:00 AM For Our Parishioners

12:00 PM For Our Parishioners

LITURGICAL VESTMENT COLORS

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



Let us pray for Pauline Kwapnioski family, Dottie Engler, Geri Donahue, Joe Carney, Deacon Steve Grandinetti, Nicole (daughter of Chris Christensen), Ronald Baxter (Fr. Baxter's dad), Paul Polt, and Leanne Robb. Pray for John and Wanda Jonas, Chris Wheeler, Norm Wiemers, Ed, Barb McMahon, Ian McGovern (son of Mark and Pam), and Jo Anne Lyons (mom of Theresa Gulizia). Pray for Marolyn, Lil

Herbstritt, Deacon David Medeiros, 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, MARCH 24TH—PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

- 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—RE classrooms, Basement Commons
- 8:55 AM to 9:55 AM RE Stations of the Cross—Basement Commons
- 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Men's Lent Bible Study—Father Hitch Room
- 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM Lenten Study—Father Hitch Room

MONDAY, MARCH 25TH

- 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Confirmation Interviews—Father Hitch Room
- 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM Children's Choir Rehearsal—Basement Rehearsal Room
- 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM CRHP Team 13 Lenten Study—Father Hitch Room
- 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal—Basement Rehearsal Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH

- 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Confirmation Interviews—Father Hitch Room
- 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Lenten Confessions—Confessional
- 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
- 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Lenten Confessions—Confessional

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH—NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—NO YOUTH GROUP

- 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—Behind the Tabernacle
- 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Confirmation Interviews—Father Hitch Room
- 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Lenten Confessions—Confessional
- 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Lenten Confessions—Confessional
- 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM Lenten Mass Study—Father Hitch Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH

- 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Serra Induction Planning Meeting—Father Hitch Room
- 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass—Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH

- 6:30 AM to 7:30 AM Men's Faith Sharing—Father Hitch Room
- 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Father Hitch Room
- 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM Stations of the Cross—Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Good Friday Service—Sanctuary

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH

- 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting—Father Hitch Room
- 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Holy Saturday Mass—Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST—EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
- 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



In observance of the Easter Triduum, the parish office will be closed on Good Friday, March 29. Please plan accordingly. May our crucified Lord dwell with you and pour into you His most Precious Blood bringing mercy and love.

CLOISTERS ON THE PLATTE STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Special Holy Week Schedule

Find comfort and strength by meditating on the Passion and suffering of Jesus Christ while walking the Stations of the Cross at The Cloisters on the Platte (23332 Fisher Rd, Gretna). Visitors may remain at the Stations for up to an hour after closing time. Visitors are encouraged to donate \$10 or more per person. For more information, please visit cloistersontheplatte.com.

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK HOURS:

- Palm Sunday: 2 PM to 5 PM
- Monday—Holy Thursday: 9 AM to 4 PM
- Good Friday: 9 AM to 6 PM
- Holy Saturday: 9 AM to 2 PM
- Easter Sunday: CLOSED



LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

MARCH 30TH
7:00 PM

Sacristan
Joan Ingram

Lectors
Duane Benes
(Read the 1st Reading)

Loriewel
(Read the 2nd Reading)

Jolene Jefferies
(Read the 3rd Reading)

EMHCs
Jim Hain
Deb Benes
Joan Ingram
Karen Wiehl
Deacon Ken Broz

Ushers
Clint Bollock
Jim Hain
Delma Stoner
Tony Vanek

Altar Servers
Luke Hubert
Mitchell Hubert
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Greeters
Nancy Kirkpatrick
Need Sub

MARCH 31ST
8:00 AM

Sacristan
Carol Zeleny
Joan Ingram

Lectors
Sandy Scheef
(Read the 1st Reading)

Joan Ingram
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Greg Jones
Marilyn Havel
Barb Applegate
Marty Stednitz
Carol Zeleny
Lori Frederick

Ushers
Kevin Kaup
Larry Scheef
Pat Shurtliff
Need Sub

Rosary Reciter
Tim Gilligan

Altar Servers
Need Sub
Need Sub
Need Sub

Greeters
Steve Ingram
Sally Stednitz

MARCH 31ST
10:00 AM

Sacristan
Larry Neppel

Lectors
Michael Chatterson
(Read the 1st Reading)

Jolene Jefferies
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Cleo Nienaber
Judy Huber
Bob Huber
Bridget Chatterson
Deacon Ken Broz
Norm Svoboda
Larry Neppel

Ushers
Dan Dauner
Kathy Dauner
Bruce Jefferies
Tom Nienaber

Rosary Reciter
Theresa Gulizia

Altar Servers
Need Sub
Need Sub
Need Sub

Greeters
Andrew Brei
Andrew Urban

MARCH 31ST
NOON

Sacristan
Ginny Giebelhaus

Lectors
Donna Bruck
(Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)

Need Sub
(Standby: if a Sub is Needed)

EMHCs
Ginny Giebelhaus
Darcy Skrdla
Need Sub
Need Sub
Deacon Larry Heck

Ushers
Carole Lisiecki
Delma Stoner
Marty White
Doris Williams

Rosary Reciter
Norm Svoboda

Altar Servers
James Janda
Thomas Janda
Need Sub

Greeters
Joann Dalley
Carole Lisiecki

LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday and Good Friday

MARCH 28TH
7:00 PM

Sacristan
Jim Hottovy

Lectors
Carrie Hubert
(Read the 1st Reading)

Joan Ingram
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Nancy Kruse
Tim Kruse
Rosie Stec
Bob Huber
Deacon Ken Broz

Ushers
Pat Calvert
Norris Hoover
Tony Schultz
Delma Stoner

Altar Servers
Luke Hubert
Mitchell Hubert
Paul Joseph Hubert

Greeters
Chris Gatewood
Steve Ingram

Hilcrest SR
Gene Schwarting
Kathy Schwarting

MARCH 29TH
7:00 PM

Sacristan
Ginny Giebelhaus

Lectors
Kathy Broz
(Read the 1st Reading)

Joan Ingram
(Read 2nd Reading and Passion)

EMHCs
Phyllis Cannon
Dennis Cannon
Janie Vipond
Sharleen Marik
Deacon Larry Heck

Ushers
Russ Eusterwiemann
Ginny Giebelhaus
Tony Schultz
Bob Sis

Altar Servers
Luke Hubert
Mitchell Hubert
Paul Joseph Hubert

Greeters
Mary Brown
Gordon Yager

Vocations Crucifix
Ron VanOeveren

PALM SUNDAY



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This year we will offer three different summer camp sessions for children 3-5 years old. All students must be toilet trained. Camps are \$50 each or \$125 for all three camps. Register on our parish website, stpatriksgretna.org. For more information, contact our Preschool Director, Amanda

Scardina at 402-332-3050 or email acscardina@archomaha.org.

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- June 10-14: The ABCs of Summer
- June 24-28: The Colors and Shapes of Summer
- July 15-19: Soaking Up God's Love

CONFESSION TIMES

Additional Lenten Confession Times

RECONCILIATION TIMES

As we prepare to receive Jesus into our hearts this Easter, let us prepare spiritually by cleaning our souls through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will offer additional times to receive this great sacrament of healing during the following days:

- Tuesday, March 26: 3-4 PM
- Tuesday, March 26: 6:30-7:30 PM
- Wednesday, March 27: 3-4 PM
- Wednesday, March 27: 6:30-7:30 PM

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE
Holy Week

Holy Week Schedule

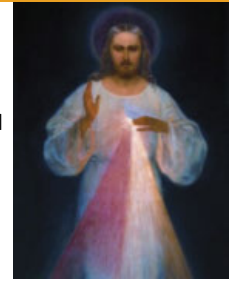


Join us during these special and sacred services leading up to Easter Sunday.

- Holy Thursday, March 28: 7 PM
- Stations of the Cross, March 29: 3 PM
- Good Friday, March 29: 7 PM
- Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, March 30: 7 PM
- Easter Sunday, March 31: 8 AM, 10 AM, Noon

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday

The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, March 29, and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7. Pick up a pamphlet in the narthex to pray this beautiful novena from home.



How often do you pray the Divine Mercy Novena? Our Lord promised immense graces to those who recite it. You are likely familiar with the messages of Divine Mercy given by our Lord to St. Faustina Kowalska. Perhaps you often pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet that He gave her as part of these revelations.

But do you know the story of how He taught it to her? And what He said about praying this Chaplet as a nine-day novena? In 1935, St. Faustina received a vision of an angel sent to chastise a city. An interior voice inspired her to beseech the Father for mercy, using words very similar to those we now use for the Chaplet. As Faustina prayed, the angel became powerless to carry out his task. The next day as she visited the chapel, again our Lord spoke to her interiorly, telling her to recite the prayer He taught her the previous day every time she entered the chapel.

He said: "This prayer will serve to appease My wrath. You will recite it for nine days, on the beads of the rosary..." He then gave exact instructions on how to pray the Chaplet. Our Lord further gave St. Faustina many promises for the recitation of the Chaplet, speaking to her of its efficacy for the conversion of sinners and for the dying. He specifically requested a novena of Chaplets leading up to the Feast of Mercy (the Sunday after Easter), saying: "By this Novena, [of Chaplets] I will grant every possible grace to souls."

The Novena begins on Good Friday, so be sure to mark your calendar! This novena is immensely pleasing to our merciful Lord and is a source of immeasurable grace for us and those we love.

—Article by *The Catholic Company*

A HOOLEY LOT OF THANKS
Congratulations to our Irish Person of the Year



HOOLEY THANKS FOR MANY VOLUNTEERS

A grand time was had by all at this year's Hooley, thanks to the following: all those who donated desserts, the 7th and 8th graders helping with games and tables bussing, Colleen Eusterweimann in the game room, Mayme Patnaude and Maria Meis with table bussing, Linda and Chad Stafford with desserts and drinks, Matt Henry for helping with dishes, the Ancient Order of Hibernians-Sarpy Co. Div. for serving, and Lisa VanOeveren for cooking all of the delicious food.

IRISH PERSON OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our Irish Person of the Year, Mary Ellen Sedlacek! She was awarded by a couple members of our Parish Council during our Hooley on Wednesday, March 13. Thank you Mary Ellen for your many years of volunteering and commitment to St. Patrick parish!



GROW CLOSER TO SAINT JOSEPH

During March, the Month of St. Joseph

March is dedicated to St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. Below are six ways to grow closer to St. Joseph during March:



1. **Entrust every intention to his intercession.**—Prayers calling on St. Joseph are unique! St. Thomas Aquinas explained: “Some saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking.” His patronage covers a vast amount of needs and requests ranging from family troubles to finances, and many things in between. There are various prayers calling on the intercession of St. Joseph. Here’s one prayer outlined in Pope Leo XIII’s encyclical *Quamquam Pluries* (August 15, 1889): “To thee, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction, and having implored the help of thy thrice holy Spouse, we now, with hearts filled with confidence, earnestly beg thee also to take us under thy protection. By that charity wherewith thou wert united to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and by that fatherly love with which thou didst cherish the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray that thou wilt look down with gracious eye upon that inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His blood, and wilt succor us in our need by thy power and strength. Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen offspring of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving Father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness. And even as of old thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from the peril of His life, so now defend God’s Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us ever under thy patronage, that, following thine example and strengthened by thy help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in Heaven. Amen.”
2. **Honor the fathers in your life.**—St. Joseph was the earthly father of Jesus Christ and spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which earned him the title, Pillar of Family Life. During the month of March, consider honoring the fathers in your life in a special way. This can range from making a meal for your local priest(s), writing a special letter of gratitude for your own father, or offering up special prayers for an increase in virtuous fatherhood in our country.
3. **Pray the St. Joseph novena.**—The feast day of St. Joseph is March 19. Traditionally, we begin the novena to St. Joseph on March 10. You can find the full set of novena prayers at <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/st-joseph-full-novena-13879>.
4. **Offer up your work to St. Joseph the Worker.**—Devotion to St. Joseph as a worker dates back to the Middle Ages when Catholic theologians and writers began to emphasize the role of St. Joseph as a model of humility, hard work, and dedication. Here is the full text of Pope St. Pius X’s prayer for his intercession: “O Glorious St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, goods omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, St. Joseph. Such shall be my watchword in life and in death. Amen.”
5. **Dedicate every Wednesday to his chaste heart.**—The Catholic Church traditionally dedicates Wednesday to St. Joseph. Whether it involves praying the Litany to St. Joseph or attending daily Mass, set aside time for prayer and reflection every Wednesday this month. Although the Church does not have an official “First Wednesday” devotion, you can make the Nine First Wednesdays in a manner similar to the Nine First Fridays of the Sacred Heart or the Five First Saturdays to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Devotion to the Most Chaste Heart of St. Joseph is celebrated on the First Wednesday of each month based on apparitions approved by Bishop Dom Carillo Gritti in 2010.
6. **Consecrate yourself or your family to St. Joseph.**—More recently, Fr Donald Calloway, MIC, popularized this spiritual practice. In a previous interview with *ChurchPOP*, Fr Calloway explained it as, “...entrusting our lives into the hands of our Spiritual Father, so that he, with Our Lady, can help us grow in holiness. And I think now is the time for this.” Check out our reporting on Fr Donald Calloway’s book, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*.

—Article by ChurchPop



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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.

BLESSED PALMS TO BE BURNED

Return Your Old Palms



During this season of Lent, we ask that you bring in any old, blessed palms you no longer desire to keep. A basket labeled "old palms" will be made available in the narthex for collection throughout the Lenten season. As a reminder

any blessed objects you no longer wish to keep can be brought to the parish office for proper disposal during regular office hours.



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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST PRESENTATION—HOLY FAMILY SHRINE, MARCH 29

We welcome Deacon Terry Ficenec from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Springfield, NE to the Holy Family Shrine to present Jesus' Last Seven Words. This event will be in the Chapel starting at Noon on Good Friday, March 29. It will last about 1.5 hours. Over the centuries, many have pondered the rich meaning of Jesus' last words spoken while dying on the Cross. These "words" are the seven brief sayings Jesus uttered while He hung on the Cross in utmost pain and loneliness. Enter into the Easter Triduum with a deep reflection on the pious words given by our Savior as He offered Himself up for the sins of mankind.



WALK FOR JUSTICE—ST. MARY MAGDALENE, MARCH 29



This year marks the 45th Annual Good Friday Walk for Justice Stations of the Cross. We will begin at St. Mary Magdalene Church (109. S 19th St, Omaha) on Friday, March 29 at 1 PM. Inclement weather plan: join us inside at St. Mary Magdalene. Sponsored by Sacred Heart, St. Benedict the Moor, St. Leo the Great, St. Mary Magdalene, St. John's, and St. Pius X Catholic Churches; Creighton Prep, Duchesne, Gross, Marian, Mercy, Mount Michael, Roncalli, and Skutt Catholic High Schools; Catholic Charities; Schlegel Center for Service and Justice, and Society of St. Vincent de Paul. For more information, contact Cathy at 402-451-5755 or cakenkinswalsh@archomaha.org.

KNOW YOUR FAITH: PRAYER AND THE SPIRITUAL LIFE—ST. LEO, THURSDAYS IN APRIL

Join the Evangelium Institute for a weekly course on prayer and the spiritual life! Those that register will also have the opportunity to meet with a trained and credentialed spiritual director. Classes will be held on Thursdays in April, from 7 PM to 8:30 PM, at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church (1920 N 102nd St, Omaha). Please register by March 31 at www.eicatholic.org/upcoming-events.



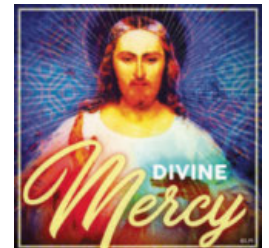
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DAY OF GRACE PROGRAM—CHRIST THE KING, APRIL 7



Please join us at Christ the King Church (654 S 86th St, Omaha) or by live-stream via ctkomaha.org/divinemeracy for our Divine Mercy Sunday Day of Grace Program on Sunday, April 7 from 2 PM to 6 PM. This year's theme is Trusting in God's Merciful Love. Speakers and spiritual activities include: Deacon George Butterfield—theme: Trusting in God's Divine Mercy, Craig and Ann Hagenau—theme: Trust in God, Jim Langhorst—theme: Living God's Mercy, Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, Benediction, Chaplet/Litany of Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary, and Holy Mass with Father John Pietramale as celebrant/homilist. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered beginning at 2 PM, but due to the limited number of priests available, we encourage going to Confession shortly before or after Divine Mercy Sunday. Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 2:40 PM with the Divine Mercy Chaplet beginning at 3 PM, a family led Rosary at 4:30 PM and Holy Mass at 5 PM. Please call 402-498-9871 for more information.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION—ST. THOMAS MORE, APRIL 7

Join us for our Divine Mercy Celebration on Sunday, April 7 at St. Thomas More (4804 Grover St, Omaha) beginning at 11:30 AM with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Confessions will go from 2 PM to 4:30 PM, but due to the shortage of priests, we strongly recommend going to confession prior to Divine Mercy Sunday. You may receive the indulgence even if you go to confession 20 days prior or 20 days after Divine Mercy Sunday and are in a state of grace. We will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet together at 3 PM, the Rosary at 3:30 PM, Benediction at 4 PM with a procession at 4:15 PM and Mass with Fr. Jindra at 4:30 PM. Relics of St. John Paul II and St. Faustina will be on display during the celebration.



Blessed be your name, oh Lord my God! As we enter this week of your Passion and Death, keep me in lockstep with you. Help me to be attentive to every word you would have me hear, every lesson you would have me learn. I want to journey with you. Amen.

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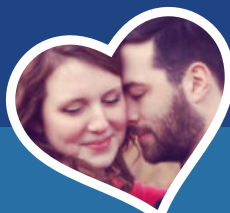
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