

St. Patrick Religious Education Parent Newsletter

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"CHRIST BEFORE ME,
CHRIST BEHIND ME,
CHRIST IN ME"

-Saint Patrick

Lenten Almsgiving Project: Fr. Ssonko Missionary Fund

Just before Ash Wednesday, students heard from Fr. Baxter about his friend, Fr. "JB" who opened a school in Busaabala, Uganda. He showed them some pictures and told them that before St. Mary's School was open the local children either had to travel a long distance to school or didn't go at all. Today, there are over 400 students and they have plans for more!

Students came home with a build-at-home collection box for Fr. Ssonko's efforts. While we will gladly except donation from parents (more info below) the children were encouraged to share their own money from piggy banks, allowances, or doing extra jobs at home to "earn" money to donate.

Some of the uses for money raised will be student supplies, food for students, salaries for teachers, and building expansion projects.

We ask that these donations (in the collection box or not) be returned to class March 20th/24th. If including a check in the collection box please make out

March/April/May Events

March 3rd

First Communion Family Meeting, 11am

March 10th (Sunday)

No Class - GPS break

March 13th

St. Patrick's Day Hooley 5-7pm, Class held as normal

March 20th/24th

Stations of the Cross during each class - Parents Welcome

March 27th/31st

No Class - Holy Week/Easter

April 27th

First Communion Practice & Pictures, 9am

to St. Patrick's but put "Fr. Ssonko Missionary Fund" in the memo line.

To learn more, or to donate online please visit the link below:

Fr. Ssonko Missionary Fund

St. Patrick's Day Family Hooley Celebration

Our family friendly St. Patrick's Day celebration is Wednesday, March 13th from 5-7pm. The night will begin with the Irish Person of the Year Award, this year presented to Mary Ellen Sedlacek, a current 2nd grade Catechist. Then, as usual, we will have corned beef & cabbage, hot dogs, and dessert (free will donations accepted), free games with prizes for the kids, and Irish dancers (at approx. 5:40).

Your help is needed to make this event a success. We are looking for individuals or groups (guilds or families) to help in the following ways:

Cooks & Food prep (help at church the Monday & Tuesday before or the day of)

Game room supervisor (help plan, set up, and oversee games and game volunteers)

Dishwasher & Kitchen help (help during the event and some after)

Desserts (just make at home and drop off that day)

Clean up (cleaning the kitchen, taking down decorations)

We can also use some more 7th or 8th graders to help run games.

If you, your group, your family or your child, would like to help in any of the above ways, please contact the office at 332-3454 or smfagan@archomaha.org or sign up below:

April 27th/28th

First Communion at all Masses.

May 1st

May Crowning, Last Day of Wednesday Classes

May 1st

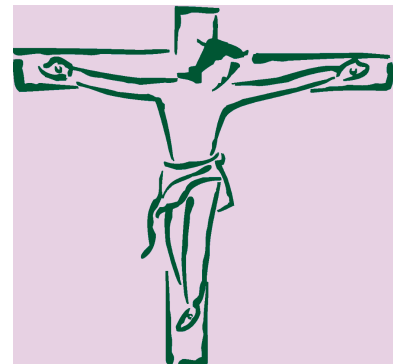
Confirmation Practice, 7pm

May 5th

May Crowning, Last Day of Sunday Classes

May 5th

Confirmation, 2pm



Prayer Before a Crucifix

Good Friday is March 29th

*Look down upon me,
good and gentle Jesus
while before Your face*

*I humbly kneel and,
with burning soul,
pray and beseech You
to fix deep in my heart*

*lively sentiments
of faith, hope, and charity;
true contrition for my sins,
and a firm purpose of*

Volunteer for Hooley

Religious Ed Classroom Vacuuming

Are you, or someone you know, free Monday or Thursday mornings? We can use help vacuuming classrooms each week. To sign up use the link below:

Vacuum Volunteer

2024-2025 Religious Ed

Registration for next fall will begin April 3rd. Look for an email and the online registration form will be on the parish website.

Summer Programs

More info and registration will come out in later, but save the date for these summer activities:

- VBS at St. Charles: June 3rd-7th, 9am-Noon (open to 4yo-6th grade) - registration open in 2 weeks
- Totus Tuus at St. Patrick: June 16th-20th, 6:30-8:45pm (for 7th-12th graders) - registration open in April
- Totus Tuus at St. Patrick: June 17th-21st, 9am-2:30pm (for 1st-6th graders) - registration open in April
- Registration is now open for pre-school camps (3yo-5yo): The ABCs of Summer: June 10th-14th, The Colors & Shapes of Summer: 24th-28th, & Soaking Up God's Love: July 15th-19th, 9am-11:30am Sign up online at [Preschool Summer Camps - St. Patrick Catholic Church](#) (stpatricksgretna.org).

amendment.

*While I contemplate,
with great love
and tender pity,*

*Your five most
precious wounds,
pondering over them
within me*

*and calling to mind
the words which David,
Your prophet, said of You,
my Jesus:*

*"They have pierced
My hands and My feet,
they have numbered
all My bones."*

Amen.

Parish News

Always stay on top of Parish News and Events by checking the weekly bulletin:

Parish Bulletin

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