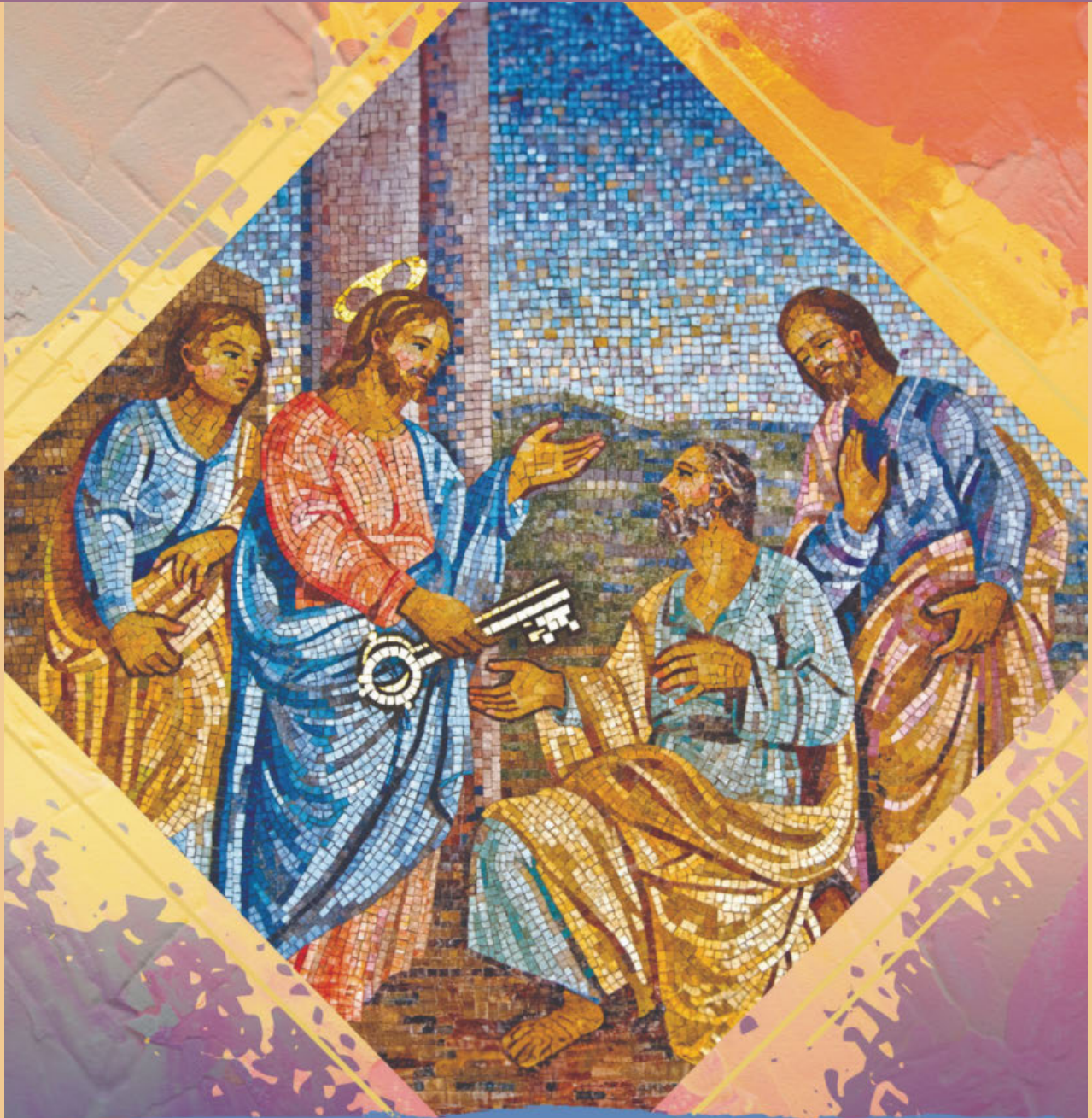


ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET

GRETNA, NE 68028



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” - Jn 6:68-69

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AUGUST 25, 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
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MASS AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday.....5:00 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & Noon
Tuesday.....6:00 PM
Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri.....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 or 531-466-2453.

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING (JOS 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18B)

Upon entering the Promised Land and remembering the Exodus from Egypt, both Joshua and all twelve tribes of Israel pledged their faithful to God alone. What has God done in your life that you can acknowledge and celebrate?

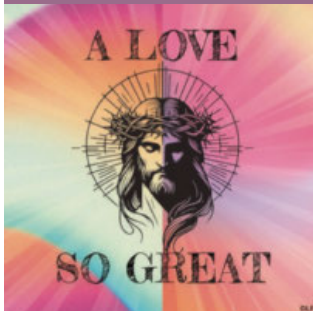
SECOND READING (EPH 5:21-32 OR 5:2A, 25-32)

Toward the end of his letter to the Ephesians, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual respect and love. What do you add as key parts for a successful marriage?

GOSPEL (JN 6:60-69)

John tells us that many of Jesus's disciples stopped following Him because they found some of His teachings too hard to accept. What keeps you following Jesus?

GOSPEL MEDITATION



The famous Russian novelist Fyodor Dostoyevsky said, "Love in action is a harsh and dreadful thing." In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus does something harsh and dreadful—He watches His own disciples abandon Him. What could possibly be loving about that?

Well, we notice the context is Jesus' teaching about eating and drinking His Body and Blood. His followers hear this and say, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" (John 6:60). We shouldn't imagine we'd do anything different, because not even the ones who stay, like Peter, seem to understand what Jesus is saying. Then we hear

this devastating line, "Because of this many of His disciples turned back and no longer went about with Him" (John 6:66). Besides the night of the Last Supper, only now do Jesus' disciples abandon Him. And, painfully, Jesus just lets them go.

The best way to make sense out of this is love. Jesus is God's love in action. He wants to become one with those whom He loves. He wants to love them as His own body. Yes, the oneness manifested in the Eucharist sounds harsh and dreadful because it is rooted in love which is willing to risk abandonment and separation to attain its goal: to be one body with the beloved. It is both terrifying and wonderful that Jesus will risk losing us in order to be one with us. Our response? Lord, we cannot grasp a love so great, but please help us never to abandon it, either.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

What kind of religious practices should we begin, once we marry, to help us practice our faith each day?

ANSWER:

Your spiritual life as a couple is important. The sacrament of Marriage is a gift and a grace, but living it well isn't always easy! It requires intentionality and perseverance. Growing your spiritual life as a couple also requires a plan. Life can be incredibly busy. There's never "enough time" for everything we want to do. But we can live by our priorities. If we don't prioritize prayer, we'll find it slowly disappear from our lives.



If you're not already praying individually, that's a good place to start. If your schedules are similar, take some quiet time at the same time to help hold each other accountable. Praying together is also important! You could start by looking at the religious practices of your family and of families around you that you respect. Talk with your spouse about the ones who make the deepest impression on you or were most meaningful when you were young. Think about what you want your future children to experience. Making faith a commitment now will mean it is engrained habit when you grow your family. Ultimately, these faith practices should help us grow in our love for God and for one another.

Lord, in the season when faith is hard, help me to be as bold as Peter who picked you above all others saying, "To whom shall I go? You have the words of eternal life." You're my God. I'm yours. There is nowhere else I would rather be. Amen.

SAINT MONICA

Religious



St. Monica (322-387 A.D.) was raised in a Christian home in Tagaste, North Africa. Early in life she struggled with alcoholism, sneaking draughts of wine from the family cellar, before being caught and overcoming the habit. She was later given in marriage to an ill-tempered and adulterous pagan Roman official. She suffered greatly on account of her husband, and that of her unkind mother-in-law with whom she lived, and she fervently prayed for their conversion over the course of many years. Her patience and kindness became a source of

encouragement to other unhappy housewives with whom she came in contact. Monica gave birth to three children, and she was grieved that her husband would not allow them to be baptized. Her eldest son, Augustine, was a wayward child and caused her the most pain, and she prayed fervently for decades for him to become a Christian. Through her persistence in prayer and good example, her husband was converted shortly before his death. When Augustine became entrenched in heretical sects and moved to Milan, St. Monica followed him. Monica befriended the Bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose, who consoled her by saying, "The child of those tears shall never perish." Augustine was eventually brought into the Church by St. Ambrose. Everything we know of St. Monica's heroic virtue is from the writings of her son, who became the great St. Augustine of Hippo, one of the most influential saints in Church history. St. Monica is patron of housewives, difficult marriages, alcoholism, mothers, widows, abuse victims, victims of adultery, and disappointing children. Her feast day is August 27.

THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Prophet and Martyr

St. John the Baptist was a cousin of Jesus, and his mission was to preach repentance to Israel in preparation for the coming of the Messiah. When John rebuked King Herod for his unlawful union with Herodias, his brother's wife, Herod had John imprisoned. On his birthday, Herod celebrated with a great feast as Salome, the daughter of Herodias, danced before his guests. Herod, pleased with Salome's performance, promised to give her whatever she asked for, even up to half his kingdom. On the advice of her wicked mother, Salome asked for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Herod regretfully ordered the execution. St. John the Baptist is the last and greatest of the Old Testament prophets, highly venerated by the Church. The feast of his martyrdom is August 29.



SAINT DE VEUSTER OF MOLOKA'I

Priest



People may be familiar with leprosy from Biblical times, but not so much in the 1800s. However, St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i (January 3, 1840 – April 15, 1889) would eventually shed a light on the effects of this devastating disease and allow people to see those afflicted with it with more compassion and love. Born Joseph de Veuster in Tremelo, Belgium, he quit school at 13 so he could work on the family farm. Feeling called for more, however, he entered the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary six years later, where he took the name of a fourth-century physician and martyr. His brother, a priest from the same congregation,

fell ill and was unable to go to his assigned location. Damien quickly volunteered in his place and found himself on the Hawaiian Islands in 1864. Two months after arriving, he was ordained a priest of Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii. In 1873, he visited the Hawaiian government's leper colony on the island of Moloka'i, where he petitioned to stay permanently to care for their physical, medical, and spiritual needs. After years of working to improve their location and those who lived there, he contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications. He found strength to endure isolation and disease in Eucharistic Adoration and the celebration of the Mass. St. Damien was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 11, 2009. St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i, pray for us!



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: 2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5/Mt 23:13-22

TUESDAY: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mt 23:23-26

WEDNESDAY: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 23:27-32

THURSDAY: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 6:17-29

FRIDAY: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/Mt 25:1-13

SATURDAY: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 25:14-30

NEXT SUNDAY: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



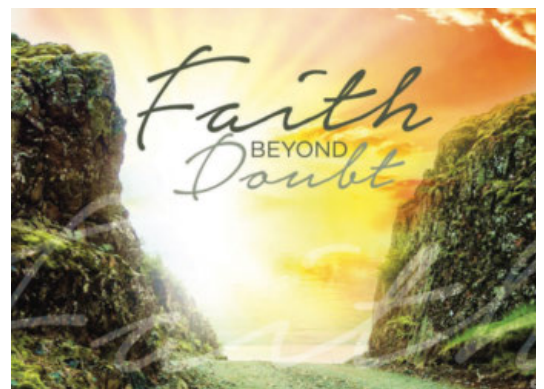
★ ST. MONICA &
★ ST. AUGUSTINE
OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY: St. Monica

WEDNESDAY: St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

THURSDAY: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

NEXT SUNDAY: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time





ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
Gretna, Nebraska

DESIRE TO BECOME CATHOLIC
Order of Christian Initiation Adults

If anyone is interested in going through our OCIA



program (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) here at our parish, you can register online or contact the parish office to learn more information. This is for anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church or anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic faith. Classes will begin in September.

YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION
2024-2025 School Year



Registration is now open for all high school students,

freshmen-seniors, who would like to be a part of youth group this year. Youth group consists of faith formation, speakers, trips, food, and tons of fun! We meet every Wednesday evening throughout the school year. The starting date will be August 28. We ask that every student, new or old, registers for this new school year. Please register through the parish website or contact Jonathan Wotipka for more details. Any parents or adults who are interested in volunteering can also contact Jonathan, jjwotipka@archomaha.org. We invite you to come join our faith filled community!

VOCATIONS PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the men and women of the Archdiocese in Consecrated Life.

This week let us pray for **Sr. Julian Marie** (Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary) from St. Rose of Lima in Genoa.



"You have the words of eternal life." Could God be calling you to be a vessel of His eternal love and wisdom that guides and inspires others? Follow Him into a life of service to others as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Scott Schilmoeller at 402-558-3100 or email vocations@archomaha.org.



Baptisms

Since our last update on August 11, 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

Case Owen Barrett..... 8/18/2024

Peyton Mae Barrett..... 8/18/2024

Holly Josephine Hobbs..... 8/18/2024

Randi Michele Reim..... 8/18/2024

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

We, the community of St. Patrick, continue to pray for all our parishioners and their deceased family members and loved ones.

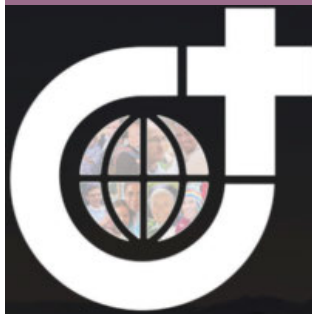


Name.....Date of Death.....Place of Burial

Philip "Woody" Woodward.....8/11/2024.....Omaha National Cemetery

MISSION PRIEST VISITING THIS WEEKEND

Divine Word Missionaries



This weekend, Fr. Alexander Rodlach, SVD, a mission priest from the Divine Word Missionaries, will be joining us here at St. Patrick to share about their mission and will be seeking donations. Please be generous.

Divine Word Missionaries are at work on every continent except Antarctica. Today, 5,965 Divine Word Missionaries, in 79 countries, continue the work of St. Arnold Janssen by bringing humanitarian services and the Word of God to those in need. In a world that is divided by cultural, social, and religious differences, Divine Word Missionaries are dedicated to encouraging all people to open their hearts and share in God's love. All people in all places are included in God's plan, and we value their lives and diversity.

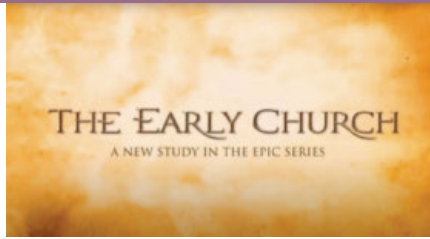
Their mission is to *Make Jesus Known*. They do so by feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, fostering education, sheltering the homeless, and providing spiritual formation and vocational training. Most importantly, they offer the open embrace of God's love. Learn more about the Divine Word Missionaries at <https://www.svdmissions.org>.

"If you wish to explore the Holy Scripture, and you overcome your laziness and apply yourself, thirsting for the knowledge, then every good thing will be yours. You will fill your mind with the divine light. Then, when you apply that light to the doctrines of the Church, you will very easily recognize everything that is true and unadulterated, and lay it up in the hidden treasures of your soul." —St. Cyril of Alexandria

ASCENSION ADULT BIBLE STUDY—EARLY CHURCH

Discover the Epic Story of The Early Church

Discover the extraordinary story of the Church's beginnings—a time of courageous saints, brilliant philosophers, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors, and heroic martyrs. St. John Paul II said, "Christ is the foundation and center of history; He is its meaning and ultimate goal." *Epic: The Early Church* encourages you to grow closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of His Church.



Here you will get to know the people and events that shaped its first five hundred years. You will see how the Church Fathers boldly confronted early challenges to the Faith—challenges similar to the ones we face today. You will learn the stories behind the first ecumenical councils and the Roman persecutions and meet many of the men and women who gave their lives to defend the Faith. The heroic stories of the early leaders and martyrs of the Church will strengthen and affirm your own walk of faith. This 10-part study features dynamic DVD presentations with Church history professor Steve Weidenkopf, and student materials including a full color workbook, timeline chart, and bookmark.

St. Patrick of Gretna will begin this 10-week Bible study *Epic: The Early Church* on Monday, September 16 at 7 PM. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship.

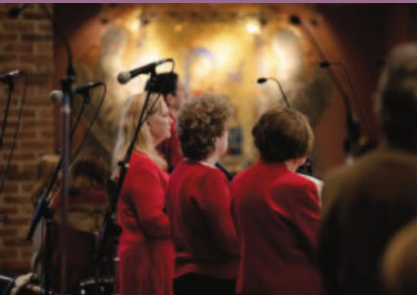
Register at <https://stpatricksgretna.org/education/faith-formation/bible-study>. You will also need to order study materials (workbook and/or online access) at <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/epic-the-early-church#study-materials>.

If you need help with registration or ordering, contact Ginny Giebelhaus at ginnyg651@aol.com or 402-319-5806. If you have general questions about the study or would like to volunteer as a small group facilitator, contact Jean Hlavacek at jean.jeweler@gmail.com or 402-504-4222.

Don't miss this opportunity to take part in a compelling and inspiring learning experience that is sure to draw you closer to Christ through a deeper understanding of His Church!

PARISH CHOIRS BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

Join the Children or Adult Choir Today



Children's Choir for grades 4-8 and Parish Choir for high school youth and adults both start rehearsals at the beginning of September. Choirs rehearse once each week and sing at the Sunday 10 AM Mass. Choirs are made up of people who love to learn, who want to have a smaller community within the larger parish, and who desire to help the congregation worship God in song. To express interest or learn more, please contact Laura Rau at 402-332-4444 or lrau@archomaha.org.

Stewardship Report

Aug 14, 2024-Aug 20, 2024

Current Fiscal Year - July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

General Contributions	Aug 14-Aug 20	Fiscal YTD thru Aug 20
Sunday Offering	\$15,107.56	\$154,148.68
Other Contributions	\$2,952.75	\$8,855.10
Total General Contributions	\$18,060.31	\$163,003.78 *
Surplus/Deficit	(\$8,189.69)	(\$20,746.22)
Fiscal Year-to-Date Income		\$457,554.44
Fiscal Year-to-Date Expenses		\$148,124.54
Fiscal Year-to-Date Net Income		\$309,429.90

* Our budget requires an average weekly income of \$26,250.

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



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
Gretna, Nebraska

THE KNIGHT'S CORNER



SAVE THE DATE—BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus #10047 and St. Patrick Church will host a Gretna Community Blood Drive Monday, September 9 from 12:30 PM until 6:30 PM. To make your appointment go to www.redcrossblood.org.



Search sponsor code GretnaNE or call Marty Stednitz at 402-332-3840. Sign up today and you can make a difference!



THE GIVING GARDEN

The Giving Garden is now in the narthex! Please feel free to bring any excess vegetables from your bountiful gardens to share with our parish. Be sure to check it regularly as people bring in new goodies to share. There are bags on the cart that you can use to take the produce you would like.

MONTHLY MEETING

All Knights are invited to join us for our monthly Knights of Columbus meeting that occurs every first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the St. Patrick Parish Center.

HEALING CHAIR PROGRAM

The Gretna Knights of Columbus have two powerlift recliners that are offered to any member of St. Patrick parish or our local community on a temporary basis. These "Healing Chairs" can be used by anyone for recovery from any surgery, injury, or medical need. The Knights will provide and deliver the reclining lift chair to the home of the person in need and pick it up when the lending period expires, at no cost to the user. The Knights also have a battery powered wheelchair that was donated. This too is available for any member of St. Patrick parish or our local community on a temporary basis. Please contact a member of the Gretna Knights of Columbus Council #10047 or John Schaffert, 402-672-7903, if you or someone you know has a need for one of these devices.

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 and Membership Director, Tim Hall.....
.....307-214-3714



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
Gretna, Nebraska

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 (INT), 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, AUGUST 26TH ●

7:30 AM Deceased Members of the Sempeck Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH ●

6:00 PM † Rod Kalisek

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH ●

7:30 AM INT Celestine Deterding Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH ●

7:30 AM † Margaret Grace

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30TH ●

7:30 AM † Henry Sudbeck

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST ● ●

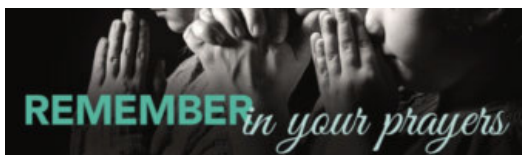
5:00 PM INT Mary Meehan

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST ●

8:00 AM † Jeff Mollner
10:00 AM † Alan Koenig
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 Ella Staiert, Michael (nephew of Norris and Carol Hoover), Don Maher, Joe Carney, 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, 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, AUGUST 25TH—21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Catechists Meeting—Basement Commons, RE Classrooms
7:00 PM to 7:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary—Sanctuary

MONDAY, AUGUST 26TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Preschool Open House - 3s—Basement Commons

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27TH

5:30 PM to 5:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 6:00 PM)—Sanctuary
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Preschool Open House - 4s—Basement Commons
6:30 PM to 6:40 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion (after Mass)—Sanctuary
6:35 PM to 8:30 PM Hospitality Team Meeting—Father Hitch Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28TH

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
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM Faith Connection—Father Hitch Room
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Catechists Meeting—Basement Commons, Religious Ed Classrooms
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Group Room

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Preschool Open House - 5s—Basement Commons

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30TH

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST

8:00 AM to 9:30 AM Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting—Father Hitch Room
4:00 PM to 4:40 PM Confession—Confessional
4:30 PM to 4:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 5:00 PM)—Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST—22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Baptisms—Sanctuary, Narthex
7:00 PM to 7:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary—Sanctuary

ANNUAL VILLA MARIE PAPER DRIVE

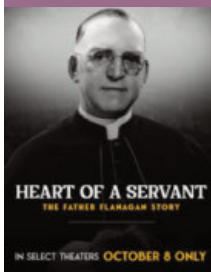
August 30—September 22

The Knights of Columbus Annual Villa Marie Paper Drive will be held from August 30 through September 22 at St Patrick. Villa Marie is a Catholic school serving students challenged with Down Syndrome, Autism, developmental delays, and other health impaired struggle located near Waverly, NE. Paper products of all kinds are needed by the school—copy paper, construction paper, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, etc. Leave your donation in the narthex any time during these dates under the Villa Marie posters. The Knights will collect the donated items each day and deliver them to Villa Marie on September 22. Your support is much appreciated!



HEART OF A SERVANT—THE FATHER FLANAGAN STORY

In Theaters Only on October 8



Heart of a Servant—The Father Flanagan Story, is a new feature-length documentary on Father Edward J. Flanagan, the founder of Boys Town. The documentary is coming to theaters nationwide, including Omaha and Bellevue, for one night only, Tuesday, October 8. Jonathan Roumie narrates. Father Flanagan was named a "Servant of God" on March 17, 2012, the first step in the canonization process for the Catholic Church to declare him a saint. The documentary features many familiar faces from the Archdiocese of Omaha. Learn more about the film, watch the trailer, and buy tickets at <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/heart-of-a-servant>.

LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 31ST
5:00 PM

Sacristan
 Linda Schriener

Lectors
 Jayne Schram
 (Read the 1st Reading)

Crystal Schroeder
 (Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
 Karen Wiehl
 Janie Vipond
 Lean Otto
 Steve Otto

Ushers
 Ken Beckman
 Chad Soupir
 Lisa Willert
 Need Sub

Rosary Reciter
 Carol Zeleny

Altar Servers
 Shailynn Gatewood
 Need Sub
 Need Sub

Greeters
 Chris Gatewood
 Need Sub

SEPTEMBER 1ST
8:00 AM

Sacristan
 Tony Schultz

Lectors
 Kathy Schwarting
 (Read the 1st Reading)

Joan Ingram
 (Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
 Sandy Scheef
 Cari Kaup
 Carol Zeleny
 Gene Schwarting
 Deacon Larry Heck

Ushers
 Kevin Kaup
 Pat Shurtliff
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Rosary Reciter
 Theresa Huttman

Altar Servers
 Will Kaup
 Carson Kaup
 Ethan Kaup

Greeters
 Mary Maw
 Mary Shelton

Hilcrest SR
 Marty & Sally Stednitz

SEPTEMBER 1ST
10:00 AM

Sacristan
 Mitch Wendlandt

Lectors
 Jolene Jefferies
 (Read the 1st Reading)

Judy Weier
 (Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
 Phyllis Cannon
 Dennis Cannon
 Carol Hoover
 Phil Lenz

Ushers
 Jim Hain
 Norris Hoover
 Bruce Jefferies
 Tony Vanek

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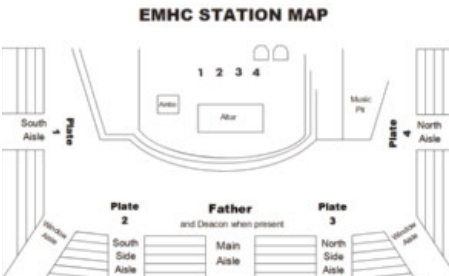
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- 4) North Aisle
- 5) Main Aisle—Father and Deacon when present

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!

Vocations Crucifix
 Mark Hazard

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

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





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PRO-LIFE ROSARY
Every Sunday at 7 PM

Pro-Life

Join us every Sunday evening at 7 PM here at St. Patrick in the Sanctuary to pray

a Pro-Life Rosary. The special intentions of this Rosary are for the Pro-Life ballot items in the November elections. All are welcome!

CATECHISTS NEEDED
Religious Education

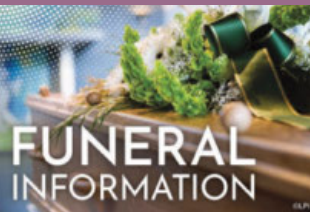
Religious Education still needs Catechists at the Wednesday 5:30 PM for 2nd and 3rd grade, Wednesday 7 PM for 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th grade, and Sunday 8:55 AM for 1st, 4th, 5th, and 7th grade. These volunteers are instrumental in helping the young people of St. Patrick grow in knowledge and love of Jesus and His Church. Many resources, lesson plans, and other helps are offered. If you are interested or have questions about volunteering, please contact Shane at 402-332-3454 or smfagan@archomaha.org or fill out the online form at <https://stpatriksgretna.org/education/religious-education/re-form>.



REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you need to sign up your child for Religious Ed, you still can! Many classes, especially on Wednesdays at 7 PM, still have room. You can contact Shane at 402-332-3454 or smfagan@archomaha.org or fill out the online form at <https://stpatriksgretna.org/education/religious-education>.

FUNERAL NOTIFICATIONS
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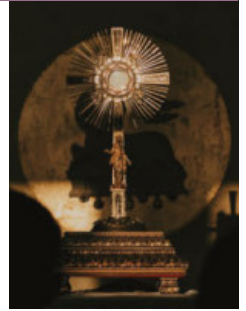


Would you like to receive a text message/email to pray for the recently deceased at our parish? These messages include a link to

their obituary. Sign up to receive these messages at stpatgretna.flocknote.com/Funerals or contact Megan Seamann at 402-332-4444 ext. 202 or meseamann@archomaha.org.

YEAR ON MISSION: HISTORIC EFFORT
Eucharistic Revival Calls Catholics to Embrace Evangelization

The National Eucharistic Revival has called for participation in the historic evangelization effort “Year on Mission” and offered new resources for those who wish to get involved. According to an August 12 press release, because Christians have been evangelizing for thousands of years, the “Walk With One” initiative and the concept of a Eucharistic Missionary are not technically new ideas. Rather, what makes this movement unique is the unprecedented scale of the mission effort being undertaken together. “In this Year of Mission, the whole Church in the United States is being commissioned in a special way to go out and spread the Good News, bringing Jesus to the margins and inviting the lost sheep home,” the press release stated.



The Year on Mission is a call to action for all Catholics, whether experienced evangelists or those new to sharing their faith. There are three ways to get involved:

- 1. Eucharistic Examen**—The journey begins with prayer to align oneself with God’s will. Participants are encouraged to seek divine guidance as they embark on their mission, trusting that God will open the doors for meaningful conversations and opportunities with individuals who have need.
- 2. Walk With One**—For those looking to engage in personal evangelization, the “Walk With One” initiative offers a heart-to-heart approach. This program invites individuals to become instruments of God’s grace in the lives of those they know and love. Resources for this initiative, including a detailed guide, are available at www.eucharisticrevival.org/walk-with-one.
- 3. Year of Mission Playbook**—The “Year of Mission Playbook” is a comprehensive guide designed to help participants discern their role as Eucharistic Missionaries. This resource offers practical steps and insights to fully embrace this new season of revival. The playbook can be downloaded at www.eucharisticrevival.org/year-of-mission.

“We are so glad you are a part of this historic movement! Jesus started His Church with twelve apostles,” the press release stated. “Imagine what He can do if every active Catholic answers this call!”

[Auxiliary Bishop William J. Waltersheid of the Diocese of Pittsburgh has called on the faithful to engage fully in the “most important phase” of the National Eucharistic Revival, urging believers to step forward as active Eucharistic missionaries...

In an August 7 letter from the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Bishop Waltersheid addressed the question lingering in the hearts of many attendees returning from the Congress: “What’s next? Is there something more?” He confidently assured them of the answer. “You better believe that there is something else,” he wrote. “What comes next is the Mission of the National Eucharistic Revival, for the Revival continues until Our Lord returns at the end of time!”...

Bishop Waltersheid reiterated Bishop Cozzens’s message that the Church has now entered the most crucial stage of the Revival—the Mission Phase. Bishop Andrew Cozzens, President of the National Eucharistic Congress, explained that when the U.S. bishops initiated the Revival, they envisioned a transformation where the faithful would be “formed, healed, converted, and united.”...

“My dear brothers and sisters,” Bishop Waltersheid wrote, “we are in the most important phase of the National Eucharistic Revival.” The Bishop explained that just as the Eucharistic Revival is a movement rather than just a program, the Mission Phase is also a movement. He emphasized that it is centered on Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, and that through His presence, believers are called to bring hope to those searching for meaning in their lives.

“As we center our lives more and more on His Eucharistic Presence and saving action,” the Bishop wrote, “we are empowered by Him as His Eucharistic Missionaries to bring His hope and love to people who so need to find meaning and purpose and love in their lives.”

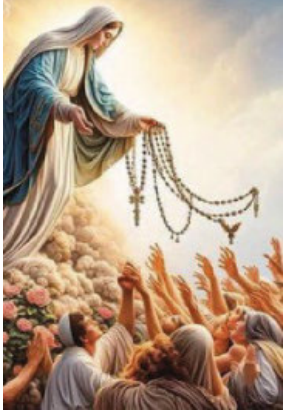
The Bishop underscored the simplicity and profound spirituality of the Revival, which constitutes the “genius” of the movement, and brings the Church back to its roots in the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus.

The Bishop emphasized that this call is universal, extending to every member of the Church, not just a select few: “The Holy Spirit beckons every one of us to become part of this great movement,” he said. He concluded by echoing Pope Francis’ call to action: “You go out and evangelize. Jesus asks this of us.”]

—Article by CatholicVote

EXPERIENCE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Eucharistic Rosary Congress—October 5-12



During this time of Eucharistic Revival, the faithful are encouraged to renew our worship of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, and to encounter His healing grace. We have the perfect opportunity to do so during the Eucharistic Rosary Congress, which is a seven-day period of Eucharistic Adoration and Hourly Rosary in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration, and prayer. It is offered in a spirit of reparation to restore the sanctity of life, to heal families, establish peace in our cities, nation, and world, and to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

WHAT IS THE EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS?

Across the nation, parishes and dioceses are encouraged to join in prayer, interceding to Our Blessed Mother Mary as she stands in the breach with her Son in the Blessed Sacrament interceding on our behalf to the Father. This year's theme is "Do Whatever He Tells You," drawing from the Wedding Feast of Cana where Mary directed the servants to obey Jesus.

Our intentions will be offered in a spirit of reparation to restore the sanctity of life; to establish peace in our hearts, our families, our Church, and our nation; and to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

It is a powerful and intense week of spiritual warfare with the lightest, most joyful weapons ever, the Rosary and the Eucharist. When a person responds to Our Lady with a 'yes!', she takes it upon herself to help efficaciously in this battle. Every prayer warrior is necessary and needed!

Learn more about the incredible history of the Rosary Congress, involving Poland, Pope St. John Paul II, the fall of communism, and St. John Bosco's dream at <https://www.rosarycongressusa.org/history-diocesan-rosary-congress/>

SPECIAL EVENTS HERE AT ST. PATRICK

St. Patrick will host the Eucharistic Rosary Congress beginning with an outdoor procession carrying a statue of Our Blessed Mother around several city blocks. We will begin lining up at 4:15 PM on Saturday, October 5 in the Church parking lot. Following the procession, all are invited to attend the 5 PM Mass.

For seven days and seven nights the faithful can come together for Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Rosary prayed aloud at the start of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour. The prayers with the special intentions for the decades of the Rosary are provided. This is in response to Our Lady of Fatima's call to conversion, consecration, and prayer. This will take place in our Adoration Chapel. We ask that parishioners of St. Patrick especially help us fill the over night hours. (Key card access to the Adoration Chapel can be given to parishioners as needed.) We are inviting our sister parishes, St. Charles and St. Joseph to join us in praying.

During this Eucharistic Rosary Congress, we will also host a special event on Wednesday, October 9 at 6:30 PM in the Church where we will have a Holy Hour to Pray for Families and a talk presented by Fr. Jeff Loseke. There will be a reception to follow in the Parish Center.

Blessed Carlo Acutis' "Appeals of Our Lady" exhibit will be on display in the narthex from October 5 to October 13. We will close the week of the Eucharistic Rosary Congress with the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, October 12.

Please consider participating by volunteering to cover one of the hours of Adoration during the day or the night hours. Bring your family, a friend, or if you are part of a parish group, consider inviting your group to pray a Holy Hour. If you are interested in leading the Rosary, please contact Colleen Karmazin at colleen.karmazin956@gmail.com or Kathy Dauner at kathydauner@gmail.com. Sign-up for an hour of adoration by scanning the QR code or visit stpatricksgretna.org.



Dear children, I rejoice with you and thank God for permitting me to be with you, to lead you and love you. Little children, peace is in danger and the family is under attack. I am calling you, little children, to return to prayer in the family. Put Sacred Scripture in a visible place and read it every day."

—Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje, June 25, 2024



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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.

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GOLF FORE IPF—MIRACLE HILL GOLF COURSE, SEPTEMBER 9

Golf Fore IPF



The Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) will be hosting its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament—Golf Fore IPF on Monday, September 9. Check-in begins at 11 AM with a boxed lunch from

Godfather's Pizza. Shotgun start at 12 PM with a dinner and post event awards to follow at the "19th Hole" at the IPF office (11626 Nicholas St, Omaha). Questions, call Dawn Sledge at 531-272-8498 or send her an email at dsledge@priestlyformation.org. Register at <https://priestlyformation.org>.

DINNER FOR EDUCATION—CHI HEALTH CENTER, SEPTEMBER 12

When you support the Archbishop's Dinner for Education, you help more than 300 families send their children to a Catholic school. Make your reservations today to attend the dinner on Thursday, September 12 at the CHI Health Center in Omaha. Can't attend? You can still support students by making a donation. Find out more, register, or donate at <https://archomaha.org/dinnerforeducation>.



OACCW 100TH CONVENTION—SACRED HEART, NORFOLK, SEPTEMBER 16



The 100th Convention of the Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) will be held on Monday, September 16 at Sacred Heart Parish Center (2301 W. Madison Ave, Norfolk). Registration begins at 7:30 AM with a light breakfast, Rosary at 8 AM, opening session at 9 AM. Mass with Archbishop Lucas at 11 AM, Noon Lunch, 1 PM to 4 PM afternoon session with our special guest speakers from Nebraska Catholic Conference: Amanda and Scarlett Radke, Mitchell, SD. Their talk: "Your Will, Not Mine". For their full bio review, refer to the oaccw.org website. For planning purposes, pre-register by September 2. Registration form and \$25 registration fee are mailed to Deb Warren, POB 324, Elgin, NE 68636. Forms available online at oaccw.org. Checks are payable to RC Deanery CCW.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND—LINCOLN, SEPTEMBER 27-29

Bring the peace of Christ into your relationship with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on September 27-29 in Lincoln, NE. Space is limited. Reserve your weekend early! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the tools to keep your marriage alive and vibrant. For more information, please visit www.wme.org or contact Brenda and Gary Granger at 402-370-5839.



ANNUAL FALL FEST—CHRIST THE KING, SEPTEMBER 28



Join us for the Christ the King annual Fall Fest on Saturday, September 28 from 5 PM to 8 PM in the Christ the King Church parking lot (654 S 86th St, Omaha). Join us for Mass too at 4 PM. There will be fun for the whole family with inflatables, a mechanical bull ride, face painting, games, live music by the Pat O and the Show, food trucks, beer garden, ice cream, and a silent auction. For more information visit www.ctkomaha.org/events-1.

CHRIST OUR LIFE—WELLS FARGO ARENA, DES MOINES, IA, SEPTEMBER 28-29

Please join us for a weekend of faith sharing, faith building and praise as we listen and learn from world-class speakers, renowned Catholic exhibitors and most importantly, share the sacraments. There are options to join in person at the Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines, IA or join via livestream. This year's theme is For Our Searching Souls. Speakers include Bishop William Joens, Fr. Robert Spitzer, Msgr. Stephen Rossetti, Fr. Craig Vasek, Sr.



Josephine Garret, Jeff Cavins, Jason Evert, Magnus and Julie MacFarlane-Barrow, and Steve Angrisano. All weekend passes are \$30 for adults and free for all students/youth. Visit christourlifeiowa.com for more information and to register.

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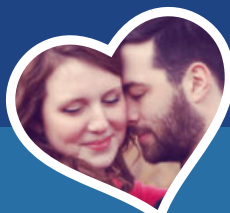
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