

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET      GRETNA, NE 68028



## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34

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SEPTEMBER 15, 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  
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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

### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### FIRST READING (Is 50:4C-9A)

Isaiah stands firm in his faith as he suffered in following God's call. Can you think of a time when you supported someone in their faith?

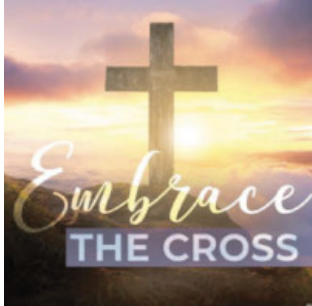
#### SECOND READING (JAS 2:14-18)

James believed that good works are the fruit of faith. Where is there a need for good works from you this week among family or friends?

#### GOSPEL (MK 8:27-35)

Jesus reveals to His disciples that as the Messiah, He is destined to suffer greatly and die, but on the third day, rise from the dead. This was difficult for Peter to accept. How do you stay open to ideas you resist?

## GOSPEL MEDITATION



This morning, I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday's Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new

freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating. Jesus doesn't say "accept" or "endure" or "tolerate," but "take up." Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to "saving one's life." A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up His cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let's not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That's our only hope for saving our lives.

## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### QUESTION:

What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

### ANSWER:

Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as He entrusts to the Church His saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.



On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism.

**"Let us love the Cross and let us remember that we are not alone in carrying it. God is helping us. And in God who is comforting us, as St. Paul says, we can do anything."**

**—St. Gianna Molla**

## SAINT CORNELIUS

### *Pope and Martyr*



Pope St. Cornelius (d. 253 A.D.) was a Roman citizen and a holy priest who became the twenty-first successor to the chair of St. Peter, following a fourteen-month vacancy when Pope St. Fabian was martyred by Roman Emperor Decius. When the Emperor temporarily left Rome, the persecution against the Christians subsided long enough for the Church to elect St. Cornelius as the new Roman Pontiff. During Pope St. Cornelius' two year reign a great controversy arose as to what to do with Catholics who apostatized from the Christian faith under

threat of death during the persecution. Many were being received back to the sacraments without any penance. In response to the scandal, some maintained that apostates could not be forgiven and could only be admitted back to the sacraments if they were re-baptized. Chief among them was a priest named Novatian, who, as a result of the scandal, caused a schism when he had himself consecrated as an anti-pope. In response, Pope St. Cornelius convened a synod of bishops to confirm his rightful authority as Pope. Novatian was excommunicated and his doctrine was condemned as heresy. Pope St. Cornelius proclaimed that the Church had the power and authority to forgive repentant apostasy, and that converted apostates could be readmitted to the sacraments after true contrition with adequate penance. Soon a new wave of persecution against the Christians broke out, and Pope St. Cornelius was driven into exile and martyred. His feast day is celebrated on September 16.

## OUR LADY OF SORROWS

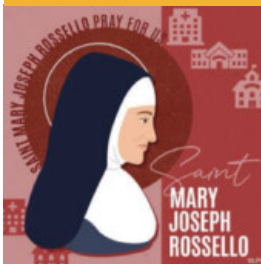
### *Title of Mary*

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows (Mater Dolorosa—Mother of Sorrows) became widespread in the Church around the 14th century. It was revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) that devotion to Our Lady's Seven Sorrows would bring great graces. Mary, in a unique way, willingly suffered alongside her Divine Son as He gave His life to save the world, and she felt the bitterness of His passion as only a mother can. This devotion is especially remembered during September, the Month of Our Lady of Sorrows, and during the season of Lent. The Seven Sorrows of Mary are the Prophecy of Simeon, the Flight into Egypt, the Loss of Jesus for Three Days, the Carrying of the Cross, the Crucifixion of Jesus, Jesus Being Taken Down from the Cross, and Jesus Laid in the Tomb. The feast of Our Lady of Sorrows (Mater Dolorosa) is September 15.



## SAINT MARY JOSEPH ROSSELLO

### *Religious*



St. Mary Joseph Rossello (May 27, 1811—December 7, 1880) whose given name was Benedetta, was one of nine children, born to a poor family in the seaport of Albisola Marina, Liguria, Italy. At a young age she was sent to live with and work for a childless couple. She stayed in their service for seven years, but even during this time her calling was strong, and she entered the third order of Franciscans at the age of 16. However, she longed to dedicate her life to God in a community of sisters. The religious orders of the time were accustomed to receiving dowries when young women sought entrance, but her poor

family had nothing to give. Although the couple in whose service she worked could have supplied the dowry, they selfishly wanted to keep her for themselves, and so she was denied entry. The Lord provided for St. Mary Joseph in the form of the bishop of Savona who recognized in her a unique ability to teach. She and three other young women were given a house, with some rooms made into classrooms and in 1837 they began the Institute of the Daughters of Our Lady of Mercy, teaching the young and caring for the sick. Benedetta took the name Mary Joseph when she professed her vows in 1840. She was appointed Superior General of the order and led the community as mother superior for 40 years. A dowry was never required to enter the order. In 1875 the order opened their first house in the Americas in Buenos Aires, Argentina and continued to grow to more than three thousand sisters in two hundred houses spread across the world. St. Mary Joseph was beatified in 1938, and canonized Pope Pius XII in 1949.



## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Gretna, Nebraska

### READINGS THIS WEEK

**MONDAY:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10

**TUESDAY:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17

**WEDNESDAY:** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22/Lk 7:31-35

**THURSDAY:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk 7:36-50

**FRIDAY:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

**SATURDAY:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas 3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37



### OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

**MONDAY:** Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

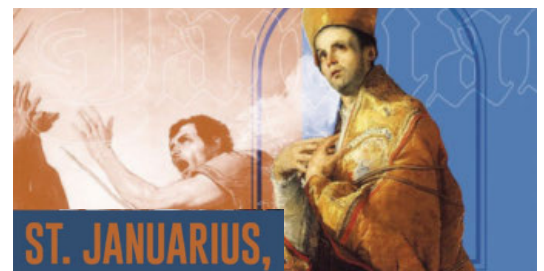
**TUESDAY:** St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

**THURSDAY:** St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

**FRIDAY:** Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

**SATURDAY:** St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time





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**PRO-LIFE ROSARY**  
*Every Sunday at 7 PM*

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!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**  
*Volunteers Needed for All Masses*



We are in need of new volunteers for ALL weekend Masses. These positions include: Greeters, Lectors, EMHCs, Ushers, Sacristans, Rosary Reciters, and volunteers to take the Vocation Box

home to pray for all Vocations throughout the week. If you feel called to help with any of these Liturgical Ministry positions, please contact Jonathan Wotipka, 402-332-4444 ext. 212 or [jjwotipka@archomaha.org](mailto:jjwotipka@archomaha.org).

**VOCATIONS PRAYER CORNER**

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

This week let us pray for **Sr. Marie Faustina** (Filiae Laboris Mariae) from Immaculate Conception in Omaha. (Picture not available.)

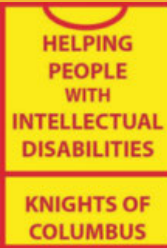


“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.” Are you seeking a simplistic way of life? You may be called to take the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Discover that life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Scott Schilmoeller at 402-558-3100 or email [vocations@archomaha.org](mailto:vocations@archomaha.org).



**SPECIAL COLLECTION BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

*This Weekend, September 14-15*



When you see our Knights in yellow vests that read “Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities,” you should smile. When these Knights are working hard at collecting donations around town, they are helping to recognize the dignity of every person.

For every donation, each donor is offered a piece of candy, usually a Tootsie Roll. Because of these little gifts of appreciation, the “Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities” is frequently referred to as the “Tootsie Roll Drive.”

The campaign, which stretches back decades, is about more than just candy — it is about serving those with intellectual and physical disabilities. On September 14-15, please support the Knights’ special collection during Mass to help answer the needs of those who are often treated harshly by society and often ignored or worse. Together, this is our chance to provide people with intellectual and physical disabilities more resources to live a happy life. Thank you for your generous support!



**ANNUAL VILLA MARIE PAPER DRIVE**

*Last Week to Donate*



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!

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

*Father Ssonko Missionary Fund Collection—September 21-22*

The Fr. Ssonko Missionary Fund of St. Patrick Gretna was created to assist in the missionary work of Fr. John Baptist Ssonko, a priest of the Diocese of Lugazi in Uganda. Fr. Ssonko is the founder of St. Mary’s Primary School in Busaabala, Uganda. The primary role of the fund is to raise money to support the operational and capital needs of St. Mary Primary School and to support Fr. Ssonko in his efforts to raise funds for the school. In addition to his work with St. Mary’s Primary School, Fr. Ssonko is a professor at St. Mary’s National Major Seminary in Ggaba, Uganda. Learn more about this mission at [stpatricksgretna.org/father-ssonko](http://stpatricksgretna.org/father-ssonko).



**ATTENTION MEN OF ST. PATRICK PARISH**

*Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity for Men*



St. Patrick Parish is excited to share the implementation of *Cor*, a new formation and fraternal opportunity for the men of St. Patrick Parish. *Cor* exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue as missionary disciples by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation, and fraternity.

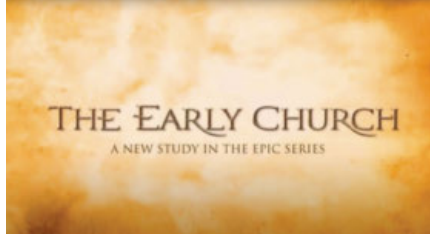
*Cor* will be held on Sunday, September 15, in the Fr. Hitch Room, after the 7 PM Pro-Life Rosary in the Sanctuary. Come join your brother parishioners for prayer and fraternity. We are also hoping to determine what times work best for everyone moving forward. Please visit [stpatricksgretna.org/cor](http://stpatricksgretna.org/cor) or scan the QR code to take a brief survey to let us know when you’d be the most available and how you would like to grow as a Catholic man. If you have additional questions, please reach out to Matthew Henry at [mattnhenry@gmail.com](mailto:mattnhenry@gmail.com).



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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!

## JESUS THIRSTS: THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST

Thursday, September 26 at 6 PM



We are excited to host a movie night on Thursday, September 26 at 6 PM featuring the powerful film, *Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist!* The film takes viewers on a global journey to uncover the transformative power of the Eucharist. Through discussions with Catholic leaders and heartfelt personal narratives, the film unveils the Eucharist

as Jesus Christ Himself, eagerly desiring to fulfill our spiritual thirst with His boundless love. Join us for a special movie night of *Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist!* Adult tickets are \$11 and children (12 and under) tickets are \$9. Get your tickets online by visiting [stpatricksgretna.org](http://stpatricksgretna.org).

### Stewardship Report

Sep 3, 2024-Sep 10, 2024

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

General Contributions	Sep 4-Sep 10	Fiscal YTD thru Sep 10
Sunday Offering	\$14,398.55	\$207,173.63
Other Contributions	\$427.25	\$11,367.87
<b>Total General Contributions</b>	<b>\$14,825.80</b>	<b>\$218,541.50 *</b>
Surplus/Deficit	(\$11,424.20)	(\$43,958.50)
<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date Income</b>		<b>\$569,696.56</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date Expenses</b>		<b>\$600,584.05</b>
<b>Fiscal Year-to-Date Net Income</b>		<b>(\$30,887.49)</b>

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

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



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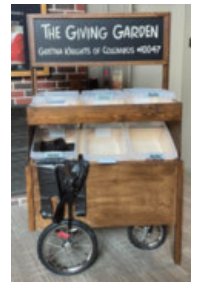


#### MONTHLY MEETING

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.

#### 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.



#### WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHT



We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect, and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and role models and to put charity and community first.

#### NOW IS THE TIME TO BECOME A KNIGHT!

For Catholic men that are 18 years of age you can join the Fr. John V. Wallace Knights Council #10047 at St. Patrick here in Gretna and your dues will be taken care of while you are in school up to 4 years by the Council. This includes trade schools, community colleges, and universities. If interested please contact our Chancellor and Membership Director, Randy Meerian at [rmeerian@gmail.com](mailto:rmeerian@gmail.com) or 402-981-6471.



#### UPDATED GRETNA KNIGHTS WEBSITE

Check out our new updated council website (<https://www.kofc-gretna.org/>) for all our happenings and more!

#### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Bruce Jefferies.....402-521-4262  
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Chancellor and Membership Director, Tim Hall.....  
.....307-214-3714



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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 (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, SEPTEMBER 16TH** (Red)

7:30 AM INT Phil and Kari Lenz in honor of their 25th Wedding Anniversary

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH** (Green)

6:00 PM † Max Orosco

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH** (Green)

7:30 AM † Thomas Mullen

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH** (Green)

7:30 AM † Diane Pietro

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH** (Red)

7:30 AM † Diane Bishop

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST** (Red)

5:00 PM † Mark and Debbie Nowka

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND** (Green)

8:00 AM † Doug and Marcia Laferriere  
10:00 AM † Jim Weier  
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 Gene Wagner, Tom Plummer, Caroline Frederick, Tony Yaghmour, Joan Carraher, Joe Carney, 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](mailto:clovstad@gmail.com).

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH—24TH 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 9:30 AM Back to RE Night—Sanctuary  
8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Religious Education—Basement Commons, RE Classrooms  
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Baptisms—Sanctuary and Narthex  
7:00 PM to 7:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary—Sanctuary  
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM COR Men's Group—Father Hitch Room or Parish Center C

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary  
7:00 PM to 8:45 PM Adult Ascension Bible Study—Parish Center A and Kitchen

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH**

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Rosary Guild Meeting—Father Hitch Room  
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 8:30 PM Hospitality Meeting—Father Hitch Room

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH**

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  
8:00 AM to 9:30 AM 55+ Club Outing—Offsite  
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM Faith Connection—Father Hitch Room  
12:00 PM to 2:30 PM Deanery Meeting—Parish Center A and Kitchen  
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Religious Education Classes—Basement Commons, RE Classrooms  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Group Room

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH**

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM OCIA—Parish Center C

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH**

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, SEPTEMBER 21ST**

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 22ND—25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary  
8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Religious Education—Basement Commons, RE Classrooms  
7:00 PM to 7:30 PM Pro-Life Rosary—Sanctuary

**HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR FAMILIES—SEPTEMBER 16**

*Holy Family Shrine—Gather at 5:30 PM*



Join the Serra Club of West Omaha on Monday, September 16, for a beautiful Holy Hour to Pray for Families at the Holy Family Shrine (23132 Pflug Rd, Gretna). This special prayer event begins with greetings at 5:30 PM in the Visitor's Center. At 6 PM, we will gather in the Chapel for the Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The presider will be Father Tom Weisbecker, Chaplain of the Serra Club. Together we will pray a *Rosary*

*for the Healing and Protection of Families*, reflect on a Gospel reading and homily, and will also recite the *Litany of the Holy Family*. We will spend time in silent adoration and sing hymns as we pray for families in the Archdiocese of Omaha. All are welcome! For questions, contact Lori Hamilton, Serra VP, at 402-699-5027 or by email at [westomaha@serrainternational.org](mailto:westomaha@serrainternational.org). Learn more at [serrawestomaha.org](http://serrawestomaha.org) and follow us on Facebook @serrawestomaha.

**"The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself."**

—St. Pius X

# LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 21ST 5:00 PM	SEPTEMBER 22ND 8:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 22ND 10:00 AM	SEPTEMBER 22ND NOON
<b>Sacristan</b> Larry Nepl	<b>Sacristan</b> Carol Zeleny	<b>Sacristan</b> Jim Hottovy	<b>Sacristan</b> Linda Schriener
<b>Lectors</b> Need Sub (Read the 1st Reading)	<b>Lectors</b> Duane Benes (Read the 1st Reading)	<b>Lectors</b> Kelly Eby (Read the 1st Reading)	<b>Lectors</b> Jayne Schram (Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)
Need Sub (Read the 2nd Reading)	Carrie Hubert (Read the 2nd Reading)	Judy Weier (Read the 2nd Reading)	Rebecca Campbell (Standby: if a Sub is Needed)
<b>EMHCs</b> Christine Walstrom JoAnn Koch Kevin Riley Bridget Blum	<b>EMHCs</b> Marilyn Havel Laura Fischer Joan Ingram Therese Nisbet	<b>EMHCs</b> Diana Alderson Bob Huber Judy Huber Carol Hoover Deacon Larry Heck	<b>EMHCs</b> Linda Schriener Carol Zeleny Doris Williams Need Sub Deacon Ken Broz
<b>Ushers</b> Andy Pearson Chad Soupir Jeff Wollenburg Need Sub	<b>Ushers</b> Ron Kotrous Tony Schultz Need Sub Need Sub	<b>Ushers</b> Jim Hain Norris Hoover Bruce Jefferies Tony Vanek	<b>Ushers</b> Linda Gardner Marty White Doris Williams Need Sub
<b>Rosary Reciter</b> Ellie Clines	<b>Rosary Reciter</b> Tim Gilligan	<b>Rosary Reciter</b> Jolene Jefferies	<b>Rosary Reciter</b> Carol Zeleny
<b>Altar Servers</b> Aslyn Ronk Kenley Ronk Need Sub	<b>Altar Servers</b> Kaylee Frederick Drew Garcia Need Sub	<b>Altar Servers</b> Anderson Brei Harper Dicks Nev Dicks	<b>Altar Servers</b> Need Sub Need Sub Need Sub
<b>Greeters</b> Nancy Kirkpatrick Tim Kirkpatrick	<b>Greeters</b> Mary Maw Gordon Yager	<b>Greeters</b> Andrew Brei Need Sub	<b>Greeters</b> Joann Dayley Marty White
	<b>Hilcrest SR</b> Gene Schwarting Kathy Schwarting		

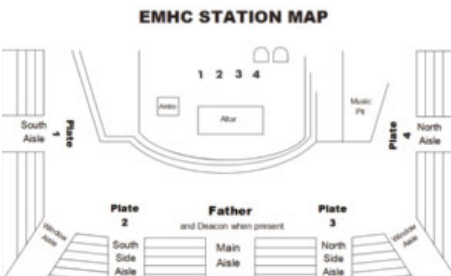


## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Gretna, Nebraska

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EMHC Positions (see diagram above):

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

*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**  
Need Sub

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

### 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Gretna, Nebraska

### STUDENT INSTRUMENTALISTS *Play for Mass*



Woodwind, brass, and string players can add beautiful variety to Sunday Masses and special holiday Masses. High school

players with at least three years of instrumental study are invited to play for occasional Masses. To express interest or learn more, please contact Laura Rau at 402-332-4444 or lrau@archomaha.org.

### PARISH GARAGE SALE

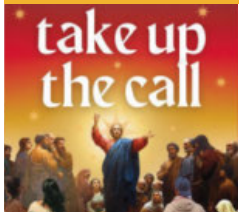
*Save the Date—October 19-20*

Save the Date! We will be hosting a parish-wide garage sale again this year on October 19-20. We will NOT be receiving any donations until October 9. More information to come.



### TURN FAITH INTO ACTION

*New Archdiocesan Movement*



By "Taking Up the Call," you're taking Jesus' commission to make disciples of all nations seriously. The Archdiocese of Omaha will be sharing tips and inspiration to help you step into the mission field, confident you can proclaim the Gospel. Visit [archomaha.org](http://archomaha.org) for more information. Here are 4 challenges this week to listen to God's teaching:

- 1. Dedicate 15 Minutes a Day:** Spend 15 minutes a day reading about a Church teaching that you question or don't fully understand. After reading and learning, discuss with someone who has also struggled with the question.
- 2. Embrace the Challenge:** Choose one small way you can more intentionally follow Jesus and commit for the week and invite a friend or family member to join you in this commitment for the week. Share your experiences with each other daily.
- 3. Reflect Each Day:** Complete an Examination of Conscience every night this week. Discuss your reflections with a close friend or family member to support each other in your spiritual journey.
- 4. Seek Spiritual Insight:** Listen to a podcast or read a book breaking down Jesus' teachings. Share any questions or insights with friends or family and discuss.

## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

*Thank You to Our Many Catechists*

The word "catechesis" means "to echo." Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. This is not a suggestion; it is a command of our Lord. On Catechetical Sunday, we acknowledge our catechists and remind ourselves of the need for formation and growth in all of us. To be a catechist is a privileged calling. However, all of us are called to echo and share the Gospel message. Parents are the first and primary catechists in a child's life. But we also are important catechists in the lives of our coworkers, our spouses, our relatives, and our friends. The parish staff would like to take this time to thank the many catechists and volunteers who help with our Religious Education, Preschool, and Youth Group. We all know how important it is to instill our faith in the next generation of Catholics. Thank you for your time in sharing the love of the faith with the youth of our parish.



Allison Kluver	Jennifer Harrahill	Lauren Liebenritt	Shane Fagan
Amanda Shurtliff	Jessica Dickes	Lindsey Szalewski	Amanda Scardina
Andrea Drummond	Johnny Henry	Lynley Janovich	Ashley Kassmeier
Angela Slaughter	Joseph McCampbell	Lynsee Angell	Paula Penney
Ashley Hoelting	Julie Lingbloom	Maria Hedrick	Alana McGill
Beth Hurd	Julie Smith	Maria Meis	Taylor Urban
Cassandra Moffitt	Julie VanRoy	Melissa Hansen	Karli Davis
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Christa Pichler	Karissa Thompson	Michele Evans	Rae Seier
Christine Hammers	Katherine Stanek	Nichole Regan	Jonathan Wotipka
Connie Johnson	Kathryn Hinderks	Paul Kersting	Randy Rosenthal
Daniel Grosserode	Katie Staab	Penny Kreikemeier	Dan Dauner
Daniel Henry	Kelli Hesse	Rebecca Campbell	Shannon Leiting
Dennis Stanek	Kelly LaMontagne	Richard Ramirez	Jenna Marshall
Elizabeth Cook	Kendall Magill	Robbie Strong	Irene Lempke
Emily Farwell	Kenneth Bergstrom	Samantha D'Angelo	Hannah Penson
Emily Krejci	Kevin Riley	Sara Garcia	Gabe Ronk
Emily Ramm	Kimberlee Janssen	Sarah Heinrich	Matt Henry
Ginny DeBates	Kristin Frederick	Sarah Kula	Patrick Arnold
Heather Henry	Kristin McGregor	Stephanie Brei	Sierra Arnold
Hope McCampbell	Kristin Seier	Sue Baber	
Jennifer Gydesen	Kylee Kester	Trisha Bollock	

## ADOPT-A-PRIEST PRAYER MINISTRY

*Pray for an Omaha Archdiocesan Priest*



In anticipation of Priesthood Sunday on September 29, the Serra Club of West Omaha is pleased to announce our new Adopt-a-Priest program. All are encouraged to participate in praying for our priests in the Archdiocese of Omaha! In the program, there is no direct contact between the priest and the prayer warrior. This helps to deepen the sacrificial nature of the prayer and, at the same time, will do much to support the priest in his own priestly sacrifice. Visit [serrawestomaha.org/adopt-a-priest](http://serrawestomaha.org/adopt-a-priest) to sign-up.

Participate in our Adopt-a-Priest prayer ministry to offer prayers, sacrifices, and spiritual support for our Catholic priests in the Archdiocese of Omaha! All are invited to sign-up and engage in this important prayer ministry to help pastors fulfill their priestly office and to support them in their lives of daily sacrifice.



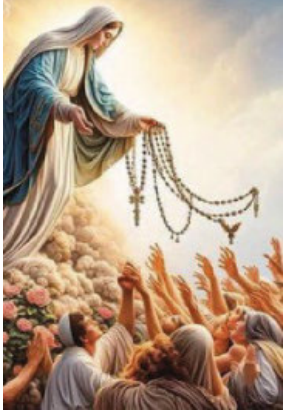
If you are interested in helping to build the Church locally through vocations support, contact Jan Schnack, Serra VP of Vocations, at [westomaha@serrainternational.org](mailto:westomaha@serrainternational.org). Learn more at [serrawestomaha.org](http://serrawestomaha.org) and follow us on Facebook @serrawestomaha.

*"There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood,  
just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist."  
—Letter of the Holy Father Pope John Paul II To Priests for Holy Thursday, 2004*



## 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>!

#### 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](mailto:colleen.karmazin956@gmail.com) or Kathy Dauner at [kathydauner@gmail.com](mailto:kathydauner@gmail.com). Sign-up for an hour of adoration by scanning the QR code or visit [stpatricksgretna.org](http://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



## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Gretna, Nebraska

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

#### LAY LITURGICAL MINISTRY

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[jjwotipka@archomaha.org](mailto:jjwotipka@archomaha.org)

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Sue Orosco.....402-332-3692

#### LEAST OF MY BRETHREN

Link to volunteer.....<https://www.leastofmybrethren.org/linktree>

#### CHURCH CLEANING

Sign Up Genius link to volunteer.....<https://www.signupgenius.com/tabs/13576de05a0c8eccfa81-church>  
 Megan Seamann.....[meseamann@archomaha.org](mailto:meseamann@archomaha.org)

#### ADVERTISE FOR YOUR MINISTRY GROUP

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

## KIDS ART CONTEST

### Spirit Catholic Radio

Beginning October 1, Spirit Catholic Radio will begin taking submissions to our annual Art Contest!



Returning this year, the winner's masterpieces will be turned into prayer cards! These cards will be available at all Spirit Catholic Radio events throughout the year and given to all of the Catholic elementary schools and participating Faith Formation classes in our listening area. We would love for your students to be involved! It's a creative and fun way to learn more about the life of Christ and to grow in relationship with the Blessed Mother! The winning artists will receive prizes! The theme for the 2024 contest is The Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Your artists can pick between the two mysteries for their grade range below:

- **K - 2nd Grade:** The Baptism of the Lord—or—The Wedding at Cana
- **3rd - 5th Grade:** The Transfiguration—or—The Holy Rosary
- **6th - 8th Grade:** The Proclamation of the Kingdom—or—The Institution of the Eucharist

Art Contest entries are due by December 13. Find details regarding participation in the 2024 Art Contest at [spiritcatholicradio.com/art2024](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/art2024).



**ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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Website.....heartsrestorednebraska.org

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**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE—VARIOUS LOCATIONS, SEPTEMBER 25-NOVEMBER 3**

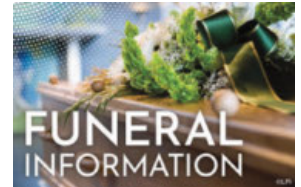


40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion

businesses. Sign up for an hour with a friend or a day with your parish between September 25 and November 3, at [www.40DaysForLife.com](http://www.40DaysForLife.com), or contact Bob Henchal [henchal@runbox.org](mailto:henchal@runbox.org) for Bellevue Campaign; Liz Sambol [elizabeth.sambol@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.sambol@gmail.com) for Omaha Planned Parenthood Campaign, or Catherine Turner [safclathy896@gmail.com](mailto:safclathy896@gmail.com) for Lincoln Planned Parenthood Campaign.

**FUNERAL PLANNING WORKSHOP—CALVARY CEMETERY, SEPTEMBER 28**

Catholic Cemeteries is hosting a Pre-Planning and Funeral Rites workshop on September 28 at 10:30 AM in our office in Calvary Cemetery (7710 West Center Rd, Omaha). This workshop will demonstrate how faith, liturgy, and practical cemetery planning can assist you before the time of death. To register or to receive more information, please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at [jtardy@catholiccem.com](mailto:jtardy@catholiccem.com).



**SEVEN SISTERS INFO MEETING—ST. BONAVENTURE, COLUMBUS, OCTOBER 10**



Are you looking to help the priests at your parish? Janette Howe, founder of the Seven Sisters Apostolate, is inviting current Seven Sisters and all women of the Archdiocese of Omaha (and surrounding dioceses) to join her for a night of fellowship as she shares about the mission of her apostolate. This event will take place at the St. Bonaventure Parish Center (1565 18th Ave, Columbus) on Thursday, October 10 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. A meal will be provided. Please email Katie at [sevensistersomaha@gmail.com](mailto:sevensistersomaha@gmail.com) with questions or to RSVP. More information about the apostolate can be found at [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://sevensistersapostolate.org).

**3-DAY IGNATIAN RETREATS—CREIGHTON RETREAT CENTER, VARIOUS DATES**

God speaks to you in the silence. Are you ready for some quiet time as you approach the changing of seasons? Steep yourself in the sacred space of the Creighton University Retreat Center (16493 Contrail Ave, Griswold, IA), just one hour east of Omaha, to be still and open yourself up to the graces God has for you. You will meet with an Ignatian-trained spiritual director daily to reflect on what’s stirring in your heart. Opportunity for daily Mass and confession. Retreat cost, including room and meals, is \$375. Choose one of the three opportunities to attend: October 17-20, December 5-8, or January 23-26. Register at [Creighton.edu/retreatcenter](http://Creighton.edu/retreatcenter) or scan the QR code.



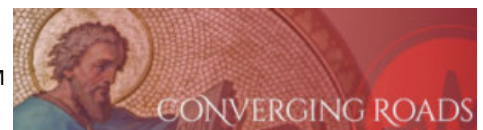
**RETREAT WITH IMMACULEE—ST. PETER, LINCOLN, OCTOBER 18-19**



Join Immaculee on this beautiful occasion as she shares her messages of love, hope, and forgiveness above all. Come learn how prayer works miracles through Our Lady as she shares her love and knowledge of apparitions around the globe including Our Lady of Kibeho in her home country. This retreat includes Immaculee's witness of the power of prayer, miracles of the Rosary, and inspirational music. No one will leave this retreat the same as when they came. To register visit [www.immaculee.com/collections/retreats](http://www.immaculee.com/collections/retreats). For more information contact Angelle at [angelle@immaculee.com](mailto:angelle@immaculee.com) or Kathryn at [shrevekathryn@gmail.com](mailto:shrevekathryn@gmail.com) or 402-202-1784.

**HEALTHCARE CONFERENCE—CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY, OCTOBER 19**

Healthcare professionals are invited to the first annual Converging Roads Healthcare Ethics Conference on October 19 from 8 AM to 5:45 PM at Creighton University (2500 California Plz, Omaha). The conference will explore fundamental healthcare ethics and offers continuing education for healthcare professionals rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical traditions. It is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Archdiocese of Omaha, The Fr. Edward J. Flanagan Guild, and Creighton University. For more info, please visit [forlifeandfamily.org/converging-roads](http://forlifeandfamily.org/converging-roads) or email [alexandra@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:alexandra@forlifeandfamily.org).



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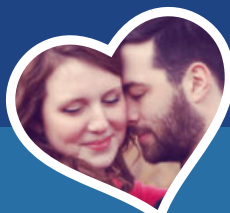
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