ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH 508 W. ANGUS STREET GRETNA, NE 68028



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord." - Lk 19:38

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. @LPi

APRIL 13, 2025



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	
Fax	
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MASS AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday8:00	
Tuesday	
Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri	7:30 AM
Holy Days	7:30 AM & 6:00 PM
Holidavs (on weekdavs)	

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 *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

FIRST READING (IS 50:4-7)

Isaiah bears witness as one who did not lose his faith despite persecution and ridicule. Can you discuss a time when your faith was put to the test?

SECOND READING (PHIL 2:6-11)

Paul teaches the Philippians that Jesus was humble and obedient to God even to the point of death by crucifixion. Why do you think humility and obedience are important virtues in following Jesus?

GOSPEL (LK 22:14-23:56 OR 23:1-49)

In his passion narrative, Luke is the only evangelist to highlight that both Pilate and Herod (Antipas) find Jesus innocent of the charges against Him. Is there a friend or co-worker you could help this week who is being treated unfairly?

GOSPEL MEDITATION



"As He rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road." (Luke 19:36) Consider how useless it is to spread your clothes on the ground for a donkey to walk on. The clothes get smeared with hooves, and who knows the grimy places where they've been? The animal may leave some unsavory presents on them. They may get stolen by a thief looking to make a buck. The thorns, thistles, rocks, and muck of the road will leave stains. The clothes may never be useful again, and you'll probably walk home shivering without your normal covering. Yet this is precisely the gesture the people employ to welcome Jesus and His donkey. Why does this detail matter?

Wastefulness is an essential part of celebration. Consider the unnecessary extravagance of Christmas decorations, confetti and ticker tape parades, baseball players spraying each other with bottles of champagne after a victory, birthday gifts for kids, and so on. This wastefulness signals celebration and therefore participation in higher identities (as believers, winners, and parents, to mention the above examples). That's what the wasted cloaks are all about. Those who donate their cloaks participate in Christ's kingship in Jerusalem—and we savor it two thousand years later.

The lesson? Learn how to "waste" money, time, clothes, and food on Christ. We do this at Mass, but in so many other ways, too, like serving the poor, going on retreats, and doing prayerful study. When we practice this holy wastefulness, Jesus will ride into our lives and we'll be more deeply members of His Kingdom.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

Where do Palm Sunday palms come from and where should they go?

ANSWER:

The Palm Sunday celebration has ancient origins. Beginning the liturgy "outside" the church, we symbolically reenact Christ's entry into Jerusalem. The crowds in ancient Israel

waved palm branches—a symbol of royalty—to welcome Jesus. These days, obtaining palms takes a lot of planning and coordination, as hundreds of thousands of churches worldwide need them on the same day! Many in the United States order palms from Florida, California, Texas, or Central America. Many companies stress the sustainability of their production and the just wages paid to their workers.

The palms used on Palm Sunday are blessed at Mass. This means they shouldn't end up in the trash! Many people weave palms into crosses or families display them in their homes. If you do not plan on displaying your palms throughout the year, they should be burned, buried, or left at the church. In the final case, many palms are burned to provide the ashes for next year's Ash Wednesday service.

Dear Lord, I open my heart to you, offering every day and night to you in sacred surrender. I pray for the grace to accompany you in a special way this Holy Week, joining and offering the trials I encounter on our shared journey to the cross and to a victorious hope. Amen.



BLESSED MARGARET OF CASTELLO





BI. Margaret of Castello (1287–1320) was born to noble Italian parents who were awaiting the birth of the child of their dreams. Instead, they bore a daughter who was blind, dwarfed, lame, and hunchbacked. Margaret's parents were horrified by the physical appearance of their newborn child, so they hid her and kept her existence secret. A servant had her baptized and named her Margaret, meaning, "Pearl." When she was six years of age she was nearly discovered, so that her father confined her to a cell inside the wall of a church

with her necessities given through a window. The parish priest took it upon himself to educate Margaret. She lived in this way until age sixteen, when her parents took her on pilgrimage to a shrine famous for miraculous healings. There they prayed earnestly for their daughter to be cured of her deformities, which they loathed. When no cure came, her parents abandoned her in the streets and returned home, never to see her again. Margaret begged for food and was helped by the town's poor who took turns sheltering her in their homes. She became a Dominican Tertiary and took up the work of serving the sick, dying, and imprisoned. Margaret was known for her great joy, sanctity, and profound mystical experiences. She died at the age of 33, and hundreds of miracles were credited to her intercession both before and after her death. Her body is incorrupt. She is the patron against poverty, and of the disabled, handicapped, and unwanted. Her feast day is April 13.

SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS Religious

St. Bernadette Soubirous (1844–1879) was the eldest of nine children born to an impoverished family from Lourdes, France. She was a sickly child who suffered from severe asthma her entire life. While out collecting firewood on February 11, 1858, at the age of 14, Bernadette saw an apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in a grotto cave on the banks of the Gave River. It was the first of 18 times that the Blessed Mother would appear to her. Bernadette faced much controversy and opposition as a result of her visions, including humiliating



interrogations from both the civil and ecclesiastical authorities. Yet, many of the townspeople believed her and gathered at the grotto when she continued to have visits from the Virgin Mary. During one of the visits a hidden spring was shown to St. Bernadette which proved to have miraculous healing power. When Our Lady finally revealed her name to Bernadette as the "Immaculate Conception," the local bishop acknowledged the visions as authentic. As requested by Our Lady of Lourdes, a church was erected at the site of the grotto and spring. Today, Lourdes is one of the most visited Catholic pilgrimage shrines in the world. Multitudes have experienced medically documented cures of body and soul from the Lourdes waters. St. Bernadette became a nun and died at a convent in Nevers, France, on April 16,1879, at the age of 35. She was canonized in 1933 by Pope Pius XI. Her feast day is April 16.

HOLY THURSDAY (MAUNDY THURSDAY) Holy Week—Easter Triduum



On Thursday of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday) the Church celebrates the three pillars of the Catholic Church instituted by Jesus Christ at the Last Supper: the priesthood, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, and the Holy Eucharist. This is the traditional day for priests to gather with their bishop at the Chrism Mass, to receive oils blessed by the bishop and to publicly renew their priestly promises. In the evening the Church celebrates the Mass of the Lord's Supper. After this Mass the altar is stripped bare and the Blessed Sacrament is removed from

the Tabernacle and processed to a separate altar of repose. Here the Blessed Sacrament is adored until late in the night to commemorate the time Jesus spent in Garden of Gethsemane in agonizing prayer, the start of His Passion. The Blessed Sacrament is then taken away and hidden until the Easter Vigil in memory of Our Lord's death and burial.



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Gretna, Nebraska

READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11 TUESDAY: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

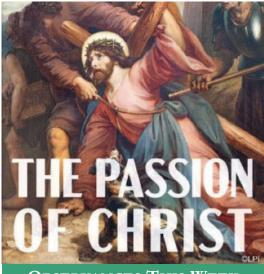
WEDNESDAY: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

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

SATURDAY: *Easter Vigil*: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4 -5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15— 15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ /Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12



OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY: Tax Day THURSDAY: Holy Thursday FRIDAY: Good Friday SATURDAY: Holy Saturday NEXT SUNDAY: Easter Sunday





BLESSED PALMS TO BE BURNED Return Your Old Palms



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

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

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE Join us for the Triduum



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

Holy Thursday, April 17: 7 PM Stations of the Cross, April 18: 3 PM Good Friday, April 18: 7 PM Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 19: 7 PM Easter Sunday, April 20: 8 AM, 10 AM, Noon

VOCATION PRAYER CORNER

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

This week let us pray for **Sr. Mary James Constatine** (Missionary Benedictines).



"Father, into your hands I commend my

spirit." (Luke 23:46). Jesus' words reveal the ultimate trust and surrender to God's will. In vocations, we're invited to echo this trust, placing our lives in God's hands and answering His call with courage and faith. As we enter Holy Week, consider whether God is calling you to serve the Church 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.

Pray for all Vocations



Since our last update on April 6, two 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!



LENTEN CONFESSION TIMES St. Patrick and St. Charles

Between St. Patrick and St. Charles Borromeo we have several Confession opportunities from now until Holy Week. You can pick up a larger print of this calendar of Confession times in the narthex at St. Patrick.

Gretna Parishes' Lenten Confessions

GREEN = St. Patrick (SP)

BLUE = St. Charles Borromeo (SCB)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	no end time listed n as no one is in line.	SCB After Noon Mass	SCB After Noon Mass	SCB After Noon Mass SCB 5:30-6:30 p.m.	SCB After Noon Mass SCB After 6pm Stations	SP 4:00-4:50 p.m.
30	31	April 1 SCB After Noon Mass	2 SCB After Noon Mass	3 SCB After Noon Mass	4 SCB After Noon Mass	5 SCB 9:00-10:00 a.m.
SCB 6:30 p.m. E4:1 Youth Confessions		SCB 5:30-6:30 p.m.	5CB 7:00-8:00 p.m.	SCB 5:30-6:30 p.m.	SCB After 6pm Stations	SP 4:00-4:50 p.m. SCB After Spm Mass
6 SCB After 9am Mass SCB After 11am Mass	7 SCB 6:30-7:30 p.m.	8 SCB After Noon Mass	9 SCB After Noon Mass SP 3:00-4:00 p.m. SCB 5:30-6:30 p.m. SP 6:30-8:00 p.m.	10 SCB After Noon Mass SP 3:00-4:00 p.m. SCB 5:30-6:30 p.m. SP 6:30-8:00 p.m.	11 SCB After Noon Mass SP 3:00-4:00 p.m. SCB After 6pm Stations	12 SCB 9:00-10:00 a.m. SP 4:00-4:50 p.m.
13 PALM SUNDAY	14 SP 3:00-4:00 p.m. SCB 6:30-7:30 p.m. SP 6:30-8:00 p.m.	15 SCB 8:30 a.m. SCB After Noon Mass SP 3:00-4:00 p.m. SCB 6:30-7:30 p.m. SP 6:30-8:00 p.m.	16 SCB 8:30 a.m. SCB After Noon Mass SP 3:00-4:00 p.m. SCB 6:30 p.m. SP 6:30-8:00 p.m.	17 HOLY THURSDAY 12:00-1:00 p.m.	18 GOOD FRIDAY	19 HOLY SATURDAY

A SPECIAL MEETING AND MIXER 15 Promises of the Rosary with Brother Angelo Marie



15 PROMISES The Serra Club of West Omaha invites you to a special Meeting and Mixer at the JPII Newman Center (1221 S. 71st St, Omaha) on Wednesday, April 23 at 5:30 PM. We will enjoy an engaging talk by our speaker, Brother Angelo Marie of the Knights of the Holy Eucharist located in Lincoln. He will share the incredible 15 Promises of the Rosary.

Light refreshments, pizza, and dessert will be provided. All are welcome, including the students and residents of the Newman Center! We must RSVP no later than Noon on Monday, April 21, to ensure we have enough servings for all attendees. Use the QR code provided here to sign up. We encourage you to bring a guest but be sure to also RSVP for your guest as well. There is no cost to attend. All are invited! For questions, contact Lori Hamilton at bobxlori@aol.com or 402-699-5027. Learn



more at serrawestomaha.org and follow us on Facebook @serrawestomaha.

CENTURY CLUB APRIL CASH PRIZE WINNERS Imagine Yourself as the Guard for Jesus' Tomb

You ever wonder what it was like, being one of the guards watching over Jesus' tomb? It's likely the guard also participated or witnessed the scourging, Jesus carrying of the Cross, and His Crucifixion. What must have been going through their mind, watching guard over a dead man's tomb? Easy job! Then it happened. The stone covering the entrance, sealed and tightly secured, was thrown away from the entrance and Jesus Christ walks out! They ran to the Chief Priests who paid and protected them. I mean, can you imagine the punishment for a Roman Guard for failing at such a simple task? I don't know what that would be, but I believe it would not be suitable for print in our bulletin.

Then Mary Magdalene comes and, seeing Him, thinks He is a gardener. The sheer joy, excitement, astonishment! Jesus told them He would be raised on the third day, were they thinking He meant spiritually, not bodily! Many to this day refuse to believe what we know for a fact, Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary, lived a simple life, was a great teacher, healer, He forgives sins! To this day He forgives our sins, all we have to do is confess our sins to a priest, Jesus Himself, through the priest, forgives our sins! He loves you and me so much, He had to die for us for us to realize who He truly is, the Son of the Father, with the Holy Spirit, is God!

I hope you find some value in my thoughts. Not sure how to tie this in with Century Club, other than to share my thoughts and, being the Century Club administrator, I have the honor of sharing a few of my thoughts with you. With that, I want to thank Eric Devlin for drawing our April Century Club CASH prize winners at our Knights of Columbus meeting held the first Tuesday of the month. We are up to 198 members! No more "dues not paid" winners as they have been removed. Here are our April CASH prize winners!

\$150—Bob Huber \$100—Marolyn Hoffmann \$75—Steven Kanne \$50—Caroline Fredrick \$25—Mary McKinney \$25—David Simonin \$25—Karen Wilde \$25—Tom Wohldmann \$25—Joe Marik



As always, please pray for everyone as everyone needs prayer! Jim Hottovy, Century Club Administrator, 402-651-8564

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY GARDEN Requesting "Garden Angel" Volunteers in Omaha



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is asking parishioners to consider becoming a "Garden Angel" by volunteering at their Pantry Garden. The Society's Pantry Garden—located on the south side of their downtown thrift store and food pantry (2101 Leavenworth Street)—grows fresh produce, which is ultimately picked and given away to Omaha neighbors in need who visit the Food Pantry. Volunteer responsibilities include planting, watering, removing weeds,

and harvesting the vegetables/produce. No experience is needed. There will always be other gardeners there to show you the ropes. If you think you might like to volunteer, please contact Pat Slaven at mpslaven035@gmail.com. Pat can answer any questions you may have. Thank you for considering this "angelic" volunteer opportunity!

	wardship Report Apr 2-Apr 8, 2025	
	ar - July 1, 2024 through June	30, 2025
General Contributions	Apr 2-Apr 8, 2025	Fiscal YTD thru Apr 8
Sunday Offering	\$23,592.33	\$1,012,658.52
Other Contributions	\$1,325.03	\$95,182.43
Total General Contributions	\$24,917.36	\$1,107,840.95
Surplus/Deficit	(\$1,332.64)	\$57,840.95



THE KNIGHT'S CORNER



KNIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Gretna Knights of Columbus Council #10047 Scholarship Applications are now available and can be picked up at the parish office or by contacting Tim Hall at 307-214-3714 or by email at



timothyhall360@gmail.com. This is a separate scholarship application process from the scholarships offered through St. Patrick Church. The Gretna Knights of Columbus #10047 has established multiple scholarships. To be eligible for a Knights Scholarship, the candidate must be the son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandchild, or legal guardian of an active member in good standing of the Gretna Knights of Columbus Council #10047. Members in good standing are members that are current with their member dues, have been a member for at least two years, and are not in the process of transferring to another council. The scholarship deadline is Friday, April 18.

COR MEN'S GROUP



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 in the Fr. Hitch Room every two weeks with the next meeting being (Sunday, April 13 at 7 PM). Come join your brother parishioners for prayer and fraternity! If you have additional questions, please reach out to Matthew Henry at matthhenry@gmail.com, Andy Pearson at apearson709@gmail.com, Eric Devlin at delineric62@gmail.com or Seth Boardman at sethd99@hotmail.com.

Knights of Columbus

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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, APRIL 14TH (1) 7:30 AM + Thomas Weber

TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH In Transformed April 16TH

THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH IN T:00 PM For Our Parishioners

FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH IN TRIDAY, OCIA Candidates

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH OCIA Candidates

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH 🕘

8:00 AMFor Our Parishioners10:00 AMFor Our Parishioners12:00 PMFor 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 Wendy, Nicole, Carrie Santo (daughter of Joe and Alma Santos), Celeste Baumert, Joe Carney, Ronald Baxter (Fr. Baxter's dad), Paul Polt, and Leanne Robb. Pray for John and Wanda Jonas, Ed, 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, APRIL 13TH—PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Religious Education Classes—Basement Commons, RE Classrooms 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM RE Stations of the Cross—Basement Commons or Outside 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Parish Breakfast—Parish Center

7:00 PM to 8:30 PM COR Men's Group Meeting—Father Hitch Room

MONDAY, APRIL 14TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Lenten Confessions—Confessional 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Lenten Confessions—Confessional 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Baptism Class—Father Hitch Room 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Ascension Adult Bible Study—Parish Center A and Kitchen

TUESDAY, APRIL 15TH

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Rosary Guild Meeting—Father Hitch Room 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Women's Bible Study—Father Hitch Room 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Lenten Confessions—Confessional 5:30 PM to 5:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 6:00 PM)—Sanctuary 6:30 PM to 6:40 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion—Sanctuary 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Lenten Confessions—Confessional

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH—NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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—Parish Center C 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Women's Lenten Small Group—Father Hitch Room 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM Lenten Confessions—Confessional 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Lenten Confessions—Confessional 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Confirmation Prep—Parish Center AB 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Group Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH—HOLY THURSDAY

1:00 PM to 2:30 PM CRHP Team 13 Prayer Group—Father Hitch Room 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Holy Thursday Mass—Sanctuary

FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH—GOOD FRIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH-EASTER VIGIL

7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass—Sanctuary

SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH—EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary and Parish Center

ALTAR SERVER BOOTCAMP—APRIL 26 First Come, First Serve

Any 3rd-12th grade students who have not served before are welcome to attend this year's Altar Server Bootcamp on Saturday, April 26 from 11 AM to 4 PM (lunch included). We expect those who are trained at this time to begin being scheduled regularly for weekend Masses here at St. Patrick. This bootcamp is being limited to 30 attendees on a first come, first serve basis, so register soon!

Register by scanning the QR code. There is a commitment form attached to the Sign Up Genius, please fill out this form and return the day of the bootcamp. For more information or questions, contact Jonathan Wotipka at 402-332-4444 ext. 212 or jjwotipka@archomaha.org. Thank you!



"Be a Catholic: When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel." —St. Maximilian Kolbe

LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

APRIL 19TH 7:00 PM

Sacristan Carol Zeleny

Lectors

Stephanie Lampe (Read the 1st Reading)

Barb Applegate (Read the 2nd Reading)

Judy Weier (Read the 3rd Reading)

EMHCs

Christine Walstrom Sue Korth Carol Zelenv Norm Svoboda Deacon Ken Broz

Ushers

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Altar Servers

Luke Hubert Mitchell Hubert Paul Joseph Hubert

Greeters Need Sub

Need Sub

APRIL 17TH 7:00 PM

Sacristan Pat Gilmore

Lectors **Barb Applegate** (Read the 1st Reading)

Fric Hittner (Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs

Judy Weier Veda Scharpenburg Carol Zeleny Norm Svoboda Deacon Ken Broz

PALM SUNDAY



APRIL 20TH APRIL 20TH

Sacristan Joan Ingram Lectors

8:00 AM

Theresa Huttmann (Read the 1st Reading) Cari Kaup (Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs Duane Benes Deh Benes Kathy Schwarting Gene Schwarting **Christa Pichler**

Ushers

Sandy Scheef

Greg Jones Kevin Kaup **Ron Kotrous** Pat Shurtliff Marty Stednitz **Christopher Wilson**

Rosary Reciter Tim Gilligan

Altar Servers Jacob Kula Nick Kula Sarah Kula

Greeters Sally Stednitz Mary Brown

Ushers

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Greeters

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Hilcrest SR

Gene Schwarting

Kathy Schwarting

Carol Zeleny

Altar Servers

Mitchell Hubert

Paul Joseph Hubert

Luke Hubert

10:00 AM Sacristan

Jim Hottovy Lectors Michael Chatterson

(Read the 1st Reading) Jim Hain (Read the 2nd Reading)

FMHCs

David Burke Judy Weier Ashley Kassmeier Jason Kassmeier **Tony Tiefenthaler Bridget Chatterson**

Ushers **Clint Bollock**

Norris Hoover Tom Nienaber **Chris Reinig** John Schaffert **Tony Vanek**

Rosary Reciter Theresa Gulizia

Altar Servers Kalla Kassmeier Kameron Kassmeier Klayton Kassmeier Greeters

Andrew Brei Andrew Urban

APRIL 20TH NOON

Sacristan Linda Schriner

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

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FMHCs Doris Williams Linda Schriner Need Sub Need Sub

Ushers Linda Schriner Delma Stoner Doris Williams Mary Zeigler

Rosary Reciter Norm Svoboda

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Greeters Jeanette Roy Mary Zeigler

LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE Holy Thursday and Good Friday

APRIL 18TH 7:00 PM Sacristan Jim Hottovy

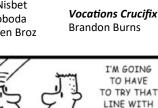
Lectors

Judy Weier (Read the 1st Reading) Barb Applegate (Read 2nd Reading and Passion)

EMHCs Carol Zeleny Veda Scharpenburg Therese Nisbet Norm Svoboda Deacon Ken Broz

Luke Hubert Mitchell Hubert Paul Joseph Hubert

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CLOISTERS ON THE PLATTE Stations During Holy Week

Find comfort and strength by meditating on the Passion and suffering of Jesus Christ while



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

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK HOURS:

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

LENTEN ALMSGIVING Least of My Brethren



Least of My Brethren food pantry is having a Fareway gift card drive throughout Lent. The cards

will be used to purchase frozen chicken, hamburger, and hotdogs. You can help us by giving one dollar a day for the 40 days of Lent towards a gift card. If you would like to participate in this project, please drop off the Fareway gift card to the parish office during regular office hours. If Fareway is not convenient for you, gift cards from places like Hy-Vee, Walmart, and Dollar General, allow us to purchase other food items in need. God bless.

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED In Observance of Easter Triduum

In observance of the Easter Triduum, the parish office will be closed on Good Friday, April 18. Please plan accordingly. May our crucified Lord dwell



with you and pour into you His most Precious Blood bringing mercy and love.

"One just soul can obtain pardon for a thousand sinners." —St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN Volunteers are Needed

Religious Education registration for 2025-2026 has begun. We welcome all children of the parish in grades K-8th. Our program is here to help parents in fulfilling their responsibility to inform the child of truths of our faith as well as to form the child as a follower of Jesus and as a responsible member of the community of the people of God. In weekly, grade level, classes, led by a volunteer Catechists, young people will come to know Jesus and the Church through prayer, lessons, activities, games, videos, arts and crafts, and more. If you have questions about RE, have an older child



needing sacraments, or any other circumstances please reach out to Shane Fagan, Director of Religious Education, smfagan@archomaha.org. We are happy to welcome everyone and work together on your families journey of faith. Registration is online, and available on the Religious Education page of the parish website, stpatricksgretna.org/religious-education.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Planning for next year's RE classes means finding the right volunteers and enough to help at each session. If you are excited about your faith, and ready to share that enthusiasm with the young people of the parish being a Catechist is the right job for you. Catechists are responsible for planning and presenting lessons and choosing some weekly activities. This may sound like a lot, but manuals and many other resources and guidance are available for you. You might also want to talk a friend into volunteering with you as a co-Catechist. Not ready to lead? Consider being a Catechist assistant. Not available each week? Sign up to be a substitute Catechist. Would you like to help, but being in the classroom isn't for you? We need office volunteers, hall and parking lot monitors, and babysitters for Catechists' younger children.

All weekly volunteers (almost everyone except substitutes) receive free tuition for your children.

If you have questions about volunteering please contact Shane Fagan, Director of Religious Education, smfagan@archomaha.org. If you are ready to sign up, fill out the online form on the Religious Education page on the parish website, stpatricksgretna.org/religious-education.

CARLO ACUTIS: ROADMAP TO REALITY MOVIE In Theaters April 27-29 Only



In a world losing itself to screens, teenage mystic Carlo Acutis saw beyond the social media-addicted society we live in and offered an answer—if we're willing to listen.

Ticket are on sale now for *Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality.* The highly anticipated documentary film arrives in approximately 1,000 theatres across the US the same day Pope Francis will make Carlo the Catholic Church's first millennial saint.

The film explores the life of Carlo Acutis, the boy whose faith has captivated Catholics worldwide. It also follows a group of American teens on a technology-free pilgrimage to Italy, where they visit Carlo's tomb and immerse themselves in his story, his passion for Christ, and the search for meaning in a digital age. Featuring Carlo's

family and friends, as well as prominent Catholic voices and technology experts, the documentary offers a powerful model for young people navigating today's digital world.

This movie will only be in theaters April 27-29 (Sunday-Tuesday), but there are several options here in the metro area. Get your tickets at https://carloacutisfilm.com/buy-ticket.

"The Lord has given me the light to know His will more profoundly and to abandon myself completely to the holy will of God. This light has confirmed me in profound peace, making me understand that I should fear nothing, except sin. Whatever God sends me, I accept with complete submission to His holy will. Wherever He puts me, I will try faithfully to do His holy will, as well as His wishes, to the extent of my power to do so." — Diary of St. Fausting, 1394

TEE IT UP FOR VOCATIONS ON MONDAY, JUNE 9 Join Priests, Seminarians, and Consecrated Religious

The Serra Clubs of Omaha and West Omaha will host their Annual Golf, Tennis, and Pickleball Outing, followed by a cocktail hour, dinner, and awards at The Pines Country Club in Valley on Monday, June 9 (best ball format) with registration beginning at 11 AM. Tennis and Pickleball will both be at Genesis Health Club at 2 PM. All proceeds received support the vocations programs of the Archdiocese of Omaha. Early registrations are welcome!

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





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

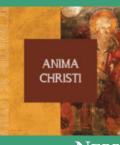
CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED Seven Churches Pilgrimage

The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of His crucifixion. The devotion is thought to have originated in sixteenth-century Rome, where pilgrims likely led by St. Philip Neri—would visit the seven major basilicas there: St. Peter's in the Vatican, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. Mary Major, St. Sebastian Outside the Walls, St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, and Santa Croce in Gerusalemme. Pilgrims undertaking this journey anywhere in the world can visit any seven churches while adoring Christ in



the Blessed Sacrament upon the Altar of Repose, fulfilling His request of His disciples to stay with Him as He awaited His Passion. There are specific Scripture passages that pilgrims can meditate upon at each altar.

CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED Anima Christi Prayer



The Anima Christi prayer takes its name from its opening lines: Soul of Christ—"Anima Christi" in Latin. In this prayer, the faithful invoke the image of Christ crucified, calling upon the salvific elements of His wounds, His Body and His Blood to strengthen them, imploring Him to save them from "the malicious enemy" and to bring them, in their final hour, to His presence. The author of this prayer is unknown, but it originated in the 14th century and was referenced in St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises. It is traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist.

NEBRASKA CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING Save the Date—May 7

We are participating in the Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving again this year. This special giving day is one of a kind, with all three diocese of Nebraska included. It's a day to be grateful for being a Catholic in Nebraska and showing support to your favorite parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the state! Advanced giving begins on Monday, April 21, but the actual giving day is Wednesday, May 7 (the same day Archbishop-designate McGovern will be installed as out new Archbishop, a historic day indeed!). Be on the lookout for more information coming soon!





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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY Sue Orosco	
LEAST OF MY BRETHREN Link to volunteer www.leastofmybrethren.org/li	

CHURCH CLEANING Sign Up Genius link to volunteer.....https:// www.signupgenius.com/ tabs/13576de05a0c8eccfa81-church Megan Seamann.....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, about getting your parish ministry group opportunities advertised.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA Good Friday–Divine Mercy Sunday

Jesus asked that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which would begin on Good Friday. He gave St. Faustina an intention to pray for on each day of the Novena, saving for the last day the most difficult intention of all, the lukewarm and indifferent



of whom He said: "These souls cause me more suffering than any others; it was from such souls that My soul felt the most revulsion in the Garden of Olives. It was on their account that I said: 'My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass me by.' The last hope of salvation for them is to flee to my mercy."

In her diary, St. Faustina wrote that Jesus told her: "On each day of the novena you will bring to my heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of my mercy... On each day you will beg my Father, on the strength of my passion, for the graces for these souls."

—Article by EWTN

Pick up a copy of the Divine Mercy Novena brochure in the narthex, and begin praying this Friday, April 18. We also have Divine Mercy prayer cards and brochures about Divine Mercy available.



HELPFUL RESOURCES

AL-ANON (ALCOHOLIC FAMILY SUPPORT—OMAHA) Phone402-553-5033
Websiteal-anon.org
BOYS TOWN NATIONAL HOTLINE
Phone
Websitewww.boystown.org
CATHOLIC ANSWERS
Phone1-888-318-7884
Websitewww.catholic.com
CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
Grief & Healing Counselor402-391-3711
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Gretna402-332-3475
CATHOLIC CHARITIES—OMAHA
Phone402-554-0520
Websiteccomaha.org
CATHOLIC VOICE ONLINE
Websitecatholicvoiceomaha.com
COURAGE (PASTORAL SUPPORT-SAME-SEX ATTRACTION)
Phone402-557-5692
Websitecouragerc.org
EWTN (GLOBAL CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK)
Phone1-800-447-3986
Websitewww.ewtn.com
HEARTS RESTORED (HEALING AFTER ABORTION)
Phone402-783-4673 Websiteheartsrestorednebraska.org
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HOLY FAMILY SHRINE Phone402-332-4565
Websiteholyfamilyshrine.com
LEAST OF MY BRETHREN (SUPPORT HOMELESS)
Phone
Websiteleastofmybrethren.org
MARRIAGE RESOURCES
For Your Marriagewww.foryourmarriage.org
Retrouvaille1-800-470-2230
Retrouvaillewww.helpourmarriage.org
MASS TIMES NATIONWIDE
Phone1-858-207-6277
Websitewww.masstimes.org
NEBRASKA HOMESCHOOL NETWORK
Websitenebraskahomeschool.org
POPE PAUL VI INSTITUTE (FERTILITY HELP)
Phone402-390-6600
Websitewww.popepaulvi.com
SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO—FM 102.7
Phone
Websitewww.spiritcatholicradio.com
ST. BENEDICT CENTER (RETREATS IN SCHUYLER)
Phone402-352-2177 Websitechristthekingpriory.com/sbcabout
ST. JOHN PAUL II NEWMAN CENTER Phone402-557-5575
Websitejpiiomaha.org
STRIVE (BREAK FREE FROM PORNOGRAPHY)
Phone
Websitestrive21.com
Women's Center for Advancement
(DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HUMAN TRAFFICKING, ETC.)
24/7 Hotline402-345-7273
Websitewcaomaha.org

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GOOD FRIDAY WALK FOR JUSTICE-ST. MARY MAGDALENE, APRIL 18



The 46th annual Good Friday Walk for Justice—public praying of the Stations of the Cross in downtown Omaha-will be held on Good Friday, April 18. The walk will begin at 1 PM at St. Mary Magdalene Church (109 S 19th St, Omaha). Omaha Catholic high school students, parishes, and other agencies will lead individual stations. Contact Cathy at cajenkinswalsh@archomaha.org or 402-451-5755 for more information. For updates follow Sacred Heart Church on Facebook or Instagram. Incase of inclement weather, join us inside at St. Mary Magdalene.

HEARTS ON FIRE DINNER-ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, APRIL 24

The Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) will host the Hearts on Fire Dinner on April 24. This annual dinner will raise funds for the seminarian program and preordination retreats hosted by IPF. At the dinner, the St. John Vianney Award for Priestly Service will be presented to Fr. Dan Andrews. This award recognizes



priests whose life of priestly service mimics St. John Vianney in his dedication to God and his flock. The dinner will be held on Thursday, April 24 at St. Vincent de Paul Parish Kampschneider Hall (14443 Eagle Run Dr, Omaha). Social hour begins at 6 PM followed by the dinner and program. Tickets for the dinner are \$125 per person. RSVPs are requested by April 18. For reservations, visit www.priestlyformation.org or call 531-272-8498 and speak with Dawn.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTION-CHRIST THE KING, APRIL 27



Divine Mercy Sunday Join us for a special Divine Mercy Sunday devotion at Christ the King (654 S 86th St, Omaha) from 2 PM to 6 PM. Live streaming can be found at ctkomaha.org/ divinemercy. Guest speakers include Amy Watson, Tim and Kelly Swoboda, and Fr. Kevin Barrett (AFC chaplain).

Confessions will begin at 2 PM, Eucharistic Adoration will start at 2:40 PM, the Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 3 PM, a family led rosary will start at 4:30 PM, and Mass will begin at 5 PM. 1st class relics of Pope St. John Paul II, St. Faustina, St. Maria Goretti, and soon to be St. Carlo Acutis will be present for veneration.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWMAN NIGHT-IPII NEWMAN CENTER, APRIL 30

Open to all high schoolers in the Omaha archdiocese, Newman Night is a chance to hang out with over 100 other high school students and get a taste of what ministry in college looks like. Come to the St. John Paul II Newman Center (1221 S 71st St, Omaha) on Wednesday, April 30 from 6:30 PM to 9:15 PM for adoration, games, talks from Newman Center students, and some fun treats. We can't wait to see you there! To register or for more information, contact Meg Collins at



meg.collins@jpiiomaha.org. To schedule a tour at another time, learn about financial aid, or fill out an application to live at the JPII Newman Center in the fall, visit jpiiomaha.org.

HFR FUNDRAISING EVENT-ST. LAWRENCE, SCRIBNER, MAY 4



You are invited to St. Lawrence (910 Grant St, Scribner) on Sunday, May 4 for a St. Joseph the Worker celebration sponsored by Holy Family Ranch (HFR). We will join together for Mass at 10:15 AM. Then, we will have lunch and a brief presentation outlining some exciting recent developments, followed by opportunities to tour the land where Holy Family Ranch will be built! More details to come at https://www.holyfamilyranch.org,

but for now—reserve May 4 to come hang out with Holy Family Ranch!

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND AND EASTERN EUROPE-EUROPE, NOVEMBER 3-14

Come along November 3-14 to some of the most historical and sacred places in all of Europe. We'll visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy, visit Czestochowa's Black Madonna, walk through Auschwitz Concentration Camp, and so much more. We'll have Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,299 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 276 Country Club Drive, Lake Park, Iowa 51347 or call 712-899-6870 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com.





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