

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET

GRETNA, NE 68028



## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. - Jn 21:12

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MAY 4, 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.....402-332-4444  
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Website.....stpatricksgretna.org  
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## MASS AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday.....5:00 PM  
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & Noon  
Tuesday.....6:00 PM  
Mon, Wed, Thurs, and Fri.....7:30 AM  
Holy Days.....7:30 AM & 6:00 PM  
Holidays (on weekdays) .....9:00 AM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....4:00 PM - 4:40 PM  
Or call the parish office for an appointment.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Parishioners registered for a minimum of one  
year are eligible to marry here. Six months of  
marriage preparation prior to your wedding is  
required by the Archdiocese. Contact the Parish  
Office to schedule a wedding date and marriage  
preparation instruction.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the first and third Sundays  
of each month after the Noon Mass. A baptismal  
date will not be set until you become a registered  
parishioner and both the parents and Godparents  
attend the baptismal class for their first child.  
Classes are held at 7 PM on the second Monday  
of each month in the Fr. Hitch Room. Please call  
the Parish Office if you will be attending the class.

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If you, a relative or friend are hospitalized or shut  
in, short or long term, and would like a visit from  
the Pastor, Deacon or Pastoral Minister, please  
call the Parish Office. For emergencies or if facing  
danger or death, call 402-332-4428 or 531-466-  
2453.

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Access the Adoration Chapel through the Church  
from 6 AM to 7 PM or contact the office for an  
access card to the back door. To sign up for an  
hour, contact Jean Hlavacek at 402-504-4222.

## REFLECT AND RESPOND

### 3rd Sunday of Easter

#### FIRST READING (ACTS 5:27-32, 40B-41)

The Apostles "rejoiced" when they suffered public dishonor for preaching that Jesus rose from the dead. Have you ever found joy amid your own suffering?

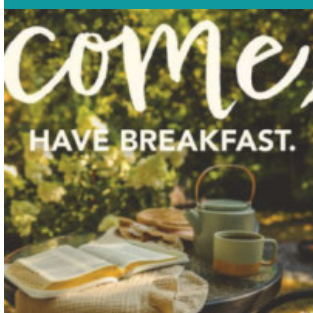
#### SECOND READING (RV 5:11-14)

John has a vision of the whole created order worshipping and praising Jesus as the slain and risen Lamb. In what ways will you praise and worship Jesus this week?

#### GOSPEL (JN 21:1-19 OR 21:1-14)

The resurrected Jesus reveals to Peter that the cost of following Him and leading the disciples will be his own martyrdom. How are you sometimes challenged in following Jesus?

## GOSPEL MEDITATION



I eat breakfast. If I don't have something substantial, I'm fading by midmorning. Breakfast is my key meal because it sets up my physical wellbeing for the rest of the day.

Spiritually speaking, we need sustenance to get us going. This is true for the Apostles in this Sunday's remarkable Gospel reading. The risen Jesus makes His third appearance to them in the early morning light and calls, "Come, have breakfast" (John 21:12). The exhausted and cold fishermen sit, and He feeds them bread and fish as the dawn breaks. They are overwhelmed by His presence to the point of awestruck silence. As they eat, their bodies

and their hearts come alive. Once refreshed by their morning meal, they will be ready to feed others—indeed, the whole world—with the love of the risen Jesus. But first, they need breakfast from Him.

Do you realize how essential early morning prayer is? Jesus desires to refresh us every morning with His word of love, with His grace-filled presence. This week, hear Jesus calling to you: "Come, have breakfast!" Embrace some form of spiritual, meditative practice each morning for spiritual strength to get you going.

## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

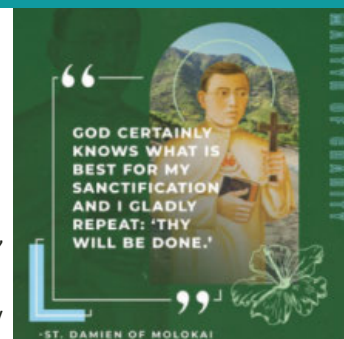
### QUESTION:

I can't explain it. I feel a nudge from God to something out of the ordinary. How do I respond?

### ANSWER:

You're in good company! Abraham was asked to leave all he knew and loved for a strange land, with only abstract divine assurance that such a sacrifice would be worth it. Plenty of prophets protested against God's call, whether it was claiming they were too young (Jeremiah) or running away entirely, only to end up in a whale's belly (Jonah). St. Joseph was asked to do something very strange. He was asked to believe—on the word of an angelic appearance in a dream—that his betrothed was pregnant not from another man, but by a miraculous intervention of God. Then he was called to marry her.

Author Flannery O'Connor once wrote, "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd." Sometimes God's invitation might seem strange or challenging. It might require sacrifices we never expected to make. Our life might look different than we had always imagined. But as we all know, life throws its own curveballs, regardless of whether or not we're listening for God's will. Better, one would think, to be open to the promptings of God and to follow along the strange trails that they lead. We have the assurance that, eventually, we will find green pastures.

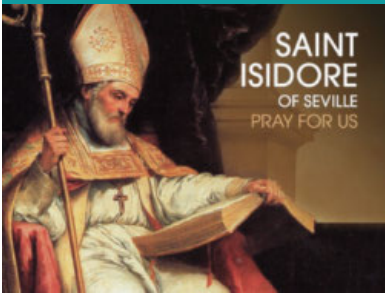


**"When we have too many vocal prayers to say, our goal easily changes to getting them done instead of praying them well. They become less, rather than more, contemplative. The Holy Spirit might be moving us to linger silently on the meditation of a mystery, but we feel that we can't stop or we will never fit all our prayers in. So we find ourselves working against the Holy Spirit... We forget that the very purpose of prayer is communing with the Lord." —Dan Burke and Connie Rossini**



## SAINT ISIDORE OF SEVILLE

### *Bishop and Doctor of the Church*



St. Isidore of Seville (560 – 636 A.D.) was born in Carthagen, Spain, to noble and pious parents. After the example of their parents, he, as well as his two brothers and sister, all became saints. Isidore received his early education at the cathedral school in Seville where a group of learned men taught classical education, among them was his brother Leander, the Archbishop of Seville. The cathedral school was the first of its kind in the country and Isidore excelled in his studies there. He became a man of great learning, zeal, piety, and apostolic

endeavor, assisting his brother in converting the Visigoths from the Arian heresy. He followed his brother in becoming next Archbishop of Seville, leading his diocese for nearly 40 years. Isidore was an important saint for his time. He was one of the most learned men of the 6th century and is considered the last of the early Church Fathers. He was a prolific writer on the sciences and the classics which in effect helped preserve western civilization during the early middle ages following the barbarian invasions. He composed history books, a dictionary with a structure akin to a database, and an encyclopedia which was used for nine centuries. St. Isidore reunited Spain after the barbarian onslaught, making it a center of culture and learning. He required seminaries to be built in every diocese, wrote a rule for religious orders, and founded schools that taught every branch of learning. Spain then became a model for similar renewal in other European countries. For his great learning and written works he was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict XIV. St. Isidore of Seville is the patron of computers, schoolchildren, and the internet. His feast day is April 4.

## SAINT VINCENT FERRER

### *Priest*

St. Vincent Ferrer (1350-1419) was born in Valencia, Spain, the son of a knight. From his parents he learned virtue and generosity to the poor. As a child he fasted every Wednesday and Friday and was tenderly devoted to the Passion of Christ and the Blessed Mother. He excelled in his studies and joined the Dominican Order with the support of his parents. He flourished in both austerity and scholarship, and became famous for performing more miracles than any other saint. His miracle-working powers began in the womb with the



healing of a blind woman who touched his mother's pregnant belly. He began a preaching career across Europe that continued for twenty years. He was followed by a train of priests, nuns, penitents, and pilgrims that numbered in the thousands. When he arrived in a village his retinue would set up camp, and St. Vincent would preach to great crowds on the subjects of sin, death, Heaven, and hell. He would also celebrate Mass and hear confessions daily. He slept on the floor and maintained a perpetual fast. Twice a day the "Bell of Miracles" was rung when all the sick and infirm were brought to him for cures; it was not unusual for him to perform one hundred miracles in a day. He also made scores of converts among the Muslims and Jews. St. Vincent believed that he was a special messenger of penance sent by God to prepare men for the final judgment; at that time the Black Death was ravaging across Europe killing millions, and the Great Schism was rending the Church in two. Through him multitudes were brought to penance and conversion. St. Vincent Ferrer's feast day is April 5.

In the time of Jesus, as well as in our own day, doing an action "in the name of" someone meant doing it on that person's behalf. One is delegated to act in that person's stead with all the requisite authority and power. Since we are one in Jesus, it is Jesus Himself who acts through us when we do His will. We read in Colossians: "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 3:17). This is true of casting out demons as well. The exorcist has no authority over demons except that which the Lord Himself gives through the delegation of the bishop. Jesus explicitly told us to act on His behalf to cast out demons. We read in the Gospel of Luke: "He summoned the Twelve and gave them power and authority over all demons" (Luke 9:1). When the demons hear the exorcist invoke the name of Jesus, they are directly confronted with the power and authority of Jesus Himself. Against Him, they are no match.

—Stephen J. Rossetti, *Diary of an American Exorcist*, pg. 8



## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Gretna, Nebraska

### READINGS THIS WEEK

**MONDAY:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

**TUESDAY:** Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

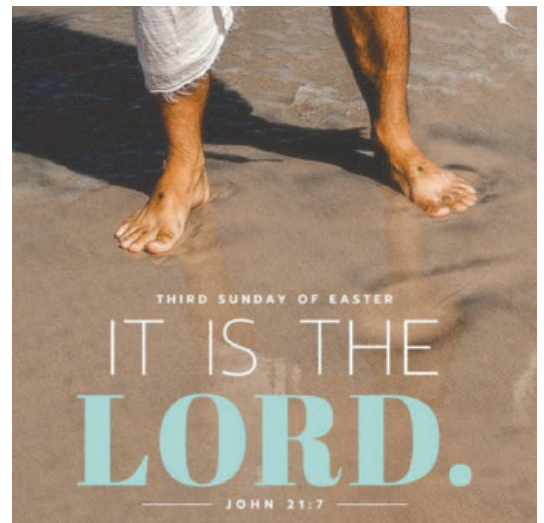
**WEDNESDAY:** Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

**THURSDAY:** Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

**FRIDAY:** Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

**SATURDAY:** Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30



### OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

**MONDAY:** Cinco de Mayo

**SATURDAY:** St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

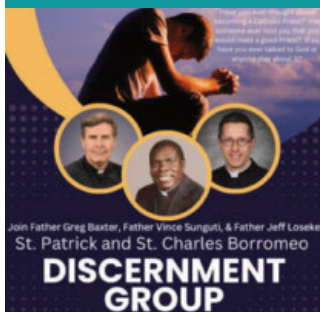
**NEXT SUNDAY:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations; Mother's Day





## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Gretna, Nebraska

### DISCERNMENT GROUP *Young Men Discerning Priesthood*



Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic priest? Has someone ever told you that you would make a good priest? If so, have you ever talked to God or anyone else about it?

Join Father Greg Baxter, Father Vince Sunguti, and Father Jeff Loseke for the St. Patrick and St. Charles Borromeo Discernment Group! Designed for young men to explore the possibility of a priestly vocation in their lives, this group meets from 6:45 PM to 7:45 PM weekly and rotates between parishes. Any young man who is a high school sophomore or older and feels a potential call from the Lord is invited to contact one of the priests to see if this group is right for you.

The first Thursday of the month we meet at St. Patrick (508 W Angus St, Gretna) and on the second, third, and fourth Thursdays we meet at St. Charles Borromeo (7790 S 192nd St, Gretna). For more information, contact Father Greg Baxter, [gpbaxter@archomaha.org](mailto:gpbaxter@archomaha.org), Father Vince Sunguti, [vasunguti@archomaha.org](mailto:vasunguti@archomaha.org), or Father Jeff Loseke, [jloseke@archomaha.org](mailto:jloseke@archomaha.org).

### 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 **Lumen Glorise** (Sisters of Life) from St. Francis Borgia in Blair.



"It is the Lord!" (John 21:7) Recognizing Jesus in your life opens the door to responding to His call. If you feel His presence prompting you toward a vocation, consider talking to your priest or reach out to Father Scott Schilmoeller at 402-558-3100 or email [vocations@archomaha.org](mailto:vocations@archomaha.org).

**"PRAY ALWAYS AND DO NOT LOSE HEART."**



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS

*We welcome 34 families or individuals since November 15 who have joined our Family of Faith as registered parishioners of St. Patrick Church of Gretna. We are so glad you are here...Congratulations! We will keep you in our prayers and wish you all the very best!*



Last Name	First Name	Membership Date
Korth	Sue	October 3, 2024
Tangeman	Donnie, Michelle, Christopher, Amanda, Emily, and Dillan	October 8, 2024
Vrbicky	Brandon and Quinn	October 14, 2024
Johnson	Lyle, Linda, Teresa, Debra, and Sharon	October 16, 2024
Van Haute	Richard, Mary, Alexa, Jenna, and Layla	October 19, 2024
Mersch	Nathan and Emily	October 27, 2024
Keyes	Nathan, Jessica, Jakob, Liam, Tori, and Asher	November 10, 2024
Ostdiek-Wille	Garett, Layne, and Elsie	November 14, 2024
Passarella, Jr	Anthony	November 15, 2024
Gabiola	Jose, Abby, Mikaela, and Samuel	November 20, 2024
Tomhave and Merrill	Wesley and Jacey	November 23, 2024
Davis	Anthony	December 6, 2024
Dennis	Lewis and Margaret	December 20, 2024
Longacre	Adam, Paige, and Blake	December 22, 2024
Samson	Thomas and Marlena	December 28, 2024
Schaffer	Christopher and Michaela	January 10, 2025
Augustyn	Philip, Jennifer, Lily, and Alexa	January 15, 2025
Stock	Tanner, Sara, and Beau	January 22, 2025
Ramaekers	Cameron, Jill, and Nolan	January 27, 2025
McElroy	Daniel and Rose	January 28, 2025
Haier	Brandon, Kayla, Brody, and Annie	January 28, 2025
Tank	Bradley	January 29, 2025
Riha	Daniel, Melissa, and Adalynn	January 30, 2025
Hagge	Noah and Kate	January 30, 2025
Kelly	Kurtis, Adrianna, and Kaysten	February 3, 2025
Gruver	Matthew, Jade, Iris, Levi, and Sterling	February 3, 2025
Stock	Madison	February 5, 2025
Worner	Kelly, Emmaline, Aubriana, Isabella, and Dirk	February 6, 2025
Essay	Riley, Nikki, Margot, and Faye	February 6, 2025
Stock	Brittany	February 6, 2025
Almazan	Alfredo, Allison, Charlotte, Henry, and Norah	February 10, 2025
Mueller	Andrew, Ciara, and Cassandra	February 20, 2025
Hanon	David and Kelley	February 23, 2025

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS CONTINUED

Last Name	First Name	Membership Date
Ruiz	Cesar, Perla, Athena, and Nairobi	February 24, 2025
Linstrom	Jenny, Jessi, and Madison	February 26, 2025
Hintz	Gerald, Marilyn, Thomas, Marlene, Linda, and Rodney	March 7, 2025
Chamberlain	Mary	March 11, 2025
Hines	Justin and Brianna	March 11, 2025
St Hilaire	Daniel, Hayden, Ethan, Charlotte, Sophia, and Eleanor	March 11, 2025
LeGree	Matthew, Sunny, Madison, and Thaddeus	March 12, 2025
Buechler	James and Mary	March 12, 2025
Schrad	Steven and Billie Jo	March 16, 2025
Meyer	Austin, Morgan, and Charlie	March 25, 2025
Cannatella	Jeffrey, Natalie, Elijah, Victoria, and Vivian	March 30, 2025
Longacre	Mark, Kathleen, Matthew, and Adam	April 8, 2025
Ryan	Tommy and Elizabeth	April 10, 2025
Cruz	David	April 10, 2025
Beach	Greg, Katherine, Charlotte, Gracie, and Lyida	April 10, 2025

## NEBRASKA CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING

*Giving Day on May 7—Donate Online or Offline*

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 dioceses 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 began on Monday, April 21, but the actual giving day is Wednesday, May 7 (the same day Archbishop-designate McGovern will be installed as our new Archbishop, a historic day indeed!).



This year's funds will be used to update the sound system in the Church, make repairs to the sidewalk and parking lot, and restore our stained glass windows (see the cost break down below). Any donation amount is greatly appreciated to help us cover the cost of these repairs and preventative maintenance projects throughout our beautiful church building and grounds. A link to our giving day web page can be found on our parish website, or scan the QR code. As always, you are welcome to drop off or mail in a check addressed to St. Patrick Church with "Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving" or "Giving Day" in the memo line. We thank you for your generosity, support, and stewardship!

### BREAK DOWN OF COST

**Updating the Sound System**—With a sound system in the Church being 20 years old it's time to upgrade to have better sound during Mass. Rough estimated cost: \$100,000.

**Repairs to the Concrete**—This summer we will continue concrete repairs throughout the parking lot and sidewalks from normal wear and tear. Estimated cost: \$64,575.

**Restoring our Stained Glass Windows**—Overtime time, the metal bracing of a stained glass window becomes warped and it is preventative maintenance to have them flattened and re-braced. In total an estimated cost of: \$75,100.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*See Future Bulletin for Updated Report*

STEWARDSHIP  
REPORT

We were unable to print this week's Stewardship Report. We apologize for any inconvenience and please know that we will publish this week's report in a future bulletin. Thank you for your patience.



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## THE KNIGHT'S CORNER



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FINANCIAL SEMINARS



Please mark your calendars for the following Knights of Columbus Financial Seminar. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about investing in your future in ways that affirm our Catholic values.

**Estate Planning Seminar**—Wednesday, May 21 with a 7 PM presentation and a dessert social to follow at St. Patrick Parish Center, Gretna. Please contact Tim Hall, timothyhall360@gmail.com, with any questions. A Flocknote reminder will go out before each event.

### HIGHWAY 370 CLEAN UP

Join us at 8 AM on Saturday, May 10 in the St. Patrick Church parking lot for instructions and safety briefing. We will have safety vests, trash bags, donuts, juice, and coffee for everyone. If you have a 5 gallon bucket and would like to bring it along that would be great. There will be a lunch following the completion of the highway clean up. We look forward to seeing you at this event to show support for this great community. Many hands make light work!

### 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, May 11 at 7 PM). Come join your brother parishioners for prayer and fraternity! If you have additional questions, please reach out to Matthew Henry at mattnhenry@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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.....307-214-3714  
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.....402-651-8564



## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Gretna, Nebraska

### MASS INTENTIONS

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person—such as on a birthday or if they are ill (INT), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of one who has died (†). To request a Mass intention, stop by the parish office to schedule. A minimum of \$10 per Mass is requested.

#### MONDAY, MAY 5TH

7:30 AM † Dean Schwaninger

#### TUESDAY, MAY 6TH

6:00 PM † Ann Cleaver

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH

7:30 AM † Mark Little

#### THURSDAY, MAY 8TH

7:30 AM † Michael Wuerfele

#### FRIDAY, MAY 9TH

7:30 AM † Sig Quam

#### SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

5:00 PM † Stan Hrabik

#### SUNDAY, MAY 11TH

8:00 AM All Mothers of the Parish Living and Deceased  
10:00 AM All Mothers of the Parish Living and Deceased  
12:00 PM All Mothers of the Parish Living and Deceased

### 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 Cheryl Schram, Steve N, Lucy Winter, 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, MAY 4TH—3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary and Parish Center  
8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Religious Education Classes—Basement Commons, RE Classrooms  
8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Last Day of RE/May Crowning—Basement Commons  
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Baptisms—Sanctuary and Narthex

### MONDAY, MAY 5TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary

### TUESDAY, MAY 6TH

8:30 AM to 3:30 PM Project Linus—Basement Commons  
5:30 PM to 5:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 6:00 PM)—Sanctuary  
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Holy Hour of Prayer—Sanctuary  
6:30 PM to 6:40 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion—Sanctuary  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting—Parish Center AB

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary  
8:00 AM to 8:15 AM Liturgy of the Hours—Behind the Tabernacle  
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM Faith Connection—Parish Center C  
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Women's Prayer Group—Father Hitch Room  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Group Room

### THURSDAY, MAY 8TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary  
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Women's Small Group—Father Hitch Room

### FRIDAY, MAY 9TH

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  
12:00 PM to 11:30 PM Private Event—Parish Center AB  
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal—Sanctuary and Narthex

### SATURDAY, MAY 10TH

8:00 AM to 3:30 PM Wedding Prep—Sanctuary, Narthex, Father Hitch, Bride's Room  
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Wedding—Sanctuary and Narthex  
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, MAY 11TH—4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER—MOTHER'S DAY—WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary and Parish Center  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Parish Breakfast—Parish Center and Kitchen  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM COR Men's Meeting—Father Hitch Room

## HOLY HOUR FOR ORDINANDI AND SEMINARIANS

*Join us in Praying for those Preparing for Ordination*

The Serra Club of West Omaha invites all the faithful to join us for a special Holy Hour to Pray for Ordinandi and Seminarians on Monday, May 19 at St. Cecilia Cathedral (701 N 40th St, Omaha). Join us in the narthex at 6:30 PM for greetings and at 7 PM in the Sanctuary for the Holy Hour. The presider will be Father Tom Weisbecker, Chaplain of the Serra Club of West Omaha.



This special Holy Hour on May 19 is to pray for the Priesthood Ordination of three men—Transitional Deacons Logan Hepp, Brian Hula, and Will Targy—on Saturday, June 7. We will also pray for the Transitional Diaconate Ordination of one seminarian—Michael Figura—in the Fall in Rome. Be sure to join us as we pray together for these ordinandi and all our seminarians before the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please show your support and invite your family, friends, and guests to join us! All are welcome! For questions, contact Lori Hamilton, Serra VP, at bobxlori@aol.com or 402-699-5027. For more information visit serrawestomaha.org.

*"The end for which God has instituted the priesthood has been to appoint on earth public persons to watch over the honor of his divine majesty, and to procure the salvation of souls."*  
—St. Alphonsus Liguori

## LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Easter

**MAY 10TH**  
**5:00 PM**

**Sacristan**  
Pat Gilmore

**Lectors**  
Crystal Schroeder  
(Read the 1st Reading)

Eric Hittner  
(Read the 2nd Reading)

**EMHCs**  
Kylie Karnish  
Kevin Riley  
JoAnn Koch  
Diane Sherwood

**Ushers**  
Jeff Wollenburg  
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**Rosary Reciter**  
Norm Svoboda

**Altar Servers**  
Aslyn Ronk  
Kenley Ronk  
Need Sub

**Greeters**  
Nancy Kirkpatrick  
Tim Kirkpatrick

**MAY 11TH**  
**8:00 AM**

**Sacristan**  
Joan Ingram

**Lectors**  
Kathy Schwarting  
(Read the 1st Reading)

Duane Benes  
(Read the 2nd Reading)

**EMHCs**  
Mike Siegel  
Paula Siegel  
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**Ushers**  
Greg Jones  
Kevin Kaup  
Ron Kotrous  
Pat Shurtliff

**Rosary Reciter**  
Theresa Huttman

**Altar Servers**  
Drew Garcia  
Need Sub  
Need Sub

**Greeters**  
Mary Brown  
Christopher Wilson

**Hilcrest SR/HL**  
Mike Siegel  
Paula Siegel

**MAY 11TH**  
**10:00 AM**

**Sacristan**  
Andi Towey

**Lectors**  
Theresa Gulizia  
(Read the 1st Reading)

Michael Chatterson  
(Read the 2nd Reading)

**EMHCs**  
Andi Towey  
Norm Svoboda  
Jim Hottovy  
Cleo Nienaber

**Ushers**  
Clint Bollock  
Jim Hain  
Tom Nienaber  
Chris Reinig

**Rosary Reciter**  
Judy Weier

**Altar Servers**  
Harper Dickes  
Nev Dickes  
Need Sub

**Greeters**  
Andrew Urban  
Need Sub

**MAY 11TH**  
**NOON**

**Sacristan**  
Linda Schriener

**Lectors**  
Karen Meyerott  
(Read the 1st Reading)

Need Sub  
(Read the 2nd Reading)

**EMHCs**  
Leann Otto  
Steve Otto  
Delma Stoner  
Doris Williams

**Ushers**  
Carole Lisiecki  
Marty White  
Doris Williams  
Need Sub

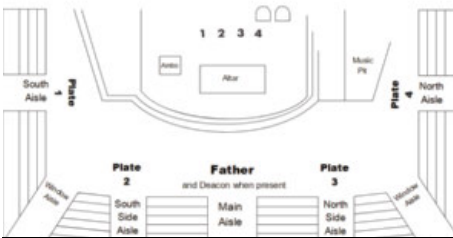
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**Greeters**  
Joann Dalley  
Carole Lisiecki

**Vocations Crucifix**  
Janice Wear

EMHC STATION MAP



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!*

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

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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## DIAPER DRIVE *For Mothers who Choose Life*



The St. Patrick Outreach is organizing a Diaper Drive. The items received will help mothers and children in need. We would be helping to supply

diapers and supplies to three different organizations: Bethlehem House, Essential Pregnancy Services, and Assure Women's Center. We will have a playpen in the narthex to place these items. We're asking for the following items:

- Diapers: sizes 3, 4, 5, 6, and pull-ups (We are asking for larger diapers, for we all know they do not stay little very long.)
- Unscented baby wipes
- Gift cards to Walmart or Amazon

Items can be brought to Church any time between May 3 thru May 18. If you have questions, please contact one of the following Outreach members: Colleen Karmazin, 402-984-3003, Lauri Charvat, 402-250-1798, or Joan Ingram, 402-203-3604.

## PARISH BREAKFASTS *Special Mother's Day Breakfast*



You are invited to join us in the Parish Center every second Sunday of the month, this month May 11, from 9 AM to 12 PM for a delicious breakfast. It's a perfect way to gather after Sunday Mass and get to know other parishioners here at St. Patrick.

## VENI HOLY HOUR *Archomaha Young Adults*

All young adults in the archdiocese (ages 21-39) are invited to Veni, an evening of



Adoration and fellowship at St. Cecilia Cathedral (701 N 40th St, Omaha) on Friday, May 9. Adoration begins at 7:30 PM in the Cathedral with a brief reflection from a priest and is followed by an after party in the parish center! Veni is held every second Friday of the month at the Cathedral. More information about getting involved in the Archdiocese Young Adult activities can be found at <https://www.archyoungadults.org>.

## POPE FRANCIS HAS PASSED AWAY, WHAT'S NEXT? *Election of a New Pope*

**Sede Vacante**—the period of time when the papacy is vacant.

**Camerlengo**—is a cardinal in the Roman Catholic Church who serves as the interim administrator of the Holy See during the time between a Pope's death and the election of his successor. His duties include: ascertain the Pope's death, make all the arrangements for the Pope's funeral and burial, break the Ring of the Fisherman (annulling the seal of the pontificate), oversee voting in the Sistine Chapel, request reports, balance sheets, and budgets, and to approve who will help in the dining room, with cleaning, medical assistance, and confessions. The Camerlengo holds temporary stewardship of the Vatican. The current Camerlengo is Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life.



**Interregnum**—nearly all high ranking cleric of the Holy See immediately loses their job. (Similar to a new president selecting a new cabinet while he is in office, here in the United States.) The new Pope will select members of the Roman Curia, their own governing body. The Cardinal-Vicar of Rome, the Major Penitentiary, Head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, and the Apostolic Nuncios (Vatican Ambassadors) are the only officials to remain in power.

**Novendiales**—nine days of Masses and prayers for the Roman Pontiff. This is a time of mourning throughout the Church.

**Conclave**—a secret assembly of Cardinals to elect a new pope. The conclave usually begins 15-20 days after the Pope's death. All Cardinals under the age of 80 gather in the Sistine Chapel by guidance of the Holy Spirit praying together and voting up to four times a day for the new Pope. The Cardinals take an oath of secrecy and vow not to be influenced by any external forces. The Master of Papal Liturgical Ceremonies and the Secretary of the College of Cardinals are non-Cardinal priests or bishops who assist the voting process in between the sessions. When one man receives two-thirds majority, he becomes the new pope. As the voting continues, black smoke is seen from the chimney for every time the Cardinals have not reached a two-thirds majority. White smoke is seen once a new Pope has been selected. (If you'd like to know more about the process of the conclave, check out this YouTube video from Father David Michael Moses titled "What Happens in a Conclave? Everything You Need to Know," [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENk\\_Lm96yMI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENk_Lm96yMI).)

**Cum clave**—Latin for "locked" or "with a key" meaning that the doors of the Sistine Chapel are locked and the Cardinals are not to leave until a new Pope is selected. This is where we get the term conclave.

**Habemus Papam**—Latin for "we have a Pope!" The phrase signals the end of the conclave and the beginning of the new Pope's reign. The announcement is made from the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica. His papal name is revealed and will offer his first blessing as the Successor of Peter.

During this time, we pray for the soul of Pope Francis, and we pray for the Church in this time of transition, for the Cardinals' discernment, unity in the Church, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS IN HONOR OF POPE FRANCIS

*Lord of the Harvest, we thank you for the life and witness of Pope Francis—for his mercy, courage, and steadfast "yes" to your divine invitation. May his legacy stir hearts to follow you boldly—as priests, religious, and holy spouses. Raise up a new generation of faithful laborers through the seeds Pope Francis planted. And may the next Successor of Peter be filled with wisdom and grace. Amen.*

## HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY CLEAN UP *Help Keep our Cemetery Beautiful*



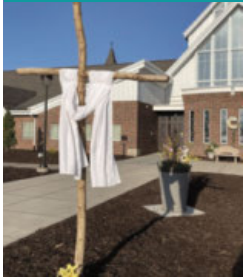
We will be having two clean up days at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery (23131 Schram Rd, Gretna) on Saturday, May 10 at 8 AM (or for a rain date on Saturday, May 17) and Saturday, June 14 at 8 AM (or for a rain date on Saturday, June 21).

If you are available, please join us. Garden clean up tools and gloves are helpful to bring along with them if you have them. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Kathy at 402-740-1889. Thank you!



## ST. PATRICK LANDSCAPING TEAM

### *Support Us or Join Our Team*



The St. Patrick Landscaping Team is a newly formed group of dedicated and talented parishioners who have stepped forward to help plan improvements and maintain our parish grounds. In cooperation with Judy Stephens, our Facility Manager, and BCS Lawn and Landscape Company, our goal is to contribute our time and talent to establish a welcoming, well cared for environment that serves God, our parish, and our community, both now and in the future.

How can you, as a supportive parishioner, be involved with our small team?

- We periodically need assistance to do major clean-ups or renovations in different areas of the Church property. If you love the outdoors and like to rake, dig, and plant, please add your name to our helper list.
- If you would like to share a monetary gift to ease the cost of our projects, please visit with the parish office who can direct your gift appropriately.
- If you wish to donate plants or shrubs from your garden, we can often incorporate them into our on-going plans.
- If you are looking for a unique and interesting mission at St. Patrick Parish, you may like to be a part of our team, and we would welcome you. Contact 402-916-9774 for more information or speak to one of our member: Annette Shaughnessy, Nell Votruba, Jane Gundvaldson, Kristen Fredrick, Karen Tighe, Joan Ingram, Russ Eusterwiemann, and Karen Meyerott.

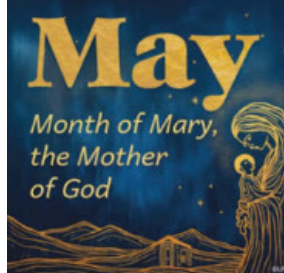
*"All things that grow from the earth... Bless the Lord!" —Daniel 3:76*

## PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY BEFORE MASS

### *Pray Together as a Family*

Did you know that here at St. Patrick, we pray the Holy Rosary 30 minutes before each Mass? What a wonderful opportunity to come together as a family and lift your hearts in prayer! Praying the Rosary before Mass not only prepares our hearts and minds for the Eucharist, but when done together as a family, it becomes even more powerful. As St. Padre Pio once said, "The Rosary is the weapon for our times." What a beautiful reminder of the strength and spiritual protection this devotion offers us.

As May is the Month of Mary, let us take the time to honor our Blessed Mother by participating in this special devotion before Mass. Would you like to help lead the Rosary at our parish? We'd love to have you join us in this important ministry!



## UPLIFT YOUR PRIEST CAMPAIGN

### *2nd and 3rd Weeks of Easter*



The annual Uplift Your Priest Campaign is dedicated to supporting our priests. Training youth to show appreciation for a priest's role in their spiritual lives is an impactful way to affirm them. We need to recognize their daily sacrifices. Students should identify priests who inspire them and plan to celebrate them. Every act of kindness can make a difference.

We need to let our clergy know that their people recognize their daily sacrifices, especially after Lent and Easter. Some ideas to show your priest(s) appreciation include: call or email your priest, send a spiritual bouquet to him, drop off popcorn and snacks for a movie night, send him drawings or paintings by your children, pray, fast, and offer sacrifices for him, send him a gift card to a favorite restaurant, make a family video message or song of affirmation for him, post a picture of your family with your priest on social media, drop off or have dinner or lunch delivered to him, send financial support to the parish, if able, challenge and tag three families or individuals to pray a rosary for him on social media, invite him over for a gathering, or write him a letter thanking him for his sacrifices. There are many ways you can show your appreciation.

*"It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than to do so without the Holy Mass." —St. Padre Pio*



## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Gretna, Nebraska

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### LEAST OF MY BRETHREN

Link to volunteer.....https://  
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### CHURCH CLEANING

Sign Up Genius link to volunteer.....https://  
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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.

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

### *Totus Tuus and VBS*

Registration is now live on our parish website at, [stpatricksgretna.org/religious-education](http://stpatricksgretna.org/religious-education):



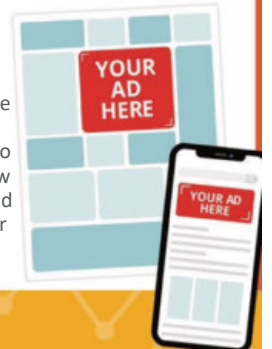
- VBS at St. Charles Borromeo: June 2-6, 9 AM to Noon (open to 4yo-6th grade)
- Totus Tuus at St. Patrick: June 22-26, 6:30 PM to 8:45 PM (for 7th-12th graders)
- Totus Tuus at St. Patrick: June 23-27, 9AM to 2:30 PM (for 1st-6th graders)

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## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Gretna, Nebraska

### HELPFUL RESOURCES

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- BOYS TOWN NATIONAL HOTLINE**  
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- CATHOLIC ANSWERS**  
Phone.....1-888-318-7884  
Website.....www.catholic.com
- CATHOLIC CEMETERIES**  
Grief & Healing Counselor.....402-391-3711  
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Gretna.....402-332-3475
- CATHOLIC CHARITIES—OMAHA**  
Phone.....402-554-0520  
Website.....ccomaha.org
- CATHOLIC VOICE ONLINE**  
Website.....catholicvoiceomaha.com
- COURAGE (PASTORAL SUPPORT—SAME-SEX ATTRACTION)**  
Phone.....402-557-5692  
Website.....couragerc.org
- EWTV (GLOBAL CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK)**  
Phone.....1-800-447-3986  
Website.....www.ewtn.com
- HEARTS RESTORED (HEALING AFTER ABORTION)**  
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Website.....heartstorestorednebraska.org
- HOLY FAMILY SHRINE**  
Phone.....402-332-4565  
Website.....holyfamilyshrine.com
- LEAST OF MY BRETHREN (SUPPORT HOMELESS)**  
Phone.....402-681-5424  
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- MARRIAGE RESOURCES**  
For Your Marriage.....www.foryourmarriage.org  
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## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### GRIEF SHARE SESSIONS—JOURNEY CHURCH, GRETNA, MAY 8

We know grief is very personal, and each situation is different. GriefShare has found a way to address the most common aspects of grief, and offer practical recommendations from personal experience. Each session is composed of a video and group discussion. Each attendee will have their own well-designed workbook. The cost is \$20. The material is faith-based, and non-denominational. For more information, you or anyone you think may be interested can find these classes on [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). For more information, contact John Jones, GriefShare Facilitator at Journey Church in Gretna, at [griefshare@journeygretna.com](mailto:griefshare@journeygretna.com) or 785-766-6778.



### SCHOOL OF IDENTITY—ST. GERALD, RALSTON, MAY 9-10



Come experience a two-day intensive to help you grow in your identity as a son or daughter of God! This two-day training highlights some of the most transformational elements of the Encounter School of Ministry Identity and Transformation quarter and is geared to renew your mind, increase your intimacy with the Father, and prepare you to minister out of your supernatural inheritance in Christ! Worship will begin at 5:45 PM on Friday night, May 9 at St. Gerald (9602 Q St, Ralston), and will end for the evening at 9 PM. On Saturday, May 10 the school will continue from 9 AM to 4 PM. To learn more or register visit, <https://ablazehouse.regfox.com/school-of-identity-omaha-campus->

### MAY CROWNING—HOLY FAMILY SHRINE, GRETNA, MAY 10

Saturday, May 10 will be a special event with May Crowning following the 10 AM Mass at the Holy Family Shrine (23132 Pflug Rd, Gretna). All children are welcome to bring flowers up to Mary during the crowning. Flowers will be provided. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jeff Loseke from St. Charles Borromeo.



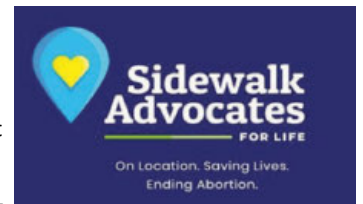
### SCHOOL OF PROPHECY—ST. GERALD, RALSTON, MAY 30-31



We are excited to announce a Two-Day School of Prophecy on Friday, May 30 from 6 PM to 9 PM and on Saturday, May 31 from 9 AM to 4 PM at St. Gerald (9602 Q St, Ralston). This powerful, hands-on, experience based on the teachings of Encounter School of Ministry is free with a free-will donation. Come discover how to hear God's voice with greater clarity, speak His heart with love and boldness, and step into your prophetic calling with confidence. For more information or to register, visit <https://ablazehouse.regfox.com/school-of-prophecy->

### SIDEWALK ADVOCATES—CATHOLIC CHARITIES BUILDING, OMAHA, MAY 31

Let 2025 be the year that you step out to help women seeking an abortion. Love is ending abortion and your prayers and presence is a visible sign of your love for that mother and her baby. This peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding approach has saved over 23,000 babies, brought peace of mind to their mothers and often a path to a better future. A training will be held on Saturday, May 31 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Catholic Charities building (9223 Bedford Ave, Omaha). A \$15 fee will cover lunch and supplies. Go to [LifeSidewalk@gmail.com](mailto:LifeSidewalk@gmail.com) for more information and registration.



### STEEPLECHASE FUN RUN/WALK—ST. JOSEPH, SPRINGFIELD, JUNE 7



St. Joseph Parish in Springfield is sponsoring the Steeplechase Fun Run/Walk on Saturday, June 7 at 8:30 AM. Proceeds will be directed to the United Methodist Church Food Pantry. All are welcome! This event will be during the Springfield Days. You can sign up for a 5K run or 1-mile walk. Register at [stjosephspringfield.org/springfield-days/](http://stjosephspringfield.org/springfield-days/). Registration fee is \$20 per person or \$50 per family.



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