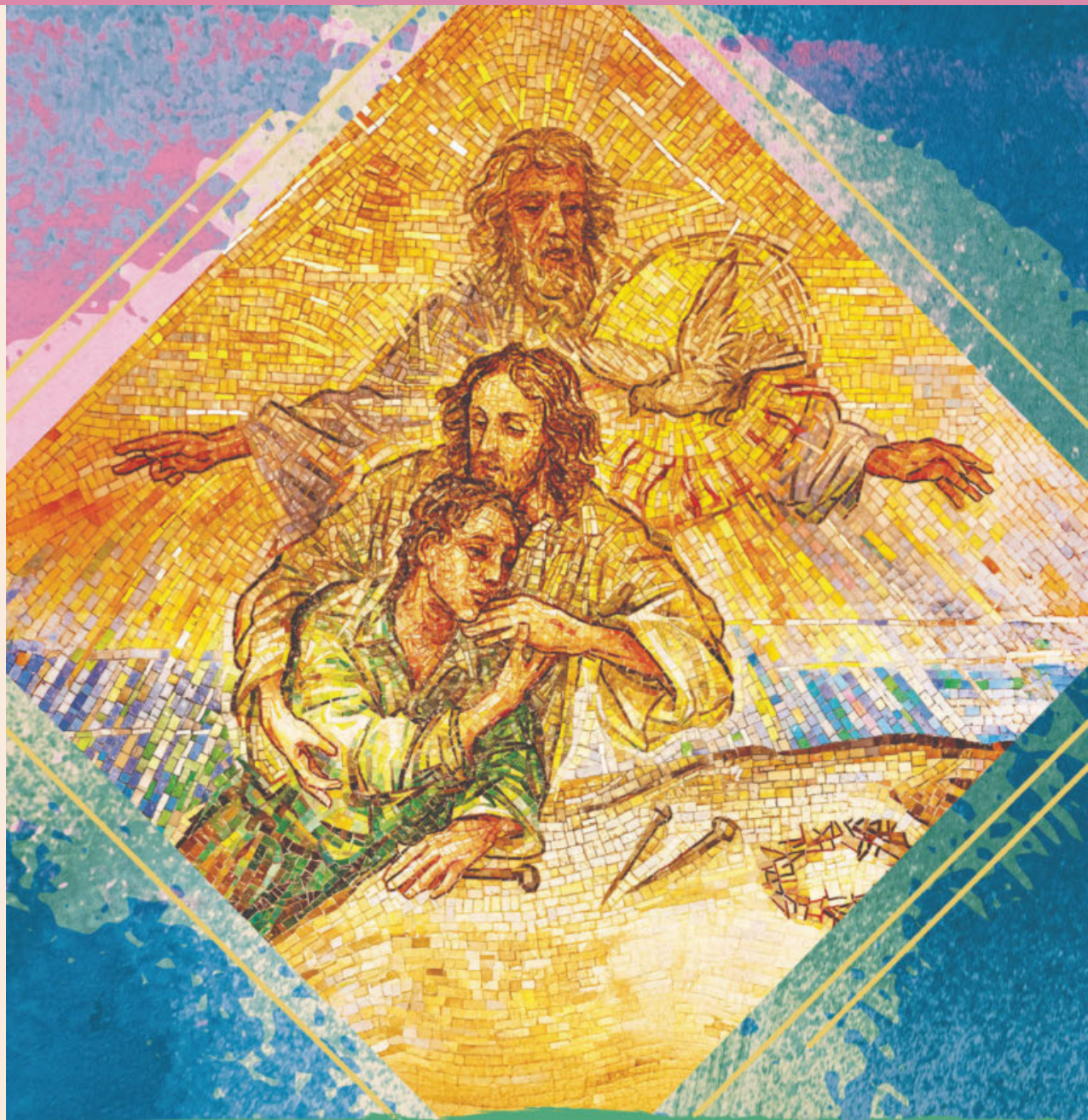


ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET GRETNA, NE 68028



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”
- Jn 14:27a

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MAY 25, 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
Fax.....402-332-5107
Website.....stpatricksgretna.org
Facebook & Instagram.....@stpatgretnane
YouTube.....@StPatrickCatholicChurchNE
E-mail.....stpatrick.gre@archomaha.org
Flocknote.....text STPATGRETN to 84576

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

6th Sunday of Easter

FIRST READING (ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29)

We hear how the church in Jerusalem resolved their conflicts through dialogue and compromise. When has your faith community had to resolve a conflict?

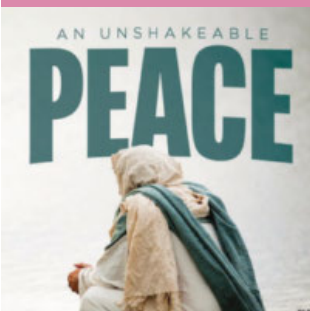
SECOND READING (RV 21:10-14, 22-23)

As John's final vision continues, he sees the splendor and glory of God lighting the city of Jerusalem. Can you think of a time when you felt really close to God?

GOSPEL (JN 14:23-29)

Jesus taught His disciples that the Holy Spirit will be sent to believers to teach them and remind them of His words. Can you share a time when you have felt inspired by the Holy Spirit?

GOSPEL MEDITATION



Jonathan Haidt's 2024 book entitled *The Anxious Generation* argues that today's kids are marked by significant increases in anxiety, as the title suggests. Smartphones, social media, economic uncertainty, the chaos of a global pandemic, fear regarding climate change, and the so-called "meaning crisis" all contribute to strikingly high levels of anxiety in young people today. I'm a bit older than this generation, but I feel it, too. The world can be too much to handle.

The Gospel this week offers a stunning solution for troubled souls. To His overwhelmed and anxious disciples, the risen Jesus says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you" (John 14:27). His peace is that of the one who was overwhelmed on the cross and then conquered death by the power of His divinity, His bond of love with the Father. He offers us this unshakeable peace.

Of course, mental illness does not magically disappear because of the risen Jesus. But He does walk with us and offer us His peace in the midst of our suffering. The peace the world gives is not like His because it is weak, uncertain, and self-generated. Jesus' peace is strong, sure, and given as a gift from God. He gives it to us amid our anxiety. Will you receive it as a gift? I hope so. He wants to fill the hearts of this generation with His peace.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

Why do Catholics need to go to Mass every Sunday?

ANSWER:

The heart of the Church's instruction that we are to attend Mass on Sundays goes back to the Third Commandment: "Take care to keep holy the sabbath day as the LORD, your God, has commanded you" (Deuteronomy 5:12). Although the Jewish People celebrate the Sabbath on Saturday, the first generations of Christians began to observe the sabbath on Sunday, recognizing how important it is for Christians to celebrate the day that Jesus rose from the dead. As the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* observes, "Sunday extends the celebration of Easter throughout the year... It makes present the new creation brought about by Christ" (364).

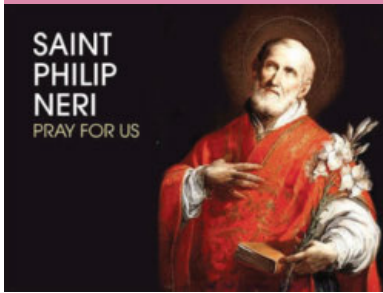
The focus of our Sunday should be the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass. This is our time to be formed by God's Word and nourished at the table of the Lord, becoming prepared to live out and share our faith in the week that follows. In his encyclical, *Dies Domini*, Pope St. John Paul II reminded us that Christians "cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly" (81). This is why the Church teaches us that Sunday Mass is a non-negotiable part of being a Christian (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2192).

Beyond being a time of worship, we should also remember that Sunday is intended to be a day of rest, when we make time for recreation, for sharing meals, and enjoying the company of friends and family. Sunday is given to us as a day to take stock of and enjoy the blessings that God has given us (see *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2187). Pope Francis reminds us, "The day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor" (*Laudato Si'*, 237).



SAINT PHILIP NERI

Priest



St. Philip Neri (1515–1595) was born in Florence, Italy, to the noble class. He was a dutiful child with a cheerful disposition, making him popular with all who knew him. At the age of 18 he was to begin an apprenticeship for a career in business. However, after having a mystical experience, his life was radically changed. He traveled to Rome and entrusted himself completely to God's providence. He found living accommodations with a fellow Florentine in exchange for tutoring his sons, which Philip did with great skill. He then enrolled in

philosophy and theology classes at a local monastery in order to become a priest. Although he excelled in his studies, he suddenly quit in order to spiritually serve the people of Rome. At that time, indifference, luxury, and corruption were widespread characteristics of the Roman clergy. Churches were neglected, flocks were abandoned, and the loss of faith was widespread. St. Philip Neri, with his commitment to a life of asceticism, was a contradiction to all of this malaise. With his characteristic good-naturedness, he led many to a life of virtue and love for God as he traveled through the streets of Rome. He began an oratory for laymen to gather together and practice greater spiritual discipline, which grew and became famous. In obedience to his spiritual director he finally became a priest at the age of 34. He also started a religious order known simply as "The Oratory." St. Philip Neri is known as the "Apostle of Rome." He is the patron of Rome and the U.S. Army Special Forces. His feast day is May 26.

SAINT PETRONILLE

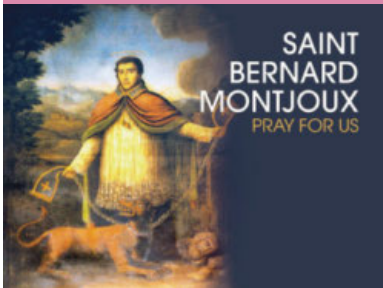
Virgin Martyr

St. Petronille (1st c.), also known as Petronilla, was a virgin martyr of the early Church in Rome. According to tradition she was connected to St. Peter the Apostle; she may have been either his natural daughter, servant, convert (spiritual daughter), or co-laborer in the faith. It is also a tradition that St. Petronilla was cured of palsy by St. Peter. She is remembered for being beautiful, for refusing marriage to a pagan king due to her vow of chastity, and for suffering martyrdom for her unwavering faith. In the 8th century the chapel containing her relics became the burial place of French kings. This is due to the fact that she was the supposed daughter of St. Peter, and the French kings were considered the "adopted sons" of St. Peter; therefore, St. Petronille was invoked as an intercessor for all treaties between the Holy See and the French crown. Her relics were later moved to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, and on her feast day Mass at St. Peter's is offered for France and attended by French residents living in Rome. St. Petronille is the patroness of the dauphins of France, mountain travelers, and against fever. Her feast day is May 31.



SAINT BERNARD OF MONTJOUX

Priest



St. Bernard of Montjoux (c. 923–1008 A.D.), also known as St. Bernard of Menthon, was born to a wealthy and noble family in the Kingdom of Arles (present day France and Switzerland). As an adult he refused an honorable marriage and determined instead to give his life in service to the Church. He became a priest in northern Italy and spent more than four decades doing missionary work in the Alps. He built schools and churches, and is especially known for aiding travelers. The area where he ministered had an ancient, snowy, and

dangerous pass winding through the mountains along which pilgrims traveled to and from Rome. To serve the pilgrims St. Bernard built a hospice at the highest point of the pass, 8,000 feet above sea level. Later he founded another hospice along another smaller pass. St. Bernard obtained papal approval for communities of priests to serve in the hospices, which have generously aided travelers for more than a millennium. The priests and their well-trained dogs (the St. Bernard breed named for the saint) would seek and rescue lost pilgrims. St. Bernard was declared the patron saint of skiers and mountain climbers by Pope Pius XI in 1923. His feast day is celebrated on May 28.



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READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

TUESDAY: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

THURSDAY: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

FRIDAY: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

SATURDAY: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 7:55-60/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53



OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

MONDAY: St. Philip Neri, Priest; Memorial Day

TUESDAY: St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

THURSDAY: The Ascension of the Lord (holy day of obligation in some U.S. dioceses); St. Paul VI, Pope

SATURDAY: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SUNDAY: The Ascension of the Lord; 7th Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day

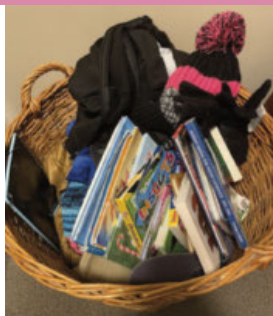




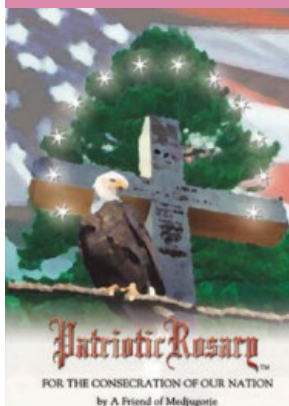
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LOST AND FOUND Items Donated by Friday

Have you lost anything at the Church, Preschool, or during Religious Education in the last year? Stop by the table in the narthex near the Parish Center entrance. Anything that is not claimed by Friday, May 30 will be donated. Thank you!



PATRIOTIC ROSARY Each Mass Next Weekend



All are invited to join us in praying the Patriotic Rosary 30 minutes prior to the Mass on Saturday, May 31 and all Masses on Sunday, June 1. Let us unite in prayer for our nation, our leaders, and for peace throughout the world. Please bring your rosary and your family and come pray with us!

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. Laura Ann** (Missionary Benedictines) from St. Leonards in Madison.



"The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." (John 14:26) How has the Holy Spirit spoken to or guided you? Do you feel called to the priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage? Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Scott Schilmoeller at 402-558-3100 or email vocations@archomaha.org.

"PRAY ALWAYS AND DO NOT LOSE HEART."



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT NEWLYWEDS!



Last weekend, we were excited to host a wedding! Congratulations to the newlyweds as you share your life together! We will keep you in our prayers and wish you both the very best!

Couple.....Date

Tyler Connelly and Madison Han.....5/17/2025

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

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

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



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

Jerome (Jerry) Pivovar.....5/12/2025.....Evergreen Cemetery

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN Second Collection Next Weekend



Next weekend, we will have a second collection for the USCCB Catholic Communications Campaign (CCC). 50% of the proceeds remain in our archdiocese for communications projects and initiatives. Examples include website enhancements, studio equipment for audio and video recording, social media strategy and implementation, news and event coverage, and much more. CCC funds also support communications projects in developing areas of the world where the

Church is growing but lacking in resources. The CCC supports the Cardinal Foley Scholarship program which provides funds for training Catholic Communicators from those areas of the world so that they have the tools necessary to spread the Gospel message in the 21st century. For more information visit, <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-communication-campaign>.

"Peace begins with each one of us: in the way we look at others, listen to others, and speak about others. In this sense, the way we communicate is of fundamental importance." —Pope Leo XIV in his address to the representatives of the media

HOLIDAY AND HOLY DAY MASSES Office is Closed Monday and Thursday



MEMORIAL DAY

Here at St. Patrick Gretna we will have Mass on Monday, May 26 at 9 AM in the Church to celebrate Memorial Day. The Parish Office will be closed in observance of this federal holiday.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

Join us for Mass on Ascension Thursday, May 29 to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord—a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass at 7:30 AM and at 6 PM. The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday in honor of this great Holy Day of Obligation.



CENTURY CLUB MAY CASH PRIZE WINNERS

Springtime Membership Drive—June 7-8

Hello Century Club fans, and anyone else that reads this. Springtime is great! I don't need to put on a coat, hat, gloves..., just to get the mail! Springtime brings another fun event, the fabled June Century Club membership drive (insert cheers and festive horns sounding in your head here). Yes, after all Masses the weekend of June 7-8, I will be in the narthex, ready to answer all your Century Club questions. I'm still pushing to get over that magic number 200 members. So help spread the word!

Century Club has nine CASH prize winners every month. Besides these nine CASH prize winners, the other half of the funds are used for St. Patrick Parish needs. From parishioners that just need a bit of help getting through a tough time, to floors cleaned in the Parish Center, and other needs as directed by Knights of Columbus leadership. Even Century Club high school scholarship winners must be members of St. Patrick Parish. This restriction does not apply to CASH prize winners, they can live anywhere. If their number is drawn, parishioner or not, they get the CASH! For the low cost of \$30, you can get in on the fun for the remaining six CASH prize drawings in 2025! Just think, that's less than a new pair of shoes, or filling your gas tank when your below 1/4 tank! With the CASH prize money, you may even be able to buy eggs!

Thank you all for getting the word out of how awesome it is to win, or at least look forward to the possibility of winning, CASH prizes with Century Club! Now, for the rest of the story, May Century Club CASH winners, and not quite a winner in Century Club. Having been under the weather for the Knights of Columbus meeting, I had a special drawing by a special Lady Knight, Deb Benes. One thing I must mention before I get to the list of CASH prize winners, there is one person that is always wanting to be mentioned, so here it is. Someone that did NOT win is my wife, Tam Hottovy. There you go honey, you are officially mentioned. I love you!

\$150—John R Carpenter
\$100—Marolyn Hoffmann
\$75—Paul Duin
\$50—Terry Dolnicek
\$25—Jeff Harpenau
\$25—Kathy Broz
\$25—Edward Derks
\$25—George Majewicz
\$25—Chad Batehorst

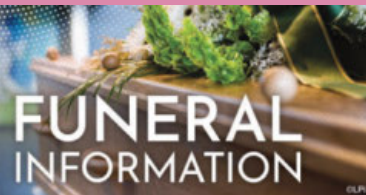
Congratulations to these nine winners, and the other 189 members who are winners just for being members! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me, and, as always, please pray for everyone as everyone needs prayer! Thank you!

Jim Hottovy, Century Club Administrator, 402-651-8564



FUNERAL NOTIFICATIONS

Receive Text Messages



Would you like to receive a text message/email to pray for the recently deceased at our parish? These messages include a link to their obituary. Sign up to receive these messages at stpatgretna.flocknote.com/Funerals or contact Megan Seamann at 402-332-4444 ext. 202 or meseamann@archomaha.org.

Stewardship Report

May 14-May 20, 2025

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

General Contributions	May 14-May 20, 2025	Fiscal YTD thru May 20
Sunday Offering	\$20,673.80	\$1,155,486.53
Other Contributions	\$2,455.26	\$120,024.50
Total General Contributions	\$23,129.06	\$1,275,511.03 *
Surplus/Deficit	(\$3,120.94)	\$68,011.03

* 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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THE KNIGHT'S CORNER



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 25 at 7 PM). Come join your brother parishioners for prayer and fraternity! If you have additional questions, please reach out to Matthew Henry at mattmhenry@gmail.com, Andy Pearson at apearson709@gmail.com, Eric Devlin at delineric62@gmail.com or Seth Boardman at sethd99@hotmail.com.

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 or 402-981-6471.

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.



Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Bruce Jefferies.....402-521-4262
Deputy Grand Knight, John Schaffert.. 402-672-7903
Financial Secretary, Marty Stednitz.....402-332-3840
Chancellor and Membership Director, Tim Hall.....
.....307-214-3714
Century Club Administrator, Jim Hottovy.....
.....402-651-8564



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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, MAY 26TH

9:00 AM The Living and Deceased Members of the Woodward Family

TUESDAY, MAY 27TH

6:00 PM † Jeannie O'Gara

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH

7:30 AM INT Celeste Baumert

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH

7:30 AM † Karen Bohaty
6:00 PM † Stephen Shonka

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH

7:30 AM † Kevin Weber

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST

5:00 PM † The Deceased Members of the Ken and Liz Beckman Family

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST

8:00 AM † Keith, Arlisse, and Dee Barkley
10:00 AM For Our Parishioners
12:00 PM † John Moloney

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



PRAYER LINE

Let us pray for Ian McGovern, Jennifer Boldt, Meredith Haney, 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 25TH—6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM COR Men's Group Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 26TH—MEMORIAL DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM to 8:50 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 9:00 AM)—Sanctuary

TUESDAY, MAY 27TH

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH

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

THURSDAY, MAY 29TH—HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION—ASCENSION OF THE LORD—OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
5:30 PM to 5:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 6:00 PM)—Sanctuary

FRIDAY, MAY 30TH

6:30 AM to 7:30 AM Men's Faith Sharing—Father Hitch Room
7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Father Hitch Room
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal—Sanctuary and Narthex

SATURDAY, MAY 31ST

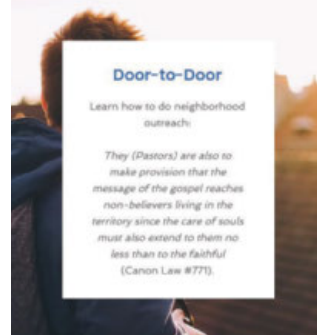
8:00 AM to 3:30 PM Wedding Prep—Sanctuary, Narthex, Father Hitch, Bride's Room
8:00 AM to 9:30 AM Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting—Parish Center C
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Wedding—Sanctuary and Narthex
4:00 PM to 4:40 PM Confession—Confessional
4:30 PM to 4:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 5:00 PM)—Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JUNE 1ST—7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Baptisms—Sanctuary and Narthex
1:00 PM to 6:00 PM Private Event—Parish Center AB

SENT EVANGELIZATION COMING TO GRETNA *Catholic Door to Door Ministry*

Join the parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo in Gretna for a presentation and training from the founder of Sent Evangelization, Austin Habash, on Saturday, June 14 from 9:30 AM to 4 PM in the St. Charles Borromeo Gym (7790 192nd St, Gretna) as they embark on a door-to-door evangelization initiative. St. Charles has grouped their parishioners into Evangelists (those that knock doors and pray for/with neighbors), Intercessors (those that pray for the Evangelists and the neighbors they encounter), and Support (those who fund the initiative and follow up with/assist neighbors in need). Austin will present how each group operates and plays a crucial role in evangelizing those living right next door. He will follow up the training by guiding the group in their first Sent outing and finish by leading a debrief of the experience. If you or a group from your parish are interested in attending free of charge, please contact Adam Stephenson via email at astephenson@scbccomaha.org or phone at 402-707-3677. More information on the initiative can be found here on FORMED at <https://watch.formed.org/sent-evangelization> or on the Sent Evangelization website at <https://www.sentevangelization.org>.



Fill our hearts, O Lord, with your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May your love be our standard for love. May your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May your love define us as Christians, made in your image and likeness. Amen.

LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

7th Sunday of Easter

MAY 31ST
5:00 PM

Sacristan
Pat Gilmore

Lectors
Eric Hittner
(Read the 1st Reading)

Carol Zeleny
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Steve Otto
Leann Otto
Pat Gilmore
Ken Beckman

Ushers
Ken Beckman
Need Sub
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Rosary Reciter
Jayne Schram

Altar Servers
Aslyn Ronk
Kenley Ronk
Need Sub

Greeters
Nancy Kirkpatrick
Tim Kirkpatrick

JUNE 1ST
8:00 AM

Sacristan
Joan Ingram

Lectors
Carol Zeleny
(Read the 1st Reading)

Sandy Scheef
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Carrie Hubert
Paul Hubert
Mitchell Hubert
Joan Ingram

Ushers
Pat Calvert
Ron Kotrous
Tony Schultz
Need Sub

Rosary Reciter
Theresa Huttman

Altar Servers
Matthew Farwell
Drew Garcia
Need Sub

Greeters
Steve Ingram
Sally Stednitz

JUNE 1ST
10:00 AM

Sacristan
Jim Hottovy

Lectors
Judy Weier
(Read the 1st Reading)

Theresa Gulizia
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Cleo Nienaber
Kathy Wendlandt
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JUNE 1ST
NOON

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Ginny Giebelhaus

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Need Sub
(Read the 2nd Reading)

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Mary Zeigler

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LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Ascension of the Lord

MAY 29TH
7:30 AM

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Carol Zeleny

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Jolene Jefferies
(Read the 1st Reading)
Carol Zeleny
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Norm Svoboda
Pat Gilmore
Joan Ingram
Deacon Ken Broz

Ushers
Norm Svoboda
Need Sub

Hilcrest SR/HL
Mike Siegel
Paula Siegel

MAY 29TH
6:00 PM

Sacristan
Larry Neppi

Lectors
Judy Weier
(Read the 1st Reading)
Need Sub
(Read the 2nd Reading)

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Larry Neppi
Christine Walstrom
Sue Korth
Diane Sherwood
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Greeters
Lori Frederick
Carol Zeleny

Vocations Crucifix
Mark Hazard

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER





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TEE IT UP FOR VOCATIONS *Golf, Tennis, Pickleball*

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!



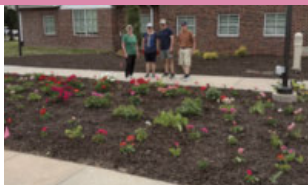
- Golf \$125 (includes box lunch and dinner)
- Foursome \$500 (includes box lunch and dinner)
- Tennis \$75 (includes dinner at The Pines)
- Pickleball \$75 (includes dinner at The Pines)
- Dinner Only \$40 (no golf or tennis)
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- Hole Sponsor \$250



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!

MEMORY GARDEN *Thank You for Your Generosity*

Pictured left to right are Landscaping Team members: Jane Gundvaldson, Karen Meyerott, Russ



Eusterwiemann, and Wayne Gundvaldson. The Landscaping Team would like to thank the parishioners for their most generous response with donations of geraniums and monetary support in creating our new Memory Garden. This special honor of your loved ones adds a new dimension of beauty to our parish grounds. Our Landscaping Team continues efforts to make improvements and greatly appreciates your ideas, volunteering, and support. Please contact Karen Meyerott 402-916-9774 for more information.

TOTUS TUUS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED *Host Families, Meals, and Classroom Volunteers*

Visiting missionaries will be with us for Totus Tuus Sunday, June 22 thru Friday, June 27, and we need your help! If you would like to help in any way listed below, please contact Shane at smfagan@archomaha.org. Thank you!



- **Host Families:** do you have room for two college aged young men or women to stay with you from the evening of Saturday, June 21 thru the morning of the Saturday, June 28 (or evening of June 27)? Can you provide continental breakfast items each day? Then, this might be a great opportunity for these traveling missionaries to meet some of our amazing parishioners and be provided with a warm welcome and hospitality while visiting St. Patrick.
- **Provide Dinner:** are you a good cook for a group? Each night we have dinner available for the teens participating and the visiting missionaries (about 15-20 total). Please consider making or purchasing a dinner one night (June 22-26).
- **Provide Lunch:** each day (June 23-27) we need someone to provide lunch for the missionaries (only 4). This can be dropped off ahead of time or at lunchtime on your day.
- **Snack/Lunch Help:** This can be an adult, high schooler, or middle schooler to help set up and serve snacks in the morning and help with clean up after lunch. You can help everyday or just some days.
- **Small Group Help:** This can be an adult, high schooler, or middle schooler that sits in with the groups through the day assisting the missionaries with behavior, activities, etc. You could volunteer for the whole week, just some days, or just parts of days.

ARE YOU A PRODIGAL SON OR THE OLDER BROTHER *Receive the Lord's Love*



If we are honest with ourselves, when reading or listening to the account of the Prodigal Son, sometimes we can put ourselves in the place of the Older Brother, thinking that we are not the Prodigal Son, not recognizing the reality of our own sins.

The Older Brother is the one who is upset at the Prodigal Son's return and resentful when the father held a great feast: "Now his elder son was in the field; and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing... he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Lo, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command; yet you never gave me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your living with harlots, you killed for him the fatted calf!'" —Luke 15:25-30

Often we are that Older Brother, upset at all of these "sinners" who go to Mass, or who claim to be "Catholic." We may like to point our finger at public sinners and claim that we are not like them. This Older Brother syndrome is not spiritually healthy, as it disposes us to have a very prideful view of ourselves.

BEING THE PRODIGAL SON

Instead of being angry at other people, we need to point the finger at ourselves and to approach our Loving Father to feel the warmth of His embrace. St. Francis de Sales explains this in one of his meditations in the *Introduction to the Devout Life*: "Humble yourself in your wretchedness. O my God, how dare I come before Thine Eyes? I am but a corrupt being, a very sink of ingratitude and wickedness... throw yourself at the Lord's Feet as the Prodigal Son, as the Magdalene, as the woman convicted of adultery. Have mercy, Lord, on me a sinner! O Living Fountain of Mercy, have pity on me, unworthy as I am."

When we are able to identify as the Prodigal Son, then we can experience God's mercy in its fullest extent: "Resolve to do better. Lord, with the help of Thy Grace I will never again give myself up to sin. I have loved it too well;—henceforth I would abhor it and cleave to Thee. Father of Mercy, I would live and die to Thee."

The next time you spend time in prayer, ask yourself, "Am I the Prodigal Son? Or am I the Older Brother?"

—Article by Aleitea

DON'T FORGET THE JUBILEE: *Making the Most of a Holy Year*

While the Catholic world is swept up in the excitement of a new pope, the Jubilee Year of 2025 quietly continues, now entering its second half. Declared by Pope Francis as a Jubilee of Hope, this Holy Year is more than a series of Vatican events. It's a global invitation to renewal, mercy, and mission. So if you've been meaning to do something for the Jubilee but haven't yet, there's still time. And no, it doesn't require a plane ticket to Rome (though that's always an option). Here's how to make the most of the Jubilee Year—wherever you are.

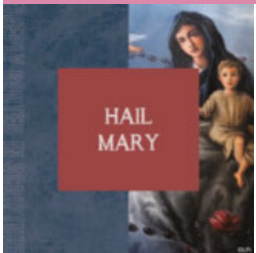


1. **Make a Pilgrimage—Near or Far**—Traditionally, Jubilee pilgrims walk through the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica or one of the other major basilicas in Rome. But Pope Francis also designated Holy Doors in cathedrals and shrines around the world. Check with your local diocese (<https://archomaha.org/2025-jubilee>)—your nearest pilgrimage site may be just a drive or train ride away. Walking through a Holy Door is a powerful symbol of entering into God's mercy. For those able to travel, Rome is offering a full calendar of Jubilee events, including special Masses, catechesis, and processions. Visit the official site (<https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>) for details and registration.
2. **Reconcile and Begin Again**—Jubilees are rooted in Biblical traditions of release and restoration (Leviticus 25). That spirit is lived out today through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Whether you've been away from Confession for months or decades, this is the moment to go. As Pope Francis reminded us, "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 3). Confession isn't about shame—it's about starting over. Let the Jubilee be your clean slate.
3. **Practice Concrete Works of Mercy**—The Jubilee indulgence—granted to pilgrims and penitents during the Holy Year—is not only spiritual. It's linked to tangible acts: visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked. These corporal works of mercy are timeless, and they offer a way to embody the Jubilee's theme of hope. Find a local charity, write to someone in prison, offer a ride to a neighbor. Each act builds the Kingdom.
4. **Travel with Intention**—If you're already planning a summer holiday, consider adding a spiritual layer. Visit a monastery, a Marian shrine, or a church with deep cultural roots. Cities like Lourdes, Fatima, and Kraków are rich in Catholic heritage—but so are lesser-known places like the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Montserrat in Spain or the Abbey of Saint-Maurice in Switzerland. Wherever you go, there'll surely be one. Let your trip be both restorative and sacred.
5. **Set a Jubilee Goal**—Think of this Holy Year as a spiritual reset. Is there a habit you want to change? A part of your prayer life you've neglected? Choose one area of personal transformation and make it your Jubilee intention. That focus might be attending daily Mass once a week, reading a Gospel each month, or volunteering consistently. Small steps matter.

A Jubilee is both a celebration of mercy and a call to renewal. As we pass the halfway mark, don't let this holy time slip by unnoticed. The door is still open—literally and spiritually. Walk through it.

—Article by Aletheia

CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED *Hail Mary Prayer*



The words of the Hail Mary—undoubtedly the most recognizable Catholic prayer after the Lord's Prayer—are deeply rooted in Scripture. The opening lines of the prayer are taken from the words of the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation—"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." This line is known as the Angelic Salutation. The following words—"Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus"—echo the sentiments expressed by Elizabeth at the Visitation.

The Angelic Salutation is regarded as the earliest devotional prayer to Mary, since it forms the very first words spoken to her as the Mother of God, but Catholics did not begin to utilize the Hail Mary prayer in its current form until around the 11th century. An in-depth explanation of each line of this prayer is provided in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2676-2677.

"Put your heart at His feet. It is the gift He loves most." —St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



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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.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE *Pray for Our Parish Priests*

We are looking for women who would be willing to pray one day a week for one hour for Father Baxter and Father Vince's intentions. Materials are available to help you in prayer for your hour. For more information about the apostolate, visit <https://sevensistersapostolate.org>. If you are interested in joining the Seven Sisters, please contact Barb Applegate by Saturday, May 31 at 402-980-0216.



CENTURY CLUB *Your Chance to Earn Cash*



It's time for the semi-annual Century Club drive! A branch of the Knights of Columbus, Century Club raises funds to give it away! Half is used for St. Patrick Parish needs. The other half is returned to members, regardless of where they live, via a monthly CASH prize drawings. Nine members win from \$25 to \$150 in CASH! Jim Hottovy will be in the narthex after all Masses the weekend of June 7-8 to answer any questions you may have.



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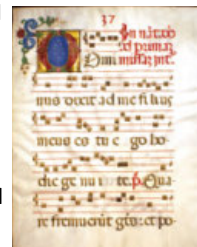


ST. PIUS X ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL—ST. PIUS X, OMAHA, JUNE 1

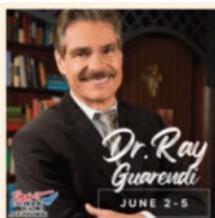
Join us for a day of family fun at St. Pius X Parish Festival on Sunday, June 1 from 11 AM to 5 PM at St. Pius X (6905 Blondo St.). There will be games, food, drinks, plus raffles, a silent auction, and more. And a soccer tournament for added entertainment. Hope you can join us.

SACRED MUSIC SYMPOSIUM—MOUNT MARTY UNIVERSITY, YANKTON, SD, JUNE 4

Mount Marty University is pleased to invite you to the upcoming Sacred Music Symposium on Wednesday, June 4 in the South Dining Room in the Roncalli Center at Mount Marty University (1105 W 8th St, Yankton, SD)! Whether you are a choir member, clergy, or simply passionate about sacred music, this evening is a chance to explore, reflect, and renew the role of sacred music in our parish liturgies. A social with refreshments will begin at 5:30 PM, the Symposium beginning at 6 PM, and the evening will conclude with compline in the Bishop Marty Chapel at 7 PM. The cost is \$10 (payable to Mount Marty University). You can RSVP at mountmarty.edu/sacred-music-symposium. For more information, please contact Dr. Tyler Thress at tyler.thress@mountmarty.edu.



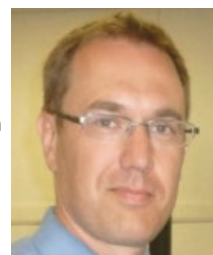
THE DR. (RAY) IS IN—ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL, LINCOLN, JUNE 5



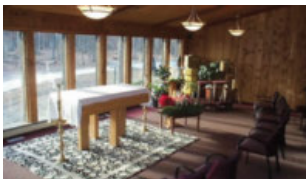
A familiar name to Spirit Catholic Radio listeners is coming to Nebraska this June. Catholic speaker, host of "The Dr. Is In" radio show, author, and family therapist, Dr. Ray Guarendi, will give different talks at four stops across the state. Dr. Ray will sell his books at each location. Tickets are on sale now for \$5 each, or 5 for \$20. Dr. Ray will be in Lincoln on Thursday, June 5 at 7 PM at St. Pius X Catholic High School (6000 A St, Lincoln). Get your tickets at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/drray>.

BUILT OF LIVING STONES—ST. BENEDICT CENTER, SCHUYLER, JUNE 14

As the Universal Church celebrates the 2025 Jubilee Year, here is a great opportunity for anyone planning to go on pilgrimage! Join Nick Manhart as he offers an all-day retreat focused on the distinctive nature of Catholic art and architecture. Built of Living Stones: Understanding Catholic Art and Architecture (Nick Manhart) will be on Saturday, June 14 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the St. Benedict Center (1126 Co Rd I, Schuyler). Learn how the early church responded to Christ's mandate to "go... and make disciples of all nations" through the patronage of beautiful and lasting worship spaces. A special session will be a tribute to the life and work of Brother William Woeger, FSC, who, among other things, helped convert the Crystal Cathedral in Garden Grove, California, into Christ Cathedral of the Diocese of Orange. Cost is \$59.03 which includes program fee, lunch, and tax. Register at <https://christthekingpriory.com/retreats-schedule>.



3-DAY SILENT IGNATIAN RETREAT—GRISWOLD, IA, JUNE 29-JULY 2



Could you use a summer refresh? Come away to the silence for a 3-Day Silent Ignatian Retreat. This retreat offers an individualized retreat experience with plenty of time for prayer and rest in the 153-acre forest at the Creighton University Retreat Center (16493 Contrail Ave Griswold, IA). The retreat runs Sunday through Wednesday, June 29-July 2. Retreat price of \$375 covers room, meals, spiritual direction, and opportunity for Mass and Confession. Registration fee of \$75 requested. To register, you can call 712-778-2466 or visit Creighton.edu/curc for more information.

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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