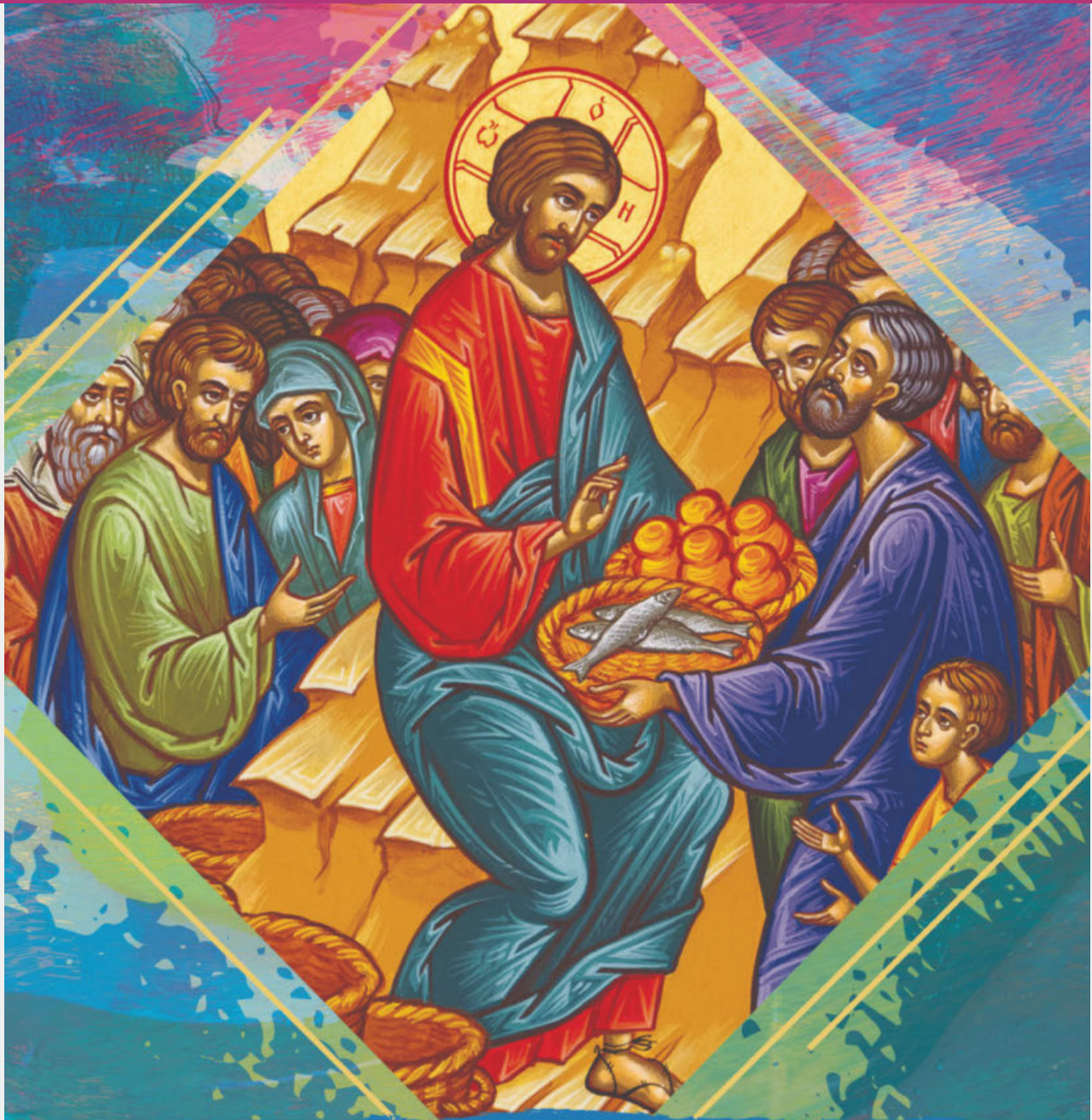


ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET

GRETNA, NE 68028



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

They all ate and were satisfied. - Lk 9:16

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JUNE 22, 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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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

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

FIRST READING (GN 14:18-20)

In reaction to the thanksgiving meal of bread and wine, Abram generously gave
Melchizedek a tenth of his possessions. What could you give back to God this week out of
gratitude?

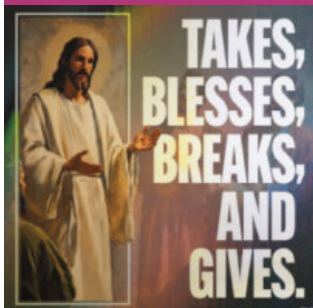
SECOND READING (1 COR 11:23-26)

Paul tells us from the very beginning the early Church celebrated the Eucharistic meal as a
remembrance of Jesus' death and as central to our faith. How does the Eucharist
strengthen your faith?

GOSPEL (LK 9:11B-17)

The miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 underscores Jesus' desire to feed us. What do you
find yourself hungry for today?

GOSPEL MEDITATION



A Catholic friend of mine occasionally says, "The Eucharist is not a noun. It's a verb." In so saying, he is making the point that the Eucharist isn't simply Jesus' bodily presence given to us in Holy Communion. It also manifests the dynamic pattern by which Christ actively loves and saves us. He teaches us to cooperate with that pattern. This Eucharist actually embodies four verbs: Jesus takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. Let's consider each one.

He takes: Do we acknowledge that we are totally in God's hands? Do we receive everything in our lives as a gift, and act responsibly with it?

He blesses: Do we actively reflect that Jesus makes us holy in our baptism? Do we embrace our bodies and souls as temples of God, worthy of love, peace, and joy?

He breaks: Do we run from failure and disappointment, from getting old or being ignored? Are we too worried about getting hurt or sick? Do we embrace our sufferings with confidence?

He gives: Are we willing to make our lives a gift for others? Are we confident that we will always have enough love to give to others, that God will always provide enough for us? Do we rejoice in giving away what we have to others, expecting nothing in return? This is the dynamic life the Eucharist empowers us to live.

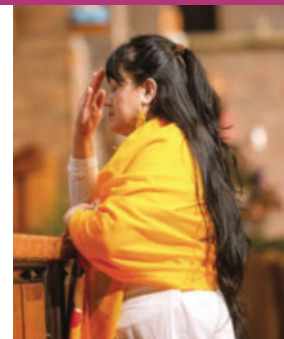
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered: why do we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

ANSWER:

Certainly, many people go to Mass or other devotions, doing and saying things out of habit or reverence and not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

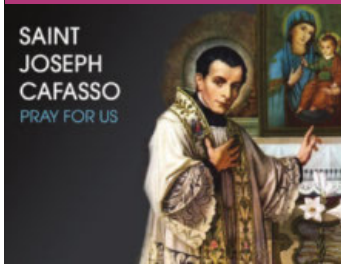


There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on my mind, on my lips, and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel help us focus our attention on the Good News we are about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

Glory be to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, who calls us into communion with Him, a life of grace and mystery, reconciliation, and unity. Amen.

SAINT JOSEPH CAFASSO

Priest



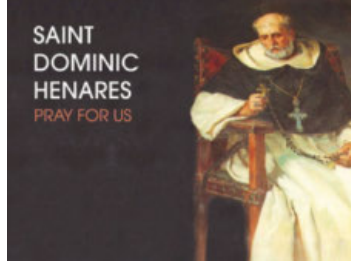
St. Joseph Cafasso (1811–1860) was born in Castelnuovo d’Asti, Italy, to a peasant family. He was born with a physical deformity of the spine, which caused him to grow into a stunted and crippled man. Discerning a call to Holy Orders, he entered the seminary in Turin where he later met another famous saint—John Bosco. Joseph taught John Bosco and encouraged him in his mission to minister to the town’s impoverished street youth.

Joseph was an excellent professor of moral theology, as well as a famed preacher and confessor. He performed his duties so well that he became known as the “Priest’s Priest.” He spent entire days preaching in prisons, offering comfort to the prisoners, hearing their confessions, and even advocating to improve the poor conditions of the prison. For this work he also earned the name, “Priest of the Gallows.” St. Joseph Cafasso is the patron saint of prisoners, prisons, and prison chaplains. His feast day is June 23.

SAINT DOMINIC HENARES

Bishop and Martyr

St. Dominic Henares (1764-1838) was born to a poor family in Spain. He joined the Dominican Order and was ordained a priest in 1790. Ten years later he was sent as a missionary to the Far East. He went from Mexico to the Philippines, and finally to North Vietnam. He became Bishop of Phunhay, Vietnam, in 1803. In 1831 the Vietnamese emperor officially prohibited Catholicism and severely persecuted the Church. Whole villages were sent into exile; priests were arrested and subjected to the most terrible tortures before they were killed. Those who helped capture them were richly rewarded. Bishop Henares was arrested and beheaded in Nam Dinh on June 25, 1838; the soldiers and villagers who participated in his arrest received generous compensation. St. Dominic Henares is one of an estimated 130,000 to 300,000 Catholics martyred for the faith in Vietnam between the 15th and 20th centuries. They were canonized together by Pope St. John Paul II in 1988. St. Dominic Henares’ feast day is June 25, and the collective memorial for 117 of the Vietnamese Martyrs is November 24.



SAINT JOSEMARÍA ESCRIVA

Priest



St. Josemaría Escrivá (1902-1975) was born in Spain, one of six children of a devout Catholic family. Growing up, he observed his parents faithfully endure painful family trials (the death of three of their young children and devastating financial setbacks) and this had a profound effect on his own faith. As a teenager he discovered his vocation to the priesthood when he saw the path of footprints in the snow left by a barefoot Carmelite friar. He then experienced a radical conversion: he gave up his intended career as an architect and entered

the seminary. He spent most of his life studying and teaching in universities, earning a doctorate in civil law and theology. St. Josemaría Escrivá’s lasting impact lies in the foundation of Opus Dei (“The Work of God”), an organization of laity and priests dedicated to the universal call of holiness and the belief that ordinary, daily life is an authentic path to sanctity. Today Opus Dei has over 80,000 members worldwide. His famous written work is *The Way*, a collection of spiritual and pastoral reflections on the Gospels and their application to everyday life. On June 26, 1975, after glancing at an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe in his office in Rome, St. Josemaría died suddenly of cardiac arrest. He was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II. His feast day is June 26.

“True devotion to Our Lady is holy; that is to say, it leads the soul to avoid sin and to imitate the virtues of the Blessed Virgin, particularly her profound humility, her lively faith, her blind obedience, her continual prayer, her universal mortification, her divine purity, her ardent charity, her heroic patience, her angelic sweetness, and her divine wisdom. These are the ten principal virtues of the most holy Virgin.”

—St. Louis De Montfort, *True Devotion to Mary*, p. 55



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READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

TUESDAY: *Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 *Day:* Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

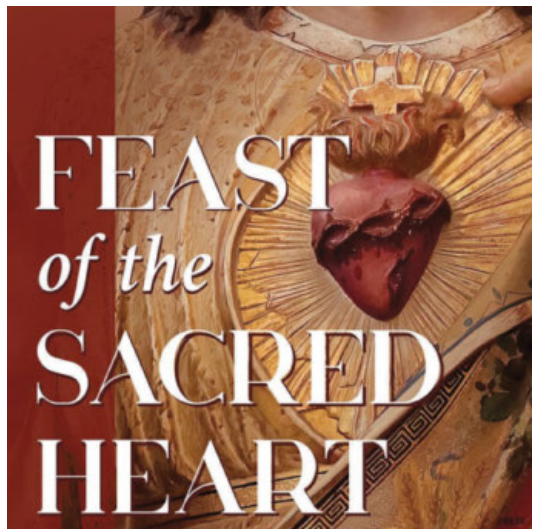
WEDNESDAY: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

THURSDAY: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29

FRIDAY: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7

SATURDAY: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

NEXT SUNDAY: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19



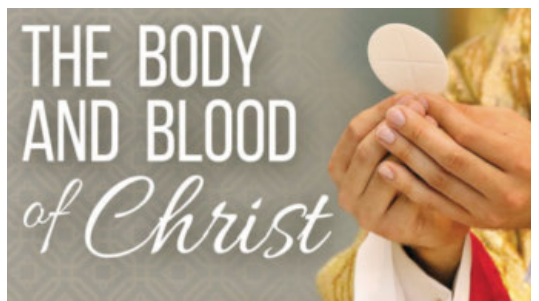
OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

TUESDAY: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

FRIDAY: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

SATURDAY: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr and Doctor of the Church

NEXT SUNDAY: Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles





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FR. SSONKO FUNDRAISER
Get Your Tickets Today

Join us for this year's Fr. Ssonko Fundraiser—Invest in Hope: Educate Youth for Brighter Tomorrows—on Friday, July 11. This unique raise the paddle fundraiser



raises money to support our sister parish, St. Mary's in Busaabala, Uganda. Last year, we had an outstanding response to raise funds to build a dormitory for the students of St. Mary's Primary School. This year we will be raising funds to support the students of the school—particularly in paying for uniforms for students who can't afford them, school supplies, and the like. Visit our parish website, stpatricksgretna.org/father-ssonko-fundraiser or stop in the Parish Office to get your tickets. The Stella Matutina O'Connor Foundation is offering a \$30,000 matching fund this year. Grab a few postcards from the narthex and invite a friend to join you!

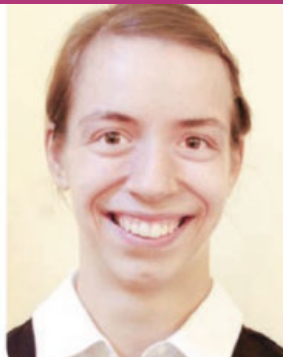


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VOCATION PRAYER CORNER

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

This week let us pray for **Rachel Johs** (The Sister Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus in Naples) from Immaculate Conception in Omaha.



"He spoke to them about the Kingdom of God, and He healed those who needed to be cured." (Luke 9:11b) Just as Christ ministered to the needs of those around Him, you may be called to bring spiritual healing and proclaim God's Kingdom to His people. Are you being invited to follow in Jesus' footsteps by serving the Church as a priest? 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."



Since our last update on June 8, 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!



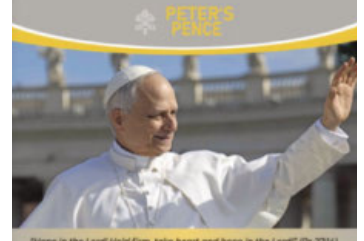
Name.....Date

Thomas Ethan Schoonover.....6/15/2025

Adalyn Noelle Witt.....6/15/2025

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
Support the Work of Our Holy Father

Next weekend we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including the charitable works of Pope Leo XIV. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Take this opportunity to be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

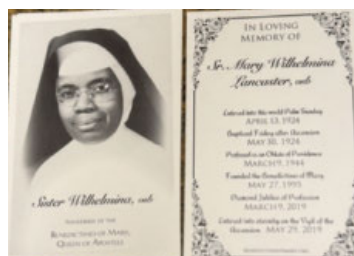


SISTER WILHELMINA, PRAY FOR US
Faith Connection Prayer Group Field Trip



Members of the St. Patrick Church Faith Connection Prayer group took a field trip on June 11 to visit the Abbey Church of Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles monastery in Gower, MO. Those in attendance were Joan Ingram, Elaine Scheef, Kris Kappius, Nell Votruba, Linda Harrison, Karen Tighe, Barb Merkel, Sharon Wuerfele, Tam Hottovy, Colleen Karmazin, Rosie Stec, and Linda Gardner. They were able to view the incorrupt body of Sister Wilhelmina.

Sister Wilhelmina is the foundress of Benedictines of Mary, Queen of Apostles. She passed in May 1919, and her body was exhumed in April 2023 to be moved to a more prominent place in the monastery. The sisters were expecting to find only skeleton as Sister Wilhelmina was not embalmed and she was buried in a simple unsealed wooden casket. However, when they opened the casket they found her body incorrupt.



Incorruptibility is not considered to be an indication of sainthood, and as of right now there has not been an initiation for the cause of her canonization as a saint. That's not to say there won't be in the future. Meanwhile, many continue to be inspired by the life of Sister Wilhelmina. May her faith and witness lead others to Christ. To learn more about Sister Mary Wilhelmina Lancaster, visit the monastery's website, benedictinesofmary.org/srwilhelmina.

"I will attempt day by day to break my will into pieces. I want to do God's Holy Will, not my own." —St. Gabriel Possenti

CENTURY CLUB JUNE CASH PRIZE WINNERS

Gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and Still Today

You ever take a deep breath and exhale in someone's direction, only to have them give a little cough at your breath (so sorry Tam). How do you think it was when Jesus breathed on His disciples, breathing the gift of the Holy Spirit to them. Their hearts now fully on fire with the Holy Spirit as they understood all His teachings! They couldn't help but to run to the crowd outside and start proclaiming the Word, Jesus! People from all over were there, yet each understood what was being taught to them.

Every Sunday, we have the honor of hearing those same teachings. Readings from the Old Testament, Psalms, a reading from the New Testament, then the Gospel, the true teaching of Jesus Christ Himself! There are many in the world that do not have this honor, having His word read to us, Father's Homily that follows helps connect not only the Old and New Testaments, but connect us to His Word. Every Mass in the world proclaims these same readings. If you go to a Mass anywhere, you may not understand as the people listening to the disciples did that Pentecost Sunday, so very long ago, but you can still follow along and know what is happening during the Mass. This is truly a gift we have.

With that, I have no idea how to transition this to Century Club, so... on we go! As you know, I had a Membership Drive on Pentecost Sunday. I never know what to expect, but I set a goal of five new members. Thanks to the good Lord, we reached that goal, plus one more probable member will mail their dues. With two additional Brother Knights that signed up, that makes our total membership 205!!! FYI: my new goal is 225 members. Keep this up, and we can increase the CASH prize amounts!

Thank you all for your continued support for the Century Club. Since I have taken up so much of your time already, here are the June winners, as drawn by Tony Vanek at our monthly Knights of Columbus meeting.

\$150—Paul Duin
\$100—Jim Kotera
\$75—Jeanette Roy
\$50—Scott Stolenberg
\$25—Mary McKinney
\$25—Pete Giebelhaus
\$25—Mary Zeigler
\$25—Carson Horst
\$25—Joe Krajicek



Thank you all again, and, as always, please pray for everyone as everyone needs prayer!

Jim Hottovy
Century Club Administrator

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 Greg Baxter and Father Vince Sunguti's intentions. Materials are available to help you in prayer for your hour. If you are interested in joining the Seven Sisters, please contact Barb Applegate at 402-980-0216. For more information about the apostolate, visit <http://sevensistersapostolate.org>.

Stewardship Report

June 11-June 17, 2025

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

General Contributions	Jun 11- Jun 17, 2025	Fiscal YTD thru Jun 17
Sunday Offering	\$18,045.00	\$1,248,809.31
Other Contributions	\$1,559.65	\$129,455.91
Total General Contributions	\$19,604.65	\$1,378,265.22 *
Surplus/Deficit	(\$6,645.35)	\$65,765.22

* 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, June 22 at 7 PM). Come join your brother parishioners for prayer and fraternity! If you have additional questions, please reach out to Matthew Henry at mattHenry@gmail.com, Andy Pearson at apearson709@gmail.com, Eric Devlin at delineric62@gmail.com or Seth Boardman at sethd99@hotmail.com.



THE GIVING GARDEN



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

BAGS, BEERS, AND BRATS

Save the date for this year's St. Patrick Bags, Beers, and Brats Community Festival on Friday, July 25 from 5 PM to 10 PM in the south parking lot. Register for the bags (Cornhole) tournament by emailing GretnaOptimistClub@gmail.com. Tables, chairs, and tents are provided, however, you are welcome to bring your own lawn chair. This year's live music will be the Mark Vyhldal Variety Band. Our Gretna Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Beer and Beverage Tent while the Gretna Optimist Club is sponsoring the brats, burgers, and hotdogs and the cornhole (bags) tournament.



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, JUNE 23RD

7:30 AM † Francis and Ray Funk

TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH

6:00 PM † Cliff and Evelyn Lisko

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH

7:30 AM † Ginny Smith

THURSDAY, JUNE 26TH

7:30 AM † Butch Curtis

FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH

7:30 AM INT Victoria Ayele Mihinto and Family

SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH

5:00 PM † Mike and Delores Valasek and † Joe and Arlene Reinig

SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH

8:00 AM INT John and Corliss Lovstad
10:00 AM For Our Parishioners
12:00 PM † Henry Sudbeck

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 Ian McGovern, 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, JUNE 22ND—THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM Totus Tuus for 7th-12th Grade—Basement Commons, Youth Group
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM COR Men's Group Meeting—Father Hitch Room

MONDAY, JUNE 23RD

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
9:00 AM to 2:30 PM Totus Tuus for 1st-6th Graders—Basement Commons, RE Rooms
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM Totus Tuus Confession and Mass—Sanctuary and Confessional
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM Totus Tuus for 7th-12th Grade—Basement Commons, Youth Group

TUESDAY, JUNE 24TH

9:00 AM to 2:30 PM Totus Tuus for 1st-6th Graders—Basement Commons, RE Rooms
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM Totus Tuus Confession and Mass—Sanctuary and Confessional
5:30 PM to 5:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 6:00 PM)—Sanctuary
5:30 PM to 9:00 PM Pilgrimage Potluck and Travel Prep Meeting—Parish Center AB
6:30 PM to 6:40 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion—Sanctuary
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM Totus Tuus for 7th-12th Grade—Basement Commons, Youth Group

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25TH

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
9:00 AM to 2:30 PM Totus Tuus for 1st-6th Graders—Basement Commons, RE Rooms
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM Totus Tuus Confession and Mass—Sanctuary and Confessional
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM Totus Tuus for 7th-12th Grade—Basement Commons, Youth Group

THURSDAY, JUNE 26TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
9:00 AM to 2:30 PM Totus Tuus for 1st-6th Graders—Basement Commons, RE Rooms
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM Totus Tuus Confession and Mass—Sanctuary and Confessional
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal—Sanctuary and Narthex
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Women's Small Group Meeting—Father Hitch Room
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Wedding Rehearsal—Sanctuary and Narthex
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM Totus Tuus for 7th-12th Grade—Basement Commons, Youth Group

FRIDAY, JUNE 27TH

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
9:00 AM to 2:30 PM Totus Tuus for 1st-6th Graders—Basement Commons, RE Rooms
10:30 AM to 12:00 PM Totus Tuus Confession and Mass—Sanctuary and Confessional
12:00 PM to 5:00 PM Wedding Prep—Sanctuary, Narthex, Father Hitch, Bride's Room
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM Wedding—Sanctuary and Narthex

SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH

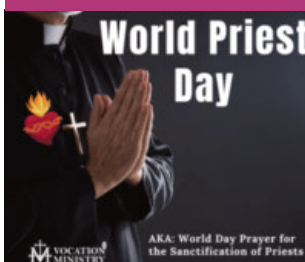
8:00 AM to 3:30 PM Wedding Prep—Sanctuary, Narthex, Father Hitch, Bride's Room
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Private Event—Parish Center A and Kitchen
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM Wedding—Sanctuary and Narthex
4:00 PM to 4:40 PM Confession—Confessional
4:30 PM to 4:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 5:00 PM)—Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JUNE 29TH—SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

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

WORLD DAY FOR THE SANCTIFICATION OF PRIESTS

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus—June 27



World Priest Day (AKA World Day for the Sanctification of Priests) is all about praying for your priests and their holiness! This day is celebrated every year on the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is on Friday, June 27 this year. Every day our priests pray for us and our intentions as they preside over Mass, hear confessions, anoint the sick, or bury our loved ones. Don't forget to tell your priests you are praying for them. You never know what they are going through, sacrificing out of love for us.

LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

Saints Peter and Paul

JUNE 28TH
5:00 PM

Sacristan
Larry Neppl

Lectors
Lori Wewel
(Read the 1st Reading)

Crystal Schroeder
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Bridget Blum
Larry Neppl
Kevin Riley
Kylie Karnish

Ushers
Larry Neppl
Jeff Wollenburg
Need Sub
Need Sub

Rosary Reciter
Carol Zeleny

Altar Servers
Shailynn Gatewood
Aslyn Ronk
Kenley Ronk

Greeters
Chris Gatewood
Chris Lingbloom

JUNE 29TH
8:00 AM

Sacristan
Joan Ingram

Lectors
Theresa Huttman
(Read the 1st Reading)

Duane Benes
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Kathy Schwarting
Gene Schwarting
Sandy Scheef
Amy Beran
Deacon Ken Broz

Ushers
Pat Calvert
Ron Kotrous
Pat Shurtliff
Need Sub

Rosary Reciter
Tim Gilligan

Altar Servers
Jacob Kula
Nick Kula
Sarah Kula

Greeters
Mary Maw
Tony Schultz

Hilcrest SR/HL
Kathy Schwarting

JUNE 29TH
10:00 AM

Sacristan
Andi Towey

Lectors
Kelly Eby
(Read the 1st Reading)

Judy Weier
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Phil Lenz
Kari Lenz
Diana Alderson
Rosie Stec

Ushers
Clint Bollock
Chris Reinig
John Schaffert
Tony Vanek

Rosary Reciter
Theresa Gulizia

Altar Servers
Anderson Brei
Ellie Brei
Vinnie Nelson

Greeters
Andrew Brei
Andrew Urban

JUNE 29TH
NOON

Sacristan
Ginny Giebelhaus

Lectors
Stephanie Lampe
(Read the 1st Reading)

Carol Zeleny
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Ginny Giebelhaus
Leann Otto
Steve Otto
Norma Hintz

Ushers
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Doris Williams
Mary Zeigler

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Norm Svoboda

Altar Servers
James Janda
Thomas Janda
Need Sub

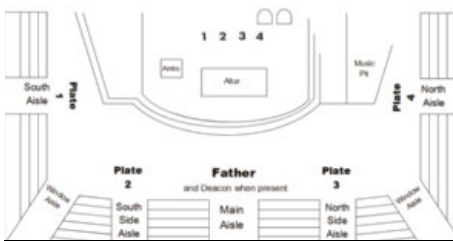
Greeters
Joann Dalley
Mary Zeigler

Vocations Crucifix
David Hubert

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.

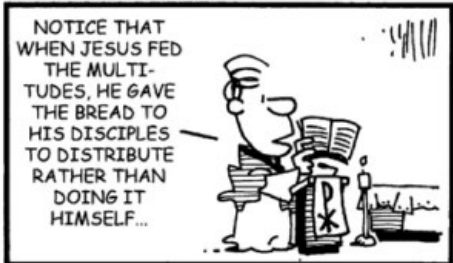
EMHC STATION MAP



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

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SYMBOLISM OF THE PELICAN *Corpus Christi*



Have you ever seen a depiction of a pelican in the stained glass windows of your church or in an adoration

chapel you've visited? Read on to discover the spiritual meaning of the pelican and how it is related to the Eucharist.

Before the birth of Christ, an ancient legend claimed that during a famine, a mother pelican would pierce her breast with her beak and feed her young with her own blood. An alternate version of the legend claimed that if a mother pelican's young were dying, she would let them drink her blood to bring them back to health.

Early Christians noticed the parallels between the self-sacrificing bird and Christ, who gave His own Blood for our salvation during His Passion—and continues to give us His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. So those early Christians adopted the symbol of the pelican, which has since been used for centuries. References to a pelican are found even in the writings of Dante and Shakespeare. The best-known reference is found in one of the five Eucharistic hymns composed by St. Thomas Aquinas for the Feast of Corpus Christi when it was first instituted.

The verse in *Adoro Te Devote*, or "Godhead Here in Hiding," roughly translated from Latin, says: "Pelican of mercy, Jesus Lord, cleanse me, unclean, by Thy Blood, of which one drop is enough to wash the world of all sin."

Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins translated the Angelic Doctor's hymn into poetic English, rendering the following translation: "Like what tender tales tell of the Pelican, Bathe me, Jesus Lord, in what Thy Bosom ran, Blood that but one drop of has the pow'r to win, All the world forgiveness of its world of sin."

Read the hymn's full text here (https://hymnary.org/text/godhead_here_in_hiding). You can also listen to the hymn in Latin here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6TU8a3t2dk>) or in English here (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqHlf5DYF2c>).

To prepare for Corpus Christi in this year of Eucharistic Revival, consider incorporating this beautiful Eucharistic hymn into your prayer this weekend!

—Article by Catholic Vote

MARY, MOTHER OF PRIESTS *Pray for More Holy Priests*

The Catholic Church is in need of more holy priests and the perfect intercessor to turn to is Mary, the Mother of Priests. After Jesus' death and resurrection, priests and bishops became the guardians of the faith and were entrusted with the task of feeding the flock of Christ. They were also given the task of preaching the Gospel to the ends of the earth, bringing Jesus' message of love and mercy to as many people as possible. These are not easy tasks. They require sacrifice, and many young men might hesitate to commit to such a life. This has led to a decrease in men responding to God's call, reducing the number of shepherds working in the Lord's fields.



SHE KEEPS WATCH

In times such as these, it is important to turn to the Virgin Mary, as St. John Paul II explained in his apostolic exhortation *Pastores dabo vobis*: "Every aspect of priestly formation can be referred to Mary, the human being who has responded better than any other to God's call. Mary became both the servant and the disciple of the Word to the point of conceiving, in her heart and in her flesh, the Word made man, so as to give Him to mankind. Mary was called to educate the one eternal priest, who became docile and subject to her motherly authority. With her example and intercession the Blessed Virgin keeps vigilant watch over the growth of vocations and priestly life in the Church."

We can turn to her, asking her to protect our current priests but also to inspire other young men to respond to the Lord's invitation. Here is a prayer St. John Paul II composed that invokes Mary under her title of "Mother of Priests."

PRAYER TO MARY, MOTHER OF PRIESTS

O Mary, Mother of Jesus Christ and Mother of priests, accept this title which we bestow on you to celebrate your motherhood and to contemplate with you the priesthood of, your Son and of your sons, O holy Mother of God.

O Mother of Christ, to the Messiah—priest you gave a body of flesh through the anointing of the Holy Spirit for the salvation of the poor and the contrite of heart; guard priests in your heart and in the Church, O Mother of the Savior.

O Mother of Faith, you accompanied to the Temple the Son of Man, the fulfillment of the promises given to the fathers; give to the Father for His glory the priests of your Son, O Ark of the Covenant.

O Mother of the Church, in the midst of the disciples in the upper room you prayed to the Spirit for the new people and their shepherds; obtain for the Order of Presbyters a full measure of gifts, O Queen of the Apostles.

O Mother of Jesus Christ, you were with Him at the beginning of His life and mission, you sought the Master among the crowd, you stood beside Him when He was lifted up from the earth consumed as the one eternal sacrifice, and you had John, your son, near at hand; accept from the beginning those who have been called, protect their growth, in their life ministry accompany your sons, O Mother of Priests. Amen.

—Article by Aletea

SKUTT CATHOLIC HONOR ROLL STUDENTS *Congratulations and Keep Up the Good Work*

PRAY FOR OUR STUDENTS



We honor and congratulate the students at Skutt Catholic High School who earned Honor Roll during the second semester of this last school year. Students on the Academic Honors list have maintained a grade average of 3.75 or higher with no individual grade lower than a C-. This demonstrates consistent strong performance across all subjects. Those on the Distinguished Honors list have achieved a remarkable grade average of 4.25 or higher with no individual grade lower than a B. This signifies truly outstanding academic accomplishments. Those students earning Academic Honor Roll is semester include Alexa and Lily Augustyn, daughters of Philip and Jennifer

Augustyn, Mitchell and Paul Hubert, sons of Paul and Carrie Hubert, Kelsey Williams, daughter of John and Kerry Williams, and Sophia Yaghmour, daughter of Tony and Kristee Yaghmour. Those earning Distinguished Honor Roll include Kennedy Hochstein, daughter of Ben and Brooke Hochstein, and Charles Yaghmour, son of Tony and Kristee Yaghmour.

BRACE YOURSELF, ORDINARY TIME IS COMING

The Cross is Our Bridge to Heaven

I stood in an open field under a blue sky. The sun shone softly on the many wildflowers populating the field, and a light breeze caused the grass to sway rhythmically as if to a song. I delighted in the bright array of colors—white, yellow, orange, green, lavender—that seemed to dance before me in the field. I wandered aimlessly and was forgetful of time. At first, I felt only joy, but gradually I began to feel in my heart as though something was missing. An emptiness which the flowers, the sun, and the soft breeze could not yet seem to fill. I looked again around the field and I saw in the middle something tall and dark, which I had forgotten was there.



As I approached it, I saw that it was a tree, austere in its leafless limbs. It was not much taller than me but solid with arms outstretched as if for an embrace. As I ran my hands over the wood, I felt strength and firmness in its contours. Then I saw the holes, three wounds forever fixed in that wood. I stood, transfixed by the tree and the weight of its glory. At last, I looked down and saw a mound of gnarled roots, as one sees in trees that have lived long upon the earth. As I followed the roots, I saw that they spread out in every direction and that there was no plant, flower, or tree in that field that was not connected to this tree before me. I knelt down and, placing my hand upon the roots, I felt joy and pain and love and life coursing through me. And then I knew the tree, and I knew that nothing in the field would ever satisfy me without it.

The cross, as this scene imagines, can so easily fade into the background. During Lent, it was so prominent that we could hardly forget it, but during Easter, the festivities, small pleasures, and busyness of spring can cause the cross to slip from our minds. The approach of Ordinary time brings the cross back into view and is a reminder that the Christian life paradoxically holds together the suffering of Lent with the rejoicing of Easter.

The combination of joy and suffering is a paradox exemplified by the wounds that Christ continues to bear even after His Resurrection (see John 20:27). It is a paradox that finds its fullest expression in the cross. Servant of God Luis María Martínez reflects that “there are in the Christian life many virtues and many gifts, many intimate communications with God, and a multitude of holy and heroic acts; but all of them are grouped around the cross, for they are the preparation or the consequence of the intimate, loving sacrifice” (The Sanctifier, 124).

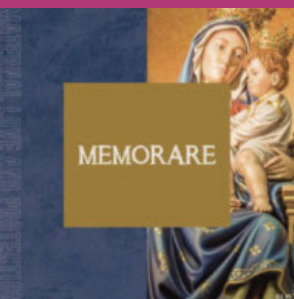
Everything in the Christian life either points to the cross or flows from it. The cross does represent suffering, but it also represents the ultimate act of love, which won our salvation. The cross is the bridge by which we walk to Heaven. From the cross flows joy and life. Not the joy and life that the world offers, but a new joy and new life in Christ. “Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matt 10:39).

So, as we transition into Ordinary time, look to the cross, which stands as our anchor. Look to the cross upon which we were redeemed by the Savior’s Precious Blood. Look to the cross for meaning, for joy, and for life: “See how the cross of the Lord stands revealed as the tree of life.”

—Article by Dominican Journal

CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED

The Memorare Prayer



The Memorare is a prayer to the Blessed Mother in which the supplicant calls upon the maternal love and protection of Mary’s intercession in an hour of dire need. “I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother,” reads one section of the prayer, which goes on to beseech “the Mother of the Word Incarnate” to receive these petitions with love and mercy.

St. Teresa of Calcutta and St. Francis de Sales were two great devotees of this prayer. Popularized in the 17th century by a French priest named Fr. Claude Bernard, the text is derived from an older and longer prayer entitled “Ad sanctitatis tuae

pedes, dulcissima Virgo Maria” (“at your holy feet, most sweet Virgin Mary”). The title “Memorare” is taken from the Latin word for “remember,” which begins the prayer. The modern version appears in the 1846 *Raccolta*, a collection of indulgenced prayers.



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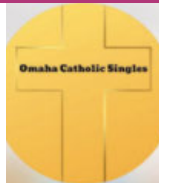
ADVERTISE FOR YOUR MINISTRY GROUP

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.

OMAHA CATHOLIC SINGLES

Events for Ages 30-55

Are you a single Catholic between the ages of 30-55 looking to deepen your faith, build meaningful and lasting friendships, and connect with others who share your values? Join the Omaha Catholic Singles community! We plan to meet monthly for social events and spiritual enrichment. Our next upcoming event will be a happy hour at Sonny’s in Aksarben Village (1905 S. 67th St, Omaha) on Thursday, June 26 at 5 PM. Follow us on Instagram @OmahaCatholicSinglesGroup, join the group on Facebook Omaha Catholic Singles, or send an email to OmahaCatholicSingles@gmail.com.



FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST

Thank You From the Parish Staff

THANK YOU!

The parish staff would like to thank all the guild, faith sharing, hospitality team members, and parishioners who helped with the Father’s Day Breakfast. We truly appreciate your dedication and time commitment in working together in our parish family with the setup, food prep, serving, and clean-up. It takes an army to make a function that size run smoothly. We served over 475 people and received many compliments. The winners of the two \$100 Ace Hardware gift cards were John Peterson and Paul Staley. God’s blessings!



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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

THE WAY THROUGH GRIEF WORKSHOPS—CATHOLIC CEMETERIES, JUNE 28

If you have felt the pain of sorrow and grief, Catholic Cemeteries is offering a grief workshop called “The Way through Grief.” This workshop consists of six two-hour sessions beginning at 10:30 AM on Saturday, June 28 and running through August 2. Through prayerful reflection with guided fellowship, we learn to journey in life from grief to the life our Lord wishes for us. To register or for more information, contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com.



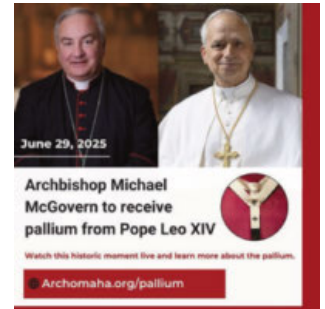
ROME BENEATH THE SURFACE—ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI, JUNE 29



Want to go to Rome without the hassle of passports and airfare? Let Deacon Omar Gutiérrez take you on a tour of the Eternal City... Rome Beneath the Surface on Sunday, June 29 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at St. Robert Bellarmine (11802 Pacific St, Omaha). Learn about the beginnings of modern Christian archeology, learn about the early Church, all the while learning about the roots of our faith as Catholics. Appropriate (and recommended) for middle schoolers and older. Bring the whole family! All are welcome. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at <https://www.eicatholic.org/event-details/ei-presents-rome-beneath-the-surface-2>.

ARCHBISHOP MCGOVERN TO RECEIVE HIS PALLIUM—VIRTUAL, JUNE 29

On June 29, 2025, Pope Leo XIV will bless and impose Archbishop Michael G. McGovern's pallium during the celebration of the Mass for the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. Watch the Mass live from Rome at 2:30 AM Omaha time (9:30 AM in Rome). EWTN will carry it live and also re-air the Mass at 11 AM. The pallium is a papal liturgical symbol and insignia of an archbishop. When an archbishop is appointed to a new archdiocese, he requests a pallium from the Holy See. The pallium is a stole-like vestment worn over the chasuble when the archbishop celebrates Mass. It symbolizes the archbishop's authority and his unity with the Pope. For more information and to watch the livestream, visit <https://archomaha.org/pallium>.



ANN'S ATTIC CLOTHING SALE AND PARISH GARAGE SALE—ST. PIUS X, JULY 10-12



Join us for our annual St. Pius X Ann's Attic Clothing Sale and Parish Garage Sale on July 10-12. These are two huge sales—a gym full of gently used clothes for all ages, all sizes. Sell by the bag. On Friday—buy one bag, get 50% off your second bag. On Saturday—get free clothes (free will offering). The second sale is a Parish Center full of very useful and unique items, including furniture, kitchen ware, pictures, books, etc. Come get your hidden treasures at St. Pius X (6905 Blondo, Omaha) on Thursday, July 10 from 9 AM to 6 PM, Friday, July 11 from 9 AM to 6 PM, or Saturday, July 12 from 9 AM to Noon.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE—CLYDE, MISSOURI, JULY 18-20

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18-40 who are curious about religious life, to a Monastic Experience July 18-20 at their monastery in Clyde, Missouri. It's a chance to experience the daily rhythm of monastic life where participants can join the Sisters in praying the Divine Office, Daily Mass, and Eucharistic Adoration, as well as experiencing Lectio Divina (praying with Scripture) and gaining wisdom from the Benedictine tradition. There is no cost to attend, and more details are available at <https://benedictinesisters.org/come-let-us-adore>. The next opportunity will be October 17-19. To register, please contact Sister Nancy Rose at 660-944-2221 ext. 142 or vocation@benedictinesisters.org.



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