

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET

GRETNA, NE 68028



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:26-27

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APRIL 12, 2026



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

2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

FIRST READING (ACTS 2:42-47)

In the immediate aftermath of Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension, the community of believers in Jerusalem experienced much joy and harmony. In what ways do you help build up your faith community?

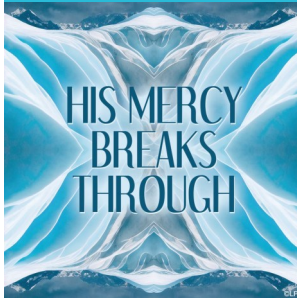
SECOND READING (1 PT 1:3-9)

With Jesus' Resurrection from the dead, Peter can now speak of an inheritance that awaits all believers and will one day be revealed to us. How should knowledge of this upcoming gift impact our living in the present moment?

GOSPEL (JN 20:19-31)

Thomas needed concrete evidence before he would believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. What convinces you that Jesus is risen and alive?

GOSPEL MEDITATION



"Then He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'" (John 20:27)

In my early 20s, I volunteered at a parish youth group. I witnessed teens encountering Jesus with a fresh, romantic wonder that reminded me of my own teenage conversion. But something had changed in me. I was quietly jaded and cynical. When teens shared stories of encountering Christ, I'd want to sarcastically murmur, "Well, good for you." I had grown suspicious of the zeal I once knew.

Then we brought the group on a pilgrimage. I was standing in an old church in France, ignoring a long-winded tour guide. I found myself before a crucifix. In that moment, I heard something, not audibly, but unmistakably in my heart: "I came to be your friend... and you wish to be my enemy? Why do you stand far from me? I suffer gladly for you. I was pierced for you. Why do you run from me?" My heart opened. I saw how cold and cynical I had become. But Jesus had not given up on me. He had returned, and His mercy broke through.

So, I can relate to the scoffing—and transformation—of Thomas when the Risen Jesus presents His wounds for inspection. Thomas is not simply doubting; he is guarded, suspicious, even cynical. But Jesus comes to him. No lecture. Just understanding and mercy. He invites Thomas to touch His wounds. This burns away his cynicism like the morning mist.

Divine Mercy Challenge: This week, rejoice with someone who is newly alive in faith. If your own heart has grown skeptical or tired, ask Jesus to help you. He will.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

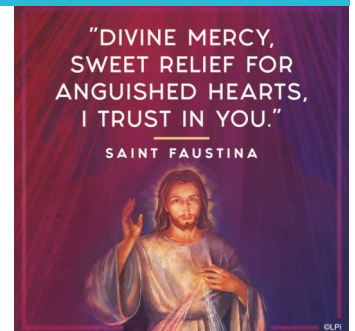
QUESTION:

Where did the Feast of Divine Mercy come from?

ANSWER:

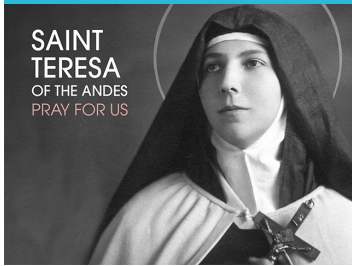
If you were born well before the year 2000, you know the Feast of Divine Mercy has not always been celebrated in the Church. In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers—the Divine Mercy Chaplet—and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world.

Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."



SAINT TERESA OF THE ANDES

Religious



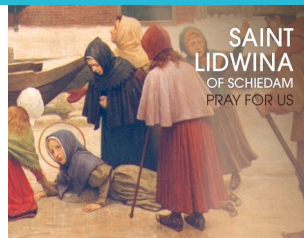
SAINT TERESA OF THE ANDES
PRAY FOR US

St. Teresa of Jesus (1900 - 1920), also known as St. Teresa of the Andes, was born in Chile to an upper class family. She was a pious child with a profound spirituality and a deep devotion to Jesus and Mary. Yet she was also stubborn and self-centered, defects which she diligently set herself to overcome in preparation for her First Holy Communion at the age of 10. Inspired by reading the autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux, and confirmed by prayer, at the age of 14 she decided to become a Carmelite nun. Five years later her desire was realized. In May of 1919, at the age of 19, she entered the Carmelite monastery of Los Andes where she lived a life of prayer and sacrifice. She also took to writing letters through which she shared her remarkable spiritual life with the outside world. It was revealed to her in prayer that she would die young, which she accepted with happiness and confidence. A few months after her entry she contracted typhoid fever, from which she died in April of 1920 during Holy Week. Before her death she was permitted to profess her vows. She was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 1993, the first Chilean and the first Discalced Carmelite nun outside of Europe to be declared a saint. Her feast day is April 12.

SAINT LIDWINA OF SCHIEDAM

Religious

St. Lidwina of Schiedam (1380-1433) was born to a poor family in Holland. She had a devotion to the Blessed Mother and would often pray before the miraculous image of Our Lady of Schiedam. One winter, when she was 15 years old, she fell while ice skating and broke a rib, which she never recovered from. Gangrene spread throughout her body, which became as one big sore, and she was bed-ridden for the rest of her life. No medicine was able to help her. Her gradual physical deterioration was so grotesque that many suspected her of being possessed by the devil. However, when a priest brought her an unconsecrated Host, she was able to discern that it was not the Body and Blood of Christ. She experienced great suffering in this way until she was 53, but God rewarded her with the gift of heightened prayer, mystical visions, and spiritual consolations. Although she was not cured, many miraculous healings were attributed to her intercession. She fasted continuously, eventually surviving on only the Eucharist, and after her death on Easter Sunday the sweet odor of sanctity filled her room. Her grave became a pilgrimage site over which a chapel was erected. St. Lidwina of Schiedam is the patron of the chronically ill and ice skaters. Her feast day is April 14.



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SAINT PETER OF ST. JOSEPH BETANCUR

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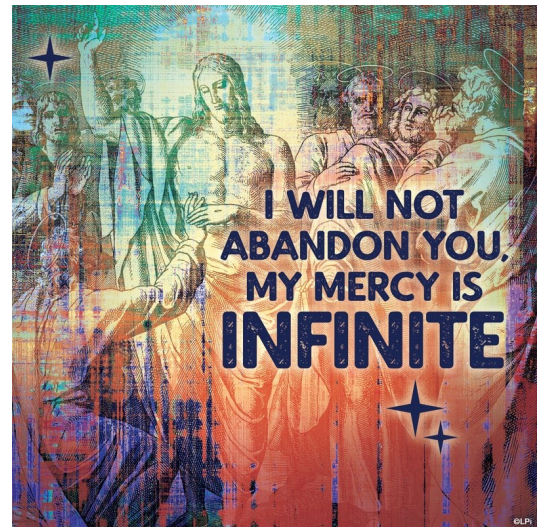
St. Peter of St. Joseph Betancur, or Pedro de San José Betancur (1626-1667), also known as Hermano Pedro, was born into poverty in the Canary Islands. He was a shepherd until the age of 24 at which time he traveled to Guatemala, then the capital of New Spain, hoping to connect with a relative and to begin training to be a priest. The journey so impoverished him that he entered a bread line served by the Franciscans. He took up work in a textile factory and later entered a Jesuit college to study for the priesthood. Being too poor to continue his studies, he instead became a Franciscan tertiary. He dedicated his life to helping the poor and oppressed in jails and hospitals, as well as ministering to African slaves, Native Americans, and anyone else in need. He also founded a hospital, a school for the poor, and a homeless shelter. He also preached to the rich, inviting them to repent of their sins. Because of his effective apostolate he became known as "St. Francis of the Americas." People were attracted to his way of life and followed him, leading to the founding of the Bethlehemite Brothers and Sisters. In addition to serving the poor, they had the charism of special devotion to the Divine Child and the Blessed Virgin, and offered prayer and sacrifices for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. Each night St. Peter would carry a heavy wooden cross through the streets as a form of penance and evangelization. It is also said that he was the first to start the Posadas procession during Advent. He died in 1667 and was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II as the first saint from Central America. His feast day is April 18.



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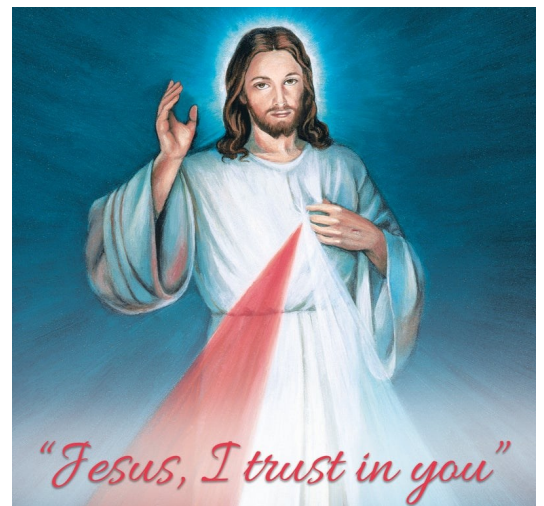
READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
TUESDAY: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
WEDNESDAY: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
THURSDAY: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
FRIDAY: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
SATURDAY: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35



OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

MONDAY: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
WEDNESDAY: Tax Day
NEXT SUNDAY: 3rd Sunday of Easter





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GET A PARISH DIRECTORY
Accepting Pre-Orders Now



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH GRETTA, NE
2020 Parish Directory



Thank you to everyone who got their photo taken or submitted a digital photo to be printed in our new parish directory! We are in the process of designing the directories and getting them printed, which will take a couple months. If you got a photo taken or submitted a digital

photo, you already have a directory being reserved for you at no additional cost. If you are a registered parishioner and will not have a photo in the directory but would still like a copy, we are now accepting pre-orders for \$25. These are being sold to registered parishioners only and each family is allowed one directory. To make your pre-order, submit the short form on the parish website, stpatriksgretna.org. Payments can be made via cash or check made payable to St. Patrick Church and dropped off in the Parish Office, or by credit card. Please submit pre-orders no later than Friday, May 1.

"If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us." —St. Isidore of Seville

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 **Patrick Fenner** (Society of Jesus) from St. Wenceslaus in Omaha.



"Peace be with you."
(John 20:19) As we begin the annual Uplift Your Priest, we pray for those who bring Christ's peace through the priesthood, honoring and supporting them in their vocation. If you sense a call to this ministry of mercy, take time to explore God's plan for you. 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."



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

Jerry Schram.....3/29/2026.....Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



Thank you to all who donated to our Easter Flower Offering this year. We greatly appreciate your donation to help decorate our beloved Church during the Easter season and to remember/honor our loved ones. Blessed Easter Season to you and your loved ones.

In Memory Of.....Donor

- Don, Toni, Don Jr, and Caryl Cooper and George, Marj, Katie, and Mark Barna.....*
-John and Diane Barna*
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- Lyle and Faye Hoover.....Norris and Carol Hoover*
- Ray and Francie Hottovy and Roger and Jean Mann.....Jim and Tam Hottovy*

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EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

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Stan Hrabik, Phil Woodward, and Shirley Riha.....Lillian Hrabek
 Albert Reeves, Mary Ann Reeves, Christopher Reeves, and Larry Hurd....David and Beth Hurd
 Deceased Members of the Ingram and Bruck Families.....Steve and Joan Ingram
 George M. and Kay Schram.....Randy and Mary Kersten
 Sr. Veronica Volkmer..... Troy and Allison Klaver
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 Elisa Russavo and Anthony Passarella.....Anthony and Hilda Passarella
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 and the Deceased Members of the Anderson and Perchal Families.....Claudia Perchal
 Erwin and Frances Rehder, Ed and Jean Prucha, Harry Wadnizak, Erwin E. Rehder.....
 Mary Wadnizak, and Jerry Grover.....Richard and Rose Rehder
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In Honor Of..... Donor

Ralph McLaughlin..... Tim and Nancy Kruse
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Stewardship Report

Mar 25-Mar 31, 2026

Current Fiscal Year - July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

General Contributions	Mar 25-Mar 31, 2026	Fiscal YTD thru Mar 31
Sunday Offering	\$13,485.40	\$1,028,453.71
Other Contributions	\$1,557.65	\$115,015.92
Total General Contributions	\$15,043.05	\$1,143,469.63 *
Surplus/Deficit	(\$12,456.95)	\$70,969.63

Apr 1-Apr 7, 2026

Current Fiscal Year - July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026

General Contributions	Apr 1-Apr 7, 2026	Fiscal YTD thru Apr 7
Sunday Offering	\$30,682.78	\$1,063,157.49
Other Contributions	\$16,888.64	\$131,458.86
Total General Contributions	\$47,571.42	\$1,194,616.35 *
Surplus/Deficit	\$20,071.42	\$94,616.35

* Our budget requires an average weekly income of \$27,500.

'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 is held in the Fr. Hitch Room every two weeks with the next meeting being on Sunday, April 12 at 7 PM. Come join your brother parishioners for prayer and fraternity! If you have additional questions, please reach out to Matthew Henry at mattnhenry@gmail.com, Andy Pearson at apearson709@gmail.com, Eric Devlin at devlineric62@gmail.com or Seth Boardman at sethd99@hotmail.com.

6TH ANNUAL WILD GAME FEED

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their 6th annual Wild Game Feed on Saturday, April 18, and you could win a side-by-side! Get your raffle tickets today for a chance to win a side-by-side and support our annual Knights of Columbus Game Feed. Only 300 tickets sold. Drawing will be held at the Game Feed on April 18, need not be present to win. Scan the QR code to buy tickets instantly!

WIN A SIDE-BY-SIDE
 SUPPORT THE KOFC GAME FEED

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SCAN TO BUY TICKETS INSTANTLY!

SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE CAMERA
 DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE GAME FEED ON APRIL 18TH, 2026.
 NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.

The Knights are also asking for silent auction donations to help with the game feed. For more information on the silent auction items, please contact Larry Sibley at 402-957-8770 or LCSIB@centurylink.net. For table tickets, please contact Ken Dukat at 402-690-5919 or ken.gatewayelectric@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, John Schaffert III.....402-672-7903
 Deputy Grand Knight, Tim Hall.....307-214-3714
 Financial Secretary, Steve Otto.....402-212-1267
 Chancellor/Membership, Larry Sibley.402-957-8770
 Century Club Admin, 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, APRIL 13TH

7:30 AM † Margaret Janda

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH

6:00 PM † Sig Quam

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15TH

7:30 AM † Dean Schwaninger

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH

7:30 AM † Carol Svajgl

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

7:30 AM † Tom Rongisch

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

5:00 PM † Tom Hines

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

8:00 AM † DJ Sneed
10:00 AM For Our Parishioners
12:00 PM † Margaret Janda

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 Paul Kneifl, Sh-Shaw McDonnell, Mary, Nicole, Ted Swanson, Amber Janda, Meredith Haney, Norma Hintz, Rita Kalkowski, Steve N, Joe Carney, Ian McGovern, Ronald Baxter (Fr. Baxter's dad), Paul Polt, and Leanne Robb. Pray for John and Wanda Jonas, Ed, Marolyn, Lil Herbstritt, Deacon David Medeiros, and Reece Bittner (grandson of Bruce Jefferies). Pray also for all our parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, and in nursing homes, and for all our parishioners and loved ones who have recently passed away.

To add a loved one to the prayer line, please call Corliss Lovstad at 402-968-5877 or email her at clovstad@gmail.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH—2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Game Feed Food Prep—Kitchen
8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Religious Education Classes—RE Classrooms, Basement Commons
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Parish Breakfast—Parish Center and Kitchen
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM COR Men's Group Meeting—Father Hitch Room

MONDAY, APRIL 13TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Game Feed Food Prep—Kitchen
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Amazing Athletes—Basement Commons
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Baptism Class—Father Hitch Room
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Revelations Bible Study—Parish Center AB and Kitchen

TUESDAY, APRIL 14TH

8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Game Feed Food Prep—Kitchen
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM Amazing Athletes—Basement Commons
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, APRIL 15TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
8:00 AM to 8:15 AM Liturgy of the Hours—Behind the Tabernacle
8:00 AM to 9:30 AM 55+ Club Outing—Offsite
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Game Feed Food Prep—Kitchen
8:30 AM to 11:00 AM Faith Connection—Father Hitch Room
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Women's Small Group—Father Hitch Room
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Religious Education Classes—RE Classrooms, Basement Commons
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Group Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 16TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Game Feed Food Prep—Kitchen
8:30 AM to 10:30 AM Wildlife Encounters—Basement Commons
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Mystagogy Session—Parish Center A and Kitchen

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

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
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Game Feed Prep—Parish Center and Kitchen

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM First Communion Practice and Pictures—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
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Knights of Columbus Game Feed—Parish Center and Kitchen

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH—3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Game Feed Cleanup—Parish Center, Kitchen
8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Religious Education Classes—RE Classrooms, Basement Commons
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Baptisms—Sanctuary

LEAST OF MY BRETHREN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

April is the National Volunteer Month

Looking for a way to volunteer? Least of my Brethren welcomes individuals or groups who would like to help the homeless in the Omaha area. Volunteer to assemble blessing bags of essential toiletries handed out to the homeless. Volunteer for an evening sorting donations that come into the LoMB storage unit. Volunteer on a Saturday to help move in and set up apartments for someone recently unhoused who has secured an apartment. Volunteer on a Saturday to prepare and serve breakfast for the homeless. Donate some gently used household items or canned food. The Least of my Brethren ministry looks forward to having you join us. Find out more by visiting <https://www.leastofmybrethren.org> or check out the posters in the narthex, highlighting a different part of the ministry each weekend in April.

Volunteer for Least of my Brethren!



LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

3rd Sunday of Easter

APRIL 18TH
5:00 PM

Sacristan
Pat Gilmore

Lectors
Ken Beckman
(Read the 1st Reading)
Eric Hittner
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Kevin Riley
Wendy Neppel
Therese Nisbet
Diane Sherwood

Ushers
Larry Neppel
Need Sub
Need Sub
Need Sub

Rosary Reciter
Jayne Schram

Altar Servers
Need Sub
Need Sub
Need Sub

Greeters
Need Sub
Need Sub

APRIL 19TH
8:00 AM

Sacristan
Carol Zeleny

Lectors
Carrie Hubert
(Read the 1st Reading)
Need Sub
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Nancy Kruse
Tim Kruse
Paul Hubert
Mitchell Hubert

Ushers
Tony Schultz
Pat Shurtliff
Bob Sis
Need Sub

Rosary Reciter
Duane Benes

Altar Servers
Owen Deming
Luke Hubert
Paul Joseph Hubert

Greeters
Tony Schultz
Sally Stednitz

Hilcrest SR/HL
Nancy Kruse
Tim Kruse

APRIL 19TH
10:00 AM

Sacristan
Mitch Wendlandt

Lectors
Tony Tiefenthaler
(Read the 1st Reading)
Sandra Tiefenthaler
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Kathy Wendlandt
Phyllis Cannon
Dennis Cannon
Norm Svoboda

Ushers
Clint Bollock
Russ Eusterwiemann
Jim Hain
John Schaffert

Rosary Reciter
Theresa Gulizia

Altar Servers
Gavin McGregor
Vinnie Nelson
Austin Votruba

Greeters
Andrew Brei
Need Sub

APRIL 19TH
NOON

Sacristan
Linda Schriener

Lectors
Karen Meyerott
(Read the 1st Reading)
Stephanie Lampe
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Linda Schriener
Kathy Broz
Steve Otto
Leann Otto
Deacon Ken Broz

Ushers
Carole Lisiecki
Linda Schriener
Delma Stoner
Need Sub

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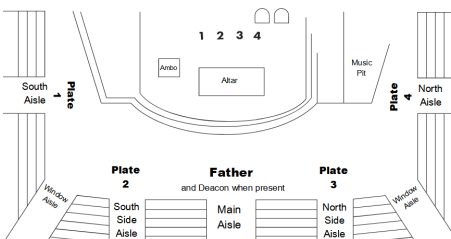
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EMHC STATION MAP



EMHC Positions (see diagram above):

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

If you are unable to serve at your assigned time, please find a substitute. The Parish Office greatly appreciates your help, support and patience as we work together in providing Mass to our parish family!

Vocations Crucifix
Mark Hazard

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

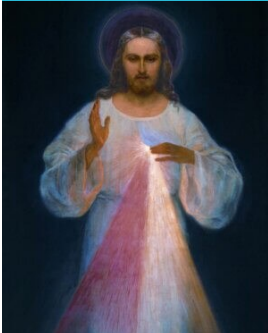
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER





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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY *Pray for Souls in Need of Mercy*



Share the message of Divine Mercy, the Blood and Water of Jesus poured out for sinners. Pick up a copy of the Divine Mercy Novena brochure, prayer cards, an image that you can frame and hang, and/or a brochure about the Divine Mercy of Jesus all in the narthex.

UPLIFT YOUR PRIEST *2nd and 3rd Sundays of Easter*

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



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



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GRETNA KNIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES *Special Kevin Weber Memorial Scholarship*

THE GRETNA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10047 SCHOLARSHIP

The Gretna Knights of Columbus Council #10047 Scholarship applications are now available and can be picked up in the parish office or by contacting Randy Meerian at 402-981-6471 or rmeerian@gmail.com. This is a separate scholarship application process from the St. Patrick Church Scholarships. Our Knights have established multiple scholarships. To be eligible, the candidate must be the son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandchild, or legal guardian of an active member in good standing of the Gretna Knights of Columbus Council #10047. Members in good standing are members who are current with their member dues, have been a member for at least two years, and are not in the process of transferring to another council. Application Deadline will be Friday, May 1.

KEVIN WEBER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Tammy Weber and her children Jacob, Zachary, Sarah, and Isaiah have established a memorial scholarship in honor of their husband and father, Kevin Weber. Kevin was a dedicated, faithful, and exemplary member of the Gretna Knights of Columbus. The Kevin Weber Memorial Scholarship is a separate scholarship application from the St. Patrick Church and the Gretna Knights Scholarships. To be eligible for this scholarship award the candidate must be a son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandchild, or legal guardian of an active member of the Gretna Knights of Columbus Council #10047. The Kevin Weber Memorial Scholarship application can be picked up at the parish office or by calling or texting Tammy Weber at 402-871-7692. Application deadline will be Friday, May 1.



MEMORY GARDEN IN FRONT OF CHURCH *Pick Your Plants to Honor Loved Ones*



The Landscape Team will create a "Memory Garden" again this year, at the east entrance of our church where the Nativity is placed at Christmas. This will include a newly designed garden of annual plants providing color into the fall. We will have samples of the various plants used in the design and invite you, our parishioners, to select the variety of plant you wish to have planted to honor your loved one. A note, with their name can be included with the plant. A free will donation, of any amount, will be appreciated to help support this special project.

Members of the Landscape Team will be in the narthex all of the Masses on the weekends of May 2-3 and May 9-10 with the plant samples for you to see and reserve as your choice. We will then order the plants and our team will plant the garden before Memorial Day. Thanks for your part in helping us create beautiful and meaningful gardens surrounding St. Patrick Church.

NEBRASKA CATHOLIC DAY OF GIVING *April 20—May 13*

We are once again participating in the Nebraska Catholic Day of Giving. This special giving day is one of a kind, with all three dioceses of Nebraska included. It's a day to be grateful for being a Catholic in Nebraska and showing support to your favorite parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the state! Advanced giving begins on Monday, April 20, but the actual giving day is Wednesday, May 6. There will be an extended giving period until Wednesday, May 13. Donations can be made online on the [givecatholic.org](https://www.givecatholic.org) giving day page or via cash or check made payable to St. Patrick Church and dropped off in the parish office.



This year's funds will all go towards the new sound system in the Church. They are nearly finished with the work on getting the new system in place. We look forward to having a better quality sound throughout the Church going forward. The total cost of updating our sound system is \$152,767. There is a full break down of the cost on our giving day webpage, which can be found on our parish website, [stpatricksgretna.org](https://www.stpatricksgretna.org). Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

WEDDING COORDINATOR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Excellent Pay and Flexible Scheduling

The wedding season is fast-approaching, and St. Patrick is in need of a few good people to serve as a Wedding Coordinator. Our goal is to hire three coordinators so we can have flexibility in scheduling each coordinator, based on their availability throughout the wedding season. Having more than one coordinator trained and on hand is a 'win-win' for all of us.



One Wedding Coordinator is assigned to each wedding at St. Patrick. The Wedding Coordinator assists the priest, the bride and groom, and the wedding party in the logistics of the rehearsal and wedding day to ensure a smooth ceremony. There are a few basic responsibilities to complete prior to the rehearsal and wedding, during the rehearsal, and during the wedding day. For a detailed job description, go to our parish website at stpatricksgretna.org.

Interested candidates are encouraged to apply for the position by April 17. Simply send an email to our Parish Manager, Jolene Jefferies, at jmjefferies@archomaha.org, expressing your interest in the opportunity and why you'd like to be considered for the position. Please provide your full mailing address, including your email and phone number.

The Wedding Coordinator position is classified as an independent contractor. All couples getting married at St. Patrick are required to hire one of our Wedding Coordinators for a flat fee of \$300. The couple will pay the assigned Wedding Coordinator directly (full payment must be made two weeks prior to the wedding day). If you have any questions, contact Jolene Jefferies at 402-332-4444, ext. 203 or stop by the parish office for more information.

ANNUAL GOLF, TENNIS, AND PICKLEBALL OUTING

Join Priests, Seminarians, and Consecrated Religious



The Serra Clubs of Omaha and West Omaha will host their Annual Golf, Tennis, and Pickleball Outing, followed by a cocktail hour, dinner, and awards at The Pines Country Club in Valley on Monday, June 8 (best ball format) with sign-in beginning at 11 AM. Tennis will be at Genesis Health Club, and Pickleball will be at ACE Pickleball Club, both starting at 2 PM. All proceeds received support the vocations programs of the Archdiocese of Omaha. Early registrations are welcome!

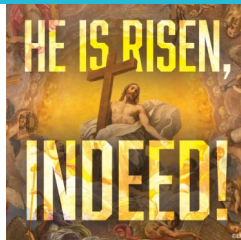


To register as a player and/or a sponsor and to pay online, go to: serrawestomaha.org/golf. If you wish to pay by check, go to the website to download the PDF Registration Form and mail your completed form and check per the instructions at the bottom of the form. For questions, contact Joe Grier at 402-680-6654.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

HOW LONG IS THE EASTER SEASON?

Like Christmas, Easter is No "one-day" Feast

The Easter Octave concludes today Sunday, April 12. But does our Easter celebration end here? Is it all over once the octave concludes? The resounding answer is: No! The season of Easter continues on for a full fifty days, up through the feast of Pentecost (which is May 24 this year). Easter is the most important feast in the liturgical calendar, and it only makes sense that the Church should celebrate not just a feast, not just an octave, but a whole season in honor of Our Lord's Resurrection. Within these fifty days we celebrate some important feasts: Divine Mercy Sunday (that's today), the Feast of the Ascension (in most places, the Sunday before Pentecost, for us the Thursday before that), and finally, Pentecost itself, the birthday of the Church! So don't wind down your celebrations yet. We've got seven weeks of joy ahead of us.



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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.

DON'T RESPOND TO SPAM

Double Check the Email



If you have received a message from Father Baxter from any email

other than gpbaxter@archomaha.org or via text message that looks suspicious, DON'T RESPOND. It is spam! Father Baxter would never email or text a parishioner for a "special request" or "need a favor". Unfortunately, spammers have been masking themselves as Father Baxter, and using fake emails or phone numbers. If it seems out of the ordinary, chances are it isn't genuine.

LOST AND FOUND

Does This Look Familiar to You?

Have you lost something at Church or during Religious Education classes? If you think the answer might be yes, stop by and check out the basket at the bottom of the steps or stop in the parish office we have a small collection too.





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Support EPS (Essential Pregnancy Services) this April! For the whole month of April, a portion of every cookie purchased at the Chick-fil-A on 76th and Dodge will be donated to EPS. On Wednesday, April 29, Piezon’s Pizzeria (15605 West Center Road, Omaha) will donate 10% of all sales to EPS. Go get some delicious pizza in support of EPS!

SEEK AND SHARE THE JOY RETREAT—OUR LADY OF LOURDES, APRIL 18

Dr. Karen Dwyer will lead the Seek and Share the Joy retreat at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (2110 S 32nd Ave, Omaha) on Saturday, April 18 from 9 AM to Noon. Seek and Share the Joy Retreat is sponsored by the Friends-of-Nuns and will benefit the Daughters of Mary and the Ad Gentes Missionaries communities of nuns with Mother houses both based in Africa. The retreat is free to the public with a free-will offering during the retreat. If you would like, bring a bake sale item for the event. Contact Elaine Heath 531-222-7818 or elaineheath777@gmail.com for more information.



NEWMAN NIGHT—JPII NEWMAN CENTER, APRIL 22

On April 22, the St. John Paul II Newman Center (1221 S 71st St, Omaha) will host its semesterly Newman Night. High school students are invited to hang out at the Newman Center, hear from college students, join in Eucharistic Adoration with over 100 other high schoolers and get a sneak peek into college life. Check-in is from 6:30 PM to 7:00 PM, and the event goes until 9:00 PM. Check with your youth group leader to register, or get in touch with meg.gatete@jpiiomaha.org for more information.

HEALING MASS—ST. GERALD, APRIL 24

His Global Love Prayer Communities invite you to a Healing Mass on Friday, April 24 at St. Gerald Catholic Church (9602 Q St, Ralston). The Rosary will begin at 6:15 PM with praise and worship to follow. Mass will begin at 7 PM. Fr. Kevin Joyce from His Global Love Ministry will preside. All are welcome. Any questions, contact Frances Mignon at 402-515-8000.



SPRING BOUTIQUE—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION GYM, APRIL 24-25

Immaculate Conception



Immaculate Conception Church is hosting a boutique on Friday, April 24 from 7 PM to 8 PM and on Saturday, April 25 from 9 AM to 2 PM in the gym located just west of Immaculate Conception Church (2701 S 25th St, Omaha). Come shop our market with over 25 vendors! There will be something for everyone. It will be an event for the whole family to enjoy. It’s free admission.

MONASTIC EXPERIENCE—CLYDE, MO, MAY 1-3

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration invite single women, ages 18-40 who are curious about religious life, to their Monastic Experience May 1-3, 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>. To register, please contact Sister Nancy Rose at 660-944-2221 ext. 142 or vocation@benedictinesisters.org or complete the form online.



WALK TO MARY PILGRIMAGE—CHAMPION, WI, MAY 2




The Walk to Mary is a 22-mile walking pilgrimage from the National Shrine of St. Joseph—the only one in the United States—located on the campus of St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion in Champion, WI—the only Church-approved Marian apparition site in North America. Shorter routes are available for those who cannot walk all 22 miles, and there is also a Walk with the Children so the entire family can participate. To register, visit walktomary.com.



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