

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET

GRETNA, NE 68028



## 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

And it happened that, while [Jesus] was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. - Lk 24:30-31

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APRIL 19, 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

### 3rd Sunday of Easter

#### FIRST READING (ACTS 2:14, 22-33)

In his first speech on the streets of Jerusalem, Peter quotes Psalm 16 as proof of God's promise to David in raising Jesus from the dead. Have you ever made a promise to God?

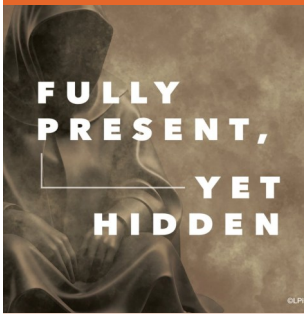
#### SECOND READING (1 PT 1:17-21)

In the Resurrection of Jesus, Peter urges us to have our faith and hope in God. What is something you could hope for from God this week?

#### GOSPEL (LK 24:13-35)

Jesus' interpretation of Scripture opened the eyes of the two disciples. Does reading the Bible bring you clarity?

## GOSPEL MEDITATION



When I first read Homer's *Odyssey* as a teenager, one scene captured my imagination: Odysseus finally returning home after 20 years, yet no one recognized him. Disguised as a beggar, he speaks with his wife, his son, and even his enemies. He is fully present, yet hidden. Only at the right moment does he reveal himself, and everyone realizes he has been with them all along. I was struck by the mystery that he could be so close to his loved ones, and yet they simply could not identify him.

A similar mystery is at the heart of today's Gospel. Two disciples walk the road to Emmaus with Jesus, but "their eyes were prevented from recognizing Him." (Luke 24:16) He listens, teaches, and eats with them, yet they remain blind until He breaks the bread. Suddenly their eyes are opened—and at that very moment, He vanishes. His disappearance is not absence. Rather, it is revelation. The Risen Lord is now present in a new way, in the breaking of the bread and in the life of His Church.

Faith is this shift of vision. Instead of searching for a visible Jesus as if He were absent, we learn to recognize Him unveiled in hidden ways—in Scripture proclaimed, in the Eucharist, in the sacraments, in the very life of the Church.

And what is true of Him is true of us. Just as He disappears into the mission of His Body, we too are meant to be hidden in Him. When we live hidden in Christ, we are seen for who we really are.

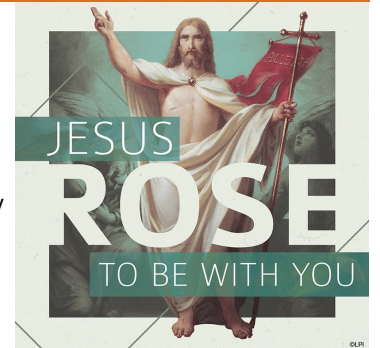
## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### QUESTION:

What do Catholics believe about the end of the world?

### ANSWER:

We hear the phrase "the end of the world" casually today. Often in film or media, it means the end of civil society or the threat of human annihilation by natural disasters. For the Christian, our perspective is distinctly Christ-centered. Numerous times through the Gospel, Jesus notes that He will come again, even after He has ascended into Heaven. The Church typically refers to this as the Second Coming of Jesus or the Latin "Parousia," meaning "presence" or "arrival."

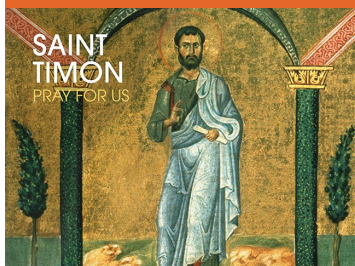


We believe that Christ will come again, and at His Second Coming, temporal time will end. Human history will end, at least as we know it. However, it doesn't mean that creation will be destroyed. The book of Revelation speaks of a renewal, indeed a "new Heaven and a new earth" (Rev 21:1). Christ will come again in glory. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies. While our lives were judged individually at our deaths, which we call the particular judgment, something new will happen here. Theologians call it the general judgment or the last judgment, in which our deeds and the effects—for good or ill—will be known to all. For the early Christians, this second coming was hoped for! They knew it was the completion of God's work of redemption for the human race. We, too, should pray with them, "Come Lord Jesus!"

**"Let us love the cross very much, for it is there that we discover our life, our true love, and our strength in our greatest difficulties." —St. Maria de Mattias**

## SAINT TIMON

### *Bishop and Martyr*



St. Timon (1st c.) is mentioned by name in the Acts of the Apostles. He belonged to the group of seventy disciples who followed Jesus during His earthly ministry. After Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, St. Timon was one of the original seven deacons, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, chosen by the Apostles to help with the work of ministering to the growing Christian community. Timon was later ordained a bishop by the Apostles. He baptized many Greeks and Jews into the Christian faith. He also had the supernatural ability to heal the sick and to cast out devils. St. Timon suffered martyrdom for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. According to tradition he was thrown into a furnace, but by the power of God he came out of it unharmed, and later died by crucifixion. His feast day is April 19.

## SAINT AGNES OF MONTEPULCIANO

### *Religious*

St. Agnes of Montepulciano (1268–1317) was born into a noble family in Tuscany. Her birth was announced with strange lights surrounding her dwelling, considered a sign that she was a favored child. At nine years of age she requested to enter the local Franciscan monastery in Montepulciano. Although doing so at her young age was against Church law, she obtained special permission from the pope. She became a model nun, reached a high degree of contemplative prayer, and executed her duties so well that she was chosen to help found and lead a new monastery in Proceno when she was just 15 years old, again with special permission at her young age. She lived there for 20 years and became known as a great mystic and visionary while cultivating a special devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. She became locally famous for her miracles as well as for her austerities. She lived on bread and water, slept on the ground, and used a stone for a pillow. Eventually, Agnes returned to Montepulciano. By request she founded and led an even larger monastery, this time receiving a vision that it should be a convent of Dominican nuns dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Through her prayers she cured the sick, multiplied food, and raised to life a child who had drowned. Her feast day is April 20.



## SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST

### *Martyr*



St. Mark the Evangelist (1st c.) was born to Jewish parents living in Libya in North Africa, later settling in Cana of Galilee not far from Jerusalem. Mark became one of the 70 disciples of Jesus and the author of the Gospel that bears his name. According to tradition, St. Peter the Apostle was married to a relative of St. Mark's father, and after Mark's father died, Peter looked after him like his own son. Being a close disciple of St. Peter, the first Bishop of Rome, Mark's Gospel is addressed to Gentile converts to the Christian faith

living in Rome. Most of what we know about his life and missionary activity is recorded in the New Testament. He traveled to Egypt and founded the Church there, and was martyred c. 68 A.D. by being dragged through the streets of Alexandria until his body was torn to pieces. St. Mark is the patron of lawyers and prisoners. His feast day is April 25.

**"When uncertain about God's will, it is very important that we tell ourselves: 'Even if there are aspects of God's will that escape me, there are always others that I know for sure and can invest in without any risk, knowing that this investment always pays dividends.' These certainties include fulfilling the duties of our state in life and practicing the essential points of every Christian vocation. There is a defect here that needs to be recognized and avoided: finding ourselves in darkness about God's will on an important question... we spend so much time searching and doubting or getting discouraged, that we neglect things that are God's will for us every day, like being faithful to prayer, maintaining trust in God, loving the people around us here and now. Lacking answers about the future, we should prepare to receive them by living today to the full." —Fr. Jacques Philippe, *Interior Freedom*, p. 55**

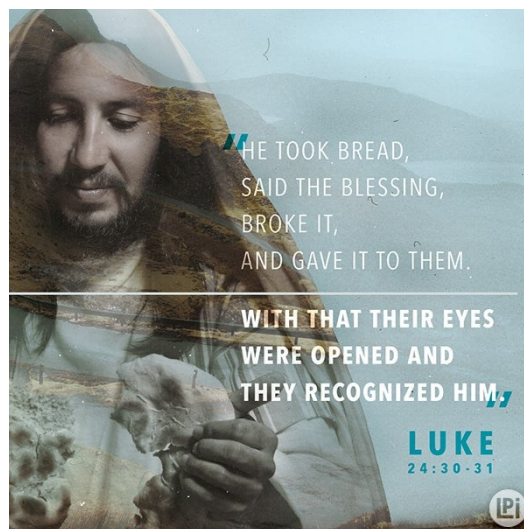


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### Gretna, Nebraska

### READINGS THIS WEEK

**MONDAY:** Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
**TUESDAY:** Acts 7:51-8:1a/ Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35  
**WEDNESDAY:** Acts 8:1b-8/ Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
**THURSDAY:** Acts 8:26-40/ Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
**FRIDAY:** Acts 9:1-20/ Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
**SATURDAY:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/ Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



### OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

**TUESDAY:** St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**WEDNESDAY:** Administrative Professionals' Day; Earth Day  
**THURSDAY:** St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr  
**FRIDAY:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr; Arbor Day  
**SATURDAY:** St. Mark, Evangelist  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations





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**GET A PARISH DIRECTORY**  
*Accepting Pre-Orders Now*



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH GRETNA, 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, [stpatricksgretna.org](http://stpatricksgretna.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.

**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 **Christine French** (Apostolic Oblates) from Christ the King in Omaha.



"Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him." (Luke 24:31) Just as the disciples recognized Jesus in their midst, couples are called to see Christ present in their marriage. In moments of shared love, sacrifice, and daily life together, Christ reveals Himself and strengthens their bond. Pray that more couples will open their hearts to His presence and live out their vocation with faith and joy. And if you are discerning a vocation to the Consecrated Life, talk to your priest or reach out to Father Scott Schilmoeller at 402-558-3100 or email [vocations@archomaha.org](mailto:vocations@archomaha.org).



**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*

*Jonathan Wotipka and Claren Coalson.....4/11/2026*

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS**

*We welcome 42 families or individuals since October 6 who have joined our Family of Faith as registered parishioners of St. Patrick Church of Gretna. We are so glad you are here...Congratulations! We will keep you in our prayers and wish you all the very best!*



Last Name	First Name	Membership Date
Haines	Randy, Marilynn, Jeremy, and Dana	October 15, 2025
LaRose	Ken, Rene, Ken, Kate, and Karolyn	October 20, 2025
Vipond	Thomas, Abby, Eden, Isla, and Esme	October 21, 2025
Reed	Ryan, Molly, and Reagan	October 26, 2025
Brammann	Susan, Elizabeth, Rachel, Angela, and	November 2, 2025
Schuchardt	Zachary, Nicole, and Nyah	November 2, 2025
McKewon	Bradley, Mallory, Lola, Mable, and	November 12, 2025
Hayes	Mitchell	November 15, 2025
Jensen	Susie, Scott, Joe, and Rachel	November 17, 2025
Sigl	John, Morgan, and Theodore	November 23, 2025
Wessel	Morgan	November 30, 2025
Majors	Ryan, Elizabeth, Finn, and Marek	December 3, 2025
Menning	Jason, Ann, Ethan, Jillian, and Colton	December 5, 2025
Hughes	Colleen, Blake, Dylan, and Hayden	December 7, 2025
Oltmanns	Matthew, Amanda, Dallas, Norell, Aila,	December 9, 2025
Babe	Gordon, Linda, Daniel, Anthony, and	December 10, 2025
MacDonald	LeAnna	December 13, 2025
Jansen	James, Kimberly, Matthew, and Madison	December 19, 2025
Virgl	Amy	December 19, 2025
Sonderman	Joseph and Emily	December 21, 2025
Hilliges	Rick, Beth, Beau, and Luke	December 30, 2025
Werven	Riley and Olivia	January 4, 2026
Bartek	Margaret	January 6, 2026
Clark	Daniel and Missy	January 12, 2026
Duffy	Patrick and Jodyne	January 26, 2026
Bartek	Brian, Jordan, Wayne, and Boone	February 3, 2026
Janovich	Madison, Ronnie, and Bo	February 10, 2026
Netz	Nathan, Kara, and Rory	February 17, 2026

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS CONTINUED

Last Name	First Name	Membership Date
Gould	Patricia	February 18, 2026
Bussom	Chris, Shannon, Ryan, and Jake	February 21, 2026
Hadland	Harold and Barbara	February 24, 2026
Ecker	Robert and Rebecca	March 1, 2026
Pugel	David, Kathleen, Ethan, and Braden	March 1, 2026
Drake	Larry, Margaret, Nathan, Kristina, and Sara	March 4, 2026
Hoelting	Marie	March 6, 2026
Chizek	Bill and Dawn	March 23, 2026
Ingledue	Samuel	March 25, 2026
Robertson	David, Kelsey, Carter, Liam, Olivia, and Hannah	March 28, 2026
Helton	Timothy, Rosa, Timothy, and Mariah	March 31, 2026
McGowan	Jackson and Ali	April 2, 2026
Summers	Amy	April 2, 2026
Egr	Kaitlyn	April 3, 2026

## 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.



### Stewardship Report

Apr 8-Apr 14, 2026

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

General Contributions	Apr 8-Apr 14, 2026	Fiscal YTD thru Apr 14
Sunday Offering	\$11,123.01	\$1,077,031.50
Other Contributions	\$1,145.36	\$133,886.22
Total General Contributions	\$12,268.37	\$1,210,917.72 *
Surplus/Deficit	(\$15,231.63)	\$83,417.72

\* 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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Gretna, Nebraska

## 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 26 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.

### HEALING CHAIR PROGRAM

The Gretna Knights of Columbus have two powerlift recliners that are offered to any member of St. Patrick parish or our local community on a temporary basis. These "Healing Chairs" can be used by anyone for recovery from any surgery, injury, or medical need. The Knights will provide and deliver the reclining lift chair to the home of the person in need and pick it up when the lending period expires, at no cost to the user. The Knights also have a battery powered wheelchair that was donated. This too is available for any member of St. Patrick parish or our local community on a temporary basis. Please contact a member of the Gretna Knights of Columbus Council #10047 or John Schaffert, 402-672-7903, if you or someone you know has a need for one of these devices.



### WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A KNIGHT



We are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect, and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors, and role models and to put charity and community first.

### 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



## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Gretna, Nebraska

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

#### MONDAY, APRIL 20TH

7:30 AM INT Kim Duong

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST

6:00 PM † Jim, Maggie, Jimmy, and George Shoemaker

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND

7:30 AM † Jim and Norma Kaufmann

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 23RD

7:30 AM † John Kula

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

7:30 AM The Living and Deceased Members of the Stec Family

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH

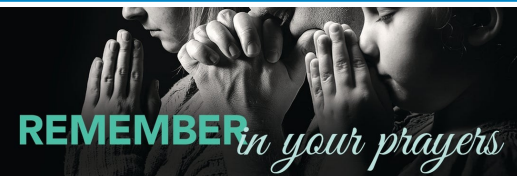
5:00 PM † Lucy Siracuse

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH

8:00 AM † Russell Eggerling  
10:00 AM For Our Parishioners  
12:00 PM † Michael and Larry Hansen

### 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, 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](mailto:clovstad@gmail.com).

## THE WEEK AHEAD

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

### MONDAY, APRIL 20TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary  
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Revelations Bible Study—Parish Center AB and Kitchen

### TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Project Linus—Basement Commons  
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM Rosary Guild Meeting—Father Hitch Room  
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 22ND

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  
8:30 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 23RD

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary  
4:00 PM to 9:00 PM Private Event—Parish Center AB and Kitchen  
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM Small Group—Father Hitch Room

### FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH

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, APRIL 25TH—FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND

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

### SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH—4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER— FIRST COMMUNION WEEKEND

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary  
8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Religious Education Classes—RE Classrooms, Basement Commons

## 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 [igivecatholic.org](http://igivecatholic.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, [stpatriksgretna.org](http://stpatriksgretna.org). Any and all donations are greatly appreciated.

# LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

4th Sunday of Easter

**APRIL 25TH**  
**5:00 PM**

**Sacristan**  
Larry Nepl

**Lectors**  
Ken Beckman  
(Read the 1st Reading)

Bridget Blum  
(Read the 2nd Reading)

**EMHCs**  
Tracy Wollenburg  
Wendy Nepl  
Anamarie Quick  
Robert Quick

**Ushers**  
Larry Nepl  
Andy Pearson  
Need Sub  
Need Sub

**Rosary Reciter**  
Need Sub

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

**Greeters**  
Nancy Kirkpatrick  
Tim Kirkpatrick

**APRIL 26TH**  
**8:00 AM**

**Sacristan**  
Tony Schultz

**Lectors**  
Duane Benes  
(Read the 1st Reading)

Sandy Scheef  
(Read the 2nd Reading)

**EMHCs**  
Gene Schwarting  
Kathy Schwarting  
Greg Jones  
Joan Ingram

**Ushers**  
Lori Frederick  
Kevin Kaup  
Ron Kotrous  
Tony Schultz

**Rosary Reciter**  
Theresa Huttman

**Altar Servers**  
Owen Deming  
Matthew Farwell  
Drew Garcia

**Greeters**  
Steve Ingram  
Mary Maw

**Hilcrest SR/HL**  
Gene Schwarting  
Kathy Schwarting

**APRIL 26TH**  
**10:00 AM**

**Sacristan**  
Jim Hottovy

**Lectors**  
Jolene Jefferies  
(Read the 1st Reading)

Jim Hain  
(Read the 2nd Reading)

**EMHCs**  
Jim Hottovy  
Carol Hoover  
Bruce Jefferies  
Bob Huber  
Deacon Ken Broz

**Ushers**  
Norris Hoover  
Chris Reinig  
Norm Svoboda  
Tony Vanek

**Rosary Reciter**  
Tam Hottovy

**Altar Servers**  
Harper Dicks  
Nev Dicks  
Sawyer Jennings

**Greeters**  
Angie Jennings  
Andrew Urban

**APRIL 26TH**  
**NOON**

**Sacristan**  
Ginny Giebelhaus

**Lectors**  
Stephanie Lampe  
(Read the 1st Reading)

Eric Hittner  
(Read the 2nd Reading)

**EMHCs**  
Ginny Giebelhaus  
Nancy Arp  
Darcy Skrdla  
Need Sub  
Deacon Ken Broz

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Linda Gardner  
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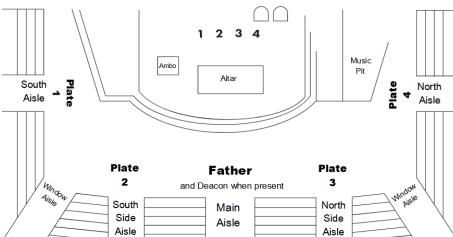
**Greeters**  
Doris Williams  
Mary Zeigler

**Vocations Crucifix**  
John McQueney

*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

**3RD SUNDAY IN EASTER**



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**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.

**FREE PAPER SHREDDING**  
*April 25 at Good Shepherd*



Gretna Lions Club  
Saturday, April 25 2026  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
NORTH PARKING LOT  
10:00 AM - NOON

**FREE**  
**COMMUNITY Paper**  
**SHREDDING**

The Gretna Lions Club is hosting a free community paper shredding day on Saturday, April 25 from 10 AM to Noon at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (11204 S 204th St, Gretna) in the North parking lot. Help guard against identity theft with free and confidential shredding. Your cancelled checks, bills, bank statements, etc. will be destroyed on the spot while you watch—safely and securely. No need to remove staples, paper clips, or spirals. Limit of 2 containers per household. We will also be collecting used eyeglasses, hearing aids, and mobile phones. In addition, we will be collecting food for Gretna Neighbors. For more information call, Pam at 402-216-6532.

**HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS COLLECTION**

*Next Weekend—April 25-26*

Next weekend we will have a second collection for Home and Foreign Missions. The proceeds will be divided between four different missions, Latin America, the Holy Land, Catholic University, and Home Missions. Please be generous to support these missions.



For almost forty years the Church in the US has been actively assisting the Church in Latin America. Grants are made to support the vast needs of the local churches especially in the areas of evangelization, pastoral programs and formation of laity, religious and seminarians. The funds raised for the Holy Land will go toward the care and maintenance of the Holy Sites. The Catholic University in Washington D.C. was founded in 1887 by American Bishops and is the only US university with Pontifical faculties. Funds will provide academic scholarships to Catholic University of America. Finally, funds from this collection will support basic pastoral services in areas that struggle to provide such necessities on their own, local communities where Catholics are few, the church is fragile, and pastors struggle to keep mission parishes afloat.

**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 at 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.

**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!



**ONE MILLION AMERICANS PRAYING FOR OUR NATION**

*Join the Prayer Movement*



What would happen if one million Catholics committed just one hour each week to pray for the renewal of our country and her people? Through Zeale for America 250, Catholics across the nation are being invited to take part in a historic movement of prayer, faith, and patriotism as America approaches her 250th anniversary. Together we can help make this milestone a moment of spiritual renewal for our nation. Join CatholicVote, Cardinal Raymond Burke, and faithful and patriotic Catholics from across the nation in this prayer movement at <https://lp.catholicvote.org/america250>. You'll find an eight-part video series by Cardinal Burke when you sign up.

## LIFT THEM TO LOURDES GALA FUNDRAISER

*Including Mass and a Gourmet Dinner—June 28*

Lift Them To Lourdes



Gala Fundraiser 2026

Join us on Sunday, June 28, for a benefit dinner to lift up the sick and suffering from Nebraska and sponsor their pilgrimage to the healing waters of Lourdes. Event includes 5 PM Holy Mass at The Cloisters on the Platte (23332 Fishery Road, Gretna) celebrated by Fr. Ben Boyd, concelebrated by



Fr. Tom Weisbecker, and followed by a sponsored cocktail hour and gourmet dinner service. Individual tickets are \$150. A Sponsored Table (seating 6) is \$1,500. Learn more and register at <https://bit.ly/LT2L-June28> or scan the QR code. For questions or more information please email [LiftThemToLourdes@gmail.com](mailto:LiftThemToLourdes@gmail.com).

## 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](http://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!

## MEETING & MIXER—DEACONS: SERVANTS OF CHARITY

*All are Welcome to Join at JPPI Newman Center*

The Serra Club of West Omaha invites you to a special Meeting and Mixer at the JPPI Newman Center (1221 S 71st St, Omaha) on Wednesday, April 29 at 5:30 PM. We will enjoy an engaging talk by our speaker, Deacon Tim McNeil, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Omaha. He will speak to us about Deacons: Servants of Charity.



Light refreshments, pizza, and dessert will be provided. All are invited, including the students and residents of the Newman Center! We must RSVP no later than Noon on Monday, April 27, to ensure we have enough servings for all attendees. Use the QR code provided here to sign up. There is no cost to attend. For questions, contact Lori Hamilton at [bobxlori@aol.com](mailto:bobxlori@aol.com) or 402-699-5027. Learn more at [serrawestomaha.org](http://serrawestomaha.org) and follow us on Facebook @serrawestomaha.

**“You have never begrudged the martyrs their triumph but rather trained them for it. And so I am asking you to be consistent with the lessons you teach them. Just beg for me the courage and endurance not only to speak but also to will what is right, so that I may not only be called a Christian, but prove to be one. For if I prove myself to be a Christian by martyrdom, then people will call me one, and my loyalty to Christ will be apparent when the world sees me no more. Nothing you can see is truly good. For our Lord Jesus Christ, now that He has returned to His Father, has revealed Himself more clearly. Our task is not one of producing persuasive propaganda; Christianity shows its greatness when it is hated by the world.”**

—St. Ignatius of Antioch, *Witness of the Saints*, p. 194



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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](mailto:meseamann@archomaha.org), about getting your parish ministry group

## THE ROSARY TEAM

*Praying with Seniors Across the US*

Volunteers needed to pray the Rosary with seniors in nursing homes in a group setting. The Rosary Team has over 600 volunteers across the US, yet many seniors are still waiting for a Rosary Team member to pray with



them! Visit [www.therosaryteam.org](http://www.therosaryteam.org) to sign up and to watch The Rosary Team in action filmed by EWTN.

### DEDICATED TO MARIAN E. BUCHHEIT

A letter from The Rosary Team's founder: My mom has been a prayer warrior my whole life. She made a commitment at a young age to pray the rosary daily and included her family in this devotion. She gathered my dad and my four brothers every evening to lead the family rosary, even during our teen years. That itself seems heroic to me because we were not always the most responsive bunch to this commitment. My mom's daily intentions were for "peace in the world, an end to abortion, and for nonbelievers" and a consecration for her children and grandchildren to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She attended daily Mass and taught us that the world is passing, and we are made for something much greater: eternal life.

Teresa Rodriguez, Founder and President



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**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**SUPPORT EPS—PIEZON’S PIZZERIA OR CHICK-FIL-A, APRIL**



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!

**REACH ONE MORE—ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR, APRIL 21**

Reach One More is a six-week course designed to equip you in having simple conversations that could lead to a conversation about sharing your faith! We will look at perceived barriers in our lives and come to new understandings of how our perspectives can actually change! From the workbook, “When you boil it down to a personal level, sharing your faith can be weird, awkward, and uncomfortable. If you think it is uncomfortable for you, think about the person with whom you are talking.” Reach One More has been a great gift to those who have been through it. This six-week will begin on April 21 and will run for the following 6-Tuesdays from 6:30 PM to 8 PM in the St. Stephen the Martyr Parish Center (16701 S St, Omaha). For more information and to register, please visit: <https://stephen.org/reach-one-more-course-for-catholics> or contact Adam Ybarra at [aybarra@stephen.org](mailto:aybarra@stephen.org) or 402-861-4507.



**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. @benedictinesisters.org or complete the form online.

**THIS IS THE HOUR PARISH MISSION—MARY OUR QUEEN, APRIL 25**

The Mary Our Queen Men’s Ministry is excited to present a dynamic speaker set with you—Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Dr. Marcus Peter! Coming Saturday, April 25 from 7 PM to 9 PM to Mary Our Queen Church (3405 S 118th St, Omaha). This powerful one-night parish mission aims to awaken hearts, renew faith, and inspire Catholics to live the Gospel boldly in today’s world. Join us!



**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](http://walktomary.com).

**THE WAY THROUGH GRIEF WORKSHOP—CATHOLIC CEMETERIES, MAY 2-JUNE 13**

Most of us 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, May 2 through Saturday, June 13 at the Catholic Cemeteries (7710 W Center Rd, Omaha). Through prayerful reflection with guided fellowship, we learn to journey in life from our grief to the life our Lord wishes for us. To register or for more information, please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or [jtardy@catholiccem.com](mailto:jtardy@catholiccem.com).



**“The soul hungers for God, and nothing but God can satiate it. Therefore He came to dwell on earth and assumed a Body in order that this Body might become the food of our souls.” —St. John Vianney**

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