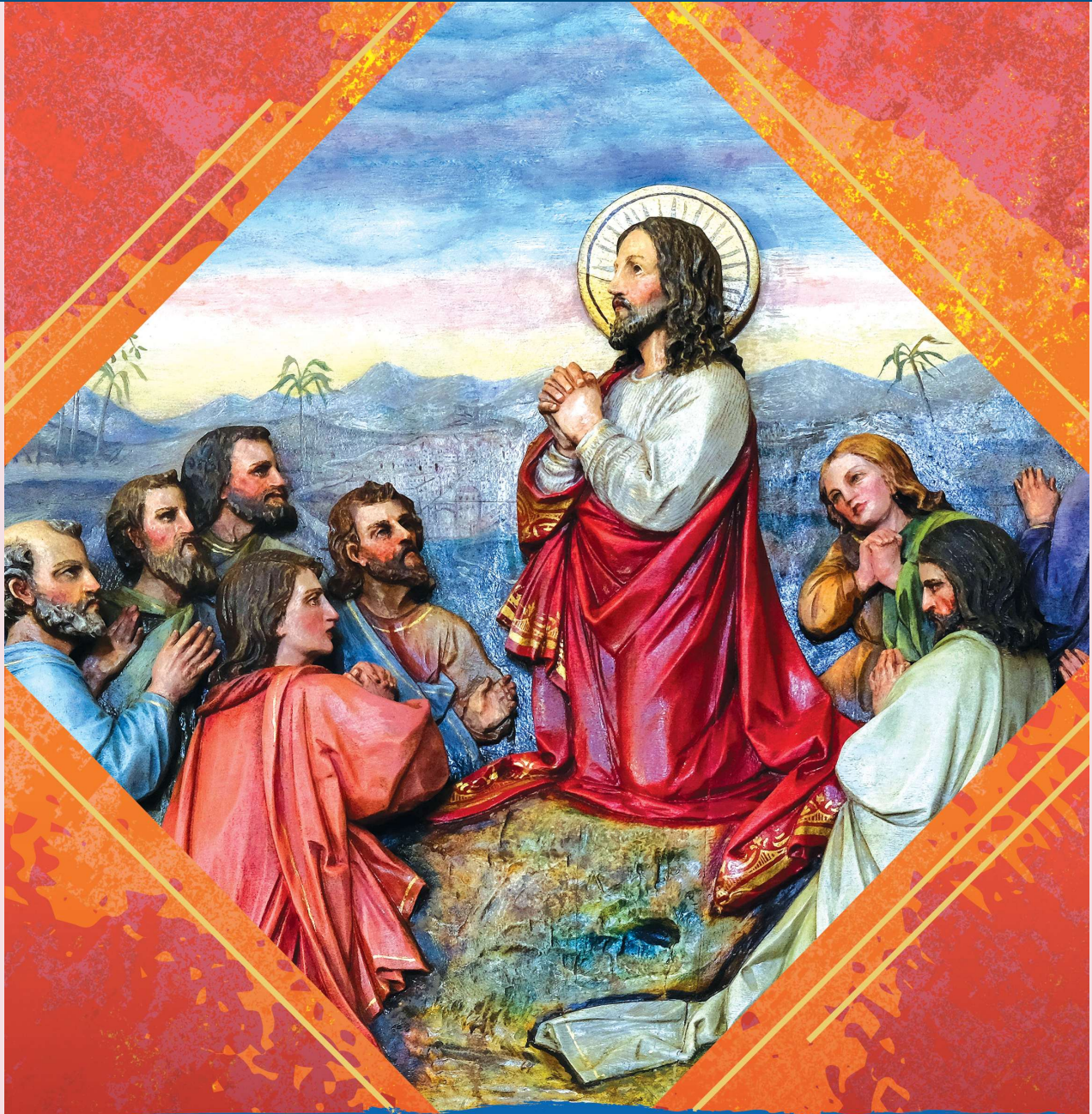


ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET GRETNA, NE 68028



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.” - Mt 11:28-30

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JULY 5, 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
Fax.....402-332-5107
Website.....stpatricksgretna.org
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E-mail.....stpatrick.gre@archomaha.org
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MASS AND HOLY EUCHARIST

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

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

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

REFLECT AND RESPOND

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING (ZEC 9:9-10)

Zechariah speaks of a just and humble king who will lead all people to a future of peace and joy. What are some things that make you genuinely happy?

SECOND READING (ROM 8:9, 11-13)

Paul teaches that the Spirit of God dwells in those who believe in Jesus. Where do you see the Holy Spirit active in your life?

GOSPEL (MT 11:25-30)

Jesus speaks of Himself as meek and humble of heart, and invites us to find "rest" in Him. What are some burdens Jesus could relieve for you?

GOSPEL MEDITATION



This weekend, our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Unlike most nations, the United States was not founded primarily on a shared ethnicity, language, or culture. Instead, our founders built a political community out of diverse peoples united by a shared vision of liberty. That vision echoes something deep in the Christian mystery revealed in today's Gospel.

Jesus returns to His hometown. The people see only what is familiar: the carpenter, the son of Mary, one of their own. As Mark tells us, "They took offense at Him. Jesus said, 'A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.'" Their narrow vision blinds them. Jesus has come to inaugurate a new communion that transcends geography, bloodlines, and culture. He has come to unite all people in Himself.

At its best, America's national unity reflects this possibility, which fully subsists only in the Catholic Church. Our unity is not based on ancestry or tribe, but on a shared commitment to higher ideals. For this reason, we can love our country with gratitude while situating patriotism within the broader horizon of faith.

Rooted in Christ, we are less vulnerable to the unholy tribalism that threatens civic life and faith. This weekend, let us thank God for our nation and pray that we also live as citizens of Heaven in Jesus Christ.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

The Bible says that Jesus condemned gambling, but I notice that so many parishes have them at festivals and other events. What's correct?

ANSWER:

Although Jesus speaks of our relationship with material wealth and the very human struggle with greed, the Gospels do not include any specific instructions related to gambling. At the same time, the Church is very sensitive to the needs of those who might struggle with an addiction to gambling, and pastoral care should always be offered to those who struggle with this reality in their life.

While it is true that many parish or school communities include gambling or games of chance in festivals and fundraisers (e.g. bingo, roulette, ring tossing, dunking booths, etc.), there is nothing inherently wrong these sorts of events, given they are played fairly and within the limits of reason are not morally objectionable. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: "Games of chance (card games, etc.) or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for his needs and those of others" (CCC 2413).

As in all things, moderation and a sense of healthy limits should be applied to gambling and games of chance. For those who find themselves living with addiction to gambling, help is available in various 12-step and addiction recovery programs.



"There is nothing the devil fears so much, or so much tries to hinder, as prayer."
—St. Philip Neri

SAINT KILIAN *Bishop*



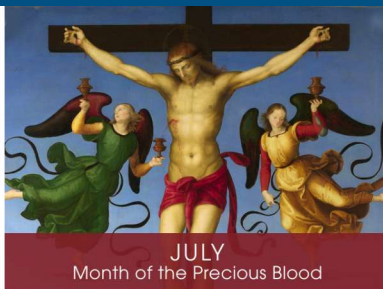
SAINT
KILIAN
PRAY FOR US

St. Kilian (c. 640-689 A.D.), also known as St. Cillian, was born to a noble family in Ireland. As a child he was known for his piety and love of study, which led him to the priesthood. He became a traveling bishop on the island, and in 686 A.D. left Ireland with eleven companions to travel throughout Gaul (present day France and parts of Germany) to preach the Gospel. From there he traveled to Rome to get official sanction from the Pope to become a missionary. Once obtained, St. Kilian returned north and settled in Würzburg as his base of activity along

with two of his original companions. He began his work evangelizing the pagans in large parts of Franconia and Thuringia (north and central Germany), earning the name 'Apostle of Franconia.' Saint Kilian converted the Duke of Würzburg and convinced him to end his unlawful marriage. This greatly angered the Duke's wife, who resisted St. Kilian's attempts to convert her. While her husband was away, she had St. Kilian and his two missionary companions beheaded as they were preaching. A cathedral was built on the spot of their martyrdom by the first bishop of Würzburg. On St. Kilian's feast his relics, along with those of his two companions, are paraded through the streets and put on display in the Würzburg Cathedral, which is dedicated to him. St. Kilian's feast day is July 8.

DEVOTION TO THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD *Devotion of the Month—July*

The month of July traditionally honors the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. It is the blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, which cleanses us from sin—therefore the Church developed a devotion to Jesus' physical blood and its mystical power, just as it did for His Sacred Heart from which His blood poured out on the Cross. The Precious Blood of Jesus courses through the Church spiritually, giving eternal life to the Body of Christ through the sacraments. Many saints had a devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus, especially St. Catherine of Siena. Devotion to the Precious Blood spread widely through the preaching of Saint Gaspar del Bufalo, who was a 19th-century priest and the founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. This devotion was later approved and recommended by the Holy See. The feast day of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus is July 1.



JULY
Month of the Precious Blood

SAINT AMELIA *Virgin*



SAINT
AMELIA
PRAY FOR US

St. Amelia (741-772 A.D.) was born into a noble and pious Christian family in the land of the Ardennes, bordering what is today Belgium and Luxembourg. She was a devout child of strong character who committed her virginity to Christ from a young age. However, because she was such a beautiful and virtuous woman, she was pursued for several years by the young Charlemagne. In one account, Charlemagne broke her arm in a physical struggle to hold her hand, and

afterwards her arm was miraculously healed. His romantic interest was rebuffed, and Amelia was eventually able to realize her desire to enter the convent. She spent the rest of her life in the Benedictine abbey of Münster-Bilzen in Belgium, and helped to build a church dedicated to the Virgin Mary in the Belgian town of Temsche. St. Amelia is said to have performed many miracles, the most famous being the one in which she crossed the Schelde River miraculously while standing on the back of a giant sturgeon fish. St. Amelia is the patroness of farmers, fishermen, and those suffering from arm and shoulder pain. Her feast day is celebrated on July 10.

"This bread is bread before the words of the Sacrament. But when the words of Christ come to it, it is the Body of Christ... Before the words of Christ it is a cup full of wine and water. When the words of Christ become operative, the Blood which has redeemed the people is caused to be there." —St. Isidore of Seville



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Gretna, Nebraska

READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 9:18-26

TUESDAY: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10/Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 10:1-7

THURSDAY: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16/Mt 10:7-15

FRIDAY: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 10:16-23

SATURDAY: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mt 10:24-33

NEXT SUNDAY: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



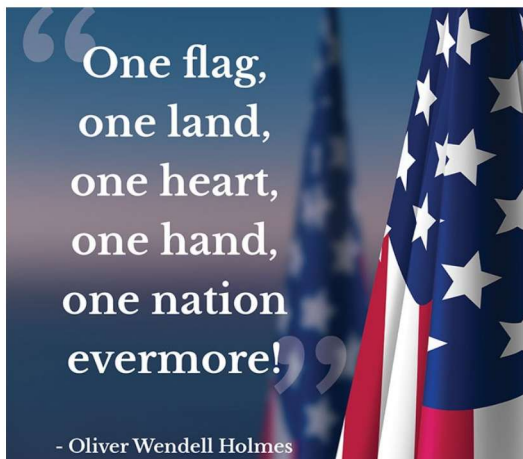
OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

MONDAY: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

THURSDAY: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

SATURDAY: St. Benedict, Abbot

NEXT SUNDAY: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time



- Oliver Wendell Holmes



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MEET AND GREET FR. MATTHEW
After the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses



We will be hosting a meet and greet event to welcome Fr. Matthew Pohlman as our new Associate Pastor on Sunday, July 5 after the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses in the St. Patrick Parish Center. Join us for coffee and donuts and an opportunity to meet Fr. Matthew. We are excited

to welcome Fr. Matthew to the St. Patrick Parish staff and look forward to seeing what the Lord has in store for us with this new transition. We pray for a smooth transition for all parishes experiencing priest changes this summer and for smooth transitions for the priests in their moves as well.

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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 **Fr. Marie Stella Simkoko** (Missionary Benedictine Sisters).



"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Christ invites each of us to lay down our burdens and find true peace in Him. In every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, we are called to follow Him with trust, allowing His grace to strengthen us and renew our hearts. Take a moment today to listen to His call and rest in His loving presence. If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk to your priest or reach out to Father Scott Schilmoeller at 402-558-3100 or email vocations@archomaha.org.



Since our last update on May 31, 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

Crew Jordan Hollendieck.....6/28/2026

Crosby James Hollendieck.....6/28/2026

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

Joshua McCampbell and Alexandria Cash.....6/27/2026

PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, 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.

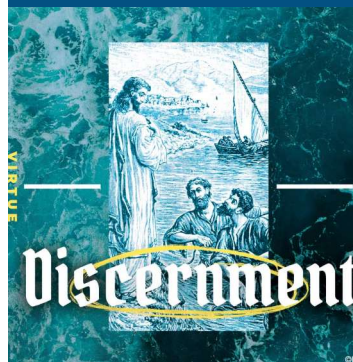


Name.....Date of Death.....Place of Burial

Marialyce Wagner.....6/21/2026.....Omaha National Cemetery

CATHOLIC DEVOTIONS EXPLAINED

Discernment



We most often hear the term "discernment" when a man or woman prayerfully considers a religious vocation. This is a helpful context in which to think of the virtue of discernment, which all Christians are called to develop, lay and religious alike.

When a person hears a "call," he cannot simply go—he must first figure out where the call is coming from. It's not enough to simply have an idea of becoming a priest, a sister, a missionary, a husband, a wife—the idea needs a good, thorough background check. This is discernment, which "unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good... when in reality its fruit is death," says the Catechism. (CCC 2846)

We run this background check of discernment on our feelings, our intentions, and our inclinations under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through a diligent regimen of prayer and reflection. *The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius* is highly regarded as a useful tool for spiritual discernment.

SECOND SEMESTER HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Skutt Catholic High School



With great joy, Skutt Catholic High School shares the names of students from our parish who have earned Honor Roll distinction for the second semester. Their impressive academic achievements are a testament to their dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence, both in the classroom and in their faith. Skutt believes that strong academic performance aligns beautifully with our Catholic values. These young minds, nourished by both knowledge and faith, are a vibrant light in our community. They inspire us with their intellectual curiosity, their willingness to learn, and their desire to grow in wisdom and understanding.

An Academic Honor Roll student has 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. Students who have earned Academic Honor Roll include AnneMarie Hubert and Paul Hubert, children of Paul and Carrie Hubert, Kelsey Williams, daughter of John and Kerry Williams, and Charles Yagmour, son of Tony and Kristee Yagmour.

A Distinguished Honor Roll student has achieved a remarkable grade average of 4.25 or higher with no individual grade lower than a B. This signifies truly outstanding academic accomplishments. Kennedy Hochstein, daughter of Ben and Brooke Hochstein, has earned Distinguished Honor Roll this semester.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all these students from St. Patrick who have embraced the call to academic excellence. We pray that their continued dedication to learning will bring them ever closer to their goals and aspirations. Please join us in celebrating their success. May it be a source of pride and inspiration for the entire community.

HOLY FAMILY RANCH FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES

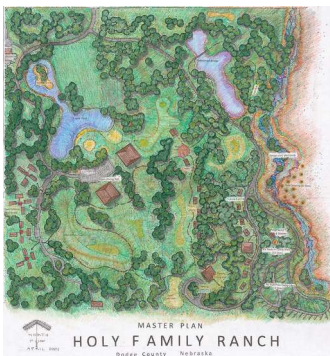
Where Faith and Fun Build Memories

OUR MISSION

To provide a Catholic Camp in the Archdiocese of Omaha where youth and families can come to deepen their faith and grow in holiness while enjoying the outdoors, trying new activities, or just enjoying the peace and quiet year-around. There will be space for youth camps and space for families to stay together with many trails to explore the outdoors all leading to the chapel.

HOW YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED

We are in the beginning stages. Your assistance is needed! Teams are being formed to fulfill this mission. If you feel called to share your gifts and talents with this endeavor, please contact us. We would love to hear from you. Let us know how you would like to help even if all you can do right now is pray for us. Find out how to donate, sign up to receive our newsletter, and learn more about our mission at www.holyfamilyranch.org. Check donations can be sent to Holy Family Ranch, PO Box 12499, Omaha, NE 68112.



PRAY FOR US

Dear Holy Family, please guide the development of Holy Family Ranch. Lead and protect all those you have destined to develop and run it. Enlighten them with your wisdom and knowledge. Let Holy Family Ranch always be a place that draws people closer to you. Thank you for having heard our prayer. We ask that you bless all those who donate their time, talent, and treasure. Amen.

Join us for community prayer every week at St. Stephen the Martyr (16701 S St, Omaha) at 6:30 PM on Mondays.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

See Future Bulletin for Updated Report

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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, August 9 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.

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY FESTIVAL (AKA BAGS, BEERS, AND BRATS)



Please come join us for the annual St. Patrick and Knights of Columbus Community Festival on Friday, July 24 from 5 PM to 10 PM. Help us kick off Gretna Days with food, fun, live music, and a cornhole tournament in the South Parking Lot. Register for the Cornhole Tournament by emailing GretnaOptimistClub@gmail.com. Contact Tim Hall for more information about the festival.

MONTHLY MEETING

All Knights are invited to join us for our monthly Knights of Columbus meeting that occurs every first Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the St. Patrick Parish Center.



Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Tim Hall.....307-214-3714
Deputy Grand Knight, Jeff Harpenau....402-214-3062
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, JULY 6TH  
7:30 AM † Sue Orosco

TUESDAY, JULY 7TH 
6:00 PM † Virginia Veleba

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH 
7:30 AM † Janet Laughlin

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH  
7:30 AM † Pete and Eric Stec

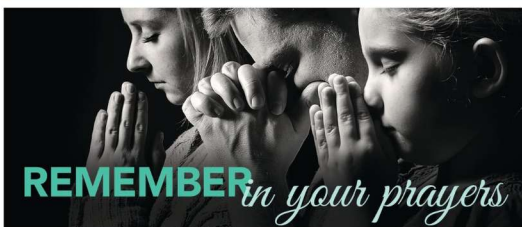
FRIDAY, JULY 10TH 
7:30 AM † Tom Rongisch

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH 
5:00 PM † Dennis Mattes

SUNDAY, JULY 12TH 
8:00 AM INT Tim and Tammi Hall
10:00 AM For Our Parishioners
12:00 PM † Arya Manzitto

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 Riley Rhode, Susan Hottovy, Celeste Baumert, Sh-Shaw McDonnell, 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, JULY 5TH—14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Meet and Greet Fr. Matthew Pohlman—Parish Center and Kitchen
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Baptisms—Sanctuary and Narthex

MONDAY, JULY 6TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM Preschool Summer Camp—Ocean/Shark Week—Preschool

TUESDAY, JULY 7TH

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM Preschool Summer Camp—Ocean/Shark Week—Preschool
11:30 AM to 5:00 PM Project Linus—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
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Hour of Prayer—Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting—Parish Center AB and Kitchen

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH

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
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM Preschool Summer Camp—Ocean/Shark Week—Preschool
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Women's Small Group—Father Hitch Room
5:00 PM to 8:30 PM Medjugorje Pilgrim Reunion—Parish Center AB
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Group Room

THURSDAY, JULY 9TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
9:00 AM to 11:30 AM Preschool Summer Camp—Ocean/Shark Week—Preschool
8:00 AM to 11:30 PM Fr. Ssonko Fundraiser Set-up—Parish Center

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

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 Fr. Ssonko Fundraiser Set-up—Parish Center and Kitchen
5:30 PM to 9:00 PM Fr. Ssonko Fundraiser—Parish Center and Kitchen

SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

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, JULY 12TH—15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

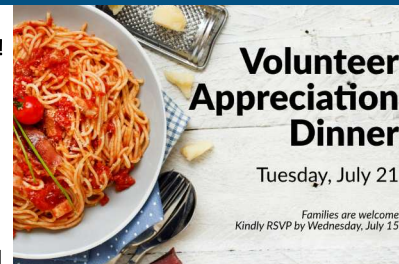
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MASS AND DINNER—JULY 21

Let Us Serve You!

We can't say thank you enough to the many many volunteers that we have here at St. Patrick Church! From our Religious Education catechists and Youth Group leaders, to our Liturgical Ministers at Mass on the weekend, to the many volunteers who come in weekly to help keep our beloved Church clean. To all the silent volunteers working behind the scenes, our Funeral luncheon volunteers, to all the Knights of Columbus members who do so much, all the Least of My Brethren volunteers, and all those who regularly help decorate, bake, and serve at various events held by the Church. To you all, we say thank you! Your service and generosity of spirit do not go unnoticed.

To show our gratitude for all that you do for our parish, Fr. Baxter and the Parish Staff invite you to a special Mass and Dinner in your honor. Join us on Tuesday, July 21 for the 6 PM Mass that will be said in honor of all St. Patrick volunteers. The Rosary before Mass, beginning at 5:30 PM, will also be offered on your behalf and for your intentions. Then, after Mass join us in the Parish Center for a delicious pasta dinner—where we the staff will serve you. Families are invited. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 15 so that we know how many to plan for. An RSVP link can be found on our parish website, or call the office to let us know that you are planning on attending. Thanks again! We can't wait to serve you!



LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 11TH
5:00 PM

Sacristan
Linda Schriener

Lectors
Ken Beckman
(Read the 1st Reading)

Need Sub
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Therese Nisbet
Barb Applegate
Robert Quick
Anamaria Quick
Deacon Ken Broz

Ushers
Lori Frederick
Chris Lingbloom
Jeff Wollenburg
Need Sub

Rosary Reciter
Ellie Clines

Altar Servers
Addison Lingbloom
Colin Lingbloom
Need Sub

Greeters
Nancy Kirkpatrick
Need Sub

JULY 12TH
8:00 AM

Sacristan
Joan Ingram

Lectors
Cari Kaup
(Read the 1st Reading)

Sandy Scheef
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Mike Siegel
Paula Siegel
Kathy Broz
Laura Fischer
Deacon Ken Broz

Ushers
Greg Jones
Kevin Kaup
Pat Shurtliff
Christopher Wilson

Rosary Reciter
Kathy Schwarting

Altar Servers
Carson Kaup
Ethan Kaup
Will Kaup

Greeters
Mary Brown
Steve Ingram

Hilcrest SR/HL
Mike Siegel
Paula Siegel

JULY 12TH
10:00 AM

Sacristan
Jim Hottovy

Lectors
Judy Weier
(Read the 1st Reading)

Need Sub
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Carol Hoover
Rosie Stec
Nell Votruba
Jim Hottovy
Jamey Kennel

Ushers
Norris Hoover
Bruce Jefferies
John Schaffert
Norm Svoboda

Rosary Reciter
Jolene Jefferies

Altar Servers
Sawyer Jennungs
Gavin McGregor
Austin Votruba

Greeters
Angie Jennings
Need Sub

JULY 12TH
12:00 PM

Sacristan
Larry Nepl

Lectors
Lezlie Thomas
(Read the 1st Reading)

Stephanie Lampe
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Larry Nepl
Carol Zeleny
Doris Williams
Wendy Nepl

Ushers
Linda Gardner
Alan Meyerott
Larry Nepl
Marty White

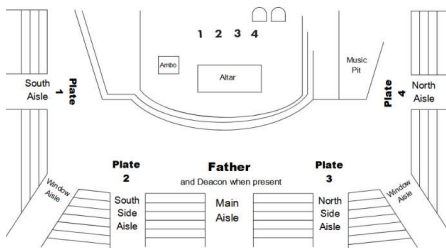
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Vocations Crucifix
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EMHC STATION MAP



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!

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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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VENI HOLY HOUR Archomaha Young Adults

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



VENI

Adoration and fellowship at St. Cecilia Cathedral (701 N 40th St, Omaha) on Friday, July 10. Adoration begins at 7:30 PM in the Cathedral with a brief reflection from a priest and is followed by an after party in the parish center! Veni is held every second Friday of the month at the Cathedral. More information about getting involved in the Archdiocese Young Adult activities can be found at <https://www.archchoungadults.org>.

PRAY FOR THE NATION Pick-up a Flag Today



To celebrate the 250th anniversary of our nation on July 4, we ask that each family take one of the flags from the vases that will be in the narthex this weekend. Attached to each flag you will find a short prayer intention. We ask that you display this flag in your home as a reminder to pray for the intention as a family daily throughout the month of July.

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HIRING A PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR AND TEACHER ASSISTANT *Be a Part of the Parish Staff*

ST. PATRICK PRESCHOOL MISSION

St. Patrick Preschool is a mission outreach of St. Patrick Catholic Church to the children and families of the parish and the surrounding community of Gretna. The mission of St. Patrick Preschool is to equip and engage children and families to join God in His mission to bring all people into an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ by providing a developmentally appropriate Christ-centered program.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR

After three years of serving as our Preschool Director, Amanda Scardina is leaving St. Patrick for a new career opportunity that allows her to spend more time with their new baby boy. We wish you the very best, Amanda, thank you! As Amanda opens an exciting new chapter in starting their own family, this presents an opportunity for our parish to hire a new Preschool Director.



The Preschool Director is a full-time, 12-month salaried position with benefits, serving ages 3 to 5-years-old, that requires on site presence and availability during the hours 7 AM to 3:30 PM (M-F) as well as some evening meetings and weekend events. The Preschool Director is supervised by the Parish Manager and directly accountable to the Pastor. The Director will have at least a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, or a related field with all required certifications, a successful experience as a preschool classroom teacher and/or as a preschool director, and will live a Catholic life that gives witness to the Lord Jesus Christ, be a servant leader, and support the vision and ministries of St. Patrick Catholic Church.

For a detailed job description, visit our parish website, stpatricksgretna.org. To apply, send your cover letter explaining your desire and interest in the Preschool Director job opportunity, along with your resume and salary expectations to Jolene Jefferies, Parish Manager, jmjefferies@archomaha.org. For questions, call Jolene at 402-332-4444, ext. 203.

PAY AND BENEFITS

St. Patrick offers competitive pay and an excellent benefits package to full-time employees including health, dental, vision, life, accidental death, and dismemberment, long term disability, and a tax deferred 403(b) retirement plan. For health and dental coverage, St. Patrick pays 95% of the premium for the employee. Family coverage is available, but the employee pays 100% of the premium for additional dependents. We offer 10 days of vacation up to 5 years of service, and more beyond 5 years of service. We also observe 8 paid holidays including some additional paid time off for Holy Days of Obligation.



PRESCHOOL TEACHER ASSISTANT

The Preschool Teacher Assistant position is a part-time, hourly position during the school year (mid-August through mid-May) serving ages 3 to 5-years-old that requires on site presence and availability during the hours 8 AM to 3:30 PM. (M-F; hours are flexible depending if we have afternoon classes) as well as just a few evening meetings and weekend events. The average hours worked per week is approximately 20-24 hours. The

Preschool Teacher Assistant is supervised by the Preschool Director but serves and assists the Teacher in the classroom. The Preschool Teacher Assistant will be Roman Catholic, love God, love others, love self, and will have an active faith in God and respect for all who enter our doors. Experience in early child development or a related field is a plus but not mandatory.

For a detailed job description, visit our website at stpatricksgretna.org. To apply, send your cover letter explaining your desire and interest in the Preschool Teacher Assistant job opportunity, along with your resume and salary expectations to Jolene Jefferies, Parish Manager, jmjefferies@archomaha.org, by July 17. For questions, call Jolene at 402-332-4444, ext. 203.

FR. SSONKO FUNDRAISING DINNER—FRIDAY, JULY 10

Last Chance to Get Tickets



We are once again hosting a fundraiser this summer (Friday, July 10) to support Fr. John Baptist Ssonko and our sister parish, St. Mary's in Busaabala, Uganda. Thanks to many generous donors over the last couple of years they have been able to build a kitchen for the school and now a four-story dormitory for the students of St. Mary's. Funds from this year's fundraiser will help to furnish the classrooms and dormitory, increase security around the school, and provide transportation assistance for the students.

This year's menu for the fundraising dinner includes a whole hog! Also new this year, we will have a few live and silent auction items you won't want to miss.

Unfortunately, this year Fr. Ssonko will not be able to join us due to travel restrictions. This also means he will be unable to raise funds from surrounding parishes like he usually does while in Nebraska.

TICKETS AND DONATIONS

Our fundraising goal this year is \$200,000. Even if you are unable to attend the dinner and auction, please consider a donation to Invest in Hope: Educate Youth for Brighter Tomorrows. Tickets are available for purchase on our parish website, stpatriksgretna.org. Get a group of your friends together—they don't even have to be parishioners—and register for a table!

VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers for the evening. As a volunteer, you will receive a complimentary ticket to attend and partake in the meal. A sign-up is available on our parish website, <https://stpatriksgretna.org/father-ssonko-fundraiser>. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

NOVENA

Whether or not you will be attending this year's fundraiser, we do ask if you would join us in praying for the success of this fundraiser, for the students and staff of St. Mary's Primary School, and for Fr. Ssonko's intentions. We have a special Novena Prayer from July 2-10 that can be found on our website or on our social media accounts each day of the novena.

HOW TO PRAY WHEN YOU HAVE NO TIME TO PRAY

A Tip from a Saint

If you are an extremely busy person, with no time to pray on a daily basis, try this tip from a saint on how to pray even in the midst of busyness. Some of us work constantly, putting in 80 hour work weeks, while others are always busy with children or caring for family members, never having a moment to spare. In such cases, when someone tells us we should pray every day, we might laugh out loud, as we barely have any time to eat or even sit down. Yet, even in the midst of such a crazy schedule, there are moments when we can pray.



PRAYER LIFE OF A BUSY PERSON

St. Francis de Sales provides the following story and advice in his *Introduction to the Devout Life*: "There are few social duties of sufficient importance to prevent an occasional retirement of the heart into this sacred solitude. When St. Catherine of Sienna was deprived by her parents of any place or time for prayer and meditation, Our Lord inspired her with the thought of making a little interior oratory in her mind, into which she could retire in heart, and so enjoy a holy solitude amid her outward duties. And henceforward, when the world assaulted her, she was able to be indifferent, because, so she said, she could retire within her secret oratory, and find comfort with her Heavenly Bridegroom. So she counseled her spiritual daughters to make a retirement within their heart, in which to dwell."

No matter what activity you are engaged in, whether it is fulfilling packages at an Amazon warehouse, flipping burgers at McDonalds, or changing diapers at home; you can retreat into your "interior oratory" for a few moments of prayer. Often we think that only formal, pre-written prayers can qualify as prayer. However, prayer can encompass any number of actions, thoughts, or even a glance towards God. If all you can do is pause for a second and say, "I love you Jesus," that is sufficient. All we need to do is be intentional about our prayer and not let a full 24 hours be spent without ever thinking about God.

—Article by Aletia



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Omaha's newly ordained priest, Fr. Michael Figura, and his reflection on what it means to have a heart of a Father. Pick up a copy today to read his thoughts. Copies can be found in the St. Patrick narthex, or you can download a copy by visiting <https://online.flippingbook.com/view/685404501>. This magazine is published in tandem with CatholicVoiceOmaha.com.



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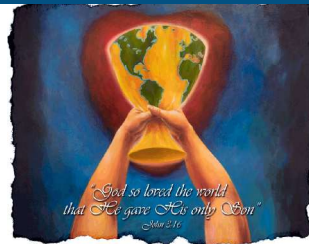
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HEALING MASS—ST. GERALD, RALSTON, JULY 10

His Global Love Prayer Communities invite you to a Healing Mass on Friday, July 10 at St. Gerald Catholic Church (9602 Q St, Ralston). We will begin with a Rosary at 6:15 PM followed by praise and worship. 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.



MEANING OF THE MASS—ST. BENEDICT CENTER, SCHUYLER, JULY 11



The Mass: Meaning Behind the Mystery is a one-day retreat on Saturday, July 11 at the Saint Benedict Center (1126 Co Rd I, Schuyler) with Fr. Jeff Loseke. Every Catholic at some point during the Mass has probably asked, "Why do we do that?" or "What does that mean?" Every word, gesture, object, sign, and symbol of the Mass is imbued with rich meaning and yet so much of it has been forgotten or is unknown to the average Mass-goer. Join Fr. Jeff Loseke as he walks through the Mass in a show-and-tell kind of

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FATHERS AND SONS RETREAT—ST. BENEDICT CENTER, SCHUYLER, JULY 11-12

Fathers and Sons—Together Forever on Saturday and Sunday, July 11-12, is a retreat for fathers and their sons, ages 11-17, at the Saint Benedict Center (1126 Co Rd I, Schuyler) with Dr. Edward DeSimone, a priest, and a team of fathers and sons. This retreat provides opportunities for open communication and mutual learning between fathers and their adolescent sons along with Mass and a traditional blessing of the sons. This fun weekend will include, weather permitting, dodgeball competition, water balloon toss, and a hayrack ride. Join us from 8 AM Saturday to Noon on Sunday. Register now at <https://www.christthekingpriory.com/retreat-schedule> or call 402-352-8819.



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