

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET    GRETNA, NE 68028



## 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Without cost you have received; without cost  
you are to give.” - Mt 10:6-8

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**JUNE 14, 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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Website.....stpatricksgretna.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

### 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### FIRST READING (EX 19:2-6A)

God reveals to Moses His intention to make Israel a “treasured possession among all the peoples... a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.” Have you ever received an incredible gift you never saw coming?

#### SECOND READING (ROM 5:6-11)

Paul teaches us that as believers, we have been reconciled to God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Can you think of a time when you reconciled with a friend or family member?

#### GOSPEL READING (MT 9:36-10:8)

Jesus commissioned His twelve Apostles to carry on His missionary work of healing the sick and exorcising unclean spirits. Do you have a sense of mission for your life?

## GOSPEL MEDITATION



A few years ago, I met a woman in my parish who was a successful lawyer. Yet in her free time, she poured her energy into a nonprofit she founded to advocate for children with special needs. When I asked what inspired her, she spoke of her niece, who was born with disabilities. Her niece was both a glorious gift and a constant challenge. Out of that painful, beautiful experience, she felt called to create something lasting for other children and parents. The nonprofit thrived, not because she had mapped it all out, but because she was deeply moved to act.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is “moved with compassion” for the crowd, for they were “like sheep without a shepherd.” (Matthew 9:36) So He calls His disciples, ordinary men with no special qualifications, and sends them to heal, preach, and cast out demons. Their mission flows not from their skills but from His authority and the Spirit’s gifts.

The Second Vatican Council teaches that the Spirit continually pours out charisms, special graces for the good of the Church and the world (*Lumen Gentium* 4 & 12). These often arise from the unfolding of our lives: from what breaks your heart, what fills you with hope, what suffering has shaped you. The Spirit works through those very experiences to equip us with gifts that build up others.

What is your charism? Well, what needs around you call you to loving action? This could be where Christ is sending you. Allow your heart to be moved like Christ’s. Then get to work.

## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

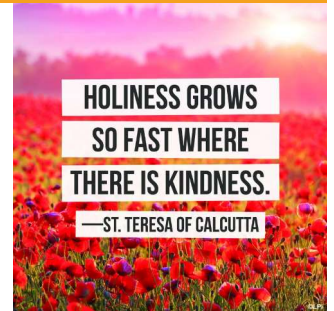
### QUESTION:

A member of my parish was recently arrested for a white-collar crime. I don’t approve of what he did, but he is a great neighbor and a nice person. How should I treat someone like him?

### ANSWER:

There is a litany of expressions that fit this situation: Everyone makes mistakes. Hate the sin, love the sinner. Judge not, lest you be judged. All of these proverbs and sayings highlight the fact that we are here to help each other on the way to salvation. Our hope and goal is that everyone grows in grace, drawing closer to God and to the promise of eternal life. Part of that process is our struggle, collectively and individually, with sin. And that is the ugly part. Sin is not nice, pretty, or inviting when laid out for all to see. Nor is it easy for the person caught in the spotlight.

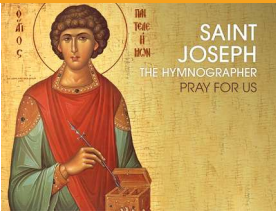
Kindness and support are not the same thing as approval. We recognize that good people can do bad things and in their struggle, they need the help of others. Our kindness is often the flicker of hope that allows someone to face the consequences of sin while focusing on the promise of redemption. Your desire to help and support your neighbor is the response of grace to sin, and the same response of Jesus to us.



“God can turn any adversity into something good if we trust Him.”  
—Randy Hain, *Joyful Witness*

## SAINT JOSEPH THE HYMNOGRAPHER

### Religious



St. Joseph the Hymnographer (816-883 A.D.) was born in Sicily to a pious Christian family. When Muslims invaded the island, his family moved to Greece to escape persecution. At the age of fifteen he entered a monastery and grew in holiness and virtue. St. Gregory the Dekapolite took Joseph with him to Constantinople to defend the traditional reverence of icons in opposition to the iconoclast heresy. Joseph was then chosen by the local clergy to be a messenger to Pope Leo III to obtain

the Holy Father's assistance in battling the iconoclast heretics, who were gaining power and influence. On his way to Rome, Joseph was captured by Muslims who delivered him into the hands of the iconoclast heretics. While held a prisoner, St. Nicholas appeared to Joseph and asked him to sing in the name of God. After six years Joseph was freed from prison and returned to Constantinople, where he founded a monastery dedicated to his friend St. Gregory. He also dedicated a church in the name of St. Bartholomew, to whom he had a devotion. St. Bartholomew then appeared to Joseph in a dream and encouraged him to write hymns for the Church. After writing his first hymn in honor of St. Bartholomew, Joseph dedicated other hymns to St. Nicholas, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and other saints. During his life he composed nearly 1,000 hymns. When another wave of iconoclasm arose, he again stood steadfast against it and was exiled for eleven years as a result; he was later exiled a second time for defending orthodox Christian doctrine. He finally died full of years in Constantinople. His feast day is June 14.

## SAINT GERMAINE COUSIN

### Religious

St. Germaine Cousin (1579–1601) was born in a remote French village to a peasant farmer. She was born with a deformed right arm and a disease that causes abscesses in her neck. Her mother died when she was an infant, and her father remarried. Due to Germaine's deformities, her stepmother was thoroughly disgusted with her. She severely neglected and physically abused the child, and taught others to do the same. Starving, sick, and dressed in rags with no shoes, Germaine was forced to sleep in the barn. Her stepmother once attempted to kill her off by sending her to tend sheep near a wolf-infested forest. St. Germaine was a simple and pious child, and through her extreme hardships she developed a deep interior life. She prayed the rosary and went to Mass daily, leaving her sheep to the care of her guardian angel. Even though she was emaciated, she shared the little food she had with beggars. Her piety was admired by the village children, and adults gradually became aware of her holiness, especially when news of her miracles began to circulate. St. Germaine died at the age of twenty-two, succumbing to her poor living conditions. Many years later her body was found incorrupt. Villagers began praying for her intercession and receiving miraculous cures, resulting in her canonization in 1867. St. Germaine is the patron saint of unattractive people, peasant girls, abuse victims, handicapped people, and abandoned people. Her feast day is June 15.



## SAINT EMILY DE VIALAR

### Religious



St. Emily de Vialar (1797–1856) was born in Gaillac, France to an aristocratic family in the years following the French Revolution. Because the Catholic faith was under severe persecution, she was baptized in secret by her parents and her religious instruction was given at home. She was a devout child who displayed an aptitude for prayer, and she shunned the luxuries of her state in life. After the death of her mother, her father arranged to find her a suitable husband when she reached 15 years of age. Emily, who desired to lead the religious life in service to the poor, resisted her father's attempts and endured his anger at her refusal. She desired also to repair the harm caused by the Revolution by catechizing the local children. Emily remained a virgin and privately consecrated herself to God while living in her father's home. When she was 21 she met a priest who helped her set up an out-patient service for the sick in her own home, which heightened her tense relationship with her father. When her grandfather died, Emily inherited a large fortune which allowed her independence in the service of God. She bought a large home in her town and began a religious order in service to the sick and poor, and to the education of children, which quickly flourished. In 40 years her order, called the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition, established 40 houses throughout Europe, Africa, and Asia. St. Emily de Vialar's feast day is June 17.



## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Gretna, Nebraska

### READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

TUESDAY: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

WEDNESDAY: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY: Sir 48:1-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

FRIDAY: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

SATURDAY: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

NEXT SUNDAY: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



### OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

FRIDAY: St. Romuald, Abbot; World Refugee Day; Juneteenth

NEXT SUNDAY: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

**Better to pray one psalm with devotion and compunction than a hundred with distraction.**

—St. Romuald





**ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**PARISH BREAKFASTS**  
*Special Father's Day Breakfast*



You are invited to join us in the Parish Center for a special Father's Day breakfast on Sunday, June 21 from 9 AM to 12 PM for a delicious breakfast. It's a perfect way to gather after Sunday Mass, get to know other parishioners here at St. Patrick, and to celebrate all of the fathers—both physical and spiritual—of our parish. We are in need of volunteers to help serve during this breakfast. If you would like to help serve, please see the sign-up on our parish website, [stpatriksgretna.org](http://stpatriksgretna.org).

**COMMON EFFECTS OF ABORTION:**

Depression  
Anxiety  
Guilt  
Shame



Panic Attacks  
Excessive Anger  
Feelings of Helplessness  
Feelings of Powerlessness  
Emotional Numbness  
Alcohol Abuse  
Drug Abuse

If you are experiencing these or other symptoms, visit [rachelvineyard.org](http://rachelvineyard.org) or call 1-866-482-5433

**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 **Matthew Lemar** (Society of Jesus) from St. John at Creighton University.

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." (Matthew 9:37) Jesus calls laborers to work in His abundant vineyard.

Priests and religious men and women are called to serve God's people with dedication and joy. As members of the Church, we are invited to pray for an increase in holy vocations so that more may answer this call. Could God be calling you to serve as a priest or in 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).



**"PRAY ALWAYS AND DO NOT LOSE HEART."**



**ST. PATRICK IS SEEKING A PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR**  
*Be a Part of the Parish Staff*



**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.

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. 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, [stpatriksgretna.org](http://stpatriksgretna.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](mailto:jmjefferies@archomaha.org), by June 19. For questions, call Jolene at 402-332-4444, ext. 203.

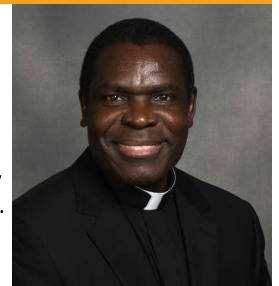
**PAY AND BENEFITS**

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.

**FAREWELL OPEN-HOUSE FOR FR. VINCE SUNGUTI**  
*Meet and Greet for Fr. Matthew Pohlman*

**FAREWELL OPEN-HOUSE FOR FR. VINCE SUNGUTI**

Join us for a farewell open-house to celebrate Fr. Vince Sunguti and to wish him well as he prepares for his move to St. Gerald's Parish as their new Pastor. St. Patrick and St. Charles Borromeo parishes will host a joint open-house event on Sunday, June 28 from 1 PM to 3 PM in the St. Patrick Parish Center. Come enjoy cake and coffee as we share our gratitude for Fr. Vince's ministry to our two parishes over the last two years. We are sad to see Fr. Vince go, but are excited for him in his new role as Pastor. May the Lord bless your ministry at St. Gerald's.



**MEET AND GREET FOR FR. MATTHEW POHLMAN**

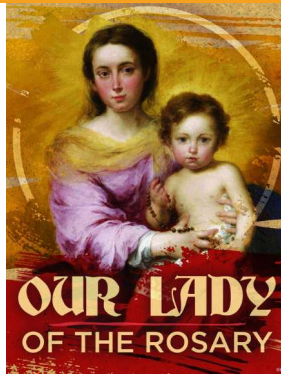
We will be hosting a meet and greet event to welcome Fr. Matthew Pohlman as our new Associate Pastor on Sunday, July 5 after the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses in the St. Patrick Parish Center. Join us for coffee and donuts and an opportunity to meet Fr. Matthew. We are excited to welcome Fr. Matthew to the St.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

**"I place trust in God, my creator, in all things; I love Him with all my heart."  
—St. Joan of Arc**

# OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE ROSARY GUILD

*Become a Member or Join us in Praying*

*"The family that prays together stays together."  
—Venerable Patrick Peyton*



Do you enjoy praying the Rosary, working with your hands, or serving others in a meaningful way? The Our Lady Queen of Peace Rosary Guild warmly invites you to join us in our mission of placing rosaries into as many hands as possible, sharing the love of Christ through devotion to Our Blessed Mother.

Throughout the year, our guild creates rosaries for Confirmation students, OCIA candidates, new parishioners, missions, outreach ministries, and special parish events. We also repair rosaries whenever possible. No experience is necessary—we are always happy to teach anyone interested in learning this beautiful ministry.

We will be hosting Rosary Display events this year in conjunction with our Parish Breakfasts. Our next display will be on Sunday, October 11, and then on Sunday, December 13 following the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses. Please stop by to visit with us, learn more about our ministry, or select a rosary for yourself or as a special gift for someone you love.

One of our most cherished traditions is creating OCIA rosaries using the seeds from the Job's Tears plant. If you have a Job's Tears plant in your garden, we would be grateful if you would harvest and donate the seeds so that we have enough beads for this fall's OCIA class.

We would also like to gently remind all parishioners that the Rosary is prayed before all weekend Masses and often before Holy Day Masses as well. We encourage you to bring your family and join us in prayer, asking for God's blessings and Our Blessed Mother's loving intercession. Praying the Rosary together is a beautiful way to grow in faith and draw closer to Christ.

Whether you can help regularly or only occasionally, your time and talents are a blessing and are always welcome. Together, we share our love for Our Blessed Mother while serving the needs of our parish, our community, and those beyond our parish family.

For more information or to become involved, please contact Kathleen Dauner at 402-707-7393 or speak with any Rosary Guild member.

*"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin." —St. Padre Pio*

**"At the foot of the Cross, Mary witnessed the conversion of the good thief, and her soul rejoiced that he had accepted the will of God. Her Divine Son's second word, promising paradise as a reward for that surrender, reminded her of her own second word thirty years before, when the angel had appeared to her and told her that she was to be the Mother of Him who was now dying on the Cross... The second word of Jesus on Golgotha [Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise] the second word of Mary in Nazareth [Be it done to me according to thy word] teach the same lesson: in the world has a cross, but the cross is not the same for any two of us. cross of the thief was not the cross of Mary. The difference was due to God's will toward each. The thief was to give life: Mary to accept life. The thief was to hang on his cross, Mary was to stand beneath hers. The thief was to go ahead; Mary to remain behind. The thief received a dismissal; Mary received a mission. The thief was to be received into paradise, but paradise was to be received into Mary."**

**—Venerable Fulton Sheen, *The Cries of Jesus From the Cross*, p. 104**

## Stewardship Report

Jun 3-Jun 9, 2026

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

| General Contributions       | Jun 7-Jun 9, 2026 | Fiscal YTD thru Jun 9 |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Sunday Offering             | \$19,010.00       | \$1,270,543.22        |
| Other Contributions         | \$1,424.30        | \$183,107.73          |
| Total General Contributions | \$20,434.30       | \$1,453,650.95 *      |
| Surplus/Deficit             | (\$7,065.70)      | \$106,150.95          |

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

'Other Contributions' include Holy Days, Maintenance & Repairs, and other Special Collections.



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH  
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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, June 14 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](mailto:mattnhenry@gmail.com), Andy Pearson at [apearson709@gmail.com](mailto:apearson709@gmail.com), Eric Devlin at [devlineric62@gmail.com](mailto:devlineric62@gmail.com), or Seth Boardman at [sethd99@hotmail.com](mailto:sethd99@hotmail.com).

### WHY AM I A KNIGHT?

Simply, it makes me a better Catholic, husband, and father.

The Knights of Columbus are centered on four pillars: charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. In a busy

secular world that desensitizes us to those virtues, the Knights are a dedicated group of men, humbly focused on rejecting our tendency, as men, to selfishly retract from life. Instead, they provide an avenue for selfless giving of our time and ourselves to better serve our God, our church, our families, and our community. If you desire greater fulfillment as a man of faith, I encourage you to consider knighthood. Feel free to join us at our next monthly meeting—we meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 7 PM in the Parish Center (dinner served immediately following). To become a Knight, contact Larry Sibley or Tim Hall, see below for contact information.



### 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 Hottov.....402-651-8564



**ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 15TH**

7:30 AM † Bob Bruning

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH**

6:00 PM † John Sedlacek

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH**

7:30 AM † Howard Degener

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH**

7:30 AM † Zeno and Janet Goetula

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH**

7:30 AM INT Jim and Tam Hottovy

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH**

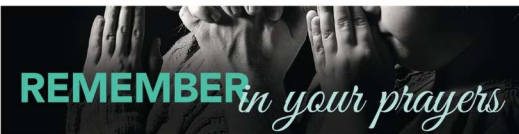
5:00 PM † John Moloney

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST**

8:00 AM All of the Living and Deceased Fathers of the Parish  
10:00 AM All of the Living and Deceased Fathers of the Parish  
12:00 PM All of the Living and Deceased Fathers of the Parish

**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 Susan Hottovy, Nate, Todd Jarosz, 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, JUNE 14TH—11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 15TH**

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Faith Formation Study—Parish Center A and Kitchen

**TUESDAY, JUNE 16TH**

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, JUNE 17TH**

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  
8:30 AM to 11:00 AM Faith Connection—Father Hitch Room  
1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Women's Small Group—Father Hitch Room  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Group Room

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18TH**

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary  
5:00 PM to 6:30 PM Women's Small Group—Father Hitch Room

**FRIDAY, JUNE 19TH**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH**

4:00 PM to 4:40 PM Confession—Confessional  
4:30 PM to 4:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 5:00 PM)—Sanctuary

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21ST—12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—FATHER'S DAY**

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary  
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Baptisms—Sanctuary and Narthex  
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Father's Day Breakfast—Parish Center and Kitchen

**FR. SSONKO FUNDRAISING DINNER—FRIDAY, JULY 10**  
*Support Our Sister Parish in Uganda*

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.

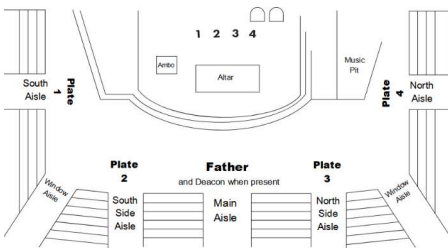
Unfortunately, this year Fr. Ssonko will not be able to join us due to travel restrictions. This also means he will be unable to raise funds from surrounding parishes like he usually does while in Nebraska.

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 now available for purchase on our parish website, stpatricksgretna.org. Get a group of your friends together—they don't even have to be parishioners—and register for a table!

## LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

| JUNE 20TH<br>5:00 PM  | JUNE 21ST<br>8:00 AM  | JUNE 21ST<br>10:00 AM  | JUNE 21ST<br>12:00 PM  |
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| <b>Sacristan</b><br>Larry Nepl  | <b>Sacristan</b><br>Joan Ingram   | <b>Sacristan</b><br>Andi Towey   | <b>Sacristan</b><br>Ginny Giebelhaus   |
| <b>Lectors</b><br>Eric Hittner<br><i>(Read the 1st Reading)</i>                 | <b>Lectors</b><br>Kathy Broz<br><i>(Read the 1st Reading)</i>                   | <b>Lectors</b><br>Michael Chatterson<br><i>(Read the 1st Reading)</i>                  | <b>Lectors</b><br>Lezlie Thomas<br><i>(Read the 1st Reading)</i>                           |
| <b>Need Sub</b><br><i>(Read the 2nd Reading)</i>                                | <b>Joan Ingram</b><br><i>(Read the 2nd Reading)</i>                             | <b>Jolene Jefferies</b><br><i>(Read the 2nd Reading)</i>                               | <b>Carol Zeleny</b><br><i>(Read the 2nd Reading)</i>                                       |
| <b>EMHCs</b><br>Pat Gilmore<br>Jocelyn Pearson<br>Karen Wiehl<br>Barb Applegate | <b>EMHCs</b><br>Duane Benes<br>Deb Benes<br>Kathy Schwarting<br>Gene Schwarting | <b>EMHCs</b><br>Andi Towey<br>Kari Lenz<br>Bridget Chatterson<br>Jim Hain<br>Phil Lenz | <b>EMHCs</b><br>Steve Otto<br>Lean Otto<br>Ginny Giebelhaus<br>Need Sub<br>Deacon Ken Broz |
| <b>Ushers</b><br>Larry Nepl<br>Jeff Wollenburg<br>Need Sub<br>Need Sub          | <b>Ushers</b><br>Greg Jones<br>Bob Sis<br>Marty Stednitz<br>Christopher Wilson  | <b>Ushers</b><br>Jim Hain<br>Norris Hoover<br>Tom Nienaber<br>Chris Reing              | <b>Ushers</b><br>Ginny Giebelhaus<br>Carole Lisiecki<br>Mary Zeigler<br>Need Sub           |
| <b>Rosary Reciter</b><br>Ellie Clines   | <b>Rosary Reciter</b><br>Theresa Huttman  | <b>Rosary Reciter</b><br>Theresa Gulizia   | <b>Rosary Reciter</b><br>Carol Zeleny  |
| <b>Altar Servers</b><br>Addison Lingbloom<br>Need Sub<br>Need Sub               | <b>Altar Servers</b><br>Jacob Kula<br>Nick Kula<br>Sarah Kula                   | <b>Altar Servers</b><br>Anderson Brei<br>Ellie Brei<br>Vinnie Nelson                   | <b>Altar Servers</b><br>Need Sub<br>Need Sub<br>Need Sub                                   |
| <b>Greeters</b><br>Chris Lingbloom<br>Need Sub                                  | <b>Greeters</b><br>Mary Brown<br>Steve Ingram                                   | <b>Greeters</b><br>Andrew Brei<br>Need Sub   | <b>Greeters</b><br>Carole Lisiecki<br>Mary Zeigler   |
|   | <b>Hilcrest SR/HL</b><br>Kathy Schwarting<br>Gene Schwarting                    |  | <b>Vocations Crucifix</b><br>Ron VanOeveren  |

**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.*



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**ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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**'MASS IN A MONTH' SERIES**  
*Continued From the Right Column*

**WHY YOUNG CATHOLICS ARE HUNGRY FOR THE MASS**

Sri, who serves as senior vice president of Apostolic Outreach at FOCUS, said he hears two things consistently from young people drawn to the Mass. The first is a hunger for rootedness. Many in this generation, he said, have grown up without stable homes, without faith, without a vision for life passed down from one generation to the next—scrolling through social media, comparing themselves to superficial images, and largely on their own.

"They love the Mass because they feel grounded, they feel anchored," he said. "They have this sense: I'm entering into something that's much bigger than me—much bigger than this little community, this year, in my parish. This is something that stretches all the way back to the early Church, to the apostles, to Jesus Himself."

The second is the Eucharist. Sri said that when young Catholics grasp the Real Presence—that this is not a symbol or a remembrance but God Himself, coming down upon the altar—something shifts. "He comes so close to me that He's actually going to enter into me in Holy Communion," Sri said. In a generation marked by loneliness and fear of abandonment, Sri said, that is not a small thing.

You can listen to the Mass in a Month podcast at <https://app.ascensionpress.com/podcasts>.

—Article by Zeale

**THE TRUE VOICE MAGAZINE**  
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The latest edition of *The True Voice* magazine, featuring inspiring stories that reveal the vibrancy of Catholic life in northeast Nebraska, is available for pickup at parishes now. One of the featured stories in this summer edition of *The True Voice*, is about the Archdiocese of

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](http://CatholicVoiceOmaha.com).

**'MASS IN A MONTH' SERIES WITH FR. MIKE AND DR. SRI**  
*Walk Through Every Part of the Liturgy*



Many Catholics can recite many of the prayers of the Mass by heart, but—if they're honest—can't fully explain them. The Mass is full of deeply meaningful gestures and words that are widely memorized through repetition but may leave most without a clear sense of what is being done and said or to whom.

Theologian Edward Sri spoke to Zeale News about how every element of the Liturgy is legible—if only Catholics are given the tools to understand it. "We go through the motions," he said. "We show up and we just kind of say the prayers almost robotically. We know they're important, we know it's sacred, but we miss out on how each one of these little prayers and each one of these little liturgical actions is a window into a deeper encounter with the living God."

**THE MASS, PART BY PART**

Ascension Press, the Catholic media company whose "Bible in a Year" podcast surpassed one billion downloads, has launched a new daily series aimed at helping Catholics understand what they are saying and doing at every moment of the Mass. "Mass in a Month," hosted by Sri, launched May 1, with short daily episodes running through the end of the month. The 31-episode series follows the structure of the Mass itself, opening with the Sign of the Cross and moving through each prayer and ritual in sequence.

"The Mass is one of the most central things we do and experience as Catholics," Sri told Zeale. "And yet many of us Catholics, we show up every week, we stand up, we sit down, we say all these prayers, but we're not sure what it's all about."

Sri, a founding leader of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) and host of Ascension's *All Things Catholic* podcast, said the series is built around the Biblical roots of the Liturgy. Each episode ends with a practical takeaway and a preparation for the next time the listener attends Mass, he said. "The more we can understand the Biblical background of all that we're saying and doing in the Liturgy, the more we can enter into the Mass and encounter Jesus in a deeper way," Sri said.

Sri has spent 25 years teaching about the Mass across parish halls and university auditoriums and said his talks are always met with surprise by ordinary Catholics who have attended the Liturgy their whole lives. "People will afterwards say, 'I had no idea that when I say these words, this is what I'm really saying,'" he said.

**THE MEANING BEHIND THE MOTIONS**

He pointed to the washing of hands at the Offertory as one of the many moments Catholics can be tempted to treat as filler time in between the important parts of the Liturgy. "Many of us Catholics, we view that as like halftime," he said. "The priest is just up there doing some stuff, and it's not that important." But Sri said the gesture carries deep scriptural significance, echoing the ritual hand washing of Old Testament priests preparing to offer sacrifice and enter the holy sanctuary of the Temple. "That's signaling to us, 'Get ready: This place is about to become a holy temple,'" Sri said. "Our God is going to come down on our altars, under the appearance of bread and wine. God is in our midst."

He also addressed the *Kyrie*, the threefold "Lord, have mercy," saying it's easy to repeat the words back and forth without even thinking. But in the Gospels, those who cried out to Jesus were bringing everything with them: "Lord, have mercy for my daughter—she's possessed by a demon. Lord, have mercy for my son—he's afflicted with this disease." Sri said the prayer is meant to carry all of it: sin, sorrow, suffering, and intercession for others.

"With the Biblical background in mind, I'm also bringing all of my burdens and troubles and fears and sorrows, and I'm bringing the needs and interceding for others," he said. "Lord, have mercy on these people as well."

**LEARNING TO SEE WHAT THE ANGELS SEE**

Sri said the series covers the theology of the Eucharist, the Real Presence, the Mass as sacrifice. But he said he is most interested in speaking to the Catholic who already believes, who knows the Mass is important and still finds their mind drifting. The goal, Sri said, is to restore what he called "the eyes of the angels"—a way of recognizing the spiritual realities of every Liturgy that most Catholics move through without recognizing.

"The angels see the supernatural realities unfolding before us at every Liturgy, and these prayers and these rituals and these symbols are meant to open up our eyes to really see God's presence and what God is inviting us to enter into too," he said. Catholics "can give themselves more to Jesus at every moment and receive all that Jesus wants to give them," Sri said. "Not just in the Eucharist, which is the climax of the Mass—but God wants to bless us at every little moment of the Liturgy."

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## SPIRITUAL BENEFITS OF JOURNALING

### *How and Why Should I Journal My Prayer Experiences*

When most people think of a rich spiritual life, they might envision clouds, angelic music, hours of deep silence, and hearing God tell them exactly what to do next. In reality, our spiritual lives often mirror our ordinary lives. Stolen pockets of time before the world and our house wakes up, snippets of prayers while driving, cooking, or working are interspersed with those planned times of sitting with God. When we do have those times of sitting with Him, we want to remember what He says, how we feel, and what strikes us the most. The best way to do all of those is to keep a prayer journal.



“Oh, I don’t like to journal.” “It’s faster for me to process in my head and not write it down.” “I have terrible handwriting.” “It seems silly, girly, so touchy-feely, pointless.” “What if someone reads it?” I have heard all of this. I may have said one or two of those myself. Journaling is a discipline. It is a tool. It is a gift. It is worth the effort.

#### WHY IS IT WORTH THE EFFORT?

When we write we can synthesize information, remember what happened in prayer and over time, and see our history and growth. And, we have notes for our spiritual direction appointments! In just thirty minutes of prayer there is quite a bit of mental activity. First, you are reading scripture or a spiritual book, then you sit with it, turn over what struck you a few times in your mind, ask some questions, and then sit, waiting on a response. That is what you journal about.

I always—okay, most of the time—write the date and scripture passage or book title and page of what I am praying with that day. Then after a slow reading of the passage, I go back and write down what strikes me, what I want to pray with, a sentence that answers today’s need. Whatever it is, I write it down so I can remember it. And, if necessary, go back to it. Sure, do I want to believe if the phrase or word is so powerful I’ll recall it? Too many times, I have thought that and been wrong; I stand up from my prayer chair, and the thought is gone. Write it down.

Then I sit with what I have read and written. Not adding my thoughts yet simply sitting and allowing it to soak into my soul. My soul is where I will converse with God. After a time, I come back to my journal and write—thoughts, new ideas, how does this apply to my life today, what did God say, a wound revealed, a sin discovered, God’s grace or healing. Whatever has happened I note it. All those things do not happen each and every prayer time. Sometimes all I write is what struck me and then some thoughts about it. There is nothing earth shattering. It may not even seem particularly holy. But it is there, a reminder that I was present to God and He to me.

#### WHAT DO I DO WITH THESE NOTES?

These notes, your journal entries, can be used in many ways, if you go back to them. It is good practice to have a day to review your prayer times. Once a week is ideal or at least once a month to prepare for spiritual direction time. Go back and notice if certain words or themes show up a few times, or note the questions you raised but did not come to a conclusion about. Is there a word from God that you have been avoiding? Some people have color coding for different areas, I usually star or circle a comment.

Sometimes your journal reveals that you have not been praying as often as you thought you were. This could explain why you feel a bit out of sorts or far from God. Or you may see that you have prayed as often as you planned. Your journal will reflect back to you where you have struggled, what you talked to God about, and what He revealed to you. Did you act on those revelations?

You will read what you have learned about yourself and how you handled demanding situations. The notes will show you God’s grace. These journals become your history with God. So often we ask, in challenging times, where is God? Our journals show us where He was and what He did and how we were able to move forward.

#### TRY NOT TO CENSOR YOURSELF

In order for your journal to be of benefit, you need to be honest in your writing. Write from your prayer experience. In a sense, it is an extension of your prayer time. If your prayer was dry or felt meaningless, write that. God knows you and will not be shocked or surprised by your thoughts. The purpose of the journal is not to draft a prize-winning book. It is to put into words your feelings and thoughts, God’s words to you, and sometimes what action needs to be taken or habit that needs to change. By writing it down it helps you remember what has happened. And when we remember, we can put our prayer into practice. It is when we put our prayer into practice that we can be a light in the world.

—Article by *SpiritualDirection.com*



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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.

### MEDJUGORJE, FR. JOZO RETREAT

#### *October 8-20*

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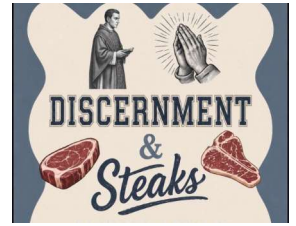
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**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**DISCERNMENT AND STEAKS—ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI, JUNE 18**

Are you a young man who has ever thought about the priesthood or religious life? Do you have questions you would like to have answered? Come check out this discernment event. Young men in high school or older are invited to a discernment event, "Discernment and Steaks," on Thursday, June 18, from 5 PM to 8 PM at St. Robert Bellarmine Parish (11802 Pacific St, Omaha). RSVP by emailing vocations@archomaha.org.



**PARISH MISSION WITH FR. DANIEL KLIMEK—CHRIST THE KING, JUNE 19-21**



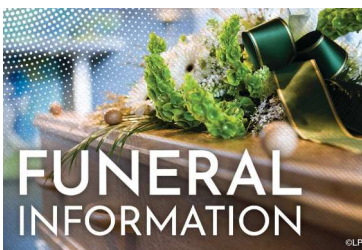
Christ the King Parish invites you to a most insightful Parish Mission on Falling in Love with Jesus at Christ The King Catholic Church (654 S 86th St, Omaha) on the evenings of Friday, June 19 through Sunday, June 21 at 7 PM shared by Fr. Daniel Klimek of the Marian Fathers from Stockbridge, MA. Each evening will end with Eucharistic Adoration after the presentation. Each evening will also be live-streamed; there will be a link at the bottom of the home page of <https://www.ctkomaha.org>. Please call with any questions at 402-498-9871. Fr. Daniel Klimek is the assistant director of evangelization at The National Shrine of The Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, MA, for the Marians of the Immaculate Conception. He is a Marian theologian, author, podcaster, and lecturer.

**CLOISTERS MARRIAGE RETREAT—THE CLOISTER ON THE PLATTE, JUNE 19-21**

The Cloisters on the Platte invites you and your spouse to attend the third annual Cloisters Marriage Retreat with guest speaker Dr. Mario Sacasa. *Living the Gift of Marriage* blends the beauty of the Church's vision of marriage together with the best marriage advice from science. This weekend fosters marital growth unlike any other retreat. Combining lessons learned from years of counseling experience with storytelling and practical exercises, Dr. Mario Sacasa guides couples through a dynamic weekend that will bless those in attendance. If you are ready to see how God is working in your marriage, then please join us! Your \$1500 registration includes lodging for two, meals, and all activities. Join us June 19-21, for a weekend of inspiring talks, wonderful meals, live music, confession, and Mass, including a beautiful renewal of your wedding vows. Check-in is Friday afternoon from 1 PM to 4PM, with departure early Sunday afternoon. Please note, this is not a silent retreat. Space is limited, so we encourage you to register soon at <https://cloistersontheplatte.com/marriage-retreat>.



**PRE-PLANNING AND FUNERAL RITES WORKSHOP—CALVARY CEMETERY, JUNE 27**



Catholic Cemeteries is hosting a Pre-Planning and Funeral Rites workshop on Saturday, June 27 at 10:30 AM in the Calvary Cemetery office (7710 W, Center Rd, Omaha). This workshop will demonstrate how faith, liturgy and practical cemetery planning can assist you in the immediacy of the death of a loved one. To register or to receive more information, please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or [jtardy@catholiccem.com](mailto:jtardy@catholiccem.com). Catholic Cemeteries—our faith is at the heart of all that we do.

**ST. PIUS X PARISH GARAGE SALE—ST. PIUS X, JULY 17-19**


Come check out St. Pius X's Huge Parish Garage Sale and Ann's Attic Clothing Sale beginning on Thursday, July 16, from 9 AM to 6 PM; Friday, July 17, 9 AM to 6 PM; and Saturday, July 18, 9 AM to Noon. We will have a gym full of gently used clothes for all ages and sizes. Sold by the bag. Friday we will have a sale: buy one bag, get the second bag 50% off. Saturday's deal will be: free clothes for a free will offering. The Parish Center will be full of very useful and unique items, including furniture and pictures. Discover hidden treasures! Find furniture, all sizes of clothes, shoes, home items, books, toys, and more at great prices. Don't miss out on unique finds at bargain deals. Use the North entrance. Parking is available on 70th and Blondo. Both sales are in large air-conditioned spaces. For more information, contact: 402-558-8446, or visit [www.stpiusxomaha.org](http://www.stpiusxomaha.org).





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