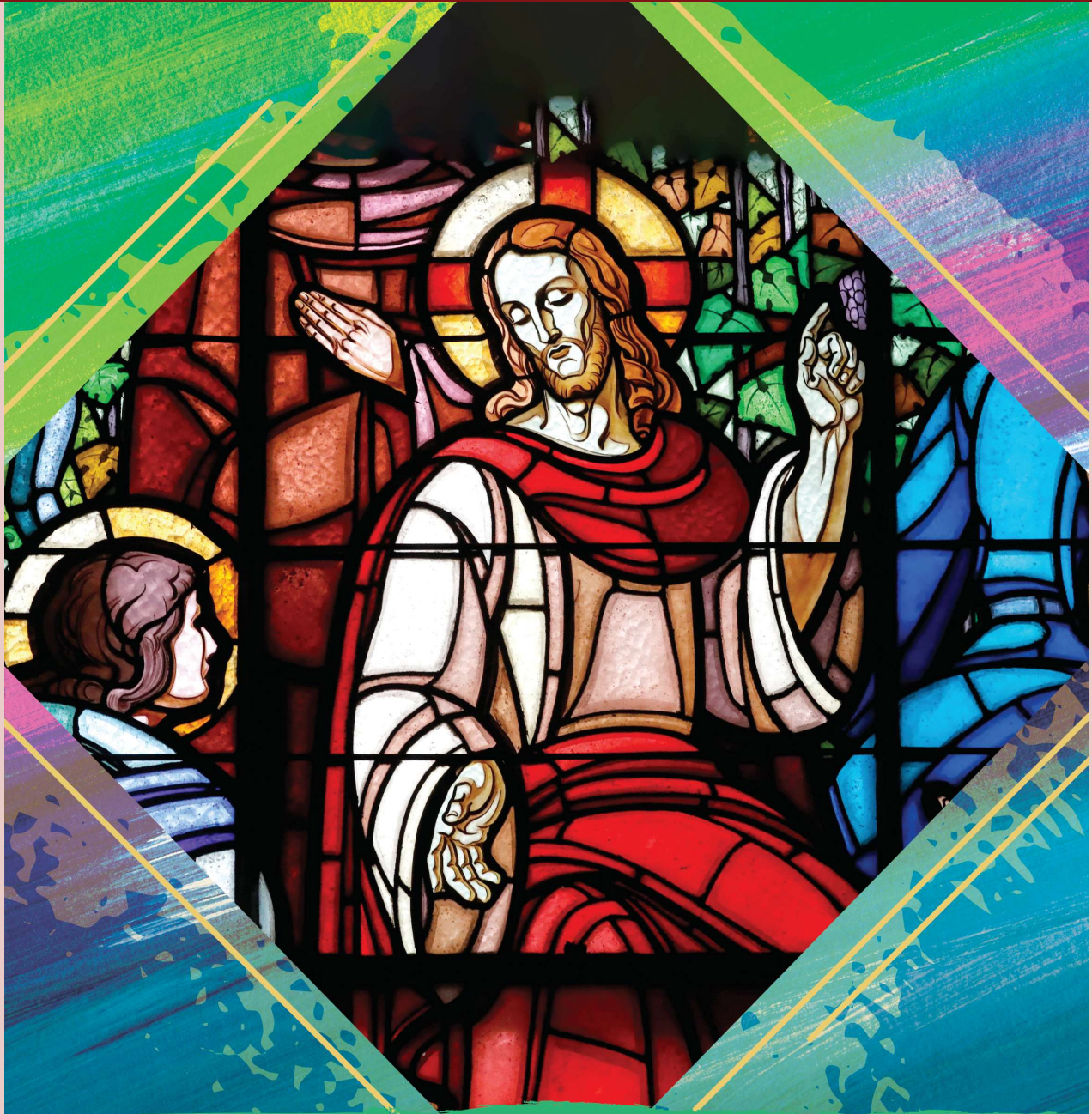


ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET GRETNA, NE 68028



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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SEPTEMBER 20, 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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING (Is 55:6-9)

Isaiah teaches that while God's thoughts and ways are far beyond our understanding, the Lord is nonetheless near to us. When do you feel closest to God?

SECOND READING (PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A)

As Paul writes to the Philippians from prison, he speaks of his spiritual dilemma of feeling caught between life and death. Who do you turn to for spiritual guidance?

GOSPEL (Mt 20:1-16A)

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches that in the Kingdom of Heaven, God's generosity is not always easily understood. Where do you see God's generosity at work among your family or friends?

GOSPEL MEDITATION



Every December, the priests of my diocese gather for a Christmas dinner with our bishop. Nearly 200 of us in one room: newly ordained and long retired, pastors of large parishes and quiet confessors, men full of energy and others moving more slowly. Some carry visible success; others bear hidden wounds. It is a tapestry of vocations and lives. When the bishop thanks us, I am always moved. For a moment, none of our differences matter. What matters is that we belong to one another.

I usually leave that evening with a deep sense of peace, but also with a sober realization. Nothing drains joy from the vineyard of the Lord faster than comparison. The quiet habit of measuring, ranking, and resenting can creep in even among those who sincerely serve God.

That is what Jesus exposes in today's parable of the workers in the vineyard. The early laborers are not upset because they were treated unjustly; they are angry because others were treated generously. Their resentment blinds them to the gift already in their hands. When the landowner asks, "Are you envious because I am generous?" he names the real wound.

This tension echoes throughout salvation history: the elder brother resenting the prodigal, the faithful servant scorning the latecomer. Jesus does not deny the labor of those who have borne the heat of the day, but He refuses to let God's mercy become a zero-sum game.

In the end, the vineyard's reward is not about fairness but belonging. The joy offered is communion with a generous Father, who delights in gathering early and late, strong and weak, into one household of grace.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

November 9 is the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. What is the significance of this feast?

ANSWER:

Every diocese has a mother church, the bishop's cathedral, where the diocesan church gathers and celebrates. The cathedral is the seat of the bishop's authority over the diocese. That authority is intended to be one of service to God's people, shepherding and guiding them in a truly pastoral mode.

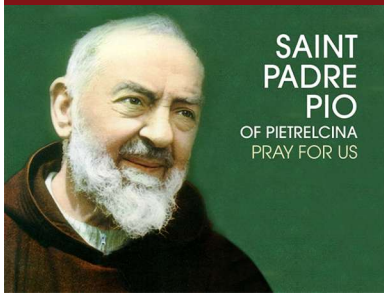


The pope is first and foremost the Bishop of Rome, as well as the head of the Roman Catholic Church. St. John Lateran is his cathedral, and its prominence derives from that reality. St. John Lateran Cathedral traces its origins to Emperor Constantine, who converted a portion of the Laterani family palace into a church, and gave it to Pope Sylvester (314–335) as the papal church and residence; St. John refers to the two saints in whose honor the church is dedicated, John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. It became known as the cathedral of the pope, and its facade's inscription refers to it as "the Mother and Head of all Churches, in the City and of the World." The universal celebration of this feast emphasizes unity among Roman Catholics as they unite with the chair of Peter.

"Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favorable light at all times and under all circumstances." —St. Vincent de Paul

SAINT PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINE

Priest



SAINT
PADRE
PIO
OF PIETRELCINA
PRAY FOR US

St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (1887–1968) was born to peasant farmers in southern Italy. By the time he was 5 years old he practiced a life of penance and made the decision to give himself completely to God. He grew up working in the fields, and at the age of 19 joined the Capuchin Franciscan friars. His Franciscan spirituality was characterized by a life of poverty, love of nature, and charity to those in need, especially to those who were his “spiritual children.” St. Padre Pio had many spiritual gifts and was a great miracle-worker. These were well-

documented from multiple reliable sources and included bilocation, levitation, reading souls, and physical healing by touch. Word of his holiness spread and people both pious and curious flocked to see him, especially to have him hear their Confession. He is the first priest known to have received the stigmata, for which he suffered suspicion and investigation. Because of the unusual supernatural phenomena surrounding his life, he is considered one of the great visionaries and mystics of the Church. Padre Pio died in 1968 at the age of 81. He was canonized by Pope St. John Paul II in 2002. Because of the many miracles he performed during his life, he is commonly invoked as a healing saint for various ailments. His feast day is September 23.

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

Title of Mary

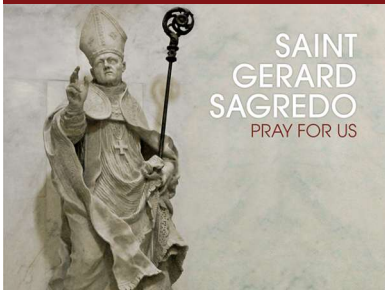
St. Peter Nolasco (12th c.) was inspired to establish a religious order for the ransom of Christians from Muslim captivity. On August 1, 1218 the Blessed Virgin appeared to St. Peter Nolasco along with his confessor, St. Raymond of Peñafort, and to King James I of the Kingdom of Aragon to verify the Divine inspiration of this mission. Word of the Marian apparition soon spread to the entire Kingdom. The new religious foundation, called the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy (the Mercedarians), was established and approved by Pope Gregory IX. The order worked to raise money to ransom Christians who had been captured and enslaved by Muslims, and to offer themselves, if necessary, as payment for their release. A feast was instituted under the title of Our Lady of Ransom and observed on September 24, later extended to the entire Church.



OUR LADY
OF RANSOM

SAINT GERARD SAGREDO

Bishop and Martyr



SAINT
GERARD
SAGREDO
PRAY FOR US

St. Gerard Sagredo (980–1046 A.D.) was born in Venice, Italy. From an early age he desired to dedicate his life to God, and as a young man became a Benedictine monk. He first served as abbot at a monastery in Venice, but left to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. While passing through Hungary he met the Hungarian king, St. Stephen, who asked him to stay in his country to evangelize and minister to his people. St. Gerard agreed, and was named Bishop of Csanád and the royal tutor of the Hungarian prince. He ministered tirelessly

among the Hungarian people and helped to convert the whole country to Christianity, for which he is called the “Apostle of Hungary.” After the death of King St. Stephen there was a pagan uprising against the Christians, and St. Gerard was martyred for the faith along with two others. His death took place on a hill in Budapest which is now named after him; according to one tradition he was placed in a barrel lined with spikes, and rolled down the hill. He was declared a saint in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII. St. Gerard Sagredo is the patron saint of Hungary, and his feast day is September 24.

“Chosen souls are, in my hand, lights which I cast into the darkness of the world and with which I illumine it. As stars illumine the night, so chosen souls illumine the earth. And the more perfect a soul is, the stronger and the more far-reaching is the light shed by it. It can be hidden and unknown, even to those closest to it, and yet its holiness is reflected in souls even to the most distant extremities of the world.”

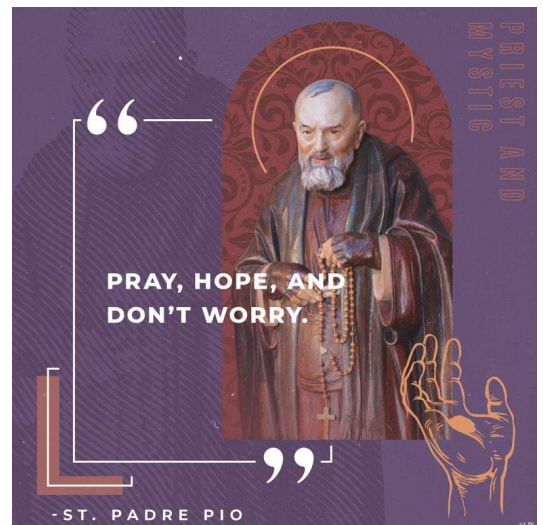
—Words of Jesus, *Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*



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Gretna, Nebraska

READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13
TUESDAY: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21
WEDNESDAY: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6
THURSDAY: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9
FRIDAY: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22
SATURDAY: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45
NEXT SUNDAY: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

MONDAY: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist;
National Migration Week
WEDNESDAY: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
SATURDAY: Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs
NEXT SUNDAY: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday



“CATECHISTS ARE
PEOPLE WHO KEEP
THE MEMORY
OF GOD ALIVE;
THEY KEEP IT ALIVE
IN THEMSELVES
AND THEY ARE
ABLE TO REVIVE
IT IN OTHERS.”

— POPE FRANCIS



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Gretna, Nebraska

NAMES FOR THE GIVING TREE Gretna Area Families in Need



The Outreach Ministry is working on the Outreach Giving Tree. If you know of a Gretna area family in need, please have them mail their name, address, and phone number to: Outreach Ministry, C/O St. Patrick Catholic Church, 508 W Angus St, Gretna, NE 68028. All information is kept confidential. The deadline for submitting the information is October 1. Please contact Linda Stodola at 402-672-6121 with questions. You can leave a message if necessary. Thank you.

VOCATION PRAYER CORNER

Let us pray. God of the invitation, you knock upon the door of everyone's heart. We seek the courage to open that door, for we know the responsibility of saying yes. We humbly ask you for your wisdom to serve your church with compassion and acceptance. We believe that when we say yes, you will provide the grace for the work ahead. Give grace to those men and women who have dedicated their lives to constant service to your church. Also give grace to those couples and single men and women who work for the church in their secular lives. We ask all this through Christ our Lord and brother, who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



"The last will be first, and the first will be last."
(Matthew 20:16) God's Kingdom values humility and self-giving. Those in consecrated life embrace poverty, offering their lives in service to others, just as Mother Teresa of Calcutta did. Pray about how God might be inviting you to live generously for His people and consider learning more about this Vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Scott Schilmoeller at 402-558-3100 or email vocations@archomaha.org.

"PRAY ALWAYS AND DO NOT LOSE HEART."



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

Trevor Kathol and Madeline Davis.....9/13/2026

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

Thaddeus "Ted" Zielinski.....9/10/2026.....Calvary Cemetery

COMPLETE THE VISION—CATHEDRAL PLAZA PROJECT Special Collection Next Weekend, September 26-27



"Complete the Vision" is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a new and welcoming plaza that will become a gathering space for Catholics as well as the Omaha community. We will also celebrate the pillars of our faith community, our Archdiocese, and our parish.

We are currently finishing our first phase, replacing our non-ADA compliant disabled access ramp. The second phase will be the repair of the limestone façade and front granite steps of the Cathedral, scheduled to commence this year. The third phase will build the plaza, install a large fountain, a monument and courtyard to recognize all parishes in the Omaha Archdiocese, a sculpture honoring our bishops and archbishops, and other elements for liturgies and celebrations. We will also add traffic calming elements on 40th Street and revitalize the permanent nighttime illumination of the Cathedral in this phase.

Your gift to our \$8.2 million capital campaign will help complete construction and enhancements to our Cathedral and have a lasting impression for many future generations. We ask you to prayerfully consider a gift or pledge today to enable this endeavor! Find out more or support this project now at <https://stceciliacathedral.org/plaza-project>.

We will have a representative from this Cathedral Project here with us next weekend, September 26-27, to share more about this plaza vision and how you can be a part of it.

2026-2027 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL Becoming a Missional Parish

This year's Archbishop Annual Appeal has officially begun! Your support of this annual appeal directly impacts parishes, schools, and ministries throughout northeast Nebraska as we work to become more missional communities. It also ensures that the Good News and mercy of Jesus Christ spread beyond the walls of our parishes and schools. Want to know more about the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, visit, <https://archomaha.org/archbishops-annual-appeal>. To date, 10 donors have committed \$5,074 towards our parish goal of \$136,183.08 for this year's Archdiocese Annual Appeal. We are off to a great start! Please help us reach our participation goal of 30%. Thank you for your generosity!



SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS ANNUAL PAPER DRIVE

Supporting the Villa Marie School

The Knights of Columbus Annual Villa Marie Paper Drive will be held Friday, September 4 through Sunday, September 27 at St Patrick. Villa Marie is a Catholic school serving students challenged with Down Syndrome, Autism, developmental delays, and other health impairments, located near Waverly, NE. Paper products of all kinds are needed by the school: copy paper, construction paper, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, etc. Leave your donation in the narthex any time during these dates. The Knights will collect the donated items regularly and deliver them to Villa Marie on Sunday, September 27. Your support is much appreciated!



HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR FAMILIES

At the Holy Family Shrine—Monday, September 21



Join the Serra Club of West Omaha for a
Holy Hour to Pray for Families

Join the Serra Club of West Omaha on Monday, September 21 for a beautiful Holy Hour to Pray for Families at Holy Family Shrine (23132 Pflug Road, Gretna). This special prayer event begins with greetings at 5:30 PM. At 6 PM we will gather in the chapel for the Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Presider will be Father Tom Weisbecker, Chaplain of the Serra Club. Together we will pray a Rosary for the Healing and Protection of Families, reflect on a Gospel reading and homily, and will also recite the Litany of the Holy Family. We

will spend time in silent adoration and sing hymns as we pray for families in the Archdiocese of Omaha. All are welcome! For questions, contact Lori Hamilton, Serra VP, at 402-699-5027 or email westomaha@serrainternational.org. Learn more at serrawestomaha.org and follow us on Facebook @serrawestomaha.

PATHFINDER CHORUS COMING TO ST. PATRICK

Faith and Freedom Concert—Sunday, September 20

The Pathfinder Chorus is an inter-denominational group of 35+ voices who meet in Fremont weekly for practice sessions and offer their concerts to the greater Omaha and surrounding communities. They are happy to finally be invited to Gretna, and we here at St. Patrick are creating this special opportunity to open our doors to our Gretna friends and neighbors as we celebrate our Faith and Freedom that we all share as our history and blessings. As hosts for this outstanding concert, our parish is also extending invitations to the many other churches in our Gretna community to commemorate this year of the birthday of America. Come join us in this ecumenical time together on Sunday, September 20 at 3 PM in the Parish Center. A free-will donation will be collected at intermission that will support the Pathfinder Chorus as well as the work of Least of My Brethren.



Sunday, September 20th, 2026 - 3:00PM
St. Patrick's Parish Center
508 West Angus St., Gretna, NE 68028

Stewardship Report

Sep. 9-Sep 15, 2026

Current Fiscal Year - July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027

General Contributions	Sep 9-Sep 15	Fiscal YTD thru Sep 15
Sunday Offering	\$24,073.05	\$272,285.87
Other Contributions	\$608.91	\$14,932.51
Total General Contributions	\$24,681.96	\$287,218.38 *
Surplus/Deficit	(\$3,818.04)	(\$26,281.62)

* Our budget requires an average weekly income of \$28,500.

'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, September 20 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.

COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19-20

HELPING
PEOPLE
WITH
INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES

KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS

When you see our Knights in yellow vests that read "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities," you should smile. When these Knights are working hard at collecting donations around town, they are helping to recognize the dignity of every person.

For every donation, each donor is offered a piece of candy, usually a Tootsie Roll. Because of these little gifts of appreciation, the "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" is frequently referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive."

The campaign, which stretches back decades,

Tootsie Roll

is about more than just candy—it is about serving those with intellectual and physical disabilities. On September 19-20, please support the Knights' special collection during Mass to help answer the needs of those who are often treated harshly by society and often ignored or worse. Together, this is our chance to provide people with intellectual and physical disabilities more resources to live a happy life. Thank you for your generous support!

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, SEPTEMBER 21ST

7:30 AM † Ed Fibich

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

6:00 PM † James M. Schell

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

7:30 AM † Mary Louise Noonan

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

7:30 AM INT The Family of Kelly Korth

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

7:30 AM † Ellen Quam

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

5:00 PM † Jerry Schram

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

8:00 AM INT The Kovar Family
10:00 AM For Our Parishioners
12:00 PM † Catherine Berlage

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, Duggan and Amanda, Sylvia, John Engler, Barb McMahon, Celeste Baumert, Amber Janda, Norma Hintz, Rita Kalkowski, Steve N, 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, SEPTEMBER 20TH—25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Religious Education Classes—Basement Commons, RE Classrooms
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM First Communion Parent Meeting—Youth Group Room
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Baptisms—Sanctuary and Narthex
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM Pathfinder's Concer—Parish Center
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM COR Men's Group Meeting—Father Hitch Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
6:30 PM to 9:00 PM Sisters in the Word—Father Hitch Room
7:00 PM to 8:45 PM Ascension Bible Study—Parish Center A and Kitchen

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

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
6:30 PM to 8:30 PM Called and Gifted Class—Parish Center C

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
8:30 AM to 11:00 AM Faith Connection—Father Hitch Room
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM RE Classes—Basement Commons, RE Classrooms, Sanctuary
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM St. Rose Guild Meeting—Father Hitch Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Group Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

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
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Knights of Columbus Degree Meeting—Parish Center
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Preschool Parent Board Meeting—Basement Commons
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM OCIA Class—Parish Center C

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

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 8:15 AM Liturgy of the Hours—Behind the Tabernacle
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Father Hitch Room

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

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
6:15 PM to 8:15 PM 10-Point Pitch—Basement Commons
6:30 PM to 9:30 PM Gretna Public Library Foundation—Parish Center AB

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH—26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

SUCCESSFUL EVENING WITH REBEKAH ALLICK

Thank You for All Your Support

We want to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who came together to make the Rebekah Allick event last Sunday a success. A special thank you to Barb Applegate for all of her work coordinating all of the details and teams of people. Thank you to Father Baxter and Father Pohlman for their support of the event. Thank you to the Knights for helping direct traffic in the parking lot. Thank you to Sandra Tiefenthaler, Paul Duin, and Christie Hammers for their beautiful music. Thank you to all of the greeters and ushers who helped everything run smoothly. If we have missed naming any individual or group, know that we appreciate your support as well! And, we praise God for the wonderful opportunity to come together as a parish and a community for this special evening. Rebekah's message about building our parish, reaching out to those around us, and just being the light of Christ was so beautiful. We will make the video available for those who were unable to attend in the coming week.

Rebekah Allick



 St. Patrick Catholic Church

LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 26TH 5:00 PM SEPTEMBER 27TH 8:00 AM SEPTEMBER 27TH 10:00 AM SEPTEMBER 27TH 12:00 PM

Sacristan

Larry Neppi

Lectors

Lori Wewel
(Read the 1st Reading)

Need Sub

(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs

Tim Hall
Bridget Blum
Sue Korth
JoAnn Koch
Deacon Ken Broz

Ushers

Tim Hall
Chris Lingbloom
Paul Staley
Jeff Wollenburg

Rosary Reciter

Jayne Schram

Altar Servers

Lydia Hall
Addison Lingbloom
Colin Lingbloom

Greeters

Nancy Kirkpatrick
Tim Kirkpatrick

Sacristan

Joan Ingram

Lectors

Theresa Huttman
(Read the 1st Reading)

Sandy Scheef

(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs

Amy Beran
Christa Pichler
Mike Siegel
Paula Siegel
Deacon Ken Broz

Ushers

Tony Schultz
Pat Shurtliff
Bob Sis
Christopher Wilson

Rosary Reciter

Duane Benes

Altar Servers

Drew Garcia
Jacob Kula
Need Sub

Greeters

Mary Brown
Mary Maw

Hilcrest SR/HL

Mike Siegel
Paula Siegel

Sacristan

Andi Towey

Lectors

Sandra Tiefenthaler
(Read the 1st Reading)

Need Sub

(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs

Diana Alderson
Abby Kenner
Jolene Jefferies
Bruce Jefferies
Phil Lenz

Ushers

Clint Bollock
Jim Hain
Norris Hoover
Tony Vanek

Rosary Reciter

Theresa Gulizia

Altar Servers

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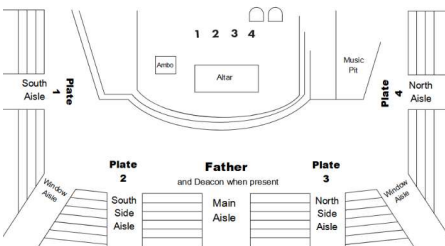
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If you are unable to serve at your assigned time, please find a substitute. The Parish Office greatly appreciates your help, support and patience as we work together in providing Mass to our parish family!

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

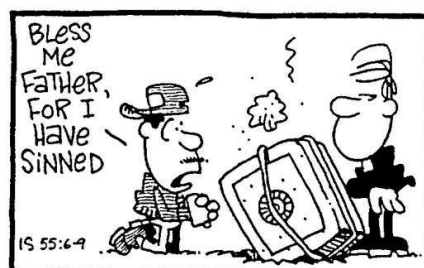
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- 2) South Side Aisle
- 3) North Side Aisle
- 4) North Aisle
- 5) Main Aisle—Father and Deacon when present

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10-POINT PITCH

Making a Return in the Basement

Please join us for Call Your Partner 10-Point Pitch! We will meet the 3rd Saturday evening of each month, September 26 in the Commons Area

Call Your Partner 10-Point Pitch



in the lower level from 6:15 PM to 8:15 PM here at St. Patrick. Please bring food and/or drinks if you like and enjoy meeting others while playing a few friendly games of Pitch. A prize will be given to the highest and lowest score. If you want to learn to play, we would be glad to teach you! If you have any questions, text or call Liz Schwartz at 402-705-0434. are welcome!

PARISH-WIDE GARAGE SALE

Save the Date—October 24-25



Save the Date! We will be hosting a parish-wide garage sale again this year on Saturday and Sunday, October 24-25. We will NOT be receiving any donations until Monday, October 12. All proceeds

support our St. Patrick Parish Youth Group. More information to come.

WELL-READ MOM SMALL GROUP

Invited to Reading and Friendship

Well-Read Mom accompanies women in the reading of great books and spiritual



classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversations in order to explore the human condition and reorient ourselves to what is good, beautiful, and true. *Well-Read Mom* groups read one book per month and meet to discuss once a month. Book selections for each year correspond to the themes of a woman's life. This year, we are excited to dive into the theme of "woman." Our first meeting will be on Sunday, September 20, from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM, hosted by Vicki Duin at 7701 S. 162nd Ave. For more information, contact Vicki at 402-616-2311 or vduin8@gmail.com or visit WellReadMom.com.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Thank You to All Our Catechists and Volunteers

Why do we celebrate Catechetical Sunday? The mission of the Church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the Good News of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The Church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis. Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the Church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.



It is on Catechetical Sunday that we share a big thank you to the many catechists, volunteers, Preschool teachers, Youth Group volunteers, and all others who are helping form our young members in the Faith. Thank you for doing the Lord's work, may He bless you abundantly for your yes!

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EXPERIENCE THE EUCHARISTIC ROSARY CONGRESS

My Spirit Rejoices in God My Savior



We must strive to strengthen our relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist through Mary and the Rosary, and in doing so we will encounter His healing grace. We are given this opportunity during the Eucharistic Rosary Congress. A Eucharistic Rosary Congress is a seven-day period of Eucharistic Adoration with an hourly Rosary prayed before the Blessed Sacrament. Dioceses throughout the United States will participate in this Catholic call to help establish peace in our country and the world. The Congress is offered in a spirit of reparation to restore the sanctity of life, to heal families, and to console the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

We will host the Eucharistic Rosary Congress (Saturday, October 3 through Saturday, October 10). Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in our Adoration chapel with the Rosary prayed aloud at the start of each hour, followed by silent prayer for the remainder of the hour. The prayers with the special intentions for the decades of the Rosary are provided.

Please consider participating by volunteering to cover one of the hours of Adoration during the day or the night hours. Bring your family, a friend, or if you are part of a parish group, consider inviting your group to pray a Holy Hour. If you are interested in leading the Rosary, please contact Kathy Dauner at kathydauner@gmail.com. Sign-up for an hour of adoration by visiting our parish website, stpatricksgretna.org.

CATHOLIC FALL FEAST YOU MAY NOT CELEBRATE

Michaelmas

September 29 is the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the three Archangels named in Scripture. Historically, however, September 29 was the great feast of St. Michael himself. It was once even a Holy Day of Obligation. As Christmas comes from "Christ's Mass," Michaelmas means "Michael's Mass." And Catholics didn't just go to Mass. They celebrated.

In the British Isles, Michaelmas became associated with the beginning of autumn and the harvest. It was one of the year's traditional "quarter days," when rents and debts were settled. The feast became so embedded in the culture that some British universities still call their autumn semester "Michaelmas term."



But the old food traditions are the most fun. Michaelmas was sometimes called "Goose Day," because farmers traditionally brought their fattened geese to market around the feast. Roast goose became the customary Michaelmas dinner. If a goose is a little ambitious, *Dining with the Saints* suggests duck as an easier substitute. But chicken also works!

Then there are the blackberries! According to an old British legend, when St. Michael cast Satan out of Heaven, the devil landed in a blackberry bush. Furious, he spat on the berries. Thus came the warning that blackberries should be eaten by Michaelmas, but never afterward. It was folklore, of course, but it gave Catholics an excellent excuse for blackberry pie or crumble on St. Michael's feast.

You can even put Michaelmas daisies on the table. These purple flowers bloom in late summer and early fall and took their name from the feast that arrives just as the seasons begin to change.

Our Catholic ancestors didn't separate the liturgical calendar from ordinary life quite as easily as we sometimes do. A great feast affected what they prayed, what they ate, what they called the season, and sometimes even what they planted.

So this September, why not bring back Michaelmas? Make something with blackberries. Put flowers on the table. Read Revelation 12:7-9 together and remember the great battle in Heaven. Most importantly, pray the St. Michael Prayer: "*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*" Ask all of the Archangels to pray for us!

Bring back Michaelmas—celebrate September 29 with a blackberry dessert or special meal, then pray the St. Michael Prayer and ask the Archangels to protect your family and lead you closer to God.

Did you know? St. Michael's very name reminds us that no power in Heaven or on earth is greater than God.

—Article by the Catholic Company

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We do have additional copies available for purchase of \$25, if you did not get your picture taken and would still like a copy of the new directory. These will only be given to registered parishioners and only one per household

will be given out. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

"Turn ordinary moments into prayer. Weave short prayers, quiet gratitude, and inward conversation with God into daily activities."

—Brother Lawrence, *The Practice of the Presence of God*



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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.

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AseraCare Hospice needs volunteers in your area to provide support to our terminally

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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

MOUNT MICHAEL'S FALL FESTIVAL—MOUNT MICHAEL, SEPTEMBER 20

Join us for a day of Fall fun at the Mount Michael Fall Festival on Sunday, September 20 beginning at 11 AM at Mount Michael (22520 Mt Michael Rd, Elkhorn)! Enjoy one of our food vendors, compete in our corn hole tournament, send the kids to a foam party, roam the Midway Market to support our monks, and make a stop at the Beer Garden for an adult refreshment. Don't forget we also have a cake tent, Bingo, flower arranging, kickball games, line dancing lessons, and live music from Whiskey River Band. Check out the Activities Page for a full list of events at mmfallfestival.org. Free admission, but a cost for certain activities.



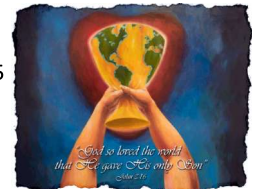
40 DAYS FOR LIFE—MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, SEPTEMBER 23-NOVEMBER 1



September 23 through November 1 is the fall 40 Days for Life international prayer and fasting campaign to end abortion. Over 26,500 have been saved from abortion, 278 abortion workers have been converted, and 187 abortion centers have closed. Please sign up to pray for an hour at the abortion facility with a friend, fellow parishioners! Visit 40DaysforLife.com or call Nebraskans Embracing Life at 402-399-0299 for more information.

HEALING MASS—MARY OUR QUEEN, OMAHA, SEPTEMBER 25

His Global Love Prayer Communities invite you to a Healing Mass on Friday, September 25 at Mary Our Queen Catholic Church (3405 S 118th St, Omaha). We will begin with a Rosary 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.



ST. ELENA PRAYER ROOMS FALL RETREAT—ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI, SEPTEMBER 26



All women are invited to the St. Elena Prayer Rooms Fall Retreat at St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Mainelli Center (11802 Pacific St, Omaha) on Saturday, September 26 from 9 AM to 1 PM. What if walking in the power of the Holy Spirit wasn't unusual but normal? We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Carol Razza, a psychotherapist and retired faculty member at St.

Vincent de Paul Seminary, to our next St. Elena Prayer Retreat. Carol's message will inspire you to embrace your identity as a daughter of God, to hear God's voice, to step into what the world deems "impossible," and to walk in the power of the Holy Spirit. Our Retreat Director is Fr. Michael Voithofer. Cost includes a box lunch for \$20; register at StElenaPrayerRooms.org by September 20. St. Elena Prayer Rooms is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) Catholic women's organization focused on evangelization and prayer.

12TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL—ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, SEPTEMBER 27

St. Charles Borromeo (7790 S 192nd St, Gretna) invites you to their 12th annual Fall Festival, which will take place on Sunday, September 27 from 12 PM to 6 PM. This is an afternoon of fun for the whole family! There will be free bounce houses, games for kids, raffles, trivia, and a huge silent auction! All are welcome so they would like to encourage you invite your friends, family, and neighbors. Whether or not you are able to participate this year, they request that you please pray for this year's festival, and for the people who might encounter the Church for the first time through it. For more information, please visit stcharlesomaha.org/scbfestival.



HOLY FAMILY RANCH FALL FESTIVAL—HOLY FAMILY RANCH, SCRIBNER, OCTOBER 3-4



Pitch your tent with Jesus and build Nazareth together—where faith grows, friendships flourish, and families belong. RSVP by Saturday, September 26 for this year's Holy Family Ranch Fall Festival held on October 3-4 at Holy Family Ranch (1451 County Rd B, Scribner). Together we will enjoy camping, karaoke, stargazing, Mass, fishing, hayrides, and more community activities.

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