

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET GRETNA, NE 68028



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For where two or three are gathered together
in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

- Mt 18:19-20

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SEPTEMBER 6, 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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING (Ez 33:7-9)

Ezekiel learns the importance of telling the truth when speaking God's prophetic word, even if it is difficult. Can you think of a time when telling a difficult truth led to a good outcome?

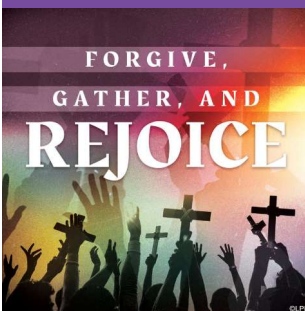
SECOND READING (Rom 13:8-10)

Paul teaches that we owe it to others to love our neighbor. How might you show love to a neighbor this week?

GOSPEL (Mt 18:15-20)

Jesus places a high priority on reconciling with someone who has sinned against you. Are there people in your life who easily forgive?

GOSPEL MEDITATION



A few summers ago, my family had a big reunion. It included my parents, my four siblings, and all their many children. One of my favorite moments was simply watching my parents' contented faces as they took in all of us together, laughing, sharing food, singing, telling stories. They loved seeing their children happily together with each other.

That is something like the heart of God we see in today's Gospel message about Christian reconciliation. These verses come right after Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. He is not giving the disciples a cold formula for dealing with conflict. He is revealing the Father's longing for children who love and reconcile with each other. His heart aches when His children are divided and isolated.

So when Jesus says, "Go and tell your brother his fault," He is not deputizing us as morality police. He is inviting us into His mission of reconciliation. When He adds, "If he listens to you, you have won over your brother," we glimpse the real goal. Not winning arguments, but reuniting a divided family.

These days, we often think religion is just between God and me. But the Father's dream is about a lively family, one in which His children forgive, gather, and rejoice together.

Lord Jesus, give me the courage to seek reconciliation where it is needed. Make my heart resemble the Father's heart, longing and working for unity among His children. Amen.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

What is the "Miraculous Medal" and why is it called that?

ANSWER:

The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the "Miraculous Medal" dates back to an apparition of Mary to St. Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee," surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital "M" with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal.



St. Catherine's "Miraculous Medal" is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, "Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy," observes that the medal "recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life."

"At every Mass, in every breaking of the bread, the Resurrection stands before us. Our eyes—if we allow them—are opened. And our hearts—if we give them over—are set ablaze." —Fr. Johnathan Meyer, *The Stations of the Eucharist*

SAINT REGINA *Martyr*



St. Regina (d. 286 A.D.) was born to pagan parents in France. Her mother died in childbirth, and her father gave her to the care of a Christian nurse who secretly baptized her and raised her in the Christian faith. As Regina grew older her embrace of Christianity became evident, and her father disowned her as a result. Regina then went to live with her Christian nurse. They lived in poverty, and Regina tended sheep to help support the household. This solitude allowed her time to pray and meditate on the lives of the saints. When she was

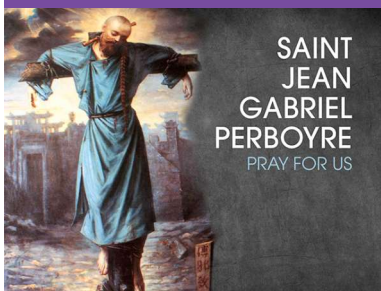
fifteen years of age, a Roman proconsul by the name of Olybrius was determined to marry her. He became greatly disturbed when he discovered that she was a Christian. He asked her to renounce her faith in order to save her life and secure a prosperous marriage with him. Regina staunchly refused to deny her faith, having already taken a vow of virginity to Christ. For her defiance she was cast into prison. Hoping that her resolve would gradually weaken, Olybrius visited her in prison and asked her once more to renounce her faith. Regina's determination only increased with time, and she again refused. Olybrius, angered, had her severely tortured with her body being scourged, burned, and raked. Finally, she was beheaded. Her resolve under torture and the appearance of a dove above her head caused witnesses to convert to Christianity. After her death many miracles were attributed to her relics. St. Regina is the patron of poor people, shepherdesses, and torture victims. Her feast day is September 7.

SAINT KIERAN THE YOUNGER *Bishop*

St. Kieran the Younger (512-546 A.D.), also known as St. Ciaran, was born in Connacht, Ireland, the son of a carpenter. He demonstrated a great aptitude in his studies, being educated by a holy deacon who had him baptized. Kieran tended cattle in the fields before continuing his education at St. Finnian's monastery school at Clonard, where he became a monk. He soon earned the reputation for being the most learned monk at Clonard, and was held in high esteem by his instructors and peers. Kieran's years of residence there were marked by many miracles. He also mentored, befriended, and tutored many of the founders of the Catholic Church in Ireland. St. Kieran eventually left Clonard and went on to found the famous Clonmacnoise Abbey in West Meath Ireland, which attracted thousands of students from all over Europe. St. Kieran was one of the Twelve Apostles of Ireland—the first twelve bishops in Ireland consecrated by St. Patrick. He is also honored as the first Irish-born saint. St. Kieran's feast day is September 9.



SAINT JEAN-GABRIEL PERBOYRE *Priest and Martyr*



St. Jean-Gabriel Perboyre (1802-1840) was one of eight children born to a farming family in France. He was a pious child and served as a model of virtue for his childhood companions. He discerned a call to the priesthood and joined the Vincentians along with a younger brother, with the full support of his parents. He served as a seminary professor for many years, and his sanctity impressed even his superiors. He longed to serve in the missions to China, but his poor health prevented him and his brother was sent instead. He prayed and begged to also be sent to

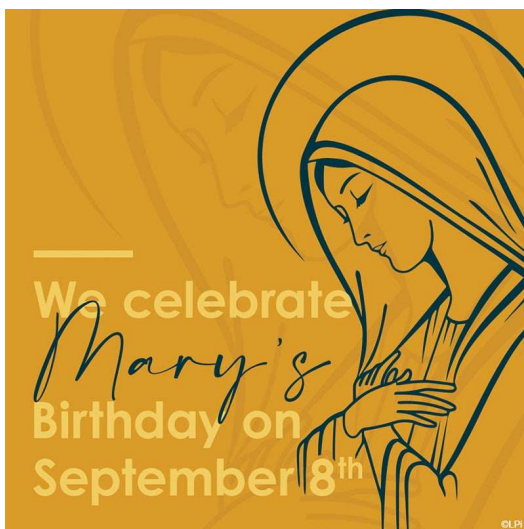
preach in China and to suffer martyrdom there. After his brother died on the voyage to China, Jean-Gabriel was allowed to take his place in the mission. He arrived in China in 1835 and his labors there were met with great success. In 1839 persecutions broke out against the Christian missionaries, and Jean-Gabriel was one of the first to be arrested. The events leading to his death bear a striking resemblance to the Passion and Death of Christ. He was betrayed to the authorities by one of his new converts for thirty pieces of silver, stripped of his garments and clothed with rags, bound, and dragged from tribunal to tribunal. At each trial, he was brutally treated and tortured. He was finally condemned to death along with seven other criminals on September 11, 1840. He was martyred by being strangled to death as he hung on a cross. His feast day is September 11.



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READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
TUESDAY: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
WEDNESDAY: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/ Lk 6:20-26
THURSDAY: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
FRIDAY: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
SATURDAY: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
NEXT SUNDAY: Sir 27:30-28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Labor Day
TUESDAY: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
WEDNESDAY: St. Peter Claver, Priest
FRIDAY: Patriot Day
SATURDAY: The Most Holy Name of Mary
NEXT SUNDAY: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day





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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.



Follow St. Patrick on
Facebook at
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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 live and reign with you and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Matthew 18:15) Jesus calls us to reconciliation, guiding us to bring peace and healing into the lives of others. Every vocation is an invitation to embody His love and forgiveness. How might God be calling you to share His peace in your life? If you feel God is stirring a holy desire for the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or reach out to Father Scott Schilmoeller at 402-558-3100 or email vocations@archomaha.org.

"PRAY ALWAYS AND DO NOT LOSE HEART."



Pray for all Vocations



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.

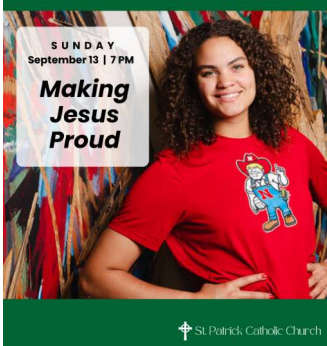


Name.....Date of Death.....Place of Burial

Dorothy "Dottie" Engler.....8/21/2026.....Resurrection Cemetery

MAKING JESUS PROUD WITH REBEKAH ALLICK Professional Volleyball Player Shares Her Testimony

Rebekah Allick



Join us for a special evening with Rebekah Allick as she shares her personal journey of faith, her conversion to Catholicism, and how her relationship with Christ has shaped her life both on and off the court. Rebekah will be here at St. Patrick to share her testimony on Sunday, September 13 at 7 PM in the Church. This event is free, but RSVPs are required. Save your seat today on our parish website, stpatricksgretna.org. Everyone is welcome!

Rebekah Allick is a professional volleyball player, former Nebraska Cornhusker and proud Nebraska native whose Catholic faith has become central to her life. A standout middle blocker at the University of Nebraska, Rebekah earned AVCA Second Team All-American and First Team All-Big Ten honors during her senior season and helped

lead the Huskers to two NCAA semifinal appearances. She has also represented the United States internationally, winning gold with the U.S. U21 National Team at the 2022 Pan American Cup. Following her collegiate career, Rebekah began playing professionally with League One Volleyball and will return home to Nebraska as a member of LOVB Nebraska for the 2026-27 season.

Rebekah came to the University of Nebraska as a Christian but not a Catholic. Through friendships, a Catholic Bible study and the witness of other Catholic student-athletes, she discovered a deeper relationship with Christ and ultimately converted to Catholicism. Since then, she has spoken openly about her faith and her desire to use the platform God has given her to help others encounter Jesus.

Rebekah also has a special connection to St. Patrick Gretna through her friendship with Husker soccer player Sarah Weber, who grew up in our parish and whose family has been part of the St. Patrick community for many years.

PARISH LITURGICAL MUSIC Play Loudly with All Your Skill

Calling all woodwind, brass, and string players, both high school students and adults with an instrument gathering dust in a storage room: Consider adding the beauty of your instrument to a weekend Mass. The music director will write parts tailored to your ability. In-person rehearsals are scheduled as needed. To express interest or learn more about parish liturgical music, please contact the parish music director Laura Rau at 402-332-4444 or lrau@archomaha.org.



LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED



The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7 for the observation of Labor Day. Our daily Mass will be at 9 AM instead of our regular 7:30 AM. Like God rested on the seventh day, let us take a day of rest from our labors. Enjoy the day with your family.

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

Aug 26-Sep 1, 2026

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

General Contributions	Aug 26-Sep 1	Fiscal YTD thru Sep 1
Sunday Offering	\$12,124.70	\$201,895.25
Other Contributions	\$487.80	\$11,942.19
Total General Contributions	\$12,612.50	\$213,837.44 *
Surplus/Deficit	(\$15,887.50)	(\$14,162.56)

* 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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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 6 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.

HIGHWAY 370 CLEANUP APPRECIATION

Thank you to all of the volunteers who participated in this



Knights of Columbus volunteer event on Saturday, August 22 to get Highway 370 looking beautiful for the upcoming holiday. We had 16 volunteers for this event and picked up 26 bags of trash. What a great way to give back to our community! Save the date for our next Highway 370 clean-up day: May 15, 2027.

BLOOD DRIVE—THANKS FOR DONATING



BLOOD DONATION
BE A HERO GIVE BLOOD

The Knights of Columbus Fr. John V. Wallace Council #10047 and the Red Cross would like to thank St. Patrick Parish for allowing the Knight's to host the Blood Drive in the Parish Center on August 31. A

special thanks to all the volunteers and donors that made this Blood Drive possible. Because of your efforts this drive was able to collect 73 pints which translates into 219 lives saved.

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



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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 7TH

9:00 AM † Michael Wuerfele

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

6:00 PM † Eileen Sutton

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH

7:30 AM † Jeff Mollner

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

7:30 AM † Conrad and Theresa Wildhagen

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

7:30 AM † Eileen Sutton

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

5:00 PM † Alan Koenig

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

8:00 AM † Ron Osburn
10:00 AM For Our Parishioners
12:00 PM † Arya Manzitto

LITURGICAL VESTMENT COLORS

- White**—JOY—Christmas, Easter, Mary, Saints
- Red**—LOVE—The Passion, Holy Spirit, Martyrs
- Green**—HOPE—Ordinary Time
- Violet**—HUMILITY—Advent, Lent
- Rose**—JOY—Gaudete, Laetare Sundays



Let us pray for Sylvia, JoAnne Lyons, Bob H, 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 cllovstad@gmail.com.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH—23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH—LABOR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM to 8:50 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 9:00 AM)—Sanctuary

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

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 9TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
8:00 AM to 8:15 AM Liturgy of the Hours—Behind the Tabernacle
8:30 AM to 11:00 AM Faith Connection—Father Hitch Room
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Religious Education Classes—Basement Commons, RE Classrooms
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Group Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

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
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM OCIA Class—Parish Center C

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH

6:30 AM to 7:30 AM Men's Faith Sharing—Father Hitch Room
7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Father Hitch Room
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal—Sanctuary and Narthex

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH—24TH 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 12:00 PM Parish Breakfast—Parish Center and Kitchen
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM Rebekah Allick Talk—Sanctuary and Parish Center

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.



LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 12TH 5:00 PM SEPTEMBER 13TH 8:00 AM SEPTEMBER 13TH 10:00 AM SEPTEMBER 13TH 12:00 PM

Sacristan
Pat Gilmore

Lectors
Need Sub
(Read the 1st Reading)

Barb Applegate
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Janie Vipond
Ken Beckman
Liz Beckman
Christine Walstrom
Deacon Ken Broz

Ushers
Ken Beckman
Tim Hall
Jeff Wollenburg
Need Sub

Rosary Reciter
Kathy Dauner

Altar Servers
Shailynn Gatewood
Need Sub
Need Sub

Greeters
Chris Gatewood
Need Sub

Sacristan
Joan Ingram

Lectors
Sandy Scheef
(Read the 1st Reading)

Need Sub
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Duane Benes
Deb Benes
Nancy Kruse
Tim Kruse
Jamey Kennel

Ushers
Lori Frederick
Bob Sis
Christopher Wilson
Need Sub

Rosary Reciter
Theresa Huttman

Altar Servers
Owen Deming
Matthew Farwell
Drew Garcia

Greeters
Steve Ingram
Mary Maw

Hilcrest SR/HL
Nancy Kruse
Tim Kruse

Sacristan
Jim Hottovy

Lectors
Theresa Gulizia
(Read the 1st Reading)

Jolene Jefferies
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
David Burke
Bob Huber
Jim Hottovy
Carol Hoover
Phil Lenz

Ushers
Jim Hain
Norris Hoover
Bruce Jefferies
Tom Nienaber

Rosary Reciter
Tam Hottovy

Altar Servers
Anderson Brei
Ellie Brei
Austin Votruba

Greeters
Andrew Brei
Andrew Urban

Sacristan
Larry Nepl

Lectors
Eric Hittner
(Read the 1st Reading)

Need Sub
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Steve Otto
Larry Nepl
Leann Otto
Wendy Nepl

Ushers
Larry Nepl
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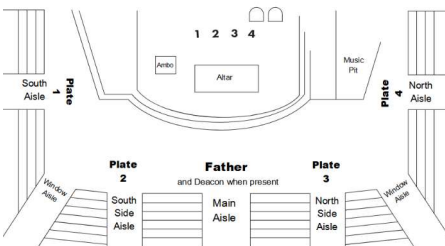
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Altar Servers
James Janda
Thomas Janda
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Greeters
Alan Meyerott
Karen Meyerott

Vocations Crucifix
John Roll

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.

23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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PARISH BREAKFASTS *Monthly Breakfast*



You are invited to join us in the Parish Center every second Sunday of the month, this month September 13, from 9 AM to 12 PM for a delicious breakfast. It's a perfect way to gather after Sunday Mass and get to know other parishioners here at St. Patrick.

VENI HOLY HOUR *Archomaha Young Adults*

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



VENI

Adoration and fellowship at St. Cecilia Cathedral (701 N 40th St, Omaha) on Friday, September 11. Adoration begins at 7:30 PM in the Cathedral with a brief reflection from a priest and is followed by an after party in the parish center! Veni is held every second Friday of the month at the Cathedral. More information about getting involved in the Archdiocese Young Adult activities can be found at <https://www.archyoungadults.org>.

WELL-READ MOM SMALL GROUP *Invited to Reading and Friendship*

TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEART THROUGH READING AND FRIENDSHIP



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OUR *Well-Read Mom* SMALL GROUP!

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.

JAMES: PEARLS FOR WISE LIVING *Ascension Adult Bible Study—Starting September 14*



James

Pearls for Wise Living



JEFF CAVINS and SARAH CHRISTMYER

Have you ever struggled with living your faith practically? Do you want advice on how to live as a Catholic? James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Its teachings speak loudly to those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith.

This study offers "pearls for wise living" by applying the wisdom of James to our current day. For anyone who has struggled to live a truly Christian life, James offers a wealth of practical solutions for handling and even sanctifying everyday circumstances. In this study, you will explore topics such as perseverance in trials, the power of our words, the source of conflict, and the path to true wisdom and peace.

Participants of *James: Pearls for Wise Living* will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Our James Bible study will begin on Monday, September 14 at 7 PM in the Parish Center. Register at <https://stpatriksgretna.org/faith-formation/bible-study>. You will also need to order study materials (workbook and/or online access) at <https://ascensionpress.com/pages/program/james-pearls-for-wise-living#program-materials>. Note: The study materials are the same as previous study in 2016—you can reuse your books if you still have them.

If you need help with registration or ordering, contact Ginny Giebelhaus at ginnyg651@aol.com or 402-319-5806. If you have general questions about the study or would like to volunteer as a small group facilitator, contact Jean Hlavacek at jean.jeweler@gmail.com or 402-504-4222.

ARMOR OF GOD MORNING ROUTINE FOR WOMEN *Prayer During Your Skincare Routine*

Did you know that as priests vest for Mass, they pray certain prayers with each garment? Religious orders also use certain prayers as they get dressed in their habits each day. After I discerned out of the convent, this little daily morning routine was one of the things I missed most of all. That's when it hit me... laywomen can have a set of daily prayers too!

I have, therefore, put together the Armor of God Morning Routine, for Catholic women who would like to add a little more intentionality to their morning ablutions. The idea is that each short verse would be prayed with during a specific step of your morning routine. They do not need to be prayed in any particular order—this is not liturgy—and can be modified or replaced as you see fit. I would love to hear what prayers are sprinkled throughout your mornings!



- 1. Face cleansing**—"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)
- 2. Exfoliating**—"...since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1)
- 3. Moisturizing**—"...thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for His wonderful works to humankind. For He satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry He fills with good things." (Psalm 107:8-9)
- 4. Brushing teeth**—"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." (Psalm 19:14)
- 5. Applying sunscreen**—"The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night." (Psalm 121:5-6)
- 6. Glasses, contacts, or eye make-up**—"One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after; to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple." (Psalm 27:4)
- 7. Lipstick**—"Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear." (Ephesians 4:29)
- 8. Earrings and jewelry**—"As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience." (Colossians 3:12)
- 9. Hair**—"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

—Article by Zeale.co

EVERY CATHOLIC FAMILY COLLEGE CHECKLIST

How Newman Guide Benefits Your College Student

When you first begin to research colleges, the options are nothing short of overwhelming. There are more than 2,600 four-year colleges and universities in the U.S., and comparing curricula, cost, and campus experiences can be quite the challenge. Maybe you're familiar with your state's public universities and a handful of reputable private institutions that friends or family have attended, but if you value a school that will support your efforts to live intentionally, follow Christ, and grow in virtue, start your search with the *Newman Guide*.



The *Newman Guide* is a directory of Catholic colleges that have demonstrated their faithfulness to the Magisterium and their commitment to Catholic orthodoxy. These colleges apply for inclusion in the list and must demonstrate their Catholic identity through frequent availability of the Sacraments, policies that align with Catholic teachings on sexuality and gender, and a curriculum informed by a Catholic worldview. The Newman Society is an independent organization, so its endorsement is not directly from a diocese or the Vatican. Nonetheless, the *Newman Guide* helps families differentiate between colleges that are Catholic in name only from those whose administration is committed to upholding the truths of Catholicism. The lengthy list of requirements that *Newman Guide* schools are vetted by is not merely a checklist; rather, it is about the necessary guardrails that allow their campus to be a place of human flourishing.

As you begin to research different campuses where you may spend these highly formative years of your life, the 25 colleges currently recommended by the Newman Society are a helpful place to start. Although the individual campus flavor and exact academic offerings vary between schools, a few common highlights shine through them all.

A CAMPUS THAT FOSTERS TRUE FRIENDSHIP

Launching into your adult life by leaving home for the first time can be daunting, and you certainly shouldn't go at it alone. College campuses around the country are plagued with loneliness and depression. Screen creep is pushing young people further and further apart, making real connections increasingly hard to come by. The *Newman Guide* recommended colleges aim to foster authentic Christian living and so provide a soft landing place for finding real community, lifelong friendship, and maybe even a future spouse.

A CLASSROOM AIMING FOR FREEDOM

Newman Guide—recommended colleges tend to lean heavily on a liberal arts curriculum, designed to help students become truly free. Curricula vary from a full seminar curriculum (like Thomas Aquinas College) to specialized art and design program (John Paul the Great Catholic University), or even a trade school (St. Joseph the Worker). The common thread with these institutions is the view that education is a means of formation and the content learned in the classroom is not purely pragmatic, but rather, each class you take is an opportunity to engage with the truth that “sets you free” (John 8:32).

AN EXPERIENCE OF HUMAN FORMATION, SO YOU'RE READY FOR ANYTHING

With fewer and fewer people getting jobs in the field of study in which they major, a college experience that emphasizes human formation is a true asset. The broad and rich liberal arts education, a robust close-knit campus life with opportunities for leadership and entrepreneurship, and the personal friendships that challenge you to grow, all help you prepare for whatever life may send your way after college. These four years are not only preparing you for a job, but more importantly, they are preparing you for the way you will live out your Vocation. Virtue cannot be legislated by your college campus, but campus culture can play a colossal role in your own ability to make the daily choices that shape the person you will become.

Finding the right college fit takes time and research, but the *Newman Guide* gives you the perfect bite-sized place to start. Enrolling at a *Newman Guide* school might not be the right fit for everyone, nor is it the only way to remain faithful during the college years, but it is a helpful snapshot of college done right!

IF YOU NEED A COUNTER-CULTURAL FIT, YOU NEED A COUNTER-CULTURAL SCHOOL!

The college search is fundamentally about finding a college that aligns with your career readiness goals, finances, and campus culture. If you are already committed to living in a counter-cultural way, the *Newman Guide* can point you toward like-minded communities. We aren't meant to follow Christ in isolation, so true friendship for the journey can be priceless.

Check out the *Newman Guide* at <https://cardinalnewmansociety.org/college>.

—Article by Zeale.co



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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.

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL

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The Encounter School of Ministry Fall semester begins on Tuesday, September 15 at the Ablaze House of Prayer (11501 Fairview Rd, Springfield). Classes are every Tuesday evening from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Each week you will access your personal online dashboard where you will watch two teaching videos at your own pace. Then during class you will have hands-on, in-person formation including small group discussion, questions and answers, and practical activations to put what you've learned into practice.

Encounter is more than a class. You will be surrounded by a community of people who are hungry for more of God. Learning alongside others creates a “greenhouse effect” that accelerates spiritual growth. You will experience a deeper peace, joy, and healing in your identity in Christ. Learn more about the school and the curriculum at <http://encounterschool.org/omaha>.

COME AND SEE

Come test drive the Encounter School for three weeks (September 15-29) to help you discern whether God is inviting you to apply and enroll. Experience the teachings, community, and ministry environment before making your commitment.



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MARRIAGE EVENT—ST. PETER, OMAHA, SEPTEMBER 11

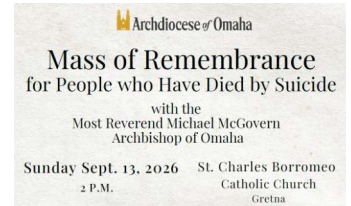


The Archdiocese of Omaha is hosting *The First Years of Marriage: An Evening of Listening and Sharing* event on Friday September 11 at 6:30 PM at St. Peter Church (709 S 28th St, Omaha). This event is for couples in the first five years of marriage to share their experiences of marriage and family life. Attendees are invited to come together or individually to this event offered in both English and Spanish. Lap babies are welcome, and appetizers will be

provided. Learn more at https://archdioceseofomaha.formstack.com/forms/listening_session.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE—ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, GRETNA, SEPTEMBER 13

As we observe National Suicide Prevention Month throughout September, the Archdiocese of Omaha is sponsoring a Mass of Remembrance for those who have died by suicide, on Sunday, September 13 at 2 PM at St. Charles Borromeo (7790 S 192nd St, Gretna). Archbishop Michael McGovern will preside and preach. Family members and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one are encouraged to attend this Mass and bring a photograph of the person you wish to pray for to be placed in the Sanctuary during Mass. At this time, let us remember those who have died by suicide and recommit ourselves to providing hope and healing for those who mourn their passing. For more information, call Barb Setter at 402-827-3836.



ALL PARISH DAY—ST. CECILIA CATHEDRAL, OMAHA, SEPTEMBER 13



When was the last time you were in your Cathedral? St. Cecilia Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Omaha, is inviting you to join in a day of fellowship, history, and our Catholic heritage. On Sunday, September 13, we are invited to join with select other parishes and celebrate an "All Parish Day" at

our historic Cathedral. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the art and architecture of the Cathedral, the history of the archdiocese, and learn about the exciting plans for the future of our Cathedral! We are invited to participate in the following: at 11:45 AM, after the 10:30 AM Mass at the Cathedral (701 N 40th St, Omaha), docents will guide visitors through the art and history of the Cathedral. At 12:30 PM, visitors will gather in the Cathedral Parish Center for refreshments and fellowship, and to connect and learn more about plans for the Cathedral Plaza Project. Learn more about the event at <https://stceciliacathedral.org/1627-2/>.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR FR. FLANAGAN—VIRTUAL, SEPTEMBER 13

The Archdiocese of Omaha, Boys Town, and Father Flanagan League invite you to watch the Mass of Thanksgiving for Edward J. Flanagan on Sunday, September 13 at 4:30 PM. This Mass celebrates the milestone earlier this year when the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, recognized the heroic virtue of Servant of God Father Edward Flanagan and declared him Venerable. The Mass is a ticketed event due to the limited capacity of Dowd Memorial Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at Boys Town, but a livestream will be available for you to watch from the comfort of your own home. You can also watch taped broadcasts of the Mass on EWTN in the United States and Ireland, as well as on Spirit Catholic Radio. Learn more at <https://fatherflanagan.org/mass-of-thanksgiving>.



BISHOP AND BREWS—GERMAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, OMAHA, SEPTEMBER 16



All are welcome to attend Bishop & Brews on Wednesday, September 16 at 7 PM at the German American Society (3717 S 120th St, Omaha). Join Archbishop Michael McGovern, Sen. Rita Sanders, Father Kevin Fitzgerald from Creighton University, and the executive director of the Nebraska Catholic Conference, Tom Venzor, as they explore the intersection of Catholic teaching, artificial intelligence, and human dignity in a digital age.

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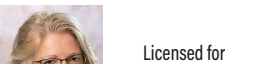
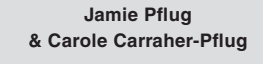
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