

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET GRETNA, NE 68028



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite
to the feast whomever you find.” - Mt 22:9

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OCTOBER 11, 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
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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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING (Is 25:6-10A)

Isaiah speaks of the Lord's lavish future blessings upon all nations and peoples. How should we, as believers, best prepare for God's future blessings?

SECOND READING (PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20)

Paul sees that the key to peace of mind in all of life's circumstances is to be "empowered" by Christ Jesus. How does your faith in Jesus strengthen you?

GOSPEL (Mt 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10)

In the Parable of the Wedding Feast, Jesus teaches that all who are invited to God's banquet are to be fully open and prepared. What are some spiritual exercises you practice to remain prepared for God's work in your life?

GOSPEL MEDITATION



Some friends invited me to one of the most famous and expensive restaurants in the country. I was grateful and eager to go. One invited friend even flew from another state for the experience. Every bite and sip was truly memorable and delicious. But my friends' teenage children spent much of the time on their phones, complained about the food, and generally ignored the once-in-a-lifetime experience. I wanted to yell, "C'mon, you guys! Look what you're missing!"

In today's parable, Jesus describes people invited to an amazing wedding feast who respond with inexplicable indifference. He says, "Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business" (Matthew 22:5). The problem is not that they choose evil but that they allow other desires to distract them from an amazing opportunity. The feast is prepared, but their hearts are elsewhere. In Christ Jesus, God offers each of us a wildly extravagant offer: a place at the wedding banquet between Heaven and earth.

What are your current excuses for the delay in engaging with Jesus? How are you postponing a deepening of your relationship with Him under the guise of responsibility? The good news is that the feast is ready. His invitation remains. Hear the Lord say to us, "C'mon, guys! Look what you're missing!" Then respond with concrete action.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

ANSWER:

Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn't have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tent-maker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there!

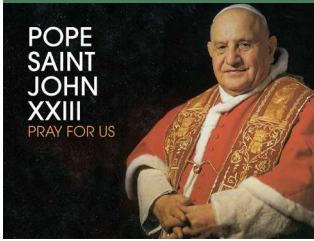


One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead.

Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus' incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God's image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way—in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbor is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn't remain only at church on Sunday. We can—and should—let our faith animate our lives!

"Silence, for our spiritual life, is like the space inside the body of a violin: it is what allows the music to resonate." —John Bartunek, *A Quiet Place*

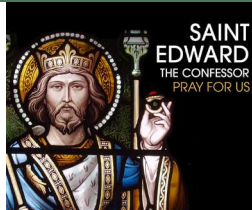
SAINT JOHN XXIII *Pope*



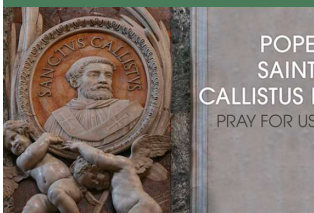
Pope St. John XXIII (1881–1963) was the third of thirteen children born to a poor sharecropping family living in Lombardy, Italy. Desiring to serve God with his life, he entered seminary at the age of 12, and, after serving a short stint in the Italian Army, was ordained a priest in 1904. He taught apologetics and church history before being called to service as a military chaplain during the first World War. He later served in Rome on various diplomatic assignments, rising in ecclesiastical rank as bishop and then cardinal-patriarch of Venice. An obscure pick for the Supreme Pontiff, he was unexpectedly elected the 261st Pope at the age of 76. He took the name John which had not been used in over 500 years. The papacy of this presumed “caretaker pope” was expected to be an uneventful one, however, to the surprise of all, shortly into his reign he called the Second Vatican Council. He presided over its first session but did not live to see its completion. He reigned as pope for less than five years before dying of stomach cancer. As Holy Father he had a special concern for the equal dignity of humanity, the unity of all Christians, and world peace. He broke with many of the formalities of the papacy and was affectionately called the “Good Pope,” in Italian, “il Papa buono.” He was canonized by Pope Francis together with Pope John Paul II in 2014. His feast day is October 11.

SAINT EDWARD THE CONFESSOR *Religious*

St. Edward the Confessor (1003-1066 A.D.) was a prince born to the King and Queen of England. His family was exiled from the kingdom when the Danish took control of the country in 1016 A.D. Edward spent much of his life in exile, probably in Normandy. Witnessing the folly of worldly ambition, he became attracted to the life of the Church and grew in piety. When opportunity arose he was persuaded to reclaim the throne of England, which he did in 1042 as one of its last Anglo-Saxon kings. The people supported his rule, and he gained a reputation as a just king committed to the welfare of his subjects. He thwarted invasions, ended unjust taxes, and was profoundly generous to the poor. His reign was marked by peace and prosperity throughout his kingdom. He married a beautiful woman to satisfy the people’s desire for a queen, but, having already made a vow of chastity, he obtained his wife’s agreement to live together as brother and sister. He was buried in Westminster Abbey, which he built, and after his death many miracles were ascribed to his intercession. This led to his canonization in 1161, and in 1163 the transferral of his body to a new tomb. This was presided over by St. Thomas Becket, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who found Edward’s body to be incorrupt. Edward was called “The Confessor” to distinguish him from St. Edward the Martyr. He is buried behind the high altar in Westminster Abbey. He is the patron of kings, difficult marriages, separated spouses, and the English royal family. His feast day is October 13.



SAINT CALLISTUS I *Pope and Martyr*



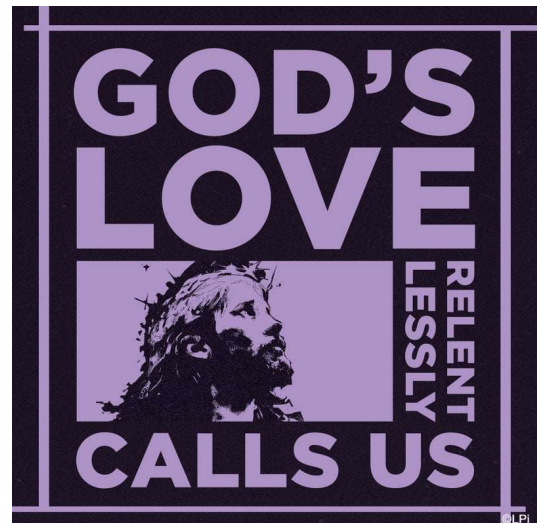
Pope St. Callistus I (d. 223 A.D.) was a Roman by birth and a Christian slave. He was the servant of a fellow Christian serving in the Roman imperial household. He was entrusted with the task of managing his master’s wealth, which he used to operate a bank into which many Christians invested their money. When the bank failed due to unpaid loans, Callistus fled the city in fear of retribution. He was soon caught, and in punishment was sentenced to hard slave labor in the Sardinian mines. He eventually obtained his freedom when he and the other Christian slaves working in the mines were released, or perhaps ransomed, with special pardon from the Emperor. Callistus was later recalled to Rome by Pope Zephyrinus to serve as his deacon, top adviser, and the caretaker of the important Christian cemetery along the Appian Way. This cemetery, which now bears Callistus’ name, contains the relics of many martyrs. As the Holy Father’s adviser, St. Callistus drew the ire of Tertullian and St. Hippolytus of Rome who were his constant theological opponents. When Pope Zephyrinus died, Callistus was elected to the Chair of St. Peter in 217 A.D. As pope, St. Callistus was known for his leniency and forgiveness. He upheld the teaching of the Church that grave sins could be forgiven with true contrition and due penance, which was controversial at the time. He reigned for five years and died a martyr; one account holds that he was killed by an anti-Christian mob, being thrown from his house and stoned to death. His feast day is October 14.



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READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32
TUESDAY: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41
WEDNESDAY: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46
THURSDAY: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54
FRIDAY: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7
SATURDAY: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12
NEXT SUNDAY: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21



OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day
WEDNESDAY: St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
THURSDAY: St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
FRIDAY: St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
SATURDAY: St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
NEXT SUNDAY: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday





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TADPOLES PRESCHOOL CLASS
Registration is Now Open

St. Patrick Catholic Preschool is now registering for it's youngest class, the Tadpoles, which begins on January 8. Any child who will be 3 years old by March 15, 2027 and is potty trained is eligible for this one-day-a-week class held on Friday mornings from 8:40 AM to 11:10 AM. To register, please go to preschool.stpatricksgretna.org and click the Register tab. If you have any questions, please call the Preschool office at 402-332-3050. Be sure to register early as this class has limited spots and fills quickly.

Tadpoles



REGISTRATION

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
Becoming a Missional Parish



Archbishop's
Annual Appeal

Your support of
the Archbishop's
Annual Appeal
directly impacts

parishes, schools, and ministries throughout northeast Nebraska as we work to become more missional communities. Want to know more about the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, visit, <https://archomaha.org/archbishops-annual-appeal>. To date, 62 donors have committed \$26,233.55 towards our parish goal of \$136,183.08 for this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We are off to a great start! Please help us reach our participation goal of 30%. Thank you for your generosity!

SEMINARIAN PRAYER CORNER

Please pray for the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

This week let us pray for
Brian Johnson
(Configuration III) from St. Ludger in Creighton.



"Many are invited, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14) On Deacon Sunday, we celebrate permanent deacons who respond to God's call to serve His people. Take time to thank a deacon, pray for all who serve the Church in this meaningful way, and encourage men to consider answering God's invitation to the diaconate. Discerning a call to the diaconate, priesthood, or religious life? Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Scott Schilmoeller at 402-558-3100 or email vocations@archomaha.org.



Pray for all Seminarians



Since our last update on September 27, three children have been baptized into the Body of Christ. We congratulate the parents and family members, and we welcome your little ones into the Family of Faith! We are praying our Lord Jesus will bless, guide and inspire each of you in His love as you travel along your faith journey. Congratulations!



Name.....Date

Charli Josee Terrill-Garcia.....10/3/2026

Lukas Josiah Terrill-Garcia.....10/3/2026

Ruthie Ann White.....10/4/2026

WELCOME TO OUR NEWCOMERS



We welcome 56 families or individuals since April 8 who have joined our Family of Faith as registered parishioners of St. Patrick Church of Gretna. We are so glad you are here...Congratulations! We will keep you in our prayers and wish you all the very best!

Last Name	First Name	Membership Date
Gasper	Josh, Elizabeth, and Theo	April 8, 2026
Allen	Robert and Deanna	April 11, 2026
Rockwell	Shan, Lucy, Addie, Will, and Hope	April 15, 2026
Rivera	Yanira	April 19, 2026
Ruff	Cole	April 20, 2026
Welsch	Norma	April 29, 2026
Ball and Reed-Ball	Brian and Michele	May 1, 2026
Hubert	Brandon, Courtney, Charles, Cameron, Claire, and Collyns	May 4, 2026
Kastens and Petranick	Garrett and Emily	May 4, 2026
Laux	Jennifer	May 4, 2026
Kuhl	Ava	May 10, 2026
Casey	Katherine	May 17, 2026
Wood	Aaron	May 19, 2026
Fuchser	David and Margaret	May 20, 2026
Reinsch	Matt, Jessie, Rowan, Noel, and Roderick	May 22, 2026
Wiley	Lisa	May 30, 2026
Decker	Helene	June 4, 2026
Neid	Robert and Elaine	June 8, 2026
Gomes	Colby, Kinsey, and Rosie	June 9, 2026
Klaus and Johnson	Johnathan and Grace	June 11, 2026
O'Hanlon	William	June 18, 2026
Bruss	Jake, Alexandria, August, and Adeline	June 20, 2026
Guido	Vincenzo, Alexa, Vincenzo, Graciana, and Francesco	June 24, 2026
Ruiz	Jonathan, Kelsie, Olivia, Cole, and Jack	July 15, 2026
Fedoris	Benjamin and Cassandra	July 19, 2026
Kovar	Mary	July 21, 2026
Rodiek	Jacob, Caitlin, Brooklyn, Henry, and Emmett	July 25, 2026

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Last Name	First Name	Membership Date
Dinges	Wayne, Karla, and Nathan	July 27, 2026
Heng	Elizabeth	August 1, 2026
Jarosik	Oliver, Sarah, Audrey, and TJ	August 2, 2026
Roeber	Todd, Jenna, Emma, Theo, and Owen	August 7, 2026
Sova	Joseph, Annie, Jack, and Joseph	August 7, 2026
Fibich	Joseph, Zoe, and Raven	August 10, 2026
Sullivan	Calla	August 10, 2026
Townsend	Jared, Molly, and Charles	August 12, 2026
Slobogan	Tyler, Kimberly, and Walker	August 15, 2026
Oldham	Barbara, Daniel, and Michael	August 16, 2026
Paradis	Troy, Melisa, Henry, and Wyatt	August 18, 2026
Potthoff	Daniel, Sharron, and Matthew	August 18, 2026
Eckstein	Ryan, Amiee, Jade, Nolan, and Conner	August 21, 2026
Peters	Alena	August 25, 2026
Nanfito	Joe, Lori, and Zachary	August 25, 2026
Peters	Katherine	August 29, 2026
Stecher	JJ, Lindsay, and Cal	September 1, 2026
Bober	Thomas, Erica, and Henrik	September 2, 2026
Adam	Melissa and McKenna	September 7, 2026
Becker and Milhouse	Brandon and Natalie	September 8, 2026
Platt	Sage, Megan, and Calvin	September 8, 2026
Geer	Jeffrey and Katherine	September 15, 2026
Reuter	Lindsay	September 17, 2026
Hilton	John, Hannah, and Liliette	September 18, 2026
Kluthe	Cade	September 21, 2026
Castor	Jason, Sherri, and Megan	September 25, 2026
Blank	Courtney and Emersyn	September 26, 2026
Carson	Anna	September 27, 2026
Gonzalez Jimenez	Leonel, Jessica, Alessandra, and Andrea	September 30, 2026

ROSARY GUILD HANDCRAFTED DISPLAY EVENT

The Rosary Guild will be holding a Rosary Display Event on Sunday, October 11 after each Mass during the Knights of Columbus breakfast. Come see our collection of handcrafted rosaries, bracelets, bookmarks, backpack hangers, and more. All items are available free of charge. Free-will donations are graciously accepted to help us purchase supplies and continue this ministry. Please stop by and take a handmade item with you or simply come see the beautiful work of our Rosary Guild members. Thank you for supporting our ministry and helping us share the gift of the Rosary!



Stewardship Report

Sep 30- Oct 6, 2026

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

General Contributions	Sep 30- Oct 6	Fiscal YTD thru Oct 6
Sunday Offering	\$21,430.34	\$335,958.13
Other Contributions	\$1,630.56	\$17,709.71
Total General Contributions	\$23,060.90	\$353,667.84 *
Surplus/Deficit	(\$5,439.10)	(\$45,332.16)

* 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, October 18 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.

THE GIVING GARDEN

The Giving Garden is now in the narthex! Please feel free to bring any excess vegetables from your bountiful gardens to share with our parish. Be sure to check it regularly as people bring in new goodies to share. There are bags on the cart that you can use to take the produce you would like.



HEALING CHAIR PROGRAM



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

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, OCTOBER 12TH

7:30 AM † Mark and Deb Nowka

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

6:00 PM † Dean Schwaninger

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH

7:30 AM † Cardine Svajgl

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

7:30 AM † Dennis Mattes

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

7:30 AM † Charles and Marie Soula

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

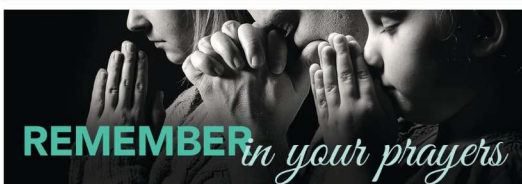
5:00 PM † Maryetta Fowler

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

8:00 AM For Our Parishioners
10:00 AM † Paul and Mary Lenz
12:00 PM † Patrick J. Donohue Sr.

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 Julie K, Tiffany Theer, Betty Krager, Daun Koke (Jack Koke's daughter-in-law), JoAnne Lyons (mom of Theresa Gulizia), Paul Kneifl, Duggan and Amanda, John Engler, 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, OCTOBER 11TH—28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
9:00 AM to 12:00 PM Parish Breakfast—Parish Center and Kitchen

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Baptism Class—Father Hitch Room
7:00 PM to 8:45 PM Ascension Bible Study—Parish Center A and Kitchen

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13TH

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 Clear Path Meeting—Parish Center A
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM Parish Council Meeting—Father Hitch Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14TH—NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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
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, OCTOBER 15TH

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM OCIA Class—Parish Center C

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

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, OCTOBER 17TH

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

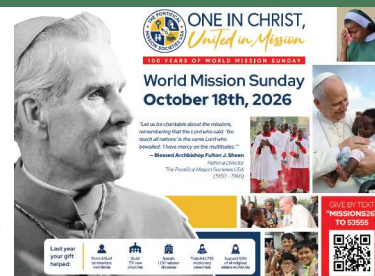
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18TH—29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM Private Event—Parish Center A and Kitchen
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM COR Men's Group Meeting—Father Hitch Room

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

Second Collection Next Weekend—October 17-18

Last year's funds from the World Mission Sunday collection helped form 41% of seminarians worldwide, built 751 new churches, sustained 1,130 mission diocese, trained 843,785 missionary catechists, and supported 50% of all religious sisters worldwide. As you may know Pope Leo spent a large part of his priestly ministry serving as a missionary in Peru, and he has spoken about how that ministry would not have been possible without the support of the worldwide Church and World Mission Sunday.



This year's World Mission Sunday collection will take place October 17-18. Pope Leo has chosen the theme *One in Christ, United in Mission* for this year's collection. It is an extra special year being that it is the 100th World Mission Sunday and comes just one month after Blessed Fulton Sheen's Beatification, a huge supporter of world missions. Find out more about this mission collection at <https://pontificalmissions.org/wms>. You can give online at the same link or via text; simply text the word "MISSIONS26" to 53555, or in the second collection next weekend.

"I wish to encourage the whole Church to continue its missionary journey with joy and zeal in the Holy Spirit. This requires hearts united in Christ, reconciled communities, and, in everyone, a willingness to cooperate with generosity and trust." —Pope Leo XIV

LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 17TH 5:00 PM	OCTOBER 18TH 8:00 AM	OCTOBER 18TH 10:00 AM	OCTOBER 18TH 12:00 PM
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Sacristan
Pat Gilmore

Lectors
Crystal Schroeder
(Read the 1st Reading)

Jayne Schram
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Bridget Blum
Diane Sherwood
Ken Beckman
Tracy Wollenburg

Ushers
Ken Beckman
Chris Lingbloom
Jeff Wollenburg
Need Sub

Rosary Reciter
Ellie Clines

Altar Servers
Addison Lingbloom
Colin Lingbloom
Need Sub

Greeters
Chris Lingbloom
Need Sub

Sacristan
Joan Ingram

Lectors
Sandy Scheef
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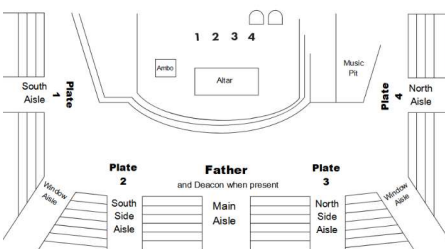
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Vocations Crucifix
John McQueney

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

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

EMHC STATION MAP



EMHC Positions (see diagram above):

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

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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OCTOBER ROSARY RALLY

Pray for Vocations



Throughout October, the Archdiocese of Omaha Vocations Office invites you to pray the rosary for our seminarians and for all those discerning the priesthood and religious life, asking for Our Lady's intercession.

HOW TO JOIN THE ROSARY RALLY:

1. Pray the rosary for vocations, on your own, with your family, or with a group.
2. Log your rosaries at omhavocations.org/rosary-rally. The rosary counter updates in real time after you submit, so you can see how many rosaries we're praying together.

You can log rosaries as often as you like throughout the month. If you'd rather not use the online form, you can also email rosary@archomaha.org.

Pray with your parish, your school, or your small group, or gather your family for a rosary night. If you'd like to pray along with others, Spirit Catholic Radio prays the rosary daily at 10 AM.

Thank you for your prayers and for helping us ask Our Lady to support the young men and women who are answering God's call.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, November 7



All women of St. Patrick Parish are invited to join us on Saturday, November 7 at 6 PM in the Parish Center for a free evening of fellowship. Dinner will begin at 6:15 PM followed by a talk by Father Mike Grewe. We will also discuss Advent studies for those who would like to participate in a small group during Advent. Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 3 on the St. Patrick website, stpatricksgretna.org, or contact Barb Applegate at 402-980-0216, if you wish to attend this Women's Night of Fellowship. We hope to see you there!

PARISH LETTER FROM ARCHBISHOP MCGOVERN

Pray for Peace in Our World

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you asking for your prayers for peace. With the many conflicts around the world and the tensions we may experience in our daily lives, I encourage each of us to pray frequently, even daily, for the Lord to grant us the gift of His peace.

In a particular way we can promote peace by letting go of grudges we may have held for years, or to ask the Lord to free our hearts of feelings of hatred toward others. We can ask the Lord to bless the dialogues between nations that are necessary to open a path to peace. Whether you pray at home or in church, take the time to ask God specifically for the gift of peace.

May God make each of us an instrument of His peace, and where we encounter hatred and division, let us sow love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Archbishop Michael McGovern



HOLY ROSARY FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on November 2



To commemorate the one year anniversary of the St. Patrick Purgatorial Society, we would like to invite current members and all others to pray the Holy Rosary at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on All Souls Day, Monday, November 2 at 5:30 PM.

In addition, we welcome more members to join the society, simply scan the QR code. The purpose of the society is to pray daily for the Holy Souls using the St. Gertrude Prayer. A printed copy is available in the narthex or a copy can be found online.



ST. PATRICK FALL SALE—NEED RUMMAGE SALE ITEMS

Drop Off Your Donations Starting Monday, October 12

The Youth Group is hosting a parish-wide garage sale on Saturday, October 24 from 8 AM to 7 PM and Sunday, October 25 from 8 AM to 2 PM, and everything must go! All proceeds go to the St. Patrick Youth Group!

DONATIONS NEEDED:

Any and all usable items, tools, small chairs, household items, books, toys, jewelry, dishes, hardware, and working appliances. Clothing should be clean and not torn, please!

We CANNOT take tires, paint, liquids, built-in appliances, air conditioners, de-humidifiers, TV's, encyclopedias, water beds, shower doors, damaged furniture, entertainment centers, hide-a-beds, mattresses, box springs, textbooks, and magazines.

WHEN CAN I DELIVER THESE DONATIONS:

Deliver items to St. Patrick starting Monday, October 12 through Thursday, October 22 during office hours (8 AM to 4:30 PM). We will begin accepting donations on Monday, October 12. Any questions, call Jonathan Wotipka at 402-332-4444 ext. 212.



PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

Submit Names to Be Prayed For



October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. We take this time each year to remember the precious little lives who were lost through miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, or who died in infancy. Throughout October, we remember these children, entrusting them to God's loving mercy, and we also pray for the parents and families who carry the heartache of losing a child. In moments of grief, we can turn to Mary, who knows the deep pain of losing a child, and ask her to bring our prayers and our sorrow to her Son. Spirit Catholic Radio remembers and prays for these children. If you have a baby you'd like them to remember, you are invited to share their name on their website: <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/remember>.

TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY DRIVE *Throughout the Month of October*

We are welcoming back the Trunk or Treat event hosted by the Hospitality Committee on Wednesday, October 28 from 4:30 PM to 6 PM in the Parish Center. Young children of the parish are encouraged to attend before or after their Religious Education class that evening.

If you are interested in hosting a religious themed table for a guild or group, please contact Karen Wiehl at 402-960-6750 or Mike Wiehl at 402-979-0779.

CANDY DRIVE

We are hosting a candy drive throughout the month of October to ensure that we have enough sweet treats to share. If you would like to participate, please drop off candy to the marked box in the narthex. Thank you!



NEW PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE READY FOR PICK-UP *Purchase a Copy for \$25*



It's official! Our new Parish Directories are here! Stop by the Parish Office during regular business hours (Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM) to pick up your copy. Everyone who had their picture taken for the new directory, submitted a family picture, or pre-ordered have a copy saved with your name on it.

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.

ST. PATRICK OUTREACH MINISTRY *Be a Part of the Mission*

Our Mission as the parish Outreach Ministry at St. Patrick Catholic Church of Gretna is to offer assistance during special times of spiritual, physical, or emotional need, through personal contact, referral, and prayer provided by volunteers of St. Patrick Church. We help through the following ways. Our annual Advent Giving Tree to help the less fortunate during the holidays, which includes the community of Gretna as well as St Patrick Parish. We also reach out to Least of My Brethren, Bethlehem House, Essential Pregnancy Services, and Guiding Grace Family Support Network. Our members prepare a gift box for every baptism held here at St Patrick. Finally, we serve at parish events as needed. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, contact Joan Ingram at sjkingram@aol.com or 402-203-3604.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP *Apply by January 15, 2027*



Attention High School Senior Catholic Girls! Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) is accepting applications for their \$750 Scholarship. Get the 2027 Scholarship Packet from your school Guidance Counselor today!

The completed scholarship application, transcript, essay, and evaluation form from your priest, school/parish staff, or faculty person must be postmarked or received by your parish's Deanery President by January 15, 2027. Late entries will not be accepted. The Parish Deanery President name can be obtained

from the school Guidance Counselor or by calling Leonarda Arens, Scholarship Chair, at 402-253-5120. Applications are accepted in the Deanery where you attend church, not where you attend school. Send your application to the Omaha Urban CCW: Cathy Vak 3255 S. 77th St, Omaha, NE 68124.



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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.

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS *Irish Catholic Men's Group*

Are you a man that is proud of his Irish heritage? Are you looking to be part of a group with a strong Catholic identity? If you are, the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) would like to welcome you to consider joining. The AOH is the nation's oldest Irish Catholic fraternal organization. The local



Sarpy County Division continues to live out the motto of Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity, through its social gatherings, help to local parishes, participation in local Irish festivities, and support of community food pantries. If you are interested in learning more about the Sarpy County Division of the AOH, please plan on attending one of our next meetings on Thursday, October 15 or Thursday, November 19 at 6 PM at the American Legion (230 W Lincoln St, Papillion). For more information, please visit aohsarpy.com.



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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.

ANNUAL BLUE MASS—ST. WENCESLAUS, OMAHA, OCTOBER 13

Omaha's Annual Blue Mass will be held at St. Wenceslaus Parish (15353 Pacific St, Omaha) on Tuesday, October 13 at 10 AM. All Omaha metro-area police and fire personnel, including families and friends, are invited to attend, regardless of religious affiliation.



PRAYER SERVICE FOR LITTLE SOULS—ST. COLUMBKILLE, PAPILLION, OCTOBER 15



Thursday, October 15 is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day. St. Columbkille Parish (200 E 6th St, Papillion) will hold a Prayer Service for Little Souls to honor and remember babies lost during pregnancy, stillbirth, or infancy on Thursday, October 15 at 7 PM. All are welcome.

OUR LITTLEST SAINTS ANNUAL MASS—ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, GRETNA, OCTOBER 17

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month, a time to remember, honor, and support those who carry the silent grief of miscarriage, infant loss, or infertility. St. Charles Borromeo (7790 S 192nd St, Gretna) will be holding a special Mass of Remembrance on Saturday, October 17 at 8:30 AM to lift up our littlest saints and those walking the path of infertility. All are invited to bring mementos of their children to be blessed during the liturgy. Following Mass, the prayer team will be available, and a reception will be held in the gym with light refreshments and space for fellowship. If you have any questions, please reach out to Michaela Casper at 402-779-1752 or OurLittlestSaintsSCB@gmail.com. For more information regarding Our Littlest Saints, visit www.stcharlesomaha.org/ols.



FAITH IN BUSINESS WORKSHOP AND LUNCHEON—SCOTT CONFERENCE CENTER, OCTOBER 22



God has uniquely created each of us with gifts, talents, and ways of contributing to the world. In this interactive workshop, explore the six types of work and discover how understanding your God-given strengths can bring greater purpose, fulfillment, and effectiveness to your leadership, business, and everyday life. Walk away with practical insights you can immediately put to work, no matter your role or profession. Join the Catholic Business Group Omaha Fall Faith in Business Workshop and Luncheon on

Thursday, October 22 from 8:30 AM to 1 PM at the Scott Conference Center (6450 Pine St, Omaha). Lunch is included. For members this event is free, for young professionals it is \$25, and for non-members it is \$75. Whether you're a business owner, leader, young professional, employee, or simply looking to connect with the Catholic business community, there's a place for you at the table. Learn more and RSVP at <https://cbgomaha.org/faith-in-business>.

MEN'S SILENT RETREAT—SPIRITUALITY CENTER, NORFOLK, OCTOBER 23-25

The Missionary Benedictine Sisters will hold a men's silent retreat at the Spirituality Center (300 N 18th St, Norfolk) from 7 PM on Friday to 4 PM on Sunday, October 23-25. The registration deadline is October 18, and the cost is \$75. To register or for more information, visit <https://www.mbsmissionaries.org/usaministries/immaculata-monastery/spiritualitycenter/mens-silent-retreat.html> or contact the Missionary Benedictine Sisters at spiritualityctrnork@gmail.com.



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