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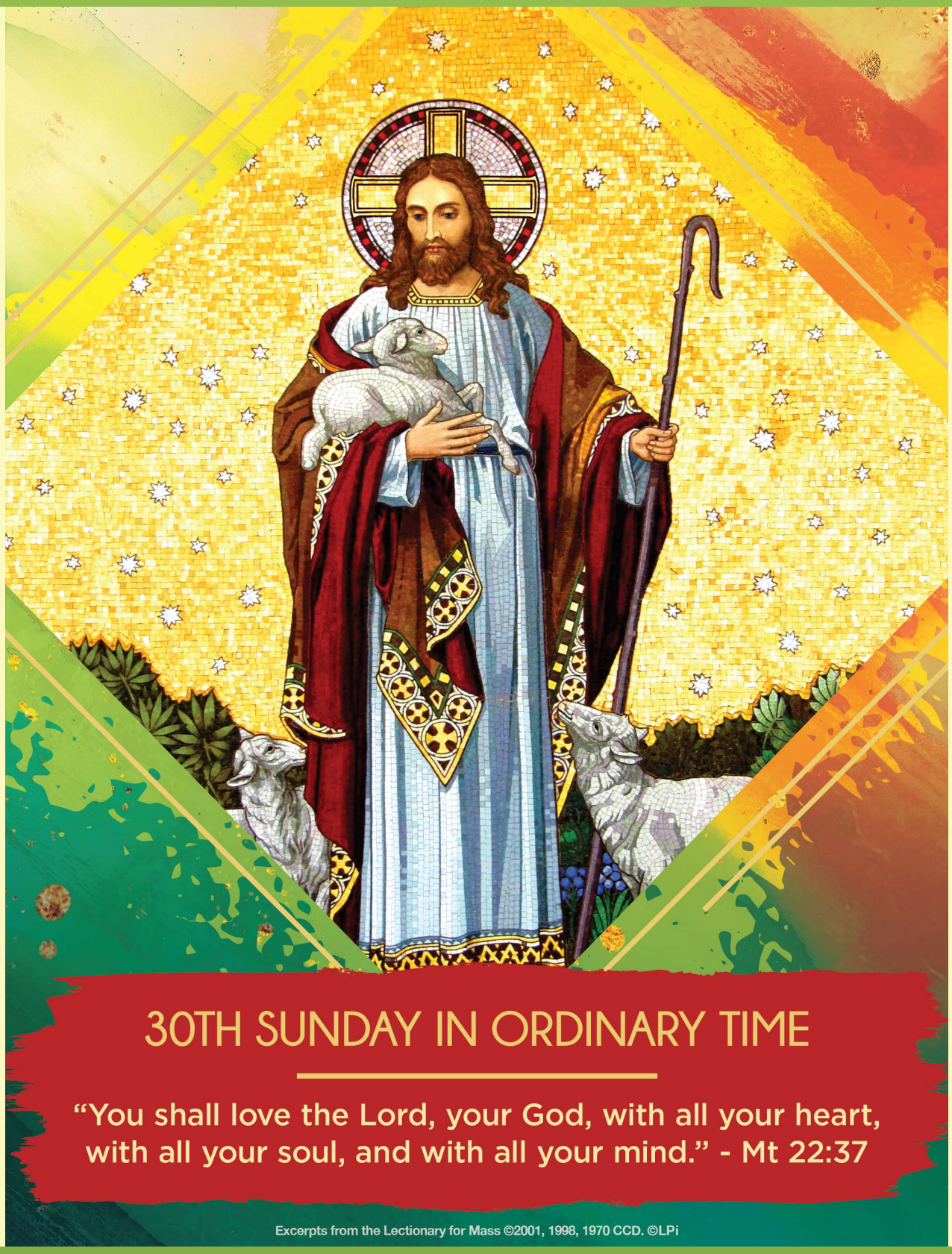

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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October 25, 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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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.

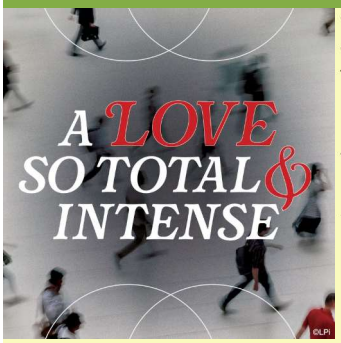
Reflect and Respond
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Ex 22:20-26)
At the heart of the Mosaic social laws, we hear God's expectation for compassion, especially to the most vulnerable among us. Is compassion a virtue that comes easily to you?

Second Reading (1 Thes 1:5c-10)
Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving for the faith of the Thessalonian community members who are seen as role models for believers throughout the regions of Macedonia and Achaia. Is there someone in your life who models the Faith well?

Gospel (Mt 22:34-40)
Jesus taught that love of God and love of neighbor are the foundation of the Jewish law and the prophets. How does this two-fold commandment inspire you to live the Christian life?

Gospel Meditation



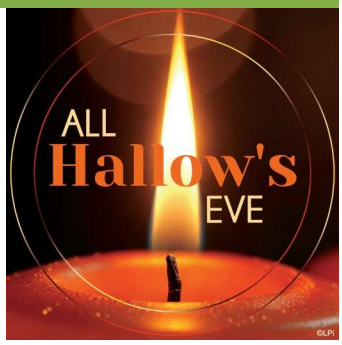
When I was in seventh grade, like most boys of that age, I was constantly hungry. I could eat at any hour of the day. Then I fell head over heels for a classmate named Kristin. One evening, while lying on my bed and pondering her perfections, my mom called me to dinner. For the first time in my adolescent life, I remember thinking: "I'm not hungry." My heart longed for Kristin more than my stomach for food. Now, I wouldn't confuse adolescent infatuation with mature love. But it was an experience of how love can reorder everything in our lives.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart" (Matthew 22:37). He is not issuing a burden or a moral goal for high achievers. He is naming the deepest orientation of the human heart. We were made for love so great that it gathers every other love into itself. Jesus does not ask us to love less the persons or things that attract us. Rather, He wants our love for God to be so total and intense that we love everything and everyone else because we love Him so much.

Do we believe that such a love is possible for us? Because of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, it is! It is readily available to us. Let's repent of our half-hearted love for God and ask Him to fill our hearts to the brim with divine love.

Catholic Life Explained

Question:
Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?



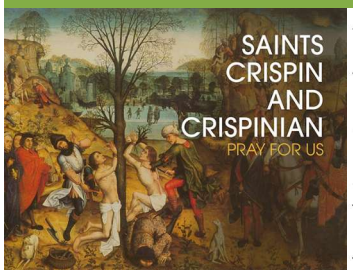
Answer:
The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn't always that way. Halloween and All Saints' Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints' Day. It was originally called All Hallow's Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows' Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints' Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2 is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as "dark" spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today's celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember… this feast was Catholic first!

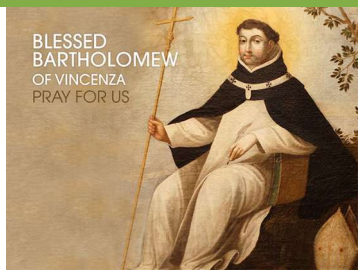
"What are the three best decisions you have ever made? How would your life have been different if you hadn't made those decisions? Take ten minutes to sit in gratitude for those decisions and the life they made possible."
—Allen Hunt and Matthew Kelly, *101 Questions for Your Fourth Quarter*

Saints Crispin and Crispinian
Martyrs



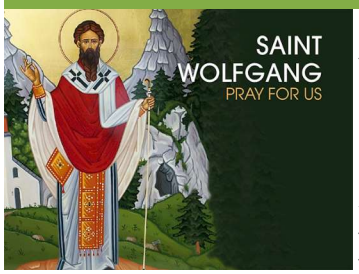
Sts. Crispin and Crispinian (d. 286 A.D.) were brothers, believed to be twins, from a noble Roman family. They were Christians and went as missionaries into Gaul (present-day France). Taking the Apostle St. Paul as their example, they earned their living through a trade, dividing their time between ministry and work. Their craft was shoe-making, and because they asked little pay for their shoes they were loved and esteemed by all. Crispin and Crispinian used their work as an opportunity to share the Christian faith with the pagans they encountered, and many were converted through their witness. During the persecution of the Roman Emperor Diocletian they were denounced as Christians and brought before the co-emperor, Maximanus Herculius. The emperor tried to persuade them to abandon their faith with promises and threats, but to no effect. The brothers were then given over to the governor who was notorious for his cruelty. They were stretched on the rack, their flesh was cut, and awls were driven under their fingernails. They were then thrown into a river with a millstone tied to their necks, but they both miraculously survived and swam back to shore. They were caught and finally beheaded. Crispin and Crispinian are the patron saints of shoemakers, saddlers, and tanners. Their feast, known as St. Crispin's Day, is October 25.

Blessed Bartholomew of Vicenza
Bishop



Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza (1201-1270), also known as Bartholomew of Braganca or Breganza, was born to a noble family in Vicenza, Italy. While studying in Padua he entered the newly established Dominican Order as one of their first friars, receiving the habit from St. Dominic himself. Bartholomew quickly advanced to positions of prominence within the Order, becoming prior and then overseeing several convents. He was sent to preach against the heretics in Lombardy, and was so successful that in 1235 the Holy Father made him Master of the Sacred Palace (an office known as "The Pope's Theologian") a position which was first held by St. Dominic. In this role he also founded a military order of knights for the purpose of maintaining civil order and peace throughout Italy called the Order of the Knights of the Mother of God (or the Knights of St. Mary). He was later made bishop of Cyprus, and also served as papal legate and confessor to St. Louis King of France, who was then leading a crusade in the Holy Land. From this friendship Bartholomew received the gift of a relic of the True Cross and a thorn from the Crown of Thorns. When Bartholomew returned to his native Vicenza as the city's bishop he built a church to house the precious relics called the Church of the Holy Crown. Bl. Bartholomew of Vicenza was an effective mediator between the factions and feuds of his day, even converting the leader of a heretical party back to the Catholic faith. His feast day is October 27.

Saint Wolfgang
Bishop



St. Wolfgang (934-994 A.D.), also known as the Great Almoner, was a Benedictine monk, reformer, and Bishop of Regensburg, Bavaria. He was born into the noble class and had an excellent education. As bishop he worked to reform the monasteries and convents in his diocese. He is remembered for his teaching abilities, his oratory skills, and his charity towards the poor. He was also integral in the missionary efforts to evangelize the Magyars in what is today modern Hungary. Towards the end of his life he withdrew to a solitary spot to build a church and hermitage at what is now called St. Wolfgang's Lake in Austria. Before settling he prayed and threw his axe into the wilderness, and built his cell on the spot where it landed. A town grew around the saint's hermitage which still exists today. According to legend, St. Wolfgang tricked the devil into helping him build the church, promising him the first soul that came through the church doors. The devil agreed, and after the construction was completed, a wolf was the first to cross its threshold, thus tricking the devil. St. Wolfgang's life was foundational to Bavarian and Austrian civilization. Many miracles occurred at his tomb, especially those related to stomach ailments. St. Wolfgang is the patron saint of carpenters, stroke victims, and the paralyzed. His feast day is October 31.

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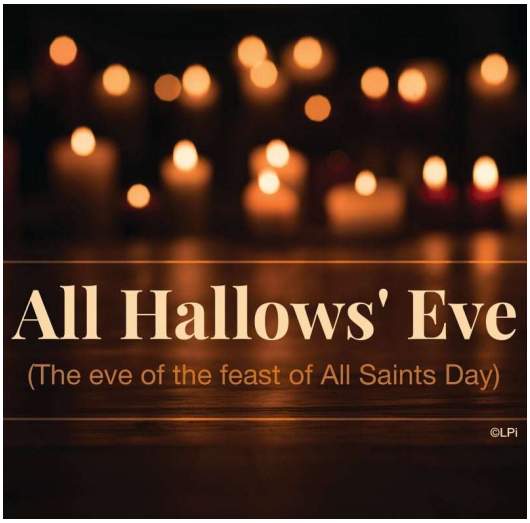
Readings This Week

Monday: Eph 4:32-5:8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16
Thursday: Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Phil 1:1-11/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef/Lk 14:1, 7-11
Next Sunday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a



Observances This Week

Wednesday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Saturday: All Hallow's Eve
Next Sunday: All Saints; Daylight Saving Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week



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St. Patrick Parish-wide Sale
Support Our Parish Youth Group



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!

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, 76 donors have committed $33,888.96 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 **Ethan Menning** (Configuration I) from St. Patrick in Elkhorn.

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart... and your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39) Every vocation is rooted in this twofold commandment of love. Priesthood, consecrated life, and sacramental marriage call us to give ourselves fully to God while serving others with compassion and selflessness. How is God inviting you to live out this love in a vocation that blesses both Him and those around you? Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Scott Schilmoeller at 402-558-3100 or email vocations@archomaha.org.

Pray for all Seminarians

Baptisms



Since our last update on October 11, four 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
Liliette Claire Hilton	10/18/2026
Emery Jean McGowan	10/18/2026
Gianni Jay Murry	10/18/2026
Warren Thomas Swoboda	10/18/2026

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
Betty Krager	10/10/2026	Calvary Cemetery
Gladys Miller	10/12/2026	Calvary Cemetery

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.

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.

Turkey Dinner—Sunday, November 1

Support the St. Patrick Parish Youth Group



Join us for a Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 1, serving from 11 AM until 3:30 PM or until food runs out. We have options for dine-in or carry-out. The menu includes: turkey with gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, green beans, a dinner roll, and dessert. Adult plates are $15 and children (10 and under) at $9. Cash and cards accepted. Skip the line and eat turkey faster by pre-ordering your ticket. You can also pre-order a bulk vacuum sealed sliced smoked turkey (5 lbs, 20 4oz servings) for $30. Scan the QR code to pre-order today. These orders are limited and only available until Friday, October 30 at 3 PM. This event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #10047 and will support our St. Patrick Parish Youth Group. Your donation supports: youth service opportunities, Youth Group meals, retreats, ministry resources, and creating an inviting youth community. Your donation keeps the costs affordable so no teens are left out.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage—April 5-15, 2027

Answer Mary's Invitation



It starts with a stirring…an ache….a longing to withdraw from the everyday routine and grow closer to Our Lord. Our Blessed Mother invites you to visit one of the most spiritual and peaceful places on the planet, a place of spiritual growth and conversion where she still appears today. The visionaries tell us that no one goes to Medjugorje by accident.

You are invited to participate in a life-changing pilgrimage to Medjugorje (in Bosnia-Herzegovina) from April 5-15, 2027. We will stay at the Two Hearts Hotel near the Blue Cross and Apparition Hill for all nine nights. Our Spiritual Director is Father Tom Weisbecker, Pastor of St. James in Omaha. Our registered group leader is Jolene Jefferies, Parish Manager of St. Patrick in Gretna.

To learn more about the trip itinerary, cost, and to register, explore it all here: https://mircenter.squarespace.com/medjugorje-05apr27

Please be sure to attend a Medjugorje Pilgrimage Info Meeting on Sunday, October 25 at 6 PM at St. James (4710 N 90th St, Omaha) in the Parish Center or Monday, November 30 at 6 PM at St. Patrick in Gretna in the Parish Center. Father Tom will attend both meetings.



How will you respond to our Blessed Mother's loving invitation? For questions, please contact Jolene Jefferies at 402-957-1082 or info@blessedartthoutours.com.

Stewardship Report

Oct 14- Oct 20, 2026

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

General Contributions	Oct 14- Oct 20	Fiscal YTD thru Oct 20
Sunday Offering	$21,638.57	$390,771.41
Other Contributions	$190.82	$18,301.39
Total General Contributions	$21,829.39	$409,072.80 *
Surplus/Deficit	($6,670.61)	($46,927.20)

** 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, November 1 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
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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 26th
7:30 AM † Sue Orosco

Tuesday, October 27th
6:00 PM † Frances "Peggy" Iliff

Wednesday, October 28th
7:30 AM † Dan Circo

Thursday, October 29th
7:30 AM † Deb Rogers

Friday, October 30th
7:30 AM † William O'Brien

Saturday, October 31st
5:00 PM † Erwin W, Frances and Erwin E Rehder, and Edward, Jean, and Robert Prucha

Sunday, November 1st
8:00 AM For Our Parishioners
10:00 AM † Harold Mann
12:00 PM † Jerry Schram

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 Rose Grandinetti, Julie K, Tiffany Theer, 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 25th—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass—Sanctuary
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Parish-wide Garage Sale—Parish Center
8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Religious Education Classes—RE Classrooms, Basement Commons

Monday, October 26th
7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Eucharistic Minister Training—Parish Center C
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 8:45 PM Ascension Bible Study—Parish Center A and Kitchen

Tuesday, October 27th
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 7:30 PM Finance Council Meeting—Father Hitch Room
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Lector Training—Parish Center C

Wednesday, October 28th
7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM 3s Preschool Halloween Parade—Parish Center
8:30 AM to 11:00 AM Faith Connection—Father Hitch Room
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM Trunk or Treat—Parish Center
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Confirmation Parent Meeting—Father Hitch Room
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Religious Education Classes—RE Classrooms, Basement Commons
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Group—Youth Group Room

Thursday, October 29th
7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM 3s Preschool Halloween Parade—Parish Center
12:00 PM to 1:00 PM Afternoon 4s/5s Preschool Halloween Parade—Parish Center
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM OCIA Class—Parish Center C

Friday, October 30th
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
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM 4s and 5s Preschool Halloween Parade—Parish Center
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Eucharistic Minister and Lector Training—Parish Center C

Saturday, October 31st
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Knights Officer Meeting—Father Hitch Room
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, November 1st—All Saints Day
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—RE Classrooms, Basement Commons
11:00 AM to 3:30 PM Turkey Feed—Parish Center and Kitchen
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

Trunk or Treat Event—October 28
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!

Lay Minister's Schedule
All Saints Day

October 31st 5:00 PM

Sacristan
Larry Neppl

Lectors
Tammi Hall
(Read the 1st Reading)

Barb Applegate
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Larry Neppl
Liz Beckman
Tracy Wollenburg
Christine Walstrom

Ushers
Ken Beckman
Tim Hall
Chris Lingbloom
Jeff Wollenburg

Rosary Reciter
Jayne Schram

Altar Servers
Lydia Hall
Addison Lingbloom
Colin Lingbloom

Greeters
Nancy Kirkpatrick
Tim Kirkpatrick

November 1st 8:00 AM

Sacristan
Carol Zeleny

Lectors
Sandy Scheef
(Read the 1st Reading)

Carrie Hubert
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Carol Zeleny
Gene Schwarting
Paul Hubert
Christa Pichler
Phil Lenz

Ushers
Greg Jones
Kevin Kaup
Tony Schultz
Christopher Wilson

Rosary Reciter
Kathy Schwarting

Altar Servers
Matthew Farwell
Luke Hubert
Paul Joseph Hubert

Greeters
Mary Brown
Gordon Yager

Hilcrest SR/HL
Marty Stednitz
Sally Stednitz

November 1st 10:00 AM

Sacristan
Mitch Wendlandt

Lectors
Sandra Tiefenthaler
(Read the 1st Reading)

Kelly Eby
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Kathy Wendlandt
Cleo Nienaber
Carol Hoover
David Burke
Jamey Kennel

Ushers
Jim Hain
Norris Hoover
Tom Nienaber
Norm Svoboda

Rosary Reciter
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Altar Servers
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Gavin McGregor
Austin Votruba

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November 1st 12:00 PM

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(Read the 1st Reading)

Eric Hittner
(Read the 2nd Reading)

EMHCs
Delma Stoner
Kathy Broz
Darcy Skrdla
Ginny Giebelhaus
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Marty White
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Vocations Crucifix
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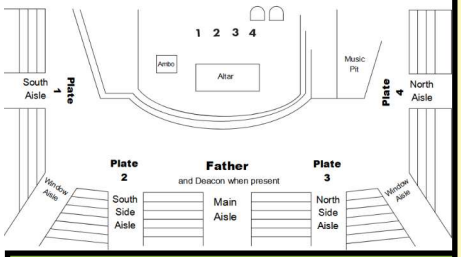
EMHC STATION MAP



EMHC Positions (see diagram above):

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

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

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

30TH 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 omahavocations.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!

Jubilee Year for Our Lady of Guadalupe
50th Anniversary of New Basilica of Guadalupe



Pope Leo XIV granted a Guadalupan jubilee year to mark the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the new Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and the transfer of the image of the Virgin to the current shrine on October 12, 1976...

The jubilee year will begin on October 12, 2026, and end on October 12, 2027. Cardinal Carlos Aguiar Retes, primate archbishop of Mexico, indicated that this celebration will also coincide with the 131st anniversary of the pontifical coronation of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe...

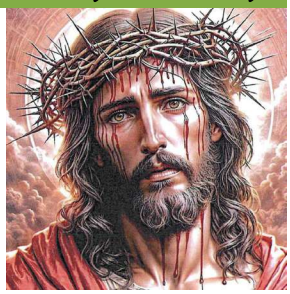
Plenary Indulgence During the Jubilee Year

The archbishop explained that the plenary indulgence will be granted to the faithful who visit "with devotion and a contrite spirit the sacred house of St. Mary of Guadalupe and participate in a liturgical act or spend time in prayer at the basilica." To receive it, they must also fulfill the usual conditions established by the Church: Sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, recitation of the Creed, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The primate archbishop of Mexico encouraged Catholics to use this period as an opportunity for "spiritual renewal and conversion" under the protection of the Virgin of Guadalupe. "May St. Mary of Guadalupe, mother of the true God through whom we live, help us to make the most of this jubilee and accompany us on this journey of spiritual renewal and conversion," he said...

—Read the Full Article at EWTN News: https://www.ewtnnews.com/world/americas/pope-leo-xiv-grants-jubilee-year-for-50th-anniversary-of-new-basilica-of-guadalupe

Devotion to the 28,430 Drops of Blood Lost by Jesus
The Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ Lost on His Way to Calvary



St. Elizabeth , Queen of Hungary, with St. Matilda and St. Bridget, in the 13th century, wishing to know something of the Passion of Jesus Christ, offered fervent prayers upon which Our Lord revealed to them that He shed 28,430 Drops of His Precious Blood on His way to Calvary. This devotion was later approved by Pope Leo XIII in 1890. Jesus promised them, "To all the Faithful who shall recite for three years, each day, two Our Fathers, two Glory Bes and two Hail Marys, in honor of the Drops of Blood I lost, I will concede the following five graces:

1. The plenary indulgence and remittance of your sins.
2. You will be free from the pains of Purgatory.
3. If you should die before completing the said three years, for you it will be the same as if you had completed them.
4. It will be upon your death the same as if you had shed all your blood for the Holy Faith.
5. I will descend from Heaven to take your soul and that of your relatives, until the fourth generation.

Prayer to Honor the Holy Shoulder Wound of Jesus

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) once asked our Lord what His greatest unrecorded suffering was and He answered, "I had on My Shoulder, while I bore My Cross on the Way of Sorrows, a grievous Wound, which was more painful than the others, and which is not recorded by men." He told the saint that He would grant those who honored this Wound with their devotion whatever they would ask "through its virtue and merit". And, what's more, He would remit to all who venerated it all their venial sins and would forget their mortal sins as well! Pope Eugenius III, at the earnest request of St. Bernard, granted a 3000 year indulgence to all those who, with a contrite heart, honor Our Lord's Holy Shoulder Wound with this prayer.

O Loving Jesus, meek Lamb of God, I, a miserable sinner, salute and worship the most Sacred Wound of Thy Shoulder on which Thou didst bear Thy heavy Cross, which so tore Thy flesh and laid bare Thy Bones as to inflict on Thee an anguish greater than any other wound of Thy Most Blessed Body. I adore Thee, O Jesus most sorrowful; I praise and glorify Thee, and give Thee thanks for this most sacred and painful Wound, beseeching Thee by that exceeding pain, and by the crushing burden of Thy heavy Cross to be merciful to me, a sinner, to forgive me all my mortal and venial sins, and to lead me on towards Heaven along the Way of Thy Cross. Amen. Lord, through the virtue and merit of your Most Holy Shoulder Wound, I ask you for _____. Pray Three Our Fathers, Three Glory Bes, Three Hail Marys.

—Find this and many additional devotional resources at LifeVoice.org

Doing Something Amazing for Women
Celebrate Your Feminine Genius



Women are an amazing gift to the world. Not some idealized version of womanhood. Not women in the abstract. Real women. Mothers and daughters. Sisters and friends. Wives and widows. Neighbors and strangers. Grandmothers and granddaughters. Single women and married women. Young women with a future full of hope and older women with the wisdom of many yesterdays.

We want to do something incredible for women. We want to launch a movement that empowers each woman to discover, embrace, and celebrate her Feminine Genius—the fullness of who God created her to be. [Matthew Kelly] recorded a short video message just for you. Watch it here: https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/feminine-genius.html.

We'll have more details to share with you soon, but I don't want to spoil the surprise... All I can tell you at this time is that this project will be a profound gift to women. It will ignite Feminine Genius in women of all ages across the country and hopefully, in time, around the world. And it won't cost you a thing. Anyone can participate. Just put your name on the list, keep your eyes on your inbox, and keep this project in your prayers.

It is time for an awakening. It is time every woman, in every place and in every season of life, be given the opportunity to discover her Feminine Genius, so that she can express it in her own unique and inimitable way.

—Article by Dynamic Catholic

Spirit Catholic Radio Elementary Art Contest
Submissions Due By Friday, December 11



Spirit Catholic Radio is taking submissions to the 2026 Art Contest! Returning this year, the winner's masterpieces will be turned into prayer cards! These cards will be available at all Spirit Catholic Radio events throughout the year and given to all of the Catholic elementary schools and participating religious education classes in our listening area.

The theme for the 2026 contest is The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. Your artists can pick between the two mysteries for their grade range below:

- **K - 2nd Grade:** The Resurrection or The Ascension of Our Lord
- **3rd - 5th Grade:** The Assumption of Mary or The Coronation of Mary
- **6th - 8th Grade:** The Holy Rosary or The Descent of the Holy Spirit

Find details regarding participation in the 2026 Art Contest at https://spiritcatholicradio.com/art2026. We would love for your students to be involved! It's a creative and fun way to learn more about the mysteries of Jesus' life and grow in relationship with his Blessed Mother. Prizes for the winning artists. Art Contest entries are due by December 11.

Release Souls from Purgatory November 1-8
How to Receive a Plenary Indulgence



Do you know this "Catholic Secret" about the Octave of November? From All Saints Day through November 8 every year, a special grace is offered for us to aid the Holy Souls in Purgatory. What is this grace? On any and each day for the first eight days of November, a plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful to be applied only to the holy souls in purgatory. This plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the departed.

Only one plenary indulgence per day is granted, but usually no limit on partial indulgences per day. As always, you must not have any attachment to sin, even venial. To gain an indulgence you must be in a state of grace (no unconfessed mortal sins on your soul), in addition to these three conditions:

1. You must receive the Sacrament of Confession 20 days before or after the indulgence to be gained.
2. You must receive Holy Communion on that day which you perform the indulgenced act.
3. You must recite prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father (prayers you choose are up to you, but an Our Father and Hail Mary are suggested.

Special Plenary Indulgence for November 2—All Souls Day

A plenary indulgence—applicable only to the holy souls in purgatory—is granted to the faithful who devoutly visit a church or an oratory, recite an Our Father and the Creed.

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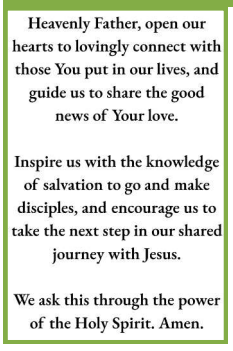
Advertise for your Ministry Group
Does your parish ministry group have opportunities for others to get involved? Contact Megan Seamann, meseamann@archomaha.org, about getting your parish ministry group opportunities advertised.

Tadpoles Preschool Class
Registration Closes November 20



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. There are only a few spots left! Registration closes on Friday, November 20, so be sure to register soon! If you have any questions, please call the Preschool office at 402-332-3050.

New Parish Prayer Card
Available in the Narthex



You and your family are invited to pray our new St. Patrick Parish Prayer. Prayer cards are available now in the narthex for you to take home to share with your family and to pray together with the parish groups that you are a part of. The parish office can provide additional cards for larger parish groups in needed.

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Helpful Resources

Al-Anon (Alcoholic Family Support—Omaha)
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Website.....al-anon.org

Boys Town National Hotline
Phone.....1-800-448-3000
Website.....www.boystown.org

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Catholic Cemeteries
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Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Gretna....402-332-3475

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Website.....heartsrestorednebraska.org

Holy Family Shrine
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Website.....holyfamilyshrine.com

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Website.....leastofmybrethren.org

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Retrouvaille.....www.helpourmarriage.org

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Women's Center for Advancement (Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, Etc.)
24/7 Hotline.....402-345-7273
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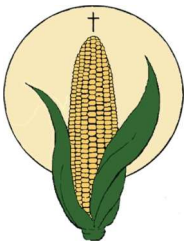
Around the Archdiocese

Forge Men's Night—Spirituality Center, Norfolk, October 27



True masculinity is not toxic, quite the opposite. Authentic masculinity is a blessing that the world sorely needs. The best way to learn how to become the man that you are created to be is through a deeper engagement with the Holy Spirit. Come learn from Pete Burak on how to live a masculine faith that engages the Holy Spirit! Peter Burak is the vice president of Renewal Ministries, which is dedicated to Catholic renewal and evangelization around the world. Join us for this Men in the Spirit Men's Night on Tuesday, October 27 at Brickway Brewery and Distillery (1116 Jackson St, Omaha). Doors open at 7 PM, and the talk starts at 8 PM. This event is open to all men 18+. Register at myforge.org/events-omaha.

Ixim Mission Meetings—Multiple Locations, Multiple Dates



Since 2003, parishioners from across the Archdiocese of Omaha have gone to our sister diocese in Huehuetenango, Guatemala to work alongside our sisters and brothers in Christ. Ixim missionaries build bridges of understanding and solidarity by learning about the lives and realities of those in Huehuetenango. Over the years, Ixim missionaries have staffed medical clinics, taught lessons at local schools, applied fluoride treatments to children, assisted with reforestation projects, painted parish and school buildings, and helped implement clean water projects. Our 22nd trip will be June 10-21, 2027. Learn more about our mission trip at an upcoming information meeting: Monday, November 2 at 7 PM at St. Patrick Elkhorn Cork Room (18602 W Maple Rd, Elkhorn); Sunday, November 15 at 1 PM at St. Frances Cabrini Parish Center (1248 S 10 St, Omaha); Thursday, December 10 at 7 PM at St. Pius Parish Center (6905 Blondo St, Omaha); or Zoom Meetings (7 PM) on: October 29, November 11, December 1, December 16, or January 7. Contact Charlie for Zoom links or to reserve a spot at an in-person information meeting: cpetro@archomaha.org or call or text 531-218-6354.

Finding Our Identity in Christ—St. John Vianney, Omaha, November 5



Come Hear Joe Heschmeyer: Finding Your Identity in Christ! Spirit Catholic Radio welcomes Catholic Answers apologist and author Joe Heschmeyer to St. John Vianney Catholic Church (5801 Oak Hills Dr, Omaha) on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 PM for an evening of faith and inspiration. Joe will speak on "Finding Our Identity in Christ," exploring who we are and who we are called to be through our relationship with Jesus. Come be inspired by Joe's engaging blend of faith, reason, and Catholic apologetics. Get your tickets today at https://spiritcatholicradio.com/joe/! Catch Catholic Answers Live weekdays at 5 PM CT on Spirit Catholic Radio at 102.7 FM in Omaha.

Sidewalk Advocacy Training—Catholic Charities Building, Omaha, November 7



Volunteer to be a Sidewalk Advocate and help save lives. Join this training on Saturday, November 7 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Catholic Charities Building (9223 Bedford Ave, Omaha). This peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding approach seeks to meet a woman entering an abortion clinic with the help and resources she needs to choose life! Come join us! Registration fee of $15 covers training materials and lunch. To register or for more information send an email to LifeSidewalk@gmail.com. Students (high school and above) and clergy are free.

OACCW Fall Meeting—St. Joseph, Pierce, November 10



All women are invited to the OACCW (Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women) Meeting on Tuesday, November 10 at St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish Hall (118 W Willow St, Pierce). Registration of $10 includes coffee, rolls, and lunch. The Executive Meeting begins at 9:30 AM followed by the OACCW Meeting at 10 AM. Mass and the Rosary will begin at 11:30 AM followed by lunch and our afternoon Speaker: Karen Marshall, "Shrines on the way to 2026 NCCW Convention" (West Bend Grotto, IA; Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine- Lacrosse, WI; Our Lady of Champion Shrine, WI), followed by Commission Reports. Please join us for a day of spirituality with our sisters in Christ as we live our 102nd Convention Resolution to "Blaze Boldly In the Darkness." Looking forward to seeing you. RSVP encouraged by November 1 for lunch count to Karen Marshall OACCW President via email at karenlmars@gmail.com or text to 402-841-8526.

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