

# ABUNDANT HARVEST

INSPIRING LABORERS FOR OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 7, 2021



*5th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*“Lord, teach us to pray.”*

A BULLETIN FOR THE PARISHES OF  
ST. LAWRENCE, ST. ROSE OF LIMA, & ST. PATRICK FREMONT

# MASS INTENTIONS

## Monday, February 8

- 6:30 am † Ima Jean and Melvin Dinslage
- 12:00 pm Living and deceased members of Cornelius Schmit family

## Tuesday, February 9

- 6:30 am † Poor Souls
- 12:00 pm † Dick McEntee  
Kochs

## Wednesday, February 10

- 6:30 am St. Patrick's Parishioners
- 12:00 pm † Robert Thew  
† Catherine Joyce
- 6:00 pm † (St. Rose) Poor Souls

## Thursday, February 11

- 8:15 am † Poor Souls
- 8:30 am † Larry Weinandt  
† Jane Soukup
- 2:00 pm † (Nursing home) Bo LaMar

## Friday, February 12

- 8:00 am † (St. Lawrence) Poor Souls
- 12:00 pm † Verlene Dohmen  
† Raymond McGill

## Saturday, February 13

- 8:00 am Living and deceased members of the Dostal family  
Living and deceased members of the Joe and Dolores McGill family
- 5:00 pm Living and deceased members of the Thomas and Vicki LaRocca family Parishioners

## Sunday, February 14

- 8:00 am † (St. Rose) Jim Buresh
- 8:00 am † Jane Soukup  
† Tom Micek
- 10:00 am † Robert and Alvina Kalisek  
† Dottie Gentrup
- 10:00 am † (at St. Lawrence) Ed & Dorothy Hurt
- 12:00 pm † Cipriano Salcido

## New Parishioners & Visitors

We are grateful you are here! In our parish cluster community, all families & individuals are welcome! Should you feel called to join, you may register as new members before or after Mass or at the parish office during regular business hours.

**Parish Business Office: (402) 721-6611**  
422 E 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025

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## MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS: 2/8/2021 - 2/14/2021

	<u>St. Patrick</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Rose</u>
<b>Monday</b>	6:30 am, 12:00 pm		
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:30 am, 12:00 pm		
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 am, 12:00 pm		6:00 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	8:15 am Bergan only, 8:30 am, 2:00 pm nursing home		
<b>Friday</b>	12:00 pm	8:00 am	
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00 am, 5:00 pm.		
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm	10:00 am	8:00 am

<u>Confessions</u>	<u>Weekdays</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
St. Lawrence	None	None	9:15 am - 9:45 am
St. Patrick	Mon-Wed 6-6:20 & 11:30-11:50 Friday 11:30-11:50	3:00 - 4:45 pm	9:15 - 9:45 am
St. Rose	None	None	11:15 - 11:45 am 7:30 am - 7:50 am



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# WELCOME HOME



## THE ABUNDANT HARVEST BY FATHER WALTER NOLTE

Lent will be here sooner than we realize. This Lent the three of us priests will speak to you at Mass about finding spiritual freedom through prayer with God. I will present a broader explanation of what this will look like in an upcoming letter to you.

Over the next few bulletins my column will be Armond Nigro's reflection on prayer entitled, "Prayer: A Personal Response to God's Presence." This article is widely used for men and women as they make retreats. I offer it to you as we prepare to begin our Lenten retreat together. This same article was offered to you two years ago, however, it will be a great refresher for us all to re-read it through the lens of our experiences since the pandemic began.

"We hear a great deal about Religious crisis, don't we? There are crises of authority and obedience, of Community life, of personal identity, of Religious poverty, etc. I am convinced that at the basis of it all is a crisis of faith. But there is no hope for improvement here unless individual persons begin to respond better to God in prayer. This is true, I think, both of lay people and of us religious.

"The single, most important conviction I want to share with you is that prayer is a personal response to God's presence. May I try to explain this?

"Either you and I are more important than God or God is more important than we are. The answer is obvious, isn't it? He is more important than we are. Further, if what God wants and does is more important than what we want or do, then more of our attention should be focused on what God is and does. Again, what God wants to say to us is more important for us than anything we may have to say to Him. And God does want to speak and communicate Himself to us.

"When prayer becomes too self-centered, even if it is centered upon noble and holy desires, if the focus of our prayer is I, me, or my, we are going to be in difficulty.

"Prayer is a personal response to God's presence. This means that God first makes Himself present to us. Prayer is our awareness and acknowledgment of God's presence. It is what God does to us, rather than anything we do. St. John reminds us that genuine love means first of all not that we love God (which may or may not be true), but that God first loves us. His love for us is more important than our love for Him. He wants and appreciates and is grateful for our love; but since His love for us is more important than our love for Him, His love deserves more of our attention.

"It seems to me that there are three aspects of genuine prayer that we should keep in mind. First of all, if prayer is a personal response to God's presence, then, the beginning of prayer is to be aware of that presence, simply to acknowledge it, to be able to admit: 'Yes, God my Father, You do love life into me. Yes, You love life and being into the things around me and into all that comes into my senses. You love talents and these longings into me,' etc. The focus is on God and what God does.

"I want to make a distinction. I know that the terms meditation and prayer are used interchangeable and that they are used differently by different authors. By religious meditation I mean thinking about God or what God does or about anything good, holy, or pious; but this is not prayer. When I am thinking about you, you are the focal point of my thoughts, but that is not communication with you. Prayer is a person-to-person communication with God. If I am thinking about God or the life of Christ and what he has done, that is holy, meritorious, good and helpful for prayer, but it is not essentially prayer. Prayer is when 'He' becomes 'You', when I say, 'Yes, God my Father, You love life into me,' When I say to myself, 'God loves life into me,' that is meditation. Do you see how I am using the words? When there is a You-I relationship with the Father, Son and Spirit, I call this response genuine prayer. If there is a consideration of what He is and does, but not a You-I relationship, it may be helpful, good and holy, but it is not essentially prayer."

Armond M. Nigro S.J.

# WORDS OF MERCY

## "HEALING—TODAY'S CULTURE OF DISBELIEF" BY FR. BILL CREMERS

We saw last week that the early Church truly experienced signs and wonders in the name of Jesus and that all who were baptized could experience this. Yet we recognize that we don't regularly have that same experience in today's world. Why is this the case?

In today's culture, it has become easy to be discouraged in God's power to heal. One possible reason is that with the great advance of science and medicine over the past couple of centuries, as amazing and necessary as this is, the temptation is to take our eyes off of God and focus on our own control. Many societal movements like the Enlightenment, Industrial Revolution, and rampant secularism have contributed to a culture of disbelief. Therefore, when we don't immediately see miracles as we pray for, instead of growing in trust in God and continuing to pray fervently, this culture leads us to doubt His love easily. Thus, we live in a world where many equate prayer with "wishful thinking" and are afraid that prayer will offend non-believers. All of this culture of fear is Satan's handiwork, and we need to be reminded by St. Paul: "For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control" (2 Tim 1:7). It is through healing that God desires to wake up the world to His love; in these next weeks, we will explore ways we can follow this call.



## BOOK REVIEW

### HEALING: BRINGING THE GIFT OF GOD'S MERCY TO THE WORLD - MARY HEALY

The early Church grew despite opposition, persecution and the demand to not teach in the name of Jesus. Today we experience the pressure to privatize our faith. The believers' in the early Church responded by praying together for more confidence to preach the gospel with signs and wonders. They did not pray for their persecutors to be defeated or for their safety. They understood the need for a greater zeal, increased faith, courage and healings to witness to gospel they preached. The strength in praying together was confirmed when "the place in which they were gathered together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness" (Acts 4:31). Should we not do the same today amid our trials? Would not people today be more inclined to believe in our loving God if they witnessed miraculous healings as we share the good news of Jesus Christ?



### MASS READINGS

Remember the small prayer book that had the Sunday Mass readings but not the weekday readings? Well, the parish has found a similar book with both Sunday and weekday Mass readings for your own personal use. The cost is \$5.00 each. If you would like a copy, please stop by the parish office and pick up one for yourself.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Join Dr. Tim Gray and special guest, Curtis Martin, Founder & CEO of FOCUS, for a Special One-Hour Episode of *The Augustine Institute Show!*

## PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR LENT



Tuesday, February 16 - Mardi Gras!

7:00 p.m. EST (6:00 pm CST)

*This special episode will be broadcast live for all to watch on*

*FORMED.org.*



### STEAK FEED

St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Scribner will be holding their annual steak feed on **Sunday, March 21** from **11:00 - 1:30 pm**. The cost is \$10 per meal. Meals will be available to-go. Please watch this space for more information!

## Prayer Intentions

*Please pray for those who are serving in the military, especially:*

SSG Anthony Allen, Pvt. Angie Bernal, Staff Sgt. Jared S. Carnahan, Staff Sgt. Keegan Dahlhauser, PO 3 Nicole Gregory, TSgt Robert Harms, LCDR Chad Harris, SSgt Dane Kolter, SSgt Jeremy Kleespies, Capt. Tyler Mach, TSgt. Jamison Mitz, SGT Constance Oberg, PV2 Jack O'Neil, Coast Guard Bo Partsch, Command Sgt. Major Bryan Pfeifer, SSgt. Daniel Primm, SSgt Jeremiah Rezac, Sgt. Jordan Rock, Sgt. Nathan Schueth, STT Sgt. Michael Smith, SMSgt Tony Uhlik, Sgt. Jourdan Winterstein, Sgt. Logan Winterstein, Sgt. Zachary Zengewald.

# CHOIRS

You are invited to sing in one of our choirs at St. Patrick's Church, which will be starting as of March 1st. The choirs will be socially distanced and maintain mask wearing to keep the safety of our members a priority. The decline of COVID numbers and the rise in vaccinations has contributed to our optimism that we will be able to resume making "a joyful noise unto the Lord," Psalm 100!

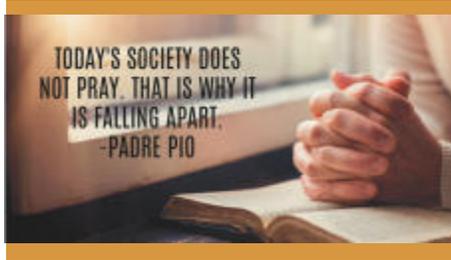
**New Life Funeral Choir** - This choir provides singing for funerals at St. Patrick's Church. There will be no rehearsals at this time to assist in safety precautions for all participating, and members of the choir will report to the pews near the choir area right before the funeral begins. Please contact Colette Robinson ([robinbudco@hotmail.com](mailto:robinbudco@hotmail.com)) for more information.

**Easter Choir** - This choir will sing 3 and 4 part choral music for Easter services. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday evening, March 3rd at 6:30 p.m. in the choir area near the grand piano and will continue every Wednesday evening through Easter. Please consider joining us to make our Easter celebrations more special during this difficult time! Please (cont. on page 7)



# Formation Highlights

FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN



**PADRE PIO'S POWERFUL WORDS** of advice when a pandemic hit Italy: *During the summer of 1918, Italy was hit hard by the Spanish flu, forcing schools to close down and local businesses to halt. It was a scary time to be alive, as everyone appeared to get infected by this wild virus. Many were frightened by this sudden turn of events, and in Italy they turned to Padre Pio. By September, everyone in San Giovanni Rotondo seemed to be ill, the schools were closed, and what little commerce there was in town was brought to a halt. In the next couple months, two hundred people from a population of ten thousand would perish. Padre Pio's spiritual daughters came to him terrified, begging him to save them. "Never fear," he assured Nina Campanile. "Put yourself under the protection of the Virgin, do not sin, and the sickness will not overcome you." Although some of the "daughters" fell ill, none of them died.* By Philip Kosloski, reprinted from Aleteia on 1/29/21.

## MEN, WOMEN AND THE MYSTERY OF LOVE—DR. ED SRI

This updated edition of Edward Sri's meditation on Pope John Paul II's *Love and Responsibility* includes new chapters for singles and engaged couples and more stories of people whose lives have been transformed by Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Dr. Edward Sri is an author, well-known Catholic speaker and professor of theology at the Augustine Institute in Colorado. He is the content director for the series *Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained and Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage*.

"Sri offers sensible, nuanced guidance on some of the trickiest aspects of relationship between the sexes." - **Colleen Carroll Campbell**

"Compellingly reveals that the relationship that society considers healthy regularly fall far short of God's plan for us." - **Dr. Ray Guarendi**

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## SAINT HIGHLIGHT

**FEBRUARY 8 – ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN**

Slavery has been outlawed in the United States since the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment was ratified in 1865. It was abolished in 1888 in Brazil and in 1926 by the League of Nations. In 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, including the article: "No one shall be held in slavery or servitude; slavery and the slave trade shall be prohibited in all their forms."

So what does this have to do with today's saint? She was a slave. Bakhita, which means "fortunate", was born about 1869 in southern Sudan, kidnapped at the age of seven, and sold several times as a slave. In 1883 she was sold to the Italian consul in Sudan and two years later "given" to his friend from Italy. She then became a babysitter to the friend's daughter, joining the Church in 1890, taking the name Josephine. When the friend wanted to take his daughter and Josephine back to Africa, Josephine refused, and the case went to court. The

Patriarch of Venice and the Canossian sisters intervened and the judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, Josephine had been free since 1885! She joined the Canossian Sisters in 1893 and remained with them as gatekeeper for a compound that included a kindergarten, orphanage, recreational center, and school until her death in 1947.

St. Josephine Bakhita had many owners, but only one Master. She wrote, "Seeing the sun, the moon, and the stars, I said to myself: who could be the Master of these beautiful things? And I felt a real desire to see him, to know him and to pay him homage." God is our master, but one who has set us completely free by saving us from sin through Jesus Christ. We are blessed beyond all telling!

If you want to read more about the saints, go to Mr. Mueting's Saint Weblog at [mrmuetingsaints.blogspot.com](http://mrmuetingsaints.blogspot.com).

## PARISH POST ITS

Welcome to Parish Post Its!  
Here, we share those mini bits of important info.

### ST. PATRICK YOUTH FORMATION ON FACEBOOK

Check out the wonderful things our youth are doing on Facebook. Go to "St. Patrick's Youth Formation" page and check us out!

### COMMUNITY BENEFIT

You are invited to a Community Benefit for Dan Mowinkel, a former Logan View teacher who is recovering from a serious case of Covid-19. A Drive-by Sloppy Joe To-Go meal will be held on Sunday, February 21 from 10:30 am 1:30 pm at the Uehling Auditorium. A free-will donation will be taken.

# WEEK IN REVIEW



## St. Rose of Lima Highlights

The next parish council meeting for St. Rose will be on **April 8** at 6:00 pm. **The February 11 meeting has been cancelled.**

St. Lawrence is having a Valentine's Day Breakfast on Sunday, February 14 after the 10:00 am Mass. It will be held in the St. Lawrence church basement.



## St. Lawrence Highlights

The next parish council meeting for St. Lawrence will be on **March 11** at 6:00 pm in the parish hall.

## Service Organization News

### CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

The Catholic Daughter fiscal year begins June 1 and runs through May 31 of the following year. We are in the current fiscal year 20/21. Dues for June 1, 2021 running thru May 31, 2022 will be payable June 1-30, of 2021. Dues are \$25.00 a year.

A quorum of members is needed in order to hold a membership meeting. A quorum consists of a **minimum** of 5 members and 3 officers. The February meeting is scheduled for the 15th in the Brides Room with **NO** soup supper. Face coverings will be required.

Would you like additional information concerning Catholic Daughters? Please contact either Cheryl Lucht at 402-740-1186 or Helen Mann at 402-727-1650.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Regular Business Meeting will be Tuesday, February 9th, in Delaney Hall. Social begins at 6PM with meeting starting at 7:30PM.

Field Agent Craig Pfeifer is now serving our Council and can be reached at 402-992-1156.

Our first Fish Fry will be on Friday, February 19th. It will be drive through take-out only. Watch for further details.

## Prayer Intentions

*Please pray for those who are not well and have asked for our prayers, especially:*

Cody Chapman, Aiden Church (grandson of Dan and Algene Mueller), Katie Duran, Ryan Heywood, Jace Knoell, Steph Leonard, Eileen McDermitt (daughter of Coletta Pfeifer, sister of Shirley Allen), Lilah Newton (granddaughter of Terry and Colette Kroeten), Chad Parr, Don Parr (brother of Helen Fosmer), Ralph Parr (brother of Gilbert Parr), Tracy Parr, Coletta Pfeifer, Jackie Rock, Julie Rohlfs, Shirley Sjuts, Terry Spale (brother of Fred Spale), Cheri Uhlik (sister-in law of Joe Uhlik) and Ruth Caddy Vyhldal.

*If you want your name to remain on the list for MARCH, please call the parish office at (402)721-6611 during the last week of February, to confirm that your name should be left on the list.*

## Praying for Our Community



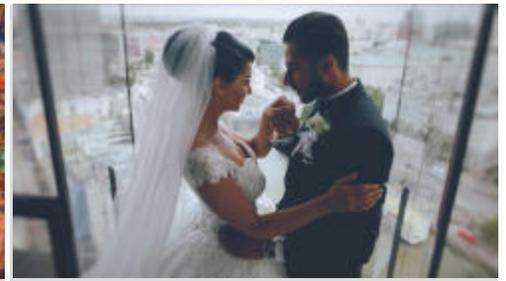
### Baptisms

- Classes in English are held the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 - 11:30 am in the Welcome Center. Classes in Spanish are held from 9:00 - 11:30 am on the third Saturday. Call to register at least a week prior to the class. Baptisms may be scheduled after the class is completed.



### Passed Souls

- ✠ **Sandra Dohmen, 59**, died January 31, 2021.



### Weddings & Anniversaries

- The Archdiocese of Omaha requires that couples contact the parish at least 8-12 months before the wedding date. Marriage prep classes will begin 6-8 months prior to the wedding date. Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

# PARISH LIFE

## Archbishop Bergan Catholic Lunch Menu

**Monday, February 8:** Ham & Au gratin potatoes, vegetable, fruit, dinner roll, milk  
**Tuesday, February 9:** Chicken friend chicken, cheese breadstick, vegetable, fruit, milk  
**Wednesday, February 10:** Beef and noodles, breadstick, vegetable, fruit, milk  
**Thursday, February 11:** Breaded beef patty on a bun, tator tots, vegetable, fruit, milk  
**Friday, February 12:** BBQ shredded pork sandwich, curly fries, fruit, milk

## VACCINE INFORMATION

Three Rivers Health Department, here in Fremont, is now taking registrations for individuals 75 years old or older who want the COVID-19 vaccine. To register, please go to the Three Rivers Health Department website and click on Covid-19 updates for further instructions. Again, this is for those individuals 75 years old or older.



**Next Sunday, February 7:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

**Monday, February 8:** Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday, February 9:** Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday, February 10:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday, February 11:** Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30

**Friday, February 12:** Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 13:** Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

**Next Sunday, February 14:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*(Bergan Events in italics)*

**Sunday, February 7**  
 -3:00 pm Spanish Charismatic Conference St. Patrick Auditorium

**Monday, February 8**  
 -4:30 pm *Middle School Wrestling @ North Bend*  
 -6:00 pm *Freshman Boys Basketball @ Blair*  
 -7:00 pm Boy Scouts Flynn Center

**Tuesday, February 9**  
 -4:00 pm *Middle School Girls Basketball Tournament @ Bergan Gym*  
 -6:00 pm *JV Girls Basketball @ Oakland*  
 -6:00 pm Knights of Columbus Meeting Delaney Hall  
 -7:45 pm *Varsity Girls Basketball @ Oakland*

**Wednesday, February 10**  
 -10:00 am Psalms Bible Study Flynn Building  
 -6:30 pm RCIA Flynn Building  
 -6:30 pm Faith Formation Flynn Building  
 -6:30 pm Edge St. Patrick Auditorium  
 -6:30 pm Confirmation Class Fr. McGivney Room  
 -6:30 pm LifeTeen Flynn Building

**Thursday, February 11**  
 -8:15 am *Mass @ Bergan Gym*  
 -4:00 pm *Middle School Girls Basketball Tournament @ SPA*  
 -6:00 pm *Middle School Wrestling @ Bergan*

**Friday, February 12**  
 -4:30/4:30/6:00/7:30 pm *JV Girls/JV Boys/Var. Girls/Var. Boys Basketball @ Neuman* Delaney Hall  
 -5:30 pm Men on Fire Retreat

**Saturday, February 13**  
 -8:00 am *Speech @ Humphrey*  
 -9:00 am Men on Fire Retreat Delaney Hall  
 -9:00 am *Middle School Girls Basketball @ Arlington*  
 -9:15 am *Freshman Boys Basketball Tournament @ Columbus Scotus*  
 -10:30 am *Wrestling Districts @ Battle Creek*  
 -6:00 pm *JV Boys Basketball vs. GACC @ Bergan*  
 -7:45 pm *Varsity Boys Basketball vs. GACC @ Bergan*

**Sunday, February 14**  
 -3:00 pm Spanish Charismatic Conference St. Patrick Auditorium

## LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

Tuesday, February 9	\$25	Frank Pollard
Friday, February 12	\$25	Lambert Kluthe
Sunday, February 14	\$25	Kimberlee Wand

*(cont. from page 5 - CHOIRS*  
 contact Mary Beth Hilbers  
 ([marybethhilbers@me.com](mailto:marybethhilbers@me.com)) for more information.

**New Voice Contemporary Group** - This choir sings contemporary Christian music for church services 1-2 times a month, and for special services like Confirmation. Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday evening, March 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the choir area near the grand piano. Please contact Mary Beth Hilbers ([marybethhilbers@me.com](mailto:marybethhilbers@me.com)) for more information.

**Help Needed:** If you attend Mass on the weekend, and are not serving as a minister, please consider serving as an usher. We are in dire need of ushers to take up the collection. Ushers will be using church offering baskets with long handles, as baskets cannot be passed around. Parents of altar servers, your help would be appreciated as well. If you are able to help, please come to the sacristy on Sunday mornings and speak to Joe Uhlík, or email [juhlik@stpatsfremont.org](mailto:juhlik@stpatsfremont.org) letting us know which Sundays/Mass time you could serve as an usher.

# FORMING OUR YOUTH

## FEASTING ON OUR FAITH

LORI KISBY

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH FORMATION

*“But He answered and said to them, “My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it.” Luke 8:21*

Since February is dedicated to the Holy Family, the following are activities you may want to do as a family...

- Pick one day to spend together doing family activities ONLY all day. This might include games, group prayer, outdoor fun, movie night or whatever your family loves best.
- For the Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita on February 8<sup>th</sup>, pray for the safety and strength for Christians living in parts of the world where it is not safe to be a Christian.
- Send Valentine’s Day cards to neighbors and family members who may not receive one otherwise. You could include heart shaped snacks or baked goods.
- Choose your favorite heart themed activity (crafting or baking) and decorate them with words that remind us of God’s love for everyone.
- Have a pancake dinner the night before Ash Wednesday (Feb. 16). This is known as Mardi Gras. Pancakes were a traditional dish for this day to use up things that weren’t allowed during Lent.
- Attend Mass on Ash Wednesday, which is February 17<sup>th</sup>. Wear your ashes out into the world as a witness of our faith.
- Choose a Lenten sacrifice to do as a family. Is there something your family can sacrifice to help another family?
- Consider donating what you might spend on a meal to a food pantry.
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> is the feast day of the Chair of Saint Peter. This is a good time to pray for our current pope, past popes and future popes.
- Enjoy the many blessings of your family!

## HOLY TRIVIA

Since February is dedicated to the Holy Family, here is a prayer you might want to pray as a family: Heavenly Father, Please a) \_\_\_\_\_ our families with Your b) \_\_\_\_\_ and protect us from harm. Give us grace to c) \_\_\_\_\_, strength to overcome the d) \_\_\_\_\_ we face, and keep us together when the e) \_\_\_\_\_ tries to pull us apart. In Jesus Name, Amen.



### PARENTS, PLEASE READ...

The following was written in the Safe Environment Newsletter from the Archdiocesan office....”Youth, both male and female, are being solicited on social media into suggestive “talk” through dating apps and messaging services with older men and women. Incidents of this have been reported in the Archdiocese! The scheme works by connecting with the person via social media or word of mouth among the kids about how easy money can be made by “talking” to these older adults. As you can imagine this “talking” is not innocent repartee. Many times this leads to in-person meeting and exploitation. The best way to help your child avoid this is by having an honest and frank conversation with your child about responsible social media usage and by making sure you know what apps and social media platforms your child uses.”



### CONFIRMATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES NEEDED

Between all three parishes, we have over 50 Confirmation Candidates who are eager to provide service to the church, community and family. Youth have already given of their time by helping to clean out Flynn, painting crosses and organ posts as well as assembling packages for the homebound. If YOU would like to have a confirmation youth help you with any type of project, please contact Lori Kisby at [lkisby@stpatsfremont.org](mailto:lkisby@stpatsfremont.org) or 402-721-6611 ext 15. She will take your request and ask the candidates who is able to complete your task. Thank you so much!

## YOUTH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT

### THANKS TO OUR FAITH FORMATION VOLUNTEERS

We want to give a “shout out” to our many Faith Formation volunteers at St. Patrick, St. Lawrence and St. Rose. Every Wednesday night, at all three parishes, we have 51 volunteers who give of their time and share their faith with our youth. Several catechists have given of their time for over 20 years! Whether it is teaching, listening to prayers or leading our high school youth in their faith journey, THANK YOU, for guiding our youth in their relationship with Jesus!



### HOLY TRIVIA ANSWERS

- a) bless
- b) love
- c) forgive
- d) difficulties
- e) world

# STEWARDSHIP

## STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHT

### MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS:

\$50 to St. Patrick Catholic Church in memory of Gene Steffensmeier; \$160 to St. Patrick Catholic Church in memory of Frank Sopinski



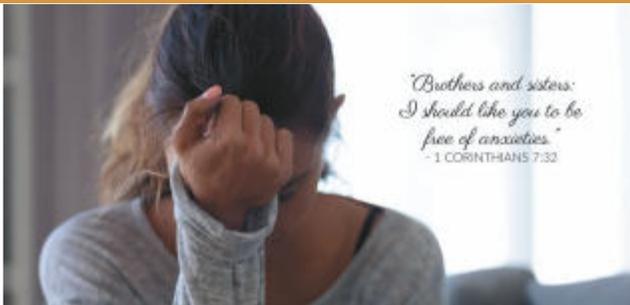
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### Parish Financial Summary

	St. Lawrence	St Patrick	St Rose
Sunday Collections 1/23/21 - 1/29/21 *Excludes Christmas donations	\$519	\$32,863	\$475
Average Weekly:			
7/1/20 - 01/29/21	\$586	\$23,824	\$771
7/1/19 - 01/22/20	\$748	\$27,455	\$698
% Change	-21.6%	-13.2%	10.5%
Surplus/(deficit) at 12/31/2020 a: excludes cemetery b. Includes Bergan	(\$3,468)a	(\$3,769)b	\$6,798

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

1/25/2021	St. Lawrence	St. Patrick	St. Rose
Parish Goal	\$3,045	\$97,420	\$1,823
Commitments	\$1,960	\$80,671	\$2,445
% of Goal	64.4%	82.8%	134.1%
Participation	28.1%	14.4%	31.1%
Particip. Goal	46.6%	19.9%	31.0%



### 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."*  
- 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

## BERGAN BLOCK

### Door Decorating Contest Winners!

Mrs. Megan, ECEC

Mrs. N, Elementary

Mr. Mlnarik, MS/HS



### MICHAEL VANEK, CAMPUS MINISTRY

In the past few weeks Bergan's Campus Ministry team has given a retreat to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders, decorated the High School for Catholic Schools Week, praying a decade of the Rosary at the end of each day over the intercom, and are looking forward to the 10<sup>th</sup> grade retreat in March. In all of these activities I'm so grateful for the support of so many families and the support of the whole parish. While I can sometimes get cynical and frustrated as a teacher, especially this past year, I am reminded every day of the great things that God is doing in these young people's lives. I know that the work and time we spend is building up the future of the Church. It's a great day to be a Bergan Knight! Thank you again for your prayers and support.

# OUR COMMUNITY

## BERGAN MUSIC DEPARTMENT SPAGHETTI DINNER

**Saturday, February 20 5:00 - 6:30 pm**

\*Car side, Pre-orders, Take out - \$9.00  
Delaney Hall, St. Patrick Church

**Sunday, February 21 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

\*Car side, Pre-orders, Take out - \$9.00  
Delaney Hall, St. Patrick Church

### DINE-IN

**Sunday, February 21 10:30 am - 2:00 pm**  
Delaney Hall, St. Patrick Church

Meal includes: spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert  
Ages 2 - 5 years: \$5.00  
Ages 6 - adult: \$9.00  
Under 2 eat free

Quart jars of sauce for sale: \$18

Pre-order: <https://forms.gle/qg6d9z9R4nwL2hE5A>

\*Car side orders available on-site, south door



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Dine-in will also be available on Sunday, February 21 from 10:30 to 2, at Delaney Hall at St Patrick's Church. (No need to pre-order for Dine-in; form is for take-out only.)

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"Never have I ever known that I was a son and experienced the love of the Father like this weekend. It has just washed and washed and washed over me."

"It was inspirational and it gave me the desire to live more fully in the Lord... about living on fire - I was greatly inspired and desire to live my life on mission for the Church."

"Watching the fathers pray over their sons... I felt my father, who is now with God the Father, both saying they were well pleased with me..."

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