

ABUNDANT HARVEST

INSPIRING LABORERS FOR OUR LORD

DECEMBER 5, 2021



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CAPTURED

Why is everything so obviously messed up?

Jesus, we are sorry for turning away from you in sin. We have been captured by Satan's lies time and time again, and we are sick in despair of being deceived. Only You can rescue us – only You can break us free from this prison of sin. Redeem us by Your overwhelming love!

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 6

6:30 am † Donald Herout
Sendgraff family

12:00 pm † Andy Mruz
Sendgraff family

Tuesday, December 7

6:30 am † Karen Moore

7:00 pm St. Pat's Women
† Willard Best and Coni McNary

Wednesday, December 8

6:30 am † Bonnie London

8:30 am † Rich Anderson

12:00 pm † Lowell & Joan Henggeler
† Edwin and Ann Meister

7:00 pm (Bilingual) Parishioners

7:00 pm † (St. Lawrence) Poor Souls

Thursday, December 9

8:30 am † Denis and Dar Reeson

2:30 pm † (Nye Pointe) Paul Meister

Friday, December 10

8:00 am † (St. Lawrence) Poor Souls

12:00 pm Communion Service

Saturday, December 11

8:00 am Living and deceased members of
Gentru family

† Verlene Dohmen

5:00 pm † Jim Gebert & Jim McMahon

† Irma Dostal

Sunday, December 12

8:00 am Living and deceased members of the
John B. & Virginia Kreikemeier family

† Jan (Johnson) Bedient

8:00 am † (St. Rose) Bill Kraus

10:00 am (St. Lawrence) Parishioners

10:00 am † Jane Soukup

Koch family

12:00 pm † Almas de Purgatorio

† Maria Concepcion Gonzalez

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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

Mailing address: 422 E 4th Street, Fremont, NE 68025

Archbishop Bergan Middle School and High School: (402)721-9683

Archbishop Bergan Elementary School: (402)721-9766

For sacramental emergencies, please call (402)810-0986

www.stpatsfremont.org

New Members

None at this time

MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS: 12/6/2021 - 12/12/2021

	<u>St. Patrick</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Rose</u>
Monday	6:30 am and 12:00 pm,		
Tuesday	6:30 am and 7:00 pm		
Wednesday	6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Bilingual)	7:00 pm	
Thursday	8:30 am, 2:30 pm (Nye Pointe)		
Friday	12:00 pm (CS)	8:00 am	
Saturday	8:00 am, 5:00 pm		
Sunday	8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Spanish)	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 M, T, W -11:30-11:50	3:00 - 4:45 pm	9:15 - 9:45 am 11:15 - 11:45 am
St. Rose	None	None	7:30 am - 7:50 am

We love
having you as part of our Flock

Keep in touch with us
via email and text

Text
patrick
to 84576

OR

Visit us online at:

Flocknote.com/StPatsFremont



In addition to the Sunday bulletin (which you can access at www.stpatsfremont.org if you miss it going out of Mass), this is a regular email or text subscription that will keep you updated on important events and announcements at church. Just text the number below or visit the website to sign up at:
flocknote.com/stpatsfremont

Text your corresponding code below to 84576

St. Lawrence: law
St. Rose: roselim
St. Patrick: patrick



WELCOME HOME



THE ABUNDANT HARVEST BY FATHER WALTER NOLTE

Greetings,

I pray that you are well. I have missed being with you over these past two months. It's been difficult to be away from my parish family, however, I am certain that God has carved this time out for me. Typically, a priest is afforded a three month sabbatical for each ten years of priesthood. Not many priests, however, are able to take advantage of this generous offering simply because there are too few priests to cover all the needs of our Archdiocese, let alone provide coverage for a priest when he takes time away from his usual duties. Fortunately, we are blessed to have three priests who are able to cover the needs of our three parishes. This blessing allowed Father Mishek to take a thirty day silent retreat in July, for me to take my first sabbatical, and for Father Cremers to spend thirty days on retreat in the upcoming year. Thank you for your sacrifice in allowing each one of us to take the time we need to rest and be reinvigorated by God's love for us.

God has blessed me abundantly thus far and has been making His vision for our parish communities more clear. As you may recall, Archbishop Lucas commissioned every parish in the archdiocese to become missional within the next five years (Now, we have less than five years.) This commission is not solely the responsibility of the priests and the parish staff. It's the duty of every baptized member of our parish communities. It will be awesome to work together to bring Jesus more disciples. Praise God we have the Holy Spirit to assist us.

I have spent the past week with the Alleluia Community in Augusta, Georgia. No, its not a golfing community. It's ecumenical community rooted in living the faith and supporting each other in the journey. There are many families that live a covenantal relationship with each other and with the Lord. I am specifically drawn to how they go about family formation. As you know, Mother Church calls the family the Domestic Church. It's the first place we learn about God and how to be in relationship with Him. We then take that experience into the world with us. I believe the formation of the whole family is the key to parish communities growing together in holiness. Please continue pray that God will open my heart to what he wants me to receive while I am here and as I continue my time of prayer.

I would like you to ponder four words as you contemplate this task and as you settle into the season of Advent. Listen, watch, wait, and act are the four words. I will review the first two words in my column next week. For now, I invite you to ask the Father what he is saying to you about each word.

See you next year.

Fr. Nolte

A beautiful collection of **hand carved olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land**, will be for sale in the gathering area during the weekend of December 11-12. The profit goes to support 27 **Catholic Families** who made these articles in **Bethlehem and Jerusalem**. You are encouraged to stop by and support **our suffering Catholic Families in the Holy Land**.



ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

Sunday, December 5th: 1:45-2:30 pm

Thursday, December 9th at St.

Lawrence (Lawrence/Rose families):
6:00-8:00 pm

Sunday, December 12th: 3:00-5:00 pm

Sunday, December 19th: 3:00-5:00 pm

Wednesday, December 22nd: 7:00-9:00 pm

Fr. Nicholas will be in the chapel confessional, and Fr. Bill will be in the church confessional. Remember that we offer confessions a half-hour before each Mass, 3:00-4:45 p.m. on Saturdays, during the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Masses (except for November 27th), and during the noon Spanish Masses. (See the weekly schedule on page 2 of this bulletin)

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The Seven Sisters Apostolate serves in any parish with women who pledge to offer a Holy Hour exclusively for the pastor (or associate priest) once a week.

What I need to do?

- Commit to pray one hour of a specific day each week for a year (the time does not matter, only the day)
- Pray in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in adoration or in front of the tabernacle. (If for some reason that is not possible, pray where you can.)
- Offer the time only for the intention of the priest for whom you are assigned to pray.

For more information on this apostolate: <https://sevensistersapostolate.org> If you would like to fill this need, contact Jeanne Boesch at (402)720-3278. *If you are one of the Seven Sisters praying for Fr. Nick, please call Jeanne Boesch at (402)720-3278.*

ENCOUNTER CONFERENCE

Dec. 27 – 29, 2021

**Impartation * Healing * Encouragement
Worship * Signs * Wonders**

Monday, Dec. 27: 6 pm Worship,
7 pm Session 1

Tuesday, Dec 28: 9 am Session 2
7:30 pm Session 3

Wednesday, Dec. 29: 8:15 am Worship
9 am Session 4
7:30 pm Session 5

On-line registration \$59

Call the parish office to join us in the Family Room on Tuesday and Wednesday for the morning sessions.

Lunch and sharing included!

RSVP by Dec. 15th

Great Speakers: Fr. Mathias Thelan, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Peter Herbeck, Dr. Mary Healy, Damina Stayne, Leif Hetland, Patrick Reis, Barbara Heil, Matt Lozano, Dcn. Larry Oney, Fr. Boniface Hicks
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WORDS OF MERCY

"BACK TO THE BASICS: WE HAVE BEEN RESCUED" BY FR. NICHOLAS MISHEK

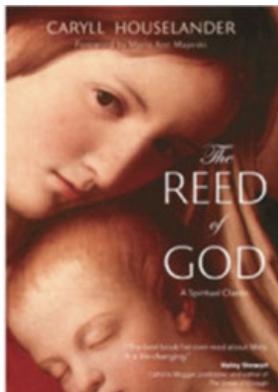
Our God and Father would not leave us in the grasp of the Devil. Throughout Salvation History He prepared Israel for the coming of the Savior, the Messiah. Various prophets spoke about a Messiah who would free us from our enemies. Not our political or worldly enemies, but our true enemies; the devil, sin, and death. What we could have never foreseen was that God himself would take on our human nature and **be** that promised Savior!

Since humanity, Adam and Eve broke off their relationship with God. Humanity needed to be the one to restore the relationship, but since the offense was beyond our power only God had the ability to restore it. In Jesus Christ, we find the perfect bridge between God and man allowing us to be fully reconciled with God. Jesus, being fully God, has the power to restore the relationship and Jesus, being fully Man, could be humanity's representative offering the perfect sacrifice to the Father on the cross. Jesus becomes the New Adam, the Cross becomes the new Tree of Life, and the Church becomes the New Eve.

BOOK REVIEW

THE REED OF GOD
BY CARYLL HOUSELANDER

Our Lady's fiat and Christ's last words of consent, "Father, into thy hands I commend My Spirit" both professed trust in the infinite love of the Father. Mary watched as they killed her Son, held His bruised and dead Body in her arms. Yet, she believed the Father's words, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (pg. 34-35.) Mary consented to all that would happen in her life not just bearing Christ at birth and then to the world but to His death also. We are also Christbearers and must receive all as coming from the Father's hand. To trust even when we do not understand. God asks this courageous love of us. A love that sets no conditions. In all the demands made on Mary: registration at Bethlehem near the time of Christ's birth, standing at the foot of the Cross, watching the rejection of her Son, she never asked to be relieved of the suffering. She believed God had a reason. Those that follow Mary in her example of patience, obedience and humility will also bear Christ to the world.



LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

Tuesday, December 7	\$25	Shelli McVaney
Wednesday, December 8	\$250	Amy Sellon
Thursday, December 9 (St. Patrick Special Day - Church Dedication Anniversary)	\$500	Sarah or Derek Divis
Friday, December 10	\$25	David Steffensmeier
Sunday, December 12	\$25	Nicholas Fuchser



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, 2LT Brandon Kreikemeier, 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.

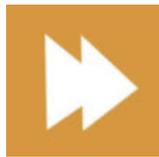
PRAYERS

Prayer Intentions

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

Tess Bartlett (cousin of Ron Hirsch), Dolores Bose, Bernardine Buresh, Cody Chapman, Terry Chapman, Mirna Chinchilla (riend of Teresa Solis), Sandy & Tyler Chromy, Aiden Church (grandson of Dan and Algene Mueller), Jeanette Driscoll (sister of Greg Tomrdle), Carmen Dufek (mother of Mary Ann Snelson), Sylvia Evert (friend of Linda Heggemeyer), Patty Foxhoven, John Gibney, LaDonna Grosse, Rita Grosse, Stella Guthmann, John Kienny, Eileen McDermit (sister of Shirley Allen), Lilah Newton (granddaughter of Terry Kroeten), Evelyn Peplinski, David Polzin, Alicia Rhea, Jackie Rock, Arliss Schmoltd Wassenberg (cousin of Greg Tomrdle), Donna Sievers, Shirley Sjuts, Jeff Snelson (brother of Mark Snelson), Joe Svoboda, Chase Taylor (grandson of Denise Taylor), Connie Thomas, Dan Thomas, John Uhlik and Ruth Caddy Vyhldal

If you want your name to remain on the list for January, please call the parish office at (402)721-6611 by Wednesday, December 22 to confirm that your name should be left on the list.



Formation Highlights

FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN

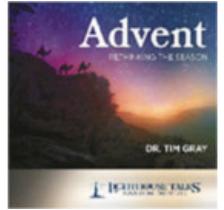


Social Concerns is collecting SIGNED Christmas cards from parishioners to send to our 120 nursing facility residents and homebound. You do not need to address to a specific resident or homebound parishioner. Please return your SIGNED Christmas cards to the parish office by Sunday, Dec. 5th.

If you like to cook & want to share your joy of cooking with the priests & parish staff, please consider signing up to bring a simple appetizer or small dessert for "Small Bites, Big Thanks" on the second Thursday of each month. The next dates are Thursdays, Dec 9 and January 13th around 11:00 a.m. The Sign Up Genius link with all info is: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignUp/30e0d49a5ab2da7f94-small> OR email Mary at pmglow1@gmail.com.

ADVENT: RETHINKING THE SEASON CD - DR. TIMOTHY GRAY

Advent is an odd season. Unlike most other seasons, it's a season that isn't about itself, but is instead about preparing for Christmas. But that reality often gets lost in the shuffle and stress of trying to find all the right gifts, decorations, and dinner ingredients. Dr. Tim Gray uses storytelling and the readings of the Old Testament to explain that we need to live the 'pre-season' of Advent well, so we can be prepared to welcome and receive the greatest gift God the Father wants to give us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.



****available at the kiosks outside the Chapel and Welcome Center****



SAINT HIGHLIGHT: DECEMBER 9 - ST. JUAN DIEGO CUAUHTLATOATZIN: HOLY MAN

On 9 December 1531, when Juan Diego was on his way to morning Mass, the Blessed Mother appeared to him on Tepeyac Hill, the outskirts of what is now Mexico City. She asked him to go to the Bishop and to request in her name that a shrine be built at Tepeyac, where she promised to pour out her grace upon those who invoked her. The Bishop, who did not believe Juan Diego, asked for a sign to prove that the apparition was true. On 12 December, Juan Diego returned to Tepeyac. Here, the Blessed Mother told him to climb the hill and to pick the flowers that he would find in bloom. He obeyed, and although it was winter time, he found roses flowering. He gathered the flowers and took them to Our Lady who carefully placed them in his mantle and told him to take them to the Bishop as "proof". When he opened his mantle, the flowers fell on the ground and there remained impressed, in place of the flowers, an image of the Blessed Mother, the apparition at Tepeyac." (vatican.va) Pope St. John Paul II, when he canonized St. Juan Diego in 2002, said: "Happy Juan Diego, true and faithful man! We entrust to you our lay brothers and sisters so that, feeling the call to holiness, they may imbue every area of social life with the spirit of the Gospel. Bless families, strengthen spouses in their marriage, sustain the efforts of parents to give their children a Christian upbringing. Look with favor upon the pain of those who are suffering in body or in spirit, on those afflicted by poverty, loneliness, marginalization or ignorance. May all people, civic leaders and ordinary citizens, always act in accordance with the demands of justice and with respect for the dignity of each person, so that in this way peace may be reinforced." (vatican.va). If you want to read more about the saints, go to Mr. Muetings' Saint Weblog at mrmuetingsaints.blogspot.com

PARISH POST ITS

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

CATECHIST NEEDED

We are in need of a First grade catechist for Faith Formation. If you believe God is calling you to this position, please call Lori Kisby at (402)721-6611, ext. 15, or email her at: lkisby@stpatsfremont.org.

REMINDER FOR ALL FAMILIES OF UPCOMING CONFESSION TIMES:

- Sunday, December 5th: 1:45-2:30 p.m. (5th grade families)
- Thursday, December 9th at St. Lawrence: 6:00-8:00 p.m. (Lawrence/Rose families)
- Sunday, December 12th: 3:00-5:00 p.m. (6th and 7th grade families)

WEEK IN REVIEW



St. Rose of Lima Highlights

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The St. Rose Ladies Guild will hold their Christmas party on December 12 in the church basement. Social hour will begin at 5:30 pm, with a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm. Games and a gift exchange will follow. All ladies of the parish are invited.



ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Jesus calls us to be alert to the opportunities to be His disciples, His witnesses and share His love. Your participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is an extension of our call to discipleship in our parish. Every gift matters. To date, our donors have committed **\$1,455** towards our goal of **\$2,130**. Please help us reach our participation goal of **31%**.



St. Lawrence Highlights

RESCUED

Join us on Monday evenings throughout Lent for a book study of "Rescued" by Fr. John Riccardo. We will meet in the St. Lawrence basement at 6:30 p.m., with a book discussion between 6:30-7:00 and adoration between 7:00-7:30. Books are available for a \$7 donation. Snacks will be provided by the Women's Guild. All from our local area are invited to attend when they are able!

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

We are most grateful to all our parishioners who have already made a gift intention to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Our parish has currently committed **\$3,840** towards our goal of **\$3,188**, with **26.79%** of our members participating. If you have not taken the opportunity to make a gift, you may drop off your commitment form to the parish office or place it in the collection basket next weekend.

Service Organization News



CDA COURT QUEEN OF ANGELS #2253

It's finally here...Cookie Walk December 11th! See you there.

ST. PAT'S WOMEN

Life House: We provide the evening meal on the 1st, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of the month. If your last name begins with the letter **B**, you may be called to donate food for the meal.

Funeral Dinners: Chairpersons for November is Lynnette Sellon, (402)721-0168. Caller for desserts is Jean Bloom, (402)721-5965. She will be calling those whose last name begins with **K**.

A REMINDER

*2021-2022 Missallettes have arrived! If you ordered one, stop at the parish office to pick it up. We did order a few extra, so if you still want one, bring your \$5 to the office!

Praying for Our Community



Baptisms

- Stop in the parish office to pick up the baptism application packet, and to register for the baptism class, which is offered on the second Saturday of each month, from 8:45 am - 10:30 am.



Passed Souls

- Tom Stover, 80**, passed away November 25, 2021.
- Colette Kroeten, 67**, passed away November 27, 2021.
- Joanne Rice, 76**, passed away November 27, 2021.



Weddings & Anniversaries

- The Archdiocese of Omaha requires that couples contact the parish at least 6 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 HIGH SCHOOL/ MIDDLE SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday, December 6: Cheeseburger, curly fries, vegetable, fruit, milk
Tuesday, December 7: Chicken alfredo, dinner roll, vegetable, fruit, milk
Wednesday, December 8: Mini corndogs, tri-tator, vegetable, fruit, milk
Thursday, December 9: Chicken fried chicken, cheese breadstick, vegetable, fruit, milk
Friday, December 10: Beef fiestada, vegetable, fruit, milk

ARCHBISHOP BERGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday, December 6: Cheeseburger, curly fries, veggie, fruit, milk
Tuesday, December 7: Chicken alfredo, dinner roll, fruit, veggie, milk
Wednesday, December 8: Mini corndogs, tri-tator, fruit, veggie, milk
Thursday, December 9: Chicken fried chicken, cheese breadstick, fruit, veggie, milk
Friday, December 10: Beef fiestada, fruit, veggie, milk



Sunday, December 5: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

Monday, December 6: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday, December 7: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 8: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 9: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 10: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 11: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday, December 12: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-1

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Bergan events in italics)

Sunday, December 5

-9:00 am
-3:00 pm
-4:30 pm
-6:00 pm

St. Rose Parish Family Christmas Brunch Potluck
Christmas Concert Grades K-3
Christmas Concert Grades 4-6
Christmas Concert Grades 7-12

St. Rose Church
Church
Church

Monday, December 6

-6:00 pm
-6:00 pm

Middle School Boys Basketball vs. Arlington
Freshman Boys Basketball @ Mt. Michael

Bergan

Tuesday, December 7

-6:00/7:45 pm

JV/Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Roncalli
Girls Basketball Parents Night

Bergan

-6:30 pm
-7:00 pm

Bible Study
Vigil Mass

Family Room
Church

Wednesday, December 8

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Masses at 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm at St. Patrick

-8:30 am
-6:30 pm
-7:00 pm

Mass
Stations for Faith Formation
Mass

Church
Delaney Hall
St. Lawrence

Thursday, December 9

-TBA

State One Act @ Johnny Carson Theater in Norfolk

Friday, December 10

-4:30 pm
-6:00 pm/7:45 pm

Wrestling @MVAO H.S. in Mapleton, Iowa
Var. Girls/Var. Boys Basketball vs. Brownell-Talbot

Bergan

Saturday, December 11

-8:00 am
-8:30 am
-8:45 am
-12:00 pm
-TBA
-TBA
-1:15/1:30/3:00/3:00 pm

ACT Test
Catholic Daughters Cookie Walk
Baptism Class
Market of Hope Art Event
MS (7th) Boys Basketball Tournament
MS (8th) Boys Basketball Tournament
JV Boys/Var. Girls/JV Girls/Var. Boys Basketball

Bergan
Delaney Hall
Welcome Center
Brides Room
GACC
GACC
Aquinas High School

-2:00 pm
-6:00 pm

Bethlehem Wood Carvings Sale
Knights of Columbus Christmas Party

Narthex
Delaney Hall

Sunday, December 12

All Morning
-12:00 pm
-1:00 pm

Bethlehem Wood Carvings Sale
Market of Hope Art Event
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Narthex
Brides Room
Delaney Hall

Christmas Environment Donations:

A lovely custom here at St. Patrick is to provide a Christmas/New Year's environment donation in memory of loved ones or as a family gift for decorating the church at Christmas time. If you would like to make a donation to help pay for the flowers, please complete this form and return it with your donation to the parish office at 422 E. 4th Street.

Name _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

FORMING OUR YOUTH

FEASTING ON OUR FAITH

LORI KISBY
DIRECTOR OF YOUTH FORMATION

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHT

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS:

\$240 to St. Patrick Choir in memory of Maria Hammang; \$50 to St. Patrick Catholic Church in memory of Kathleen Geaghan; \$25 to St. Patrick Catholic Church in memory of Tom Lutz; \$695 to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in memory of Tom Lutz; \$25 to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in memory of Duane Blowers; \$530 to St. Patrick Catholic Church in memory of Bob Gemar; \$510 to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in memory of Bob Gemar

**One Community
One Faith
One Future**

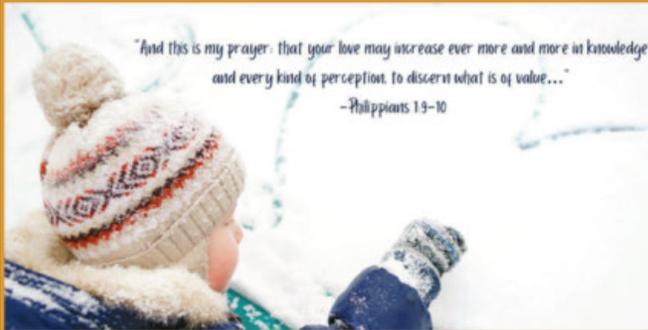


Parish Financial Summary

	St. Lawrence	St. Patrick	St. Rose
Sunday Collections 11/20/21 - 11/26/21	\$289	\$53,372	\$597
Average Weekly:			
7/1/21 - 11/26/21	\$689	\$25,631	\$1,136
7/1/20 - 11/26/20	\$510	\$22,133	\$742
% Change	35.1%	15.8%	53.2%
Surplus/(deficit) at 9/30/2021 a: excludes cemetery b: Includes Bergan	\$6,598a	(\$33,640)b	\$10,657

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL -ST. PATRICK

Jesus calls us to be alert to the opportunities to be His disciples, His witnesses and share His love. Your participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is an extension of our call to discipleship in our parish. Every gift matters. To date, our donors have committed **\$61,114** towards our goal of **\$107,741**. Please help us reach our participation goal of **19.9%** (currently at 10.27%).

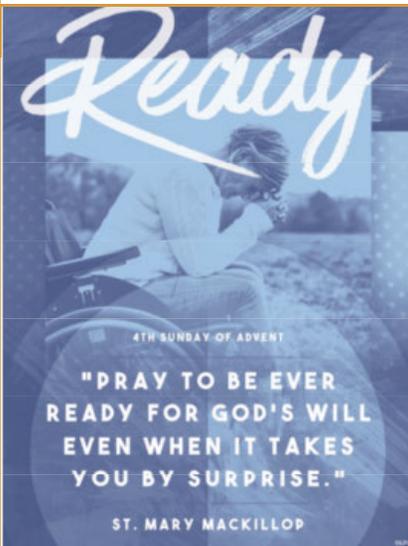


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

BERGAN BLOCK



MICHAEL VANEK, CAMPUS MINISTRY

Every year it seems like as soon as the dishes are done after Thanksgiving dinner we rush in to "getting ready" for Christmas. By "getting ready" I mean lights and decorations and trees. I do love a good Christmas tree, but the season of Advent is getting ready for Christmas in a different way: preparing our hearts for Christ to be born in us!

Now that all of our class retreats are done for this semester I remind the peer ministers and my theology students that we're called to fast, pray, and give to the poor during this Advent season to prepare. Obviously that's not nearly as fun as buying and wrapping presents, but the present that Christ has in store for us this Christmas is beyond our wildest dreams! For many of us, student or not, we have very busy lives and to deal with the stress we try to cram in fun and exciting things. Yet these things don't bring us the joy and peace we really want. Only Christ brings that joy and peace. So as we prepare our homes and check off our present lists, I encourage you, as I do with my students each day, to prepare your hearts.

HIGHLIGHTS

ADORATION

We have seen a remarkable acceptance of spending an hour with our Lord. We also have had a number of deaths recently in our parish of faithful adorers.

Please, please pray for these adorers as well as for yourselves. The evil one doesn't want this Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament to succeed. Please continue to pray for more adorers to come forward. It is vital that we have two or more adorers per hour.

Just a reminder that we will not expose the Blessed Sacrament from December 24 - January 2. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament again at 4:00 am on January 3. Thank you to all our adorers who take one hour out of their busy lives to spend with Jesus, and thank Him for the many gifts he has given to us all.

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