

ABUNDANT HARVEST

INSPIRING LABORERS FOR OUR LORD

DECEMBER 12, 2021



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

RESCUED

What, if anything, has God done about our world?

Jesus, thank you for your power and love! We rejoice with all of our souls and bodies in gratitude for freeing us from the prison of sin and shame. Like you did for Adam and Eve, you pull us from hell's grasp and place us in the heavens. Baptize us in the fire of your Holy Spirit, and may we have unshakeable confidence in you!

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 13

6:30 am † Art Bose

12:00 pm † Freda Wohlers

Living and deceased members of the Daniel Ortmeier family

Tuesday, December 14

6:30 am † Bud and Betty Iossi

12:00 pm Living and deceased Knights of Columbus

† Cheri Uhlik

Wednesday, December 15

6:30 am † Betty Vondenkamp

12:00 pm Parishioners

† Duane (Sam) Uher

Thursday, December 16

8:15 am † (Bergan only) Poor Souls

8:30 am † Michael Beacom

† Stephen and Michael Sok

2:30 pm † (Nye Square) Poor Souls

Friday, December 17

8:00 am † (St. Rose) Poor Souls

12:00 pm † Norbert & Elaine Dinslage

† Rosemary Benne

Saturday, December 18

8:00 am Living and deceased members of the Dostal family

† Gilbert Spinner

5:00 pm † Don and Vyiolette Doernemann

† Dale Kampschneider

Sunday, December 19

8:00 am Parishioners

† Tom Micek

8:00 am † (St. Rose) Poor Souls

10:00 am (St. Lawrence) Living & deceased members of the Camp and Daly families

10:00 am † Robert and Alvina Kalisek

† Vic & Lois Nielsen

12:00 pm † Poor Souls

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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

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New Members

None at this time

MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS: 12/13/2021 - 12/19/2021

| | <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 12:00 pm | | |
| Wednesday | 6:30 am and 12:00 pm | | |
| Thursday | 8:15 am (Bergan only), 8:30 am, 2:30 pm (Nye Square) | | |
| Friday | 12:00 pm | | 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, F -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 |

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having you as part of our Flock

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via email and text

Text
patrick
to 84576

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Visit us online at:

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



WELCOME HOME



THE ABUNDANT HARVEST BY FATHER WALTER NOLTE

"Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my chosen Son; listen to him.'" Luke 9:35

We will spend the next two weeks reflecting upon four words for us to contemplate during this season of Advent. The words are listen, watch, wait, and act. We begin each period of prayerful reflection of these words by inviting God to speak to our hearts. We can simply say, "Jesus, what does it mean to listen...to watch...to wait...to act?" We can then ask Him how we do this.

"Who is the better listener?" This is one of the first questions I ask couples who are seeking marriage in the Church. After they both answer I then ask them each to tell the other exactly how they define listening. It's important for them to have a common understanding of the word so that they can grow in their relationship with each other. Most couples settle on about the same definition as the rest. Listening does not mean being obedient to the other's request or suggestion. It means actively listening and hearing the words being spoken and not simply waiting for them to stop speaking. It requires respect for the other.

So, what then does it mean to **listen** to Jesus? It means spending time with Him in silence. It means closing down all the distractions of the world to the best of our ability so that we can be attentive to the still small voice of Jesus speaking to our hearts. It means being in relationship with the One who called us into being. He is always speaking. Unfortunately, we do not always recognize His voice. Time in silence with Him will make His voice and presence become more familiar to us.

"When he returned he found them asleep. He said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?'" Mark 14:37

The Advent season focuses our prayers and attention on keeping **watch** over our hearts so that we are prepared when the Messiah comes. The world offers us so many opportunities to get lost in our cares and anxieties that it becomes very easy to lose sight of the fulfilled promise contained in the Incarnation. It becomes very easy to believe that God has forgotten about us.

What are the signs you see during the day that point to a truth that you are not alone? What are the little things that happen for you just as they needed to happen for you? Things such as finding lost keys, an email or call from a friend, a damaged relationship mended, a beautiful sky, the smell of your Christmas tree, the giggle of a child, and so forth are simple expressions of God's love for us in the ordinary that become extraordinary when we elevate them in prayer by expressing our thanks to God for them. Expressing our gratitude to God is a simple way to keep watch over our hearts protecting them from attacks from the Enemy.

Practicing expressing our gratitude to God opens our eyes more and more to the little and great things He does for us on a daily basis. I pray that God will bless our hearts with the gift of gratitude so that we become vigilant disciples of the Lord.

Thank you for your continued prayers. I miss keeping watch with you for the goodness of the Lord in our parishes. This Sunday I will fly to Mexico City for a few days to visit Joshua (our adopted family) and to work alongside him with the poor in the dump and streets of the city. His life and the life of his family (and even generations to come) have been forever changed by your love for him.

As a reminder, we will no longer have a Noon Mass on Friday beginning on January 7. Our Mass times on Fridays will be 6:30 am at St. Patrick and 8:00 am at either St. Rose or St. Lawrence. Fr. Mishek takes Friday as his day off and this slight adjustment to the Mass schedule will make the day more manageable for Fr. Cremers and myself, especially when one of us two is away.

Have a blessed week of Advent.

ADVENT CONFESSION TIMES

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)

A BIG THANK YOU to the elementary school students, their families, and their teachers for the recent food drive they held to benefit our parish food pantry! A "mountain" of food was donated by the school families! Each week persons in need come to our parish office requesting a food box. With the school's donations we are able to provide them with food. We also give them information of other help they can access in our community. Thank you so much, your help is deeply appreciated.



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 ARE CALLED TO RESPOND" BY FR. NICHOLAS MISHEK

Jesus is the one who saves us from sin, but that does not mean we do not play a part. It is easy for us to go between two extremes: either we have to save ourselves and work for our salvation or Jesus takes care of it all and all we have to do is sit back. This goes against Jesus' words in the Gospel of Mark where He says "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15). The Greek word we translate as "repent" is the word "Metanoia." "Metanoia" means so much more than just being sorry. It literally means "a change in direction" of a person's thinking. It is a complete change of heart and mind. Jesus does not want us to look at His saving action and think "Oh, that was nice," or "Yes, I believe that is true." He wants that belief to transform every part of our life, and we have to let Him do that.

Saint Augustine captures this reality perfectly in his quote, "He who created us without our help will not save us without our consent." The gift of salvation is open to everyone, however in order to receive this gift we must follow Jesus on the road of discipleship. Christ invites us to a new life, but we are called to respond by having a "Metanoia" and changing our life completely.

Care Corps' LifeHouse Teaching Kitchen Drive 2021 Sponsored by RetirePath Advisors

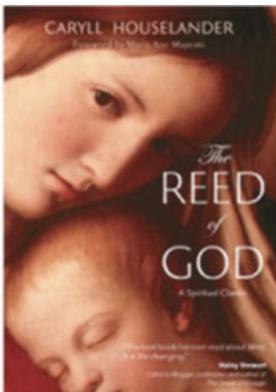
Care Corp LifeHouse serves all of Dodge County. The pantry has a large increase in demand increasing from 706 individuals served in 1st qtr. 2020 to 5,548 served in 2021 and has provided 104,559 meals to those most affected by poverty in Fremont & Dodge County. LifeHouse also services Scribner with a mobile pantry and is actively involved with Fremont's weekend backpack program. LifeHouse will be remodeling the existing building at 549 N H Street into a larger, more efficient food pantry. With the help of government funding, much of the food cost will be covered into next year. This year's drive will supply a 7-station teaching kitchen that will be added where patrons will attend life skills classes on using the pantry food, stretching their SNAP benefits through meal planning, and learning basic cooking skills.

Please consider supporting LifeHouse's new 7-station teaching kitchen by filling out the bulletin insert and returning it by Wednesday, Dec. 15th either in the collection baskets or to the parish office. Make checks payable to St. Patrick Church. Donations will be remitted to RetirePath Advisors. Thank you!

BOOK REVIEW

THE REED OF GOD BY CARYLL HOUSELANDER

Advent is the "season of the seed." The seed in the parable is the Word of God and the Kingdom of Heaven is described as a mustard seed (pg 41.) In looking to His Passion, Jesus warns, "... unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (John 12:24.) The seed that was to fall to the ground and die hid in Our Lady. Mary had nothing to offer but herself. Jesus asked for nothing else. Jesus asks us to offer ourselves to Him. As He grew in the silence of Mary's womb, Advent offers us this necessary silence of contemplation so He can form us. As Christ's growth in our lives may seem imperceptible, our faith sustains us and each moment becomes a prayer and a purification. Would our eyes look at evil, our hands do sloppy work, our ears listen to blasphemy or dirt or our heart fails to bear the burden of the love of God? This awareness will not lead to selfishness but an outward love for others – not an annoyance or distraction – but a living reminder of Christ's presence in us.



LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

| | | |
|----------------------|------|---------------|
| Tuesday, December 14 | \$25 | Judy Kizeor |
| Friday, December 17 | \$25 | Mick Brabec |
| Sunday, December 19 | \$25 | Linda Douglas |



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



Formation Highlights

FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN

Prayer Intentions

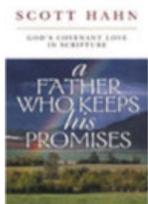
Please pray for those who are not well and have asked for our prayers, especially:

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 McDermitt (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.

A FATHER WHO KEEPS HIS PROMISES - SCOTT HAHN

In this book, the popular Catholic apologist Scott Hahn explores the "covenant love" God reveals to us through the Scriptures, and explains how God patiently reaches out to us - despite our faults and shortcomings - to restore us into relation with his divine Family. Hahn follows the adventure of God's plan for the ages, beginning with Adam and Eve and continuing down through the generations to the coming of Christ and the birth of the Church. Discover the patient love of the Father revealed in the Bible is the same persistent love he has for you.



** Available at the Kiosks near the Chapel and Welcome Center **

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

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 date is 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.



SAINT HIGHLIGHT: DECEMBER 13 - ST. LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR

If you are a fan of C. S. Lewis, you may remember one of the main characters in his classic, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, Lucy Pevensie. It was Lucy who brought the other Pevensie children to the magical land of Narnia and met its ruler, Aslan, the lion, who is an allegorical figure for Christ. She was the first to believe in Aslan and sometimes saw him when the rest didn't. The name Lucy is from the Latin word, "lux", meaning light. It is also the name of today's saint.

St. Lucy was one of the virgin martyrs mentioned in the Church's Eucharistic canon. She was born about 283 and died during the worst persecution of Christians in the early Church under the Emperor Diocletian in 304. After her father's death, her mother arranged for a marriage with a young man from a wealthy pagan family. However, St. Lucy had consecrated her virginity to God. Her dowry was distributed to the poor, but her betrothed objected and denounced her to the Governor of Syracuse, Sicily. Lucy was ordered to sacrifice to the emperor's image. Upon refusal, she was sentenced to be defiled in a brothel. When guards came to take her away, she was unmovable. She was then killed by a sword to her throat. According to some legends her eyes were gouged out, leading to her patronage of the blind.

So how does this relate to Lucy Pevensie? Both could SEE what others could not, Jesus, who said of himself: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (Jn 8:12). Both followed Jesus, one in a magical land, the other to the land of eternal life. St. Lucy, pray for us.

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 12th: 3:00-5:00 p.m. (6th and 7th grade families)

CONFIRMATION YOUTH AND PARENTS:

Don't forget that the 2nd Power of the Gift session is THIS Wednesday, December 15th from 6:30-8:00 in Delaney Hall.

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 \$2,980 towards our goal of \$2,030. Please help us reach our participation goal of 31% (at 25%).



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 \$3,965 towards our goal of \$3,188, with 28.57% 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

A big thank you to all who donated their time, talent and treasure to support our annual Cookie walk! Be assured we will utilize your donation to better our faith community. For more information, call Cheryl Lucht at (402) 740-1186 or Krystal Morales at (402) 721-6611.

ST. PAT'S WOMEN

A big thank you to all who helped with the St. Pat's Women's Christmas Bazaar in any way. We are blessed to have so many generous women as part of our parish from baking to shopping.

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 T, U, V, W, X, Y or Z, 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 Janet Brabec, (402) 720-1580. She will be calling those whose last name begins with A or D.

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

- ◆ **Chet R. Johnson**, son of Matt and Amanda (Holub) Johnson, born July 10, 2021, and baptized December 5, 2021.
- ◆ **Hank Howard Hanson**, son of Anthony and Dana (Becker) Hanson, born August 27, 2021 and baptized December 5, 2021.



Passed Souls

- **John Gieselman, Sr., 77**, passed away, December 1, 2021.
- **Linda Vieth, 80**, passed away December 3, 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 13: Sloppy Joe sandwich, tator tots, vegetable, fruit, milk

Tuesday, December 14: French toast sticks, little smokies, yogurt, vegetables, fruit, milk

Wednesday, December 15: Hot dog, chips, vegetable, fruit, milk

Thursday, December 16: Christmas Dinner: Spiral ham, baby potatoes, corn, dinner roll, fruit, milk

Friday, December 17: Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, fruit, vegetable, milk

ARCHBISHOP BERGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday, December 13: Sloppy Joe, tots, veggie, fruit, milk

Tuesday, December 14: French toast sticks, sausage patty, yogurt, fruit, milk

Wednesday, December 15: Hot dog/bun, chips, fruit, veggie, milk

Thursday, December 16: Christmas dinner: Spiral ham, baby potatoes, corn, dinner roll, fruit, milk

Friday, December 17: Stuffed crust pepperoni pizza, fruit, veggie, milk



Sunday, December 12: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-16

Monday, December 13: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 14: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 15: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday, December 16: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30

Friday, December 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17

Saturday, December 18: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25

Next Sunday, December 19: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Bergan events in italics)

Sunday, December 12

-12:00 pm
-1:00 pm

Market of Hope Art Event
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Brides Room
Delaney Hall

Monday, December 13

-4:00 pm

Middle School Boys Basketball @ GACC

Tuesday, December 14

-6:00 pm
-6:00 pm
-6:00 pm
-6:30 pm
-7:00 pm
-7:30 pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting
Freshman Girls Basketball vs. North Bend @ Bergan

Delaney Hall

Wrestling @ Logan View

Bible Study
Hispanic Choir

Family Room
Choir Room

Freshman Boys Basketball vs. North Bend @ Bergan

Wednesday, December 15

-5:30 pm
-6:30 pm
-6:30 pm
-6:30 pm

Power of the Gift
Faith Formation
RCIA
LifeTeen

Bergan Elementary
Brides Room
Church

Thursday, December 16

-5:00 pm
-6:00/7:15 pm

Middle School Boys Basketball @ Yutan
Freshman Girls/Boys Basketball vs. Arlington @ Bergan

Friday, December 17

-4:30/5:45/6:00/7:30 pm

JV Girls/JV Boys/Var. Girls/Var. Boys Basketball

*@ Lourdes Central Catholic
St. Patrick Auditorium*

Saturday, December 18

-9:00 am
-1:30/3:00/4:30/6:00 pm

Posada Navideña

Wrestling @ Wahoo

JV Girls/JV Boys/Var. Girls/Var. Boys Basketball

*vs. Lincoln Christian @ Bergan
Church*

-2:00 pm

Pathfinder Chorus Concert

Church

Sunday, December 19

-8:00 am

Blood Drive

Delaney Hall

A beautiful collection of **hand carved olive wood religious articles from the Holy Land**, will be for sale in the gathering area this weekend, 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**.

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

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.”
Philippians 4:4-5

Today is “Gaudete Sunday”. Gaudete is a Latin word meaning “rejoice”. We have now passed the half-way point to Christmas. Jesus is near. Christmas is near! The color of vestment of the priests also changes from purple to rose. While purple/violet is a color to signify prayer, penance, and preparation, the color rose signifies the joy we can experience now that Christmas is almost here.

So many people are tempted by the stresses of the holiday season. There is shopping to be done, cookies to be baked, Christmas programs and parties to attend and the list goes on and on. This third Sunday of Advent is a reminder to seek and spread joy in the coming of Christ. Talk with your children about what gives you joy and ask them what gives them joy.

Next ask them how your family could spread joy to others this Advent season. Maybe it is something your family has already done such as preparing a box for Operation Christmas Child, providing a gift for someone with the Angel Tree or it might be preparing Christmas cards for the homebound. Other ideas might be to take a plate of cookies to your neighbors, letting someone know that you are praying for them or visiting someone who you know might be lonely this Christmas.

Attention EMHCs: The ministry of bringing Communion to the hospital for the sick and dying resumed Monday, November 29. Those that are interested will need to obtain special training through the hospital (we have had just three go through so far). If you still need the training or have questions about the ministry, please email Deacon Tom Silva at t50silva@gmail.com.



LIFETEEN AND THE BEATITUDES

Our high school group, LifeTeen, has been exploring the Beatitudes for the past few weeks. Through games, scavenger hunts, small group discussions as well as time in adoration, the youth have discussed how the Beatitudes provide a practical roadmap how we live out our calling to the Kingdom of God.

If you are in high school, join Life Teen on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 in the Family Room at Church. You will make friends, have fun and most importantly, continue growing in your faith with our Heavenly Savior!

POWER OF THE GIFT

The Confirmation Candidates from St. Patrick and St. Lawrence met in Delaney Hall to learn about “The Power of the Gift”. Carmen Pleskac taught the youth about the special gift that God has given us. They will conclude this presentation on Wednesday, December 15th, in Delaney Hall from 6:30-8:00. Thank you Carmen, for sharing your knowledge with our youth.



BERGAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The youth who attend Bergan Elementary as well as Bergan High School filled our sanctuary with beautiful music on Sunday, December 5th. Not only did they share their “heavenly” voices, but also shared their talents with hand bells as well as their instruments. Thank you Maggie Winterlin and Jeremy Murman for guiding the youth in wonderful music!

One of the most beloved hymns about joy is “Joy to the World”. See if you can answer these questions about this popular hymn:

1. When was “Joy to the World” written?
2. Which Psalm did the author base the words?
3. What year was the words put to music?
4. Why did the author, Isaac Watts, write the words?

Answers:

1. 1719
2. Psalm 98
3. 1839
4. Mr. Watts wrote the words praising God’s glorious return at the end of time, not as a Christmas song joyfully awaiting Jesus’ birth in Bethlehem.

HOLY TRIVIA

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHT

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 \$40 to Archbishop Bergan fund in memory of Tom Stover;
 \$25 to St. Patrick Catholic Church in memory of Donald Herout

Parish Financial Summary

| | St. Lawrence | St. Patrick | St. Rose |
|--|--------------|-------------|----------|
| Sunday Collections 11/27/21 - 12/5/21 | \$0 | \$21,677 | \$0 |
| Average Weekly: | | | |
| 7/1/21 - 12/5/21 | \$670 | \$25,442 | \$1,082 |
| 7/1/20 - 12/5/20 | \$511 | \$21,582 | \$767 |
| % Change | 31.3% | 17.9% | 41.0% |
| Surplus/(deficit) at 9/30/2021 a: excludes cemetery b: Includes Bergan | \$6,598a | (\$33,640)b | \$10,657 |

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (PHILIPPIANS 4:6)
 St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

BERGAN BLOCK



DAN KOENIG, ARCHBISHOP BERGAN PRINCIPAL

At Archbishop Bergan Catholic School we refer to extracurricular activities as the other half of the educational process. Our students have the opportunity to participate in 25 different Nebraska School Activities Association Sports & Activities. We have had an unprecedented fall activities season with our Cross Country, Volleyball, Football, Girls Golf & Play Performance teams experiencing great amounts of success. This fall our Volleyball team finished as the State Runner Up at the NSAA State Championships in early November. Two weeks ago our Football team won our first NSAA State Championship in 42 years with their win over Norfolk Catholic. This past week our One Act Play Production student-performers won the district and went on to compete at the NSAA State Championships that were held in Norfolk. As you can see, across the board there are great things happening at Archbishop Bergan Catholic School where our students are excelling in the classroom as well as in NSAA competitions. It truly is a great time to be a Bergan Knight!

HIGHLIGHTS



CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT ST. ROSE DECEMBER 5, 2021

Directed by 7th grade confirmation class:
Kelton Beacom, Madeline Camezind,
Brenden Horvatich, Grayson Krauss (guitar),
Greta Meyer

Narrator: Jayde Kreifels
Angels: Anna Fetkenher, Brynlee Mose-
man, Ellie Robertson, Addison Horvatich,
Emily Larsen, Rylee Mosemann

Mary and Joseph:
Reagan Meyer, Henry Camenzind

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