

ABUNDANT HARVEST

INSPIRING LABORERS FOR OUR LORD

CHRISTMAS 2021



CHRISTMAS

*O God, Who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature
and still more wonderfully restored it,
grant, we pray,
that we may share in the divinity of Christ,
Who humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27

6:30 am Communion Service
12:00 pm Communion Service

Tuesday, December 28

6:30 am Communion Service
12:00 pm Communion Service

Wednesday, December 29

6:30 am Communion Service
12:00 pm Communion Service

Thursday, December 30

8:30 am Communion Service
2:30 pm (Hooper Care Center) Communion

Friday, December 31

7:00 pm † Faye Haney
† Roland Koranda

Saturday, January 1

8:00 am † Ann Longacre
5:00 pm † Gene Steffensmeier
† Herman and Catherine Franzluebbbers

Sunday, January 2

8:00 am † Karen Moore
† Robert Chromy
8:00 am (St. Lawrence) Parishioners
10:00 am † (St. Rose) Bill Kraus
10:00 am † Living and deceased members of Gentrup family
† Vic, Lois and Leonard Nielsen
12:00 pm † (Spanish) Poor Souls



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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MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS: 12/27/2021 - 1/2/2021

	<u>St. Patrick</u>	<u>St. Lawrence</u>	<u>St. Rose</u>
Monday	6:30 am (CS) and 12:00 pm (CS)		
Tuesday	6:30 am (CS) and 12:00 pm (CS)		
Wednesday	6:30 am (CS) and 12:00 pm (CS)		
Thursday	8:30 am (CS), 2:30 pm (Hooper) (CS)		
Friday	7:00 pm		
Saturday	8:00 am, 5:00 pm		
Sunday	8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Spanish)	8:00 am	10:00 am

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

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to 84576

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



WELCOME HOME



THE ABUNDANT HARVEST BY FATHER WALTER NOLTE

Feliz Navidad! Merry Christmas!

I pray you were able to gather with friends and family and that time was blessed. This year was the first time I spent Christmas Day with my family in my hometown since 1996. It was a blessing to be with them. Today, December 26, I will travel to Grand Rapids, MI for a conference hosted by *Encounter Ministries*. Many members of our parish will be meeting me there.

This year I had the great fortune of spending the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and even visit the basilica with the tilma and say Mass for the community of nuns who hosted us for the few days we were there. I spent December 12-16 in the city. We were able to visit the park and feed the homeless there [see picture]. At least five of the men there came to me for prayer and advice after we ate. I still do not understand Spanish well enough to listen to them one on one, so, Craig Johring, the cofounder of *Hope of the Poor*, helped with translation.

On Tuesday, the next day, we toured the basilica area in the morning before heading to the dump to feed and pray with people there. I met one 53 year old man who has worked in the dump since he was two. It's literally a family business. We spent about three hours there and made our way back to the convent and showered before dinner. The smell of the dump is so pungent that it penetrates your pores even in few short hours. This smell identifies people who work in the dump and makes other opportunities in the outside world almost impossible because of prejudice.

God really anointed every step we took on Wednesday from beginning to end. The two most anointed pieces were praying with Angel and running into a homeless family that Craig has been sought to find for many years. This couple "happened" to be standing on the corner adjacent to where we planned to eat. We talked with them and prayed with them for about twenty minutes. The highlight, however, was a man named Angel. He lives in a hole in the ground across from the park. We found him there when we went down to see where other former homeless people live that the work of *Hope of the Poor* has been able to lift up off of the streets.

Angel graciously allowed us to enter his home. So, I asked him if I could pray with him. The more we prayed with him the more you could feel God's Spirit surround him. His body began to slump as we prayed for him. At the end I asked him to let me see his eyes and I spoke to him again of how much the Father loves him and that He is a loved son. The more I repeated these words the more upright he stood. As he stood, you could see tears streaming down his face. All he could say was *gracias, gracias, gracias*.

The power of God's Spirit was so strong that all were moved to tears as we witnessed the Father reclaim a lost son. We are hopefully confident that the *metanoia* continues.

Happy New Year!
Father Nolte



WORDS OF MERCY

Merry Christmas! Christ is born, Glorify Him! As we enter into this Holy season of Christmas, may our hearts overflow with gratitude at the fact our God has not abandoned us! He is truly Emmanuel, "God with us" by taking on our human nature and sharing in every aspect of our lives. As we adore this newborn King, may He always reign in our hearts.

God Bless, Fr. Nicholas

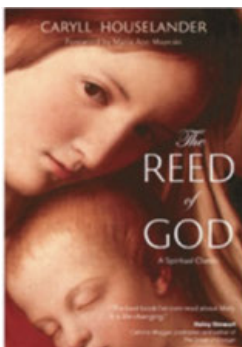
Merry Christmas to all! There's a song called "How Many Kings" by *downhere* that I've been sharing with the grade school students. "How many kings stepped down from their throne, How many lords have abandoned their homes . . . How many gods have poured out their hearts to romance a world that is all torn apart." This reminds me of the incredible love that God continually shows to me and then inspires me to live out within priesthood. I am truly grateful for this love that Christmas portrays, and I also thank you for how you demonstrate this in so many ways by your love and faith. May God bless you and your families abundantly!

~ Fr. Bill

BOOK REVIEW

THE REED OF GOD
BY CARYLL HOUSELANDER

Houselander compares the love of God to a melody that is taken up by one then by others. First by our Lady's fiat then the silence of the word of God in her womb and now growing in us. This silence gave way to the human voice of God as a child then as a man in His surrender, "Not my will but thine be done." Some may believe that speaking of God's love ended with Christ's ascension but not Mary. She knew this song of love would continue when she proclaimed, "From henceforth all generations shall call me blessed." Christ confirms this with "I am come that they may have life and may have it more abundantly." Mary gave her humanity and ours to God and wed her littleness and our lowliness to God. God is wedded to the human race and the world bears the life of Christ within. In the midst of a world war with its death and destruction, Houselander knew Christ offers life and peace that is stronger, more real and lasting than the world's life and peace. Only Christ bearers can restore the world to life and give humanity the love of Christ.



Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias, and to the Environment Committee for the beautiful job they did decorating our worship space for Christmas!

Donor	In memory of:
Allen, Susan	Dirk Allen, Colette Kroeten, deceased members of Lajba and Allen families
Anonymous	Tim and Nona Nelson
Anonymous	Joseph and Rosemary Tines
Brabec, Janet	Bill, Otto and Wanda Brabec
Brand, Paula	Dr. & Mrs. Paul Kurth, and Ms. Barbara Neel
Cook, Larry and Mary Lou	Louise & Francis Czuba, Ralph & Catherine Cook, Philip Czuba, JoAnn Kozak, Craig Kozak, Larry Elston, Lynn Artz
Coulter, Mark and Monica	Ed & Doris Moser
Flamme, Larry and Mary	The deceased members of the Flamme and Wielgus families
Fosmer, Jim and Helen	Our parents, Eric Parr and Sgt. Philip Svitak
Fullington, Jerry and Doreen	DeLoise Pearson and Iona & Gerald Fullington
Gross, Marlene and Spike	Father and Mother, Carl and Hedy Wolbers
Hakenkamp, Mike & Mary	Joseph and Clair Hakenkamp
Hoshor, Nancy	Jim Hoshor
Johnson, Duane	Eileen Johnson
Jorgensen, Kay	Gary Jorgensen
Kassmeier, Allan and Pat	our parents Alfred & Lillian Kassmeier and Joe & Eileen Healy
King, Mary	Francis Fishe family
Kreikemeier, Janice	Don Kreikemeier and Renee Makovec
Kull, Carol	deceased family members
May, Shawn and Susie	deceased members of the May and Shonka families
Meister, Lee and family	Paul Meister
Micek, Kitty and family	Tom Micek
Monke, Dave and Sheila	In memory: Jacob Monke; In honor of: Priests & staff of St. Patrick
Morgan, JoAnn	In memory of: Jerry Thomas and Lewis Morgan; in honor of: Thomas family
Mueller, Dan and Algene	Lola and Romanus Mueller, Agnes and Albert Kavan, Helen and Tony Brabec
Ortmeier, Bernie and Jan & family	Jane Ortmeier
Rise, David and Carole	Martin and Josephine Pfeifer, Otto and Lumilla Rise
Roumph, Jackie	Keith Roumph
Spenner, Gary and Marilyn	Gilbert Spenner
Vyhldal, Helen and Doug and Carol Dale	Leonard Vyhldal, Sr.

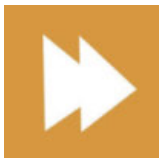
PRAYERS

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, Lambert Kluthe, Darrel Madsen Sr., Eileen McDermitt (sister of Shirley Allen), Lilah Newton (granddaughter of Terry Kroeten), Evelyn Peplinski, David Polzin, Alicia Rhea, Jackie Rock, Arliss Schmoldt 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

Ending the Year Well Selling securities, real estate or a business this year?

If you are planning to make a gift to support St. Patrick Parish of Archbishop Bergan Catholic School this year but are concerned about preserving your cash resources, consider a gift of an appreciated asset. A gift of securities, business interests or real estate can provide you with significant income and capital gains tax savings, often exceeding the benefits of a cash gift.



If you have any questions about how to make a gift of an appreciated asset, a please contact your financial advisor. You can also direct questions at Nichole Owsley at (402)721-1846 or Tony LaMar, Legacy Planning Officer, Archdiocese of Omaha at 402-557-5650 or aj-lamar@archomaha.org.

ABLAZE WORSHIP CASTING FIRE UPON THE EARTH

ABLAZE WORSHIP

Do you desire to be renewed In God's Love? Wondering what changes to make in the New Year?

Come and enjoy a silent directed retreat at the Ablaze House of Prayer in Springfield, NE.

Receive, Rest, and Relax... Private Chapel with Blessed Sacrament, Daily Spiritual Direction with Fr. Michael Voithofer, New Room with kitchenette and meals provided...

For more information email: ablazesilentretreats@gmail.com

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 26 – ST. STEPHEN, DEACON & MARTYR

On the first day of Christmas, we receive the gift of the birth of Jesus, the source of all salvation. On the second day of Christmas, we have the feast of the first martyr, St. Stephen. What we know of St. Stephen comes to us directly from the Acts of the Apostles. He was chosen as one of the seven deacons, who then served the Greek-speaking Jewish Christians in Jerusalem. But there is more to the story of St. Stephen. He came to the attention of the Sanhedrin. He then explained the history of Israel to them and told them how Jesus fulfilled all that had been prophesied. "When they heard this, they were infuriated, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, filled with the holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'; and when he said this, he fell asleep" (Acts 7:54-60).

The feast of St. Stephen is immediately after Christmas to show us what discipleship truly means, the sacrifice of oneself in love of God for others, namely, martyrdom. May every day remind us of our call to discipleship. St. Stephen, pray for us.

If you want to read more about the saints, go to Mr. Mueting's 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.

CARD SHOWER

The family of Alice Hegemann is requesting a card shower in honor of her 90th birthday. Alice turned 90 on December 24. She has been a member of St. Patrick for over 55 years, where she has been very active, receiving the 25 year Lunch Lady Award. She also co-managed with her husband Bob, the cake raffle booth, for over 30 years. Cards may be sent to Alice at 922 E. 1st Street in Fremont.

WEEK IN REVIEW



St. Rose of Lima Highlights

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 **\$3,580** towards our goal of **\$2,103**. Please help us reach our participation goal of **31%** (at **29.55%**).



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 **\$4,225** towards our goal of **\$3,188**, with **32.14%** 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.

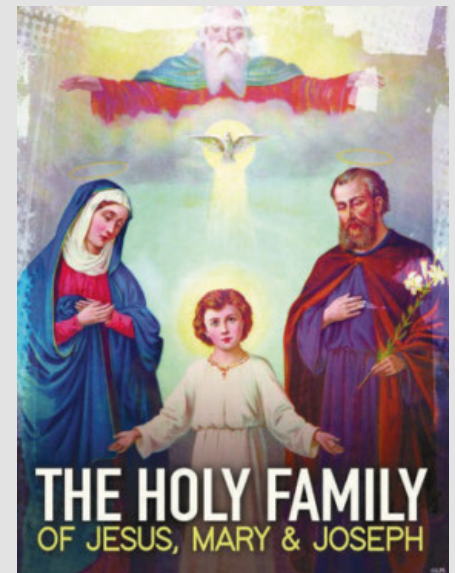
Service Organization News

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 **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**.

Merry Christmas! There will be a meeting for St. Pat's Women in January. Until then enjoy this blessed season.



Praying for Our Community



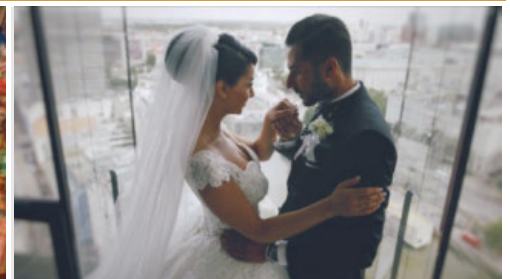
Baptisms

- ◆ 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

- **John Rooney, 93**, passed away December 16, 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

ENCOUNTER CONFERENCE

Please pray for the group of 15 parishioners that is attending the Encounter Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan! We leave driving on the 26th in the afternoon and will arrive back on the 30th. This group includes Fr. Nolte, Fr. Mishek, and Fr. Cremers, so from December 27th to the 30th, the deacons will lead communion services in place of Mass. Deacon Joe Uhlik will have the emergency line and can obtain an area priest as needed. We're excited for this time of renewal and empowerment and will carry all of you in our prayers for a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit! To follow along, follow Encounter Ministries on social media.



Sunday, December 26: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday, December 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday, December 28: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday, December 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday, December 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday, January 1: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday, January 2: : Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Bergan events in italics)

Sunday, December 26

Moratorium: No activities or practices

Monday, December 27

No School

Parish Office closed

Tuesday, December 28

No School

TBA

TBA

-7:00 pm

-7:00 pm

Girls Basketball Holiday Tournament @ Ashland

Boys Basketball Holiday Tournament @ Ashland

Knights of Columbus Officers' Meeting

Hispanic Choir

Choir Room

Wednesday, December 29

TBA

TBA

Girls Basketball Holiday Tournament @ Ashland

Boys Basketball Holiday Tournament @ Ashland

Thursday, December 30

No School

Friday, December 31

No School

-2:00 pm

Jonathan Wortman and Amanda Chamberlain Wedding

Church

Saturday, January 1

-8:00 am

Private party

St. Patrick Auditorium

Sunday, January 2

-8:30 am

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Delaney Hall

LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS

Tuesday, December 28	\$25	Brian or Melissa Hapke
Friday, December 31	\$25	Royce Walter



FORMING OUR YOUTH

FEASTING ON OUR FAITH

LORI KISBY

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH FORMATION

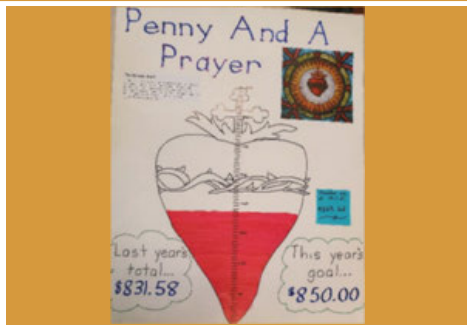
"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, 'Fear not: for behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.' And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'" Luke 2:8:14

Merry Christmas! The above Bible verses can be quoted by young and old. While Luke 2:8-14 is long, many times young children can even recite it partly due to one of my family's favorite Christmas movies, "A Charlie Brown Christmas".

Since 1965, families have been enjoying watching Charlie Brown try to understand the true meaning of Christmas. Each year when we watch this movie, I see two clear messages coming from it. One is from "Charlie Brown's Christmas tree". If you remember, Charlie Brown's Christmas tree couldn't hold a single ornament until it gets a little love. This is the same as people, especially after a pandemic. There are many people who will need a "little extra love" this year. Maybe you know someone who hasn't seen their family in a while. If possible, try reaching out to them with a little Christmas cheer. The love could be from a Christmas card, delivering a food tray or just visiting them so they can feel love like the little Christmas tree.

The other message comes from the answer Charlie Brown receives when he is upset about the commercialism of Christmas. Linus, in his quiet way, recites the gospel of Luke and then simply says, "That's what Christmas is all about Charlie Brown." From hearing the gospel, Charlie Brown understands that Christmas is really about our Savior being born in a manger. His stress has calmed down because of hearing the "true" Christmas message.

As your family celebrates Christmas today, may you feel Jesus' love as you celebrate His birth!



PENNY AND A PRAYER

Each year the Faith Formation youth are encouraged to bring their "loose change" to support Penny and a Prayer. This is a program that supports seminarians. The first year we started having youth bring change for this program, they donated a total of \$406.30. Last year the youth donated \$831.58. So far, the youth have raised a little over \$369.

Thank you for donating to support our seminarians. The youth are displaying their wonderful hearts of giving!



CATHOLIC YOUTH SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISERS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has been supporting the fundraisers for youth to attend the Catholic Youth Summer Camp in June. During the Market of Hope fundraiser, we were able to bring in \$5,238!

During the Catholic Daughters Bazaar, the youth had created crafts to sell. The youth created snowmen, note cards and reindeer just to name a few of the items. Because of the youths' hard work, they raised \$790!

Another fundraiser has been selling "The Works" car wash at Tommy's Express. This fundraiser was extended to December 22nd. Consequently, the total raised was not yet available.

Stay tuned for more fundraisers still to come!



CONFIRMATION YOUTH HELP KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On Saturday, December 11th, the Knights of Columbus celebrated the season with a Christmas party for them as well as for their wives. Six youth, who are Confirmation candidates, volunteered to be servers for the festive event. The youth were able to earn church service hours for Confirmation.

Here are some questions to ask your children today to celebrate Jesus' birth.

1. Where in the Bible do we read about the birth of Jesus?
2. What city was Jesus born in?
3. Who appeared to tell Mary that she was with child?
4. How many miles did Mary and Joseph have to travel to get to Bethlehem?
5. Jesus was laid in a manger. What is a manger?

Answers:

1. Luke
2. Bethlehem
3. The angel Gabriel
4. 80 miles
5. A feeding trough

HOLY TRIVIA

STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHT

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS:

\$650 to St. Patrick lay ministry in memory of Fr. Frank Loredemann; \$125 to St. Patrick Catholic Church in memory of Joanne Rice; \$1,000 to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in memory of Joanne Rice; \$175 To Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in memory of Tom Stover; \$345 to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in memory of Tom Lutz

Parish Financial Summary

	St. Lawrence	St. Patrick	Bergan
Sunday Collection 12/4/21			
Average			
7/1		\$25,752	\$1,184
7/1	\$524	\$22,139	\$782
%	31.5%	16.3%	51.4%
Surplus/(deficit) at 10/31/2021			
a. excludes cemetery			
b. Includes Bergan	\$6,598a	(\$33,640)b	\$10,657

Not available due to early publication schedule

One Community
One Faith
One Future



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 **\$71,424** towards our goal of **\$107,741**. Please help us reach our participation goal of **19.9%** (currently at 12.16%).



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)
During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God's children, it's in our DNA that we share and express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you, those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

BERGAN BLOCK



LORI MCINTYRE, ARCHBISHOP BERGAN ASS'T PRINCIPAL

Merry Christmas to everyone in our St. Patrick and Bergan family. We have just reached the completion of the first semester of the school year. I am blessed to work with amazing teachers and staff that provide a wonderful learning environment for all of our students. We were fortunate to bring a full-time paraeducator onto our staff in late September of this year. I am proud to formally introduce, Gavin Guldenpfennig, also known as Mr. G., who serves as our Kindergarten-6th grade para. Mr. G. supports our teachers by working with students one-on-one, in small groups, and even in-class assistance while teachers are instructing. Our students enjoy working with Mr. G. each day and our teachers appreciate the extra support he provides. Mr. G. and his wife Amalie are parishioners and have 5 children, 3 are currently Bergan students and 2 are future Bergan Knights. Amalie is also our Bergan High School English teacher. Thank you for your unconditional support of Bergan Catholic Schools. I pray that you have a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Lori McIntyre





MERRY CHRISTMAS!



DECEMBER 25: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Critics of Christianity sometimes like to point out that Jesus wasn't born on December 25, or Christmas was instituted by the Emperor Constantine, or the Christians were just using a pagan holiday called Saturnalia to lure pagans into worshipping Christ. Given that the Jewish concept of birthdays was not we have, there are reasons to think it is reasonable to use December 25. The feast of the Annunciation is March 25, which is nine months before Christmas and also held by the ancient Church as the date of Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection. The first recorded Christmas celebration was in AD 336, during the reign of Constantine. And even though Saturnalia was not the basis of Christmas, Christians did take pagan holidays and Christianize them to help convert the people through their culture. But all that, interesting as it may be, is not the point. The point is that God became man. The incarnation began at the Annunciation, but the birth of Jesus is the birth of the new era of reconciliation between God and humanity. To quote John: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:1, 14). We are the recipients of the greatest gift ever given, Jesus Christ, who, through his Paschal Mystery brought about our salvation. What can we do to respond to such a great gift? We can say thank you. We can give others the gift of our love. We can praise God with joy and offer mercy and grace to our neighbors. We can say "Merry Christmas"!

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

2020-2021 Fiscal Year

You answered the call, thank you! In 2020, we asked for your help as our financial situation was a growing concern. Through prayers and generosity, we are looking at a positive outcome. The work of those who came before us is a true testament of being Christ to others. We have much to celebrate, but we also have much to do. We invite you to be generous with what God has given you, so that future generations can be part of the faith-filled legacy of St Patrick Catholic Church. This report serves as a reminder that it is only through the support of generous parishioners that our faith-filled community is possible.

Overall, we ended fiscal 2021 with a deficit of \$125k, compared to last year's adjusted deficit of \$41k. Both figures reflect income related to the forgiveness of our PPP Loan Obligation by the Federal Government. The amount forgiven was \$138k for 2021, and \$673k for 2020! Our financial condition is significantly improved because of the forgiveness of these loans. Additionally, we continue to be current on all of our bills! We continue to look for ways to reduce our operating costs while not reducing services.

TOTAL INCOME	TOTAL EXPENSES	NET INCOME
\$4,866,397	\$4,991,726	(\$125,329)

Parish & School Combined

INCOME	ST PATRICK	BERGAN
Sunday/Holy Day Contributions	\$1,369,374	na
Maintenance & Repairs Contributions	\$51,379	na
Debt Reduction Contribution	\$99,162	\$0
Other Contributions	\$50,613	\$20,092
Tuition	\$12,045	\$1,867,037
Bequests & Memorials - General Operations	\$123,335	\$138,175
Ministry/Groups	\$12,428	\$4,825
Deficit Reduction, Bergan Fund & Fundraisers - Net of Exp	\$252,308	\$463,644
Cemetery Operations - Net of Exp	\$35,824	na
Lunch Programs - Net of Exp	na	\$27,345
PPP Loan Program - Loan Forgiveness	\$138,481	\$0
Other Income	\$93,988	\$106,342
Total Income	\$2,238,937	\$2,627,460

EXPENSES	ST PATRICK	BERGAN
Salaries & Benefits	\$724,197	\$2,837,646
Archdiocesan Administration Fund	\$152,112	na
Administration	\$75,700	\$26,310
Mortgage Interest	na	\$34,994
Liturgical Supplies	\$35,436	na
Maintenance	\$128,198	\$278,900
Ministry & Groups	\$83,728	\$5,933
Property Insurance	\$38,477	\$51,276
Utilities	\$120,272	\$123,004
Other	\$72,124	\$203,419
Total Expenses	\$1,430,244	\$3,561,482

Adjusted Net Income/Deficit Balance	\$808,693	(\$934,022)
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The full annual report for the year ended June 30, 2021 can be found online at stpatrsfremont.org. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Kristy Churchill, Finance Director, at 402-721-6611 or via email at kchurchill@stpatrsfremont.org