ABUNDANT HARVEST

INSPIRING LABORERS FOR OUR LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. Let us follow the wise men with the gifts of our lives, and we shall give you all glory and honor!

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

ONE CHURCH ENCOUNTERING JESUS EQUIPPING DISCIPLES LIVING MERCY

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Janua	ry	3
6:30 am		St. Pat's Women
	Ť	Donald Herout
12:00 pm	Ť	Cappie & Marie Ortmeier
	Ť	Joanne Rice
Tuesday, Janua	iry	4
6:30 am	Ť	Ben & Margaret Nicola
	Ť	Kathy Geaghan
12:00 pm	Ť	Coni McNary and Willard Best
	Ť	Patty Stary
Wednesday, Ja	nua	ary 5
6:30 am		George Blum
	Ť	Herbert Beck
12:00 pm		Past and present members of St. Joan of Arc
	Ť	Don Kreikemeier
Thursday, Janu	iar	y 6
8:30 am	Ť	Rich Anderson
	Ť	Jack Bruha
2:30 pm	Ť	(Shalimar) Poor Souls
Friday, Januar	y 7	
6:30 am	Ť	Cheri Uhlik
	Ť	Norma Uhlik
8:00 am	Ť	(St. Rose) Poor Souls
Saturday, Janu	ary	7 8
8:00 am	Ť	Gilbert Spenner
	Ť	Tom Stover & Betty Vondenkamp
5:00 pm	†	Dirk Allen
		Living and deceased members of the Alvin Kampschneider family
Sunday, Januai	rv 9)
8:00 am	•	Parishioners
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8:00 am	Ť	(St. Lawrence) Dick Camp
10:00 am		(St. Rose) Poor Souls
10:00 am		Vic & Lois Nielsen
	Ť	Josh & Heidi, Jaymasin and Nova Huisman
12:00 pm	÷	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 www.stpatsfremont.org

<u>Cover Image</u>

Rich Roeder, St. Patrick Church

MASS TIMES & CONFESSIONS: 1/3/22 - 1/9/22

	<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	8:30 am, 2:30 pm (Shalimar)				
Friday	6:30 am		8:00 am		
Saturday	8:00 am,. 5:00 pm				
Sunday	8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm (Spanish)	8:00 am	10:00 am		

Confessions	Weekdays	<u>Saturday</u>	Sunday
St. Lawrence	None	None	7:30 am - 9:50 am
St. Patrick	M - W, F 6-6:20 am	n None	9:15 am - 9:45 am
	M, T, W:	3:00 - 4:45 pm	11:15 - 11:45 am
St. Rose	-11:30-11:50 am None	None	9:15 am - 9:45 am



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WELCOME HOME



THE ABUNDANT HARVEST BY FATHER WALTER NOLTE

Welcome to the New Year. I pray God has abundant graces in store for all of us and brings healing to our minds, bodies, and spirits during 2022. This Saturday we commemorated the great truth that Mary is the Mother of God. This special feast day that marks off the start of every calendar year reminding us that all of the grace that God has for us has already been given to us through the fruit of Mary's fiat.

The Incarnation is the central truth of the Church's Faith and the source of our being able to confidently declare that the Father has given us access to the healing grace and mercy of the Cross at every moment of every day. Jesus, the Word who became flesh, knows what it means to be human. He experienced suffering and death. He experienced joy and sorrow.

He experienced friendship and betrayal. He experienced it all and took the entirety of His experience to the Cross where it died with Him so that, three days later, it would rise transformed with Him.

The vulnerability of the Incarnation is astounding. This august young virgin humbly submits herself to the Will of the Father and her child, in turn, does the same so that we all would be set free from the tyranny of sin and death in our lives. This carpenter foster father subjects his betrothal to Mary to a higher betrothal. What awesome vulnerability! Father Thomas Acklin and Father Boniface Hicks, in their book on personal prayer, write that, "Human vulnerability is the unifying thread that passes through all of our prayer. It is the meeting point of God and man. This is because God is vulnerable too (Incarnation): infinitely vulnerable...there is no love without vulnerability."

Vulnerability is all about being in relationship. To be in relationship with another means that we are willing to expose our hearts to them and entrust them with its care. 2022 is a good time for us to ask for a greater vulnerability to the love of the Father so that our relationship with Him might be strengthened. Our relationships with others will grow stronger the more that we avail ourselves to the love God has for us. As our relational love with others grows so too will our love for ourselves grow. The love we receive from the Father flows into and influences our relationships with our neighbors as well as ourselves.

This is the last week of my sabbatical. I will be at a biblical conference in La Jolla, California through Thursday late and then make my way back to the parish over the weekend. I am excited to be back at home as we start the New Year together practicing radical vulnerability to the love of God.

Happy New Year, Father Nolte

BERGAN ELEMENTARY STUDENTS MEET JOSHUA

On Wednesday, December 15th, the grade school students at Archbishop Bergan had a Zoom call to Mexico City with Fr. Nolte and Joshua from one of the families we support through Hope of the Poor. Joshua answered questions that the students asked him about his life and interests and expressed his tremendous gratitude for our support. The students sang their blessing song for Joshua, and Fr. Nolte shared his priestly blessing and encouragement. Thank you to Hope of the Poor for all they do for families in Mexico, and thank you for all of your support through the years!



WORDS OF MERCY

"OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL" BY FR. BILL CREMERS

Throughout these past few weeks, we have explored the *kerygma*, the basic proclamation of the Christian faith. We explored how the Story of salvation can be summarized in four words: Created, Captured, Rescued, and Response. What I would like to take these next few weeks to do is to break down the last part, our Response to the Lord. How is it that we respond to so great a mystery? How can we grow in sharing this with the world?

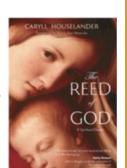
Fr. Riccardo summarizes the beginning of this point: - "Remember that the simple but crucial fact is Christian life is a response to what God has already done. God is love, and he has taken the first step; he always does. Now he looks at us with love and asks, "What will you do?" Take some time in prayer with this simple scene: you come before Jesus after His moment of triumph in the resurrection, awed at all he has done for you. He extends his hand to you and asks, "What will you do?" With this moment, take a breath and consider; do you not owe your entire life to him? Maybe there's some fear or hesitation about what exactly this might entail. As you look at him, however, you notice that there's no extreme demand or impossible goal because everything has become possible in his love. We'll see four particular ways we can respond as we go throughout these weeks: worship, thanksgiving, surrender, and evangelizing.

BOOK REVIEW

THE REED OF GOD BY CARYLL HOUSELANDER

Marriage, a consummation of love, is a symbol of the wedding of the God's Spirit God to humanity. From this wedding, Christ is born into the world. In the physical life, a child cannot be birthed without union of flesh and blood. In the spiritual life, we cannot generate life without union with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit's gifts and fruits are evidence of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. The world critically needs the Holy Spirit because Christ is born into the world through those who receive these gifts and fruits (pg. 70.) By Mary's fiat, humanity receives the Holy Spirit's gifts as fortitude, peace, patience, humility, long-suffering and love. Our human nature made up of body and soul may seem to be in conflict with each other but rather it is a struggle between good and evil. Christ noted this temptation, "The Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak" (Mt 26:41.) Christ wants to transform this weak flesh into glory that He intended

from the beginning. No government, business or organization can bring life into the world only those in union with the Holy Spirit can birth Christ.



Thank you to all who donated to the Care Corps' LifeHouse Teaching Kitchen Fundraiser. St. Patrick parish donated \$425 toward supplying a 7-station teaching kitchen at Care Corps food pantry at 549 N H Street. Your generosity will support patrons attending life skills classes on using the pantry food, using SNAP benefits through meal planning and learning basic cooking skills.



Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias, and to the Environment Committee for the beautiful job they did decorating our worship for Christmas! In addition to the donors listed last week, these donations were also made:

- ~Carol Beacom, in memory of Michael Beacom
- ~The Family of Kathryn Bodell, in memory of Kathryn Bodell
- ~Mark & Diane Cech, in memory of Herman and Catherin Franzluebbers
- ~Brian & Brenda Doernemann, in memory of Don and Vyiolette Doernemann
- ~Jeff & Sue Engel and family, in memory of Henry & Madalaine Drudik, and Jack & JoAnn Engel
- ~Delmar & Nora Porupsky, in memory of Elynn Kingston
- ~Terri Powley, in memory of Maureen Rabe
- ~Mary Sendgraff, in memory of Ray Sendgraff



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 Chin-chilla (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), Dennis O'Hara, Evelyn Peplin-ski, David Polzin, Alicia Rhea, Jackie Rock, Arliss Schmoldt Wassenberg (cousin of Greg Tomrdle), Donna Šievers, Shirley Sjuts, Jeff Snelson (brother of Mark Snelson), Joe Svoboda, Chase Taylor (grandson of Denise Taylor), Connie Thomas, Dan Thomas, Delbert Uhlik and Ruth Caddy Vyhlidal

for February, please call the parish office at (402) 721-**6611** by Wednesday, January 26 to confirm that your name should be left on the list.

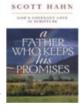


Formation Highlights

FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN

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 *

ABLAZE WORSHIP

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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

Thank you to everyone who purchased H.O.M.E. this Christmas season...you kept the sellers very busy! Because the response was so great, we drew TWO gift cards for our promotion. Congratulations to Lori Kisby and Kirsten Limon, who will each receive a \$25 gift card of their choice. And even though the holidays are over...please keep buying H.O.M.E.!



SAINT HIGHLIGHT: JANUARY 2 – STS, BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZLANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH.

Jeopardy! time: This heresy from the third and fourth century taught Jesus was not God, but the first creature created by God. The correct Jeopardy! question: What is Arianism? Next Jeopardy! answer: These two bishops, along with St. Gregory of Nyssa, are known as the Cappadocian Fathers and opposed Arianism, which was condemned at the Council of Constantinople in 381, which provided the final version of the Nicene Creed. The correct Jeopardy! question: Who are Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen?

Sts. Basil and Gregory Nazianzen were instrumental in contributing to the definition of the Trinity. They preached, taught, debated, and worked strenuously to bring the faithful who had been misled into thinking Jesus was not God and the Holy Spirit was not God back to the truth. God is "one substance (ousia) in three persons (hypostases)". What this means is that the Father is God, Jesus is God, and the Holy Spirit is God, three persons,

one God. But they are three persons in relationship to each other: The Father is NOT the Son; the Son is NOT the Holy Spirit; and the Holy Spirit is NOT the Father. They are in relationship with each other in a divine dance of love unified in the godhead. St. Basil, born in 330, first became a hermit, then later a monk, and eventually became Bishop of Caesarea in 370, dying in 379. Born in 329, St. Gregory Nazianzen, friend of St. Basil, is also called St. Gregory the Theologian for his advancement of the Trinity. He became a priest in 361, then Bishop of Sasima, and finally Bishop of Constantinople, dying in 390. Both men advanced the true faith through their teaching and holiness. They gave us a better understanding of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

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.

UPCOMING DATES FOR FAITH FORMATION

Just a reminder about upcoming dates for Faith Formation through February...

- Wednesday, January 5th, class resumes from 6:30-8:00 Wednesday, January 5th, Catechists meeting at 5:30 pm in the Bergan Elementary library. Food will be provided. Wednesday, February 2nd, Circle of Grace taught to all Faith
- Formation youth and LifeTeen
- Wednesday, February 16th, no Faith Formation due to Bergan's conferences.

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%). *****



CDA COURT QUEEN OF ANGELS #2253

How about making a resolution for 2022 to know, love and serve God better? Catholic Daughters can help you do just that. For more information, call Cheryl Lucht at (402) 740-1186 or Krystal Morales at (402) 721-6611 Ext#16



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 \$4,315 towards our goal of \$3,188, with 33.93% 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 January 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.

HOLY TRIVIA

Here is a little humor to kick off 2022... A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little explained; "I'm praying, but can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me because He knows what I'm thinking."



Praying for Our Community



Baptisms

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



Passed Souls

Wayne McGillick, 87, passed away December 17, 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, January 3: NO SCHOOL Tuesday, January 4: NO SCHOOL Wednesday, January 5: Chicken fried chicken, cheese breadstick, fruit, veggie, fruit Thursday, January 6: French dip, au jus, tri-tator, fruit, milk Friday, January 7: Cheese quesadilla, churro, veggie, fruit, milk

ARCHBISHOP BERGAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

Monday, January 3: NO SCHOOL Tuesday, January 4: NO SCHOOL Wednesday, January 5: Chicken fried chicken, cheese breadstick, fruit, veggie, milk Thursday, January 6: Roast beef sandwich, tri-tator, fruit, veggie, milk Friday, January 7: Cheese quesadilla, refried beans, churro, fruit, milk



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

Monday, January 3: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday, January 4: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday, January 5: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday, January 6: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22ae

Friday, January 7: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12 -13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday, January 8: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jnng to know 3:22-30

Next Sunday, January 9: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/ Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Sunday, January 2 -8:30 am Monday, January 3 No School -4:00 pm -6:00 pm

-7:30 pm

Tuesday, January 4

No School -6:00 pm -6:30 pm -7:45 pm Wednesday, January 5 -6:30 pm -6:30 pm -6:30 pm Thursday, January 6 -8:30 am -6:00 pm -6:00 pm Friday, January 7 ~Break the Dress Code -10:00 am -4:45 pm -4:45 pm -6:00 pm -7:30 pm Saturday, January 8 -8:45 am -11:00 am -1:30 pm -3:00 pm -4:00 pm -4:30 pm -6:00 pm Sunday, January 9

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(Bergan events in italics)

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Delaney Hall

JV Boys Basketball vs. Parkview Christian @ Bergan Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament Consolation Game (a) Bergan Varsity Boys Basketball Tournament Championship Game (a) Bergan

JV Girls Basketball @ Blair **Bible Study** Varsity Girls Basketball @ Blair

Family Room

Brides Room

Church

RCIA LifeTeen Faith Formation Elementary School

Mass Freshman Boys Basketball @ Concordia Refiner's Fire

Church

Delaney Hall

Wrestling Invitational @ Central Community College JV Girls Basketball @ Homer JV Boys Basketball (a) Homer Varsity Girls Basketball @ Homer Varsity Boys Basketball (a) Homer

Baptism class Welcome Center Wrestling Invitational @ Central Community College JV Girls Basketball vs. Arlington @ Bergan JV Boys Basketball vs. Arlington @ Bergan Dia de los reyes magos Delaney Hall Varsity Girls Basketball vs. Arlington @ Bergan Varsity Boys Basketball vs. Arlington (a) Bergan

GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Name: Stephanie Rhea **Position:** Finance Associate Years at St. Patrick: 1.5 years Primary duties: Finance and Human Resources Birth place: Fremont, NE **Family info:** 3 daughters: Lola (8); Cori (6) and Nora (4) Education: Bergan class of 2002; Midland Class of 2006; BS in Business Administration Favorite interests: Camping, hiking, golfing and running; teach Faith Formation; Coach softball and T-ball; Girl Scout troop leader What do you love about your job? I love that I can inter-

act with God throughout the day and share my faith with everyone I work with. We are like an extended family.



FORMING OUR YOUTH

FEASTING ON OUR FAITH

LORI KISBY

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH FORMATION "May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed." Psalm 20:4

I pray that 2022 is starting off well for you. Since your kiddos have a few more days of break and maybe getting tired of their presents, here is a fun idea for your whole family. Your family could make a 2022 Time Capsule. It would be a fun tradition to open and replace it each year. While it will be fun to do as a family, you can also teach your kids valuable lessons about waiting on God and overcoming obstacles. A good way to get started is to find a shoe box and have everyone help decorate it. Once your shoebox is decorated, it's time to think about what to put in it. Here are a few suggestions:

The first thing to start with are pictures. You could maybe take a family "selfie" or let each individual take a selfie. Once you've printed the pictures, place them in the box. Another idea is to include prayer requests. Give everyone slips of paper to write down their requests. Put the requests in a smaller container to include in the shoebox. Be sure to pray over the requests before closing the box. When you open the box at the end of the year, you'll have the opportunity to talk about the requests. Some prayers will have been answered and some may have not. This will give you an opportunity to discuss preserving in prayer.

You could also include a "favorites list". The list might have a favorite worship song, favorite snack, favorite scripture or favorite bible story. How fun will it be to read these at the end of the year!

Your time capsule might also include things each person wants to achieve this year or even as a family. Perhaps it is to volunteer at Care Corps or save money to donate to an organization. Maybe it is reading the Bible every day or memorizing Bible verses. If your family is super busy, maybe it will be to eat and pray together more often. As you come up with these ideas, also share how you will make the goals happen! A time capsule is a great way to demonstrate how God moves on the behalf of His people. Put the time capsule out of your way, perhaps with your Christmas decorations. When you get out your Christmas decorations in December, you can have fun reflecting on your year as a family and thanking God for being with you every step of the way!



STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHT

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS: \$300 to St. Patrick Catholic Church in memory of Tom Stover; \$50 to St. Patrick Lay Ministry in memory of Fr. Frank Lordemann; \$100 to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in memory of Joanne Rice; \$25 to Archbishop Bergan Catholic School in memory of Colette Kroeten; \$100 to St. Patrick Catholic Church in memory of Joanne Rice

Parish Financial Summary							
_	St. Lawrence	<u>St. Patrick</u>	St. Rose				
Sunday Collections 12/11/21 - 12/17/21	\$1,462	\$23,046	\$1,080				
Average Weekly:							
7/1/21 - 12/17/21	\$721	\$25,640	\$1,179				
7/1/20 - 12/17/20	\$531	\$21,953	\$773				
% Change	35.9%	16.8%	52.6%				
Surplus/(deficit) at 11/30/2021 a: excludes cemetery b. Includes Bergan	\$7,400a	(\$166,740)b	\$10,124				

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 \$74,814 towards our goal of **\$107,741.** Please help us reach our participation goal of **19.9%** (currently at 12.56%).



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

"... They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." (MATTHEW 2:11)

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold - we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh - is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

OUR WONDERFUL YOUTH IN 2021 (CONT.)

While COVID may have tried to put damper on things in 2021, the youth at St. Patrick, St. Lawrence and St. Rose continued to serve others, grow in their relationship with their peers and more importantly, grow in their relationship with our Heavenly Father. Here are some highlights of the great things our youth did at all three parishes during 2021...

Serve Others: Peer Minister, rang bells for Salvation Army, donated to Operation Christmas Child and delivered the shoeboxes, helped at the festival, helped at Totus Tuus, created cards for the homebound as well as became a Pen Pal, donated coats for those in need, donated canned food for the food pantry and shopped for items for the homeless.

Grow in Relationship With Peers: Attended Life Teen, prayed together, attended various retreats, worked on fundraising events to go to summer camp, worked at the festival with peers, attended Mass together.

Grow in Relationship With Our Heavenly Father: Attend Adoration as a class, completed the sacraments of First Communion, Confirmation and RCIC, attended Life in the Spirit with parents, attended either Revive, NET Ministries or other retreats, performed skits for others, learned about a saint and shared what they learned with others and attended weekly Mass.

As you can see, the youth in all three parishes are serving, sharing and growing in the love of Jesus!



HIGHLIGHTS

GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF

Name: Jenny Campbell Position: Data Entry Specialist Years at St. Patrick: 5 years Primary duties: St. Patrick and Bergan data and gift entry; creating and maintaining database, reports, etc.



Birth place: Raised in Cedar Bluffs, Nebraska

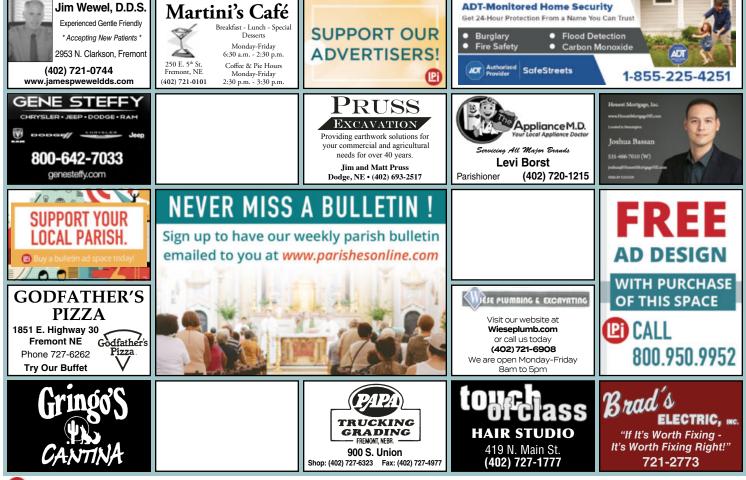
Family info: I have been married to my hus-

band Seth for 19 years. Seth is the Electrical and Automation manager for Lincoln Premium Poultry. We have two children: Cole, a sophomore, and Lindsey, a 5th grader, both at Bergan. Both kids are very active in sports and arts programs.

Favorite interests: I enjoy reading, crocheting and fishing. **What do you love about your job?** Being a part of God's bigger plan. Casey's gift cards now available!



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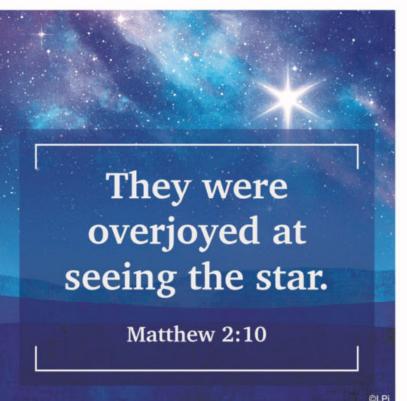
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