



Dear Bella Festa volunteers,

Thank you so much for the immeasurable work you have done for Bella Festa... An Evening With Friends 2022! I can't thank you enough and could not have done this without you. You brought fabulous ideas, positive energy, and a beautiful intensity to our annual fundraiser. I hope you will come back and join us soon and maybe even bring a friend with you!



A great big Bella Festa THANK YOU to all of our sponsors, underwriters, silent auction donors, silent auction shoppers, Fund the Need donors, raffle ticket buyers, and those who attended the Bella Festa evening. We appreciate your generosity and need each of you to make our annual fundraiser a success to support our parish and school.

Another huge THANK YOU goes out to all of our volunteers who helped with the evening of Bella Festa 2022 as bartenders, greeters, bussers, check-in, check-out, tasters, raffle sellers, coat checkers, emcees, Parish Office staff, etc... we could not do it without all of you! Each of you played a huge part in making the evening so special and successful. Many guests shared that it was truly a fun evening shared with many great friends!

A tremendous amount of work began months in advance for this special night. I am very grateful for all of the committee members for all their hard work over the last few months:

- Germany/Austria – Rosi Dowd, Maureen Emodi, Trish Longacre, Jen Taute, Ursula Treinen
- Ireland/USA – Carol Krick, Janet Kroeger, Nadine Reis, & Keery Wolf
- Italy – Meg & Gary Circo and Julie & Kevin Kaminski & Crew
- Mexico – Amy Ellis, Colleen Houston, Danielle Knudson, Traci Osuna, Maria Wollen and Laurie Zagurski
- Giving Tree – Mary Gargano

Lastly, I especially thank Ursula Treinen for being our Honorary Chair. She was a great help with the initial planning and was very supportive when the new Bella Festa format was discussed and implemented. Thank you for your encouragement! It was a fun and a successful Evening with Friends and International Experience!

*Kelly Vazquez*

*Director of Stewardship and Development*



The entire St. Robert Bellarmine Community and I would like to thank Kelly Vazquez for her incredible creativity, talent, and organizational skills used in making Bella Festa a success.

Kelly had the idea for the new format – not only was it innovative, but it was also a tremendously fun evening for all. She worked as the overall chair for Bella Festa, and put in endless hours for its success! Her family also spent countless hours helping make this evening an amazing experience. Bella Festa was a huge success! Thank you, Kelly!

PAX,

*Fr. Dave Reeson*

## PARISH OFFICE

11802 Pacific St., Omaha, NE 68154  
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Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mon -Thurs  
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Friday

## PARISH OFFICE STAFF

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### Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday by 12:00 PM

Send Items to: [bulletins@stroberts.com](mailto:bulletins@stroberts.com)  
& [barbb@stroberts.com](mailto:barbb@stroberts.com)

### Parish Registrations:

Register in Parish Office/[stroberts.com](http://stroberts.com)

## HELPFUL INFORMATION

### Priests

Rev. Dave Reeson, Pastor  
Rev. Mark McKercher, Associate Pastor  
Rev. Andy Alexander, S.J.,  
Weekend Celebrant  
Rev. Rob Scheibhofer,  
Weekend Celebrant  
Rev. Harold Buse, In Residence

### Deacons

Michael Fletcher  
Joe Laird  
Dick Petersen

### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM,  
11:00 AM, 12:30 PM  
Daily: 6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM

### Live Webcasts [www.stroberts.com](http://www.stroberts.com)

Sunday Masses 9:30 AM, Daily 8:30 AM  
Rosary - Mon-Sat 8:09 AM, Sun 9:09 AM  
Following Mass on:  
Tuesday ~ Mary of Perpetual Help Novena  
Friday ~ Parish Chaplet to Divine Mercy

### Liturgy of Hours

Daily: 6:00 AM

### Reconciliation

Saturday: 4:00-5:30 PM &  
7:30-8:30 PM  
Thursday:  
(Before First Fridays)  
4:30-5:30 PM, 7:00-8:00 PM

### Baptisms

Sundays: 1:30 PM  
Make arrangements with  
Parish Office 402-333-8989

### Marriages

Date needs to be set at least  
six months before the wedding.

### Sick Calls

Communion Calls will be made  
to those confined to home.  
Please notify the parish office  
of a serious illness and hospi-  
tal confinement. Priests will  
visit hospitalized parish mem-  
bers.

## DEVOTION

"Can you not watch with me for one hour?" (Matt 26:40) **Adorers are needed!**  
Please contact the Perpetual Adoration Captains if you can sign up for an hour.

**Sunday** Joann Holtz [jholtz6@cox.net](mailto:jholtz6@cox.net) 402-630-2702

**Monday** Jenni & Dan Owens [dowensfamily@gmail.com](mailto:dowensfamily@gmail.com) 402-330-1993

**Tuesday** Suzie Lawler [suzielawler@cox.net](mailto:suzielawler@cox.net) 402-492-9749

**Wednesday** Theresa Howell [theresahowell@cox.net](mailto:theresahowell@cox.net) 402-334-9634

**Thursday** Beth Jareske [2jareskes@cox.net](mailto:2jareskes@cox.net) 402-431-0505

**Friday** Kate Brennan 402-333-6086

**Saturday** Jan Brannen [jsb505@cox.net](mailto:jsb505@cox.net) 402-334-9533

**Perpetual Adoration** 24 hours in the Adoration Chapel

### Nocturnal Adoration

10:00 PM-6:15 AM starting on Saturday, before the first Sunday of the month.

**Mary of Perpetual Help Novena** Tuesday after the 8:30 AM Mass

**Divine Mercy** Fridays after 8:30 AM Mass

**Rosary** Mon-Sat at 8:05 AM Sundays at 7:40 AM, 9:10 AM, 10:40 AM, 7:00 PM

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**March 6, 2022** Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-3

Lk 9:28b-36

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Benedetta M., St. M. Joseph, M.C., Kerri, Cory C. (military), Carol K., Bob, Mary Kuhse, Maryanna, Betty Winther, Tom Erker, Madeline Starr, Tom Selzle, Doug, Norma, M. Brooks, Leona Schmidt, Drake, Stephen, Mary Mornin, John Kresl, Marilyn Montoya, Lindsey Schultz, Fran B., Matt N., John P., Barb Frans, Pat H., John F., Michael V., Baby Brock, Pat L., Lisa C., Al H., Irene D., Ilene Mann, Carol K., Doug H., Crystal L., Danielle & babies, Marilyn, Easton R., Marjorie K., Duane Chamberlain, Joe, Dawn A., Larry R., Geri, Susan Harr, Charlotte G., Pat & Tom Waltz, Judy Estee, Jeff, Chris Wheeler, Mark Johnson, Brian Finn, Cheryl Galvin, Jim Hyland, Kay Chelberg, Belinda Bauer, Dee Fell, Joe Gollobit, Midge Stanley, J., Melissa, Maureen, Kelly, and everyone in need of our prayers. Call the Parish Office 402-333-8989 by **Tuesday at noon** to place names on the prayer list for the following Sunday.

## OUR DECEASED

Joseph McMenamin

Joseph Dervin

Marge Fitzsimmons, stepmother of Kathleen Winkelbauer & Tim Fitzsimmons

Benjamin Goodrich, son of Barb Goodrich

Lin Simmonds

## St. Robert's Lent and Holy Week 2022

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

2:15 p.m. – March 4 - April 1

6:00 p.m. – March 4 - Mar. 8

### Living Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 8 – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 10 – 3:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays – 4:00-5:30 p.m., 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 9 – 10:30 a.m.-Noon,

4:00-5:30 p.m., 7:30-8:30 p.m.

### Parish Reconciliation Service

Sunday, April 3—2:00 p.m.

Monday, April 4 – 6:30 p.m.

### "The Physical Aspects of the Crucifixion"

Dr. Gerard Stanley, Sr., MD, author  
Thursday, March 10—7:00 p.m.

### Lenten Holy Hour Respect Life

Sundays during Lent—6:30-7:30 p.m.

Exposition - Prayers - Rosary

### Holy Thursday, April 14

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 p.m.

Adoration – from end of Mass until Midnight

### Good Friday, April 15

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

3:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

### Easter Vigil, April 16

7:00 p.m.

### Easter Sunday Masses, April 17

6:00 a.m. Son-Rise, 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m.,

9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

(no 12:30 p.m.)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

(AND CELEBRANTS)

### Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>

6:30 am† Evelyn Wilson *Fr. Rob*

Anniversary

8:30 am† Salim Porbandarwala *Fr. Mark*

5:30 pm† James Whitaker *Fr. Harry*

Anniversary

### Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>

6:30 am† Jude McGargill *Fr. Rob*

8:30 am Karlyn Trimble *Fr. Harry*

In Thanksgiving

Unit Mass

5:30 pm† Chris Engelbert *Fr. Dave*

### Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>

6:30 am† Marvin Piotrowski *Fr. Harry*

8:30 am† Mary Beth Dejoy *Fr. Mark*

Unit Mass

5:30 pm† Jack Chapman *Fr. Dave*

### Thursday March 10<sup>th</sup>

6:30 am† Patricia Heneghen *Fr. Rob*

8:30 am† Judy Johns *Fr. Dave*

All School Mass

5:30 pm Augustine Diegel *Fr. Mark*

In Thanksgiving

### Friday March 11<sup>th</sup>

6:30 am† Marvin Werve & family *Fr. Dave*

8:30 am† Grace Hahler *Fr. Mark*

5:30 pm† John Coniglio *Fr. Harry*

### Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am† Gene Premo *Fr. Harry*

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Confessions

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

5:30 pm† Dennis Hilz *Fr. Mark*

Anniversary

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Confessions

### Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am† Everett Simpson, Sr. *Fr. Andy*

8:00 am People of St. Robert's *Fr. Harry*

9:30 am† Danielle Shafer *Fr. Mark*

11:00 am† Don Egr *Fr. Dave*

12:30 pm† Everett Simpson, Jr. *Fr. Dave*

See p. 9 for other reconciliation service opportunities at neighboring parishes.



## A WORD

### Saying Yes to God

**Lent is a time when we feel our distance from God.** We realize once again in our heart of hearts how deep is our need for Him. Lent is the time when many will be thinking about what to give up for Lent. Some people will focus on will-power and give up chocolate or sweets. Others might focus on the moral life and try to give up a vice or bad habit. Some will do something spiritual such as attending daily Mass, saying the rosary, or praying in the mornings.

**But in a Marian sense,** there is a better way! Instead of picking and choosing, we can cede control of what to do penitentially for Lent by finding ways to say yes to God. This approach more directly benefits our soul because the direction of the source is God Himself. He knows perfectly what is needed for life in Christ.

**We first say yes to God** by accepting and being grateful for our current circumstances, and by seeing in them the mysterious movement of Divine Providence. It is the hand of God moving intimately in our life. Gratitude and saying yes to God are roommates, even when we cannot see the fuller context of where God might be leading us. We simple trust in God's goodness and bottomless love for us.

**Saying yes to God means** doing so today, here and now, in the immediate situation in which we find ourselves. There is no need for looking back, no need for asking "what if" or "if only." We may carry wounds, brokenness, shame, or sadness from the past (buried in the present) but we give them over into God's care—for healing, for forgiveness, and for renewal.

**We often say yes to God** with an asterisk. We prefer it to be on our own terms. We like to be in control and to filter out anything that forces us out of our comfort zone. Yet that is exactly God's purpose. Saying yes to God may not always be convenient, but it will lead to the greatest fruitfulness (though not always apparent to us). There is something in every experience God brings to us that can lead to greater holiness and peace, if only we embrace it as a gift from His heart to ours.

**Saying yes to God often leads** to the cross, but also to great freedom and consolation. Perhaps this is the secret of the saints—simply saying yes to God, ardently and gratefully. Saying yes to God will take us into wild new vistas in our relationship with Him! O Lord, we want to say yes, yes, yes to You. Grant us the courage and love to do so.



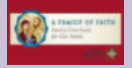
## SCHOOL NEWS



### St. Robert Bellarmine School Open for Enrollment FOR ALL GRADES

St. Robert Bellarmine is welcoming new students in all grades for the 2022-2023 school year! SRB students live their faith, practice service, achieve excellence and become leaders of all to Christ. Our school is a dynamic, faith-filled community. Please contact the school office to schedule a tour. We look forward to meeting new families and sharing the excellence of St. Robert Bellarmine School! Please call the school office at 402-334-1929 or email Assistant Principal Patricia Ahlgren at [pahlgren@stroberts.com](mailto:pahlgren@stroberts.com) for more information or to set up a tour.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**March 8<sup>th</sup>** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Communion Meeting 7:00 p.m. Church

**March 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>** - Sacrament classes

**March 16<sup>th</sup>** - Student and Lenten Family Confession 6:15 p.m.

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>** - 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Sacrament class

?s about Religious Education,  
Cheryl Erker [cerker@stroberts.com](mailto:cerker@stroberts.com)



*8<sup>th</sup> Grade RE class*



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## PARISH INFORMATION

### LADIES GUILD

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join the St. Robert's Prayer Shawl Ministry on Tuesdays in Mtg. Rm. 3 at 1:00 p.m. All levels of knitting & crocheting are welcome. Parishioners, RCIA, St. Paul VI mothers, hospice, homeless, & more receive our hand made items. If you know someone who's going through rough times & want to give them a prayer shawl, or have ?s, contact Rita Wolfe at 402-812-0016. Donations are needed & can be left in or by the marked basket in the left side of the coat closet.

#### GUILD MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION



**Ladies Guild Members! Have you renewed your membership? Not a member? Join now!**

It's about Fun, Fellowship & Service! The Ladies Guild is open to **ALL** ladies of the parish.

*Are you a "one & done" volunteer? Do you like to help all year 'round? Would you like to meet new ladies in the parish? Want to just support us with your dues? **The Ladies Guild can do all of that and more! Did you know....*** The Guild was one of the first groups formed in the parish when it was founded in 1966. It has supported the Pastor & St. Robert's parish since its formation in 1966. There are Pillar Leaders & Officers, 17 committees and four circles... **Why not try one out?**

#### Questions?

President-Natalie Miler 402-575-1069/[nemiller6@gmail.com](mailto:nemiller6@gmail.com)

Membership- Tiffany Wade 402-210-4030/

[Tiffany.Wade@rfconline.com](http://Tiffany.Wade@rfconline.com)

#### BLOOD DRIVE



Did you know that donating blood can save up to 3 lives? Take advantage of an opportunity to make a difference! The next St Robert's Blood Drive is on Sun., March 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am-1:00 p.m. in the Mainelli Center. To schedule: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (search sponsor code STROBERT) or contact Marie Kozel via text/phone at 402-680-0182. Walk in donors accepted the day of the drive if the rive does not fill.

#### CIRCLE 3



5109, or Jean Tatten 402-333-5547. See you there!

Last call! EPS Irish Brunch is on Thursday, March 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the Mainelli Center. Join us for a wonderful morning of fun, food, friendship, and entertainment. Reservations please! Questions, call Rose Wilson 402-333-5109, Barb Bene 402-333-

## SPONSORED BY THE LADIES GUILD

Did you know there are 2 upcoming event sponsored by the Ladies Guild?

1) Lenten Morning of Reflection - March 31<sup>st</sup> - The speaker is Fr. Chris Kubat on "Praying In the Spirit" and a \$10 entrance fee covers breakfast and the cost of the speaker. Volunteers are needed to assist with set up and clean up in addition to checking in attendees before the event. Register via email to [Sermomof7@gmail.com](mailto:Sermomof7@gmail.com) or text 402-926-6293.

2) Lenten Reconciliation Reception following Reconciliation Services on Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. and Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. - be on the lookout for additional details and volunteer needs!

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

### JUAN DIEGO FOOD PANTRY



St. Robert's parish provides the Catholic Charities/**Juan Diego Food Pantry** at 31<sup>st</sup> and Q in Omaha with most of its non-perishable food items. Cereal, rice, pasta, maseca flour, cooking oil, soup, peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, bar soap, shampoo, deodorant, baggies, etc., are most beneficial. **Please return your sacks this weekend** filled with such items by 12:30 p.m., Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

### BREAKFAST TODAY!



The Knights of Columbus are serving a delicious biscuits and gravy breakfast (pancakes for the kids) in the Mainelli Center after the morning Masses this weekend, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Come for delicious food and great fellowship!

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS



Catholic Daughters will meet on Tuesday, March 8, in meeting room 3. Rosary begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by social time and meeting. Debbie Marcil, St. Robert's Pastoral Assistant, will be our speaker. Please mark your calendar for the meeting and the showing of the St. Joseph movie on Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## ROSARY MAKERS NEEDED!

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in Meeting Room 3 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The rosary is said at 11:30 a.m. & you can stay as long as you want. Light refreshments provided. We can teach you how to make cord rosaries. It is an easy craft to learn! We provide all the materials you need to take home to make rosaries in your spare time. We can also provide individual instruction at other times to fit your schedule. Questions call Lynette Schaffer 513-999-0678, Carol Zuroske 402-330-4898, or Rita Wolfe 402-812-0016. Sponsored by the Legion of Mary.



## PASTORAL MINISTRY

### RCIA 2021/2022

3/6 - First Sunday of Lent - Rite of Sending at 9:30 Mass, Dinner at 5:30 p.m. in MC, Rite of Election at 7:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia's Cathedral

3/9 - Crucifixion of Jesus, Pentecost, the Holy Spirit w/Fr. Don

3/16 - The Creed with John Lingo

3/19 - First Scrutiny at 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday

3/23/22 - Retreat Experience

?s - Debbie [dmarcil@stroberts.com](mailto:dmarcil@stroberts.com)

## CAN YOU HELP?

Our Funeral Ministry Team is looking for 4 or 5 people who are able to take the leftover food from funeral lunches to a shelter. This would be on an as needed basis - will take an hour of volunteer time. Questions, call Debbie at 402-333-8989. Thank you for all your support for our families during this difficult time.



<https://praymoreretreat.org/>

From Daily Novenas

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/> Fr. Andy

<https://dailycatholicgospel.com/lent-reflections-2022> Bishop Robert Barron

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html> Matthew Kelly

<https://www.facebook.com/strobertbellarmineomaha>

Fr. Mark on St. Robert's Facebook page

## THE PHYSICAL ASPECTS OF THE CRUCIFIXION



On Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, parishioner Dr. Gerard Stanley will have a Lenten presentation for all to hear from 7:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the Mainelli Center. The title of the presentation is, "The Physical Aspects of the Crucifixion" and is based on his book, "He Was Crucified."



This promises to be a fascinating talk and we look forward to seeing you there!

## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

### ***First Sunday of Lent – March 6, 2022***

"The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar of the LORD, your God." Are you considering a call from the Holy Spirit to become a priest in front of the altar of our LORD? Call Fr. Andy Roza at 402-557-5575 or email [ajroza@archomaha.org](mailto:ajroza@archomaha.org)

## HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS

The Serra Club of West Omaha invites all the faithful to join us for a special *Holy Hour for Priests and Seminarians* on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, at St. Robert's. Join us in the Narthex at 6:00 PM for a Welcome Reception and at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary for the Holy Hour. The Presider will be Fr. Frank Baumert, Sr. Associate Pastor of St. Thomas More and St. Joan of Arc, and Chaplain of the Serra Club of West Omaha. During the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, together we will pray a Rosary for Priests and Seminarians, followed by the Litany for Priests. We will spend time in silent adoration as we pray for all our Priests and Seminarians who are part of the Archdiocese of Omaha. As our Archdiocese faces a shortage of priests amid a challenging time for our Catholic Church and our culture at-large, now more than ever, we need to support our Priests and Seminarians with fervent and ongoing prayer. Please show your support and invite your family, children, youth, friends, and neighbors to join us. Let's fill the church!



Any ?s contact us at [westomaha@serrainternational.org](mailto:westomaha@serrainternational.org). All are welcome!

***"The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." ~ St. John Vianney ~***

## NEW LIFE GROUP

Celebrate the luck of the Irish by dining with the New Life Group on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet at Fernando's Mexican Restaurant at 380 N. 114<sup>th</sup> St. at 5:00 p.m. We invite all widows and widowers to join us. For reservations, contact Sharon at 402-391-3259 or Dorie at 402-333- 6127. We look forward to seeing you there!

## AN INVITE FROM OUR STUDENT AMBASSADORS

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade St. Robert's Student Ambassadors invite you to their monthly breakfast on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, in the Mainelli Center after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us for coffee and conversation and all parishioners are welcome!



## WEEKLY OFFERING

<b><u>St. Robert Bellarmine Weekly Offertory</u></b>	<b><u>2/27/2022</u></b>
Budgeted for the week	\$ 39,403
Sunday Envelopes Received	\$ 37,994
<b><u>Weekly Variance positive or (negative)</u></b>	<b>\$ (1,409)</b>
Budgeted Year-To-Date (YTD)	\$1,705,719
YTD Received	\$1,796,882
YTD variance positive or (negative)	\$ 91,163

**“The most joyful people also happen to be the most generous. Generous giving is joy. To give is to become more like God.”**

**Allen Hunt – “Nine Words”**

New expanded tax benefits – Deductions up to \$600 available even if you don't itemize! \*consult your tax professional

Questions? Kelly Vazquez [kellyvazquez@stroberts.com](mailto:kellyvazquez@stroberts.com) (Stewardship & Development) or Patrick Flanery (Business Office) [business@stroberts.com](mailto:business@stroberts.com), or call 402-333-8989.

## CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING!

**Tired of writing checks?** Donate easily online through the Parish website <https://www.stroberts.com/> and click on the large **green Online Giving** button on the right side of the home page. In a few easy steps you can set up automatic recurring contributions or make a one-time donation to a special cause.

**Need help? Patrick can do this for you! Please click on the link and get this done now!**

<https://www.myowngiving.com/Default.aspx?cid=1100>

For more information, please contact Patrick Flanery at the Parish Office ~ [business@stroberts.com](mailto:business@stroberts.com) or 402-333-8989.

## SUNDAY ROSARY

Join us each Sun. at 7:00 p.m. in Church to pray the rosary for restoration of Christian families, strengthening of faith, our country, and for your own private intentions.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Monday, March 7, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Heart of Jesus Prayer group, CR
- 1:00 p.m. Mah Jongg, MR3
- 4:00 p.m. Safe Environment, Mainelli Center
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, Mainelli Center
- 6:30 p.m. Wilson Model T, MR1
- 7:00 p.m. Omne Brass Quintet, Music CH
- 7:00 p.m. Pack 437 leadership meeting, MR2
- 7:00 p.m. Ladies Guild meeting, MR3

### Tuesday, March 8, 2022

- 8:30 a.m. Mater Filius, Conf. Rm.
- 9:00 a.m. Catholic Daughters, MR3
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, MR3
- 2:30 p.m. Heart of a Child Ministry, MR2
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik, M1
- 6:00 p.m. ELA Parents meeting, Mainelli Center
- 6:00 p.m. Team Omaha Taekwondo, WGYM
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, CAF
- 7:00 p.m. 2nd grade parent meeting, CH
- 7:00 p.m. Siblings of Suicide Loss, MR2
- 7:00 p.m. Parents of Suicide, MR3

### Wednesday, March 9, 2022

- 9:15 a.m. Kindermusik, MR1 & MR2
- 6:00 p.m. Religious Ed
- 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus meeting, MR4
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, CR
- 6:30 p.m. RCIA, Mainelli Center

### Thursday, March 10, 2022

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Study, CR
- 9:00 a.m. Circle 3 meeting, Mainelli Center
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik, MR1 and MR2
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik, MR2
- 7:00 p.m. Bible Study, CR
- 7:00 p.m. Physical Aspects of the Crucifixion, MC
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, MR3

### Friday, March 11, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik, MR2
- 2:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross, CH
- 6:00 p.m. Stations of the cross, CH
- 6:30 p.m. Card Party, MR3

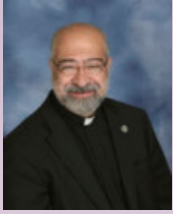
### Saturday, March 12, 2022

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study, CR & MR2
- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik, MR1 and MR2
- 2:00 p.m. LoveEd, CR & MR3
- 3:00 p.m. Robotics, CAF

### Sunday, March 13, 2022

- 7:00 a.m. Blood Drive, Mainelli Center
- 12:00 p.m. Ramaeker shower, CR
- 3:00 p.m. St. Joseph movie, Mainelli Center
- 5:00 p.m. Men's Basketball, EGYM
- 6:30 p.m. Respect Life Holy Hour, CH

## DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK



This first week of Lent is the time we are given to begin our Lenten patterns, to re-align our priorities, and to make use of more reflective time each day. It is a time to fast and abstain from those things that hinder our relationship with the Lord, and to consider being more generous to the poor.

As we make this beginning, we are offered some beautiful instruction about what is expected of us. These readings describe a very Jesus-like love. We can examine our care for the hungry, thirsty, naked, sick or imprisoned. We can reflect upon who in our lives needs us and whether we love them as we want to be loved. And we can look at the deeper things, like our anger or how we treat others, and our response to those who are our “enemies.” What is most important this first week, beyond a sharper examination of our consciences, is to see this as a time for God's grace to work in us. So, it is a time to ask for the graces we are starting to see we need.

Each morning this week we can ask our Lord to help us focus this day on the neediest people around us. We can ask to begin new patterns this week by practicing special charity and love, where I haven't been so generous or kind before. The key is to ask and to be very specific. Then, throughout the day, we can keep talking with our Lord, in the “background” about these graces we ask for and the concrete circumstances we find ourselves in. It is in the particular events of our day that we will become attentive to our need for our Lord's presence and grace, as well as our need to choose a new pattern. Each evening, we can briefly review the day and recognize some missed opportunities to connect with the Lord or take advantage of a situation here or there, but most of all, we can thank the Lord for the moments of connection that have begun our Lenten journey.

One resource that may be helpful is the [Praying Lent](#) website with reflections on how we can set a different tone for our Lent by making choices about how we want our Lent to be and what we want God to do in us this Lent.

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/C2-L-01.html>

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## SAINT OF THE DAY

March 7

**Ss. Perpetua and Felicity d. 203**



“When my father in his affection for me was trying to turn me from my purpose by arguments and thus weaken my faith, I said to him, ‘Do you see this vessel—water pot or whatever it may be? Can it be called by any other name than what it is?’ ‘No,’ he replied. ‘So also I cannot call myself by any other name than what I am—a Christian.’”

So writes Perpetua: young, beautiful, well-educated, a noblewoman of Carthage in North Africa, mother of an infant son and chronicler of the persecution of the Christians by Emperor Septimius Severus.

Perpetua's mother was a Christian and her father a pagan. He continually pleaded with her to deny her faith. She refused and was imprisoned at 22.

In her diary, Perpetua describes her period of captivity: “What a day of horror! Terrible heat, owing to the crowds! Rough treatment by the soldiers! To crown all, I was tormented with anxiety for my baby.... Such anxieties I suffered for many days, but I obtained leave for my baby to remain in the prison with me, and being relieved of my trouble and anxiety for him, I at once recovered my health, and my prison became a palace to me and I would rather have been there than anywhere else.”

Despite threats of persecution and death, Perpetua, Felicity—a slavewoman and expectant mother—and three companions, Revocatus, Secundulus and Saturninus, refused to renounce their Christian faith. For their unwillingness, all were sent to the public games in the amphitheater. There Perpetua and Felicity were beheaded, and the others killed by beasts.

Felicity gave birth to a daughter a few days before the games commenced.

Perpetua's record of her trial and imprisonment ends the day before the games. “Of what was done in the games themselves, let him write who will.” The diary was finished by an eyewitness.

**Reflection** Persecution for religious beliefs is not confined to Christians in ancient times. Consider Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who with her family, was forced into hiding and later died in Bergen-Belsen, one of Hitler's death camps during World War II. Anne, like Perpetua and Felicity, endured hardship and suffering and finally death because she committed herself to God. In her diary, Anne writes, “It's twice as hard for us young ones to hold our ground, and maintain our opinions, in a time when all ideals are being shattered and destroyed, when people are showing their worst side, and do not know whether to believe in truth and right and God.”

St. Perpetua is the Patron Saint of Widows and Mothers of Deceased Sons.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saints-perpetua-and-felicity>



## Sunday Schedule

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March 12/13, 2022	5:30 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
Priest	Fr. Mark	Fr. Andy	Fr. Harry	Fr. Mark	Fr. Dave	Fr. Dave
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Ushers	T McGuire	M Thieman	T Bartholet	R Kuncl	G Liebenritt	R McWilliams
Rosary (Sorrowful)			Wunderlich	Hautzinger	McCandless	
Security Patrol	5:15pm J Long	7am-9am M Vazquez	9am-11am J Blumel	11am-lot empty J Zook		

## COMMUNITY INFO

### MORE RECONCILIATION SERVICES

In addition to our own reconciliation services, listed below are plentiful opportunities to attend reconciliation frequently throughout Lent at our neighboring parishes. Have a blessed and restorative Lent! *-Father Dave*

- March 9 – St. John Vianney 4:30pm and 6:30pm
- March 16 – St. John Vianney 4:30pm and 6:30pm
- March 24 - St. Wenceslaus 7:00pm
- March 28 – St. Leo's - 7:00pm
- March 29 – St. Leo's - 1:30pm
- March 29 - Mary Our Queen 7:00pm
- March 30 – St. Pius - 6:30pm
- **April 3 – St. Robert's - 2pm**
- **April 4 – St. Robert's - 6:30pm**
- April 11 – St. Elizabeth Ann 7:00pm (And ½ hour before every Daily Mass Mon - Sat)
- April 12 – St. John Vianney 7:00pm
- April 13 – St. John Vianney 1:30pm

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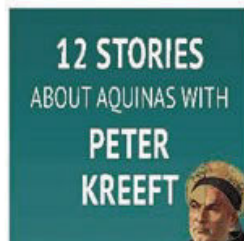
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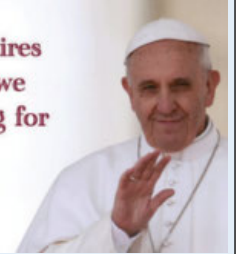
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The Lord never tires of forgiving, it is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.

Pope Francis



## MOMS OF FAITH

**Calling all Moms!** Fridays (alternating weeks) from 9:30am - 11:00am. Attend as you can. If you are a mother of any age, please consider joining us for prayer, fellowship, & fun, as we support each other in our common vocation of motherhood. Children are welcome. Celebrating our 8<sup>th</sup> year of MOF at St. Robert's! Questions ~ Sarah Ryland 402-926-6293 or [srbmomsofffaith@gmail.com](mailto:srbmomsofffaith@gmail.com)

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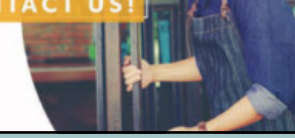
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## LENTEN HOLY HOUR RESPECT LIFE

During Lent we are called to enhance our Prayer-Fasting –Alms Giving. If you are looking for something meaningful along these lines during this holy season, here is a suggestion - come & pray for 1 hour EVERY Sunday evening from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., beginning on March 6<sup>th</sup>, for a successful US Supreme Court determination of Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. This case very well could begin the end of Roe v Wade & end the scourge of abortion in our country. This & other Culture of Life Issues will be the focus of our prayers.

Questions contact Lindsay Harm  
at 402-208-3812.

### **Lenten Holy Hour Respect Life**

- Please join us Sundays during Lent beginning on March 6
- 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
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Exposition  
Prayers  
Rosary



Ash Wednesday is the start of the Lenten season and we begin to journey towards Easter Sunday. It is a time to reflect on how we can share our blessings, resources, and talents with others. How will we renew our relationship with God during Lent? How can we become good stewards of what God has given us?

We are a blessed parish community and it takes everyone to make St. Robert's a dynamic parish family. This past weekend we celebrated Bella Festa... An Evening with Friends as a community. Many parishioners attended, many people volunteered to make the evening a success, but everyone had a part to play to raise funds for the parish and school.

St. Robert's offers many ways for parishioners to be involved and give of themselves to make this the outstanding parish community that it is. We invite you to explore the many ways you can be active here - from an hour or two helping with Donut Sunday, the annual picnic, funeral help, music ministry, helping in the school, adoration, and leadership roles. We invite all parishioners to play an active part in the St. Robert's community and share your time and talents.

If you would like more information on the variety of ministries and organizations you can be involved in, please contact our Stewardship and Development Director, Kelly Vazquez, in the Parish Office [kellyvazquez@stroberts.com](mailto:kellyvazquez@stroberts.com) or 402-333-8989.

