



Blessing of the Baskets

with Fr. Dave Reeson
Holy Saturday April 16th
11:00 a.m. in Church



When many of our Eastern European Ancestors came to this country many years ago, they brought with them some beautiful traditions which added a particular beauty to the Easter Holy days. Among the most popular is the Traditional Blessing of the Foods. After a strict Lenten fast and abstinence, specially prepared foods were made in advance for the blessing. A family basket would be filled with these foods and then covered with a crocheted or embroidered linen cloth. Often the cloth had an Easter emblem or the words 'Christ is Risen' on it. Each of these foods had a special significance. Below is a list of the traditional foods from many Polish family traditions. **Please note: You are welcome to bring ANY food to be blessed!**

- **Bacon** – Symbol of the abundance of God's mercy.
- **Bread** – The staff of life given by God.
- **Easter Bread** – A round loaf of rich, eggy, yeast dough with raisins reminiscent of the risen Lord.
- **Butter** – Dairy products are included to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of our salvation. Butter is often shaped into a lamb (symbolic of the Paschal Lamb).
- **Candle** – The candle symbolizes Jesus, the Light of the World, and can be lit during the blessing.
- **Cheese** – Cheese is a symbol to remind Christians of moderation.
- **Colored Eggs** – Both colored and uncolored hard-cooked eggs indicate hope, new life and Christ rising from his tomb.
- **Ham** – Meats are symbolic of great joy and abundance in celebration of Christ's Resurrection.
- **Sausage** – The sausage links are symbolic of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead as well as of God's generosity.
- **Horseradish** – This is a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the Passion of Jesus and the vinegar it is mixed with symbolizes the sour wine given to Jesus on the cross.
- **Salt** – Salt is represented to add zest to life and preserve us from corruption.
- **Sweets** – Sweets suggest the promise of eternal life or good things to come.



Begin the tradition in your own family!

On Holy Saturday Morning at 11:00 a.m. bring your baskets to Church filled with a symbolic portion of the food you will eat on Easter Sunday. **Children are encouraged to make and bring their own basket!** Add your Easter dinner wine and a small pot of Easter flowers, Easter eggs, candies, even an Easter treat for your pets. Decorate your basket with family heirloom napkins or linen. There are no limits to how creative you can be! If you have questions, please contact the Parish Office at 402-333-8989.

PARISH OFFICE

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Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mon -Thurs
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Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday by 12:00 PM

Send Items to: bulletins@stroberts.com
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Parish Registrations:

Register in Parish Office/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

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 402-630-2702

Monday Jenni & Dan Owens dowensfamily@gmail.com 402-330-1993

Tuesday Suzie Lawler suzielawler@cox.net 402-492-9749

Wednesday Theresa Howell theresahowell@cox.net 402-334-9634

Thursday Beth Jareske 2jareskes@cox.net 402-431-0505

Friday Kate Brennan 402-333-6086

Saturday Jan Brannen 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

April 10, 2022

Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/

Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16abc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/

Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] or

Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5b]/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/

Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Ex 14:15—15:1/Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1b]/

Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2a]/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Mary Jankowski, Rita, Duane Chamberlain, Gene Bolz, Jan Ohlinger, Linda Wilson, Jennifer Campbell, Kay Chelberg, Ed Kacirek, Lugi Montoya, Sharon Aschoff, Marcia, Bob R., Nick Camero, Pattie Ries, J.S.K., Benedetta M., Sr. M. Joseph, M.C., Kerri, Cory C. (military), Carol K., Bob, Mary Kuhse, Maryanna, 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 Joe, Dawn A., Larry R., Geri, Susan Harr, Charlotte G., Chris Wheeler, Cheryl Galvin, Jim Hyland, 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

Sandra Nolle

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

Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent
6:00 p.m. – March 4 - April 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, April 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.

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.)

MASS INTENTIONS

(AND CELEBRANTS)

Monday April 11th

6:30 am† Don Marasco *Fr. Rob*

8:30 am† Ralph Woods *Fr. Harry*
Anniversary

5:30 pm† Mary Galata *Fr. Mark*

Tuesday April 12th

6:30 am† Sharon Fitzsimmons *Fr. Rob*
Anniversary

8:30 am† George Kubat *Fr. Dave*
Anniversary

5:30 pm† Sharon Fitzsimmons *Fr. Harry*
Anniversary

Wednesday April 13th

6:30 am† Sam Muth *Fr. Dave*

8:30 am† Mark Treinen *Fr. Harry*
Anniversary

All School Mass

5:30 pm† Betty Connor *Fr. Mark*
Anniversary

Thursday April 14th *Fr. Dave, Fr. Mark,*

Holy Thursday *Fr. Harry, Fr. Andy,*

7:30 pm† Ryan McNeil *Fr. Don*

Friday April 15th

Good Friday

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Fr. Mark

7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Fr. Dave

Saturday April 16th

Holy Saturday

7:30 pm† Mike Reilly *Fr. Dave, Fr. Mark*
Easter Vigil

Sunday April 17th

Easter Sunday

6:00 am - Son-Rise Mass *Fr. Dave*
† Megan Boever
Anniversary

7:00 am† Tom and Velma Selzle *Fr. Dave*

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

9:30 am† Grayson Harwell *Fr. Mark*

11:00 am† Pat Martin *Fr. Don*

A WORD

My Soul Magnifies the Lord

Is there a sadness in our eyes when no one is looking? What is the darkness that we keep carefully hidden within ourselves? What is that vulnerability that we work to keep under wraps, something that we hold close and rarely reveal to anyone? Except perhaps in the confessional. Sometimes the façade we convey to others hides a deeper brokenness, and leads us to close in on ourselves and hold back from life. It can be soul-wounds from traumatic events, from humiliations suffered, or from our own wrong choices in life. It could be from deeply ingrained tendencies of anger, resentment, criticism, condescension, or lack of forgiveness. We may not measure up to the success stories that the world expects, or our inner struggle is too painful or embarrassing for others to see. As we create and manage a public persona, we can fall into a perpetually defensive posture.

In constructing a false narrative of ourselves, we lose touch with our true identity in Christ. A false self is created, and in doing so, we stifle the one true source of life—God Himself. Instead, a distance from Him and from others grows into a kind of opaqueness of spirit. Nevertheless, our heart hungers for more, for authentic life.

The Blessed Virgin Mary proclaimed, “My soul magnifies the Lord.” Our happiness and the fruitfulness of our life rests in this essential transparency of our soul to God. We become a transparent window to Christ within us when we reveal our hidden struggles and failings to Him—which He already knows. Nevertheless, we have to say it. This begins with an interaction between God and ourselves: a give and take, a getting-to-know, an effort of exposing our inner selves to His healing light and mercy. Over time, this will lead to a growing closeness, a deepening intimacy, and a purity of heart.

Boundless healing comes from exposure of what we had formerly kept hidden. We can regain this sense of transparency to God in several ways. The first is repentance, confession, and then receiving absolution. The sacrament of Reconciliation can bring the greatest inner freedom. Not just freedom from sin but also a sense of the freedom only found in the Holy Spirit. The second is prayer. Faithfulness to prayer, adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, and prayers like the rosary or Jesus Prayer—these have a soaking effect. The presence of God descends into our depths, heals, and makes everything new. The third is going out of ourselves in love. “Love covers a multitude of sins” (1 Pet 4:8), but it also heals and transforms the giver, the lover, the compassionate one.

“Create a clean heart in me, O God; renew in me a steadfast spirit” (Ps 51).

SCHOOL NEWS





ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

Enroll Now!

St. Robert is welcoming new students in all grades for the 2022-2023 school year! St. Robert students live their faith, practice service, achieve excellence and become leaders of all to Christ. Please call or email Assistant Principal Patricia Ahlgren to schedule a tour.

School Office • 402.334.1929
Patricia Ahlgren • pahlgren@stroberts.com



We are hiring for two positions for the 2022-23 School Year:

- Music Teacher
- Teacher Assistants
(Full and Part-time)



Please email Pattie Ahlgren, Assistant Principal at pahlgren@stroberts.com with your letter of interest & resume.

Thank you!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

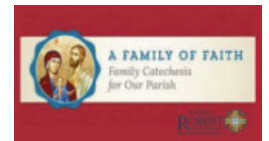
April 13th & 20th - Sacrament classes

April 23rd - 1st Communion practice 9:30 a.m.

April 24th - 1st Communion Mass 3:00 p.m.

April 27th - Mary Crowning 5:30 p.m. Mass and
End of Year Pizza Party

?s about Religious Education, Cheryl Erker cerker@stroberts.com



YOUTH MINISTRY

SENIOR BREAKFAST

Calling all high school seniors! You and your family are invited to join us for the 2022 Senior Breakfast on **Sunday, May 15th**. Attend 9:30 am Mass with your family, and then join us in the Mainelli Center for a pancake breakfast. Send in your RSVP number, info on your future plans, and photos that will be used in our graduate slideshow (baby photo + senior photo). Contact Lauren at lmohatt@stroberts.com for more information. See you there!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS registration is open for campers and volunteers! **June 6-10** Visit our webpage at www.stroberts.com/youth-ministry for more information and to find the links to register/submit payment. Submit all questions to Lauren at lmohatt@stroberts.com.

PARISH INFORMATION

LADIES GUILD

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Join the St. Robert's Prayer Shawl Ministry on Tuesdays in MR3 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, call 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.

CIRCLE 3

Been There Done That - Don't miss our last meeting on Thursday, April 14th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Mainelli Center. Sweets needed! Call Kathryn 402-333-2871.

Annual EPS Irish Brunch - Thank you again for your generosity donating to EPS. We received a RECORD TOTAL of \$14,000+ for this worthy cause! It's not too late to donate— Please send your contribution to: EPS c/o Rose Wilson, 1032 S. 112th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68154. Support Life!

CIRCLE 2

Please mark your calendars for Monday, April 11th, 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 3. We will be doing a service project to benefit St. Monica's House. Please join us. ?s call Jan at 402-578-4735.

ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA

Spring cleaning? Our ministry has needs!

BASIC KITCHEN ITEMS:

Pots & pans for cooking and baking

Utensils for cooking & baking (spatula, turners, paring knives, measure cups & spoons, mixing bowls, wooden spoons, kitchen towels / hot pads

Dishes / Silverware - Every day dishes, drinking glasses, coffee mugs, serving bowls

BEDDING – Sheets, blankets, spreads/comforters – all sizes - recently laundered and usable - Please mark size on items (twin, full, queen, king)

TOWELS - Bath, hand towels and washcloths

BED PILLOWS – can only accept new pillows

LAUNDRY BASKETS – prefer oblong 1.5 – 2.5 Bu baskets

Leave items in coat closet in corridor by office – north end

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Next meeting is April 12th at 9:00 a.m. in MR3.

ST. ROBERT'S PRAYER GARDEN

A sure sign of spring is when the White Star magnolia starts to bud. This lovely shrub is across from the grotto, to the right of the lower door into the Mainelli Center. There are lots of little crocus, daffodils, and Lenten rose flowers popping up everywhere. Come see what you can find!



ROSARY MAKERS

Join us Wednesday, April 20th 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 531-999-0678, Carol Zuroske 402-330-4898, or Rita Wolfe 402-812-0016. Sponsored by the Legion of Mary.



NEW LIFE GROUP

Celebrate the Easter Season by dining with the New Life Group on **Sunday, April 24th** at Stokes Restaurant West at 13615 California St. Due to Easter being on the third Sunday of April, we are changing this month's dinner only to the fourth Sunday, April 24th. We invite all widows & widowers to join us. For reservations, contact Sharon at 402-391-3259 or Dorie at 402-333- 6127. We'll see you there!

PRO LIFE

St. Robert's is very excited to join **Life Runners**, the largest pro-life team in the nation with over 18,000 teammates across 41 nations and 3,194 cities. (Running is NOT required). To learn more and join our growing team, see <https://www.liferunners.org> to join our parish chapter, "St. Robert's Church". Be sure to order a "Remember the Unborn" jersey to wear the first Wednesday of every month. Contact Lindsay Harm 402-208-3812 if you have any ?s.

Parishioner Cullen Herout hosts Ready To Stand: Pro-Life Radio every Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 5:30 p.m. on Spirit Catholic Radio. The show aims to promote a culture of life through honest discussion of the most difficult issues facing our culture, including abortion, assisted suicide, religious liberty, and more.

For more information ~

[//www.spiritcatholicradio.com/readytostand](http://www.spiritcatholicradio.com/readytostand).

PASTORAL MINISTRY

RCIA 2021/2022

4/13 - No class for Holy Week

4/16 - Easter Vigil 7:00 p.m. welcoming our catechumens & candidates fully into the Catholic faith

4/20 - 5:30 p.m. Mass then potluck in MC

?s - Debbie dmarcil@strobets.com

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Please remember **ALL** adult St. Robert's volunteers are required to be Safe Environment Certified. Sign up at this link, check your status, or review documents about these policies and the laws in our State.

<https://omaha.cmgconnect.org>

Upcoming scheduled trainings at St. Robert's:

•Monday, May 9, – 2:00 p.m. in the Mainelli Center

?s Debbie at dmarcil@strobets.com or 402-333-8989.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

– **April 10, 2022** "... He opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled,." Prayer and reflection are essential to discerning a vocation. Are you open to a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or the consecrated life?

Contact Fr. Andy Roza 402-557-5575 or email ajroza@archomaha.org

LENTEN HOLY HOUR RESPECT LIFE

Please join us on Sundays during Lent from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Church for Exposition, Prayers, and the Rosary. Questions contact Lindsay Harm at 402-208-3812

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Since the first of this year, we have had many people ask for financial assistance with rent and utility payments and anticipate that to continue throughout 2022. The struggle is still very real within our parish boundaries and throughout the city. We trust that as you are considering your contributions you will keep in mind the needs of the working poor, which is primarily who requests the Society's help.

REFUGEE OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Refugee Outreach Committee is looking for new members. Help is needed to directly work with the families after they arrive to their new home in Omaha. **We are also looking for a donation or a sale for a car for the Kouri family.** If you would like to join the committee or have a donation, please call Debbie at 402-333-8989 or email dmarcil@strobets.com.

BLESSING FOR NEW MOMS

Blessing for expectant mothers and their families is next Sunday, April 17th, after all Sunday Masses. Please feel free to come forward after Mass to receive the blessing.

DIVINE MERCY MINISTRY 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Our Disciples share the message Jesus gave to St. Faustina in the 1930s for the sick and dying. Volunteers go to various Senior Care Centers to pray with residents. They also pray Divine Mercy Chaplet following 8:30 a.m. Mass every Friday at St. Robert's. Our dedicated volunteers and support of parishioners has made the Ministry a success. We will pay a special tribute in memory of Becky Woods, Mary Jo Petrusis, and Annette Kelleher, who were dedicated disciples of the Divine Mercy. Please join us for a reception in the Mainelli Center on Friday, April 22nd, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Any questions, call Jo Holloway at 402-690-9551.

TOTAL BOARD OF EDUCATION

There are open positions available for the 2021-2022 Total Board of Education. The Board is comprised of Religious Education, Youth Ministry, Early Learning Academy and 5-Day School committees. We strive to have parents of students currently participating in each of those groups as well as other members of the parish. Any adult member of the parish may inquire. If you are interested in being considered or have questions regarding the commitment, please contact Tiffany Foxhoven by April 11th at tdux@hotmail.com.

ATTENTION 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH GRADERS!

Do you want to help serve St. Robert's? Consider signing up to be an Altar Server at Mass! We are in need of your help at daily and Sunday Masses. Being an Altar Server is a great way to give back to your Parish community. Also, if any high school students who would like to come back and serve at Mass, you are always welcome.

OPPORTUNITY

Please contact Drew to volunteer - dneneman@strobets.com or 402-333-8989.

WEEKLY OFFERING

St. Robert Bellarmine Weekly Offertory	4/3/2022
Budgeted for the Week	\$70,131
Sunday Offering Received	\$60,164
Weekly Variance - positive or (negative)	(\$9,967)
Budgeted Year-To-Date (YTD)	\$1,903,354
YTD Received	\$1,999,297
YTD Variance - positive or (negative)	\$95,943

“Jesus did not come to explain away suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with His Presence.”

-Paul Claudel

Questions? Contact Kelly Vazquez (Stewardship & Development) kellyvazquez@stroberts.com or Patrick Flanery (Business Office) 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 or 402-333-8989.

SOUP & TRIVIA WITH FR. HARRY!

Play Trivia and enjoy Fr. Harry's famous tortellini soup on Wednesday, April 27th, at 11:30 in the Mainelli Center! Cost is \$35pp and includes full lunch followed by a fun afternoon of Trivia with snacks and prizes.



Reserve your spot: <https://one.bidpal.net/srbellafesta2022/browse/fixedPrice>

More info: kellyvazquez@stroberts.com or 402-333-8989.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 11, 2022

- 1:00 p.m. Mah Jongg, MR3
- 6:00 p.m. PEO Meeting, CR
- 6:30 p.m. GriefShare, CR
- 7:00 p.m. Circle 2 meeting, MR3

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

- 8:30 a.m. Mater Filius, Conf. Rm.
- 9:00 a.m. Catholic Daughters, MR3
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, MR3
- 4:30 p.m. Kindermusik, M1
- 6:00 p.m. Team Omaha Taekwondo, WGYM
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts, CAF
- 7:00 p.m. Siblings of Suicide, MR2
- 7:00 p.m. Parents of Suicide, MR3
- 7:30 p.m. Martin Bible Study, CR

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

- 9:15 a.m. Kindermusik, MR1 & MR2
- 6:00 p.m. K of C Meeting, MR4
- 6:30 p.m. Youth Group, CR

Thursday, April 14, 2022

- 8:00 a.m. Circle 3 Meeting, Mainelli Center
- 5:00 p.m. Kindermusik, MR1
- 6:00 p.m. Team Omaha Taekwondo, WGYM
- 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, MR3

Friday, April 15, 2022

Saturday, April 16, 2022

- 9:30 a.m. Kindermusik, MR1 and MR2
- 3:00 p.m. Robotics, CAF
- 8:30 p.m. RCIA Holy Saturday reception, Mainelli Ctr.

Sunday, April 17, 2022

Easter Sunday

PARISH OFFICE EASTER HOURS

Thursday, April 14 - Open 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday, April 15 - Open 9:00 a.m. - noon.

Monday, April 18 - Parish Office is closed.

UPCOMING EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Items were due April 7 at noon for the April 17 issue.

Send items to:

Mary Sanderson, editor, at bulletins@stroberts.com & barbb@stroberts.com

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK



This is the week we call "Holy" because it is a memorial of God's saving deeds for us in Jesus. There is a solemn nature to this week. We might be tempted to be sad or conflicted this week. It is not easy to get close to the reality that we are sinners and our Lord and Savior went through this betrayal, suffering and death for us. So, sometimes, we avoid looking at this week

closely, and praying with it, because we fear getting into our guilt.

The invitation this week is to come closer to the reality of God's profound love for us. Yes, we are all sinners. But, we are loved sinners. We are being invited to be grateful, not to beat our breasts. We are invited, in this spirit to feel all that we can feel this week. Yes, we will feel some discomfort - after all, we feel discomfort when anyone puts themselves through some sacrifice for us. And, the sacrifice here is the gift of his very self - so that we might always know how completely Jesus entered into the reality of our human existence - "even death, death on a cross." [Phil. 2:6-9]

This week we follow our ongoing pattern of connecting with our Lord, as early as we can each morning. For even a few moments we name our desire: "Lord, let me be with you this week and open my heart to feel what you want me to feel about your love for me, personally." Then, throughout the day, in many background, in between moments, we can continue our brief conversations with our Lord as we relate this desire with the people and events of our day. Finally, each night, we can pause, perhaps before a crucifix, or placing ourselves in our imagination before the cross, and speaking to our Lord, friend to friend, the gratitude we feel for the gift of mercy and eternal life his love has gained for us.

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ARBORETUM

It's spring on the St. Robert's campus! A dedicated group of volunteers helps maintain the St. Robert's Arboretum. We are need others to join the group! No experience necessary, flexible, & benefits. Please call Kelly Vazquez in the Parish Office 402-333-8989 or Mary McCawley at 402-214-5704.



We especially need assistance on Sat., April 30th, 9:30-11:30am to install mulch in all the planting beds. It's a great stewardship activity. It's helpful to bring, shovel, rake and gloves, but not required.

SAINT OF THE DAY

St. John Baptist de La Salle
April 30, 1651 - April 7, 1719



Complete dedication to what he saw as God's will for him dominated the life of John Baptist de La Salle. In 1950, Pope Pius XII named him patron of schoolteachers for his efforts in upgrading school instruction. As a young 17th-century Frenchman, John had everything going for him: scholarly bent, good looks, noble family background, money, refined upbringing. At the early age of 11, he received the tonsure and started preparation for the priesthood, to which he was ordained at 27. He seemed assured then of a life of dignified ease and a high position in the Church.

But God had other plans for John, which were gradually revealed to him in the next several years. During a chance meeting with Monsieur Adrien Nyel, he became interested in the creation of schools for poor boys in Rheims, where he was stationed. Though the work was extremely distasteful to him at first, he became more involved in working with the deprived youths.

Once convinced that this was his divinely appointed mission, John threw himself wholeheartedly into the work, left home and family, abandoned his position as canon at Rheims, gave away his fortune, and reduced himself to the level of the poor to whom he devoted his entire life.

The remainder of his life was closely entwined with the community of religious men he founded, the Brothers of the Christian School (also called Christian Brothers or De La Salle Brothers). This community grew rapidly and was successful in educating boys of poor families, using methods designed by John. It prepared teachers in the first training college for teachers and also set up homes and schools for young delinquents of wealthy families. The motivating element in all these endeavors was the desire to become a good Christian.

Yet even in his success, John did not escape experiencing many trials: heart-rending disappointment and defections among his disciples, bitter opposition from the secular schoolmasters who resented his new and fruitful methods, and persistent opposition from the Jansenists of his time, whose moral rigidity and pessimism about the human condition John resisted vehemently all his life.

Afflicted with asthma and rheumatism in his last years, he died on Good Friday at age 68, and was canonized in 1900.

Reflection

Complete dedication to one's calling by God, whatever it may be, is a rare quality. Jesus asks us to "love the Lord your God with *all* your heart, with *all* your soul, with *all* your mind, and with *all* your strength" (Mark 12:30b, emphasis added). Paul gives similar advice: "Whatever you do, do from the heart..." (Colossians 3:23).

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April 16/17, 2022	7:00 p.m.	6:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11:00 p.m.
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COMMUNITY INFO

SEEKING TRUTH BIBLE STUDY

Registration for LIVE metro-wide *Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study* opens April 15th. www.SeekingTRUTH.net to register and more information.

This is an International Catholic Bible Study that originated in Omaha, NE. Deacon Steve and Sharon Doran are its founders at the invitation of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

The study will cover the Gospel of Mark. Please join us and see how scripture comes alive in your own life and situation. All are welcome! If you've never done a Bible study, this one's for you!

Study begins Sep. 22 but you must register now. Meetings are on Thursday afternoon and evenings. Or take a free online study or gather some friends or family and do one together.

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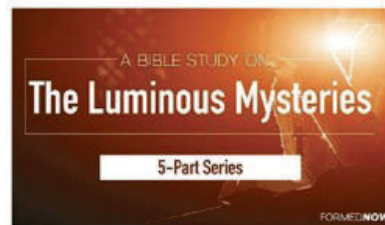
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April 10, 2022

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DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday this week, join the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal in praying the chaplet and asking God to shower his mercy upon us. This video features breathtaking footage that sheds light on the beauty and breadth of the Catholic Church.



A BIBLE STUDY ON THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

In 2002, St. John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries to the Rosary. In unique ways, each of these mysteries reveal that Christ is the "light of the world" (Jn 8:20). To more fruitfully ponder these mysteries, join us in this Bible study with the Augustine Institute faculty.

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THE NECESSITY OF DIVINE MERCY BY FR. CHRIS ALAR

Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, reveals the urgency to live and share the powerful message of Divine Mercy. He explains the basics of the Divine Mercy feast, image, novena, chaplet, and hour of mercy, and how to incorporate them into your spiritual life. Discover God's transformative message of Divine Mercy through this week.

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RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Listed below are opportunities to attend reconciliation during Lent at our neighboring parishes. Have a blessed and restorative Lent! -Father Dave

- 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

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 8th year of MOF at St. Robert's! Questions ~ Sarah Ryland 402-926-6293 or srbmom-soffaith@gmail.com

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Holy Week is a time to RENEW Faith and Stewardship

Today is Palm Sunday and is the beginning of Holy Week. This celebration commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and is shared in all four Gospels. Jesus entered Jerusalem knowing He would be tried and crucified yet welcomed His fate to rise from the grave and save us from sin.

Over the last few weeks, we have shared how to RENEW your Stewardship at St. Robert's and how other parishioners are part of the parish community. We encourage you to pray and reflect on how to get involved in the St. Robert Parish community. This next week we invite you to celebrate with fellow parishioners for the most important events of the Christian calendar: Holy Week and Easter Sunday.

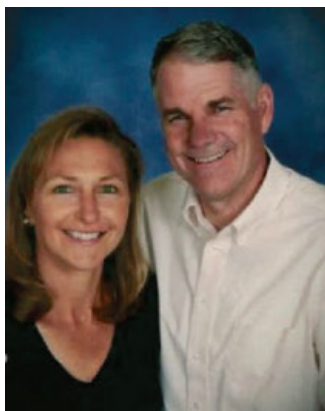
Holy Week reminds Christians of God's sacrifice of His son & God's love for His people.

- **Palm Sunday – April 10th**
Living Stations of the Cross – SRB Youth Group – 3:00 p.m. in church
- **Holy Thursday – April 14th**
Mass of the Lord's Last Supper – 7:00 p.m.
Adoration – end of Mass until midnight
- **Good Friday – April 15th**
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Vigil – April 16th**
7:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday**
6:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (no 12:30 p.m.)



He is Risen

During Holy Week and Easter Season, please pray and reflect how you might want to be a part of the St. Robert Bellarmine Parish Community.



"Dan and I have met so many people who inspire us, teach us, and invite us to grow in our faith," Jenni said. "Our advice to new parishioners is to recognize that each bulletin or pulpit plea is a *personal invitation* to get involved. Be open to these pleas."

-Dan and Jenni Owens

What is Stewardship?

Stewardship is a response we make in gratitude to God for what He has given us. It is an intentional, planned proportionate giving of your time, sharing your talents and treasures. At St. Robert's we believe it is a way to Build our faith, Serve others, and Give of your time and/or treasure.

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