

May 15th, 2022

5th Sunday of Easter

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All proceeds to the 2022 Joy of Giving will be allocated to the St. Robert Bellarmine School - Inclusion Program.

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SAINT ROBERT BELLARMININE CATHOLIC PARISH



JOY OF GIVING ST. ROBERT BELLARMININE

Inclusion Program

2018-2022

Please support Joy of Giving 2022!

This year all *donations received will be used to support the St. Robert Bellarmine School Inclusion Program.*

The St. Robert Bellarmine School Inclusion Program, in *partnership with the Madonna School*, began in the 2019-2020 school year and is now in its third year. The Inclusion Program *started with five students and currently has eight students.* Opening the **2022-2023 school year**, the Inclusion Program will expand to add an *additional teacher and four more students with potential growth of up to 12 total students.*

There will be a second collection at all Masses May 14/15 to support Joy of Giving 2022.

PARISH OFFICE

11802 Pacific St., Omaha, NE 68154
402-333-8989

Hours: 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mon -Thurs
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM - Friday

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Lauren Mohatt

Bulletin Deadline:

Tuesday by 12:00 PM

Send Items to: bulletins@stroberts.com
& barbb@stroberts.com

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

May 15, 2022

Sundays: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Rolland McBride, Frank Bataillon, Paul R., Ruth R., Mendy F., Joe H., Gina Murante Esch, Vern Ohlinger, Jan Ohlinger, Greg Pavelka, Janelle McCormack, John R., M. Oman, Patty Cavanaugh, Mary Jankowski, Rita, Duane Chamberlain, Gene Bolz, 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, Drake, Stephen, 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., 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

Eleanor Archer

FREE CONCERT JUNE 12TH AT ST. ROBERT'S!

2 FREE SUMMER CONCERTS!

45th SEASON 2021-2022
The Nebraska Wind Symphony
 Omaha's Community Concert Band

BOTH CONCERTS
 6:00 Swingtones
 7:00 Nebraska Wind Symphony
 Bring your lawn chairs & blankets!

Swingtones

Sunday, June 12
St. Robert Bellarmine
 11802 Pacific Street
 Bring your picnic, too!

MASS INTENTIONS

(AND CELEBRANTS)

Monday May 16th

6:30 am† Mary Varghese *Fr. Harry*

8:30 am Knights of Columbus *Fr. Dave*
 living and deceased

5:30 pm† Donna Vadnais *Fr. Mark*

Tuesday May 17th

6:30 am† Lucia Greco *Fr. Rob*
 Anniversary

8:30 am† Harriet Wysocki *Fr. Dave*

5:30 pm† Grace Hahler *Fr. Harry*

7:00 pm 8th grade graduation *Fr. Dave*
 For our 8th graders

Wednesday May 18th

6:30 am† Joe Sullivan *Fr. Dave*

8:30 am† Raul Osuna *Fr. Harry*

5:30 pm† Mary Ann Horkan *Fr. Mark*

Thursday May 19th

6:30 am† Matt Wilson *Fr. Rob*
 Anniversary

8:30 am† Abraham Chakkalaka *Fr. Mark*

11:15 am SRB students & staff *Fr. Dave*
 In Thanksgiving
 All School Mass

5:30 pm Felicity Owens *Fr. Dave*
 In Thanksgiving

Friday May 20th

6:30 am† Karen Taylor *Fr. Dave*

8:30 am† Mary K. Sullivan *Fr. Harry*

5:30 pm Arte De Ayala *Fr. Mark*
 In Thanksgiving

Saturday May 21st

8:30 am† William Pritchard *Fr. Dave*

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Confessions

6th Sunday of Easter

5:30 pm Cecelia Holcomb *Fr. Mark*
 Special Intention

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm Confessions

Sunday May 22nd

7:00 am† Alice Lehmkuhl *Fr. Mark*
 Anniversary

8:00 am† Becky Woods *Fr. Mark*
 Anniversary

9:30 am† Chris Engelbert *Fr. Dave*

11:00 am People of St. Robert's *Fr. Dave*

12:30 pm Clare and Rogan Zach *Fr. Harry*
 In Thanksgiving

A WORD

No Holding Back

The word “saint” is an intimidating word. When we hear the word, we are at once inspired but also a little fearful. A saint is someone out there, or up there, but not someone like us. We love to read their stories, and as much as we would like to be like them, we feel that we could never belong in the same room with them. Yet our heart thinks otherwise. Deep down, it feels a kinship with this cloud of heavenly witnesses. We are not only called to emulate these “friends of God,” we are called to become one of their company. However, the road to union with Christ Jesus is uniquely our own, and while similar to others, no two journeys are alike. What unites us is our love of Jesus and our constant gaze upon His face.

To enter into a life with God is to will the one thing necessary. It is to love Him and to endeavor to do His will through all the events of our day—zealously and wholeheartedly. Not in some far off monastery but right here, where we are at this moment. Often in our aloneness, we look for assistance. We look for signposts along the way. We look for like-minded travelers. We look for guides who can give us direction. But even though we journey with many others along the way, we know there is only one true companion for each of us—and that is God alone. Yet in the end, our road is our own. God wishes for us to leave the crutches behind, and to travel with courage and faith.

It is said that Mother Teresa always began her day with a smile for God. Such an intimate and consoling image! Is this how sainthood begins? Not in some superhuman or athletic endeavor but with a smile. This is something we all can do! To awake and struggle through the dissipating fog of sleep and dreams, to shrug off the tiredness and worries of the previous day, to disengage from whatever mood we have awakened—and to look up, and smile at God.

This sets the stage for the entire day. Then at different moments during the day, we can interiorly glance at God with gentle warmth, a humble heart, and a fearless love, for God is our Father and wishes to gather us to Himself. We can open up our inner selves in complete trust and need no longer hide from Him. It is appropriate to approach our God with a reverent reticence, but also with the confident aplomb of a child nestling in the arms of their parent. God is good and always merciful: we must not hold back!

SCHOOL NEWS



ST. ROBERT BELLARMININE 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

Tuition assistance available.



YARD SIGN

If you live on a high traffic street within a two mile radius of St. Robert's School, and would be willing to post a small yard sign from time to time advertising openings mainly in our Kindergarten, please email Mike Price mpij55@gmail.com with your home address and phone number. One will be delivered to your home. Thanks for assisting the Admissions Committee in marketing our Blue Ribbon School!



WE ARE HIRING!



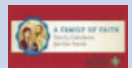
We are hiring for the following for the 2022-23 School Year:

- 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



Religious Education online registration starts July 1st.

YOUTH MINISTRY

VBS is **June 6-10!** Registration is open for campers and volunteers! See <https://www.stroberts.com/youth-ministry> for more information and to find the links to register/submit payment. Submit all ?s to Lauren at lmo-hatt@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.

BLOOD DRIVE



Did you know that donating blood can save up to 3 lives? Make a difference!

The next St. Robert's Blood Drive is today, Sunday, May 15, from 7:30am to 1:00pm in the Mainelli Center. To schedule - www.redcrossblood.org, (search sponsor code STROBERT) or contact Marie Kozel via text/ phone at 402-680-0182. Walk in donors will be accepted the day of the Drive if the drive does not fill.

NEW LIFE GROUP

Celebrate the great weather by dining with the New Life Group on Sunday, May 15th. We will meet at Saltgrass Steak House, 301 N. 175th 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!

MOVIE IN THE MAINELLI CENTER

PRAY: THE STORY OF PATRICK PEYTON profiles an Irish priest who landed in Hollywood, enlisting the biggest stars in his mission to spread the message that "The Family that Prays Together Stays Together" & "A World at Prayer is a World at Peace" – & then he took his crusade worldwide in massive Rosary rallies. This powerful & inspiring true story will be shown at St. Robert's at 7:00 p.m. on Wed., June 8th, in the Mainelli Center. There is no charge & there will be snacks!



Questions - Contact Amy Weindel at 402-763-0011 or amyweindel@cox.net

INTRODUCING... THE BELLARMINE BOOMERS!

If you are 55+ and would like to gather with old friends and meet new ones, we invite you to join this new St. Robert Bellarmine group! We'll plan spiritual, educational, & social needs of seniors in the parish. We are joining with other 55+ groups around the Omaha area from St. Leo and St. Pius X for some occasional joint events.

Kick-off Event - Friday, June 17th, will be co-hosted by the 3 parishes in St. Robert's north parking lot with dinner and entertainment.

- 6:00 p.m. – Gather and enjoy your pre-ordered box suppers from A Catered Affair
- 7:00 p.m. concert - **Neil Diamond vocal impressionist Dan Reynolds** singing the songs we grew up with!
- Bring your own lawn chairs. (In case of rain we move inside the Mainelli Center.)
- Tickets are available starting May 18th for \$15 for your meal and entertainment and can be purchased at all 3 parishes until June 9th.

Call Kelly Vazquez in the St. Robert's Parish Office if you have questions 402-333-8989.

EPS FUNDRAISER



A FUNDRAISER FOR ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES (EPS)

Help stock the EPS boutique for new moms & their babies by helping Bust the Bus!

Look for the Big Red Bus in the St. Robert's southeast parking lot on Wednesday, May 18, between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm. Drop off your donations in person or use the QR codes below to purchase an item from the EPS wish list or to make a cash donation. Thank you for your support!

EPS Boutique Wish Lists. View gift registries online. Scan the QR codes.

AMAZON



TARGET



DONATE



PASTORAL MINISTRY

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 Mainelli Center

- Monday, June 6 - 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, July 11 - 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 8 - 3:00 p.m.

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

BLESSING FOR NEW MOMS

Blessing for expectant mothers and their families is this weekend, May 15th, after all Sunday Masses. Please feel free to come forward after Mass to receive the blessing.

PRO LIFE

Pro-Life Holy Hour: With the recent leaked draft from the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the fate of Roe v Wade, we are called to increase our prayers asking for the Holy Spirit to guide and protect the justices as they continue their deliberations. Please join us for our Pro-Life Holy Hour each Sunday at 6:30 p.m. until these deliberations are final. Our prayers are vital at this time.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Fifth Sunday of Easter -- May 15, 2022 "Love one another." "By this everyone will know that you are My disciples." How will you manifest your discipleship? Consider living the Lord's new commandment of love as a priest, deacon, sister or brother. Call Fr. Andy Roza at 402-557-5575 or email ajroza@archomaha.org

ROSARY MAKERS NEEDED

"Outside of the Mass, there is no prayer more pleasing to Our Lady and more effective to gain her intercession than the Holy Rosary. We try to make an effort to pray the rosary daily."

Join us Wednesday, May 18th, 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. ?s call Lynette Schaffer 531-999-0678, Carol Zuroske 402-330-4898, or Rita Wolfe 402-812-0016. Sponsored by the Legion of Mary.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mike and LuAnn Baylor
 Jason Cyza
 Alex Drake
 Kevin and Madeline Dytrych
 Mark Johnson
 Jude and Larisa Kebeh and family
 Tom Maher
 Ricky and Kristen Mercado
 Luis and Ingrid Mujica and family
 Kelsey Nealon
 Jerod and Mallory Pochop and family
 Delfino and Denise Rodriguez
 Jonathan Schwenka
 Gary Schrage
 Dick and Peggy Whitaker



Newly Baptized

Adelia & Ariana Ayres
 Cecilia Brazeal
 Reese Closter
 Kayden Kudlacz
 Cruze Overman
 Sailah Pochop
 Jade Sitzmann
 Nolan Tovar
 Lola & Margo VonDollen



WITH APPRECIATION



Thank you to all the volunteers who helped place 40 cubic yards of mulch on Saturday, April 30th's less than pleasant morning. Special thanks to Troy Hodge & Tony Koziol for providing and operating their tractor and motorized wheelbarrow respectively. *Mary & Mike McCawley*

WEEKLY OFFERING

St. Robert Bellarmine Weekly Offertory	5/8/2022
Budgeted for the Week	\$45,309
Sunday Offering Received	\$45,696
Weekly Variance - positive or (negative)	\$387
Budgeted Year-To-Date (YTD)	\$2,205,195
YTD Received	\$2,279,154
YTD Variance - positive or (negative)	\$73,959

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.

SPIRITUAL MOMS NEEDED



INSTITUTE for
PRIESTLY FORMATION
Hearts on Fire for Christ

Registration is now open to become a "Spiritual Mom" for a summer seminarian attending the Institute for Priestly Formation Summer Seminarian Program May 29th – July 30th.

We are still in need of a few "prayerful women" to offer a daily Hail Mary for a specific seminarian, by name, while he is participating in the spiritual formation program with IPF this summer. We are also looking for women who would like to be a general intercessor and pray one Hail Mary for the whole group of young men attending.

If you feel called to pray for a seminarian, please consult the website priestlyformation.org for more information or call Lisa at 402-980-3283.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, May 16, 2022

9:00 a.m. Heart of Jesus Prayer Group, CR
12:30 p.m. Shirley's Bible Study, CR
1:00 p.m. Mah Jongg, MR3
3:30 p.m. Farewell Reception, Mainelli Center

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, MR3
6:00 p.m. Team Omaha Taekwondo, WGYM
7:00 p.m. 8th grade graduation, CH
7:00 p.m. 4th Degree K of C, MR3

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

9:00 a.m. Ladies Guild Book Club, CR
9:00 a.m. Rosary Makers, MR3
6:30 p.m. ELA PreK Graduation, Mainelli Center
6:30 p.m. Youth Group, CR

Thursday, May 19, 2022

6:00 p.m. Team Omaha Taekwondo, WGYM
6:00 p.m. Burke Soccer Team Banquet, Mainelli Ctr.
7:30 p.m. AA Meeting, MR3

Friday, May 20, 2022

6:00 p.m. K of C Ukraine Fundraiser, Mainelli Center
7:00 p.m. Students for Life Social Hour, MR3

Saturday, May 21, 2022

8:00 a.m. Mohatt Bridal Shower, MR3
6:00 p.m. Anderson 50th Anniversary, Mainelli Ctr.

Sunday, May 22, 2022

12:00 p.m. Schmitt Baby Shower, CR
1:30 p.m. Altar Server Banquet, Mainelli Center
1:30 p.m. Waller Baptism Party, MR3

ST. ROBERT'S PRAYER GARDEN



The Prayer Garden will be planted over the next two weeks. Look for many new and unusual plants this year!

The Garden is open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.. Please, no food, drink or pets in the Garden, and please do not climb on the waterfall rocks or walk in the stream.

DAILY PRAYER THIS WEEK



We can hold the words of Jesus in our hearts all week. As we do, we will discover their attractiveness and invitation. We will also encounter resistance in ourselves and in others.

It takes practice to stay focused in the background of our daily life. We all have years of habit to overcome. However, we can practice letting this consoling message of Jesus find a place in our awareness at various points in our day, whether it is in the shower, while getting dressed, or simply whenever we are on our way from one place to another. Sometimes it will take a conscious effort to let these thoughts replace the thoughts that are there already. In the background of our day is where our worries reside. It's where we carry anxiety and stress. Sometimes it is where we carry on imaginary conversations with others or "replay" past conversations like a song that we can't get out of our heads. This is when we turn those returning anxieties over to the God, asking God to heal us.

This is a great week to get in touch with our deepening desires and to let my conversations with Jesus grow in friendship. The easiest way to do this is to say simple, ordinary things -- the very way I would say them to a close friend. Some examples might offer words that will inspire our own conversation with the Lord who loves us.

"Jesus, every time I hear you say I don't have to let my heart be troubled, I pause. I sense you are pointing to the 'troubles' I'm working through today. You're asking me to let go of them, aren't you? I'd like to, Jesus, but some of this is big stuff. It scares me. I know some of what I need to do, but I put it off. I know what I'm avoiding. It helps to focus on your love for me this week. I guess what I really need to ask you for today is that you help me to trust you more completely. It is really nice these days to feel that you are so close to me, and that I'm not alone today."

"I haven't been very connected to you, Jesus. This conversation is difficult because it reminds me the embarrassing stuff I keep doing - and even now, I'm ashamed to talk about it in your presence. Please forgive me. Some of this I want to bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, so that I can be re-connected with you again. I need a 'turning point,' Jesus. Thank you for being there."

"Good night, Jesus. Thank you for today. Let me put everything aside tonight. I know you will be with me all day tomorrow."

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/C2-E-05.html>

SAINT OF THE DAY



St. Bernardine of Siena
September 8, 1380 - May 20, 1444

Most of the saints suffer great personal opposition, even persecution. Bernardine, by contrast, seems more like a human dynamo who

simply took on the needs of the world.

He was the greatest preacher of his time, journeying across Italy, calming strife-torn cities, attacking the paganism he found rampant, attracting crowds of 30,000, following Saint Francis of Assisi's admonition to preach about "vice and virtue, punishment and glory."

Compared with Saint Paul by the pope, Bernardine had a keen intuition of the needs of the time, along with solid holiness and boundless energy and joy. He accomplished all this despite having a very weak and hoarse voice, miraculously improved later because of his devotion to Mary.

When he was 20, the plague was at its height in his hometown of Siena. Sometimes as many as 20 people died in one day at the hospital. Bernardine offered to run the hospital and, with the help of other young men, nursed patients there for four months. He escaped the plague, but was so exhausted that a fever confined him for several months. He spent another year caring for a beloved aunt whose parents had died when he was a child, and at her death began to fast and pray to know God's will for him.

At 22, he entered the Franciscan Order and was ordained two years later. For almost a dozen years he lived in solitude and prayer, but his gifts ultimately caused him to be sent to preach. He always traveled on foot, sometimes speaking for hours in one place, then doing the same in another town.

Especially known for his devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, Bernardine devised a symbol—IHS, the first three letters of the name of Jesus in Greek—in Gothic letters on a blazing sun. This was to displace the superstitious symbols of the day, as well as the insignia of factions: for example, Guelphs and Ghibellines. The devotion spread, and the symbol began to appear in churches, homes and public buildings. Opposition arose from those who thought it a dangerous innovation. Three attempts were made to have the pope take action against him, but Bernardine's holiness, orthodoxy, and intelligence were evidence of his faithfulness.

General of the Friars of the Strict Observance, a branch of the Franciscan Order, Bernardine strongly emphasized scholarship and further study of theology and canon law. When he started there were 300 friars in the community; when he died there were 4,000. He returned to preaching the last two years of his life, dying while traveling.

Reflection Another dynamic saint once said, "...I will not be a burden, for I want not what is yours, but you.... I will most gladly spend and be utterly spent for your sakes" (2 Corinthians 12:14). There is danger that we see only the whirlwind of activity in the Bernardines of faith—taking care of the sick, preaching, studying, administering, always driving—and forget the source of their energy. We should not say that Bernardine could have been a great contemplative if he had had the chance. He had the chance, every day, and he took it.

St. Bernardine of Siena is the Patron Saint of: Advertising
Gambling, Italy, Public Relations

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-bernardine-of-siena>

Sunday Schedule

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May 21/22, 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.
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CBGO's May 19th Lunch & Speaker

Join us for Catholic Business Group-Omaha (CBGO) MAY Lunch Mtg. on May 19, 11:30 am, The Champions Club, 13800 Eagle Run Dr. Speaker is Fr. Dan Andrews, Director of John Paul II Newman Center. Topic is Journey with God. Fr. Andrews will share his faith story from a young man discerning his way in life, to the joys of his ordination, including some purposeful experiences along the way. Hear a Holy-Spirit-inspired journey that led him to his current mission as head of the JP II Newman Center in Omaha!

*Be early, there is always networking, conversation and growing in our Catholic faith.

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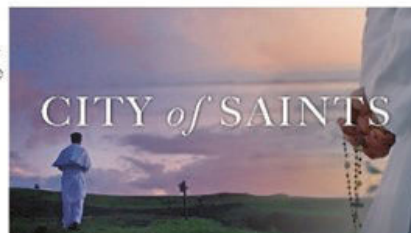
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