# New Mass Schedule

Starting the weekend of February 5/6, the Mass schedule will be as follows:

- Saturdays, 5:00 pm at St. Thomas More
- Saturdays, 5:30 pm at St. Joan of Arc
- Sundays, 8:00 am at St. Joan of Arc
- Sundays, 10:30 am at St. Thomas More

Somebody told me after Mass the other day that I was destroying their parish. If you need someone to be angry with, then be my guest. It is misplaced, but I understand your need to be angry at someone. Let me remind everyone that by 2030, a short eight years away, we are projected to have 88 active priests on hand in our archdiocese, approximately 30 fewer priests than today and a 30% drop from our 2018 numbers.

While for some reason the archdiocese has been fairly mum about this publicly, it is beginning another round of pastoral planning. The previous planning, of which I was a part, was not drastic enough. We still will not have enough priests to fill all of our assignments. Here is the outline of what they are planning.

- Phase 1: Initial Consultation & Drafting. Now until Feb 2022 Clergy Conference
- Phase 2: Consultation & Revision. Mid-February – December 2022.
- Phase 3: *Transition to New Reality*. January – June 2023
- Phase 4: *Implement New Reality.* Wave 1 begins July 1, 2023. Wave 2 follows on July 1, 2024.

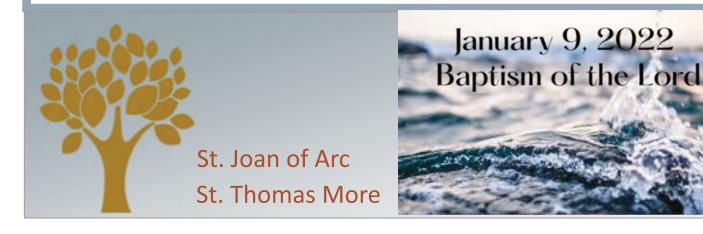
I do not know what the "new reality" will look like, but I doubt it means keeping parishes open that have no good reason to stay open. A parish worth keeping open in this "new reality" will probably need to be committed to drawing people to Christ and walking with them on a clear path to growing as disciples. Locking in a partnership with other parishes now and reestablishing a culture around these two things is a parish's best bet not just to "stay open" but actually to fulfill the mission of Jesus Christ.

To this end, starting February 2, 2022, *Midtown Catholic* will be hosting a program called *Return* which consists of seven weekly workshops.

This series of workshops, written in 2016, aims to help equip participants to navigate the journey of drawing their loved ones to the faith and, at the same time, empower them in their own spiritual life. There is a fear, and a guilt, and a hurt that happens when loved ones stop practicing their Catholic faith. Return tries to equip people to have these conversations with their loved ones and give themselves some peace in the situation. Each night has a specific focus that utilizes a multitude of resources. These nights work together to walk participants toward the path of true evangelization. (https:// returnfaith.org/what-is-return)

More details to come, but if you would like to learn more about *Return*, you can contact TJ Simpson at 402-556-1456 or <u>tisimpson@midtowncatholic.church</u>.

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# Essential Information

Pastor: Rev. Jeffrey Lorig 402-556-1456, ext. 207 email: jplorig@midtowncatholic.church

Sr. Associate Pastor **Rev. Frank Baumert** 402-677-1565 email: fjbaumert@archomaha.org

#### Deacons

Tim and Ruth Leininger (SJA) tcleininger@archomaha.org Ron and Julie Ryan (SJA) rrryan@archomaha.org Allan and Sharon Schumacher (STM) acschumacher@archomaha.org Matt and Lisa Wolbach (STM) mfwolbach@archomaha.org

#### Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30pm Closed for Lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

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# SACRAMENTS

#### Baptism:

email office@midtowncatholic.church or call 402-556-1456 two (2) months prior to Baptism

#### Marriage:

email office@midtowncatholic.church or call 402-556-1456 at least six (6) months in advance for date and instruction information. Verify priest and church availability before reserving reception venue.

#### Penance:

Saturdays, 4:00-4:50 pm Anytime by appointment

Anointing of the Sick: Call 402-556-1456

Si necesita alguna información o tiene preguntas acerca de la iglesia por favor comuníquese con Martha Nevárez Saettele al 402-556-1456

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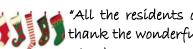
# 2021 STM Classroom Pizza Party

Congratulations to this year's winners of the STM Classroom Pizza Party!!



First place winner, a pizza party, is 6B-Moore. Second place winner, ice cream, is 1B-McKelvey. Third through fifth place winners, candy, are Pre-K, KA-Malchow, and 5B-Wheeler.

Thank you to all who participated in this fundraiser. 



"All the residents of Crown Pointe would like to thank the wonderful ladies of St. Joan of Arc and St. Thomas More Sew Comfort for the delightful

Christmas stockings. We don't all have family very close by, and this was a lovely gift to all of us. We greatly appreclate your thoughts and concerns, and all the work you put ínto brínging joy into our lives."

- The Residents of Crown Pointe

### Father Frank's Classes Begin January 9th

Father Frank will be restarting his Sunday morning classes this month. The classes will be from 9:10 am to 10:15 am in the STM cafeteria. The first class will be Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> and will be a look at the nativity narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Each class will be on a separate topic. In February, the classes will be held at St. Joan of Arc.

# **New Mass Times Beginning February 5th–6th**

### Phase 1

Saturday Saturday Sunday Sunday

5:00 pm St. Thomas More 5:30 pm St. Joan of Arc 8:00 am St. Joan of Arc 10:30 am St. Thomas More

### Phase 2

4:00 pm

5:30 pm

8:00 am

10:30 am

When Permission for a 4pm Mass is Given (Coming Soon)

Saturday	
Saturday	
Sunday	
Sunday	

St. Thomas More St. Joan of Arc St. Joan of Arc St. Thomas More

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If you would like to have an item printed in the bulletin, please submit the information etin 6-7 days in advance of when you want the item in the bulletin. For example, *items for* 

the Jan 16th bulletin are due Jan 10th. Send items to bulletin@midtowncatholic.church, text or call 402-301-6306.

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# STM SCRIP Gift Card Giveaway

This year's Classroom Pizza Party/SCRIP Gift Card

Giveaway was a huge success. Thank you to all that participated and Congrats to the weekly winners: **Karen Daniel, Jim Miriovsky, John West, Matt Sullivan, Gary** 



### Parks, Michaela Alm, Rita Adams, and Donna Limbeck.

Remember SCRIP is a year-round way to help fundraise for the church and the school. You can also help pay STM tuition by purchasing SCRIP. Just list the student's name on every order.

Let's make 2022 our biggest year ever!

### Pilgrimage to France

Fr. Frank Baumert is going to be leading a group tour of the best Catholic shrines in France. The group will be gone from October 1st through October 12th, 2022. This cross-country Pilgrimage will take you across the country of France. From small villages in the South of France to Paris, one of the greatest cities in the world. France is sure to take your breath away. On this pilgrimage, you will see magnificent Shrines and Churches and learn of the lives of St. Bernadette, St. Thomas

Aquinas, St. Veronica and Zaccheus, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, St. Therese of Lisieux, and St. Catherine Labourne. There is also a stop at the beaches in Normandy.



Check out <u>https://www.pilgrimages.com/frbaumert/</u> for all the details of this trip. This trip is set up by *206Tours*. Their website is <u>www.206Tours.com</u>. You can contact Fr. Frank at <u>fibaumert@archomaha.org</u>.

# WINGS to Meet at Aksarben



The next WINGS meeting will be on Thursday, January 20th at the Aksarben *Inner Rail* for an evening of fellowship while we play Music Bingo. Festivities begin at 6:00 pm. Questions? Email Missy Gates. *WINGS is still looking for a vice-president* 

for the 2022-2023 year. If you are interested, please contact Missy Gates at <u>mjogates@cox.net</u>.

This advertiser and others on the back of this bulletin make our bulletin possible. Support them when you can.

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The Alpha Course is a practical introduction the to Christian faith. where quests have an opportunity to explore the meaning of life in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where no question about life or God is too simple or too hostile.

### The Alpha Course

The course meets once per week (dinner included) for 10 weeks at 6:30 pm <u>Wednesdays at SJA</u> - Thursdays at STM. SJA Alpha begins January 5th and STM Alpha begins January 6th. There is no charge to attend the course.

Register by calling the parish office at 402-556-1456 or Rick Fanciullo 402-558-8861.

# Christmas and Scrip Gift Cards

It was a great Christmas season for selling Scrip gift cards. We want to thank everyone that purchased and gave gifts with Scrip. Please consider making this a year round habit in your daily spending. All orders with a STM student name on it help with their school tuition. Scrip can be purchased at the rectory, before and after all weekend Masses, or sent through the school office in an envelope clearly marked SCRIP ORDER.

### Scrip Vendor Spotlight

Scrip has a few extra gift cards that are normally not kept in stock or that we are wanting to reduce in inventory...

Cabela's, Bass Pro, Ace Hardware, and Golden Corral. Please keep these vendors in mind for your next purchases.



The Lost and Found box is located in the church cry room. If you have lost or left anything in the church over the last year,

please check the box to claim any items. At the end of January, all items will be donated or tossed.



# SJA Mass Intentions

	Monday, 8:30 am	January 10, 2022 † Merlin McRoberts	
	Tuesday,	January 11, 2022	
	8:30 am	Special Intenion of SVdP Donors	
		Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass	
		, January 12, 2022	
	8:30 am	† Dan Egan	
	Thursday, 8:30 am	January 13, 2022 † Leonard Johnson	
	Friday,	January 14, 2022	
	8:30 am	† Mary Quinn	
	Saturday,	January 15, 2022	
	5:00 pm	† Marian Bendon	
		Fr. Lorig	
	Sunday,	January 16, 2022	
	8:00 am	Parishioners <i>Fr. Lorig</i>	
	10:30 am	† Eileen Annin	
		Fr. Lorig	
1	Please remember those who are sick in our parish:		
	Marge Fitzsimmons, George Balkus, Tim Nieland, Charlotte		
	and Dominic Cullenward, Margaret Benak, Jerry Hogya,		
	Rosemary Hays, Ron D'Agata, Grace Fascianella, Julie		
	(Nebbia) Hamik, Maxine Kantor, Sherry Smisek Nickel, Shirley Bardsley, Steve Hamill, Bob Mercier, Mick Ascherl,		
		herl, Anto Kinsley, Ken Renkenberger, Roger	
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	Su	Indays - 1pm call Rick - 402-599-3152	

Sundays -1pm, call Rick - 402-599-3152 Mondays - 5am, call Rachel - 402-658-8418 Tuesdays -1pm, call Rachel - 402-658-8418 Wed -11am, 12 noon, 1pm, call Rebecca - 402-991-4497 Thursdays -1am, 2am, 3am (til March), 5pm - call Rachel Fridays - 2pm, call Rebecca - 402-991-4497 Sat -12am, 1pm,3pm (til mid Feb), 6pm, call Deacon Tim -402-731-7474

If you are interested in an hour, Call Rachel 402-658-8418. "Talk to God. He will listen to you. This is a time for just you and God. Tell Him what is on your mind. And remember, to hear God ... you must listen first." — Anonymous

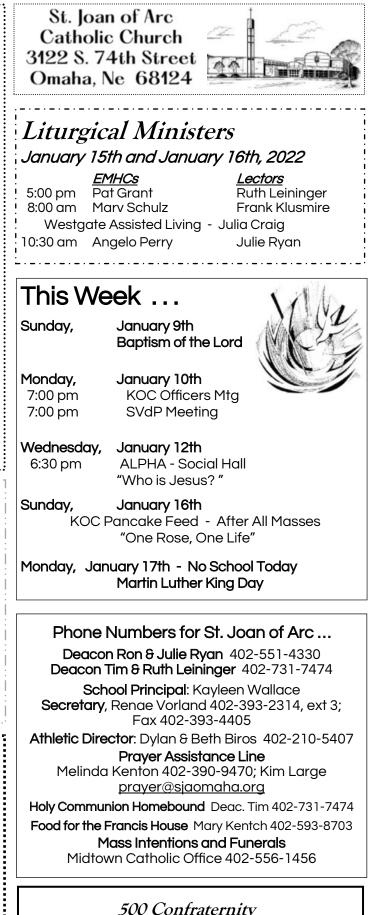
### Attention Altar Servers St. Joan of Arc is Ready for You



SJA invites all Altar Servers back into service.

All former altar servers, boys and girls, grade schoolers, middle schoolers, teens, and adults are invited to call Mrs. Wallace at 402-393-2314, ext 3 to get on the schedule.

This will get us one more step closer to normal.



January 9, 2022 - Ann Van Osdel

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# STM Mass Intentions

Saturday,	January 8, 2022	
9:00 am	Dave Bouckaert	
5:00 pm	† Virginia Minovsky	
	Fr. Baumert	
Sunday,	January 9, 2022	
8:00 am	† Jean Stahmer	
	Fr. Baumert	
10:30 am	†_David Domayer	
	Fr. Baumert	
Monday,	January 10, 2022	
7:00 am	† Georgann Parr	
Tuesday,	January 11, 2022	
7:00 am	† Deceased members of the	
	Culhane and Casey Families	
	Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass	
8:15 am	Dave Bouckaert	
	January 12, 2022	
7:00 am	† LeRoy Wirtz	
Thursday,	January 13, 2022	
7:00 am	† Richard J. Budka	
Friday,	January 14, 2022	
7:00 am	Family of Gabriel Ferrante	
8:15 am	† Norma Guthrie	
Saturday,	January 15, 2022	
8:00 am	† Aaron Parks	
5:00 pm	Bob Kirk	
	Fr. Baumert	
Sunday,	January 16, 2022	
8:00 am	† Charlie Janousek	
	Fr. Baumert	
10:30 am	† Joan Roseman	
	Fr. Baumert	
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Please remember those who are sick in our parish:

Ron Brougham, Betty Mayhan, Jean Jirak, Michael Paskach, Rose Anne Rozmarin, Ed Smith, Tony Aliano, Will McConnell, Lois Maloney, Collin Joseph Priebe, Rita Wolbach, Jack Pfeffer, Charles Guthrie, Jr., Bette Hess, Anna Bell, Diane Christensen, Billie Rosendahl, Kendra Collins, Xander Collins, Steffie Nelson, Lorraine Andersen, Mark Bohls, Ron Miles, Betty Burt, those homebound or confined in health-care facilities, and those on the STM prayer line.

Altar Cleaning January 14 - Team 3 *Church Tidy Up* Sheila Vomacka

### Liturgical Ministers January 15th and January 16th, 2022

#### <u>Altar Servers</u>

5:00 pm, Sat., - N. Morris, A. Lugang, A. Novotny, C. Novotny 8:00 am, Sun., - M. Exline, J. Lemus, M. Bejar, B. Vomacka 10:30 am, Sun., - A. Olvera, R. Johanek, D. Giron, C. Venditte

#### <u>EMHCs</u>

5:00 pm, Sat., - Schumacher, Delgado
8:00 am, Sun., - Ferrante, Nary, Upah
10:30 am, Sun., - Roberts, P. Reed

#### <u>Homebound</u>

1. Tom Sobetski 2. Rick Fanciullo 3. Sue Franco 4. Kay Monzingo Lectors

Janda

Nailon

Kruszczak



<u>In Memory of</u> Jerry Mischo Virginia Miriovsky



St. Peter of Alcantara said, "Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them." Come and get yours. To sign up for an hour, contact Mary Beth McKee, 402-556-1672, or Connie Johnson, 402-339-8253

#### Current Open Hours

Monday- 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 5am, 8am, 10am, 10pm, 11pm Tuesday- 12 am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am Wed-1am,2am,4am,8am,11am,3pm,5pm,6pm,8pm,9pm,11pm Thursday-1am, 2am, 4am, 7am, 10am, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm Friday- 12am-4am, 9am,12noon, 1pm, 4pm-7pm, 10pm,11pm Sat-12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am,11am, 12noon, 6pm-11pm Sunday- 12am, 1am, 2am, 3am, 4am, 9am, 1pm, 2pm, 4pm

# YOU'RE INVITED! Special Mass for Vocations at St. Joseph–Springfield Monday, January 17th at 5:30 p.m.



The Serra Club of West Omaha invites you to join us for a special Mass for Vocations at 5:30 pm on Monday, January 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 100 9th Street in Springfield,

to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life within the Archdiocese of Omaha. Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Frank Baumert, Chaplain of the Serra Club. Mass will be followed by a brief *Meeting & Mixer*. Our speaker at the meeting will be Deacon Terry Ficenec of St. Joseph. He will share his vocation story and his experience serving as a deacon. Light refreshments and sweets will be provided. If you are interested in helping to build the Church locally through vocations support, contact John Lingo, Serra VP, 402-290-4670 or John@JLingoLaw.com.

### Attention High School Senior Girls

The Omaha Urban Area of Catholic Women (OUCCW) is offering a \$250 Scholarship to a high school senior catholic young woman. There is also a \$150 Honorable Mention Award.

The winning application will be forwarded to compete for the \$500 scholarship offered by the Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW).

Application forms are available on the OACCW website, Scholarship-Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (<u>oaccw.org</u>) and are also available via guidance counselors of area high schools.

All high school senior Catholic girls are encouraged to apply. Applications must be submitted by January 15, 2022 to Cathy Vak, 3255 S. 77 Street, Omaha, NE 68124. Late applications will not be considered.

Questions may be referred to Cathy Vak, at 402-391-0484.



### Information for St. Thomas More School

Principal, Mr. Gary D. Davis Email, gdavis@omahacsc.org Secretary, Leslie McDonnell Email, imcdonnell@omahacsc.org School Phone, 402-551-9504 School Fax , 402-551-9507 School Website, www.stmbengals.org School Address, 3515 S. 48 Avenue Omaha, NE 68106

### **Cheerleading Clinic**



Mercy High School is hosting a Cheerleading Camp for girls in Kindergarten through 5th grades on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>January</u> <u>15th from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm</u>. Come have lunch at Mercy, meet new friends, learn cheers

from Mercy cheerleaders and perform during the 2:30 pm Varsity basketball game. Come have lunch at Mercy, meet new friends, learn cheers from Mercy cheerleaders and perform during the Varsity basketball game. The \$25 registration fee must be received before January 10th in order to receive a t-shirt. For more details and to register, go to <u>www.mercyhigh.org/happenings/</u>.

## WINGS February Outing Information

Ladies of the Midtown Catholic Community and WINGS members, please join us for a tour of St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church and Santa Lucia Hall on Thursday, February 10th at 6:30 pm. Plan to meet at the main doors on the west side of the church at 1248 S. 10th Street, Omgha.



St. Frances Cabrini was formerly the cathedral of the Diocese of Omaha and was named St. Philomena's Cathedral at that time. The church and the rectory are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Any questions? Contact Missy Gates at <u>mjogates@cox.net</u> or call 402-680-7132.



Join the Youth Choir! Coming to Midtown Catholic in Spring 2022 Open to 4th through 8th grades St. Thomas More & St. Joan of Arc Schools/Parishes Rehearsals on Thursday evenings Lead music at select weekend Masses and Special Events

To receive more information, please contact: Rachel Bielstein rjbielstein@midtowncatholic.church 402-556-1456



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