"Behold, I make all things new." Revelation 21:5

Starting February 2nd, Midtown Catholic will host the *Return* Program on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the St. Thomas More cafeteria. This 7-night course offers Catholics coaching in the skills necessary to bring back their loved ones who have left the Catholic Faith. **Registration is required**. You can learn about the program by contacting me or at *Return's* website, <u>returnfaith.org</u>. Monday, January 24th, is the last day to register for the program.

I was encouraged by the number of you who initially took registration forms. That affirms that this direction is relevant and could be transformative for our parishes. Not just because of the content but because of your willingness to grow. We will see our exterior numbers grow when we are willing to grow internally. The last two letters from Frs. Jeff and Frank about the reduction of Mass times highlight some harsh realities, but our future is not set in stone. If we seek the God of our fathers, He will rejuvenate and restore us. It was as true in ancient Israel as it is today.

Unfortunately, we have had very few actual sign-ups thus far. I must admit that I will be sad if *Return* flops without a chance to be attempted. Please join me in prayer to build a culture that will lead to our growth. If we do not seek God, we cannot expect others to join us in an experience that is purely academic or nostalgic.

What are we inviting our loved ones back

to? If it's just Mass one hour a week where no one says "boo" to them, then we can't blame them for not wanting to come. Imagine a parish with a culture of welcoming and greeting new faces when we didn't recognize them. Imagine small groups meeting and growing in fellowship and faith together. Imagine those groups working with the homeless, imprisoned, and destitute. We must become a culture of welcome and encounter if we wish to be a growing parish. Once we have that, we can ace the invitation.

There is another opportunity coming up. The Archdiocese is training individuals to lead small group bible studies. If you are not getting involved with *Return*, I encourage you to consider seeking out a bible study or leading one on your own. This would help us grow in our sense of encounter. I implore you to consider finding some way to give your time and talent to this community. Quality time is as much a gift as money, if not more. This is as true for our loved ones who have left as it is for the life of the Church.

"And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they partook of food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:46-47

T.J. Simpson

Director of Evangelization 402.556.1456 ext. 203 <u>Tjsimpson@midtowncatholic.church</u>



St. Joan of Arc St. Thomas More

January 23rd, 2022

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: <u>fibaumert@archomaha.org</u>

Deacons

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

Office Hours: M-F 8:00 am-4:30pm Closed for Lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm. Office: 402-556-1456 Fax: 402-556-1395 email: <u>office@midtowncatholic.church</u> website: www.midtowncatholic.church

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism :

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

Marriage:

email <u>office@midtowncatholic.church</u> 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

Midtown Catholic January 23, 2022



STM Parish Dinner – Sunday, Jan. 30th Come One, Come All

11:30 am to 6:00 pm, STM Cafeteria Menu - Pulled Pork Sandwich, Chicken Thigh, Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans \$10 for adults, \$7 for children under 10



New Mass Times Beginning February 5th–6th Phase 1 aturday 5:00 pm St. Thomas Ma

5:30 pm

8:00 am

10:30 am

Saturday Saturday
Sunday
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St. Thomas More St. Joan of Arc St. Joan of Arc St. Thomas More

How Mass Schedule Changes affect Mass Intentions

Beginning in February, St. Thomas More and St. Joan of Arc will each have only two Masses on a weekend. Since the weekend is a popular time to schedule Mass intentions, we will, if both parties agree, schedule two intentions per Mass. *If you have a Mass intention scheduled for a weekend Mass and you do not wish to share the date and time, please contact the parish office by February 1st* (402-556-1456).

Here are other things to remember:

- If you have a Mass intention scheduled for a 5:00 pm Saturday Mass at **SJA** it will change to the 5:30pm Mass time.
- If you have a Mass intention scheduled for a 5:00 pm Saturday Mass at **STM**, it will change to the 4:00pm whenever that time is approved. Please watch the schedule in the bulletin.
- If you have a Mass intention scheduled for the 10:30am Sunday Mass at **SJA**, it will change to the 8:00am Mass on the same day.
- If you have a Mass intention scheduled for the 8:00am Sunday Mass at **STM**, it will change to the 10:30am Mass on the same day.

Again, there will likely be two different intentions scheduled on the weekend Mass times <u>unless you notify us</u>. Thank you for your cooperation with these changes.

> *St. Joan of Arc* 500 Confraternity

January 23, 2022 - Adella Mausbach

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Nebraska Right to Life's St. Thomas More Parish Dinner Annual Nebraska Walk for Life Sunday, January 30th – 11:30 am – 6:00 pm January 29th - Mass at St. Mary's Church The Parish Dinner is Back and Needs You! 1420 K Street in Lincoln at 9:00 am Please help make our STM community stronger and followed by a rally at the Capitol at 10:00 am sign up for a shift at the STM Parish Dinner. with a walk to the Student Center. To volunteer, use the link or QR Code The speaker will be Ashley Bratcher or email Missy Gates at mjogates@cox.net (the star of "Unplanned," the story or call 402-680-7132. of Abby Johnson). We hope as many parishioners https://tinyurl.com/3dd5hwuj as possible will attend. That Man is You Baked goods are needed for the **Parish** At January 22nd's meeting, we watched an epi-Dinner Bake Sale on January 30th. Cakes, sode of The Chosen (season 2, episode 2). This Pies, and Brownies can be dropped off after 4:00 pm on Saturday, January 29th, episode provides great insight into how Jesus in the school gym or on Sunday, January taught and coached the disciples. 30th, anytime after 8:15 am. If dropping off Jesus is still teaching. Are we cakes, please label what kind of cake it is. listening? The regular TMIY Spring Session will begin on January 29th. If you have any Living Endowment questions, please call Jerry Hassett at 402-650-0360. ~ Get Well Prayers to Bob Kubat from Mr. & Mrs. Dave Bouckaert **Newly Married** Molly Egan and Trent Goodman were united in marriage on January 15, 2022, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. Living Endowment We wish you a lifetime of happiness. Happy Birthday to Fr. Hugh Schwartz _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ from Eddie Galas Vincent Matthew Bonacci, son of Theresa & Matthew Bonacci, was baptized on January 9, 2022, Midtown Catholic will present at St. Thomas More Catholic Church. "Living Stations of the Cross." Students in the 5th arade and older from both parishes are in-Scrip Vendor Spotlight vited to participate. Full information can be found on the **Omaha Steaks** poster in the back of each 4400 South 96th St. church or by contacting Anthony Manno (402-301-4014) or 402-593-4223 OMAHA STEAK Rebecca Manno (402-214-2959) by phone or text. Always a Sale! Father Frank's Classes Lost and Found at STM Fr. Frank is continuing his Sunday morning classes this month from 9:10 am to 10:15 am in the STM cafeteria. The Lost and Found box is located in the church The classes examine the nativity narratives in the Goscry room. If you have lost or left anything in pels of Matthew and Luke. Each class is a separate the church over the last year, topic, so feel free to join in even if you did not attend the please check the box to claim any items. At the end of January, all first class or two. In February, the classes will be held at

St. Joan of Arc.

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items will be donated or tossed.

SIA Mass Intentions

	Monday,	January 24, 2022	
	8:30 am	† Halcyon Johnston	
	Tuesday, 8:30 am	January 25, 2022 † Ruth M. Quinn Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass	
Wednesday, January 26, 2022			
	8:30 am	† Rod Kruse	
	: Thursday,	January 27, 2022	
	8:30 am	† Esther Giacomuzzi	
	Friday,	January 28, 2022	
	8:30 am	† Eileen Annin	
	Saturday,	January 29, 2022	
	5:00 pm	† Arlen & † Vera Muellner	
	Fr. Lorig		
	Sunday,	January 30, 2022	
	8:00 am	† Deacon Jerome Leininger & † Lloyd Becker	
	•	Fr. Lorig	
	10:30 am	† Nellie Floridia	
		Fr. Lorig	
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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, Andrew Ascherl, Anto Kinsley, Ken Renkenberger, Roger Pedroza, Bev Sladovnik, and for those who have died.



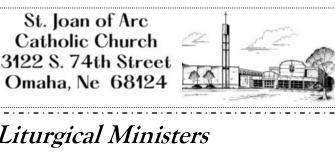
The Pandemic has affected our lives in many ways including the way we shop for groceries. Did you know that if you purchase groceries online, you can pay for those items with a HOPE gift card? HyVee, Target, and Walmart all accept gift cards as a form of on-line payment. It may be a new year but groceries are still a must. Support the parish and buy HOPE cards to make your on-line purchases! By the way, HOPE now carries Amazon aift cards in \$25 denominations. Buy your cards before and after weekend Masses in the Gathering Area or during the week in the school office.

St Joan of Arc Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration

Open Hours

Sundays -1pm, call Rick - 402-599-3152 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.



Liturgical Ministers January 29th and January 30th, 2022

EMHCs 5:00 pm Jeff Rich 8:00 am Patti Olechoski Westgate Assisted Living - Linda Boyer

Lectors Jeff Rich Janice Holzapfel

10:30 am Renae Vorland

Colleen Quinn Harper

This Week ...

Tuesday, January 25th Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm Wednesdav, January 26th 6:30 pm ALPHA - Social Hall "How Can I Have Faith?" Thursday, January 27th Men's Club Meeting 6:00 pm Saturday, January 29th 6:00 am That Man is You @ STM (SH)

Honor Roll Recognition

Mercy High School Nora Rennels and Eleanore Slavik

Gross Catholic High School Samuel Ortner and Lilliana Spady

Congratulations to these students and their families on this accomplishment!

Phone Numbers for St. Joan of Arc

Deacon Ron & Julie Ryan 402-551-4330 Deacon Tim & Ruth Leininger 402-731-7474

School Principal: Kayleen Wallace Secretary, Renae Vorland 402-393-2314, ext 3; Fax 402-393-4405

Athletic Director: Dylan & Beth Biros 402-210-5407

Prayer Assistance Line Melinda Kenton 402-390-9470; Kim Large prayer@sjaomaha.org

Holy Communion Homebound Deac. Tim 402-731-7474 Food for the Francis House Mary Kentch 402-593-8703

> Mass Intentions and Funerals Midtown Catholic Office 402-556-1456

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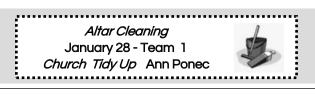
STM Mass Intentions

Saturday,	January 22, 2022
9:00 am	Cottone Family
5:00 pm	† John Janda AND † Larry Hoskinson
	Fr. Baumert
Sunday,	January 23, 2022
8:00 am	STM Parish & Education Endowments
	Fr. Baumert
10:30 am	† Mary M. Galas
	Fr. Baumert
Monday,	January 24, 2022
7:00 am	Stolinski & Kissane Families
Tuesday,	January 25, 2022
7:00 am	† Mary Lee Seay
7.00 am	Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass
8:15 am	† Norma Guthrie
	January 26, 2022
7:00 am	† Norma Reed
Thursday,	January 27, 2022
7:00 am	† Joe, † Mary, & † David Stankiewicz
Friday,	January 28, 2022
7:00 am	† Scott Rischling AND † Robert T. Sobczyk
8:15 am	† Fina Fisicaro
Saturday,	January 29, 2022
8:00 am	Dale Widhalm, Sr., & Family
5:00 pm	† Ginny Smith
0.00 pm	Fr. Baumert
Sunday,	January 30, 2022
8:00 gm	Parishioners
0.00 0111	Fr. Baumert
10:30 am	† Joe & † Mary Stankiewicz
10.00 011	Fr. Baumert

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, Ron Miles, Betty Burt, Grace Loftus, those homebound or confined in health-care facilities, and those on the STM prayer line.

Please remember those who have died: †Jim Linenbrink



Liturgical Ministers January 29th and January 30th, 2022

<u>Altar Servers</u>

5:00 pm, Sat., -L. Upah, E. Lee, B. Stanek, A. Young 8:00 am, Sun., -L. Teunissen, C. Rains, I. Ayivi-Guedehoussou E. Ayivi-Guedehoussou 10:30 am, Sun., -M. Grzebielski, M. Schnell, L. Meyer, M. Askren

<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 Sue Franco
Kay Monzingo

Lectors Lee

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This Week Sunday January 23rd

	Sunday 8:30 am 9:00 am 6:00 pm	January 23rd Catechesis of the GS Level 2 (KR) Fr. Frank's Class Rosary (CH)
	Monday, 7:30 pm	January 24th GA (KR)
	Tuesday, 7:30 pm	January 25th AA (SH)
/k	Wednesday, 6:15 pm 6:30 pm	January 26th Family Formation STM Bldg Discussion Meeting
	Thursday, 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	January 27 ALPHA (SH) "Why Did Jesus Die?" Becoming Catholic (Lib)
	Friday, 7:30 pm	January 28th AA (Lib)
	Saturday, 6:00 am	January 29th That Man is You (SH)
ael	Sunday, 8:30 am 11:30 am 6:00 pm	January 30th Catechesis of the GS Level 3 (KR) Parish Dinner (SH) Rosary (CH)
ita ss.	Monday,	January 31st CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS

Honor Roll Recognition

Mercy High School Kailey Anson Clare Coniglio Gianna Coniglio Tegan Geho Hayli Spellman Julia Tripp

Gross Catholic High School

Arianna Alcala Gabriel Alcala Isabella Alcala Cole Askren Isaiah Barrientos Ryan Driscoll Coby Duncan Grace Fanowiel Quentin Hanzlik Jayden Sterba Mary Upah

Congratulations to these students and their families on this accomplishment!

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Grieving with Great Hope February 1st through March 8th

Grieving with Great Hope is a workshop that offers a path through grieving after the death of a loved one. It connects people with other people on the same path, not necessarily the same journey. There are no stages to grief on this journey, everyone experiences loss in their own way. It is with prayerful reflection, practical learning, and personal fellowship that we learn to continue this journey in life after the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild, or friend. Come join us at St. Cecelia Cathedral's Monsignor Graham Building on Tuesday evenings February 1st through March 8th at 6:30 pm. Space is limited, so please call or email Deacon Jim Tar-

dy, 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com.

Put Me in Coach. I'm Ready to Play.

Baseball and Softball registration is now open until



March 2nd, 2022. There will be no late registrations accepted, so please register as soon as possible.

For anyone interested in coaching, there will be a clinic, "Coaching the Coach," to



To register, log in to your *SportsSignupPlay* account. The link is https://stmbengals.sportssignup.com/ site/. You'll see a red banner that says "Click here to register online."

If you have questions, contact wilson.david1022@gmail.com

teach technique and review drills.



St. Peter of Alcantara said, "Our Lord in the Eucharistic 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-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

Extended Care Help Needed

Due to the increasing need for Extended Care, we need of another TK-8th Grade Extended Care Assistant. To apply, please send your resume and references to Mr. Davis at gdavis@omahacsc.org

- Part Time Morning and Afterschool Hours

- Work with students
- Lead after school activities
- Must be at least 18 years of age

- Experience working with children or college level classes required

- Must meet at least <u>one</u> of these criteria:

1. Hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in early childhood education, education or child/youth development;

2. Hold an associate dearee from an accredited college or university in early childhood education, education or child/youth development:

3. Have a Child Development Associate Credential:

4. Have a high school diploma or GED; and (1) 1500 verified clock hours of experience in organized group activities for school-age children as indicated by a positive reference from a former employer or supervisor; or (2) Submit a written plan for Department approval to acguire at least three credit hours or 45 clock hours of training in administration, early childhood education, education, or child/youth development, in a period not to exceed six mos.

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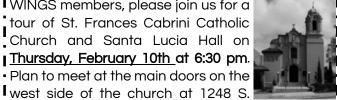
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WINGS February Outing Information

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



10th Street, Omaha. St. Frances Cabrini was formerly the cathedral of I the Diocese of Omaha and was named St. Philo-• mena'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 mjogates@cox.net or call 402-680-7132.



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