

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET

GRETNA, NE 68028



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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Gretna, Nebraska

# Welcome

We invite you to become involved in our parish community! There are many opportunities for experiencing the peace and joy of our loving God in liturgy, education, prayer and service.

If you would like to join our parish family, please visit our website or the Parish Office for a registration form.

## PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours.....M-F 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM  
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## MASS AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday.....5:00 PM  
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & Noon  
Monday.....No Mass or Communion Service  
Tuesday and Thursday.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday and Friday.....7:30 AM  
Holy Days.....7:30 AM & 6:00 PM  
Holidays (on weekdays) .....9:00 AM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....4:00 PM - 4:40 PM  
*Or call the parish office for an appointment.*

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Parishioners registered for a minimum of one year are eligible to marry here. Six months of marriage preparation prior to your wedding is required by the Archdiocese. Contact the Parish Office to schedule a wedding date and marriage preparation instruction.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Classes are held at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of each month in the Fr. Hitch Room. Please call the Parish Office if you will be attending a specific class. A baptismal date will not be set until you become a registered parishioner and both the parents and Godparents attend the baptismal class for their first child. Baptisms take place after the Sunday Noon Mass.

## MINISTRY TO THE SICK

If you, a relative or friend are hospitalized or shut in, short or long term, and would like a visit from the Pastor, Deacon or Pastoral Minister, please call the Parish Office. For emergencies or if facing danger or death, call 402-332-4428.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The second Thursday of each month, exposition begins at 7:30 AM and concludes before the start of the same day Mass (reposition at 5:45 PM). For more information, contact Jean Hlavacek at 402-504-4222.

## REFLECT AND RESPOND

### 1st Sunday of Lent

#### FIRST READING (GN 9:8-15)

God promises Noah to use a “bow in the clouds” (a rainbow) as a sign and symbol of His divine pledge to never again allow a world-wide flood to devastate the earth. This is the Bible’s first recorded covenant between God and humanity. What do you think of when you see a rainbow?

#### SECOND READING (1 PT 3:18-22)

Peter teaches that Jesus preached to both the living and the dead — those dead dating back to the days of Noah — and connecting us through baptism. What do you find intriguing about this idea?

#### GOSPEL (MK 1:12-15)

We hear about Jesus’ temptation in the desert and His inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe His good news. As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance?

## GOSPEL MEDITATION



St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the

other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### QUESTION:

Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

### ANSWER:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” For many Catholics, it’s an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.



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## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

## THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE

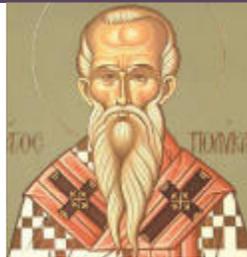


The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter is not a celebration of a piece of furniture, but the role and office of Peter within the Church. That office, presently held by Pope Francis, has been around for over 2,000 years. We celebrate the feast for several reasons. First, we’re celebrating the pope’s role as shepherd or bishop of the universal Church. We are also celebrating the authority of the universal bishop. It’s the authority given by Jesus to Peter to lead and guide the Church in Jesus’ place. Finally, we are celebrating the unity that the Chair of Saint Peter symbolizes. Since apostolic times, the various Churches founded by the original apostles were somewhat independent—partly due to distance and the lack of

communication systems—yet united in faith under the leadership of Saint Peter. We celebrate the feast of the Chair of Saint Peter rejoicing in the guidance and the role of the Holy Spirit, thanking Jesus for the authority He shares with mere humans, and we pray for the person God has chosen to occupy the Chair of Saint Peter at the present time.

## SAINT POLYCARP *Bishop and Martyr*

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, disciple of Saint John the Apostle and friend of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, was a revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century.



Saint Ignatius, on his way to Rome to be martyred, visited Polycarp at Smyrna, and later at Troas wrote him a personal letter. The Asia Minor Churches recognized Polycarp’s leadership by choosing him as a representative to discuss with Pope Anicetus the date of the Easter celebration in Rome—a major controversy in the early Church. Only one of the many letters written by Polycarp has been preserved, the one he wrote to the Church of Philippi in Macedonia.

At 86, Polycarp was led into the crowded Smyrna stadium to be burned alive. The flames did not harm him and he was finally killed by a dagger. The centurion ordered the saint’s body burned. The “Acts” of Polycarp’s martyrdom are the earliest preserved, fully reliable account of a Christian martyr’s death. He died in 155. Polycarp is the patron saint of earaches.

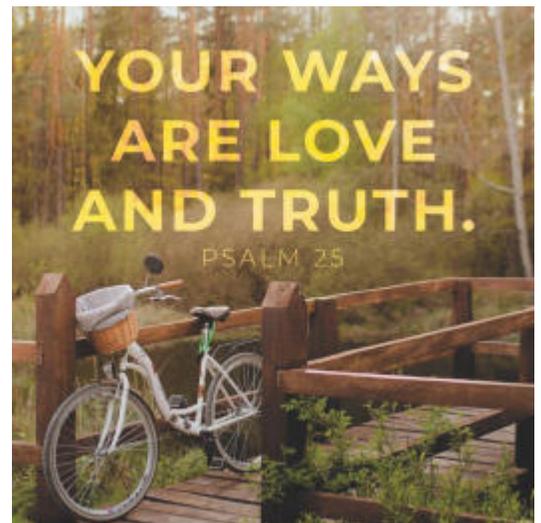
Polycarp was recognized as a Christian leader by all Asia Minor Christians—a strong fortress of faith and loyalty to Jesus Christ. His own strength emerged from his trust in God, even when events contradicted this trust. Living among pagans and under a government opposed to the new religion, he led and fed his flock. Like the Good Shepherd, he laid down his life for his sheep and kept them from more persecution in Smyrna. He summarized his trust in God just before he died: “Father... I bless Thee, for having made me worthy of the day and the hour...” (Acts of Martyrdom, Chapter 14).



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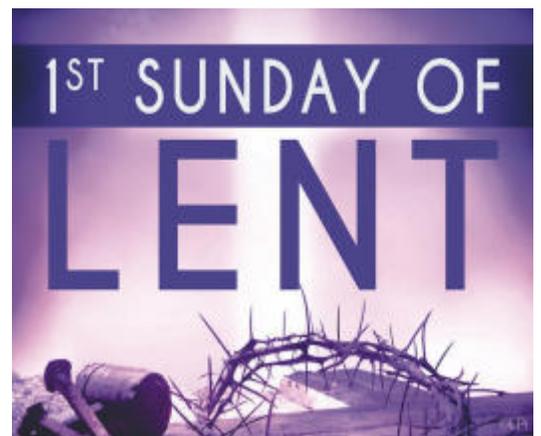
### READINGS THIS WEEK

**MONDAY:** 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19  
**TUESDAY:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15  
**WEDNESDAY:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32  
**THURSDAY:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12  
**FRIDAY:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26  
**SATURDAY:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10



### OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

**MONDAY:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle  
**TUESDAY:** St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** 2nd Sunday of Lent





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**PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION**  
*Register Today!*

St. Patrick Catholic Preschool has begun registering parish member families for the 2021-2022 preschool year. Any child that will be 3 by October 15, 2021



and toilet trained will be eligible for one of our several preschool class options. You can register at <https://stpatricksgretna.org/mesmerize/education/preschool/>. Paper copies are available upon request. Register early to receive your first preference class. If you wish to set up an in-person tour, please call the preschool office at 402-332-3050.

**ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**



The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is still active and supports the parishes, schools and ministries across the archdiocese. Our parish financial goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$95,225.82 and our participation goal is 29.5%. So far, 232 parishioner

donors have committed \$140,401.00 at a participation rate of 17.3%. While we have exceeded our monetary goal, we are short by nearly 12.2% on our participation rate, so we'd like to see more parishioners consider donating to this worthy cause. As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to trust, to let go of fear and open our minds and hearts to God's saving work, particularly during Lent. What is holding you back from sharing your gifts?

**SEMINARIAN PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray for our Seminarians as they prepare for God's holy priesthood.



This week let us pray for **Logan Hepp** (Pastoral Year at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary) from St. Stephen the Martyr in Omaha.

If you are considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, let the grace of prayer encourage you.

Call Father Andrew Roza at 402-558-3100, or email [vocations@archomaha.org](mailto:vocations@archomaha.org).

**"PRAY ALWAYS AND DO NOT LOSE HEART."**

# Baptisms

Since our last update on February 7, two infants have been baptized into the Body of Christ. We congratulate the parents and family members, and we welcome your little ones into the Family of Faith! We are praying our Lord Jesus will bless, guide and inspire each of you in His love as you travel along your faith journey. Congratulations!



Name.....Date

Sapphire Elayna Hedrick.....2/14/2021

Adalyn Ann Hesse.....2/14/2021

**PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

*We, the community of St. Patrick, continue to pray for all our parishioners and their deceased family members and loved ones.*



Name.....Date of Death.....Place of Burial

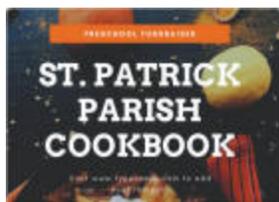
Myron L. Teut.....2/12/2021.....Omaha National Cemetery

Mary C. Rittenhouse.....1/11/2021....Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn

**ADD YOUR RECIPES IN THE NEW PARISH COOKBOOK**

*Submit Your Recipes Online by February 28*

We are in need of recipes for the new parish cookbook. Feel free to submit as many as you would like to share. Our parish has not had a published cookbook for over 26 years so we are long overdue. The published cookbooks will be available for sale just in time for Mother's Day. More information on ordering will come later.



Please consider sharing some of your favorite family recipes. To submit a recipe or many recipes, simply go to the website below and enter the username and password and click on: ADD RECIPE.

**WEBSITE:** <http://www.typensave.com/get-started/>  
**USERNAME:** StPatsCookbook  
**PASSWORD:** salt820

Please have your recipes typed online by Sunday, February 28. Questions, please call Stephanie Adams at 402-332-3050.

**RESTORED: STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2021**

*Save the Date: July 16-18*

This year the St. Patrick Youth Group is excited to announce our participation in the Steubenville Youth Conference! Steubenville is a high energy youth conference in which thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussion, and fellowship with other teens. This conference is an outreach to youth ministries across the nation and is held every year in July at Missouri State University. This year we are set to attend July 16—18. Please contact Gabrielle Bash, at [gmbash@archomaha.org](mailto:gmbash@archomaha.org) for more information.



## CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH RENEWAL WEEKEND

### Grow in Christian Community

This Lent is a perfect time to reform your concept of what faith community really means. With CRHP, you can form relationships with other believers who can encourage you to become all you were created to be. CRHP is a community that was created for deep fellowship with God and His people.

Prayerfully consider a renewed commitment to your faith and church community by signing up for the upcoming Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Renewal Weekend. Through CRHP, the Holy Spirit will begin to work within you and stir your longing to awaken your prayer life and love for your faith. Embrace this year as the beginning of a journey to a deeper relationship with Jesus.

We are taking every precaution to have a safe weekend while growing our faith. The following will be done during the weekend.

1. Before the weekend begins, all used rooms will be sanitized.
2. Bathrooms will be cleaned throughout the weekend.
3. Disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer will be available for use all weekend.
4. Meals will be boxed.
5. Snacks will be boxed.
6. Drinks will be in each individual's coolers.
7. Masks will be worn all weekend except for meals and at break times, which will include outside time (weather permitting) and social distancing.
8. While working in small groups, the groups will consist of only four people per table.
9. Meals will consist of only four people per table.
10. When arriving the first morning, participants will be asked if they have had any exposure to the virus or are not feeling well in any way.

These are the main items that we will be putting in place for the weekend. As it gets closer, we will incorporate anything additional that would be necessary.

We will be sending out further information to those who sign up for the weekends. With the protection of our Father, Son, and Holy Spirit we fully believe these weekends will be safe and all those involved will feel the many blessings upon them.



**WOMEN'S WEEKEND:**  
February 27-28

**MEN'S WEEKEND:**  
March 20-21

Sign up today through the parish website, <https://stpatricksgretna.org/mesmerize/get-involved/christ-renews-his-parish/>.

## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Attention High School Seniors

Graduating Seniors who are members of St. Patrick Church are eligible to apply for the Church Scholarship (1 @ \$1,000 managed by the Parish Council) and the St. Patrick Century Club Scholarships (3 @ \$500). A person needs to complete only one application for both scholarship considerations. Applications must be completed and returned to the Parish Office by Friday, March 12. Gretna High Seniors, if you filled out an application through the High School, you need not complete it again. Application forms are available at the Gretna High School or the Parish Office. You can also find the forms in the Parish kiosk in the Narthex.



## FAMILY MISSIONS COMPANY



Family Missions Company (FMC) sends out lay Catholic families and singles to proclaim Jesus Christ and His Gospel to the poor! Since our ministry's founding in 1997, we have trained and sent out hundreds of families and singles to serve as evangelists and servants to the poor around the world. We are becoming real friends with the poor and working on discipleship within the call of evangelization - as well as serving the physical needs of the poor. We believe in both aspects. We have mission posts all over - Haiti, Ecuador, Peru, India, Mexico, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, Taiwan, and lastly some of us are working on getting a post set up in Africa. You can explore more about our mission, if you so desire by going to <https://www.familymissionscompany.com/>.



## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Gretna, Nebraska

### THE KNIGHT'S CORNER



DON'T MISS THE LENTEN FISH FRY ON FRIDAYS!



St. Patrick Knights of Columbus will continue our annual Fish Frys by drive thru and carry out from 5 PM to 8 PM every Friday beginning February 19 and running through March 26.

The menu features Alaskan pollock (fried or baked), scalloped potatoes, green beans, and coleslaw—which are all are gluten free, and macaroni and cheese. Cost: \$12 for ages 11 and up; \$6 for ages 10 and under.

We appreciate all of your support at the prior Fish Frys and look forward to seeing you. Sign up to volunteer on the homepage of our parish website, [stpatricksgretna.org](http://stpatricksgretna.org).

### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Jim Hain.....402-981-8831  
Deputy Grand Knight, Joe Krajicek ....402-616-9612  
Financial Secretary, Marty Stednitz...402-332-3840  
Chancellor & Membership Director, John Schaffert  
.....402-672-7903

## LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found at St. Patrick keeps growing. Have you lost something recently and think you may have left it at the Church?



We have an array of jewelry including rings and earrings, rosaries, hair accessories and other odds and ends.

Call Megan or Judy at 402-332-4444 or come into the parish office during office hours to ask about your lost item and see if we might have it.



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**MASS INTENTIONS**

An individual may ask a Priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday or if they are ill), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of one who has died (†). We must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul. To request a Mass intention, stop by the Parish Office to schedule. A minimum of \$10 per Mass is requested.



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**

No Communion Service or Mass

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

6:00 PM † Herbert Weier

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**

7:30 AM † Bob Williams

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

6:00 PM † Ryan Christo

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**

7:30 AM † Frank Cernik

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH**

5:00 PM † Emil Peterson

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**

8:00 AM † Joe Estey  
10:00 AM † Cliff Peterson  
12:00 PM Parishioners and Benefactors



Let us pray for all those affected by COVID-19. Pray for Bob Zych,

Ted Lighthipe, John Meyer, Julie Pohar (sister of Jodi Rupiper), Juanita DiStefano, Kathy Luers (daughter of Peg Iliff), Jack Schmit, Carol Tramp, Nolan Schultz, Mike Petersen, Jessica Blum and Randy Kohlbek. Pray for Mark Bauer, Cecil Wortmann, and DeDra Robb, and Reece Bittner, (grandson of Bruce Jefferies). Pray also for all our parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, and in nursing homes, and for all our parishioners and loved ones who have recently passed away.

To add a loved one to the prayer line, please call Corliss Lovstad at 402-968-5877 or email her at [clovstad@gmail.com](mailto:clovstad@gmail.com).

**THE WEEK AHEAD**



**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST—1ST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass —Sanctuary  
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM Baptisms—Narthex and Sanctuary

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**

6:30 PM to 8:30 PM CRHP Women—Parish Center C  
9:00 PM to 10:00 PM CHRP Rosary—Sanctuary

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD**

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting—Father Hitch Room  
5:30 PM to 5:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 6:00 PM)—Sanctuary  
6:30 PM to 6:40 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion (after Mass)—Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH**

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary  
8:00 AM to 8:15 AM Liturgy of the Hours—By the Tabernacle  
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Religious Education—RE Classrooms  
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM RE Parents Faith Sharing—Father Hitch Room  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Video and Discussion Night (FORMED)—YG/RE Rooms

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH**

5:30 PM to 5:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 6:00 PM)—Sanctuary  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM American Heritage Girls—Basement Commons  
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Prep—Parish Center and Kitchen

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH**

6:30 AM to 7:30 AM Men's Faith Sharing—Father Hitch Room  
7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary  
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM CRHP Setup—Parish Center  
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Drive Thru—Parish Center  
6:00 PM to 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross—Sanctuary

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH**

8:00 AM to 11:59 PM CRHP Women's Weekend—Parish Center  
4:00 PM to 4:40 PM Confession—Father Hitch Room  
5:00 PM to 6:00 PM Mass —Sanctuary

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH—2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

12:00 AM to 5:00 PM CRHP Women's Weekend—Parish Center  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass —Sanctuary  
8:55 AM to 9:55 AM Religious Education—RE Classrooms  
1:30 PM to 2:30 PM Baptisms—Narthex and Sanctuary

**BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS SPECIAL COLLECTION**

*This Weekend, February 20-21*



Mandated by the III Plenary Council in 1884, the National Collection for Black and Indian people continues as the embodiment of the Church's concern for evangelizing the Black and Indian peoples of the United States. The funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs which otherwise would cease. The Collection was formerly known as The Black and Indian Home Mission Collection. To learn more about this mission visit

[blackandindianmission.org](http://blackandindianmission.org). Please be generous in supporting this evangelization effort.

## LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE 2nd Sunday of Lent

| FEBRUARY 27TH<br>5:00 PM   | FEBRUARY 28TH<br>8:00 AM  | FEBRUARY 28TH<br>10:00 AM  | FEBRUARY 28TH<br>NOON  |
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| <b>Altar Servers</b><br>None scheduled at this time  | <b>Altar Servers</b><br>None scheduled at this time                                     | <b>Altar Servers</b><br>None scheduled at this time  | <b>Altar Servers</b><br>None scheduled at this time  |
| <b>EMHCs</b><br>Paul Staley<br>(North and South Transepts)<br>Tracy Wollenburg<br>(South Nave) | <b>EMHCs</b><br>Deb Benes<br>(North and South Transepts)<br>Duane Benes<br>(South Nave) | <b>EMHCs</b><br>Dennis Cannon<br>(North and South Transepts)<br>Phyllis Cannon<br>(South Nave) | <b>EMHCs</b><br>Jennifer Loosvelt<br>(North and South Transepts)<br>Darcy Skrdla<br>(South Nave) |
| <b>Standby:</b> (if a sub is needed)<br>Need Sub<br>Need Sub                                   | <b>Standby:</b> (if a sub is needed)<br>Matt Sakowski<br>Jerry Thoendel                 | <b>Standby:</b> (if a sub is needed)<br>Chris Reinig<br>Mitch Wendlandt                        | <b>Standby:</b> (if a sub is needed)<br>Ginny Giebelhaus<br>Doris Williams                       |
| <b>Greeters</b><br>None scheduled at this time   | <b>Greeters</b><br>None scheduled at this time  | <b>Greeters</b><br>None scheduled at this time   | <b>Greeters</b><br>None scheduled at this time   |
| <b>Lector</b><br>(Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)<br>Rose Grandinetti                          | <b>Lector</b><br>(Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)<br>Cari Kaup                          | <b>Lector</b><br>(Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)<br>Jolene Jefferies                          | <b>Lector</b><br>(Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)<br>Kathy Broz                                  |
| <b>Standby:</b> (if a sub is needed)<br>Jim Sawyer   | <b>Standby:</b> (if a sub is needed)<br>Theresa Huttman                                 | <b>Standby:</b> (if a sub is needed)<br>Need Sub   | <b>Standby:</b> (if a sub is needed)<br>Rebecca Campbell   |
| <b>Rosary Reciter</b><br>None scheduled at this time   | <b>Rosary Reciter</b><br>None scheduled at this time                                    | <b>Rosary Reciter</b><br>None scheduled at this time   | <b>Sacristan</b><br>Ginny Giebelhaus   |
| <b>Sacristan</b><br>Gabe Ronk  | <b>Sacristan</b><br>Lori Frederick  | <b>Sacristan</b><br>Mitch Wendlandt  | <b>Ushers</b><br>Ginny Giebelhaus<br>Marty White<br>Doris Williams<br>Mary Zeigler               |
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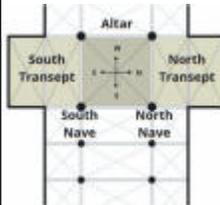
*If you are unable to serve at your assigned time, please kindly find a substitute. The Parish Office greatly appreciates your help, support and patience as we work together in providing Mass to our parish family!*

*If you are scheduled as a standby please check in when you arrive at Mass in the Sacristy.*

### WEEK OF MARCH 2ND (TUESDAY-FRIDAY)

**Daily Mass**  
**Altar Servers**  
None scheduled at this time

**Vocations Crucifix**  
Ty Tucker



#### 1st SUNDAY OF LENT



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**PREPARE FOR LENT**  
*The Ascension Lenten Companion*



Lent is an important season in the Church's liturgical year — it is the time when we take stock of where we are in our faith and prepare for the death and resurrection of our Savior. If you would like to arrive at Easter with your life changed from where it was on Ash Wednesday, we will be offering the book, *The Ascension Lenten Companion*. This resource follows the Gospels for each Sunday of this Lent so you can better prepare for Mass and has a daily meditation, and space for journaling.

There is still time to get your copy of the book for \$6 in the parish office. You are also welcome to gather in Parish Center C on Sunday mornings at 9AM to watch the weekly videos by Ascension Press and discuss the reflections from that week.

**BLESSED PALMS TO BE BURNED**



It is that time again! Since Lent began this week, we ask that you bring in any old blessed palms you no longer desire to keep. A basket labeled "old palms" will be made available in the Narthex for collection throughout the Lenten season.

As a reminder any blessed objects you no longer wish to keep can be brought to the parish office for disposal during regular office hours.

**CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH**

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to your honor and give myself to you, that you may always be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a greater purity of heart and fervent love of the interior life. After your



example may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me, that I may share in the peace and joy of your holy death. Amen.

**TODAY'S EUCHARISTIC REFLECTION**  
*Worthiness to Receive Holy Communion: General Principles*



Presenting oneself to receive Holy Communion should be a conscious decision, based on a reasoned judgment regarding one's worthiness to do so, according to the Church's objective criteria, asking such questions as: "Am I in full communion with the Catholic Church? Am I guilty of grave sin? Have I incurred a penalty (e.g. excommunication, interdict) that forbids me to receive Holy Communion? Have I prepared myself by fasting for at least an hour?" The practice of indiscriminately presenting oneself to receive Holy Communion, merely as a consequence of being present at Mass, is an abuse that must be corrected (cf. Instruction "Redemptionis Sacramentum," nos. 81, 83).

2. The Church teaches that abortion or euthanasia is a grave sin. The Encyclical Letter *Evangelium Vitae*, with reference to judicial decisions or civil laws that authorize or promote abortion or euthanasia, states that there is a "grave and clear obligation to oppose them by conscientious objection. [...] In the case of an intrinsically unjust law, such as a law permitting abortion or euthanasia, it is therefore never licit to obey it, or to 'take part in a propaganda campaign in favour of such a law or vote for it'" (no. 73). Christians have a "grave obligation of conscience not to cooperate formally in practices which, even if permitted by civil legislation, are contrary to God's law. Indeed, from the moral standpoint, it is never licit to cooperate formally in evil. [...] This cooperation can never be justified either by invoking respect for the freedom of others or by appealing to the fact that civil law permits it or requires it" (no. 74).

3. Not all moral issues have the same moral weight as abortion and euthanasia. For example, if a Catholic were to be at odds with the Holy Father on the application of capital punishment or on the decision to wage war, he would not for that reason be considered unworthy to present himself to receive Holy Communion. While the Church exhorts civil authorities to seek peace, not war, and to exercise discretion and mercy in imposing punishment on criminals, it may still be permissible to take up arms to repel an aggressor or to have recourse to capital punishment. There may be a legitimate diversity of opinion even among Catholics about waging war and applying the death penalty, but not however with regard to abortion and euthanasia.

4. Apart from an individual's judgment about his worthiness to present himself to receive the Holy Eucharist, the minister of Holy Communion may find himself in the situation where he must refuse to distribute Holy Communion to someone, such as in cases of a declared excommunication, a declared interdict, or an obstinate persistence in manifest grave sin (cf. can. 915).

5. Regarding the grave sin of abortion or euthanasia, when a person's formal cooperation becomes manifest (understood, in the case of a Catholic politician, as his consistently campaigning and voting for permissive abortion and euthanasia laws), his Pastor should meet with him, instructing him about the Church's teaching, informing him that he is not to present himself for Holy Communion until he brings to an end the objective situation of sin, and warning him that he will otherwise be denied the Eucharist.

6. When "these precautionary measures have not had their effect or in which they were not possible," and the person in question, with obstinate persistence, still presents himself to receive the Holy Eucharist, "the minister of Holy Communion must refuse to distribute it" (cf. Pontifical Council for Legislative Texts Declaration "Holy Communion and Divorced, Civilly Remarried Catholics" [2002], nos. 3-4). This decision, properly speaking, is not a sanction or a penalty. Nor is the minister of Holy Communion passing judgment on the person's subjective guilt, but rather is reacting to the person's public unworthiness to receive Holy Communion due to an objective situation of sin.

[N.B. A Catholic would be guilty of formal cooperation in evil, and so unworthy to present himself for Holy Communion, if he were to deliberately vote for a candidate precisely because of the candidate's permissive stand on abortion and/or euthanasia. When a Catholic does not share a candidate's stand in favour of abortion and/or euthanasia, but votes for that candidate for other reasons, it is considered remote material cooperation, which can be permitted in the presence of proportionate reasons.]

*Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger—Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith*

## THE IMPORTANCE OF SACRISTANS AT MASS

### *Sacristans Have a Deep Understanding of Christ's Presence*



### SACRISTAN

Last week we talked about Ushers and their important role in keeping the environment and inner workings of the Mass running smoothly, this week we reflect on the gift of our Sacristans as they work to keep the preparation of the Mass running smoothly. Our Sacristans have a deep understanding of Christ's presence in the assembly of our parish. They are one of the many necessary volunteer positions at St. Patrick that help the priest focus on the ministerial aspect of the Mass. Often unseen by the community gathered to worship, our Sacristans seek to prepare gifts, vestments, and assure EMHCs, Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, and Altar Servers are in order. Finally, Sacristans give each priest the time they need to center themselves in prayer before the sacrifice of the Mass. If you are interested in volunteering to serve in one of the many ministries we have for liturgy, please contact Gabrielle Bash at [gmbash@archomaha.org](mailto:gmbash@archomaha.org).

## LENT AT ST. PATRICK

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, St. Patrick will offer the Stations of the Cross on Friday nights at 6 PM in the Sanctuary. The only exception will be on Good Friday, April 2, when Stations of the Cross will be at 3 PM instead of 6 PM.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

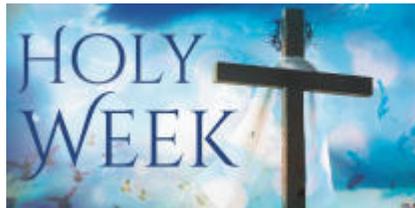
There will be additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation offered in the Father Hitch room.

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Tuesday, March 23   | 3 PM – 4 PM and 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM |
| Wednesday, March 24 | 3 PM – 4 PM and 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM |
| Thursday, March 25  | 3 PM – 4 PM and 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM |
| Friday, March 24    | 3 PM – 4 PM only                  |
| Tuesday, March 30   | 3 PM – 4 PM and 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM |
| Wednesday, March 31 | 3 PM – 4 PM and 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM |

There will be no 4 PM Confessions on Saturday, April 3.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

|                        |                   |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Holy Thursday, April 1 | 7 PM              |
| Good Friday, April 2   | 7 PM              |
| Holy Saturday, April 3 | 8 PM              |
| Easter Sunday, April 4 | 8 AM, 10 AM, Noon |



## HELP SAVE LIVES IN OMAHA AND BELLEVUE

### *40 Days for Life Fall Campaign*

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!



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- 107 abortion centers closed

If you have any questions or would like to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community sign up for a day, an hour, or more by contacting Liz Sambol, Omaha/Planned Parenthood, at [elizabeth.sambol@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.sambol@gmail.com) or 402-651-4789 or [40daysforlife.com/Omaha](http://40daysforlife.com/Omaha). Or contact Bob Henchal, Carhart/Bellevue, at [henchal@runbox.com](mailto:henchal@runbox.com) or 402-880-5447 or [40daysforlife.com/Bellevue](http://40daysforlife.com/Bellevue).

The Omaha/Bellevue 40 Days Fall Campaign is sponsored by Nebraskans Embracing Life, 402-399-0299 or [nebraskansembracinglife.org](http://nebraskansembracinglife.org).



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### LEAST OF MY BRETHREN

Sign Up Genius link to volunteer.....<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4EA8AB2AA6FD0-lomb10>

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### ADVERTISE FOR YOUR MINISTRY GROUP

Does your parish ministry group have opportunities for others to get involved? Contact Megan Seamann, [meseamann@archomaha.org](mailto:meseamann@archomaha.org), about getting your parish ministry group opportunities advertised.

## REGISTER FOR RCIA TODAY

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA is a process through which unbaptized adults and children over the age of 7 are formed in the teachings and practices of Catholicism and are initiated into the Catholic Church. This process also includes adults or children who have been baptized outside the Catholic Church but wish to prepare to receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Attending classes is in no way a commitment to join the Catholic Church but simply and opportunity to learn more about the faith and discern if you feel called to join.



Classes are open to all who are interested in learning about the faith, Catholics are invited to attend as well! Classes begin on August 26 but registration for the new class of candidates has already begun. If you are interested in attending please register online through our parish website, <https://stpatricksgretna.org/mesmerize/education/faith-formation/rcia/>. Or feel free to contact our RCIA coordinator, Gabrielle Bash, at [gmbash@archomaha.org](mailto:gmbash@archomaha.org).



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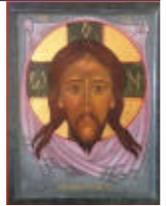
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**AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE**

**ILLUMINATION OF THE WORD—ST. CECILIA CATHEDRAL, FEBRUARY 14—MARCH 28**

Captivating images from a 700 year old Russian Religious Tradition will be on display at the St. Cecilia Cathedral Sunderland Gallery (3900 Webster St., Omaha). There will be a First Friday reception on March 5, from 5 PM to 7 PM, and a closing reception on Sunday, March 28 from 12 PM to 4 PM. The gallery hours run from 12 PM to 4 PM on Tuesday through Sunday.



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS—RESURRECTION CEMETERY, FEBRUARY 24**



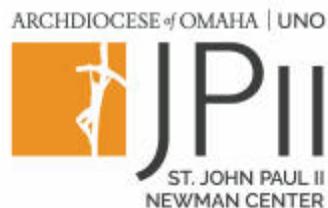
All are invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross in the Holy Angels Mausoleum at the Resurrection Cemetery (7800 W Center Rd, Omaha) on the Wednesdays during Lent from February 24—March 24 at 6 PM. On Good Friday, April 2, at 3 PM you are welcome to walk the Stations in Calvary Cemetery (7710 W Center Rd, Omaha). For further information please contact Deacon Jim Tardy 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com.

**29TH ANNUAL IRISH FEST GALA—VIRTUAL, FEBRUARY 26**

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**OPEN HOUSE—JPII NEWMAN CENTER, OMAHA, FEBRUARY 27**



Current and prospective college students: Join us at the JPII Newman Center, 1221 S 71st St, Omaha, on Saturday, February 27 from 11 AM – 4 PM for our open house. The open house will feature tours of our three main spaces: Community areas, the Oratory, and Newman Hall and time for questions and student testimonials. We invite anyone looking for a home away from home to come see what our community has to offer. Students who attend the open house and

apply to live at Newman Hall will receive \$50 off their first month of rent. No RSVP necessary! Masks and social distancing will be required.

**YOUNG ADULT GATHERING—ST. GERALD, FEBRUARY 28**

Come join us for food, fellowship, and faith as we seek out opportunities to grow in Christ and community. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at St. Gerald Catholic Church (9602 Q St, Ralston) at 12:15 PM following the 11 AM Mass and will be there until about 2 PM.



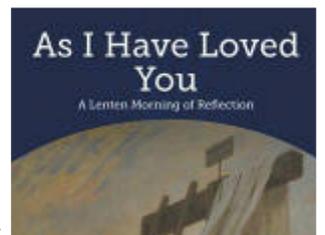
**IRISH DINNER—ST. MARY'S SCHOOL PARKING LOT, MARCH 7**



St. Mary's Irish Dinner will be a drive thru in the St. Mary's school parking lot (5301 S 36th St Omaha) on Sunday, March 7 from 11:30 AM to 3 PM. Enter thru the St. Mary's Cemetery off of Q Street at the 33rd Avenue. The dinner will feature corned beef and cabbage, potatoes, carrots and rye bread. The cost is \$10.

**LENTE MORNING OF REFLECTION—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH OR VIRTUAL, MARCH 20**

Join the Institute for Priestly Formation for a Lenten Morning of Reflection, "As I Have Loved You," Saturday, March 20 at St. Vincent de Paul Church (14330 Eagle Run Dr, Omaha). The morning begins with Mass at 10 AM followed by presentations by the IPF staff, time for silent reflection, and concludes at noon. CDC guidelines will be observed. This event will also be livestreamed from IPF's website and Facebook pages. There is no charge for the event. For more information, go to [PriestlyFormation.org](http://PriestlyFormation.org) or call Linda at 402-280-3901.



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