

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET GREYNA, NE 68028



EASTER SUNDAY



He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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APRIL 4, 2021



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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
Phone.....402-332-4444
Fax.....402-332-5107
Website.....stpatricksgretna.org
Facebook.....@stpatgretnane
E-mail.....stpatrick.gre@archomaha.org

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

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

FIRST READING (ACTS 10:34A, 37-43)

We hear today part of the speech that Peter delivered in the household of Cornelius, a centurion and Gentile-believer in Christ. Peter bore witness to his experiences with Jesus, including Jesus' resurrection. To whom do you bear witness to your faith in the resurrected Jesus?

SECOND READING (COL 3:1-4)

Paul urges the Colossians to remain focused on Jesus' resurrection, ascension, and final return — to "seek what is above." What do you find appealing in this spiritual exercise?

GOSPEL (JN 20:1-9)

It seems almost humorous to read Jesus' resurrection story and most of the story is about how Peter and John raced to the empty tomb. In your own life, how quick are you to run to Jesus?

GOSPEL MEDITATION



Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe Himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about His physical human self, His divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about Him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before His disciples' eyes, so today He is transfigured before our eyes as He reveals His resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

QUESTION:

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before Communion?

ANSWER:

The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of Communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the Eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.



The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain

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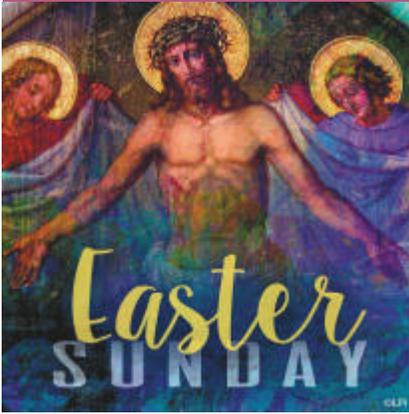
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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for at least one hour before Holy Communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist.

EASTER REFLECTION



What an experience that must have been! Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb early in the morning to pay tribute to our Lord's sacred body. They brought the oils and perfumes that they planned on placing on his beaten and bruised body. They came to offer Him their last act of love. But as the women arrived, the earth quaked and the angel of God appeared to them.

As they left, Scripture says they then left the tomb quickly, "fearful yet overjoyed." All they could think about was telling the other disciples of their encounter when another incredible joy befell them. Jesus Himself met them on the way. In their amazement, the women fell at His feet

and did Him homage. Not the homage they planned on doing to a dead body, but the homage due to a risen Savior. They worshipped Him. Jesus then spoke: "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me" (Mt 28:10).

It was true. All they had hoped for came true. They saw Jesus arrested. They saw Him beaten. They saw Him falsely accused. They saw Him sentenced to death. And they saw Him die. Now for the miracle of miracles, they saw their Savior alive. Every hope that they had came true. Everything came to fruition in that moment. All that was lost was restored a hundredfold.

The Resurrection of Christ is not simply an event that took place long ago. It's an event that continues to take place when we patiently walk with our Lord through the trials, crosses and sufferings of life, with hope and trust in His power to do all good things. Evil always loses in the end when we remain steadfast in our hope in Him.

As we celebrate the reality of the Resurrection of Christ, ponder the promise He has spoken to you. If you have surrendered all to Him and died to the world of sin, keep your eyes now on the Resurrection. Have hope in Him and in His power to breathe new life into your heaviest cross.

Sometimes we have hope in our own ideas of the Resurrection. We ask for some hope to come true because we think it is what we need. But the Resurrection of Christ should teach us that His plan for new life for each one of us is far superior than what we could ever imagine. Do you believe that? Do you maintain your hope in Christ even when all seems lost?

Reflect, today, upon the unfathomable plan that God has for your life. Know that if you remain faithful until the end, our Lord will bring forth greater joys in your life than you could ever think possible. It may not happen according to your schedule or your wishes, but it will happen in accord with His perfect divine will. Do not doubt. Do not be afraid. Have hope and trust, and anticipate the moments when the power of the Resurrection brings forth the greatest joys you could ever imagine.

My Resurrected Lord, I trust You with all my mind, heart, soul and strength. I believe that You are faithful to perfection and that Your fidelity will never fail. Give me hope when I need it the most and help me to keep my eyes on the glory that awaits. You have conquered all evil. May I always trust in You! Amen.



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READINGS THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15

NEXT SUNDAY: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3



OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

MONDAY: Monday within the Octave of Easter

TUESDAY: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

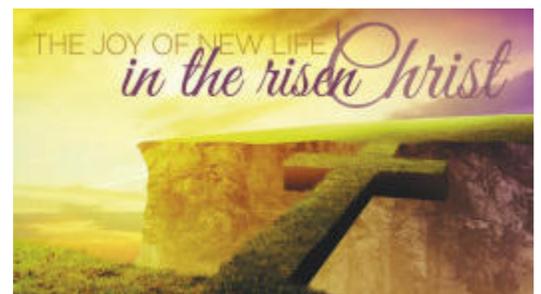
WEDNESDAY: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

THURSDAY: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

FRIDAY: Friday within the Octave of Easter

SATURDAY: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

NEXT SUNDAY: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)





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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 an 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.

RETURN TO CONFSSIONAL
Saturday, April 17



Beginning Saturday, April 17 we will return to using the Confessional in the Sanctuary for Reconciliation instead of the Father Hitch Room.

SEMINARIAN PRAYER CORNER

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

This week let us pray for **Thomas Matya** (Theology I at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary) from St. Charles Borromeo in Gretna.



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.

"PRAY ALWAYS AND DO NOT LOSE HEART."



Since our last update on March 28, 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

Theodore Robert Bergstrom.....3/28/2021

Liam Raney-Burke.....3/28/2021

ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN PRESCHOOL FOR 2021-2022
Registration for Next Year is Now Open



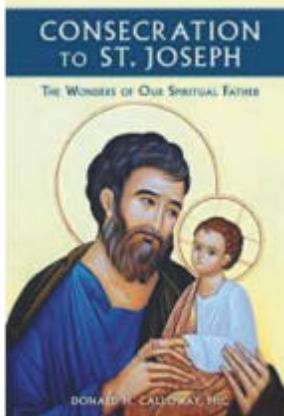
St. Patrick Catholic Preschool has begun enrolling for preschool classes for the 2021-2022 preschool year. We are hopeful for a full return to preschool next year with few restrictions due to the positive COVID cases declining and the COVID vaccination rollout. We have openings in the following classes: THREES AM (T, TH), FOURS AM (T, TH, F) and FOURS PM (M-TH). If you would like an in person tour and the opportunity to meet our preschool staff, please call the preschool office at 402-332-3050. Register online at <https://stpatricksgretna.org/mesmerize/education/preschool/preschool-registration-2/>.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS OPEN
Register Your Students for the 2021-2022 School Year

Registration for 2021-2022 Religious Education (Kindergarten—9th grade) has begun! Online forms are available on the Religious Ed page at www.stpatricksgretna.org. We have a variety of class times: Sunday mornings, and three times Wednesday afternoons and evenings. We also hope to continue offering smaller class sizes for a better learning environment. Remember, classes are filled first come first served so fill out your form today! If you have any questions please contact Shane Fagan at smfagan@archomaha.org.



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH
Preparation Began on March 30



What better time to consecrate yourself and your family to this great Saint than during the Year of St. Joseph!

WHAT: You are invited to participate in this at home study via a 33-day preparation and then a consecration to St. Joseph.

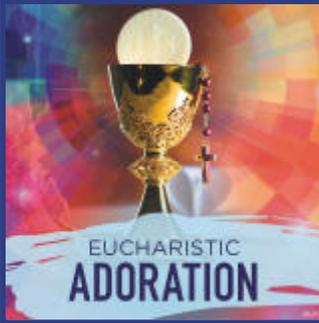
WHEN: Preparation began on March 30 and will end with our consecration on the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1. Don't worry if you are starting a little late you can read at your own pace. Father Baxter will lead us in the consecration prayer after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday, May 1.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: Stop in the parish office to purchase the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father* by Donald H. Calloway for \$5. (We have ordered the book in bulk for better availability for parishioners who would like to participate.) Then, contact Paul and Carrie Hubert at forlife9@icloud.com or call 402-671-8123 to join a prayer community in preparing to make a consecration to St. Joseph and receive weekly emails with additional resources about St. Joseph.

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To learn more about Consecration to St. Joseph go to our parish website.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Please consider spending just one hour each month adoring Jesus Christ during our Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Jesus asks Peter the question, "Could you not spend one hour with me?" Exposition begins on the second Thursday of the month, April 8, at 7:30 AM and concludes in the evening before the start of Mass (reposition at 5:45 PM). This is your opportunity to spend personal time with Jesus. He is here and lovingly waiting for you to come. The blessings are eternal. For more information, contact Jean Hlavacek at 402-504-4222.

DIVINE MERCY CENTER AND PANTRY *Serving Those in Need*

The Divine Mercy Center and Pantry is open and is offering pre bagged items for individuals and families for those in need of assistance. The Pantry is located at 4330 Eagle Run Drive, near 144th and Maple.

The pantry offers a drive thru process at the doors leading to the Divine Mercy Center (this door is on the west end of our parking lot of Saint Vincent de Paul Church). Volunteers will assist with traffic flow and the loading of bags into vehicles.

If you are in need of assistance, please come during our open hours. The pantry is open every 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month from 9 AM to noon and 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. All you need to bring is a photo id. For more information you may contact the Divine Mercy Center and Panty by email at pantry@svdpomaha.org or by phone 402-496-7988.

Need Food Assistance? We can help!

Divine Mercy Center and Pantry

14330 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha, Nebraska 68164

Just bring photo ID



Due to COVID-19 food items will be prebagged.

Open Every 2nd and 4th Monday of the Month

9 am to Noon & 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Drive thru west parking lot near Parish Center

FREE PAPER SHREDDING *Gretna Lions Club*



Gretna Lions Club
Saturday, April 24TH 2021
McKinney's Food Center
NORTH PARKING LOT
10:00 AM - NOON
FREE

Spring is here!!!!!! At least by the calendar it is! The Gretna Lions Club will have their Spring Free Paper Shred Day on Saturday, April 24 from 10 AM to 12 PM at McKinney's north parking lot.

Help guard against identity theft with free and

confidential shredding. Your cancelled checks, bills, bank statements, etc. will be destroyed on the spot while you watch, safely and securely. No need to remove staples, paper clips or spirals. Limit two containers per household. We will be collecting used eyeglasses, hearing aids and mobile phones as well as food for Gretna Neighbors. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pam Werling at 402-216-6532.

ATTENTION ALL LAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS *New Scheduling System—Ministry Scheduler Pro*

We have recently updated how we schedule our lay liturgical ministers, and we need your help during this transition. Please check your email for an invite from Ginny Giebelhaus to register for the program, Ministry Scheduler Pro. You will be assigned a username and a one-time password which you can change as soon as you login. You will then have access to your schedule at any time, can request a sub if needed and can take open substitutions when needed. You will be able to view this via your web browser or you can download the mobile app by searching for "Ministry Scheduler Pro" in your app store. We are extremely excited about this transition as it will make liturgical scheduling easier and more accessible to our parishioners.



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THE KNIGHT'S CORNER

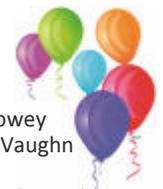


HAPPY EASTER!

Happy Easter Brother Knights families and to all parishioners!

BROTHER KNIGHTS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL—WE WISH YOU A HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- April 1 – Andrew Cox, David Harvey and Michael Latenser
- April 2 – Andrew Stednitz
- April 3 – Collin Staley
- April 4 – Roy Cook
- April 6 – Nicolas Schram and Lucas Towey
- April 9 – Richard Buhrman and Terry Vaughn
- April 12 – David Holcomb
- April 15 – Pete Giebelhaus and Michael Siegel
- April 16 – William Dukat
- April 18 – Victor Sedlacek
- April 20 – Allen Wilde
- April 21 – Trenton Erickson
- April 22 – Michael Chatterson
- April 24 – Craig Eller and Matthew Patnaude
- April 26 – Lonny Golka
- April 27 – Jacob Weber
- April 28 – Anthony De Bates, Pete Feyerabend and Timothy Gilligan
- April 29 – Tom Meyers



MEETING TIME CHANGE

The Knights meeting will be moved to Tuesday, April 13 at 7 PM in the Parish Center since the Knights Track Meet will be held on Tuesday, April 6.

GRETNA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #10047 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Gretna Knights of Columbus Fr. John V. Wallace Council #10047 has established multiple \$1,000 scholarships. To be eligible for a scholarship award the candidate must be the son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter or legal guardian of an active member in good standing (current on dues) of the Gretna Knights of Columbus Council #10047. Members in good standing are members who are current and who are not in the process of transferring to another council and have been a member for at least two years. For an application please contact Randy Meerian at 402-981-6471 or rmeerian@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus

- Grand Knight, Jim Hain.....402-981-8831
- Deputy Grand Knight, Joe Krajicek402-616-9612
- Financial Secretary, Marty Stednitz.....402-332-3840
- Chancellor & Membership Director, John Schaffert402-672-7903



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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, APRIL 5TH

No Communion Service or Mass

TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH

6:00 PM † Claudine Thorne

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH

7:30 AM † Arlene Kurtenbach

THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH

6:00 PM † Dale Mintken

FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH

7:30 AM † Don Sturgis

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH

5:00 PM † Jack Griffey

SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH

8:00 AM Duane Benes Family
10:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors
12:00 PM † Derek Sneed

Let us pray for all those affected by COVID-19. Please pray for all those who are in facilities or homebound and cannot receive the sacraments. Pray for Chris Curtis (daughter of Peggy Curtis), Julie Pohar (sister of Jodi Rupiper), Kathy Luers (daughter of Peg Iliff), Nolan Schultz, and Mike Petersen. Pray for Cecil Wortman, 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.

THE WEEK AHEAD



SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH—EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass —Sanctuary

MONDAY, APRIL 5TH

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH

5:30 PM to 5:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 6:00 PM)—Sanctuary
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Holy Hour of Prayer—Sanctuary
6:30 PM to 6:40 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion (after Mass)—Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7TH

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 (Freshman YG)—Youth Group Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM In Home Meeting (Sophomore—Senior YG)—Various Locations

THURSDAY, APRIL 8TH

7:30 AM to 5:45 PM Eucharistic Adoration—Sanctuary
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
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Bible Study—Parish Center C

FRIDAY, APRIL 9TH

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
8:00 AM to 10:00 AM Women's Faith Sharing—Parish Center C

SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH

7:00 AM to 5:00 PM American Heritage Girls Retreat—Parish Center
4:00 PM to 4:40 PM Confession—Father Hitch Room
4:30 PM to 5:00 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 5:00 PM) —Sanctuary

**SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH—2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary
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 Baptism—Narthex and Sanctuary

“WHAT ARE YOU MISSING IN THE MASS?”
Join this Eight Week Bible Study

Join fellow parishioners in a new Bible study - "What Are You Missing in the Mass?" The study requires no pre-reading or prior study. Just show up and learn about our central worship - the Mass! This study may be attended in person or online, as it is recorded to watch at your convenience. This study is for everyone, even if you have never joined a study before! The main objective of this study is to heighten our experience of and our participation in the Mass. The study will have two elements every week - an explanation of one part of the Mass and a discussion on the upcoming Sunday readings. The study will start April 8 and continue for eight weeks. It will be held Thursdays in person in Parish Center C at 7 PM or may be attended remotely. Visit our website to learn more and sign up!



LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

**APRIL 10TH
5:00 PM**

Altar Servers
None scheduled at this time

EMHCs
JoAnn Koch
(North and South Transepts)
Lynette Roxburgh
(South Nave)

Standby: (if a sub is needed)
Lindsay Beller
Anita Hayes

Greeters
None scheduled at this time

Lector
(Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)
Jim Koch

Standby: (if a sub is needed)
Jim Sawyer

Rosary Reciter
John Lovstad

Sacristan
Anita Hayes

Ushers
Pat Calvert
Don Garrison
Chad Soupir
Jeff Wollenburg

Fogger Crew
Joe Glogowski
Jeff Wollenburg

**APRIL 11TH
8:00 AM**

Altar Servers
None scheduled at this time

EMHCs
Jerry Thoendel
(North and South Transepts)
Matt Sakowski
(South Nave)

Standby: (if a sub is needed)
Deb Benes
Duane Benes

Greeters
None scheduled at this time

Lector
(Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)
Marty Stednitz

Standby: (if a sub is needed)
Cari Kaup

Rosary Reciter
Tim Gilligan

Sacristan
Lori Frederick

Ushers
Kevin Kaup
Paul Polt
Pat Shurtliff
Bob Sis

Fogger Crew
Joe Glogowski
Jeff Wollenburg

**APRIL 11TH
10:00 AM**

Altar Servers
None scheduled at this time

EMHCs
Stephanie Adams
(North and South Transepts)
Diana Alderson
(South Nave)

Standby: (if a sub is needed)
Dennis Cannon
Phyllis Cannon

Greeters
None scheduled at this time

Lector
(Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)
David Burke

Standby: (if a sub is needed)
Theresa Gulizia

Rosary Reciter
Theresa Gulizia

Sacristan
Mitch Wendlandt

Ushers
Clint Bollock
Norris Hoover
Bruce Jefferies
Andy Pearson

Fogger Crew
Joe Glogowski
Jeff Wollenburg

**APRIL 11TH
NOON**

Altar Servers
None scheduled at this time

EMHCs
Darcy Skrdla
(North and South Transepts)
Larry Neppi
(South Nave)

Standby: (if a sub is needed)
Doris Williams
Janie Vipond

Greeters
None scheduled at this time

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(Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)
Stephanie Lampe

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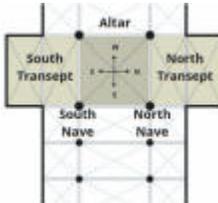
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**WEEK OF
APRIL 13TH
(TUESDAY-FRIDAY)**

Daily Mass
Altar Servers
None scheduled at this time

Vocations Crucifix
Gordon Yager



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.

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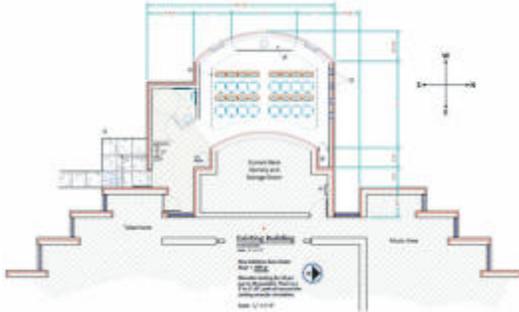
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ADORATION CHAPEL SURVEY
Complete by April 2



The parish-wide survey is open for your input regarding the proposed construction of a Eucharistic Adoration Chapel and the formation of a Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Ministry. There is an option to complete the survey online, which we prefer, or through a paper copy. The deadline to complete it is Good Friday, April 2. See the parish website for more information.

INTERCESSION OF ST. JOSEPH



St. Joseph, you are the faithful protector and intercessor of all who love and venerate you. I have special confidence in you. You are powerful with God and will never abandon your faithful servants. I humbly invoke you and commend myself with all who are dear to your intercession.

By the love you have for Jesus and Mary, do not abandon me during life and assist me at the hour of my death. Glorious St. Joseph, be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Guardian of the Word Incarnate, I am confident that your prayers on my behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God. Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.



TODAY'S EUCHARISTIC REFLECTION

Eucharistic Miracle of Chirattakonam



This Eucharistic miracle was verified recently, on May 5, 2001 in Trivandrum, India. In the Host there appeared the likeness of a man similar to that of Christ crowned with thorns. His Beatitude Cyril Mar Baselice, Archbishop of the diocese of Trivandrum, wrote regarding this prodigy : "[...] For us believers what we have seen is something that we have always believed [...]. If our Lord is speaking to us by giving us this sign, it certainly needs a response from us". The monstrance containing the miraculous Host is to this day kept in the church.

The Rev. Fr. Johnson Karnoor, pastor of the church where the Eucharistic miracle took place recounts in his deposition : "On April 28, 2001, in the parish church of St. Mary of Chirattakonam, we began as we did every year the novena to St. Jude Thaddeus. At 8:49am, I exposed the Most Holy Sacrament in the monstrance for public Adoration. After a few moments I saw what appeared to be three dots

in the Holy Eucharist. I then stopped praying and began to look at the monstrance also inviting the faithful to admire the three dots. I then asked the faithful to remain in prayer and reposed the monstrance in the tabernacle. On April 30th, I celebrated the Holy Mass and on the following day I left for Trivandrum. On Saturday morning, the 5th of May 2001, I opened the church for the usual liturgical celebrations. I got vested and went to open the tabernacle to see what had happened to the Eucharist in the monstrance. I immediately noted in the Host, a figure, to the likeness of a human face. I was deeply moved and asked the faithful to kneel and begin praying. I thought I alone could see the face so I asked the altar server what he noticed in the monstrance. He answered: 'I see the figure of a man'. I noticed that the rest of the faithful were looking intently at the monstrance. We began the adoration and the image, as the minutes went by, became more and more clear. I did not have the courage to say anything and I began to cry. During adoration, we have the practice of reading a passage from Holy Scriptures. The reading of the day was the one from chapter 20 in the Gospel of John which narrates the story of when Jesus appeared to St. Thomas and asked him to look at the wounds. I was only able to say a few words in my homily, and, having to leave for the nearby parish of Kakkodu to celebrate Mass, I immediately summoned a photographer to take pictures of the Holy Eucharist with the human face on it. After two hours all the photos were developed; with the passing of the time the face in every photo became more and more clear."



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY—NEXT SUNDAY

St. Faustina's Diary



"Low Sunday; that is, the Feast of The Divine Mercy, the conclusion of the Jubilee of Redemption. When we went to take part in the celebrations, my heart leapt with joy that the two solemnities were so closely united. I asked God for mercy on the souls of sinners. Toward the end of the service, when the priest took the Blessed Sacrament to bless the people, I saw the Lord Jesus as He is represented in the image. The Lord gave His blessing, and the rays extended over the whole world. ... I heard a voice, **This Feast emerged from the very depths of My mercy, and it is confirmed in the vast depths of My tender mercies. Every soul believing and trusting in My mercy will obtain it** (Diary, 420)."

*The words of Jesus appear in boldface type

RESTORED: STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2021

There's Still Time to Register!



Steubenville STL Mid-America is a high-energy youth conference in which thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus through dynamic speakers, engaging music, round-the-clock Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens across the US. The Archdiocese of Omaha joins forces with other dioceses in the Midwest to offer a conference every year in July which takes place on the campus of Missouri State University in Springfield, MO. This year we are taking any Freshmen through Seniors in High School who are interested in attending. This year's dates are July 16-18. There is a \$50 fee which reserves your child's spot on the bus. The total cost to attend is \$200 which includes transportation, room, board, and conference materials. If you are interested, please register at <https://stpatricksgretna.org/mesmerize/education/youth-group/steubenville-registration/>. An envelope with a specific registration forms will be sent to your address along with a packet for volunteer registration.

MAY CROWNING

Fundraiser to Send our Youth Group to Steubenville



This year, the St. Patrick Youth Group would like to honor Mary for May Crowning by surrounding her with flowers for the month of May. This will act in part as a fundraiser to support the 44 youth and 8 volunteers who will be traveling to Springfield, MO in July for the Steubenville Youth Conference. The total cost of the Steubenville trip is around \$5,000 which includes bus fare, food, rooms for the night, scholarships for teens to attend, and more. We are asking for a \$10 donation and in return we will place flowers with your name on them around Mary as well as offering your prayer intentions up at our end of the year Youth Group Mass on Wednesday, April 28. If you would like to donate to this cause as well as have a Mass intention for April 28 said, please drop your donation and your intention off at the parish office with the subject line May Crowning, or email Gabrielle Bash at gmbash@archomaha.org.

A THANK YOU FROM BARB APPLGATE

Irish Person of the Year

Dear Father Greg, Parish Council and St. Patrick Parishioners,

I want to say how deeply honored I am to have received the Irish Person of the Year. It is very humbling to stand amongst the people of our parish to receive this honor. This is the faith community in which I belong. The people I have met here over the years are amazing faith filled people. I tell everyone I see that the people of our church are what makes up St. Patrick Church. We have been blessed with faith filled priests that have all helped shape us in different ways, but our priests get reassigned. Our parish is the people. I would tell everyone to step out of your comfort zone and get involved. I used to come to church on Sunday and leave and go home. When I started to get involved at church, I realize how important the people here are to me. I need Catholic faith filled people in my life. These are the people that help me to stay on the right path. My involvement in Christ Renews His Parish has been the biggest change for me. I have friendships I would have never had if I had not gone through this program. I thank God for giving me the courage to step into this program with an open heart. I just needed to follow the Holy Spirit and open myself up to the possibilities of what CRHP and the people involved had to teach me. I so thank God for that nudge. I love being Catholic and I love St. Patrick. Thank you once again for this honor. God is Good.

God Bless,
Barb Applegate



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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, about getting your parish ministry group opportunities advertised.

PRAY WITH US BEFORE MASS

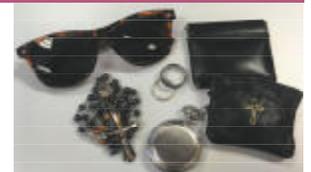
Rosary Reciters



As of March 14 Rosary Reciters have returned to the weekend schedule. Rosary Reciters are asked to show up 30 minutes prior to the weekend Masses to recite the rosary. In addition to praying before Masses they also pray prior to Funeral Visitations. This is a beautiful offering of time that helps center those around us for the sacrifice of the Mass. Please consider sharing your time with us as a Rosary Reciter.

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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AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA—CHRIST THE KING, APRIL 2– APRIL 10

Join us at Christ the King Catholic Church (654 S 86th St, Omaha) for a time of prayer. We will meet on Good Friday, April 2 through Friday, April 9 at 3 PM (the hour of mercy) and on Saturday, April 10 at 4 PM. During our time together we will pray the Divine Mercy Novena including daily special theme, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and prayer intentions.



SILVER LININGS VIRTUAL GALA—VIRTUAL, APRIL 9



You're invited to join Bethlehem House for its Silvers Linings Virtual Gala on Friday, April 9, at 7 PM. To keep our supporters and residents as safe as possible, the gala will be online, but we'll still be honoring those people who help us make

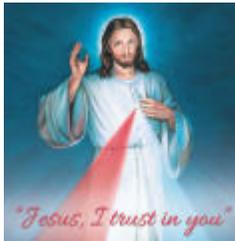
a difference, as well as telling the stories of brave women who chose life for their unborn children. Go to [https:// bethlehemhouse.ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list](https://bethlehemhouse.ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list) to donate or register for the virtual event. You can access the silent auction at [https://qtego.net/qlink/ bethlehemhouse/register](https://qtego.net/qlink/bethlehemhouse/register) beginning April 5. Your support brings hope to vulnerable women, and transforms the lives of their innocent children. For help registering or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, contact Joanne at 402-502-9224 or jhull@bethlehemhouseomaha.org.

ABLAZE WORSHIP NIGHT—ST. GERALD OR VIRTUAL, APRIL 9

Join us in-person at St. Gerald Catholic Church (9602 Q St, Ralston) or via livestream on Friday, April 9 from 7 PM to 9 PM for an Ablaze Worship event. For more information visit, <https://www.ablazeworship.org/>.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTION—VIRTUAL, APRIL 11



The Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion will be livestreamed via stroberts.com from 2 PM to 6 PM on Sunday, April 11. Speakers include: Sister Gaudia Skass from the order of St. Faustina, Father Kevin Barrett, Chaplain of the Apostolate for Family Consecration, Father Michael Voithofer, Archdiocesan Priest and Founder of Ablaze Worship Ministry, and Doctor Patrick Castle, founder of Liferunners.org. Spiritual activities include: Adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany of Divine Mercy, Litany of Trust, Benediction, Holy Rosary, and Holy Mass with Father Michael Voithofer as celebrant/homilist. Please call 402-498-9871 for more information.

GENERATIONAL HEALING MASS—ST. BERNARD OR VIRTUAL, APRIL 14

His Global Love Prayer Communities invite you to a Generational Healing Mass on Wednesday, April 14, at St. Bernard Catholic Church (3601 N 65th St, Omaha). Praise and worship begins at 6:30 PM and the Generational Healing Mass follows at 7 PM. Father Kevin Joyce from His Global Love and Father Michael Voithofer from Ablaze Worship Ministry will be leading and presiding. CDC guidelines will be followed and masks are required. The Mass is open to the public with limited seating and will be livestreamed. To view, please go to YouTube and type "His Global Love" into the search bar, and then click on live video for April 14, 2021 Generational Healing Mass. For more information contact Frances Mignon 402-515-8000.



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