

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

508 W. ANGUS STREET

GRETNA, NE 68028



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

AUGUST 22, 2021



**ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
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  
Flocknote.....text STPATGRETN to 84576

### MASS AND HOLY EUCHARIST

Saturday.....5:00 PM  
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & Noon  
Monday.....No Mass or Communion Service  
Tuesday.....6:00 PM  
Wednesday, Thursday 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

Baptisms take place after the first and third Sundays of each month after the Noon Mass. 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. 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.

### 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 after the 7:30 AM Mass and concludes before the start of the 7:30 AM Mass on Friday (reposition at 7:15 AM). For more information, contact Jean Hlavacek at 402-504-4222.

## REFLECT AND RESPOND

### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### FIRST READING (JOS 24:1-2A, 15-17, 18B)

Joshua, who helped settle the Israelites into the Promised Land, knew the struggle ahead lay in Israel's fidelity to God. How does anyone best show fidelity to God?

#### SECOND READING (EPH 5:21-32 OR 5:2A, 25-32)

Toward the end of his letter, Paul takes up the topic of husbands and wives. He speaks of the importance of mutual subordination and love. What do you see as secret to a successful marriage?

#### GOSPEL (JN 6:60-69)

Jesus' bread of life discourse ends with the report that "many of Jesus' disciples" no longer followed Jesus. How should we respond to family or friends who choose to walk away from Jesus?

## GOSPEL MEDITATION



"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of

want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised Him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us His flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

#### QUESTION:

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

#### ANSWER:

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, "In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 15).



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## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

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God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we're there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

### SAINT MONICA



The circumstances of St. Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan. In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, St. Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death. Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of St. Augustine, especially his *Confessions*.

Today, we have little patience for things that take time. Likewise, we want instant answers to our prayers. Monica is a model of patience. Her long years of prayer, coupled with a strong, well-disciplined character, finally led to the conversion of her hot-tempered husband, her cantankerous mother-in-law and her brilliant but wayward son, Augustine. St. Monica is the patron saint of alcoholics, conversions, mothers and wives.

### THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As Jesus was to be king of all creation, Mary, in dependence on Jesus, was to be queen. All other titles to queenship derive from this eternal intention of God. As Jesus exercised His kingship on earth by serving His Father and His fellow human beings, so did Mary exercise her queenship. As the glorified Jesus remains with us as our king till the end of time so does Mary, who was assumed into heaven and crowned queen of heaven and earth.



## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH Gretna, Nebraska

### READINGS THIS WEEK

**MONDAY:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

**TUESDAY:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

**WEDNESDAY:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

**THURSDAY:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

**FRIDAY:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

**SATURDAY:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

TASTE AND SEE  
*God's goodness.*

Psalms 34



### OBSERVANCES THIS WEEK

**MONDAY:** St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

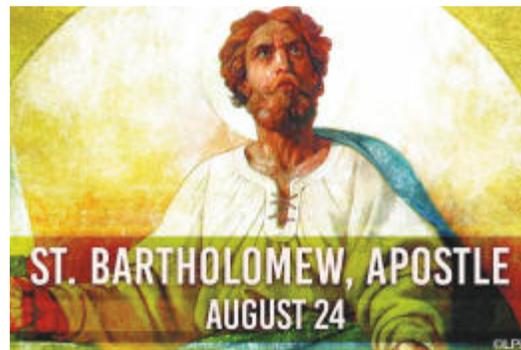
**TUESDAY:** St. Bartholomew, Apostle

**WEDNESDAY:** St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

**FRIDAY:** St. Monica

**SATURDAY:** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**NEXT SUNDAY:** 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time





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**CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH**  
*A Weekend of Renewal*

How often do we think about doing something for ourselves spiritually to refocus our priorities and lives? That is exactly why St. Patrick Catholic Church offers Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP). CRHP is a weekend focused on personal renewal and ultimately, renewal as a spiritual community.



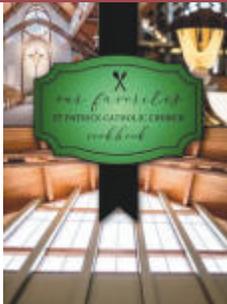
**WOMEN'S WEEKEND:**  
September 11-12

**MEN'S WEEKEND:**  
October 9-10

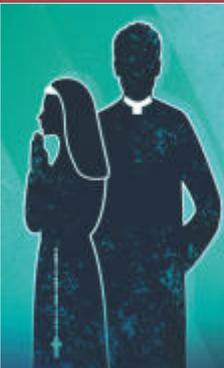
Now is the time to commit to these weekends. Please go to the parish website, <https://stpatricksgretna.org/mesmerize/get-involved/christ-renews-his-parish/> to register or contact Barb Applegate at 402-980-0216 with any questions.

**PARISH COOKBOOKS FOR SALE**  
*Purchase in the Parish Office*

The new parish cookbooks are here! You can stop in the parish office during regular office hours to purchase your copy for \$25 a piece (cash or check, make checks payable to St. Patrick Church). These cookbooks would make a great birthday or Christmas present. All proceeds benefit St. Patrick Preschool. Don't hesitate to purchase your copy soon! Trust me, you won't want to miss the 700+ family favorite recipes!



**VOCATIONS PRAYER CORNER**



I desire to hear Your voice, O God; I long to know your call. Come to me in the place where your voice is heard most clearly, in the silent stillness of the depths of my heart. Lead me along the journey within. Teach me that love alone is your desire. Show me that your love is itself the path to the holiness that you have intended for me. Instill in me true love. Amen.

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).



*Since our last update on August 8, 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*

*Cooper James Utesch.....8/15/2021*

*Audrey Mae Wendelin.....8/15/2021*

**ST. PATRICK PRESCHOOL GIVING TREE GARDEN**  
*This Weekend, August 21-22*



Please consider choosing a flower after all Masses this weekend from our Giving Tree Garden filled with needed supplies for our upcoming school year. All supplies can be returned to the large box outside of the parish office the following weekend. We are fortunate to have the wonderful support and prayers from our community. Thank you. Question call director Stephanie Adams at 402-332-3050.

**LOOKING FOR RCIA TEAM MEMBERS**  
*Offering Sponsor Opportunities and Supportive Relationships*

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process through which unbaptized or non-confirmed adults and children over the age of 7 are formed in the teachings and practices of the church. This process is not possible without the help and support of our parishioners. As a RCIA Team Member, you are called to actively participate in discussion about the faith and are given an opportunity to sponsor an incoming Catholic through a supportive relationship. If you are interested in volunteering as an RCIA Team Member please contact Gabrielle Bash for more information. 402-332-4444 or [gmbash@archomaha.org](mailto:gmbash@archomaha.org).



**ST. ROSE OF LIMA FLOWER GUILD**  
*Feast Day August 23*



The St. Patrick flower guild that decorates the church is named after St. Rose of Lima whose feast day is August 23. St. Rose of Lima was the first person born in the Western Hemisphere to become a canonized Saint. Rose chose to live in a strict enclosure and a life of contemplation inspired by the life of St. Catherine of Siena. Rose withdrew to the seclusion of a hut in the family garden, where she endured a life of severe austerity. She wore a crown of thorns, fasted, slept on a bed of broken glass and potsherds, and experienced numerous visions particularly of the devil. She did not leave her seclusion until the last three years of her life and after her death many miracles were said to have occurred.

The St. Rose of Lima Flower Guild's mission is to praise God, decorate the inside of the church, including entrances and the parish center, and to socialize. Some of the parish activities they help with include decorating the church for Christmas, Easter, Pentecost Sunday, fall, and ordinary time, craft projects that include making wreaths, swags, floral arrangements, and banners, caring for bouquets that have been left behind, watering indoor plants weekly, and re-potting plants periodically. Once a year the guild helps with the Flower Festival at the Cathedral and they also serve at parish activities as needed. If anyone is interested in joining the St. Rose of Lima Flower guild they can call or text Joan Ingram at 402-203-3604 or email [sjkingram@aol.com](mailto:sjkingram@aol.com)

Thank you to all the members of the guild that keep our church looking immaculate.

## SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS' ANNUAL PAPER DRIVE

*August 28—September 19*



The Knights of Columbus Annual Villa Marie Paper Drive will be held from Saturday, August 28 through Sunday, September 19 at St. Patrick. Villa Marie, located near Waverly, NE, is a Catholic school serving students challenged with down syndrome, autism, developmental delays and other health impaired struggles. Paper products of all kinds are needed by the school—copy paper, construction paper, paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, etc. Leave your donation in the Narthex any time during these dates. The Knights will collect the donated items each day and deliver them to Villa Marie on September 22. Your support is much appreciated!

### WHY ARE THERE SCAPULARS OF DIFFERENT COLORS?

*Green Scapular for Fallen Away Catholics*

Many of the scapulars with which we are familiar actually have their origins in religious orders, being a miniature version of the much larger scapulars worn as part of the religious habit. The smaller “lay” scapular is usually a sign of a person’s membership in an order’s confraternity: an association of faithful who are not members but partake in the spirituality and benefits of the order.



Let’s look at some examples. The Brown Scapular is one of the best-known Marian sacramentals. In 1251, Our Lady appeared to the English Carmelite St. Simon Stock and, giving him a brown scapular, said that anyone who wore this habit “would not suffer eternal fire.” The promise extends to the Confraternity, who wear a miniature version of the original brown Carmelite garment which covers the entire front and back of the religious habit.

The Passionist order, founded by St. Paul of the Cross in the 18th century and devoted to the Passion of Jesus Christ, has an all-black habit with a distinctive badge: a heart with a cross and the words *Jesu XPI Passio*—“The Passion of Jesus Christ.” The Confraternity’s scapular has a replica of this heart along with the words *sit semper in cordibus nostris*, meaning, “The Passion of Jesus Christ be always in our hearts,” a favorite saying of the Order.

An interesting example of a scapular that is not connected to a religious order is the Green Scapular, which was given by Our Lady in the 19th century to Sister Justine Bisqueyburu of the Daughters of Charity (the same order as St. Catherine Labouré, who had received the Miraculous Medal ten years earlier).

Through this scapular, Our Lady promised the grace of spiritual conversion to unbelievers and lapsed Catholics who would wear it and recite a short ejaculation to her Immaculate Heart. If an individual in need of conversion refuses to wear it, the giver can slip it into their belongings or under their pillow and recite the prayer on their behalf.

The fascinating world of scapulars is vast; we’ve only touched on a few of them here. The Brown Scapular is certainly the best known and loved and is certainly a highly-recommended devotion for every Catholic. If you do not currently wear it, we encourage you to pick one up at The Catholic Company, [catholiccompany.com](http://catholiccompany.com), and ask your parish priest to enroll you in the Confraternity. Don’t miss out on the marvelous graces available to those who wear the Brown Scapular!

—Article by *The Catholic Company*

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

*August 11 through August 17, 2021*



The Stewardship Report for last week is not available at this time. However, we are pleased to report the total contributions received thus far for the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel are currently at \$151,163.00 (through Tuesday, August 17). We will include the full Stewardship Report in next week’s bulletin. We apologize for the inconvenience.



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### THE KNIGHT'S CORNER



#### DON SIMONIN GOLF SCRAMBLE



Thank you to all our hole sponsors, prize donors, event sponsors, all the folks that played, and all of the Knights and Knights families who helped with the event. We had another great tournament this

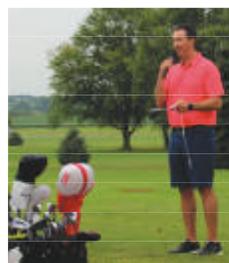


year and it was a full tourney.

**PICTURE TO LEFT:** Grand Knight, Joe Krajicek and Blake Sheldon



**PICTURE TO RIGHT:** Knights, Bob Huber, Randy Rosenthal and Randy Meerian



**PICTURE TO RIGHT:** Golf Tournament Chairman, Nate Dickes

#### UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus #10047 and St. Patrick Church will host a Gretna Community Blood Drive Monday September 13, from Noon until 6 PM in the Parish Center. Make your appointment by visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Search for sponsor code GretnaNE or call Marty Stednitz at 402-332-3840.



#### Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Joe Krajicek.....402-616-9612  
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 Chancellor & Membership Director, Randy Meerian  
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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, AUGUST 23RD**

No Communion Service or Mass

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24TH**

6:00 PM † Dave Gilmore

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25TH**

7:30 AM † Guy Tramp

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH**

7:30 AM † Sarah Sand

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH**

7:30 AM † Gen Weier

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH**

5:00 PM † Willis Harvey

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH**

8:00 AM † Steve Rongicsh

10:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors

12:00 PM † Mary Bannantine



Let us pray for all those affected by COVID-19. Pray for the repose of the soul of Jacob Vawltter (great nephew of Sharon Laughlin and Al Wilde). Pray for Mike (son of Cleo Nienaber), Leo Sonderman (father of Stephanie Adams, our Preschool Director), Kathy Fitzpatrick, Norm Hanson, Pete and Judy Bartman, Dan and Loree Schloesser (nephew of Tim Gilligan), Susan Hottovy (sister-in-law of Jim and Tam Hottovy), and Donna Kopf. Pray for Chris Curtis (daughter of Peggy Curtis), Julie Pohar (sister of Jodi Rupiper), Nolan Schultz, Mike Petersen, 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](mailto:clovstad@gmail.com).

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND—21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass —Sanctuary  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM Giving Tree for Preschool Supplies

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23RD**

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Women's CRHP—Parish Center C

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 24TH**

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry—Father Hitch Room  
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM 3s and 4s Preschool Open House—Parish Center and Preschool  
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, AUGUST 25TH**

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  
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Safe Environment Training—Basement Commons  
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Romans Bible Study from 2020—Parish Center AB and Kitchen

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26TH**

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary  
10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Project Linus—Basement Commons  
5:00 PM to 8:00 PM 4s PM and 5s Preschool Open House—Parish Center and Preschool  
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Men's CRHP—Father Hitch Room

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 27TH**

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—Father Hitch Room

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28TH**

4:00 PM to 4:40 PM Confession—Confessional  
4:30 PM to 5:00 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 5:00 PM) —Sanctuary

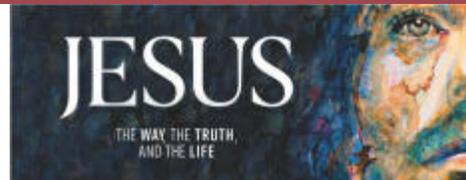
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29TH—22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM Rosary—Sanctuary  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, Noon Mass —Sanctuary  
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Baptisms—Sanctuary

**WEDNESDAY EVENING ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

*Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life*

Jesus is our Savior, our Redeemer, our Lord, and our God. Our belief in Jesus is what makes us who we are as Catholics, as Christians, but do we really know Him as we should? Who is Jesus for you? Is He a part of your life, or is He at the center of your life as He should be? We invite you to make Him the center of your life by joining us for *Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life*.



This 10-week video study program is anchored in the life of Christ as presented in the Gospels. We'll explore the entirety of Jesus' life—who He is, what He is really like, what He taught, what He did for our salvation, and what all of this means for us as Catholics today.

We will learn how Jesus is God Incarnate, fully divine and fully human. We'll experience His intimacy with the Father, his revelation of the Father's love, and his gift of the Holy Spirit to each of us. Most importantly, our encounter with Christ will empower us to know and love him in a new and life-changing way.

St Patrick will be hosting *Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life* study in the Parish Center beginning Wednesday, September 8 from 7 PM to 8:30 PM and continuing every Wednesday until November 10.

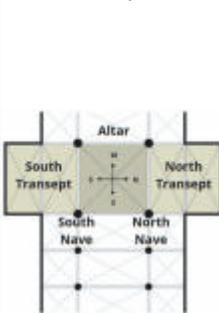
To register for the study, visit our parish website, <https://stpatricksgretna.org/mesmerize/education/faith-formation/bible-study/>. For more information about the study, contact Jean Hlavacek at [jean.jeweler@gmail.com](mailto:jean.jeweler@gmail.com) or 402-504-4222 or Ginny Giebelhaus at [ginny651@aol.com](mailto:ginny651@aol.com) or 402-319-5806.

After registering, you will need to order your study set from Ascension, <https://ascensionpress.com/products/jesus-the-way-the-truth-and-the-life-study-set>.

## LAY MINISTER'S SCHEDULE 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 28TH 5:00 PM	AUGUST 29TH 8:00 AM	AUGUST 29TH 10:00 AM	AUGUST 29TH NOON
<b>Sacristan</b> Gabe Ronk	<b>Sacristan</b> Lori Frederick	<b>Sacristan</b> Mitch Wendlandt	<b>Sacristan</b> Larry Neppi
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### Vocations Crucifix



*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.*

### 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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### IN NEED OF ALTAR SERVERS *Would You Like to Start Serving?*



If you haven't been trained or retrained and are a current 6th grader or older and would like to begin Altar Serving, please contact Gabrielle Bash at 402-906-5697 or [gmbash@archomaha.org](mailto:gmbash@archomaha.org) with parent name, child name, and phone number.

### 91ST BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS *Toni Cooper*

Parishioner, Toni Cooper turns 91 on Friday, August 27. Due to COVID restrictions she wasn't able to celebrate her 90th birthday properly. Her family has decided to do a card party to celebrate her 91st birthday. If you know Toni, please shoot her a birthday card. She doesn't know we are doing this so all cards will be a surprise! Her address is at Silver Ridge, 20332 Hackberry Dr., Gretna, NE 68028. Thanks and God Bless!



Happy birthday Toni! May the Lord bless you abundantly!

### PERPETUAL ADORATION *Prayer*



Heavenly Father, increase our faith in the Real Presence of Your Son Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. We are obliged to adore Him, to give Him thanks and to make reparation for sins. We need your peace in our hearts and among nations. We need conversion from our sins and the mercy of Your forgiveness. May we obtain this through prayer and our union with the Eucharistic Lord.

Please send down the Holy Spirit upon all peoples to give them the love, courage, strength and willingness to respond to the invitation to Eucharistic Adoration. We beseech You to spread Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in parishes around the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament help us to spread the glory of your Son through Perpetual Adoration. Amen.

—St. Pope John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Assn.

## EVIDENCE FOR THE SHROUD OF TURIN *Is It Really Jesus, You Decide*

### SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE

- Modern dating methods support the Shroud as likely from the 1st century.
- Modern technology is not able to replicate this image.
- Pollen found on the Shroud traces back to Jerusalem and Constantinople.
- Dirt found on the nose, knees and soles of the feet is unique to few places on earth including Jerusalem and suggests falling.

### MEDICAL EVIDENCE

- The blood on the Shroud was from a man who had suffered severe trauma and a tremendous loss of blood.
- This man was scourged and crucified with shoulder wounds suggesting the carrying of the cross.
- Wounds include piercings in the hands and feet, and head wounds resulting from a "cap" of thorns.
- The wound over the right lung is postmortem and pierced with a sharp object from which blood and water flowed.

### HISTORICAL EVIDENCE

- Historical texts suggest early century veneration of the burial cloth of Christ.
- Ancient artwork and coins have forensic evidence suggesting they were based off the Shroud.
- The weave used to create the linen of the Shroud was used in 1st century Palestine.

This is only a brief overview of some of the evidences gathered from many branches of science. Based on these evidences and others, each of you can come to your own reasoned judgment.

### PRAYER FOR FAITH



Lord, I believe. I wish to believe in Thee. Lord, let my faith be full and unreserved, and let it penetrate my thought, my way of judging Divine things and human things. Lord, let my faith be joyful and give peace and gladness to my spirit, and dispose it for prayer with God and conversation with men, so that the inner bliss of its fortunate possession may shine forth in sacred and secular conversation. Lord, let my faith be humble and not presume to be based on the experience of my thought and of my feeling; but let it surrender to the testimony of the Holy Spirit, and not have any better guarantee than in docility to Tradition and to the authority of the magisterium of the Holy Church. Amen.

—Article by Spirit Catholic Radio Network

For more information about the evidence and history of the Shroud of Turin, visit [shroud.com](http://shroud.com) or [shroudconfraternity.org](http://shroudconfraternity.org).

## "THE CHOSEN" TV SERIES COMING TO ST. PATRICK *Beginning Wednesday, September 8*

For those who would like to watch the series "The Chosen", a must see TV series about Jesus, beginning with Season One, please join us in the Parish Center, Room C, on Wednesday afternoons at 1 PM. We will watch one episode per week.



Wednesday, September 8, we will view the first episode. All are welcome! Please contact Corliss Lovstad at 402-968-5877 or [clovstd@gmail.com](mailto:clovstd@gmail.com) with your interest or for more information.

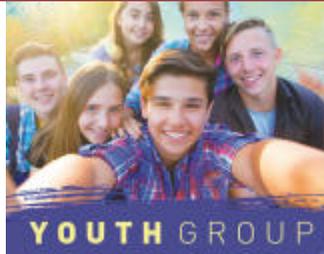
## PRESCHOOL FOURS PM CLASS 2021-2022 School Year



Do you have a child who will be 5 by July 31 and will be attending kindergarten during the 2022-2023 school year or a child who is not quite ready for the rigor of all-day kindergarten? If so, our FOURS PM class is for your son/daughter! This class meets Monday through Thursday afternoon from 12:10 - 2:40 PM. This program is specifically designed for those students who are enthusiastic about learning and ready for a structured curriculum that fully prepares them for kindergarten yet play and faith based. Curb side drop off is one of the many amenities that is available to our parents. Tuition is \$175/month and withdrawn from September to May. For a tour, please call preschool office at 402-332-3050. If you are interested in more information, visit our parish website, <https://stpatricksgretna.org/mesmerize/education/preschool/>.

## YOUTH GROUP REGISTRATION 2021-2022 School Year

Youth Group registration is now live. If you are interested in registering your teen to participate in our parish Youth Group, we ask that you register online through our parish website at [www.stpatricksgretna.org](http://www.stpatricksgretna.org). There is a \$50 fee associated. The Youth Group will begin meeting on Wednesday, September 1. We look forward to seeing you in the newly renovated youth group room, "The Peak". Questions contact Gabrielle Bash at 402-332-4444 or by emailing [gmbash@archomaha.org](mailto:gmbash@archomaha.org).



## REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TODAY 2021-2022 School Year



Religious Education (Kindergarten—9th grade) classes begin on September 8th/12th. Don't forget to register your child for classes soon! 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. Some classes may be filled, so be sure to indicate a first and second choice when registering. Online forms are available on the Religious Ed page at [www.stpatricksgretna.org](http://www.stpatricksgretna.org) or email Shane Fagan at [smfagan@archomaha.org](mailto:smfagan@archomaha.org).

## VOLUNTEER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION During the 2021-2022 School Year

It takes many volunteers to help the families of St. Patrick in their children's religious education. We are looking for dedicated people who are willing to help with this important mission. All catechists receive manuals and other materials to help with lessons. Catechists are needed in varying grades at all sessions. Hall and Parking Lot Monitors, Office Helpers, and Substitutes are also needed during all sessions. Please consider giving your time, and care to helping our children learn about the Church and encounter Jesus this year.



This is a great way to give back to St. Patrick parish and help our young people grow in faith. There are many ways to help with different levels of involvement. Catechists or co-catechists plan and present weekly lessons, with lessons and materials provided. Office helpers help each week during class with copying, filing, etc. Monitors can help for a short 15 minutes before Wednesday classes in the parking lot or the Commons Room downstairs. Substitutes fill in for catechists when needed and if they are available. Lessons and activities are provided. Babysitters help watch catechists' younger children each week during class.

All volunteers must complete Safe Environment Training with the Archdiocese of Omaha. If you have any questions about volunteering, please contact Shane Fagan at [smfagan@archomaha.org](mailto:smfagan@archomaha.org) or 402-332-3454. You can sign up online at <https://stpatricksgretna.org/mesmerize/education/religious-education/re-form/>.



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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 Learn More About the Catholic Faith



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](mailto:gmbash@archomaha.org).



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**ABLAZE FLEA MARKET—J ST AND 108TH ST, OMAHA, AUGUST 26-28**

This flea market event is a fundraiser for Fr. Michael Voithofer's ministry of Ablaze Worship. It will take place Thursday through Saturday, August 26-28 from 9 AM to 5 PM. More information, contact Becky Tometich at 402-321-0306 or bmtometich@gmail.com.



**MARY OUR QUEEN FALL FESTIVAL—MARY OUR QUEEN SCHOOL, SEPTEMBER 11**



The Mary Our Queen Fall Festival (3405 S 119th St, Omaha) is set for Saturday, September 11 this year. We are extremely excited for 3 different cover bands that are ready to rock the stage. The TAS Band, Tim Sanwick and Friends, along with Poolside Hustle will hit you with everything from Frank Sinatra, to Stone Temple Pilots, to Stroke 9. The best part about it... all the music is FREE!!! We will also have games and brand-new inflatables for the kids, not to mention raffles and games of chance for the adults. Come for the entertainment and stick around for the food. We offer options for even the pickiest of palates. Taste of Asia, homemade tacos, hamburgers, hot dogs and sausage just to name a few. We will also be serving the sweetest desserts and the coldest refreshments. We will kick it all off with an outdoor Mass starting at 4 PM. For more information contact Angie Mills at 402-670-5764 or moqfestival@gmail.com.

**JOY AND PRAYER WORKSHOP—ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI, SEPTEMBER 17**

All women are invited to the Joy and Prayer Workshop on Friday, September 17, 9 AM to 12:30 PM with Magnificat-Omaha speaker Kendra Von Esh, author of *Am I Catholic* and Karen Dwyer author of *Wrap Yourself in Scripture*. Lunch is included. Join us as we explore how to find true joy, how to choose joy during challenging times, how to awaken joy and how to create a joy-filled prayer life. To reserve your spot, go to [www.JoyPrayerWorkshops.com](http://www.JoyPrayerWorkshops.com). Sponsored by Heart of Jesus Prayer Group, St. Robert Bellarmine Church (11802 Pacific St, Omaha).



**MAGNIFICAT-OMAHA FALL BRUNCH—ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI, SEPTEMBER 18**



All women are invited to the Magnificat-Omaha Fall Brunch on Saturday, September 18, at 9:30 AM, at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church (11802 Pacific St, Omaha). Kendra Von Esh, radio host, inspirational speaker and author of *Am I Catholic* will be the guest speaker. For reservations and to find more information about the event and the speaker, go to [www.MagnificatOmaha.org](http://www.MagnificatOmaha.org). Magnificat-Omaha is an archdiocesan-wide Catholic women's organization focused on evangelization.

**BISHOPS' PRO-LIFE BANQUET AND CONFERENCE—LINCOLN, SEPTEMBER 17-18**

The Nebraska Catholic Conference is excited to invite you to the 2021 Bishops' Pro-Life Banquet and Conference on September 17-18. This annual gathering joyfully brings together Nebraska's Bishops, clergy and religious, and pro-lifers from across the state to celebrate the Gospel of Life. This year's theme is "A People of Life and For Life: The Next 25 Years of Evangelium Vitae". Visit [necatholic.org](http://necatholic.org) or more info and to register!



**ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER FOR EDUCATION—CHI HEALTH CENTER, SEPTEMBER 23**



In its 44th year, the Archbishop's Dinner for Education is an opportunity to publicly recognize educators' dedication, honor administrators and educators who go above and beyond for students, and raise scholarship funds making Catholic education accessible to more families across the state. Archbishop's Dinner for Education is

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