St. Patrick Catholic Church

508 W. Angus Street Gretna, NE 68028

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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September 26, 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
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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.....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 on 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
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading (Nm 11:25-29)
Early in their Exodus journey, Moses taught the young Joshua an important lesson on avoiding jealousy and trusting the Lord's providence. How do you avoid the trap of jealousy and envy?

Second Reading (Jas 5:1-6)
James speaks of the trappings and dangers of excessive wealth. What do you think should be the believer's proper disposition toward money?

Gospel Question (Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48)
Jesus warns His disciples against the danger of causing other believers to sin. What do you think would motivate a Christian to do this?

Gospel Meditation

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other as people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

Catholic Life Explained

Question:
What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

Answer:
Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe "in the resurrection of the body." Does that mean Christ's resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus' resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it's also a sign of what's to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It's an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus' resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with His

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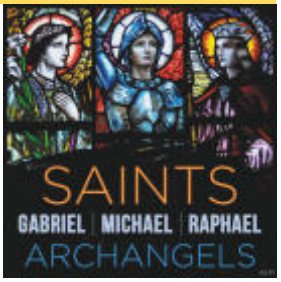
disciples? We don't really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Archangels



Angels—messengers from God—appear frequently in Scripture, but only Michael, Gabriel and Raphael are named.

Michael appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies; in the Book of Revelation, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Devotion to Michael is the oldest angelic devotion, rising in the East in the fourth century. The Church in the West began to observe a feast honoring Michael and the angels in the fifth century.

Gabriel also makes an appearance in Daniel's visions, announcing Michael's role in God's plan. His best-known appearance is an encounter with a young Jewish girl named Mary, who consents to bear the Messiah.

Raphael's activity is confined to the Old Testament story of Tobit. There he appears to guide Tobit's son Tobiah through a series of fantastic adventures which lead to a threefold happy ending: Tobiah's marriage to Sarah, the healing of Tobit's blindness, and the restoration of the family fortune.

The memorials of Gabriel and Raphael were added to the Roman calendar in 1921. The 1970 revision of the calendar joined their individual feasts to Michael's.

Each of the archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides. Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific world-view and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God's protection, communication, and guidance in ways which defy description. We cannot dismiss angels too lightly.

Saint Jerome
Priest and Doctor of the Church

Most of the saints are remembered for some outstanding virtue or devotion which they practiced, but Jerome is frequently remembered for his bad temper! It is true that he had a very bad temper and could use a vitriolic pen, but his love for God and Jesus Christ was extraordinarily intense. He was above all a Scripture scholar, translating most of the Old Testament from the Hebrew. Jerome also wrote commentaries which are a great source of scriptural inspiration for us today. He was an avid student, a thorough scholar, a prodigious letter-writer and a consultant to monks, bishops, and popes. Saint Augustine said of him, "What Jerome is ignorant of, no mortal has ever known."

Saint Jerome is particularly important for having made a translation of the Bible which came to be called the Vulgate. It is not the most critical edition of the Bible, but its acceptance by the Church was fortunate. As a modern scholar says, "No man before Jerome or among his contemporaries and very few men for many centuries afterwards were so well qualified to do the work." The Council of Trent called for a new and corrected edition of the Vulgate, and declared it the authentic text to be used in the Church.

In order to be able to do such work, Jerome prepared himself well. He was a master of Latin, Greek, Hebrew, and Chaldaic. He spent several years in different locations, always trying to find the very best teachers. He once served as private secretary to Pope Damasus.

After these preparatory studies, he traveled extensively in Palestine, marking each spot of Christ's life with an outpouring of devotion. Mystic that he was, he spent five years in the desert of Chalcis so that he might give himself up to prayer, penance, and study. Finally, he settled in Bethlehem, where he lived in the cave believed to have been the birthplace of Christ. Jerome died in Bethlehem, and the remains of his body now lie buried in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome.

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Readings This Week

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

Observances This Week

Monday: St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
Tuesday: St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
Wednesday: Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Thursday: St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Friday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Next Sunday: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

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Christ Renews His Parish
A Weekend of Fellowship

Who's ready for a weekend of faith, fun, food and fellowship? Participation in Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) is a great way to meet people in our parish community all while enjoying great food and company and growing in your faith.

"I had never had any interest in attending spiritual retreats, but after seeing the positive impact the CRHP weekend had on my wife, I began to consider attending the men's weekend. I was very uncertain and hesitant; right up to the point of walking in the door on Saturday morning. I'm glad I didn't back out. CRHP has helped me meet other men in the parish and deepen my spiritual life in ways I didn't even realize I had needed." Christ Renews His Parish participant.

Men's Weekend:
October 9-10

Are you ready to meet new friends of faith? Now is the time to get signed up for the weekend. 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.

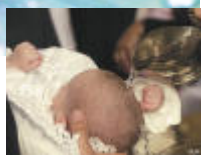
Vocations Prayer Corner

God our Father, you made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow your will. Send workers into your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

Lord, how will your people hear the good news unless someone is sent to them? Inspire men and women to respond generously to your call. Fill us with zeal for your kingdom and love for your people so that we may preach your word of light and life in our world. Grant this through Christ Our Lord. 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.

Baptisms



Since our last update on September 12, one infant has been baptized into the Body of Christ. We congratulate the parents and family members, and we welcome your little one 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

Skylar Marie Marriott……9/19/2021

Congratulations to Our Recent Newlyweds!

Last weekend, we were excited to host a wedding! Congratulations to the newlyweds as you share your life together! We will keep you in our prayers and wish you both the very best!

Couple……..Date

Ryan Schroeder and Katherine Allen……9/18/2021

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

Tracy S. Swalberg……9/3/2021……TBD

Terry Veleba……9/14/2021…..Calvary Cemetery, Omaha

Special Collection by the Knights of Columbus
October 2-3

When you see our Knights in yellow vests that read "Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities," you should smile. When these Knights are working hard at collecting donations around town, they are helping to recognize the dignity of every person.

For every donation, each donor is offered a piece of candy, usually a Tootsie Roll. Because of these little gifts of appreciation, the "Campaign for People with Intellectual Disabilities" is frequently referred to as the "Tootsie Roll Drive."

The campaign, which stretches back decades, is about more than just candy — it is about serving those with intellectual and physical disabilities. On October 2 and 3, please support the Knights' special collection during Mass to help answer the needs of those who are often treated harshly by society and often ignored or worse. Together, this is our chance to provide people with intellectual and physical disabilities more resources to live a happy life. Thank you for your generous support!

Seven Promises of Mary to the Devout

Honoring Our Lady of Sorrows Throughout September

It may seem strange to honor someone's sorrows, but the Church and Mary herself, in apparitions, have encouraged devotion to her Sorrows with promises of special graces for those who honor them. The Sorrows of Our Lady are seven particular sufferings that she endured in her life:

1. The prophecy of Simeon
2. The flight into Egypt
3. The loss of the Child Jesus for three days in the Temple
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the road to Calvary
5. The crucifixion and death of Jesus
6. Jesus is taken down from the Cross and placed in the arms of His Mother
7. The burial of Jesus

Devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows has existed since the early centuries of the Church. It came into particular focus in the 13th century when Our Lady appeared to the Seven Founders of the Servite Order, giving them a black garment as their habit and asking them to meditate on her Sorrows.

In the 14th century, Our Lady revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden seven special graces that she would grant to those devoted to her Sorrows. She spoke at length to St. Bridget about the Passion of her Son and her own Sorrows, and made these promises to those who would say seven Hail Marys daily while meditating on her tears and sufferings:

1. "I will grant peace to their families."
2. "They will be enlightened about the divine Mysteries."
3. "I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work."
4. "I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls."
5. "I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives."
6. "I will visibly help them at the moment of their death—they will see the face of their mother."
7. "I have obtained this grace from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolors (sorrows) will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness, since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son will be their eternal consolation and joy."

Devotion to Our Lady's Sorrows—a practice extolled and propagated by so many saints—is one that you, too, can pick up easily. Saying seven Hail Marys only takes a couple minutes!

—Article by The Catholic Company

Stewardship Report

Sept. 15 through Sept. 21, 2021

General Contributions	Sept. 15-21	Fiscal YTD thru Sept. 15	
Sunday's Offering - Sept. 18-19	$14,832.50	$231,352.20	
Other Contributions	$769.35	$11,384.21	
Total General Contributions	$15,601.85	$242,736.41	*
Surplus/Deficit	($9,148.15)	($54,263.59)	
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel	$3,111.00	$165,449.00	**
Remainder Yet to Fundraise		$84,551.00	
Fiscal Year-to-Date Income		$393,654.78	
Fiscal Year-to-Date Expenses		$348,544.64	
Fiscal Year-to-Date Net Income		$45,110.14	***

** Our budget requires an average weekly income of $24,750.*

'Other Contributions' include Holy Days, Maintenance & Repairs, and other Special Collections.

*** Total funds raised. Fundraising goal for Chapel is $250,000 (for both construction and interior furnishings).*

**** Current Fiscal Year - July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022*

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The Knight's Corner

40 Days for Life Vigil at Bellevue Abortion Facility

The Knights of Columbus Council #10047 has signed up to spend the entire day, 8 AM to 8 PM on Friday, October 8, praying at the Bellevue Abortion Facility (1002 W. Mission Ave.) as we join other parishes and pro-life members of "40 DAYS FOR LIFE" which begins September 22. This is to be a quiet time of prayer as we serve as witnesses for Christ with the hope of changing the hearts of those seeking an abortion and those who work inside the facility. We need at least two people from the parish to cover each hour, but we are hoping for many more than that. For more info and to sign up for our day, you may visit www.40daysforlife.com or you may call or text Matt Sakowski at 402-319-9142.

Thank You for Donating Blood

We would like to thank St. Patrick, all donors and volunteers who made the Gretna Community blood drive a success on September 13. The American Red Cross collects 80% of all its blood through these mobile blood drives and supplies about 40% of the nation's blood supply. Thanks to your efforts, we collected 66 donations, which translates into 198 lives saved. Be proud and keep giving.

Thank you, Marty Stednitz, Blood Drive Coordinator

Healing Chair Program

The Gretna Knights of Columbus have two powerlift recliners that are offered to any member of St. Patrick parish or our local community on a temporary basis. These "Healing Chairs" can be used by anyone for recovery from any surgery, injury, or medical need. The Knights will provide and deliver the reclining lift chair to the home of the person in need and pick it up when the lending period expires, at no cost to the user. The Knights also have a battery powered wheelchair that was donated. This too is available for any member of St. Patrick parish or our local community on a temporary basis. Please contact a member of the Gretna Knights of Columbus Council #10047 or John Schaffert, 402-672-7903, if you or someone you know has a need for one of these devices.

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight, Joe Krajicek.....402-616-9612
Deputy Grand Knight, John Schaffert ..402-672-7903
Financial Secretary, Marty Stednitz.....402-332-3840
Chancellor & Membership Director, Randy Meerian 402-943-7885

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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 (†). To request a Mass intention, stop by the Parish Office to schedule. A minimum of $10 per Mass is requested.

Monday, September 27th
No Communion Service or Mass

Tuesday, September 28th
6:00 PM Living and Deceased family of Gail and Mary Lou Kopplin

Wednesday, September 29th
7:30 AM † Elizabeth M. Bruce

Thursday, September 30th
7:30 AM † Florence Ostransky

Friday, October 1st
7:30 AM Richard Chladek

Saturday, October 2nd
5:00 PM † Clif and Mark Rockwell

Sunday, October 3rd
8:00 AM Parishioners and Benefactors
10:00 AM The Don Nienaber family
12:00 PM † Eugene Danzer

Liturgical Vestment Colors

White—JOY—Christmas, Easter, Mary, Saints
Red—LOVE—The Passion, Holy Spirit, Martyrs
Green—HOPE—Ordinary Time
Violet—HUMILITY—Advent, Lent
Rose—JOY—Gaudete, Laetare Sundays

Let us pray for all those affected by COVID-19. Pray for the soul of Terry Veleba. Pray for Jim and Lori, Janet and Isela, Lois Lyons, Diane Whitaker (sister of Cheryl Klatt), Fr. Matt Gutowski, Mark Bauer, Jennifer and her husband, Marcelene Goudie, and Mike (son of Cleo Nienaber). Pray for Leo Sonderman (father of Stephanie Adams, our Preschool Director), Kathy Fitzpatrick, Norm Hanson, Pete and Judy Bartman, Susan Hottovy (sister-in-law of Jim and Tam Hottovy), and Donna Kopf. Pray for 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.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 26th—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Priesthood 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 Classes—Religious Ed Classrooms
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Men's CRHP—Father Hitch Room

Monday, September 27th

6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Hospitality Team Meeting—Father Hitch Room
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM Women's CRHP—Parish Center C
6:30 PM to 8:15 PM American Heritage Girls—Basement Commons

Tuesday, September 28th

1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry—Father Hitch Room
5:30 PM to 5:50 PM Rosary (before Mass begins at 6:00 PM)—Sanctuary
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Women's CRHP—Parish Center C
6:30 PM to 6:40 PM Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotion (after Mass)—Sanctuary

Wednesday, September 29th

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
11:00 AM to 1:30 PM St. Joseph School—Parish Center AB
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM The Chosen Series—Parish Center C
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting—Parish Center C
4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Religious Education Classes—Religious Ed Classrooms
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Youth Group—The Peak
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Jesus Bible Study—Parish Center AB and Kitchen

Thursday, September 30th

7:00 AM to 7:20 AM Rosary (before Mass begins at 7:30 AM)—Sanctuary
7:00 PM to 9:30 PM RCIA Class—Parish Center C

Friday, October 1st

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
6:00 PM to 7:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal—Sanctuary and Narthex

Saturday, October 2nd

8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Wedding Prep—Bride's Room, Father Hitch, Sanctuary and Narthex
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Private Event—Parish Center A and Kitchen
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM Wedding—Sanctuary and Narthex
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, October 3rd—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Respect Life 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 Classes—Religious Ed Classrooms
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting—Parish Center C
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM Baptisms—Sanctuary
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM Men's CRHP—Father Hitch Room

A Spiritual Bouquet for Father Baxter
In Honor of Priesthood Sunday, September 26

Our Vocations Committee invites all our parishioners, family members and friends to bless Father Baxter with a Spiritual Bouquet in honor of Priesthood Sunday on September 26 and in celebration of his birthday on October 9. There will be Spiritual Bouquet intention cards in the Narthex kiosk and on the center table in the Narthex this weekend and next weekend. Let's shower Father Baxter with abundant prayers, rosaries, Mass attendance, novenas and more to thank him for all his service to each of us at St. Patrick Church. Please take a moment to fill out the cards and return them in the collection basket during Mass this weekend and next weekend, or drop them off at the Parish Office before noon on Thursday, October 7. We will be presenting Father Baxter with his Spiritual Bouquet on his birthday October 9. If you have any questions, please contact Leisa Sheldon at 402-250-1427. Thank you for supporting Father Baxter!

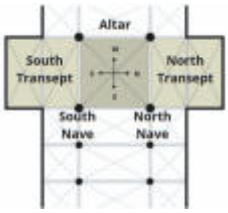
Lay Minister's Schedule
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2nd 5:00 PM	October 3rd 8:00 AM	October 3rd 10:00 AM	October 3rd NOON
Sacristan	***Sacristan***	***Sacristan***	***Sacristan***
Linda Schriner	Joan Ingram	Randy Rosenthal	Ginny Giebelhaus
Lector (Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)	***Lector*** (Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)	***Lector*** (Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)	***Lector*** (Read Both 1st and 2nd Readings)
Jayne Shram	Theresa Huttmann	Jolene Jefferies	Stephanie Lampe
Standby: (if a sub is needed)	*Standby: (if a sub is needed)*	*Standby: (if a sub is needed)*	*Standby: (if a sub is needed)*
Crystal Schroeder	Sandy Scheef	Kelly Eby	Kathy Broz
EMHCs	***EMHCs***	***EMHCs***	***EMHCs***
Sheri French (North and South Transepts)	Carrie Hubert (North and South Transepts)	Barb Applegate (North and South Transepts)	Darcy Skrdla (North and South Transepts)
Beth Hurd (South Nave)	Paul Hubert (South Nave)	Chris Reinig (South Nave)	Stephanie Adams (South Nave)
Standby: (if a sub is needed)	*Standby: (if a sub is needed)*	*Standby: (if a sub is needed)*	*Standby: (if a sub is needed)*
Bridget Blum	Rob Polak	Rosie Stec	Ginny Giebelhaus
Ushers	***Ushers***	***Ushers***	***Ushers***
Ken Beckman	Tom Nienaber	Clint Bollock	Linda Gardner
Chris Lingbloom	Paul Polt	Jim Hain	Ginny Giebelhaus
Chad Soupir	Bob Sis	Bruce Jefferies	Marty White
Lisa Willert	Marty Stednitz	Norm Svoboda	Mary Zeigler
Rosary Reciter	***Rosary Reciter***	***Rosary Reciter***	***Rosary Reciter***
Ellie Clines	Kathy Schwarting	Theresa Gulizia	Norm Svoboda
Altar Servers	***Altar Servers***	***Altar Servers***	***Altar Servers***
Shailynn Gatewood	Anne Marie Hubert	Need Sub	Need Sub
Need Sub	Mitchel Hubert	Need Sub	Need Sub
Need Sub	Paul Joseph Hubert	Need Sub	Need Sub
Greeters	***Greeters***	***Greeters***	***Greeters***
Mike Latenser	Sally Stednitz	Trish Spahn	Marty White
Chris Gatewood	Nancy Kirkpatrick	David Hubert	Mary Zeigler

Vocations Crucifix
Mark Allgood

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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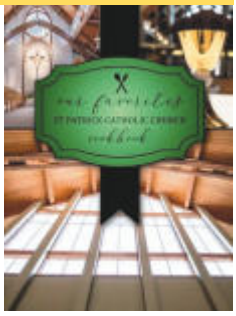
JOIN LIFE CHAIN IN PRAYER
Sunday, October 3 on Hwy 31

Please join us in prayer on Sunday, October 3, 2 PM to 3 PM.

Since 1987, the Life Chain has been a public witness of prayer and repentance, uniting the Church in solidarity against abortion, while boldly standing in the hope of Christ for North America.

Join thousands of Christians nationwide to peacefully and prayerfully stand before God on behalf of preborn children. Participants will stand 10 feet apart, lining both sides of HWY-31 in Gretna just south of HWY-370 near the Pinnacle Bank.

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!

PRAYER FOR OUR PRIESTS
Priesthood Sunday

Lord God, most holy, we approach you in gratitude for your holy ordained priesthood. You have called these men to be set apart and to shepherd your people, as you shepherd your entire church. We pray for them in their daily work. Grant to them an increase in spiritual gifts and grace, so they may be prepared for the tasks at hand. Lead them not into temptation and protect them from the grasp of the evil one. It is through the sacraments they confer that we encounter the divine in a real and profound way. May your church never lose sight of these, your special sons, and may we, the body of Christ, never fail to cherish the gift of their lives, which they have freely given to you and your holy church. We ask this in the name of Jesus, your Son. Amen.

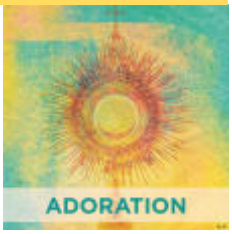
CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY
Sunday, September 26

To be servants of God, we are called to be humble as Jesus Himself was humble. On this, the Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, the Church in the United States observes "Priesthood Sunday." Through the lens of the paschal mystery – that is, Christ's own life, death, resurrection and subsequent Spirit-gift who unites us to God's very self – all of the baptized are called to mission. Faithful servants, whether lay or ordained, recognize that life is a journey. None of us are perfect, which is why we seek God's grace to mold our hearts into the image of Divine Love. We do not do this alone. We belong to a community called Church. This ordered community is served by parish priests who lead us ministerially and spiritually. Today in particular, we pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire the mission of Christ and to strengthen the humble service of our priests.

PRAYER OF THE ARCHANGELS
Feast Day Wednesday, September 29

Heavenly King, You have given us archangels to assist us during our pilgrimage on earth. Saint Michael is our protector; I ask him to come to my aid, fight for all my loved ones, and protect us from danger. Saint Gabriel is a messenger of the Good News; I ask him to help me clearly hear Your voice and to teach me the truth. Saint Raphael is the healing angel; I ask him to take my need for healing and that of everyone I know, lift it up to Your throne of grace and deliver back to us the gift of recovery. Help us, O Lord, to realize more fully the reality of the archangels and their desire to serve us. Holy angels, pray for us. Amen.

CONSIDER SITTING WITH JESUS FOR 1 HOUR A MONTH
Vacancies Need Filled for Eucharistic Adoration



Please prayerfully consider signing up for an hour during Eucharistic Adoration on the second Thursday of each month. We currently have at least one person signed up during each hour, but there are several hours where we need someone to fill in the prayer partner vacancy. Even a short term commitment until the chapel is ready would be greatly welcomed. We would love to have some men help fill the night time (after dark) hours.

THESE ARE THE HOURS THAT NEED TO BE FILLED:
2nd Thursday of the month—2-3 PM, 4-5 PM, 8-9 PM and 11 PM-Midnight
The following Friday—Midnight-1 AM, 1-2 AM, 2-3 AM, 5-6 AM

MARCH FOR LIFE—WASHINGTON DC TRIP
January 18-23, 2022

Registered 9th-12th graders of the St. Patrick Youth Group are invited to travel to Washington DC for the March for Life, January 18-23, 2022.

The cost is $560, however St. Patrick teens are able to go for only $200 as the Youth Group will cover the rest of the cost. We don't ever want anyone to be unable to go because of the cost. A $50 deposit is due at time of registration and the remaining $150 will be due by October 29. An invoice will be sent to you from Verso Ministries. The Archdiocese has enlisted the help of Verso Ministries to plan and handle the details of the trip this year.

To register visit, https://versominstries.com/omaha/ and use referral code **SPCGretna**. Travel insurance can be purchased in addition to the cost of the trip. The deadline to register is Thursday, September 30. Contact Irene Lempke with questions, ielempke@archomaha.org or 402-707-8124.

Youth Group Kicks Off the Year with Bonfire

70 Teens Participate in Outdoor Mass

On Wednesday, September 15, over 70 teens and leaders from our Youth Group kicked off the school year by celebrating an outdoor Mass. Father Greg Baxter encouraged the youth and leaders as they embark on the new year. Following the Mass, teens enjoyed s'mores over a bonfire, played kickball and other yard games, and reconnected with each other and their leaders! Youth Group meets weekly on Wednesday nights between 7- 8:30 PM. If you have a son or daughter interested in joining Youth Group you can register them at https://stpatricksgretna.org/mesmerize/education/youth-group/.

Right now we have just over 70 teens grade 9-12 who have registered to be a part of our Youth Group and many more who have not yet registered but who come year after year. There are so many pulls on the time of our youth and the fact that so many WANT to come to be a part of this group says a lot about the spiritual needs that are not being met in the secular world. Please prayerfully considering being a part of our Youth Group as a leader. There is so much to learn about the youth, the world, and our own faith journey by spending this time together. I want to assure you that you are qualified and the youth of our parish NEED you! If you have any questions please reach out to Tammi Hall at 937-474-0248 or tamhal412@gmail.com.

Job Opening—Pastoral Minister

Liturgy, Youth Group, and RCIA

Principal Duties and Responsibilities

St. Patrick in Gretna is seeking a new Pastoral Minister of Liturgy, Youth Group, and RCIA. This position combines three part-time job functions into one full-time position. The incumbent is responsible for coordinating the lay liturgical ministries, leading the high school youth group, and leading RCIA. These duties require collaboration and coordination with the pastor, music director, religious education director, and parish staff. Each of these three functions has a very strong volunteer structure and excellent support from our parishioners. We have a particularly strong interest in inspiring our parishioners and youth to learn, understand, appreciate, and revere the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

We offer a very competitive salary, healthcare coverage, LTD, AD&D, life insurance, and 403(b) retirement plan.

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Interest and aptitude for furthering the mission and evangelization goals of St. Patrick Catholic Church.
- Knowledge of the teaching and practices of the Catholic faith.
- Ability to work as a team player with the pastor, staff, parishioners, vendors, visitors and volunteers, and present a positive image of the parish.
- Discretion and ability to keep knowledge gained from work in strict confidence and maintain professionalism at all times.
- Ability to manage multiple responsibilities and projects effectively, be flexible and adaptable to new and changing situations, and meet several daily deadlines.
- Proficient use of Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

Education and Experience

- A degree or a certificate in liturgy, ministry or theology is preferred, but equivalent work experience is acceptable.
- 3-5 years of experience in liturgical ministry is preferred.
- Experience and an interest in mentoring and working with youth (safe environment training and certification is required and provided by the Archdiocese of Omaha).

Application Instructions

If you are interested in this opportunity, please email Jolene Jefferies, Parish Manager, at jmjefferies@archomaha.org or call 402-332-4444, ext. 203.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry
Sue Orosco……402-332-3692

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Megan Seamann…….meseamann@archomaha.org

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.

Altar Serving

A Way to Grow in Faith

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 the Parish Office at 402-332-4444 or stpatrick.gre@archomaha.org with parent name, child name, and phone number.

Volunteer for RE

During the 2021-2022 School Year

Volunteering is a great way to give back to St. Patrick parish and help our young people grow in faith. 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 area 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. Contact Shane Fagan at 402-332-3454 or smfagan@archomaha.org. You can sign up online at https://stpatricksgretna.org/mesmerize/education/religious-education/re-form/.

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Helpful Resources

Al-Anon (Alcoholic Family Support—Omaha)
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Website.....al-anon.org

Boys Town National Hotline
Phone.....1-800-448-3000
Website.....www.boystown.org

Catholic Answers
Phone.....1-888-318-7884
Website.....www.catholic.org

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Grief & Healing Counselor.....402-391-3711
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Gretna....402-332-3475

Catholic Charities—Omaha
Phone.....402-554-0520
Website.....ccomaha.org

Catholic Voice Online
Website.....catholicvoiceomaha.com

Courage (Pastoral Support—Same-Sex Attraction)
Phone.....402-557-5692
Website.....couragerc.org

EWTN (Global Catholic Television Network)
Phone.....1-800-447-3986
Website.....www.ewtn.com

Holy Family Shrine
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Website.....holyfamilyshrine.com

Least of My Brethren
Phone.....402-681-5424
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Marriage Resources
For Your Marriage.....www.foryourmarriage.org
Retrouvaille.....1-800-470-2230
Retrouvaille.....www.helpourmarriage.org

Mass Times Nationwide
Phone.....1-858-207-6277
Website.....www.masstimes.org

Nebraska Homeschool Network
Website.....nebraskahomeschool.org

Pope Paul VI Institute (Fertility Help)
Phone.....402-390-6600
Website.....www.popepaulvi.com

Rachel's Vineyard (Abortion Healing)
Phone.....1-866-482-5433
Website.....www.rachelsvineyard.org

Spirit Catholic Radio—FM 102.7
Phone.....402-571-0200
Website.....www.spiritcatholicradio.com

St. Benedict Center (Retreats in Schuyler)
Phone.....402-352-2177
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St. John Paul II Newman Center
Phone.....402-557-5575
Website.....jpiiomaha.org

Strive (Break Free from Pornography)
Phone.....1-800-588-1422
Website.....strive21.com

Women's Center for Advancement (Domestic Violence, Human Trafficking, Etc.)
24/7 Hotline.....402-345-7273
Website.....wcaomaha.org

Around the Archdiocese

OACCW Convention—Divot's Conference Center, Norfolk, September 27

Omaha Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) is hosting their 97th Convention on Monday, September 27 at the Divot's Conference Center (4200 West Norfolk Ave, Norfolk). Pre-registration is $25, make payable to RNW Deanery due by September 20, mail to Ann Kurpgeweit, 50444 852 Rd. Ewing, NE 68735. For more information call Karen Funk 402-626-7611. The theme this year is "St. Joseph, Teach Us to Trust" with guest speaker Sharon Doran. Registration begins at 7:30 AM with an 8 AM Rosary followed by Convention at 9 AM.

St. Joseph Summit: Our Spiritual Father—Virtual, September 30-October 3

Please join Fr. Chris Alar, MIC, and Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, for the St. Joseph Summit. Learn how to foster a better devotion to St. Joseph and how to protect yourself, your marriage, and your family against evil. Registration is free and you'll have access to many speakers. To register visit, https://www.spiritfilledevents.com/saint-joseph-summit-homepage.

The Way Healing Retreat for Men—Camp Comeca, Cozad, October 1-3

Registration is now open for The Way: A Healing Retreat for Men Survivors of Abuse. The Archdiocese of Omaha Victim Outreach Ministry, in collaboration with the Victim Assistance Ministries in the Dioceses of Grand Island and Lincoln, are hosting the retreat October 1-3 at Camp Comeca in Cozad (75670 Rd 417, Cozad). The Way is a 3-day guided meditation and prayer experience for women whose abuse by another has deeply affected their heart, mind, body and soul. Space is limited so if interested, see brochure at https://archomaha.org/safe-environment/victim-assistance/. For more information or to request an application, contact Elizabeth Heidt Kozisek at 308-382-6565 or cpo@gidiocese.org.

Cathedral Fest—St. Cecilia Cathedral, October 1-3

Join us for the annual Cathedral weekend of fun, friends, and lots of food! Events run from Friday through Sunday, October 1-3 at Saint Cecilia Cathedral (701 N 40th St, Omaha). The fun begins with a party and concert Friday night, Saturday food contests, a spaghetti dinner, and street dance, and Sunday is filled with food, games and our famous white elephant sale! Join us in this celebration of all things Cathedral! For more information contact Sheila Graham at 402-551-2313 or sgraham@stceciliacathedral.org.

Grieving with Great Hope—St. Cecilia Cathedral, October 5-November 9

The Grieving with Great Hope Workshop is a path through grieving after the death of a loved one. We connect people with other people on the same path, not necessarily the same journey. There are no stages to grief on this journey, everyone experiences loss in their own way. It is with prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship we learn to continue this journey in life after the loss of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandchild or friend. Please come and join us at St. Cecilia Cathedral's Monsignor Graham Building on Tuesday evenings October 5 through November 9 at 6:30 PM. Space is limited so please call or email Deacon Jim Tardy, 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com.

What is Truth? Catholic Answers Conference—St. Wenceslaus, October 9

Spirit Catholic Radio invites you to attend our 2021 Catholic Answers "What is Truth?" Conference! Join Catholic Answers host Cy Kellett, Catholic Answers Apologists Stacy Trasancos and Karlo Broussard, and the "Dynamic Deacon" Harold Burke-Sivers, at St. Wenceslaus (15353 Pacific St, Omaha) on October 9 from 9 AM to 2 PM. A bookstore will be available. Continental breakfast will be served in the morning. To reserve your $22 ticket, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/catholicanswers/.

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