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Mass Schedule: **July and August, 2021**

St. Anne : Saturday 4:00 pm and Sunday 8:00 am

Weekday Mass: **Wednesday** through Friday 9:00 am

St. Patrick : Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 9:30 am

Weekday Mass: **Wednesday** through Friday 8:00 am

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1996, 1970 CCC

AUGUST 28 & 29, 2021

Fr. Raphael, the Deacons and the parishioners of St. Anne & St. Patrick churches welcome you to our parish. Please introduce yourself to Fr., Deacon or any parish member. We are happy you are here! If you are interested in making St. Anne or St. Patrick your home parish, please contact the appropriate parish office (see the numbers above) or simply ask someone here; they will be happy to help you contact Annette or Michele. It is a simple process to become a registered member. Again, welcome! We hope you return again soon. Be blessed!

Dear Friends:

I share with you a reflection by Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian and teacher. It is entitled:
“PRAYING WHEN WE DON’T KNOW HOW.”

He taught us how to pray while not knowing how to pray. That’s a comment sometimes made about Henri Nouwen. It seems almost contradictory to say that. How can someone teach us to pray when he himself doesn’t know how? Well, two complexities conspired together here. Henri Nouwen was a unique mixture of weakness, honesty, complexity, and faith. That also describes prayer, this side of eternity. Nouwen simply shared, humbly and honestly, his own struggles with prayer and in seeing his struggles, the rest of us learned a lot about how prayer is precisely this strange mixture of weakness, honesty, complexity, and faith. Prayer, as we know, has classically been defined as “the lifting of mind and heart to God”, and given that our minds and hearts are pathologically complex, so too will be our prayer. It will give voice not just to our faith but also to our doubt. Moreover, in the Epistle to the Romans, St. Paul tells us that when we do not know how to pray, God’s Spirit, in groans too deep for words, prays through us. I suspect that we don’t always recognize all the forms that takes, how God sometimes prays through our groans and our weaknesses.

The renowned preacher Frederick Buechner, speaks of something he calls “crippled prayers that are hidden inside our minor blasphemes” and are uttered through clenched teeth: “God help us!” “Jesus Christ!” “For God’s sake!” These are prayers? Why not? If prayer is lifting mind and heart to God, isn’t this what’s in our mind and heart at that moment? Isn’t there a brutal honesty in this? Jacques Loew, one of the founders of the Worker-Priest movement in France, shares how, while working in a factory, he would sometimes be working with a group of men loading heavy bags onto a truck. Occasionally one of the men would accidentally drop one of the bags which would split open leaving a mess and a mini-blaspheme would spring forth from the man’s lips. Loew, partly seriously and partly in jest, points out that while the man was not exactly saying the Lord’s Prayer, he was invoking the name of God in real honesty. So, is this in fact a genuine modality of prayer or is this taking the Lord’s name in vain? Is this something we should be confessing as a sin rather than claiming as a prayer? The commandment to not take the name of God in vain has little to do with those mini- blasphemes that slip out between clenched teeth when we drop a bag of groceries, jam a finger painfully, or get caught in a frustrating traffic jam. What we utter then may well be aesthetically offensive, in bad taste, and disrespectful enough of others so that some sin lies within it, but that’s not taking the name of God in vain. Indeed, there’s nothing false about it at all. In some ways it’s the opposite of what the commandment has in mind.

We tend to think of prayer far too piously. It is rarely unadulterated altruistic praise issuing forth from a focused attention that’s grounded in gratitude and in an awareness of God. Most of the time our prayer is a very adulterated reality – and all the more honest and powerful because of that. For instance, one of our great struggles with prayer is that it’s not easy to trust that prayer makes a difference. We watch the evening newscasts, see the entrenched polarization, bitterness, hatred, self-interest, and hardness of heart that are seemingly everywhere, and we lose heart. How do we find the heart to pray in the face of this? What, inside of our prayer, is going to change any of this? While it is normal to feel this way, we need this important reminder: *prayer is most important and most powerful precisely when we feel it is most hopeless – and we are most helpless. Why is this true? It’s true because it’s only when we are finally empty of ourselves, empty of our own plans and our own strength that we’re in fact ready to let God’s vision and strength flow into the world through us. Prior to feeling this helplessness and hopelessness, we are still identifying God’s power too much with the power of health, politics, and economics that we see in our world; and are identifying hope with the optimism we feel when the news looks a little better on a given night. If the news looks good, we have hope; if not, why pray? But we need to pray because we trust in God’s strength and promise, not because the newscasts on a given night offer a bit more promise. Indeed, the less promise our newscasts offer and the more they make us aware of our personal helplessness, the more urgent and honest is our prayer. We need to pray precisely because we are helpless and precisely because it does seem hopeless. Inside of that we can pray with honesty, perhaps even through clenched teeth.*

Something to think about:

“Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the evening.”

Summer Graces, Blessings, Peace, Joy, best wishes, and all good things to you!

Padre Masabakwa, R.



Saturday, August 28:

4:00 pm Mass St. Anne: Marge Brosnahan

5:30 pm Mass St. Patrick: Mark Mickey

Sunday, August 29:

8:00 am Mass St. Anne: for Teachers & Students

9:30 am Mass St. Patrick: Norma Otterpohl

10:30 am St. Patrick Catechist Meeting in Library

Wednesday, September 1:

8:00 am Mass St. Patrick: John Lorenzen

9:00 am Mass St. Anne: Suzie Pinter

6:30-7:30 pm Holy Hour at St. Anne

Thursday, September 2:

8:00 am Mass St. Patrick: Paul Vorthmann

9:00 am Mass St. Anne: Marge Brosnahan

6:30-7:30 pm Holy Hour at St. Patrick

Friday, September 3: † St. Gregory the Great †

8:00 am Mass St. Patrick: Cynthia Lopez

9:00 am Mass St. Anne: Laura Altman

Saturday, September 4:

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Reconciliation at St. Patrick

4:00 pm Mass St. Anne: All Parishioners

5:30 pm Mass St. Patrick: Bob, Katie, Larry, Barb & Matt Roane

Sunday, September 5:

8:00 am Mass St. Anne: Keith & Mary Strong

9:30 am Mass St. Patrick: Roy & Mary Neill

Weekly Readings for the Week of August 29

Sunday: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 • Ps 15:2-5

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 • Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday - 1 Thess. 4:13-18 • Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13

Luke 4:16-30

Tuesday - 1 Thess. 5:1-6, 9-11

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday - Colossians 1:1-8

Ps 52:10-11 • Luke 4:38-44

Thursday - Colossians 1:9-14

Ps 98:2-6 • Luke 5:1-11

Friday - Colossians 1:15-20

Ps 100:1-5 • Luke 5:33-39

Saturday - Colossians 1:21-23

Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8 • Luke 6:1-5

Sunday - Isaiah 35:4-7a

Ps. 146:6-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37



ST. ANNE MINISTRY

Sat. September 4 4:00 pm Mass

Hospitality: Tom B.

Lector: Kay B.

Sunday, September 5

8:00 am Mass

Hospitality: Bernie B.

Lector: Shannon T.

Tithe Counters: Joe E. & Bill U.

Pope Francis' September Intention

An environmentally sustainable lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



ST. PATRICK MINISTRY

Sat. September 4 5:30 pm Mass

Hospitality: Mac & Priscilla McGrath

Lector: Tammy Clemon

Sunday, September 5

9:30 am Mass

Hospitality: Roger & Louise Goff

Lector: Michele Wilson

Tithe Counters: Elizabeth Dillinger & Mike Oehler



Please pray for:

Tony Boyce, Mary Pat Cartmill, Cynthia Lopez, Nancy Reisz, Julie Wegner, Linda Mueller, Veronica Brantz, Gerry Zaiser, Deb May, Amy Mahoney, Patrick Pitt, Denis Burk, Charlie

Kohler, Yoanna Lopez, Maria Soders, Jo Hunt, Sharon Myers, Jean Johnson, Lisa Schwery, Nedra Fliehe, Kiera Wilson, Michael Volosin, Susan Frazier, Marguerite Prior, Nancy Neubauer, Dick Burkehead, Shelley Bishop, Gerry Pinter, Allysen Johnson, Donna Slovinsky, Michael Ringstad, Ken Dooley, Mary Jane Kirlin, Nick Loftus, Melinda Alsmann, Carl Brown, Nancy Iverson, James Kirlin, Mike Kirlin, Tim Palmer, Denise Oliver, Nancy Taylor, Jeff Freed, Brett Cihacek, Margaret Soboslay, Andy Adams, Denny & Jane Schrauth, Dennis & Kathy Massku, Muriel Alger, Dennis Schroeder, Pat McEvoy, Kim Kunkel, Avett Wigdahl, Rocky Perez, Kelly Tucker, Jean Collins, Jennifer Small, Druann Campanella, Barb Hinchey, Jerry Helmke and Lori Dickman-Colberg

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

First Saturdays: 2 to 3 pm at St. Patrick

Second Saturdays: 2 to 3 pm at St. Anne

Or anytime by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (ANOINTING)

Anointing is available upon request for serious illness, before surgery & in emergency any time.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

To have your child baptized, you must be a registered parishioner in good standing for at least 3 months. Baptismal requests must be made at least one month before the desired date. A baptismal class is required for first time parents. Please call the office to schedule.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

To be married at the parish, you or your intended spouse or your parents must be a registered parishioner in good standing for at least six months before a date can be requested, with a minimum of six months for marriage preparation. The couple needs to talk with a priest or deacon six months before the anticipated wedding date. If a prior marriage is involved; one year notice is necessary.

PASTORAL VISITATIONS

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is admitted to any of the area hospitals/care centers, and desires Holy Communion or a visit. If a homebound parishioner would like a pastoral visit, or to receive the Eucharist, call the parish office.

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Year of ST. JOSEPH



Entrustment to St. Joseph

**Pope Francis has declared 2021
as the Year of St. Joseph.**

Please join St. Anne parish as we dedicate ourselves to his care and protection. Don't miss this opportunity to strengthen your faith and receive many graces!

An information sheet and sign up form are on the table in the back of St. Anne Church. For more information, contact Father Raphael or Kathy Lovell (712-644-2092)

Calling All Women to *Magnificat-Omaha Fall Brunch* **Saturday, September 18, 9:30 AM - 1 PM** at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, Omaha. Kendra Von Esh, radio host, podcaster, and author of *Am I Catholic?* will be the guest speaker. Also please come to the *Joy and Prayer Workshop* with Kendra and Karen Dwyer on **September 17, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM** - discover how to awaken joy and create a joy-filled prayer life. For Reservations, go to www.MagnificatOmaha.org.

St. Patrick Faith Formation

Are you looking for a ministry where you can make a difference? Try Faith Formation. Help our parish youth discover the wonder of our faith and the love Jesus has for all of us. Classes begin in September and we have openings for Catechists and "Room Enhancers".

Registration letters were sent out this past Thursday. Classes begin Wednesday, September 15th.

Any questions or concerns please contact:

Carol Poole, DRE at 402.490.3841

St. Patrick Ladies

After generously sharing your culinary skills with families and friends at the funeral luncheons, don't forget to collect your dishes on the shelf in the hall.

Thank you!

Finance Report

ST. ANNE:

8/15 Tithe - \$1,211.25 Plate - \$33.00 Bldg - \$90.00

8/22 Tithe - \$986.25 Plate - \$73.00 Bldg - \$50.00

2021 ADA goal: \$18,753.00

pledges/gifts: 48/\$19,275.00 exceeded

Please remember St. Anne Parish, Logan, in your will.

ST. PATRICK:

Tithe - \$1,990.00 Plate - \$18.00

2021 ADA goal: \$31,629.00

pledges/gifts: 65/\$26,140.00

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