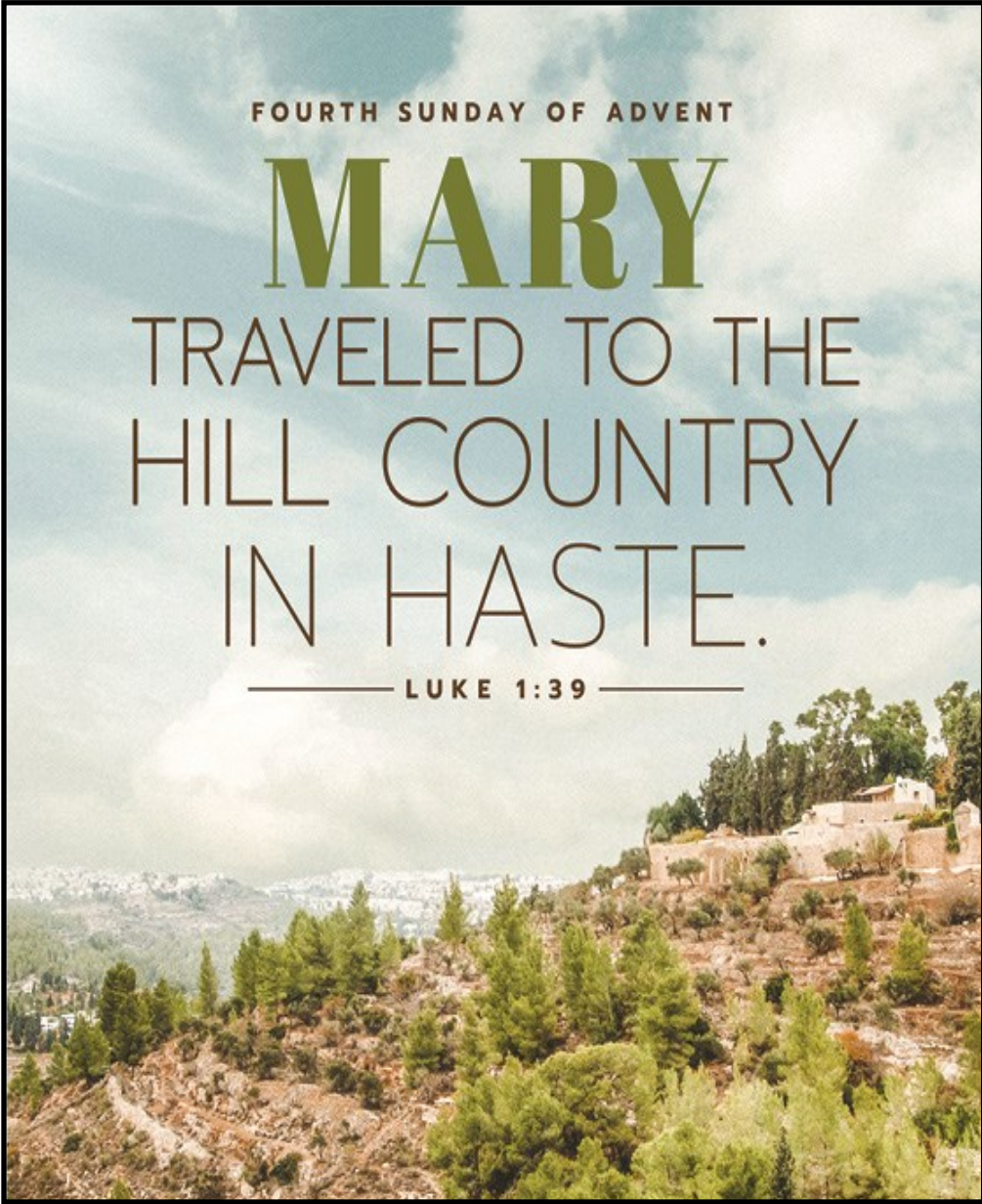


FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:30pm
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Daily Mass: Tuesday-Friday 7am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday-Friday at 6:30am
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Schedule a Meeting with Me

December 22nd, 2024 Weekly Schedule

Tues., Dec. 24th: Office Closed at Noon
4:00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass
6:00pm - Christmas Vigil Mass
12:00am - Midnight Mass

Wed., Dec. 25th: 9:00am - Christmas Day Mass

Sun., Dec. 29th: 3:00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary





FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we look forward to the coming celebrations, let's keep in mind Christ's coming: he will come again, he came 2000 years ago, and he comes also today through his Church. I was recently asked about whether non-Catholic persons can be saved. The Church has long taught as dogma *extra ecclesiam nulla salus* (Outside of the Church there is no Salvation). This is based in both Scripture and Tradition, being stated as early as the 200s AD. This was sometimes understood to mean "unless you are Catholic you ain't saved." (Search for the Lawrence Feeney case from Boston, MA and how that played out with Rome). The Church, however, has repudiated this understanding. More properly understood, it means that salvation comes to the world only through the Church. It has no other source or conduit than through Jesus Christ, who founded and commissioned his Church to be the conduit for his salvation. For this reason, St. Cyprian said "no one has God as his father without the Church as his mother."

This Christmas, share with your children, friends and family the Good News of Jesus Christ. Read aloud the story of Christ's birth in the Scriptures together, share a time of prayer before your meals, gather everyone for the Mass. Whether through word or deed, give evidence of the faith that we share. If we—members of Christ's Church—don't witness to the Gospel how will others come to know the salvation He offers us? This is not just for me or for you, but "for the world" that we celebrate this festivity. May the Lord bless you with the radiance of his face and may you reflect the light of his glory by your life! A blessed Christmas to you and yours!

Knight Family of the Month - Ron Moritz Family
Knight of the Month - Bill Kelsey



The December Magnificats are here. Please stop in during office hours to claim yours. We have 1 extra for sale. It is \$26 for year subscription. Please see Makaela in the office.

Next Baptism Class Date:
 January 4th & February 8th
 At 9am in the Spiritual Life Center. Please call the office to register.



Daily we are offered the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and peace is a grace many of us could use as we are bombarded with the stressors of work and life. By slowing down, reaching out to God, and placing one's self in quiet moments with the Lord, one can truly live in Christ's peace each day. (Hebrews 10:5-10) Think of ways that you can model Christ's sacrifice in your life like doing the chores of someone in your family, buying coffee for a friend, taking extra time to listen, and being patient with someone, etc. (Catholic Apostolate)

MARTHA MINISTRY

December 2024

December 24 Janiece Smith
 December 26 Ann Pieper
 December 31 Cristi Cumming

RESCHEDULED

- Rosary Group will not meet for the month of December. They will start again January 8th.
- There will be no Blanket Ministry in January. They will resume in February.

Poinsettia Memorial

We invite you to donate towards a poinsettia for an offering of \$15 as a memorial for a loved one, while helping to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. The \$15 offering and memorial name can be placed in an envelope. Envelopes can be dropped off at the parish office or put it in the Sunday collection by December 22nd.



In conjunction with Fr. Sorensen's homily last weekend you will find a "Thank you Jesus" tree in the gathering area. Feel free to bring your own ornament or use one from the basket to leave your own personal Thank you to Jesus.

"CATECHISTS ARE PEOPLE WHO KEEP THE MEMORY OF GOD ALIVE; THEY KEEP IT ALIVE IN THEMSELVES AND THEY ARE ABLE TO REVIVE IT IN OTHERS."
 - POPE FRANCIS

Religious Education is in need of 4 adults willing to come and sub as a catechist when we have a sick catechist or if something comes up. If you or someone you know is interested, please let Makaela in the office know. Thank you!



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton announcing a Raffle for two Carnival Cruise Gift Cards

(worth \$500 each) to be used on any Carnival Cruise to any of their destinations on any of their ships. It can be put toward the cost of the cruise or anything purchased onboard. Each raffle ticket is \$5 and worth the chance to get away or regift to a family member or friend. Drawing will be held December 29, 2024. If you would like to buy a ticket please send:

-your name -address -phone number
to: Cruise Raffle St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 3301 Echo Dr, North Platte, NE 69101. Before Dec 25 and the information will be put on a ticket and entered for you. Please include a note if you wish the ticket stub to be sent to you. Winner will be announced via the bulletin January 4.

-Start off the New Year by joining us for prayer & fellowship at the next Catholic Daughters Council 1549 meeting, SATURDAY January 4, 10am at St Pat's Spiritual Life Center.



-DO NOT THROW OUT your Christmas cards! Please let Catholic Daughters repurpose them into a kindness project for the next holiday season. Place the CARD FRONTS ONLY in the collection boxes available in the gathering area until the end of January. Thank you!



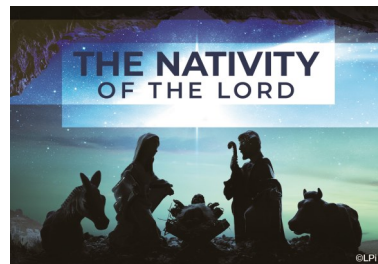
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the St. Patrick's Church Staff!

Please join us for our Advent Penance Service this Sunday at 3pm. Followed by a Wine and Cheese Social in the Rectory and Gathering Area.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.





School News

this week>

Monday, December 23
NO SCHOOL -- CHRISTMAS BREAK

Sunday, December 22–Thursday, December 26
NSAA Moratorium

Friday, December 27
GICC Holiday Tournament

Saturday, December 28
GICC Holiday Tournament



COMING SOON.....



REGISTRATION FOR our Little Leprechaun
Preschool classes will begin in January.
Watch our Facebook page and church bulletin the
specific dates.

If you have a little one in the 4/5 age group, be sure
to get them registered early--spaces fill up fast.

Questions: contact
Enrollment Director, Gwen Covey--308-532-1874



**Making Spirits Bright...
during Christmas and all year long!**

Our 7-12th grade students are required to
volunteer for church or community events to
meet a set number of service hours.
Although this is an 'assignment', students often
share how much they have been impacted by
these acts of giving.

The gift of time is precious, but the joy you
bring in assisting others is priceless!



**Student
volunteers
at the NP
Historical
Society**



**An amazing amount
of donations for our
food drive challenge-
impacting several
local families.**

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS



Prayer for Vocational Discernment

Lord Jesus, you said to your disciples, "I am the way, the truth and the life." Give young people the gift of discernment, to find their way and embrace their true vocation, the life for which you have created them. In all that lies before them, help them discern a life that is pleasing to you, whether to Christian marriage, to the priesthood, or the consecrated religious life. Send your Holy Spirit to inspire them. Grant them the grace to embrace a life of joyful service. Fulfill their desires to make a generous gift of themselves to others, after your example. Give them the loving support of family and friends as they prayerfully discern their vocation in this life. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

The Stewardship Parish Prayer



My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. It will be holy, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will be prayerful, if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring others into its worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen.



The Prayer of Saint Patrick's Parish

Gracious God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing all that I am and all that I have, is gift from you. In faith and love, help me to do your will. I am listening, dear Lord. Speak words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly. I offer to you all the areas of my life, whether it be at home, at work, or at school.

To be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me, and the fervor to fulfill my good intentions. I offer my gifts of time, talent, and possessions to you, as a true act of faith to reflect my love for you, and my neighbor. Help me to reach out to others, as you, my God, have reached out to me. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

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YOUTH
RETREATS

Registration for the 2025 diocesan summer events opens February 1, 2025. These three events offer young people a time to reflect on their spiritual journey and helps them grow their love for God. We encourage you to talk with your kids about attending these events. Take advantage of the early bird rate being offered until February 9th. For details regarding these events, scan the QR code on the poster or visit the Grand Island Diocese website gidiocese.org/yya



LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO CALL HOME THIS CHRISTMAS?

Consider this your invitation to be part of our family this year!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Masses:
Tuesday, December 24th at 4pm & 6pm.

Christmas Eve Midnight Mass:
Wednesday, December 25th at 12am.

Christmas Day Mass:
Wednesday, December 25 at 9am.

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A stylized illustration of a mountain landscape. A cross stands on a rocky peak. In the foreground, a family silhouette (two adults and two children) is walking. The background features pine trees and a sunset sky.

HEROIC VIRTUE
CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREAT
MADE FOR GREATNESS
AUGUST 1 - 3, 2025
THE CROSSING RETREAT CENTER - LEXINGTON, NE

A RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGES 5-12

EARLY BIRD RATE \$350 ENDS 02/28

REGISTER NOW

**Although the retreat will be aimed at families of children ages five to twelve, older siblings and families with children under five are welcome.*

- Sponsor a youth for a summer retreat - \$500



- Pull-down projector screen for SLC \$175

- Pay off the remaining cost of New Hymnals \$5000

2024 CHRISTMAS

Wish List

- 2 office computers - \$3000



- Handicap & safety accommodations for the confessional \$6500

- Paschal candle \$250

- One Month Electric Bill \$2100

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WEEKEND MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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Please use the Ministry Scheduler Pro App to find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry. Thank you.

Mass	Saturday, Dec. 28th at 5:30pm	Sunday, Dec. 29th at 8:30am	Sunday, Dec. 29th at 11am
Servers	Boeser Siblings D. Benitez	Benson Brothers G. Allen	J. Eickhoff R. O'Neill N. Newland
Hospitality Ministers	D. Eastburn A. Boeser	N. Torres R. Torres	Knights of Columbus
Eucharist Ministers	L. Sanger S. McGrath E. Hulquist K. Konruff	Deacon Eric J. McCraw R. Guillaume Need a Volunteer	K. Winder Knights of Columbus
Lectors	M. Fisher	G. Huggenberger	Need a Volunteer
Gifts	S. Moreno	Benson Family	Knights of Columbus

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, December 24th - 4pm - † Matt Lee
6pm - The People of the Parish
12am - † Sister Francesca Delgado

Wednesday, December 25th - 9am - † Marcia Bieber

Friday, December 27th - 7am - † Don Fleecs

Saturday, December 28th - 5:30pm - † Zach Thomas

Sunday, December 29th - 8:30am - † Gary Nichelson
11am - † Pete & Jennie Luna

Adoration of Our Lord in the exposed Blessed Sacrament is offered weekly on Thursdays from 1pm-8pm in the church. You are encouraged to dedicate yourself to a habitual time each week for 30-60 minutes. Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary at 3pm or for Night Prayer & Benediction at 7:40pm.

ADVENT

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Weekly Readings

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lk 2:41-52

Our Weekly Offering to God
December 15, 2024

Adult	\$22,229.00
Plate	\$763.50
November Electronic Giving	\$16,170.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,781.12
Total	\$40,943.62

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Parish Rosary Program
Weekly: 14
Year to date: 4,082
Grand total: 9,274

2024/25 Diocesan Appeal as of 12/16/2024

Parish Goal: \$53,786
Total Received: \$30,271
Donor Goal: 150
Current No. of Donors: 88