



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

FROM THE PASTOR

JAN. 23 THRU JAN. 29

Mon.	JoAnn Ostransky +	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Eugene Adler +	6:45 a.m.
Wed.	Loretta DeMarco+	6:45 a.m.
Thur.	Rev. Rembert Weakland +	6:45 a.m.
Friday	Stephen Kotlarz +	6:45 a.m.
Saturday	Bob Schlange +	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	People of St. Joseph	9:00 a.m.



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Sally Leyden, Jerry Martin, Wes Erhart, Marjorie Bauman, Frank Riha, Margaret Wilson, Paul Nitsick, Dennis Folkers

Please let us know if a person needs to be removed from our Prayer List.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Jan. 25, RE, 6:15 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 29, Leader Training for Live Lent Together, 10 a.m.



SATURDAY, JAN. 28, 5:00 P.M.

EMHC: Tim Johnson
Lectors: Harold Starks-Jim Amerine
Deacon: Dave Krueger
Greeters: Larry Boro-Steve Murphy
Singers:

SUNDAY, JAN. 29, 9:00 A.M.

EMHC: Deb Vacek
Lectors: Mike Kalen-Larry Vacek
Deacon: Terry Ficenech
Servers: Osborn Boys
Greeters: Kevin & Angie Carlson
Singers: Men's Choir-Mary Iverson

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,

Please see the bulletin insert for this weekend about the Journey of Faith. (Please check out the website: <https://journeyoffaith.org/>) The primary effects of this process for us are that we will now be in the Gretna-Springfield Family of Parishes and that we will hear more frequently about activities in those parishes and even collaborate on formation activities from time to time.

Most families of parishes are consolidating resources because of demographic shifts. We are expanding resources because the shift is coming to us. We should be sure to pray for those parishes in more rural parts of our diocese and in South Omaha where the population shift has led to shrinking communities. So many of our parents and grandparents built those places.

If you have any questions at all about this process, please let me know.

Have a great week!

Best,

Fr. Scott

OFFERING

Weekend of Jan. 15, 2023



Sunday Envelopes	\$ 4505.00
Building Fund	\$ 840.00
Christmas	\$ 20.00
Seminary Fund	\$ 400.00

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Not ready to lead a group but want to journey with us. There will be more information on how to join a group in the coming weeks.



Knights of Columbus/Ladies' Guild Senior Scholarship Deadline March 19

The Knights of Columbus and Ladies' Guild offers scholarships to graduating high school seniors and home school students on a competitive basis. Scholarships will be awarded based on service to St. Joseph, as well as activities and leadership in the church, school and community. The dollar amount has not been determined. Preference will be given to active St. Joseph Knights of Columbus and Ladies Guild family members.

To qualify, you must be an active member or daughter/son or dependent of a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Springfield, per the current church directory. You also must graduate from high school or complete home schooling in the 2022-23 academic year. Finally, you must be accepted at any 2- or 4-year college or vocational school.

Return your typed and signed application to the Knights of Columbus mailbox by 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 19. Disbursement will be made upon verification of college attendance. Contact Kevin Schuster at kev-in.schuster@ymail.com with questions.

“Happiness cannot come from without. It must come from within. It is not what we see and touch or that which others do for us which makes us happy; it is that which we think and feel and do, first for the other fellow and then for ourselves.” - [Helen](#)

SUNDAY MASS COUNT ATTENDANCE

October 2021:	301
April 2022:	335
July 2022:	300
October 2022:	351
January 2023:	382

(Counts are an average of the first two weekends in a month.)

Next Count: April, 2023

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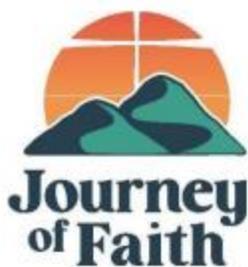
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Knights of Columbus Fish Fries Set for March

Are you looking for Friday night dinner plans in March? Well, you can search no further than the Social Hall.

The Knights of Columbus will host fish fries Friday, March 3, 10, 24 and 31 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. As a bonus, the Knights also will have a barbecue on Friday, March 17 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The Omaha Archdiocese has declared March 17 as a meat dispensation day.



Gretna-Springfield Family of Parishes

St. Patrick, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Joseph

Overview

Since last spring, all parishes in the Archdiocese of Omaha have been engaged in our pastoral planning process, “Journey of Faith”. After seven large-group gatherings throughout the 23 counties of the archdiocese, each family of parishes (a grouping of parishes in the same geographical area) was asked to put together a team of representatives from each parish in the family. That team put together a proposal for collaboration. The proposals were submitted in late fall. Archbishop Lucas has now given his approval of the proposal for the Gretna-Springfield Family. In the month of January, families of parishes around the archdiocese will be communicating their plans.

Purpose

The Big Goal for the archdiocese is that each parish would become a missional community. A missional community is a community that is concerned with making sure that all people—those present and those not present—are aware of God’s desire to be in relationship with them. Out of 100 people, He wants 100. Given significant demographic changes and economies of scale, our collaboration will hopefully lead our parishes to a higher degree of flourishing.

Our Local Experience

While many parts of the archdiocese are experiencing a downward demographic trend, our region is experiencing rapid growth. For example, our three parishes increased over the last year an average of 14.3% in Mass attendance. All three parishes in this family are trying to have the best local plan we can to engage our growing communities.

Areas of Collaboration

1. **Adult Formation**
As offerings for adult formation arise, each parish will advertise and invite their parishioners to participate, as appropriate.
2. **Liturgical & Music Minister Renewal & Formation**
Our parishes will seek to have opportunities for gathering liturgical and music ministers for annual times of renewal and formation.
3. **Clergy Collaboration**
In Gretna, the two parishes will more closely collaborate for purposes of visiting those in care centers. For Mass coverage and sacramental assistance, the priests in the family will be the first calls for assistance. Current projections indicate an additional priest being assigned in Gretna in the near future, likely in the summer of 2024 or 2025.
4. **Resource & Experience Sharing**
Particularly as Springfield continues to grow, resources and experience for religious education will be sought from St. Patrick and St. Charles.

Mass and Confession Times (as of January 2023)

Always check the parish website and/or bulletin for holy days or changes.

St. Patrick, Gretna

Weekend: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
Daily: Tuesday 6:00pm, Wednesday to Friday 7:30am
Confession: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm

St. Charles, Gretna

Weekend: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am, 5:00pm
Daily: Tuesday to Friday 12:00pm
Confession: Tuesday to Friday 11:30-11:50am, Thursday 5:30-6:30pm

St. Joseph, Springfield

Weekend: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 9:00am
Daily: Monday 8:00am, Tuesday to Friday, 6:45am, First Saturday 8:00am
Confession: 30 minutes before all daily Masses and 45 minutes before weekend Masses

Parish Websites

St. Patrick: <https://stpatricksgretna.org/>
St. Charles: <https://www.stcharlesomaha.org/>
St. Joseph: <https://stjosephspringfield.org/>

