



# ST. JOAN OF ARC

*Catholic Church*

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## *A New Season*

With this new season of Easter upon us, it is time to announce some changes that are in the works for both St. Thomas More and St. Joan of Arc. I'm not going to mention all the changes here in this one bulletin article, so be sure to check back from time to time. I'll try to overcommunicate some of these items as they are important and will take some getting used to.

As most of you are aware, we do not have enough priests in the Archdiocese of Omaha to serve as pastors of every individual parish. The scarcity of priests will only increase in the near future as we look at the priest retirements coming up and number of seminarians currently preparing for ordination. Rather than close parishes, medium to small size parishes that have seen a significant decline in Sunday Mass attendance and other sacraments (pre-covid) are likely to be grouped together with other nearby parishes. Parishes are not merging, which implies a closing of parishes, rather, they are grouped together as a network or family of parishes sharing a pastor, a Mass schedule, and other resources like staff, ministries, meeting, and office space.

To help pastors keep their sanity and for all the parishes to run efficiently, operations from bookkeeping, maintenance, and scheduling to funeral, marriage, and baptism prep, will be centralized from one office staff. To operate as one, it will be helpful to use one name in reference to our family of parishes.

After much brainstorming, suggestions, and discussion, both Parish Councils have approved a shared name. **Starting July 1, 2021**, the name **Midtown Catholic** will go live.

Practically, what will this mean for us?

- \*One Midtown Catholic bulletin will be published. Separate pages will give specific information for each parish when needed.
- \*Our current parish websites will be redirected to one Midtown Catholic website.
- \*You will see the Midtown Catholic in emails sent from the parish.
- \*One phone number will be used to receive the most common parish inquiries, and you will hear the name **Midtown Catholic** used when answering.

This is a new season for the Church in the United States. Almost every diocese in the country is either in the midst of these changes or 10 years behind in planning for the changes. Because some of our pastors here in the archdiocese have been delaying retirement, we've been able to buy a few more years, but time is running out. Our approach here in the Archdiocese of Omaha, rather than close parishes, is for parishes to truly work together to combine their efforts in the mission of making disciples.

My goal as pastor is to get Midtown Catholic, that is, our family of parishes in the heart of Omaha, ready for this challenge, ready for this new season, ready to focus on our mission. A name will not magically make that happen, but it is a first and very necessary step in working as one church.

*Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Fr. Jeff Lorig*

**APRIL 18, 2021 - 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

# Liturgical Ministers

April 24th, 2021 and April 25th, 2021

## EMHCs

5:00 pm - Linda Boyer  
8:00 am - Sue Thomas  
Crown Pointe - Rick Koch  
10:30 am - Mike Elston

## Lectors

Ruth Leininger  
Ruth Heer  
Julie Ryan

## Third Sunday of Easter - April 18, 2021

Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled St. Joan of Arc to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of the strength of this community by making a gift in your will to St. Joan of Arc. Please contact an attorney on how to do so. You may also direct questions to Tony LaMar, Legacy Planning Officer, Archdiocese of Omaha at 402.557.5650 or [ajlamar@archomaha.org](mailto:ajlamar@archomaha.org).



## St. Frances Cabrini Meatball/Sauce Drive-thru

1248 South 10th St

This event is drive-thru only, northbound on 10th Street.  
Sunday, April 18, 2021  
Noon until sold out (or 6pm)



Purchase any combination of the items listed:  
8 meatballs for \$10  
1 quart of sauce for \$5  
Orsi's Bread for \$3

Cook up some pasta at home and you're all set.  
Hopefully, we'll be back to normal "dine-in" October 17th.

## Special Mass for Vocations

at St. Charles Borromeo - Monday, April 19th at 5:30 p.m.



The Serra Club of West Omaha invites you to join us for Holy Mass on Monday, April 19th, at 5:30 PM at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Gretna (7790 S. 192nd St.) to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life within the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Mass will be celebrated by Rev. Frank Baumert. Immediately following Mass, we invite you to attend our brief *Meeting & Mixer*. Meet our dedicated Serra members and enjoy light refreshments with us. For questions, contact John Lingo, Serra VP, 402-290-4670 or [John@JLingoLaw.com](mailto:John@JLingoLaw.com).

Congratulations on your  
First Holy Communion



James Murphy  
Daniel Amyoun

## PARISH PERSONNEL

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**Holy Communion to Homebound**  
Deacon Tim 402-731-7474

**Food for The Francis House**  
Mary Kentch 402-593-8703

**Funerals:** Please call the Parish Office

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

Contact Patty at St. Thomas More Office, 402-556-1456, or [psettles@stm.omhcoxmail.com](mailto:psettles@stm.omhcoxmail.com)  
3 months prior to baptism.

### Marriage

Please call Fr. Lorig at least 9 months in advance for date and instruction information. Always verify priest and church availability before reserving reception venue.

### Penance

Saturdays, 4:00-4:50 pm.  
Anytime by appointment

*Si necesita alguna información o tiene preguntas acerca de la iglesia por favor comuníquese con Martha Nevárez Saettele al 402-393 2005 ext. 4*

## Mass/Confession Times at St. Thomas More

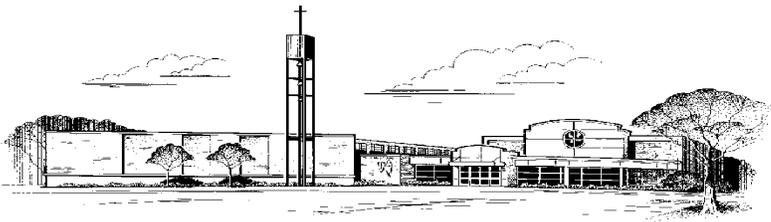


Monday - Friday: 7:00 am  
Saturdays: 8:00 am & 5:00 pm  
Sundays: 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
(Note: 10:30 am Mass is livestreamed via [stmomaha.org](http://stmomaha.org))

Confessions on Saturdays: 4pm-4:40 pm

*500 Confraternity*

April 18, 2021 - Adella Mausbach



## St. Joan of Arc School Highlights

We are excited to announce that we will hold a Read-a-Thon Fundraiser at SJA. This fundraiser brings students together with family and friends to encourage reading and to build literacy skills. Our Read-a-Thon starts April 19<sup>th</sup> and wraps up on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Students have been given a reading goal to complete during the two-week window and are asked to get pledges from family and friends if they reach their goal. If there are any Saint Joan of Arc Parishioners who would like to pledge a student, you can reach out to the school office and we will partner you with a student. No pledge is too small. Our goal is to have 100% participation from our students and to promote reading.

For the past ten years, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade student with the highest GPA at the end of the third quarter, receives the \$750.00 Mary E. Mangelson Scholarship which is applied to the student's eighth grade year. This year we are pleased to announce that the winner is Lillianne Hernandez. We applaud Lillianne for her many academic achievements and know that she will continue to work hard to make the best of the educational opportunities Saint Joan of Arc has to offer.



Kayleen Wallace  
Principal

The JPII Newman Center in Omaha is changing the lives of college students. The Center creates a faith community for students at a time when so many are leaving the church. That's why parishes across the archdiocese are holding a special collection next weekend. Students are also putting on an online fundraiser the week of April 19th on Facebook. Follow them at [facebook.com/jpiiomaha](https://facebook.com/jpiiomaha). College students are not known for being flush with cash. Your financial support will provide an opportunity for students with common values to continue their faith journey through their college years and will encourage students to be leaders in their future parishes and communities. You can place your donation in the collection basket **next weekend**. Be sure to indicate on the envelope that your donation is for JPII Newman Center. Or, you might consider giving online at [jpiiomaha.org/donate](https://jpiiomaha.org/donate). Thank you!



### Join the SJA Prayer Line

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depths of our heart." - St. Teresa of Calcutta



If you are interested in becoming a member of the SJA Prayer Line, please email [prayer@sjaomaha.org](mailto:prayer@sjaomaha.org). We will be happy to add your name to our list and send you the prayer requests of our parishioners. Prayer requests received are anonymously distributed and each individual prayer line member's email is not shared within this chain. Requests received are also added to the prayer request notebook that is available to those doing devotional hours.

### Garden Angels Needed

St. Vincent de Paul Society *Garden Angels* grow fresh produce for our food pantry. Experience is not necessary. Learn about the garden and volunteer duties at the opening of the garden season on Saturday, April 17th at 10:00 a.m. The garden is located on the south side of the SVdP Main Store & Pantry, 21st & Leavenworth, Omaha. Email [volunteers@svdpomaha.com](mailto:volunteers@svdpomaha.com) to register.



## Mass Intentions

<b>Monday, April 19, 2021</b>	<b>Requested by</b>
8:30 am † Ralph Peitzmeier (Rempe & Novotny Families)	
<i>School Mass for Christendom Academy*</i>	
<b>Tuesday, April 20, 2021</b>	
8:30 am † Poor Souls	
<i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass</i>	
<i>School Mass for SJA Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade*</i>	
<b>Wednesday, April 21, 2021</b>	
8:30 am † Joyce Luebbert (Doris Luebbert)	
<i>Litany of St. Joseph after Mass</i>	
<i>School Mass for SJA 3rd thru 5th Grade*</i>	
<b>Thursday, April 22, 2021</b>	
8:30 am † Ronald McClellan (McClellan Family)	
<i>School Mass for SJA 6th thru 8th Grade*</i>	
<b>Friday, April 23, 2021</b>	
8:30 am † John Farrell (Leone Farrell)	
<i>School Mass for Christendom Academy*</i>	
<b>Saturday, April 24, 2021</b>	
5:00 pm † Patrick Bystrek (Lori & Tom Knight)	
<i>Fr. Lorig</i>	
<b>Sunday, April 25, 2021</b>	
8:00 am SJA Parishioners	
<i>Fr. Lorig</i>	
10:30 am † Tom Mainelli (Mainelli Family)	
<i>Fr. Greg</i>	

\*Students will use the entire section of pews to the right of center aisle.

**Please remember those who are sick in our parish, and those we have been asked to pray for:** Ron D'Agata, Rosemary Hays, Dolores Nevarez, Father Greg's family, Julie (Nebbia) Hamick, Sherry Smisek Nickel, Jim Caniglia, Josynne Sherlock, Anna Maria Leo, Jerry Hogya, Bev Sladovnik, Shirley Bardsley, Connie Wade, Maxine Kantor, Maria Menjivar, Ken Renkenberger, Sam Marchese, Nadine Hansen, Anto Kinsley, Steve Hamill, Andrew Ascherl, Bob Mercier, Grace Fascianella, Roger Pedroza, †Edward M. Burns, †Constance Durkan

### Perpetual Eucharistic Open Hours

Sundays: 5am - call Rick, 402-599-3152  
 Mondays: 2pm, 11pm - call Rachel, 402-658-8418  
 Tuesdays: 9am, 10am - call Rachel, 402-658-8418  
 Wednesdays: 1pm - call Rebecca, 402-991-4497  
 Thursdays: 1am, 9am, 4pm - call Rachel, 402-658-8418  
 Fridays: 3am - call Rebecca, 402-991-4497  
 Saturdays: 2am, 8pm - call Deacon Tim, 402-731-7474



### Pantry at the Divine Mercy Center is Open

The Divine Mercy Center and Pantry is open and is offering pre-bagged items for individuals and families for those in need of assistance. The Pantry is located at 14330 Eagle Run Drive, near 144th and Maple. The Pantry offers a drive thru process at the doors leading to the Divine Mercy Center (west end of St. Vincent de Paul Church parking lot). Volunteers assist with traffic flow and the loading of bags into vehicles. The Pantry is open every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month from 9am to Noon, and from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. All you need to bring is a photo id. More information? Contact [pantry@svdpomaha.org](mailto:pantry@svdpomaha.org) or call 402.496.7988.



### Garage Sale - June 3-5, 2021

June will be here before we know it! So, as you are doing your spring cleaning, remember to set aside those items that will be perfect for the SJA Garage Sale ( please, no TV's, desks, or bookcases). More specifics later.