



A Brief Update from our Pastor, Fr. Jeff Lorig

The highlights below are far from an exhaustive list of the things happening in our parishes. While the schedule is different when school is not in session, things haven't slowed down as there are many projects in motion.

Midtown Catholic

- The name *Midtown Catholic* is beginning to appear a little more frequently in our bulletin articles and online. On the first weekend of July, our websites will direct viewers to www.midtowncatholic.church, and we will have one bulletin for both parishes. As a reminder, the names of our parishes are not going away. The *Midtown Catholic* name merely refers to those things which our parishes do together.
- Eric Keisling, our new Director of Finance and Operation, continues to immerse himself in the workings of both parishes. He is essentially the business manager for both parishes. As part of the Pastor's Senior Leadership Team, Eric handles the operational and administrative aspects of St. Joan of Arc and St. Thomas More parishes to align with each parish's overall mission and vision. He is responsible for the finance, administration, human resources, and general operations of both parishes. The position exists so that the Pastor may focus on the overall leadership of the two parishes.
- Rachel Bielstein, our Coordinator of Religious Education, continues to work out the details of the new version of our Religious Education program, which will be geared more towards *family* formation. I believe this will become one of the more attractive assets of our parishes and not merely a consolation for those families who don't attend our Catholic schools.
- We've begun to implement a new database for our parishes called *One Church Software*. We'll use this platform for all of our communications, volunteer scheduling, event registration, record keeping, and more.

St. Joan of Arc

- We've been busy getting rooms ready to welcome the Dual Language Academy to our school building. They should be all moved in by the end of this month. Merging our schools over the next few years will bring financial stability to our parish. If we do this right, it will also allow us to welcome new families looking for a parish home into our parish.
- The Parish Council has been working on creating a new set of bylaws. At the end of this month, the council will ratify the new guidelines. These directives mean taking a new approach to how the council is run and mean we'll need about 3 or 4 new members to the group. Details to come.

St. Thomas More

- We've been working with Leo Daly Architects since last fall to study our options for a new Parish Center. I haven't spoken much about it because we were looking at needs and options. Initially, I wasn't convinced a Parish Center was a priority, but after being here for a year, I see there is clearly a need for office and meeting space. We have made no firm plans, but we did send some sketches to the city planning office to see what options we might have. We will be reviewing the city's response this week.

JUNE 20, 2021 - THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Liturgical Ministers

June 26, 2021 and June 27, 2021

EMHCs

5:00 pm - Jeff Rich

8:00 am - Julia Craig

Crown Pointe - Mike Elston

10:30 am - Angelo Perry

Lectors

Jeff Rich

Janice Holzapfel

Mike Elston

Dave Hudson

Summertime Reminders

All St. Joan of Arc walk-in business will be handled by the SJA school office.

SJA Summer Office Hours - 8:00 am to 12:00 noon

Beginning July 10th, SJA will resume selling H.O.P.E. certificates on the weekends.

In the meantime, you can continue to buy certificates at the School Office (M-F, 8 am to Noon).

Bulletin Submissions



Items for the Sunday bulletin are to be submitted at least 9 days before you wish the announcement to appear. Submit your information to bulletin@sjaomaha.org.

Deadline for the July 4th bulletin is June 25th.

Coming Soon - Senior Appreciation BBQ

Pope Francis has declared Sunday, July 25, 2021, a day to celebrate Grandparents/Seniors in honor of St. Joachim and St. Anne (grandparents of Jesus).

St. Joan of Arc Parish will be hosting a BBQ for our Parishioners 65 and over from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm.

In July, watch for invitations in the pews as well as in your mailboxes at home. An RSVP is not necessary but will be appreciated to get a head count to have enough food.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Michele Nutsch at mnmnutsch@hotmail.com, or call 402-880-1596.



Spirit Radio Host to Tape Radio Broadcasts from Omaha!

Dr. Ray Guarendi, Clinical Psychologist and EWTN Radio show host, is coming to Omaha June 29th/30th to record four episodes of his EWTN TV show, *Living Right with Dr. Ray*. Taping will take place at the JPII Newman Center at 1221 S. 71st ST.



FREE tickets are available to attend the recordings! To reserve your seat, visit spiritcatholicradio.com. Questions? Contact 402-571-0200 or email kvss@kvss.com. Volunteers are needed! For details about volunteering for this event, email jackie@kvss.com.

St Joan of Arc

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

Open Hours

Sundays - 2am, call Rick - 402-599-3152

Mondays - 2pm, 11pm, call Rachel - 402-658-8418

Wednesdays - 1pm, call Rebecca - 402-991-4497

Thursdays - 1am, 4pm, call Rachel - 402-658-8418

Fridays - 2pm, 8pm, call Rebecca - 402-991-4497

Saturdays - 1pm, 3pm, 6pm call Deacon Tim - 731-7474

Interested in sharing an hour? Call Rachel at 402-658-8418



PARISH PERSONNEL

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Prayer Assistance Line

Melinda Kenton 402-390-9470

Kim Large: prayer@sjaomaha.org

Holy Communion to Homebound

Deacon Tim 402-731-7474

Food for The Francis House

Mary Kentch 402-593-8703

Funerals: Please call 402-556-1456

SACRAMENTS

Baptism : Contact Patty at 402-556-1456,

or pssettles@midtowncatholic.church 3 months prior to baptism.

Marriage: Contact Patty at 402-556-1456,

or pssettles@midtowncatholic.church 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 402-556-1456

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)

Confessions on Saturdays: 4pm-4:40 pm

500 Confraternity

June 20, 2021 - Katherine Sibbel

SJA Financial Report - May 2021

Summary

Results in May were solid with a relatively small operating loss (\$5,911) which was more than offset by a modest increase in our investments. Our total cash position (investments plus current cash) improved by \$12,220.

Operating Results

Overall, operations tracked slightly behind May's plan; unfavorable by \$5,013, though there were several offsetting results. Continuing the trend from prior months, there were unfavorable variances in weekly contributions (both envelopes and maintenance gifts), which were partially offset by a generous memorial gift from the Annin family. Tuition receipts were below plan, though they remain favorable for the year. The biggest impact was a delay in the second installment of the Children's Scholarship Fund, which created an unfavorable variance of \$12,500. (Note: we expect a receipt in approximately this amount in June.) A very successful school fundraiser contributed a favorable variance of \$6,000, and proceeds from the Covid-driven support for our lunch program added about the same. On the expense side we continue to see favorable results from lower personnel costs.

Year-to-date our operations are in the black by \$119,251, substantially better than our operating plan, which expected a cash loss of \$151,361. This favorable result has been driven from the two rounds of PPP (\$201,168), and one-time parishioner gifts of \$30,000 (January) and \$10,000 (April).

Cash and Investments

Our cash and investments continue to benefit from a strong market; our total cash position has increased by approximately \$390 thousand since July 1, 2020. Caution continues to be encouraged.

Special Projects

There were no significant project items during May. We are aware of several small projects in the offing: tree removal and treatment, window repair (est. \$3,100), and extra cleaning expenses to prepare the school for the upcoming year. Some of these expenses are likely to slip into the next fiscal year.

PPP

As noted above, we have exhausted the entire balance of the second PPP loan. We have received instructions from FNBO with procedures to request forgiveness of the loan. We intend to submit our request soon; we foresee no issue.

2021-2022 Budget

The initial draft of the 2021-2022 has been completed and is under review.

Give me a call if you have any questions.

Dennis Smid

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Legacy Planning

Many have drawn spiritual and academic life from our parish and school. Consider a gift through your will to continue the work of our parish. Prepare or update your will today by contacting an attorney. You may also direct questions to Tony LaMar, *Legacy Planning Officer*, Archdiocese of Omaha at ailamar@archomaha.org or 402-557-5650.



The Legion of Mary

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the Legion of Mary. The first meeting was September 7, 1921, in Dublin, Ireland with a priest from the Archdiocese, Frank Duff, and a group of women. This meeting was to have beneficial consequences for the mission of the Catholic Church and for millions of the lay faithful who serve in the Legion of Mary and those served by the legionary apostolate. If interested in becoming an active member, a praying member, or have any questions, call Connie Johnson at 402 339-8253 or Mary Beth McKee at 402 556-1672.



Mass Intentions

		Requested by
Monday,	June 21, 2021	
8:30 am	† John Farrell	(Leone Farrell)
Tuesday,	June 22, 2021	
8:30 am	† Mary McAndrews	(Bonnie Kroeger)
	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass	
Wednesday,	June 23, 2021	
8:30 am	† Joyce Luebbert	(Doris Luebbert)
	Litany of St. Joseph after Mass	
Thursday,	June 24, 2021	
8:30 am	† Patrick Bystrek	(Mary Scollard)
Friday,	June 25, 2021	
8:30 am	† Thomas Scalfaro	(Annie Riley)
Saturday,	June 26, 2021	
5:00 pm	† Richard Page	(Brian McGrath)
	Fr. Lorig	
Sunday,	June 27, 2021	
8:00 am	SJA Parishioners	
	Fr. Greg	
10:30 am	† Judy Novak	(Richard Novak)
	Fr. Frank	

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

Made Plans Yet for Fourth of July Weekend?



Join *Catholic Charities of Omaha* for a day of **MUSIC, FUN, FOOD, and FAMILY FESTIVITIES** during the Second Annual Essential Festival, **Friday, July 2nd**,

at SumTur Amphitheater in Papillion. The event benefits Catholic Charities and celebrates the organization's essential programs and services that help feed the hungry, raise people out of poverty, strengthen communities, and protect human dignity.

Music performances by The Emmett Bower Band, Finest Hour, Oye Como Va, The String Beans, and Omaha Street Percussion are scheduled. Other activities include Cirque Du Soleil clowns, food, face painting, cheerleaders, and fire trucks.

Gates open at 3:00 pm, and the event finishes with a fireworks show, by Bellino Fireworks, at 10:15 pm. More details and individual (\$25) and couple/family (\$50) tickets are available at



www.essentialfest.org. Facility COVID requirements will be followed.

Companions on the Journey

The Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, invite single women, ages 18-40 who are considering religious life, to attend our Monastic Experience July 16-22. We hope to give participants a more in-depth experience of our way of life. Those who come will experience our rhythm of prayer, work, and recreation. There will be daily input on prayer, monastic life, and discernment, as well as time for personal prayer and faith sharing. There is **no cost** to attend. Participants must be fully vaccinated before attending. To learn more, please visit www.benedictinesisters.org. To register, please contact Sr. Maria Victoria at (660) 944-2221 ex. 127 or email vocation@benedictinesisters.org.



Happy Father's Day