



Where We Are and Where We Want to Be

Fr. Jeff Lorig, Pastor

The months between Advent and my vacation in early June were busy and stressful. I hate saying this out loud because I never want you to think that priests are too busy to listen and pray with you, hear a confession, do an anointing, or make a hospital visit. Those things will always come first. But, on the other hand, I don't want you to feel sorry for me either.

Strangely, I didn't feel the stress consciously all that much and was able to stay on top of most things. I did not realize how the busyness affected me until I began to see some margin return in my schedule just this past week. I can tell I'm finally starting to relax because I'm beginning to be myself again. I am most myself when I'm living out of my strengths. I'm a strategic thinking person. It's what I do best. I am most myself and do what I do best when I have time to read, study, think, connect, and imagine what the future could be. Before December, I would regularly read books and blogs and listen to podcasts on *church growth* and *pastoral leadership*. Since December, I've had no desire to do these things. It was overwhelming to me to imagine executing on any new idea.

I say all of this for several reasons.

1. The type of schedule that I lived this past year probably won't be sustainable for me, especially if I'm not living out of my strengths. This means you might find me saying "no" to more activities and meetings.
2. I started listening to church growth and pastoral leadership podcasts again, which is a good sign.
3. After listening to a few of those podcasts and reading a few blogs, I realized, once again, that we are a long way from where we want to be. However, I've started to feel energized again about moving our parishes in the right direction.
4. The right direction is a church primarily focused on helping people take the next steps to mature in their faith. We are, unfortunately, a long way from accomplishing this.
5. Living out of your strengths honors the way God created us. I recommend a book called *Living Your Strengths (Catholic Edition)* by Al Winseman.

Midtown Catholic Parish Office - FYI

- *The phone number for the **parish office for both parishes is 402-556-1546**. The physical location of the Midtown Catholic Office is 4804 Grover Street (St. Thomas More). While all the mail will eventually end up there, St. Joan of Arc parishioners can still mail things to the St. Joan of Arc office if they prefer.
- *Call the parish office to reserve a room for a meeting or put something on the calendar at either parish.
- *Call the parish office to schedule a baptism, begin marriage prep, or schedule a mass, etc., for either parish.
- *Send bulletin announcements for either parish to Linda Boyer at lgboyer@midtowncatholic.church.
- *The St. Joan of Arc School Office will handle all SJA walk-in business.

JUNE 27, 2021 - THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Liturgical Ministers

July 3, 2021 and July 4, 2021

EMHCs

5:00 pm - Bill Harden

8:00 am - Marv Schulz

10:30 am - Valerie LaCrosse

Lectors

Carol Nish

Anthony Manno

Crown Pointe - Deacon Tim

Valerie LaCrosse



School Office will be Closed on Monday, July 5th.

Mass on July 5th will be at 9:00 am.

The Man of the Shroud

Spirit Catholic Radio is bringing to St. Robert Bellarmine Church an up-close experience of the most studied artifact of all time, The Shroud of Turin, what many believe to be the authentic burial cloth of Christ. Their newest traveling exhibit, **The Man of the Shroud**, will include 42 beautifully-designed panels on display in the Mainelli Center from **June 30 - July 4**. Viewing times are Wed. June 30 - Fri. July 2, 9am - 5pm, Sat. July 3, 9am - 7:30pm, Sun. July 4, 9am - 3pm. This exhibit will raise the questions, "Could the Shroud be the most important archaeological artifact ever found? Does it provide clues to what happened during the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus?" On Saturday, **July 3**, at 12pm in the Church, Shroud expert, **Jim Bertrand**, M.Ed. of the American Confraternity of the Holy Shroud, will give a special presentation and a rare viewing of a Shroud replica, as well as replicas of the Crown of Thorns, whip, nails, and Holy Sponge used in the Passion of Our Lord. For more information on this exhibit, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/shroud.



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



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SACRAMENTS

Baptism : Contact Patty at 402-556-1456, or pssettle@midtowncatholic.church 3 months prior to baptism.

Marriage: Contact Patty at 402-556-1456, or pssettle@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

Ann's Attic Clothing Sale and Parish Garage Sale - Cash Only
Thurs., July 15, 8:00 a.m.-6:30 pm; Fri., July 16, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 pm
Saturday, July 17 8:00 a.m.-Noon

St. Pius X - 69th and Blondo (Enter off 69th at Decatur St)

HUGE GYM PACKED FULL

The school gym is full of gently used clothes for all ages and sizes. This year selling by the bag. FREE clothes Sat. morning!! We will gladly accept your clean, used clothing of all sizes, linens, purses, and shoes for the Ann's Attic Sale. Email: annsattic@stpiusxomaha.org

GARAGE SALE

The O'Brien Parish Center is packed with many useful and unique items – all at low prices. Some sold by the bag. Large items half price on Sat.!! We will gladly take Garage Sale items. Email us for guidelines and hours. Email: garagaesale@stpiusxomaha.org



Marriage Celebration

August 22nd and August 29th



Archbishop George J. Lucas invites you to attend the annual Marriage Celebration on August 22nd at St. Cecilia's in Omaha or August 29th at St. Mary's in Norfolk. This event honors couples who are celebrating 1, 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage. Rosary at 1:30pm, Mass at 2pm with a cake reception to follow. Register by July 12th at ArchOmaha.org/FamilyLife. Sponsored by the Evangelization and Family Life Office.

Celebrando el Matrimonio 2021

[Nuevo] 22 y 29 de Agosto

Arzobispo George J. Lucas le invita a asistir a Celebrando el matrimonio el 22 de agosto en la Catedral Sta. Cecilia en Omaha ó el 29 de agosto en Sta. María en Norfolk. Este evento honra a las parejas que están celebrando 1, 5, 25, 40, 50, 60 o más años de matrimonio. El Rosario es a la 1:30 pm y la misa a las 2:00 pm., enseguida una recepción con pastel. Favor de confirmar su asistencia (RSVP) para el 12 de julio. Visite: ArchOmaha.org/FamilyLife para más información. A cargo de la Oficina de Evangelización y Vida familiar.



Summer Retreats Available

St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, Nebraska offers a variety of retreats in July. See the bulletin board in the Link for more specifics.

You can also find information about these retreats at www.StBenedictCenter.com.

Newly Married



Congratulations to

Roxana Lechtenberg and AJ Hurtado who were united in marriage

on June 19, 2021, at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

We wish you a lifetime of happiness .

The Legion of Mary

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the foundation of the Legion of Mary. The founder, Frank Duff, in 1917 became acquainted with St Louis deMontford's treatise, "True Devotion to Mary". A work that changed his life completely. Being a spiritual man, he taught and practiced lessons from the "True Devotion", which is still in print today. Frank Duff wrote the handbook for the Legion of Mary, filled with solid Mariology which has influenced the lives of thousands. If you are interested in becoming an active member or a praying member, or just have questions about the Legion of Mary, please call Connie Johnson at 402 339-8253 or Mary Beth McKee at 402 556-1672.



Mass Intentions

		Requested by
Monday,	June 28, 2021	
8:30 am	Special Intention	
	Trudy Fennel	(Mary Murphy)
Tuesday,	June 29, 2021	
8:30 am	† Eileen Annin	(Barbara Johnson)
	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena after Mass	
Wednesday,	June 30, 2021	
8:30 am	† Joyce Luebbert	(Doris Luebbert)
	Litany of St. Joseph after Mass	
Thursday,	July 1, 2021	
8:30 am	† Eugene Kavalec	(Dolores Semin)
Friday,	July 2, 2021	
8:30 am	† Dorothy Gappa	(Jim Gappa Family)
	Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after Mass	
Saturday,	July 3, 2021	
5:00 pm	SJA Parishioners	
Sunday,	July 4, 2021	
8:00 am	† Paul Dworak and	(Mary Anne Dworak)
	† Matt Thurber	
10:30 am	† Edward Novak	(Richard Novak)

Please remember those who are sick in our parish, and those we have been asked to pray for: Charlotte and Dominic Cullenward, Oliver Smith, Ron D'Agata, Rosemary Hays, Dolores Nevárez, Father Greg's family, Julie (Nebbia) Hamick, Sherry Smisek Nickel, Josynne Sherlock, Anna Maria Leo, Maxine Kantor, Jerry Hogya, Shirley Bardsley, Bev Sladovnik, Connie Wade, 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.



Matrimony: A Calling to Forgive!

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. *Retrouvaille* offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. *Retrouvaille* helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. *Retrouvaille* provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information or to register, go to www.helpourmarriage.com, or www.retrouvaille.org, or call 1-800-470-2230. The last day to register for the weekend program of August 13-15 is July 23rd, 2021