

SHARED PARISH INFORMATION

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THIS PAGE EVERY WEEK TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR PARISHES, THE SURROUNDING PARISHES, SNIPITS FROM FR. OLSEN, FR. WAYNE & MORE!

***FR. OLSEN IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR A PICTORAL DIRECTORY FOR COMBINED PARISH CLUSTER:** We are attempting to put together a parish pictorial directory of our combined parish cluster. I am looking for a volunteer from each parish to serve as a contact person. If you are interested and able, please let me know at eolsen@archomaha.org.

***SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE INFORMATIONAL MEETING:** Saturday, January 25. *Inviting all women of the archdiocese.* Are you looking for a way to help the priest(s) at your parish? Come and learn more about the Seven Sisters Apostolate on Saturday, January 25, at St. Patrick's in Fremont (3400 E 16th St, Fremont, NE 68025) from the founder of the apostolate, Janette Howe. The morning will begin with Mass at 8:00 AM with an informational meeting following at St. Patrick's parish hall. Refreshments will be provided. The meeting will conclude before noon. Contact Katie Keller at 402.575.9216 if you have any questions. More information about the apostolate can be found at: sevensistersapostolate.org.

"In strengthening the priest you strengthen the whole Church... Strengthen the priest and you strengthen the whole foundation, you strengthen everything in the Church." — Fr. Gerald Fitzgerald, S.P.

***ST. LEONARD SOUP & PIE:** Sunday, January 26, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Charity Hall in Madison. We will be serving cream of broccoli soup, chicken noodle soup and vegetable beef soup, sandwiches, hot dogs, desserts and soft-serve ice cream. This is a freewill donation, all proceeds going to St. Leonard School.

***SACRED HEART PARISH MISSION WITH DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS:** Sacred Heart Parish in Norfolk will be hosting a four-night mission, January 27-30 at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's Church featuring Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers. Deacon Harold—known around the world as the "Dynamic Deacon"—is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith is sure to challenge and inspire those who hear him. A freewill offering will be taken each night of the event to help support and further the ministry of Deacon Harold. For more information you can contact Philip Zimmerman at philipzimmerman@sacredheartnorfolk.com or you can call 402-371-2621.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

by Saint Thérèse of Lisieux

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests;
for Your unfaithful and tepid priests;
for Your priests laboring at home or
abroad in distant mission fields;
for Your tempted priests;
for Your lonely and desolate priests;
for Your young priests;
for Your sick priests;
for Your dying priests;
for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.
But above all I recommend to You the priests dearest to me:
the priest who baptized me;
the priest who absolved me from my sins;
the priests at whose Masses I have assisted
and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion;
the priests who taught and instructed me and gave me counsel;
all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.
O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart,
and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.
Amen.

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LECTIO DIVINA AT HOME:

Take some time during the week to practice Lectio Divina. Here are next Sunday's readings to get you started:

1st Reading:

Resp. Psalm:

2nd Reading:

Gospel:



Holy Family Parish January 19

Plant Project

Teams 7 and 8 are asked to work the Plant Project Wednesday morning, and afternoon. Please come help with this worthwhile project. Thanks to our dedicated helpers these past weeks!

Knights of Columbus Major Degree

Sunday, January 19 in Genoa
For District 20 and surrounding areas. See announcement in back of church on bulletin board

Knights of Columbus Meeting and Rosary

Tuesday, January 21st
Rosary at 7:10 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm
in the project center meeting room.

Collection Report 01/12

Loose	303.00
Sunday Giving	2768.50
School Support	8687.32
Seminary	105.00
Bldg & Imp	10.00
Total	\$11873.82

Take Fr Jim a Meal

Please remember to sign up on the website Taketheameal.com with the recipient name of Novotny and password of 2019. Fr Jim truly appreciates all the meals brought in for him in the past! The meals can be very simple, let's continue to show our appreciation for all the years of sacrifice and dedication Fr Jim gave us.

Lenten Small Group Initiative

This year, what if your Lenten sacrifice brought your friends and family closer to Jesus? Instead of giving up chocolate, what if you led a 6-week small group that taught you to pray with Scripture together? In 2019, over 400 people throughout the Archdiocese met weekly in small groups to encounter Jesus together through the Lenten Small Group Initiative. In Lent of 2020, we want to expand this effort to reach even more souls. Your Lenten sacrifice can have a lasting impact on the lives of many people who are searching for God! Register for workshop held at St Rose of Lima, Genoa, January 30th on the Archomaha.org website.

Welcome to Our Parish

Wyatt Michael Bender, son of Jeff and Kristin Bender

What are Mass Intentions?

One part of Catholic culture that is sometimes hard to understand and very often misunderstood is the custom of offering Mass intentions.

When a priest celebrates Mass each day, he *offers* each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention. By doing so he applies special graces from God upon that person or intention.

Similar to how we are able to intercede for others by our personal prayers, the Church is able to intercede for us through the celebration of the Mass. However, since the Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life" the Mass possesses a power that our personal prayers do not.

The practice of offering Mass for particular intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church.

Pope Paul VI said, "The Mass is the most perfect form of prayer!" It has immense power and countless miracles and conversions have occurred throughout the centuries by offering Masses for a specific intention or person. Mass intentions are a great treasure of the Church and have a spiritual weight that is incalculable.

Credit to Philip Kosloski/ Aleteia website

**There are several weekday openings if you would like to have a Mass said in honor of your loved ones. Stop by the rectory on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays to request.

Free Throw Contest

Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Free Throw contest on Sunday, January 26 at 9:30am in the Gym open to girls and boys ages 9-14. You have to be 9 years old before January 1st to enter. A parent needs to sign release form that day. Anyone participating at the varsity level is not allowed to participate in the contest. The gym will be open immediately following the 8am Mass to allow the kids to warm up, etc.

Get Equipped for Mission

Do you strive to help others know and love Jesus? Are you seeking a personal growth and formation in Evangelization? Do you desire to deepen your personal relationship with Christ through prayer and the sacraments? Check out the Mentorship Program on the Archomaha.org website.

Ultrasounds Save Lives (2,157 in fact)

Since 2009 the Nebraska Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation (COL) has placed a total of **ten** ultrasound machines in qualifying Women's Resource Centers throughout Nebraska. The first one was placed in Kearney in 2009. Others have been placed in North Platte, Grand Island, Hastings, O'Neill, and in four facilities in the Omaha area.

We asked the ten facilities, with ultrasound machines in place by 2018, the question; **"In 2018, how many abortion minded and/or abortion vulnerable women received an ultrasound, and after seeing the results, chose not to abort?"** With eight of the ten facilities responding, the total number of ultrasounds given was **2558**. Of that number, **2157** women chose not to abort after viewing the ultrasound. That is more than **84%** of the women that were able to view their baby and see the heartbeat, felt the need to keep their baby and not abort.

The COL is funded mainly through the One Rose-One Life campaign which is sponsored and carried out by local Knights of Columbus Councils in parishes statewide on or near January 22, the anniversary of the 1973, Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision.

The "Ultrasound Initiative," is a program started in 2009, by the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, which has close to two million members, to help place ultrasound machines in qualifying Women's Resource Centers throughout the United States and worldwide. Supreme typically pays half of the cost of a machine with the other half coming from the state or local Councils. Since its conception, over 1,000 ultrasound machines have been placed, saving countless babies lives.

Look for a **"One Rose-One Life"** campaign coming soon to a parish near you, so you too, can help save lives. Your donations make a difference.

Brian & Mary Jo Hamik
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