St. Patrick's NORTH PLATTE

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November 1, 2026

Mass Schedule

Saturday @ 5:30PM
Sunday @ 8:30AM & 11:00AM
Daily Mass: Tuesday @ 7:00AM
Wednesday @ 5:15PM
Thursday & Friday @ 7:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday @ 6:30AM
Wednesday @ 4:45PM
Thursday & Friday @ 6:30AM
Saturday @ 4:00-5:00pm or by appointment

Connect with us:

Parish Office Hours: M-F 8:30am-4pm

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COMING JANUARY 2027:
New Federal Tax Credit Opportunity

Starting January 1, 2027, you can direct up to **$1700** of your federal income tax liability to support K-12 private school scholarships. Scan the QR code to learn more and sign up for updates.

Register with our Parish

Adoration of Our Lord in the exposed Blessed Sacrament is offered weekly on Thursdays from 1pm-8pm in the church. You are encouraged to dedicate yourself to a habitual time each week for 30-60 minutes. Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary at 3pm or for Night Prayer & Benediction at 7:40pm.

The **November Magnificats** are here. We have an additional 2 extra Magnificats for purchase. If interested, please see Makaela in the office.

Text ***BULLETINNP*** to 84576 to get the bulletin on your phone!

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2026

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

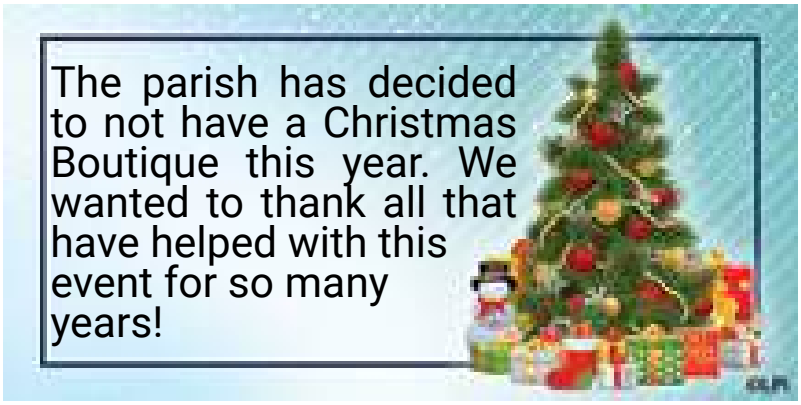
Monday November 2	6:00pm - Catholic Daughters Meetings 6:30pm - All Souls' Mass
Tuesday November 3	1:00pm - Prayer Blanket Ministry 5:30pm - Council of Catholic Women
Wednesday November 4	8:30 am - Blood Pressure & Sugar Checks 12:00pm - Anointing Mass & Lunch 2:00pm & 5:30pm - Bible Studies 6:00pm - Religious Education 7:00pm - Confirmation Class
Thursday November 5	1:00-8:00pm - Adoration 3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:30pm - Holy Hour for Vocations 6:00pm - Becoming Catholic
Saturday November 7	9:30am - CEC Ultreya Meeting
Sunday November 8	3:00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Following up on my explanation of last week of the Sacrifice in the Mass, I offer here more details. In the Jewish Temple, animal sacrifices–particularly the peace offering–were shared sacred meals establishing communion between God, the clergy, and the people. When an animal was offered, God's portion consisted of the choice fat, kidneys, and liver lobe, which were burned on the altar. The priests received a prescribed portion for their holy service. But the remainder was returned to the worshipers and their families to eat. It would be unheard of that a person would "drop off" a sacrificial animal for the priest to handle, as the people were directly expected to participate, feast, and share in the sacrificial action.

This communal participation directly parallels the Catholic Church's expectation for the faithful at Mass. Just as Israelite worshipers did not merely watch the priests from afar but actively offered, presented, and consumed the sacrifice, Catholics are called to active, conscious participation in the Sacrifice of the Mass—offering themselves alongside Christ and consuming His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. With good reason the Church calls us to participate each Sunday and holyday in the Mass, and to receive Communion at the very least once per year. This is not simply a "command performance" but a law prescribed out of great love for us because the highest call of a Christian is the gift of self in imitation of Christ Jesus.

The Mass is a sacrifice that each of us offers in union with the priest. While I certainly offer each Mass with an intention in mind for which the sacrifice is offered, so also should you! Prior to Mass each person should form their intention in their mind so that their participation. What do you bring to offer the Lord today? If you are going to receive Holy Communion from the sacrifice, shouldn't you have brought something to offer?



Faith is the substance of things to be hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. -Heb 11 :1

Faith should make us happy and strong, faithful and secure because God's authority stands behind it! It becomes a living force that cannot be imagined. Do I strive to preserve and increase this faith?

PRAYER- Heavenly Father, I am happy to be able to deposit all my trust in You. Strengthen my faith and do not let anything shake it.

The Catholic Daughters of Americas Court of Our Lady of Fatima will meet Monday, November 2 at the St. Patrick's Spiritual Life Center with rosary starting at 5:30pm followed by the business meeting at 6:00pm. Ladies of ALL parishes are welcome. Members donate to charities, administer scholarship programs and strive "to be helping hands where there is pain, poverty, sorrow or sickness." They embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all. Contact Lea Anne Ottis with any questions.

Do you have a kneeler that you no longer use? The parish would love to have it for the Adoration Chapel! Please bring it to the church at your earliest convenience or contact the Parish office. Thanks!

Hospitality MINISTRY TRAINING

There will also be **training for all Hospitality Ministers** after each Mass November 14th & 15th.

Martha Ministry

November 3-Toni Slattery
November 5-Janiece Smith
November 10-Mindy Hill
November 12-DiAnn Nichelson
November 17-Krystal Miller
November 19-Jessica Lawrence
November 24-Judy Chiplaski
November 26-Sami Wright

Catholic Scouting Troop 292 will be taking orders for Premium Fresh Christmas Wreaths & Greenery after all Masses on Sunday November 1st and November 8th. Fresh Greenery will be delivered the first week of December for your Christmas Decorating.

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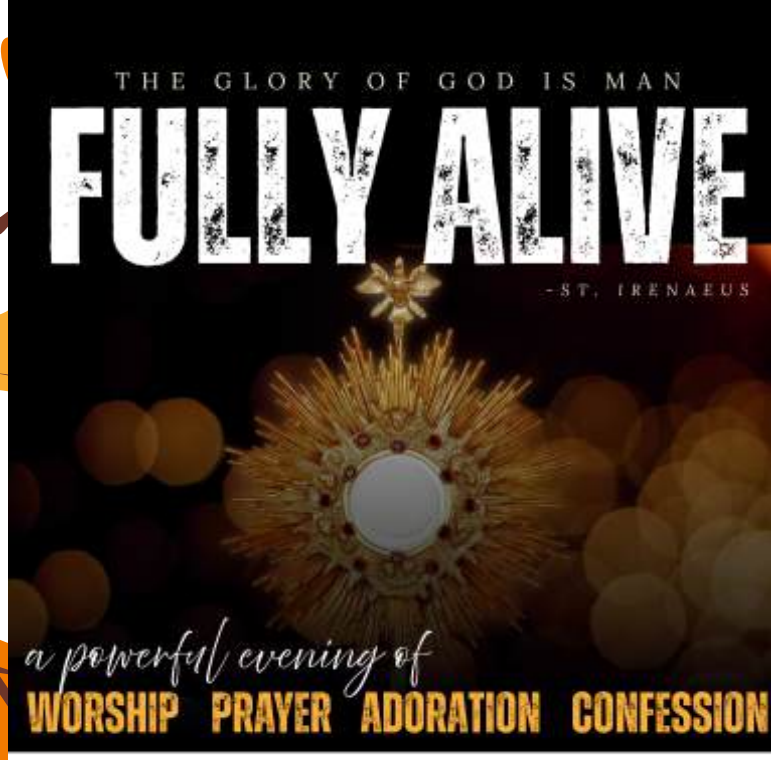
-ST. IRENAEUS



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Come join us for **FULLY ALIVE**, *a powerful evening with Jesus in the Eucharist. Let your soul be fed and heart set ablaze through the Word, praise & worship, and Eucharistic Adoration. Prayer teams and Confession will be available. Fellowship & ice cream to follow.*

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Ticket Form:

The Visitation Banquet

Luke 1:39-45

Join us for a night of conversation and fellowship to raise money for a scholarship for pregnant and parenting students on the University of Nebraska-Kearney campus. Experience the testimonies of women who chose life. Ticket proceeds and donations will go directly to the scholarship fund.

Time

5:00pm Doors open
5:30pm Cocktail hour
6:30pm Dinner
Speakers to follow

Date

December 5, 2026

Location

Kearney Younes Conference Center South
416 West Talmadge Street

Sponsorship Form:

For Questions Contact

studentsforlifeunk@gmail.com

Send Ticket Payments and Donations to:

Ann Sucha
ATTN: UNK Students for Life
811 West 27th Street
Kearney, Ne 68845

ALL SOULS' DAY

All Souls Day Mass is Monday, November 2nd at 6:30pm.

Youth Ministry

Help us out at this mass: Nov. 15th at 11am! (sign up here):

Called to Become Saints!

Today, on the Solemnity of All Saints, we begin National Vocation Awareness Week – a special time to focus on vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, and to help young people listen for God's Call.

This year we also celebrate the Year of St. Francis, whose life reminds us that holiness begins by listening to Christ and responding generously. Francis wrote, "Incline the ear of your heart and obey the voice of the Son of God." That invitation is meant for every Christian.

God calls each of us to holiness, but He leads us there along different paths: marriage, priesthood, religious life, the diaconate, or generous single life. Our vocation is more than what we do; it is the particular way God calls us to love, serve, and ultimately become saints.

During Vocation Awareness Week, ask the Lord to help you live your own vocation more faithfully – and encourage the young people in your life to ask a simple question with an open heart: "Lord, how are you calling me to become a saint?"

All Saints Day is November 1st. Take time to learn about a new Saint or two. Find more ideas at: https://www.teachingcatholickids.com/30-ideas-for-celebrating-the-feasts-of-all-saints-and-all-souls/

All Souls Day is November 2nd. Spend some time praying for deceased loved ones (and people who have no one else to pray for them). Find more ways to remember the poor souls in purgatory at: https://catholicallyear.com/blog/easy-family-activities-for-month-of/

Upcoming Seminary and Convent Visits

Conception Seminary, MO

November 13-15: Encounter with God's Call, Conception Seminary - For men ages 16 to 35.

St. John Vianney Seminary, Denver, CO

October 25 and November 29 – Discernment Retreat for High School Men

November 1 and December 12 – Discernment Retreat for Adults

Missionary Benedictine Sisters, Immaculata Monastery - Norfolk, NE

January 29-31, Come and See: Discernment Retreat for Women (19-45)

May 1-2, Come and See: Discernment Retreat for High School Women

www.givocations.org/events

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NPCS North Platte Catholic Schools

November 1, 2026

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

School Board Elections 2026

At this time there are two positions open on the North Platte Catholic Schools Board.

One member will represent the Holy Spirit Parish and one member will be voted on to represent our St. Patrick's Parish.

Candidate running for the St. Pat's seat: Jordan Maassen.

Jordan is currently serving on the School Board and is running for re-election unopposed.

Please take a moment to read his bio, and be prepared to submit your vote next weekend.

Every ballot counts.

If you or someone you know would be interested in running for School Board in the future, please contact Superintendent Dodson--308-532-1874.

Jordan Maassen

My name is Jordan Maassen, and I am seeking reelection to the North Platte Catholic Schools Board. My wife Megan and I have five children—Teagan, Carlan, Houstan, Rylan, and Ethan—with our four oldest currently enrolled at McDaid Elementary.

Over the past three years, our board has worked hard to maintain a safe learning environment, recruit quality teachers, and retain the dedicated educators who make our school special.

I am proud of the progress we have made and the commitment to providing our students with a strong Catholic education.

If reelected, I look forward to serving another three years, continuing this momentum by working toward better teacher pay, updating school policies to help keep our students safe, and ensuring our school continues to provide a high-quality Catholic education rooted in our faith and values.

November is Vocations Month

at St. Patrick's! This year, our parish is spiritually adopting seminarian **Jake Masker**, who served with us last summer. We invite all parishioners to support Jake by participating in the Writing, Prayer, and Discernment Stations in the gathering area. These opportunities are designed to encourage our seminarians, reflect on God's call in our own lives, and provide spiritual support for those discerning His will.

Please place letters for Jake in the drop box in the gathering area. Donations and small gifts for a care package may be dropped off at the parish office. We will mail them at the end of the month. Thank you for your prayers and support!

Mass Intentions

Mon., Nov. 2nd - 6:30 pm - Alumni & benefactors listed in the North Platte Catholic Schools Endowment Book of Memories
Tue., Nov. 3rd - 7am - Goodwin Family
Wed., Nov. 4th - 12pm - † Robert Schmitz
5:15pm - Cameron Craig
Thurs., Nov. 5th - 7am - † Buck & Jacque Bassett
Fri., Nov. 6th - 7am - † Ted & Margaret Long
Sat., Nov. 7th - 5:30 pm - † Lance Wilson
Sun., Nov. 8th - 8:30am - † Victoria Ruth Martinez
11am - The People of the Parish

Readings of the Week

Monday: Wis 4:7-14; Rom 5:17-21; Mt I1:25-30
Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Explore the Catholic faith through our "Becoming Catholic" classes, held alternating Thursdays at 6PM. These sessions are open to those considering joining the Church, Catholics preparing for sacraments, or anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of the faith. We encourage you to personally invite those who may be interested and are also seeking sponsors to mentor newcomers as they integrate into our community. For more information or to volunteer as a sponsor, see stpatsnp.org/becoming_catholic or contact the office.

PARISH CONTACTS

Schedule a meeting with Fr. Sorensen

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MASS MINISTRIES

Please use the Ministry Scheduler Pro App to find a substitute if you are unable to fulfill your ministry. Thank you.

Mass	Sat.,November 7th at 5:30pm	Sun., November 8th at 8:30am	Sun., November 8th at 11am
Servers	Arthur Siblings E. Condon	Z. Pfeifer Kinyua Siblings C. De Guzman	B. Braithwait Melvin Siblings
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Adult	$15,471.00
Plate	$947.75
Total	$16,418.75
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Knight of the Month - Jerry Eastburn

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Parish Goal: $48,584
Total Received: $13,362
Donor Goal: 150
# of Donors: 53

Parish Rosary Program
Weekly: 189
Year to date: 3,631
Grand total: 21,330

Calling all 4th Dayers to Ultreya! First Saturday of every month in the Spiritual Life Center at St. Patrick's from 10am-12pm.

CATHOLICS ENCOUNTER CHRIST