

**MINISTRIES FOR FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2012**

	<b>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9:00 AM</b>
<b>LEADER:</b>	Rich Phillips	Ashley Andreas
<b>LECTOR:</b>	Madison Verhulst	Gayland Leypoldt
<b>MIN. OF BREAD:</b>	Carolee Egging	Lyle Borcher
<b>MIN. OF CUP:</b>	Lawrence Egging Joan Huus Nyla Hobson Jean Dimmick	Dan Ascherl Carrie Nesbitt Jeremy Nesbitt Joe Hruska
<b>SERVERS:</b>	Kelly Von Seggern Sara Von Seggern	Jack Feddersen Logan Wamsley
<b>GREETERS:</b>	Tim & Kendra Hausmann Family Lois Conrad Don & Sherrie Dudley	Ryan & Tess Plummer Mencho & Joan Falcon Juli Kalinowski
<b>USHERS:</b>	Stan Belieu Mike Leininger	Jeff Smith Kevin Thomas Keith Nienhueser
<b>MUSIC:</b>	Joe, Debbie/Jack	Guitars/Jamie

Communion to Home Bound/Extended Care February 12:  
Arlene Johnson and Jane Barnica

**RUMMAGE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS**

(Friday & Saturday 9 a.m.—3 p.m.)

February 10 & 11—Team #3 Carolee Egging  
February 17 & 18—Team #4 Dorothy Treinen

**MASS READINGS FEBRUARY 6—12, 2012**

**6 Monday—Saint Paul Miki & companions**

1 Kgs 8:1-7,9-13/Mk 6:53-56

**7 Tuesday**

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13

**8 Wednesday—Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint Josephine Bakhita**

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23

**9 Thursday**

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30

**10 Friday—Saint Scholastica**

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37

**11 Saturday—Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary**

1 Kgs 12:26-32;13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10

**12 Sunday—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**ANNIVERSARY MASS WITH BISHOP DENDINGER**

All married couples in the Grand Island Diocese whose anniversary is divisible by 5 in the years 2011-2012 will be honored at a special Anniversary Mass with Bishop William Dendinger presiding on **Saturday, February 11, 2012, at the 5 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral in Grand Island.** If you wish to be an honor couple at this Mass, please RSVP to St. Mary's office, 308-384-2523, by February 7, 2012. A lasagna dinner will follow Mass at Cathedral Square (\$12 per honor couple).

**WORD OF LIFE**

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2012*

God loves us. This is the great truth of our life; it is what makes everything else meaningful. We are not the product of blind chance or absurdity; instead our life originates as part of a loving plan of God.

*~ Pope Benedict XVI, Prayer Vigil with Young People at Cuatro Vientos Airport, August 20, 2011*

**RETRouvaille**

**2 weeks to Sign up for Retrouvaille**

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped tens of 1,000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on Feb. 17-19, 2012 please call 1-888-317-5654 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) on the web.

**CATHOLICS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (CEC)**

Are you **SEARCHING**

for something to help you grow in your faith?

Are you **SEEKING**

for a way to strengthen your relationship with Christ?

Are you **LOOKING** to revitalize your spiritual life?

**2012 Women's Weekend**

Feb. 24—26

Camp Comeca, Cozad

**2012 Men's Weekend**

March 16—18

Camp Comeca, Cozad

To register contact:

Kathy Boroff:

308-381-7206

Greg Viegutz:

308-537-3807

Fr. Paul Colling:

308-324-4648

*The Lord's Portion*

January 29 .....\$3,487.61



**Saint Patrick's Catholic  
Parish Community**

1039 14th Ave. PO Box 99  
Sidney, Nebraska 69162

Web site: [sidneystpats.com](http://sidneystpats.com) Email: [stpatsparish@alloisp.com](mailto:stpatsparish@alloisp.com)  
Youth Ministry Facebook: Sidney St. Patrick's Youth Ministry

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 5, 2012**



**Mass Schedule for the Week**

Monday, Feb. 6	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	Int. of Chuck Plummer
Tuesday, Feb. 7	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	Milford Krajewski
Wednesday, Feb. 8	7:30 a.m.	Bob Kallhoff
Thursday, Feb. 9	7:30 a.m.	Benny Von Seggern
Friday, Feb. 10	7:30 a.m.	Jana Buras
Saturday, Feb. 11	5:30 p.m.	Int. of Irene Faesser
Sunday, Feb. 12	9:00 a.m.	Int. of the People of St. Patrick's

*Daily Masses are celebrated in the Eucharistic Chapel—Please use the southwest entrance.*

When a funeral Mass is held—there will be no daily Mass. The Mass intention will be rescheduled—Thank You.

**BAPTISMS**

Please contact Sr. Marietta.

**MARRIAGES**

Please contact Fr. Art six months before scheduling (a four-month period of preparation is required).

**PASTORAL HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATIONS**

If a family member or friend is homebound or in the hospital, and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. Other time by appointment.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

Welcome! Please register at the Parish Office, 1039 14th Ave.

**Diocesan Mass Times:** [www.gidiocese.org/masstimes/masstimes.php](http://www.gidiocese.org/masstimes/masstimes.php)

**SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Saint Patrick's Parish is a community empowered by the Spirit of God to love, serve, and welcome all to Christ. As a family of common faith, we encourage stewardship by living our baptismal call.

<b>S T A F F</b>	<b>Pastor:</b> Father Art Faesser	Office: 254-2828; Residence: 254-6334
	<b>Pastoral Minister &amp; DRE:</b> Sister Marietta Spenner, OSF	Office: 254-2828; Residence: 254-5740
	<b>Director of Youth Ministry:</b> Pat Mertz	Office: 254-2828; Residence: 250-3412
	<b>Administrative Assistant:</b> Yolanda Hruska	254-2828
	<b>Building &amp; Grounds Supt.:</b> Frank Gregg	254-2828
	<b>Housekeeping:</b> Betty Luxa	254-2828

**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 8:00 AM—5:00 PM; FRIDAY 8:00 AM—4:00 PM**

## FROM FR. ART. . . .

Dear Parishioners-

We're delighted to welcome Fr. Simeon Gallagher to St. Patrick's this week and we look forward to our Parish Retreat. May the Spirit of God rest upon Fr. Gallagher in his sharing with us and may the same Spirit open the hearts of each of us as well.

This weekend marks the kick off of our 2012 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We are given the opportunity to steward our gifts in supporting the critical ministries of our Diocese in serving the needs of our people of the Church in Western Nebraska. You have been so generous in past years and once again I look to you for your continued support. We are able to meet our goal of \$47,658.00 if each parishioner contributes 10% of your annual contribution to St. Patrick's Parish. We have had a bit of a shortfall in meeting our goal the past couple of years. Many of you are making the necessary sacrifices, and doing all that you are able. Together, with the participation of *each one*, we can meet our goal this year.

The West Nebraska Register has carried, and continues to inform us about the Appeal. Bishop Dendinger has printed the budget for the diocese and indicated the various ministries and programs the appeal helps to fund. A review of these can help us understand how much our response is needed.

Steve Hendricks of our parish has graciously agreed to serve as our parish chair person for this year's appeal. Steve will be addressing the parish next weekend and encouraging our participation and support as he outlines some of the specific needs of the Diocese.

It's my prayer that many of you will be able to enter into these coming days of prayer and reflection as we gather to participate in our parish retreat.

Blessings + Peace,

Fr. Art

 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
8—11 AM • SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12  
PANCAKE-FRENCH TOAST BREAKFAST  
ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CENTER

5 PM • FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24  
FISH FRY  
ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CENTER



## SAINT PATRICK'S COMMUNITY NEWS

**Feb. 5** Council of Catholic Women Annual Meeting,  
Garden Level, 10 am

**Feb. 6—9** Parish Retreat, Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap.  
"A Theology and Spirituality for Relationships"

**Feb. 10—12** Marriage Encounter Weekend, Lincoln

**Feb. 12** Knights of Columbus Breakfast, 8-11 am  
Parent meeting for First Eucharist, 10:15 am  
World Marriage Day

**Feb. 15** 5th Grade Class Reconciliation, 5:40 pm

**Feb. 18 & 19** Esk-OMI offering received

**Feb. 21** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper—Christ Episcopal, 5 pm

**Feb. 22** Ash Wednesday Masses, 7 am & 6 pm  
Church in Eastern Europe offering received

**Feb. 24** KC Fish Fry, 5 pm  
Stations of the Cross, 6 pm

**Feb. 26** Annual Hospice Memorial Service, E-Free Church,  
2 pm, refreshments to follow

## DIOCESAN STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2012

### DISCIPLESHIP & STEWARDSHIP: A WAY OF LIVING

This month the annual Diocesan Stewardship Appeal, *Living Our Faith, Sharing Our Gifts ... Together* begins. The Diocesan Stewardship Appeal 2012 will fund ministries throughout central and western Nebraska. This is a wonderful opportunity to assess our stewardship of time, talent & treasure. All families are asked to discern their gifts and participate according to what they have received.

In order for our parish to reach its goal all families are asked to consider a gift of at least 10% over their annual parish contribution. This may be a one-time gift or a pledge, payable over eight months. Your contribution to the Diocesan Stewardship Appeal may also be made online at [gidiocesse.org](http://gidiocesse.org). Any money that is raised over our goal may stay in our parish, or we can send part of it to help those parishes unable to attain their goal.

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal Sunday is the weekend of February 19. You received information in the mail detailing this appeal. The mailing includes a letter from Bishop Dendinger, a brochure and a pledge envelope to be used on the Diocesan Stewardship Appeal Weekend.

We're asked to sit down and evaluate all our circumstances — our time, talent & treasure, and how we can contribute. Christ calls us to make a difference where we can. Ask yourself ... is this an area where I can make a difference?

## FAITH FORMATION & EVENTS

### †† FAITH FORMATION CLASS TIMES

K—3rd Grades	Sunday, Feb. 5	10:15—11:30 AM
4th thru 6th Grades	Wednesday, Feb. 8	5:30—6:45 PM
Middle School	Wednesday, Feb. 8	**
High School	Wednesday, Feb. 8	**
K—3rd Grades	Sunday, Feb. 12	10:15—11:30 AM
4th thru 6th Grades	Wednesday, Feb. 15	5:30—6:45 PM
Middle School	Wednesday, Feb. 15	6—7:15 PM
High School	Wednesday, Feb. 15	7:30—9 PM

\*\* No classes—Parish Retreat

### †† R.C.I.A.: RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8 @ 7 PM—PARISH RETREAT AT THE CHURCH.

### †† PARENT MEETING—NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 12, 10:15—11:30 AM

This is for parents of registered children participating in Faith Formation Class and preparing for First Eucharist. Please make note of this on your calendar.

## DIocese OF GRAND ISLAND

### CERTIFICATION PROCESS CORE COURSE

I will be offering Core Catechist Certification Classes here at St. Patrick's, 6—9 pm on Monday evenings February 20, 27 and March 5, 12. A minimum of ten participants are required for the course to take place. This process is for anyone teaching in the Diocese including: DRE's, Youth Ministers, Pastoral Ministers, Catechists, Religion Teachers in Schools and RCIA Teams. Please call Sr. Marietta, 254-2828, if you have questions.

This course is a great opportunity for any and all interested adults seeking growth and knowledge in faith. Deadline for registration is February 10, 2012.

### PARISH RETREAT: FEBRUARY 6—9

#### "A THEOLOGY AND SPIRITUALITY FOR RELATIONSHIPS"

Fr. Simeon Gallagher, OFM Cap

Monday through Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Church.

Monday:

"Sustaining Good Relationships: Faith as a Foundation"

Tuesday:

"Communications in Relationships: Prayer as a Model"

Wednesday:

"Breaking Relationships: Sin as Interpersonal"

Thursday:

"Building Better Relationships: Graces for Growth"

As we enter the week of our parish retreat, why not consider attending daily mass. The Eucharist will be celebrated each day at 7:30 a.m. in the day chapel. Following mass, Father Gallagher will offer a summary presentation of the theme for the day for those that choose to attend. This is a great option for those who find it difficult to come out in the evening.

Feel free to invite friends of other denominations.  
Child care will be provided.

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& IN TOUCH WITH  
YOUTH MINISTRY:

Twitter: @sidstpats

Facebook: Sidney St. Patrick's Youth Ministry

Parent education page (trial run)  
for parents of 8th graders:  
[stpatsyouth.educatorpages.com](http://stpatsyouth.educatorpages.com)

E-mail: [stpatsyouth@live.com](mailto:stpatsyouth@live.com)

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN—SUNDAY, FEB. 5 @ 10 AM  
PARISH COUNCIL—THURSDAY, FEB. 16 @ 7 PM

## STEWARDSHIP

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

Recently, the Keystone XI pipeline has been in the news. This pipeline, which was planned to run through part of Nebraska, has been hotly contested by people with widely different outlooks.

Catholic News Service (CNS) reports that *on one side [of the debate] were representatives of the energy industry who say the project would produce thousands of construction jobs and reduce U.S. dependence on Middle East oil. The other included religious and environmental groups concerned that extracting oil in Canada's northern boreal forest will accelerate climate change and harm the livelihood of First Nations people.*

Catholics opposed to the project include Bishop Luc Bouchard whose Alberta Diocese is home to the tar sands, the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns, Columban Fathers' Center for Advocacy and Outreach, and the Franciscan Action Network.

CNS also reports that *"at the center of the debate is the complex process used to extract viscous oil called bitumen from formations of sand, clay and water in an area known as oil sands or tar sands."*

By way of information, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calculates that because *extraction and refining of Canadian oil sands crude are GHG-intensive relative to other types of crude oil . . . we estimate that GHG emissions from Canadian oil sands crude would be approximately 82% greater than the average crude refined in the U.S., on a well-to-tank basis. To provide some perspective on the potential scale of emissions, 27 million metric tons is roughly equivalent to annual CO2 emissions of seven coal-fired power plants.*

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