



St. Patrick's

NORTH PLATTE

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From the Pastor

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Consider for a moment what it was that Jesus came to earth to accomplish. What was his purpose? Was it to confirm the laws and the sacrifices in the temple? Or perhaps to miraculously cure and feed thousands of people? Well, while he did these things they were not what he came to accomplish. They were only means to the real end.

Jesus confirmed the ancient laws and sacrifices but in the new law of love and with the sacrifice of his body on the cross. And while he cured and fed many he told them not to look for earthly food or worry about the things of the body.

All this was driven by the mission he had received from his Father: universal salvation! And more than that, he has given the same mission to his disciples: "preach the Gospel to all creatures" (Mk 16:15) and "baptize and teach all nations" (Mt 28:18-20).

While Jesus does the work of salvation, the mission belongs to all of us and everyone must do

Our Mission Statement

"St. Patrick's is a vibrant spiritual home for those who seek Jesus Christ, where the sacramental life of the Catholic Church is eagerly received, passionately taught and generously shared with others."

their job if we want the mission to succeed. As we approach our stewardship renewal please consider two things: 1) what have other people seen and called out in you as great gifts and 2) what gifts you have seen in others. For the former, we should ask the Lord what he might want from us; for the latter, we "lend our voice" to the Lord in pointing out the great gifts that others have.

I can't emphasize enough the importance of the mission. So many people today have no idea of the salvation that Jesus brings...and there is room for every one of them here at St. Patrick's. Let's work together to fulfill our parish's mission and watch the Lord's salvation grow!

August 15: Holy Day Alert! Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



She shows us the way to Jesus
August 14 6:30 pm vigil
August 15 7:00 am, 6:30 pm

August 23-24: Car Blessings



Blessings for your mode of transportation after all Masses in "drive-thru" style!

August 24-September 7: Stewardship Renewal

Promotion of the Stewardship way of life and encouragement to deepen your dedication to Christ in his Church

September 13-14: St. Pat's Block Party!



Come have fun with your fellow parishioners! Saturday night beer garden and live music. Sunday afternoon BBQ lunch and games for kids.

September 14: Plenary Indulgence alert!



Our parish's plenary Indulgence is available on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross
Extra confessions available 10-11:00 am, prayers recited at 10:45 am

October 4-5: Rosary Promotion Weekend



The rosary will be recited prior to the 5:30 and 11:00 Masses
Free rosaries and how-to guides handed out after all Masses

November 1: Holy Day alert!



All Saints' Day: their holiness is your holiness
October 31 6:30 pm vigil
November 1 9:00 am

November 8: Annual Christmas Boutique



Join us for great food, fun, and early Christmas shopping!

November 8-9: 75th anniversary of our church



Special readings/prayers at Masses. The plenary indulgence is also available on November 7th all day.

Immaculate Conception: our National Patroness



December 7 6:30 pm vigil
December 8 7:00 am, 9:30 am, 6:30 pm

Christmas: God becomes Man



December 24: 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm
December 25: 12:00 am (midnite), 9:00 am

Mary, Mother of God



a Human Mother bore Christ
December 31: 6:30 pm
January 1: 9:00 am

Introducing the Donald E. Walker Stewardship Foundation!

When Donald Walker passed away in 1995 he wanted a legacy of continued support for his beloved St. Patrick's Church. After growing in a trust for 30 years, the assets have come to our parish in the largest single gift we have ever received: \$2.2 million! His long legacy of hard work and faithfulness is being continued through careful use of this Stewardship Foundation to promote the core message of our Church: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This includes faith formation for children and adults, prayer experiences, evangelization materials and vocations support. It also creates a new way for parishioners to give toward the long-term good of our parish through legacy gifts, bequests and charitable donations. Be on the lookout for materials and events sponsored by this generous gift that is meant to last for many years to come!

St. Patrick's is a place for spiritual growth! An explosion of interest last year resulted in many new parishioners receiving Sacraments. Great participation in our youth events and YOUR prayerful support make our parish an attractive place for those who seek Jesus Christ. Here's the numbers:



New Registrations/Parishioners	78
1st Communions	52
Confirmations	35
New Catholics	38
Baptisms	32
Weddings	11
Funerals	27
Mass Intentions	564
Children in Religious Ed	68
Total Number of Households	1,091
Youth Retreat Participants:	90



Larren Fear joins the church and she now serve on Finance Council.

Gerry Scovill is Confirmed as he makes his Profession of Faith.

New Parish Census Software Improves Communications

This spring we switched to a new parish census software with powerful communication features and data management. Flocknote Complete allows us to communicate the Gospel message more effectively and stay in touch with you! It also has powerful data features allowing us to see who our parishioners are. Here's an example:

If you aren't registered or haven't updated your registration in a long time you can do so on our website or by going to stpatsnp.flocknote.com/register. You can also log into your own profile, update your household information and view your giving record. Try it today!



Online Giving: a great way to support your parish



stpatsnp.org/donate

The Sunday collection pays our bills, empowers our ministries, supports North Platte Catholic Schools and--most importantly--furtheres the Gospel message of Jesus Christ! All this... even though only 17% of parish households contribute. Our business is salvation: imagine what more could be done with your family's financial contribution.



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Non-Profit

Becoming Catholic

Do you know someone who is interested in the Catholic faith?

"Becoming Catholic" classes are open year-round! Invite someone you know to come and see!



Theology on Tap

Inspiring Catholic speakers and fun fellowship for adults 21-45. 6pm at ApeShip Brewing; first drink is free!

August 17, September 21,
October 19, November 16

THEOLOGY ON TAP

YOUNG ADULTS AGES 21-45
ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
IN FUN & FELLOWSHIP.

THE FIRST DRINK IS FREE!
COMPLIMENTARY LIGHT
SNACKS WILL BE SERVED.



SAVE THE DATE! ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH BLOCK PARTY WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 13-14

SATURDAY

6:30-11:00 PM
-BEER GARDEN -MUSIC
-NACHO BAR -SOCIAL
-50/50 RAFFLE

SUNDAY

12:00-3:00 PM
-GAMES -BAKE SALE
-BOUNCE HOUSE -FOOD
-RAFFLES



Deacon Ordination

What an exciting year! Our very own Deacon Kent Wind-
er was ordained after four years in formation. You
might recognize him from his full-time job on the even-
ing news, but he also works hard in bringing the Gospel
to the detention center inmates, assisting with funerals,
weddings and weekend Masses. We are also pleased to
have Mr. Brandon Rood in diaconate formation. He still
has a few years to go, so pray and support him!

