

## TAKE THE SON

A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art.

When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply for his only son.

About a month later, just before Christmas, there was a knock at the door. A young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, "Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He saved many lives that day, and he was carrying me to safety when a bullet struck him in the heart and he died instantly. He often talked about you and your love for art." The young man held out the package. "I know this isn't much. I'm not a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this."

The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man. He stared in awe at the way the soldier had captured the personality of his son in the painting. The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears. He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. "Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift."

The father hung the portrait over his mantle. Every time visitors came to his home, he took them to see the portrait of his son before he showed them any of the other great works he had collected.

The man died a few months later. There was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. "We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. Who will bid for this picture?"

There was silence.

Then, a voice in the back of the room shouted, "We want to see the famous paintings. Skip this one."

But the auctioneer persisted. "Will somebody bid for this painting. Who will start the bidding? \$100, \$200?"

Another voice said angrily, "We didn't come to see this painting. We came to see the Van Goghs, the Rembrandts. Get on with the real art!"

But still the auctioneer continued. "The son! The son! Who'll take the son?"

Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the longtime gardener of the man and his son. "I'll give \$10 for the painting." Being a poor man, it was all he could afford.

"We have \$10. Who will bid \$20?"

"Give it to him for \$10. Let's see the masters."

"\$10 is the bid. Won't someone bid \$20?"

The crowd was becoming angry. They didn't want the picture of the son. They wanted the more worthy investments for their collections.

The auctioneer pounded the gavel. "Going once, twice, SOLD for \$10!"

A man sitting on the second row shouted, "Now let's get on with the collection!"

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. "I'm sorry; the auction is over."

"What about the paintings?"

"I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings.

The man who took the son gets everything!"

God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on the cross. Much like the auctioneer, His message today is: "The son, the son, who'll take the son?"

Because, you see, whoever takes the Son gets everything.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)*



MARCH 25, 2023

the o'neill community center  
5 PM TO 12 AM



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\$100 includes general admission for 1 including a prime rib dinner and an evening of drinks & dancing.

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# Communicatio Nostrum Nuntium

(Sharing Our News)

March 2023

The Catholic Parishes of Western Holt & Boyd Counties

Assumption BVM ~ Lynch | St. Boniface ~ Stuart | St. Joseph ~ Amelia

St. Joseph ~ Atkinson | St. Mary's ~ Spencer | St. Patrick's ~ O'Neill | Ss. Peter & Paul ~ Butte

## MASS SCHEDULES

### Weekend Masses

St. Boniface—Stuart—Saturday @ 5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph—Atkinson—Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

St. Joseph—Amelia—Sunday @ 11:15 a.m.

St. Patrick—O'Neill—Saturday @ 5:00 p.m. and Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.

Sacred Heart of Boyd County:

Saturday:

Week 1: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 2: Assumption BVM—Lynch @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 3: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 4: Assumption BVM—Lynch @ 7:00 p.m.

Week 5: St. Mary's—Spencer @ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday:

Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte @ 8:00 a.m.

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St. Mary's—Spencer @ 8:00 a.m.

Ss. Peter & Paul—Butte @ 8:00 a.m.

### Weekday Masses

Monday—5:30 p.m. @ St. Boniface—Stuart

Tuesday—5:15 p.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

5:30 p.m. @ St. Boniface—Stuart

Wednesday—\*School Masses subject to change

\*8:10 a.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

\*8:15 a.m. @ St. Joseph's—Atkinson

6:30 p.m. @ SHBC Rotation

Thursday—7:00 a.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

Friday—7:00 a.m. @ St. Patrick's—O'Neill

8:15 a.m. @ St. Joseph's—Atkinson

## St. Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me,  
Christ before me,  
Christ behind me,  
Christ in me,  
Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me,  
Christ on my right,  
Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down,  
Christ when I sit down,  
Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every man  
who thinks of me,  
Christ in the mouth of everyone  
who speaks of me,  
Christ in every eye that sees me,  
Christ in every ear that hears me.



## MINISTRY OF PRAISE—A WORD FROM DEACON FILIPS



Greetings Fellow Prayer Warriors!

This is a reminder that making a good Confession is mandatory once per year (at a minimum!). Remember that a **mortal sin** is committed when there is:

1. **Full Knowledge** that the act (thought, word or omission) was contrary to God's will (sinful) is known by the offender.
2. **Full Consent** with intentionality, i.e., not forced.
3. **Grave Matter** (anything under the Ten Commandments and the Precepts of the Church) is the circumstance of the sin. Not to belabor the point, but there is a difference in grave matter between stealing \$1 from a friend and stealing \$10,000 from an orphanage.

If any of these three conditions are not met the sin is known as venial. It is a very good idea to confess venial sins as well, since these sins, like all sin, offend God Who deserves all our love. Confessing venial sins helps us to be more sensitive to God and more faithful in our love to Him.

If all three conditions are met the sin is known as mortal. Remember, **ALL mortal sins must be confessed** according to the **kind** (what type of sin) and the **number** of times committed for a valid confession. If one willingly withholds and conceals a sin in confession it is a sacrilege (which is another mortal sin), and it invalidates the absolution. Do not worry! Do not be afraid! Jesus wants you to tell Him your sins with honesty and courageousness that he may remove the hurt from your heart and soul. Do not commit more sins by concealing sins in confession.

Also, it should be noted, the priest is bound under pain of *grievous* mortal sin and excommunication, if he ever reveals anything said in the confessional. No matter how grievous the sin, do not be afraid. Admit your failings openly and God will grant you His sweet gift of forgiveness.

All of us sin. Kids have different sins than adults, adults have different sins than when they become old, boys are a little different than girls in how they sin. Priests, deacons, bishops, and sisters' sin but maybe in different ways than you do, maybe some in the same ways too. Everyone must go to confession regularly. Pope Francis goes to confession every two weeks. I suspect some of his sins are like ours and some are different, but he knows that he is not perfect, and he is working on becoming more perfect so he can be happy here and go to heaven when he dies.

We cannot suddenly change ourselves and become perfect overnight. It is a lifelong process. Pope Francis is old and he still goes to confession every two weeks because he is still working on it. If you are embarrassed about confessing the same sin for the 20<sup>th</sup> time, just think about the pope maybe confessing the same thing for the 500<sup>th</sup> time and being the pope! If we are trying to get better, God gives us credit for that, and the priest can release you from that sin. If you fall again, come back again. It might take many years but eventually God will free us from those temptations. We can't give up on ourselves because He doesn't give up on us. Have a good confession.

Below is a great Examination of Conscience that I found, based on the Beatitudes. Let us all pray for each other to make a good Sacrament of Reconciliation this year.

### EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE:

In order to make a good confession, we must first make a good examination of conscience. Only when we are living in the light of the teachings of Jesus Christ will we find true happiness in this life and the next. The following examination of conscience is based on the Beatitudes given by Jesus. The word beatitude means happiness. We can also read this list as "happy are those who....." If we start to turn our life towards these things, we will be happier. Sin can give us short term fun, but it never leads to happiness. Living in friendship with God makes us happy, even in this world, but especially after we die and get to go heaven to be with God. If we live and die in sin, we have less happiness in this life and great suffering in the next life. -- Deacon Roger Filips, author of "Pearls of the Universal Church; The Catholic Faith in a Nutshell"

**A Short Examination of Conscience Based on the Beatitudes**  
Dec 03, 2018 by Gretchen Filz [www.catholiccompany.com/magazine](http://www.catholiccompany.com/magazine)

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Do I strive - with my time, passion, and resources - to accumulate more worldly goods and honors, instead of seeking to obtain true spiritual goods? Do I recognize my spiritual poverty and humbly acknowledge my need to continually seek and be filled with the Spirit of Christ?

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.** Do I sorrow over the sins committed by myself and others, considering how much they offend God and how they bring more evil and disorder into the world? Do I do sufficient penance for my own sins, and reparation to God for the sins of others?

**Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.** Am I obstinate and quarrelsome, always trying to assert my will over others about small and unimportant things? Do I strive to overcome evils with good, by responding to offenses with gentleness and a good will, instead of retaliating in anger and spite?

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.** Am I trying to become more holy by conquering my habitual sins and diligently practicing acts of virtue? Do I love Jesus and strive to do His will above all things, instead of my own?

**Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.** Are my eyes and my heart open to the mental, physical, or emotional sufferings of others? Do I try to relieve their pain and misery through spiritual and corporal works of mercy?

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.** Do I try to keep my heart, mind, and soul untainted by the evil influences of this fallen world? Do I guard the purity of my senses by being cautious about what I allow myself to see, watch, and hear?

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.** Do I strive to keep my soul in the peace of Christ? Do I look for ways to bring greater order and harmony among persons in my family or place of work, or do I participate in perpetuating anger and strife?

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.** Do I count it a joy when I suffer wrongs for the sake of doing good? Do I offer up my trials to God for the salvation of souls?

**Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.** Am I living my Catholic faith authentically so that others can see that I am a devout follower of Jesus Christ? Do I avoid living and proclaiming the truths taught by His Church for fear of being disliked, ridiculed, or persecuted?



## In Loving Memory . . .

**Russell Owen Kirkpatrick**

August 20, 1952—January 31, 2023

SHBC—St. Mary's—Spencer

**Genevieve M. Nachtman**

February 23, 1932—February 1, 2023

St. Joseph's—Atkinson

**Dalton William Alder**

May 4, 2005—February 5, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

**Stanley Eugene Watson**

October 3, 1935—February 10, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

**Dale Anthony Mudloff**

February 26, 1949—February 11, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

**Ronald Eugene Kallhoff**

September 3, 1944—February 13, 2023

St. Patrick's—O'Neill



## Welcome to the Newly Baptized . . .

**Tucker Michael and Raelynn Shay Reiser**

Son & Daughter of Tyson & Brandee Reiser

St. Boniface—Stuart

February 4, 2023

**Maddox Keith & Myla Keona Endorf**

Twins of Spencer & Brittany Endorf

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

February 5, 2023

**Ellis Duane Neiman**

Son of Duane & Elizabeth Neiman

St. Joseph's—Atkinson

February 11, 2023

**Camden James Walter**

Son of Bryan & Maggie Walter

St. Patrick's—O'Neill

February 11, 2023



*"You are a child of God. You are wonderfully made.  
Dearly loved and precious in His sight." —Psalm 139*

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS—MARCH 12, 2023—REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD!**



## ST PATRICK'S—YOUTH MINISTRY & CONFIRMATION PREP INFORMATION

Just to clarify as there has been some confusion — Youth Group is for students grades 7-12 from St. Patrick, O'Neill (including St. Mary's students) and St. Joseph, Amelia.

### SCHEDULE FOR MARCH:

Wednesday, March 1—7 pm Youth Group—YR

*Please note: If St. Mary's Girls Basketball Team makes it to state basketball, we will NOT meet on March 1st. We will be sure to post that by Flocknote, on Facebook, and KBRX if that is the case.*

Wednesday, March 8—7 pm Youth Group—YR

Wednesday, March 15—7 pm Youth Group Pizza Party—SMC

Wednesday, March 22—7 pm Community Rosary



## MARCH SAINTS

March 3—St. Katharine Drexel

March 4—St. Caimir

March 7—Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

March 8—St. John of God

March 9—St. Frances of Rome

March 17—St. Patrick

March 18—St. Cyril of Jerusalem

March 20—St. Joseph

Spouse of the B.V.M.

March 23—St. Turibius

of Mogrovejo

**HOLY THURSDAY**

7:00 p.m.—St. Boniface—Stuart

7:00 p.m.—St. Patrick—O’Neill



**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Service of the Lord’s Passion**

3:00 p.m.—St. Patrick’s

“Living Stations” a.k.a. Passion Play by 6th grade—O’Neill

3:00 p.m.—St. Boniface—Stuart

7:00 p.m.—St. Patrick—O’Neill

7:00 p.m.—St. Joseph—Atkinson



**HOLY WEEK**

**EASTER VIGIL**

8:45 p.m.—St. Boniface—Stuart

8:45 p.m.—St. Patrick—O’Neill



**EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m.—SHBC—St. Mary’s—Spencer

9:00 a.m.—St. Joseph—Atkinson

10:30 a.m.—St. Patrick—O’Neill

11:15 a.m.—St. Joseph—Amelia

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
GOOD FRIDAY**

7:00 p.m.—SHBC—St. Mary’s—Spencer

7:00 p.m.—St. Boniface—Stuart

7:00 p.m.—Assumption BVM—Lynch



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LENTEN FISH FRIES**



O’Neill—We will have fish fries each Friday through March 31 at the O’Neill KC Hall from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

Dine-In, Carry Out, and Drive Through available.

On the menu: fried fish, baked fish, French fries, potatoes, coleslaw, rolls, mac & cheese and dessert bars.

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March 3rd—Stuart—St. Boniface Church Basement—5:00-7:30 p.m.—Dine-in or Carry Out

March 10th—Atkinson—KC Hall—5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.—Dine-in or Carry Out

March 17th—St. Boniface—Stuart—5:00-7:30 p.m.

March 24th—St. Joseph—Atkinson—5:00-7:30 p.m.

March 31st—St. Boniface—Stuart—5:00-7:30 p.m.



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**TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST**

Second semester Juniors and Seniors in high school are invited to the upcoming Teen’s Encounter Christ (TEC) Weekend on March 18-20 at Glad Tidings, Bloomfield. This Intergenerational movement helps youth transition into young adulthood. TEC draws participants into the heart of the Catholic faith: Christ’s Paschal Mystery lived out in the Church while also reflecting on the person of Christ and who He is in their lives, and experience meaningful relationships in others. Retreat fee is just \$75. To register, please pick up an application form from the entrance of church. If you have questions, please contact Becky Kerkman @ 843-6043 or Terry Reicks @ 402-741-0165.

Registration is open for Benedictine College Youth Conference! Please use the flyer instructions, call the Parish Office or SMH and ask for Bridget Schneider, or email if you have any questions at [bschneider@smcards.org](mailto:bschneider@smcards.org)

Testimony from a student at SMH about attending BCYC:

*“Growing up, I always felt like I had a pretty good understanding of my faith, but it was never really my own. I knew about Christ, and I felt like I knew Him fairly well, but it wasn’t until BCYC did I truly feel like I loved Him. Since BCYC, I have a new sense of purpose and passion to live out God’s will for me; my faith became my own and I want to share it with those around me. My eyes were opened to the true beauty of life that God has in store for each and every one of us if we only allow ourselves to be molded. I feel that BCYC is a great opportunity to be transformed, from simply being in unity with other young Catholics to being able to spend time with God, it opens the door for God to work in our hearts; I could never recommend BCYC enough because it truly changed my life for the better.”*



Join the St. Patrick group at BCYC Encounter June 16th-18th, 2023!

To register:

1. Go to [www.benedictine.edu/EncounterRegistration](http://www.benedictine.edu/EncounterRegistration)
2. Select “I am an individual participant or a member of a group”  
a. Parent fills out and creates the account
3. Follow the registration instructions and use the Group Code



You will need:

1. Parent and student information
2. Health information
3. VIRTUS documentation (for chaperones only)

Group Code: STPATRICKON

**LIFE RUNNERS**

“All In Christ for Pro-Life!” Banquet

is 6pm, Fri, Mar 31st, St. Elizabeth Event Center, Omaha. Keynote Speaker John-Henry Westen, LifeSite News co-founder (Canada), and Invited Guest Speaker Governor Kristi Noem (South Dakota). Emcee is Jen Brown, KVSS Spirit Mornings Show. Benefits LIFE Runners ministry work in 3,367 cities around the world, impacting hearts & minds for saving lives! Limited seating. Details at:

[liferunners.org/banquet](http://liferunners.org/banquet).

**Change** Saturday, March 25 — Mass at St. Patrick’s is at 4:30 pm, not 5 pm Please plan accordingly.

**St. Boniface Parish’s**

**SPRING SHINDIG**

Silent Auction ~ Country Store ~ Raffle ~ Carnival

and Baked Potato & Dessert Bar

(Sponsored by the St. Boniface Christian Mothers—Evee Will Donation)

MARCH 18th, 2023 @ Stuart Auditorium

Doors open @ 5:00 P.M.—Serving starts @ 5:30 P.M.

**SILENT AUCTION**

Items Needed:  
Drop off at the Rectory or Jan’s Office  
Bidding will close @ 8:00 p.m.

**COUNTRY STORE**

Bring your baked, canned, or homemade goods (handmade or anything you’d like to sell at the country store)  
Items accepted up to the time of the event.

**RAFFLE TICKETS**

1st—Magnum Rifle  
2nd—Blackstone Griddle  
\$5/Ticket or \$20/5 tickets  
Drawing @ 8:00 p.m.

All proceeds go towards parish renovations and projects.

**CEC WEEKENDS COMING UP**



Have you ever considered making a CEC Weekend? Maybe now is the time! March 17-18-19 is the next men’s weekend and April 28-29-30 is the next women’s weekend. Check out the website:

<https://norfolkcec.com/>

IVC Omaha invites you to a

**Lenten Morning of Reflection**

with **Fr. Tom Merkel, SJ**

Saturday, March 11, 2023

10:00 - 11:00 AM CT

Doors open at 9:30 AM CT for coffee and donuts

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church  
15353 Pacific Street, Omaha, NE 68154

Please register at:

[www.ivcusa.org/Omaha2023](http://www.ivcusa.org/Omaha2023)

Cost: Free



For questions, contact Anne Mollner at [amollner@ivcusa.org](mailto:amollner@ivcusa.org)

## Save your spot!

Little Critters Preschool enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is now open!

To Register call St. Joseph School or visit:  
<https://www.stjosephatkinson.org/little-critters-preschool>

Contact the St. Joseph School office with any enrollment questions.



## FIRST COMMUNION COMING SOON!

St. Patrick's 2nd grade Religious Ed students will be celebrating their

### FIRST COMMUNION

on April 23rd @ 10:30 a.m. Mass

Please pray for the communicants as they prepare for this special day!

## February 22 - April 2 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

With your help, we can save a life today!

"I am in this movement today because of ordinary people who took on an extraordinary task."

My former abortion clinic is closed because of their sacrifice. Babies are alive because of them.

Women are no longer being hurt by abortion in their community. You can do this. You can save a life. I now stand alongside you in this 40 Days for Life movement."

—Abby Johnson, Former Planned Parenthood Director



### OMAHA, BELLEVUE & LINCOLN

February 22 - April 2: Peaceful prayer at the abortion facility with your church or friend to end abortion. Over 23,000 lives saved! 150 abortion centers closed! 250 abortion workers quit! Thanks to your prayers! Visit [www.40DaysForLife.com](http://www.40DaysForLife.com) and sign up for your hour, or a day with your church.

### FEBRUARY KICK OFF RALLIES

- February 21 - Speaker Angie Himmelbeg, 6 pm, Lincoln PP, Pro-Life Center, 5632 S 48 St
- February 25 - Speaker Ann Marie Bowen, 9 am, Bellevue abortion center, 1002 Mission Ave
- February 25 - Speaker Ann Marie Bowen, 11 am, Omaha PP, 3105 S 93 St

For more information please contact:

- Omaha Planned Parenthood Prayer Campaign - Elizabeth Sambol, [elizabeth.sambol@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.sambol@gmail.com)
- Leroy Carhart's Bellevue Campaign - Bob Henchal, [henthal@runbox.com](mailto:henthal@runbox.com)
- Lincoln Right to Life at Lincoln Planned Parenthood - Catherine Turner, [sallcathy896@gmail.com](mailto:sallcathy896@gmail.com)

Check with the Pro-Life Coordinator at your church, or call 402-399-0299 [www.NebraskansEmbracingLife.org](http://www.NebraskansEmbracingLife.org)

## CCD POTATO BAR FUNDRAISER

March 24th — 5:00 — 7:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Social Hall — Spencer

Free Will Donation

Everyone is welcome! - Come hungry!



Ss Peter & Paul Confirmation Retreat with the Benedictine Sisters in Yankton, South Dakota is

planned for March 26th.

Please pray for a wonderful experience for our youth!



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

## ST. JOSEPH'S

# Kindergarten

# ROUNDUP

"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH CHRIST WHO STRENGTHENS ME." PHILIPPIANS 4:13

FRIDAY, MARCH  
10, 2023  
1:00-3:00 PM

PARENT MEETING AT  
2:45 PM

Meet the Kindergarten teacher, tour the classroom, and partake in fun activities. Children of all faiths welcome!

To RSVP, please call the school office at (402) 925-2104



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER—March 3, 2023

The WDP 2023 program is based on Ephesians 1:15-19, the letter sent to a faith community to express gratitude. Paul gave thanks to God for the Ephesians living out their love and faith, and prayed that they could see these three truths: the hope to which God has called the disciples, the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of God's power.

*"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." ~ Proverbs 31:8-9*

## WORLD DAY OF TRUTH March 24, 2023

### The Right to the Truth

The right to the truth is often invoked in the context of gross violations of human rights and grave breaches of humanitarian law. The relatives of victims of summary executions, enforced disappearance, missing persons, abducted children, torture, require to know what happened to them. The right to the truth implies knowing the full and complete truth as to the events that transpired, their specific circumstances, and who participated in them, including knowing the circumstances in which the violations took place, as well as the reasons for them.

### International Day

Each year, on the 24th of March, the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed.

This annual observance pays tribute to the memory of Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was murdered on the 24th of March, 1980. Monsignor Romero was actively engaged in denouncing violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable individuals in El Salvador.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Day is to:

- Honor the memory of victims of gross and systematic human rights violations and promote the importance of the right to truth and justice;
- Pay tribute to those who have devoted their lives to, and lost their lives in, the struggle to promote and protect human rights for all;
- Recognize, in particular, the important work and values of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero, of El Salvador, who was assassinated on the 24th of March, 1980, after denouncing violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable populations and defending the principles of protecting lives, promoting human dignity and opposition to all forms of violence.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



1st—Eucharistic Adoration @ St. Patrick's—1-9 pm  
1st—Religious Education Classes  
1st—First Reconciliation @ St. Patrick's—6:30 pm  
1st—Home & School Meeting @ SMC—6:00 pm  
2nd—CCW Meeting @ Ss Peter & Paul—Butte—7:00 pm  
3rd—Mass at Parkside @ Stuart—2:00 pm  
3rd—KC Fish Fries—O'Neill & Atkinson—5:00 pm  
5th—RCIA @ Parish Center in O'Neill—4:00 pm  
6th—Eucharistic Adoration @ Stuart—6:00-9:00 pm  
6th—KC Meeting @ Stuart—7:30 pm  
7th—Catholic Daughters Mtg @ KC Hall in O'Neill—7:00 pm  
8th—Eucharistic Adoration @ O'Neill—1:00-9:00 pm  
8th—Religious Education Classes  
8th—First Reconciliation @ St. Joseph in Atkinson—6:30 pm  
8th—KC Meeting @ KC Hall in O'Neill—8:00 pm  
9th—Altar Society Mtg @ SMC—7:00 pm  
10th—KC Fish Fries—O'Neill & Stuart—5:00 pm  
12th—RCIA @ Parish Center in O'Neill—4:00 pm  
13th—Christian Mothers Meeting @ Stuart—6:00 pm  
13th—4th Degree KC Meeting @ Atkinson—7:30 pm  
14th—Mass at Good Sam @ Atkinson—10:00 am  
14th—Parish Council Meeting @ Atkinson—7:00 pm  
15th—Eucharistic Adoration @ O'Neill—1:00-9:00 pm  
15th—Mass at Butte Senior Living Center @ Butte—3:15 pm  
15th—Religious Education Classes  
15th—KC Meeting @ Butte—8:00 pm  
17th—HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
17th—KC Fish Fries—O'Neill & Atkinson—5:00 pm  
18th—Spring Shindig @ St. Boniface—Stuart—5:30 pm  
19th—RCIA @ Parish Center in O'Neill—4:00 pm  
20th—Eucharistic Adoration @ Stuart—6:00-9:00 pm  
21st—Parish Council Meeting @ Stuart—7:00 pm  
22nd—Eucharistic Adoration @ O'Neill—1:00-9:00 pm  
22nd—Religious Education Classes  
22nd—Finance Council Meeting @ O'Neill—7:00 pm  
23rd—Ladies Guild in Stuart—2:00 pm  
24th—CCD Potato Bar in Spencer—5:00 pm  
24th—KC Fish Fries—O'Neill & Stuart—5:00 pm  
25th—Red Carpet Gala in O'Neill—5:00 pm  
26th—Coffee & Rolls at St. Mary's in Spencer—9:00 am  
26th—RCIA @ Parish Center in O'Neill—4:00 pm  
27th—Eucharistic Adoration @ Stuart—6:00-9:00 pm  
27th—St. Mary Altar Society Meeting in Spencer—7:30 pm  
29th—Eucharistic Adoration @ O'Neill—1:00-9:00 pm  
29th—Religious Education Classes  
31st—KC Fish Fries—O'Neill & Atkinson—5:00 pm

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In honor of St. Patrick's Day, here are a few interesting St. Patrick's Day facts!



Saint Patrick didn't wear green. His color was "Saint Patrick's blue." The color green became associated with St. Patrick's Day after it was linked to the Irish independence movement in the late 18th century.

Despite his Irish notoriety, Saint Patrick was British. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales in the late fourth century.

According to Irish legend, Saint Patrick used the shamrock as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity when he was first introducing Christianity to Ireland.

Saint Patrick is credited for driving the snakes out of Ireland, but according to the fossil record, Ireland has never been home to snakes as it was too cold to host reptiles during the Ice Age. The surrounding seas have kept snakes out since.

There isn't any corn in the traditional St. Patrick's Day meal of corned beef and cabbage. The name is a reference to the large grains of salt historically used to cure meats, which were also known as "corns."

Saint Patrick was born "Maewyn Succat" but changed his name to "Patricius" after becoming a priest.

Irish immigrants began observing St. Patrick's Day in Boston in 1737 and the first St. Patrick's Day parade in America was held in New York City in 1766.

In Chicago, the Plumbers Local 110 union dyes the river Kelly green. The dye lasts for around five hours.



On or around St. Patrick's Day, the Irish taoiseach, or prime minister, presents the U.S. president with a crystal bowl of live shamrocks as a symbol of the close ties between the two countries.

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## GOD IN THE WAITING

*"Those who wait upon the LORD will renew their strength..." (Isaiah 40:31a).*

"Tell me what you want, what you really, really want," goes the iconic Spice Girls lyric. We're a culture of hating waiting. Of same day shipping. Of 1000mbps Wi-Fi. Of fad diets. Of grocery delivery (to avoid waiting in lines). Of anything that keeps us from waiting.

But, God is in the waiting.

There are two seasons in the church calendar specifically dedicated to the art and act of waiting: Lent and Advent. It is not a coincidence that these two seasons come directly before the two most joyous and beloved feasts of the church we call Easter and Christmas. Perhaps this can tell us something about what it means to wait on God.

To be clear, there are good kinds of waiting and bad kinds of waiting...

Waiting on God is *not* like waiting on a date for an hour at a restaurant, wondering if they are going to stand you up. Waiting on God is *not* like waiting at a red light that just doesn't seem to change. Waiting on God is *not* like waiting in the doctor's office on a diagnosis that will determine if your tumor is benign or malignant. That's not the God found in the waiting.

Waiting on God is like waiting in line for your favorite ride at Disney World with your best friend. Waiting on God is like sitting at your favorite restaurant after an amazing dinner and waiting on the dessert course. It's also like waiting in the doctor's office on an unknown diagnosis, but your mom is standing by you and holding your hand while you wait.

You see, waiting *on* God looks a whole like waiting *with* God for the joy ahead. That's what these seasons of waiting are for. That's what Lent teaches us: God is in the waiting, waiting with us to bring us to the oasis out of the wilderness, the oasis *in the wilderness*. Because he's Emmanuel, God with us. Lent teaches us that resurrection is always on the horizon, and that God is with us until we get there.

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