

# St. Patrick's

Catholic Church

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## Collections

December 8, 2019	
Adults	120.00
Plate	160.00
Children	14.00
Candles	8.00
Religious Retirement	195.00
Immaculate Conception	360.00
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ST. PATRICK'S  
GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Annual Giving Tree! If you did not bring your gift and tag back, please do so ASAP. All gifts are greatly appreciated. Our giving tree is a great way for us to show our Catholic faith through charity giving. Thank you for assisting other families during this Christmas season.

**ALTAR SOCIETY**—The 2020 monthly signup is posted at the back of church. All women of the parish are asked to sign up for a month.

## NEWMAN MINISTRY to 2,400 STUDENTS

1,373 hours of adoration  
  
 205 Bible STUDIES  
 7 RETREATS  
 COMMUNITY SERVICE  


The Catholic Newman Center at the University of Nebraska at Kearney seeks to follow the mission of Jesus Christ to draw all into union with God. We do this through our community gathered in celebration of the sacraments, study, prayer, social events, and service. The Gospel in-

forms our daily action and moves us to reach out to all those in need. We are missionary disciples, joyfully spreading the love of God in truth and charity to all we encounter.

In 2018: 310 Masses celebrated --- 1,373 hours of Eucharistic adoration prayed --- 140 students participated in retreats --- 3,750 meals served --- 180 students in bible studies.

## Liturgical Ministers

### Sunday, December 15, 2019

Rosary: Janice Spurgin  
 Lector: Faith Formation  
 EM: Cal & Terri Hoover, Geri Dack  
 Greeters: Faith Formation  
 Gifts: Faith Formation  
 Servers: Jacob Holzfaster, Kepler Spurgin

### Sunday, December 22, 2019

Rosary: Janice Spurgin  
 Lector: Mark Perlinger  
 EM: Bob & Rae Ellen Gifford, Vesta Dack  
 Greeters: Randy & Cher Perlinger  
 Gifts: Randy R. Perlinger  
 Servers: Jacelyn Jorgensen, Ella Fote Spurgin

Please find a substitute if you are not able to keep your assignment.



## 2019 Theme-Receive

Figures include all donations entered as 12-8-19

### Diocese of Grand Island

Parish Goal: \$1,150,000.00

Total Raised: \$675,214.29

59% of Total Goal

Total Received: \$590,899.97

Donor Goal: 4,453

Current No. of Donors:

2,402

### St. Patrick's—Paxton

Parish Goal: \$5,110.14

Total Raised: \$4,495.00

Total Received: \$3,845.00

Donor Goal: 32





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# Sunday of Advent

**December 15, 2019**

The desert and the parched land will exult;  
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.  
They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song.

Isaiah 35:1-2

## REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).



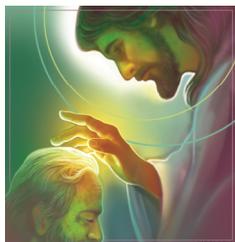
**ST. JOHN  
OF THE CROSS**

DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

## SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591)

December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such “seasons of the soul,” an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Ávila for her Discalced (“barefoot,” evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from *The Dark Night of the Soul* through *The Ascent of Mount Carmel* to his *Spiritual Canticle* and *The Living Flame of Love*. John summarized his spirituality simply: “Put love where there is no love, and you will find love.”



## THE LOOK OF LOVE

What does love look like?  
It has feet to go to the poor and needy.  
It has eyes to see misery and want.  
It has ears to hear  
the sighs and sorrows of others.

—St. Augustine

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