

The Love of God Makes Us Do Great Things

Third Sunday of Advent - Year B - December 17, 2023

SCHEDULE – BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023

Mass: Sacrament of Penance:

Saturday: 5:00 PM – Holy Name (English) Thursdays 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. (Eng. & Sp.)

Sunday: 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM – St. Philip Neri – Holy Name Church

Also, on Facebook & our Website (English) Saturdays 4 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. (Eng. & Sp.)

12:30 PM – Holy Name (Spanish) – Holy Name Church

Sundays 6:45 a.m. - 7:15 a.m. (Eng. & Sp.)

- St. Philip Neri Church

By appointment anytime with priest. (Eng. & Sp.)

Weekday Masses:

• Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. (Eng.) – St. Philip Neri Church [All-school Mass when St. Philip Neri School is in session]

Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. (Eng.) – Holy Name Church
 [All-school Mass when Holy Name School is in session]

• Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (Sp.) – Holy Name Church

• Friday at 8:15 a.m. (Eng.) – St. Philip Neri Church

[All-school Mass when St. Philip Neri School is in session]

Holy Days: See calendar in this bulletin.

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Parish Contacts:

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Office: 402-455-1289

Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Closed for Lunch 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Bulletin submissions must be received in writing or by email before Noon on Wednesday.

God speaks to us in many ways, including through this Sunday's Scripture readings.

God is doing great things for us.

Reading 1 Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 Reading 2 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

Question of the Week-

Adults: If you were to write three suggestions for those who follow Jesus, to keep them strong in their

faith, what would you write?

Children: As we get closer to Christmas, name one thing you really want for your home or the world,

such as peace, friendship, or food for the poor.

Please continue to pray with the Pope for persons with disabilities.

We pray for the Holy Father; that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

St. Vincent de Paul Call Coordinator for the week of Monday, December 18: April Collamer Immanuel Hospital EMHC on Thursday, December 21: Nancy Core, Theresa O'Neill

Fourth Sunday of Advent	Altar Server	Reader	Deacon	ЕМНС	Musicians	Ushers
7:30 AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Jan Sammons	George Butterfield	Maria Hackenberg Bonnie Shea Larry Ziska		Paul Gray Gayle Haman Norm Hanson Michael Ramsgard
10:00 AM SUNDAY DECEMBER 24	Charles Bohnenkamp Jack Leininger	Kelli Brock	Brendan Kelly	Tamatha Buell Geri Schmidt Bill Schmidt	Jean and Friends	Eric Brink Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Mark Lampe

Parish Support

Not available at time of print.



Mass Intentions December 18 - 24

Monday		No Mass	
Tuesday-SPN	8:15 AM	Ruth McGonigal +	
Wednesday-HN	8:15 AM	Minerva Lebron +	
Thursday-HN	6:30 AM	Felix Espinoza Hernandez +	
- Spanish			
Friday-SPN	8:15 AM	Dave Parks +	
Saturday-HN	5:00 PM	Joan Kelly +	
- English			
Sunday-SPN	7:30 AM	The People of our Parishes	
	10:00 AM	Therese Peklo +	
HN-Spanish	12:30 РМ	Franciso Cortez Alcantara +	
SPN = St. Philip N	Neri Church	HN = Holy Name Church	

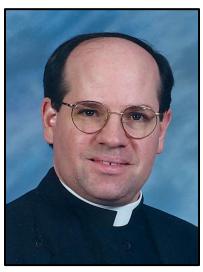
Attention Readers at Mass: The new 2023-2024 Lector workbooks are on the counter in the Sacristy. Please pick one up. It is yours to keep. Thank you!

From the Pastor

Senseless Violence

By now many of you have heard about the murder of Fr. Stephen Gutgsell, the administrator of the church to the north, St. John the Baptist Parish in Fort Calhoun. Fr. Gutgsell served there for many years. I don't know any more details than you do at this point about the incident. They say that an intruder broke into the rectory in Fort Calhoun around 5 a.m. on Dec. 10th and assaulted Fr. Gutgsell, who passed away due to his injuries. Fr. Gutgsell was able to call 911 when the man broke in. The police arrived shortly thereafter and encountered the assailant, who is now in custody, and a wounded Fr. Gutgsell. Until we learn any motivations of the perpetrator, it appears to be a random act of brutal violence.

My priestly brother's death was tragic and grisly. I cannot imagine what he went through in those final moments, but I know he was a devout and dedicated priest, and that God was with him. Fr. Gutgsell helped us hear First Confessions at Holy Name Church on Dec. 5th, and we had just had lunch together at Ramona's on the Friday before his passing to celebrate the Immaculate Conception. He talked about his upbringing in Blessed Sacrament Parish and its grade school, along with his years



Fr. Stephen J. Gutgsell

in Holy Name High School and in the seminary. He was a unique fellow, completely dedicated to the Faith, brilliant, and blessed with a distinct chuckle. His sudden passing provides a sober reminder of the essential message of Advent. Beneath all the Christmas frivolities associated with this time of year, Advent is an expectant longing for Christ's return, His Second Coming. It bears the admonition to be ready. "Watch", we were told by Jesus in the Gospel of the 1st Sunday of this Advent. Watch and be vigilant, for truly none of us know the day nor the hour we will appear before the Lord.

Fr. Weidner and I have been most touched by your outreach to us and for your prayers for Fr. Gutgsell's soul, for the people of St. John the Baptist Parish, initially and for the murderer and his conversion. Please feel free to join in his funeral rites that will start tonight, Sunday, Dec. 17th. I have included the details below. May Fr. Gutgsell's soul rest in peace, and may all people be protected from crime and violence.

Fr. Gutgsell's Funeral Services

- Visitation at St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Calhoun from 4 p.m.-8 p.m., with a Vigil and Rosary at 7 p.m. on today, Sunday, Dec. 17
- Mass of Christian Burial in St. Cecilia Cathedral at 11:15 a.m. on tomorrow, Monday, Dec. 18
- Expect larger than usual crowds, so plan accordingly in terms of parking, etc.

Gaudete Sunday

Because today, the 3rd Sunday of Advent, marks the spiritual "halfway point" to Christmas, it has a special character. It is called Gaudete Sunday because we rejoice that the Lord's coming is imminent! On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, we use instruments more vigorously and may robustly adorn the altar and sanctuary with flowers. On this day, we light the pink candle in our Advent wreathes, and, during our liturgies, clergy wear rose or pink vestments, a soothing color that lightens the penitential mood of the other days of Advent.

O Antiphons

Always on December 17th – which happens to fall on Sunday today! – we begin our final days preparing for Christmas and began using the O Antiphons. Antiphons are the phrase or brief phrases from Scripture that are said or sung before, after, or throughout the recitation of the psalms and holy canticles in our various liturgies. On each of the eight ferial days before Christmas Day (Dec. 17-24), we use a different O Antiphon with the Magnificat during Evening Prayer (Vespers) and for the Gospel Acclamation during Mass.

Borrowing from the Old Testament, each of these seven antiphons beckon Christ to come and, using an attribute associated with the Messiah, they acknowledge Him as O Wisdom; O Leader; O Root of Jesse's stem; O Key of David; O King of All Nations; O Radiant Dawn; and O Emmanuel. These various titles might seem familiar because the ancient Advent song, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, is a compilation of these special antiphons: The verses of this 8th Century hymn are loosely inspired by the antiphons.

O Antiphons

- December 17: O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge!
- December 18: O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your
- December 19: O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!
- December 20: O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of
- December 21: O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- December 22: O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!
- December 23: O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God.

Head Business Manager Wanted

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish and Holy Name Parish are looking for a Head Business Manager. The position is full-time, comes with benefits and conventional office hours, M-F. The job description is located at careers.archomaha.org/career-view/1945/. Any interested parties should email their resumé to the pastor, Fr. Cook, at djcook@archomaha.org. Experience and/or education in the field is required; knowledge of Catholic and parochial school cultures is an asset.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Receive the grace of Reconciliation with various priests assisting and able to hear confessions in English or Spanish on this Tuesday, Dec. 19th, at 6:30 p.m. (Sp. and Eng.) in SPN Church. Because the Prayer Chapel is needed as a space for Confession, there will be NO evening Eucharistic Exposition in SPN Church this Tuesday, Dec. 19th, from 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Decorate & Clean Your Church!

This coming Saturday, Dec. 23rd, all are invited to come and help clean and decorate either HN Church or SPN Church for Christmas. Decorating will begin at 9 a.m. and church cleaning will begin at 11 a.m. or when church decorating concludes. Cleaning solutions, polishes, and rags will be provided; please bring gloves and other helpful cleaning tools, if desired.

Plan Your Christmas Masses

Christmas is always a Holy Day of Obligation. With Christmas falling on a Monday this year, that means that the faithful need to attend BOTH the Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass (a Vigil Mass after 4 p.m. on Sat., Dec. 23rd, OR a morning Mass on Sun., Dec. 24th) AND a Christmas Mass (a Vigil Mass after 4 p.m. on Sun., Dec. 24th, OR a Mass on Mon., Dec. 25th).

- December 24th:
 - o 4 p.m. Vigil Mass (Eng.) in HN Church
- December 25th:
 - o 7:30 a.m. Mass at Dawn (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - o 10 a.m. Mass During the Day (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - o 12:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) in HN Church

Parish Offices Closed

Both the HN and SPN-BS Parish Offices will be closed at 12 noon this Friday, Dec. 22nd, and will be closed Christmas week, Dec. 25th-29th, 2023, and on Jan. 1st, 2024. Phone messages will be checked daily during these closures, but nonemergencies will be attended to after Jan. 2nd, 2024.

Are You Registered?

Before Thanksgiving, I mailed an important letter to all registered parishioners of Holy Name and St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parishes. If you have not received this mailing yet, which contained a flyer with Advent and Christmas activities, devotions, and Mass times, as well as a copy of the Surrender Novena, please contact the respective Parish Office to verify your information. Of course, sometimes things get lost in the mail, but we want to make sure we have your correct information and can communicate with you. Thank you for taking this step to verify your parish membership.

Traditional Posadas

Take part in the age-old custom of Las Posadas! All Posadas will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the HN Cafeteria and in Spanish: Dec. 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, and 23.

Pancake Breakfast

Feast upon delicious breakfast fare TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 17th from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the SPN-BS Parish Center (St. Philip Neri Church basement). It is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Baptism Classes in English

Going to have a baby? Was your baby recently born? Have a small child who needs Baptism? We offer a Baptism session conducted in English for expectant parents and parents with unbaptized infants or small children from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. on the First Sunday of every month in the Parish Center (basement) of St. Philip Neri Church. This session is open to parishioners of both Holy Name and St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parishes who desire preparation in English. The next Baptism Preparation Class in English is Sunday, January 7th, 2024. Participation in a class, either in Spanish or in English, is necessary to schedule a day and time for a Baptism in either HN or SPN churches. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the secretary of either parish office, Holy Name or St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament, to pre-register.

Baptism Classes in Spanish

Parents seeking to baptize their infants and small children need to attend our Baptism preparation class. Classes in Spanish for both parents and potential godparents are offered in Holy Name Church every other month. The next Baptism Class in Spanish in Holy Name Church is TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 17th, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Please contact the Holy Name Parish Office to pre-register.

Becoming Catholic in English

Becoming Catholic (RCIA or OCIA) is our process conducted in English for those teens and adults inquiring about becoming Catholic Christians and for Catholics still in need of receiving Confirmation, Reconciliation, or First Communion. If you or a loved one would like to learn more, please contact our Becoming Catholic coordinator, Jodi Phillips, at phillipsim1@gmail.com or the Holy Name or St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parish offices.

Becoming Catholic in Spanish

Are you an older teenager or adult who has never been baptized or who still needs further sacraments of initiation like Confirmation and First Communion? Do you have coworkers, friends, or relatives, who have never been baptized? Do you have a Christian associate or spouse thinking of becoming Catholic? To prepare for these beautiful sacraments in Spanish, please contact Sr. Beatriz at the Holy Name Parish Office at your earliest convenience.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal

I invite you to make a prayer and/or financial pledge for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The status of the participation in the appeal by each parish is reflected below:

- The Holy Name financial goal is \$16,892.43, with a goal of at least 10% parish participation. Congratulations, members of Holy Name for meeting and surpassing our goal! To date, 65 households have pledged a total of \$17,382.00 towards the Holy Name goal. What an amazing act of generosity! I still encourage all parishioners of Holy Name to take part in this laudable appeal: Every donation and prayer count!
- The St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament financial goal is \$45,303.88, with a goal of at least 30% parish participation. So far, 72 households have pledged a total of \$37,710.00 towards the SPN-BS parish goal. That's almost 85% of our total financial goal! I know we can do it and reach our total goal, so please send in those pledges at your earliest convenience.

Additional pledge forms and envelopes are available at the various entrances of Holy Name and St. Philip Neri churches. Thank you for taking part in this vital effort.

Do You Receive SPN-BS Parish Updates?

The fastest way to know what's happening in the parish is by registering for Flocknote, our parish communications app that sends notifications to you by way of SMS text messaging and emails. You choose the manner of message delivery and which categories of information you'd like to receive and can opt out at any time by texting "stop". It takes just a minute to sign up. Simply text the parish's initials SPNBS to 84576 or register online at https://spnbs.flocknote.com/. It's that easy!



The mission of St. Philip Neri School is to build the body of Christ by promoting academics, social, physical, and spiritual growth in a challenging educational environment.

> The Eagle Way Dream, Believe, Pray, Achieve

Upcoming events for our school this week!

December 19 December 20-January 3 January 4th

Noon Dismissal followed by the Faculty and Staff Christmas Party **Christmas Break** School Resumes

Youth Group Dinner Help

Attn all parishioners, groups, and parents: We have 35-40 youth who meet weekly for Youth Group on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm. We would like to provide them with dinner every week. We have plates, cups, plastic ware, etc. here, so you don't have to bring any of that. If you have any questions on what type of dinner to bring, please call John Gencarelli at 402.451.6622 or jgencarelli@archomaha.org.

Use the URL below to sign up.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0849A9A9 2AA4FEC61-youth#/

or

Thank you!

Scan here on your phone...

Shower Christ's Little Ones You are invited to participate in an Advent Baby Shower Dec. 2nd-24th. During this Advent Season, as we anticipate the good news & great joy of our Savior's birth, please express this joy with gifts for his little ones. Please leave unwrapped, new or gently used items in the crib by the Mary statue. Gifts Will Be donated to the Bethlehem house (2301 S. 15th St). *Thank you!*

Special Thanks to each of you who donated so generously to our Family Giving Tree this Christmas. We helped 13 families with many children have a merrier Christmas.



YOUTH

IMPORTANT NOTE: beginning December 6^{th} , 2023, our Junior High "Youth Group" will meet once a month on the FIRST Wednesday of every month. Our Senior High students will meet the other Wednesdays of each month.

December 27 and January 3: Youth group does NOT meet. Mery Christmas and Happy New Year.

January 10: All $7^{th} - 8^{th}$ grade students are invited to join us for Junior High Youth Group Night. We begin at 7:30 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Please meet in the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Center.

COMING THIS SUMMER / REGISTER SOON

June 16-21, 2024: Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. It is open to all 1st to 6th graders during the day and 7^{th} to 12^{th} graders in the evening. Information and forms will be available in 2024.

July 12-14, 2024: Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference. Steubenville is a Catholic Conference held in Springfield, MO that brings high schoolers into a life changing encounter with Jesus Christ. Information and forms will be available from the youth group.

Christian Humor

- I don't understand people who say "I don't know how to thank you" Like they never heard of money.
- Just once I'd like to read a medication label that says: Warning, may cause permanent weight loss, increased energy, and wrinkle removal.
- Dear Life, When I said "can this day get any worse" it was a rhetorical question, not a challenge.
- Sometimes I'm grateful that thoughts don't appear as bubbles over our heads.

As you are out Christmas Shopping, please keep our Mardi Gras Silent Auction in mind. We will be asking for home made items, brand new items, and gift cards to make baskets!

If you already have items or gift cards, you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and School!

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

6:45 A.M. RECONCILIATION – (En/SP) SPN Church

7:30 A.M. MASS – (English) SPN Church

- Parish Center

8:00 A.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- Parish Center

10:00 A.M. MASS – (English) SPN Church

12:30 P.M. MASS - (Spanish) – HN Church

5:00 P.M. Vespers - Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:15 A.M. ALL SCHOOL MASS - SPN Church

7:00 P.M. ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE - SPN Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

4:00 P.M. RECONCILIATION – (En/Sp) HN Church

5:00 P.M. MASS – (English) – HN Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:45 A.M. RECONCILIATION – (En/SP) SPN Church

7:30 A.M. MASS – (English) SPN Church

8:00 A.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- Parish Center

10:00 а.м. Mass – (English) SPN Church

12:30 P.M. MASS - (Spanish) - HN Church

4:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS – HN Church (Eng.)

Shop the Holy Name Humble Jumble Store

Open 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thurs., Fri., Sat. Come in for great bargains!!! Inherited

"The word advent means "expectation."
What advent can do for us is create a sense of hope."
- Louie Giglio



\$70 per ticket - Purchased on OneCause \$100 per ticket after January 21, 2024





St Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Council #5287

knights of columbus

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH



ALSO BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY

8:00am - 12 Noon

- Adults \$10
- Kids (5-12) \$5
- Under 5 FREE
- Family Rate \$25
- Immediate Family Only Please

Join our Knights for a Holiday Breakfast with Friends & Family, and let us take care of the Dishes

KC All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, December 17 - 830am till 12 Noon
Come & Let the Knights make your breakfast; AND do
the dishes, too! Fresh Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, &
Coffee or Juice' Along with Biscuits & Gravy while it
lasts! Strawberry Topping, & Fruit Cocktail too!
Adults - \$10 / Kids (5-12) - \$5
Under 5 - Free / or \$25 Family Rate!!
We hope to have a Holiday Surprise also!

http://spnbs.formed.org/

Our parish has a subscription to this evangelization & catechetical tool, put together by the Augustine Institute. Many different apostolates have teamed up as co-workers in the vineyard to provide a proverbial ocean of solidly Catholic material to help us grow in our friendship/relationship with Christ & the Church He founded.

On the home page of the link above, find the phrase "REGISTER NOW". Click on it & a window will appear asking you to enter your name & other material (like creating a password). BOOM! You'll be in....enjoying any number of cool, faith-building episodes. For those with tablets & "smart" phones, Formed also has an app which has been used for group sessions. Very handy! Problems? call or email the Parish Office.

Hope... Peace... Joy... Love...

The Omaha Urban Area of Catholic Women (OUCCW) is offering a \$500 scholarship to a High School Senior Catholic young woman. There is also a \$250 Honorable Mention award.

The first place (OUCCW) application will be forwarded to compete for the \$750 scholarship offered by the OACCW.

Application forms are available on the OACCW website OACCW.org, and have been sent to the guidance counselors of area high schools.

All High School Senior Catholic young women are

encouraged to apply. If you have questions about the application or the process, please call Cathy Vak at 402-391-0484.

Applications for the OUCCW Scholarship must be submitted by **Jan. 15, 2024**. Send completed applications are to be sent to: Cathy Vak, 3255 S. 77 St, Omaha NE 68124



Thomas Matya Pastoral Internship

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary St. Charles Borromeo Parish Gretna, NE

As a Parish and as a School, we are praying for the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Omaha. Every two weeks we will feature a young man who is discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

Please join us in praying:

God our Father, You made each of us to receive our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the Sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ Pope Francis



Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Text: SPNBS to 84576 or Connect online at: spnbs.flocknote.com



Calling All Future Monarchs

Join us Saturday, January 13th for the 6th and 7th Grade Practice Test
and the 8th Grade Placement Exam.

Registration Now Open:



Christmas Shopping at Holy Family Shrine All of the items above and more were written or designed and crafted by someone local to the eastern Nebraska area. Come shopping during our normal business hours and attend our Saturday 10 AM mass!

Business Hours: Sunday noon-5 PM Monday-Saturday 10 AM-5 PM

2023 Events in Advent & Christmas for HN and SPN-BS Parishes

Convivial Reception for Advent

Inaugurate Advent w/ snacks, libations, & conversation.

• Dec. 2nd at 6 p.m. in the lobby of HN Church

Evening Prayer w/ Benediction on the **Sundays of Advent**

Join in Solemn Chanted Evening Prayer, aka Vespers, in English and Eucharistic Benediction at 5 p.m. on the first three Sundays of Advent.

• Dec. 3rd, 10th, and 17th: 5 p.m. in SPN Church

Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Prepare your hearts for Our Lady of Guadalupe and attend the Novena conducted in Spanish.

- Dec. 3rd, 4th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 11th, at 6:30 p.m. in **HN Church**
- Dec. 5th at 6:30 p.m. in HN Cafeteria
- Dec. 7th at 6 p.m. in HN Church
- Dec. 10th at 11:45 a.m. in HN Church

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Celebrate the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Ann.

- December 7th
 - o 6:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) in HN Church
- December 8th
 - o 8:15 a.m. Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - o 2 p.m. Mass (Eng.) in HN Church
 - o 7 p.m. Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church

Night of Prayer for the Unborn

All are invited to take part in the National Night of Prayer for the Unborn on Dec. 8th in SPN Church. The rosary and pro-life prayers will begin in English every hour, on the hour. Please use the southern breezeway door or main, eastern doors of SPN church to enter. Use the QR code or click here to sign up for an hour.

- December 8th:
 - o 8 p.m.-9 p.m.
 - o 9 p.m.-10 p.m.
 - o 10 p.m.-11 p.m.
 - o 11 p.m.-12 midnight (Benediction)





Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Celebrate the Empress of the Americas! All events and liturgies will take place in Spanish and inside HN Church or HN Cafeteria, unless otherwise noted.

- December 11th Vigil Events:
 - o 6:30 p.m. Novena Prayers, Flowers, etc. (Sp.)
 - o 8:30 p.m. Festive Music
 - o 9:30 p.m. Traditional Folkloric Dancing
 - o 10 p.m. Vigil Mass (Sp.)
 - o 11 p.m. Reception
- December 12th
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- December 23rd:
 - o 9 a.m. Christmas Decorating
 - o 11 a.m. Church Cleaning



Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

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Important Christmas Week Details

Weekday Masses: Every day in the Christmas Octave is celebrated like Christmas Day!

- Dec. 26th Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church at 8:15 a.m.
- Dec. 27th Mass (Eng.) in HN Church at 8:15 a.m.
- Dec. 28th Mass (Sp.) in HN Church at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 29th Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church at 8:15 a.m.

Parish Office Closure: Both the HN and SPN-BS Parish Offices will be closed Christmas week, Dec. 25th-29th, 2023, and on Jan. 1st, 2024. Phone messages will be checked daily but non-emergencies will be attended to after Jan. 2nd, 2024.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Celebrate Our Lady and usher in the New Year! NOTE: This feast is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

- December 31st: 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (Eng.) in **HN Church**
- January 1st:
 - o 9 a.m. Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - o 10 a.m. Mass (Sp.) in HN Church



Shower Christ's Little Ones

You are invited to participate in an Advent Baby Shower

December 2nd through December 24th, 2023

During this Advent Season, as we anticipate the good news and great joy of our Savior's birth, please express this joy with gifts for his little ones.



"LOVE FROM HIS CRIB STILL WARMS THE WORLD."

Suggested Gifts

- Dreft/laundry detergent
- Dryer sheets
- Multi-surface cleaners
- 13-gallon trash bags
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Brooms/dust pans
- Diapers: Size 2, 5 & 6
- Pull-ups: 3T/4T, 4T/5T

- Baby gates
- Teething Toys
- Baby Monitors
- infant Tylenol
- Infant Saline
- Winter/

seasonal clothing

newborn- 24 mos,

12-24 months

Please leave unwrapped, new or gently used items in the crib by the

Mary statue.

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NEW THIS YEAR: Academic year leases available (number limited)

For the 2024-25 leasing term, JPII Newman will offer a limited number of Academic (9-month) leases to all applicants. As always, those graduating during the 2024-25 school year will be eligible for a custom lease.

Pro-abortion groups want voters to enshrine a right to abortion until birth in the Nebraska constitution, according to proposed language released Wednesday for a possible 2024 ballot initiative.

"This proposal is a fundamental attack on human life and should be categorically rejected by Nebraskans," said Tom Venzor, executive director of the Nebraska Catholic Conference.

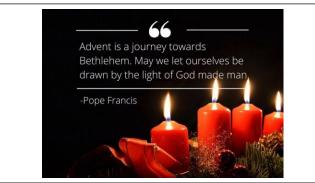
The Nebraska Catholic Conference has asked Catholics to counter this extreme abortion effort by: Declining to Sign - "Protect Our Rights Nebraska," the group proposing the amendment and spearheading the petition drive, will begin seeking signatures starting tomorrow. They need to gather about 122,000 signatures from registered voters across the state to get on the 2024 ballot.

Praying and Fasting - This is a spiritual battle for lives and souls. Let us each pray and fast that this effort be thwarted and fail.

Staying Informed - Keep up to date on the latest with this effort by joining the Nebraska Catholic Conference's network.

The gospel asks that we "welcome the stranger" among us. Omaha Welcomes the Stranger is a nonprofit organization that provides temporary shelter and hospitality for migrants and asylum seekers who arrive in Omaha and assists them in finding permanent housing. If you would like to help sponsor a migrant family or learn more about how you can assist asylum seekers in our community, please contact OWS at tom-margaret@cox.net





Catholics across northeast Nebraska are asked to fast and pray for peace in the Holy Land in response to the call of the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa. Archbishop George J. Lucas requests that the faithful here keep in prayer their brothers and sisters in Israel and Palestine.

"We pray for peace there in that Holy Land and for anyone whose life is threated today by violence and terror, that they be preserved from harm," Archbishop Lucas said.

Help us to help mothers!

BELLEVUE COMMUNITY MAGI BABY SHOWER January 6, 2024, 1 - 5 pm

Knight's Event Center 1020 Lincoln Rd, Bellevue, Nebraska

Family fun, balloons, refreshments! Meet Sidewalk Advocates

Bring gifts or donations for babies and moms!

All donations to Essential Pregnancy Services. Please drop off your donations and those collected from your church—of diapers, baby clothes, new cribs, car seats, baby wipes, blankets, and supplies for needy mothers and their infants.

January 22 Memorial for the Unborn

We invite you to take one minute of silence to "Remember the Unborn" along with your Angelus, Rosary, or daily prayer. Please remember the person in the womb, formed from conception in the image and likeness of God, please pray an end to the ongoing crime of abortion in Bellevue.

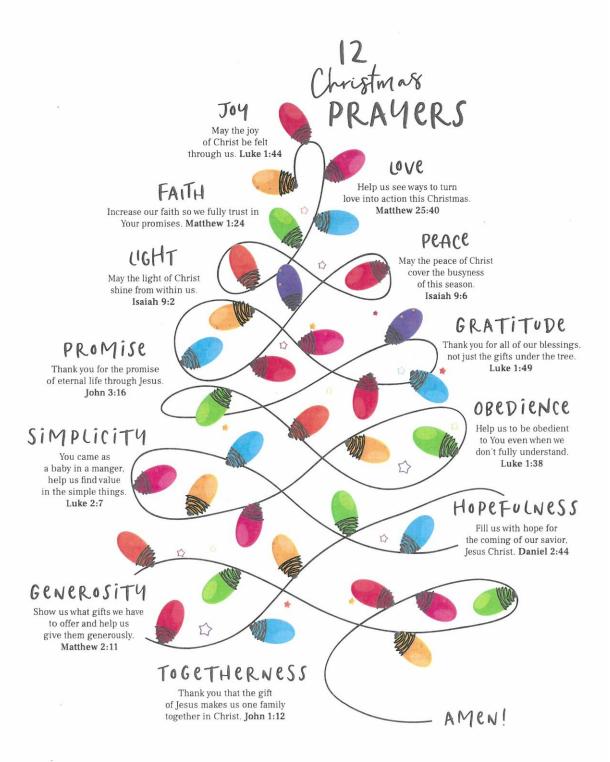




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JoF Masses & Regular Confessions Schedule: Effective July 1st, 2023

Weekday Masses:

- Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. (Eng.) St. Philip Neri Church [All-school Mass when St. Philip Neri School is in session]
- Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. (Eng.) Holy Name Church [All-school Mass when Holy Name School is in session]
- Thursday at 6:30 p.m. (Sp.) Holy Name Church
- Friday at 8:15 a.m. (Eng.) St. Philip Neri Church [All-school Mass when St. Philip Neri School is in session]

Sabbath Masses:

- Saturday Vigil at 5 p.m. (Eng.) Holy Name Church
- Sunday at 7:30 a.m. (Eng.) St. Philip Neri Church
- Sunday at 10 a.m. (Eng.) St. Philip Neri Church
- Sunday at 12:30 p.m. (Sp.) Holy Name Church

Reconciliation Times:

- Thursdays 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. (Eng. & Sp.) Holy Name Church
- Saturdays 4 p.m.-4:45 p.m. (Eng. & Sp.) Holy Name Church
- Sundays 6:45 a.m.-7:15 a.m. (Eng. & Sp.) St. Philip Neri Church
- By appointment (Eng. & Sp.)

Holy Name Church is located at 2901 Fontenelle Blvd, Omaha, NE 68104. St. Philip Neri Church is located at 8200 North 30th St., Omaha, NE 68112. The two churches are 4.2 miles distance and 10 driving minutes apart.

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"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." - Mother Teresa