

The Love of God Makes Us Do Great Things

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B - December 24, 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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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's Spirit comes to us in ways we least expect.

<u>Reading 1</u> 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16 <u>Reading 2</u> Romans 16:25-27 <u>Gospel Luke 1:26-38</u>

Question of the Week-

Adults: Name one area of your life where God has surprised you with love, abilities, or even a

pregnancy. How is God's Spirit upon you in this dimension of life?

Children: If you were to tell someone one thing about Jesus' mother, Mary, what would you say?

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 25: Jean Tosoni Immanuel Hospital EMHC on Thursday, December 28: Dorie Mittleider, Kathy Rossitto

Christmas Day and the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and Solemnity of Mary	Altar Server	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
7:30 AM MONDAY, DECEMBER 25		Pam Hughes		Kathy Rossitto Mary Todd		Gayle Haman Chuck Livengood
10:00 AM MONDAY, DECEMBER 25		Jerry Ziska	Brendan Kelly	Bill Cheese Regina Cronkhite Madeline Jarosik		Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer
7:30 AM SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Gerry Reinsch	George Butterfield	Madeline Jarosik Jeanette Pinker Mary Todd		Gayle Haman Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
10:00 AM SUNDAY DECEMBER 31	Jack Leininger	Bill Schmidt	Brendan Kelly	Kelli Brock Tamatha Buell Geri Schmidt	Jean and Friends	Eric Brink Paul Gray Mark Lampe Joseph Parys
5:00 P.M. SUNDAY DECEMBER 31 HOLY NAME CHURCH (ENG)	Charles Bohnenkamp Peter Fink	Theresa O'Neill	George Butterfield	Regina Cronkhite Bob Jones Jerry Ziska		Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer

Please be sure to pick up your 2024 Parish Calendar off the tables on the 30th St. and the Mary side of Church! Special Thanks to Cubby's and Phil's Cash Saver for the calendars! Please support the businesses that support us!

From the Pastor

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

Merry Christmas!

Christmas is here! Alleluia, He is born and will come again! On behalf of the staffs of our Family of Parishes and our schools, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful, prayerful, and peaceful Christmas, not only tomorrow but every day these next couple of weeks. It bears reminding that Christmas doesn't end tomorrow on December 25th but only begins. The celebration of Christmas extends through the whole Christmas time.

In the modern liturgical year, Christmas time extends from Vespers on Christmas Eve through Monday, January 8th, 2024, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In the old calendar before Vatican II, Christmas time lasted through February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation, in which candles are blessed, lit, and carried in procession. It's beautiful to behold the many ways the Church celebrates Christ's birth in these next two weeks, including the solemnities of Mary, the Mother of God and of Epiphany, and the feasts of the Holy Family and Baptism of the Lord. May you keep your Christmas lights on, your decorations up, and your homes filled with family and friends during these next fourteen days.

Gifts for Kids

Since I have been a pastor, I have had the custom of providing a bag of candy to kids after all the Christmas Masses, along with a religious ornament to adorn their trees at home. The inspiration began when I was 4 or 5 years old. We attended a stunningly attractive church in downtown Dayton, Ohio: Emmanuel Catholic Church. Staffed by the Marianist Order at the time, a particular older, balding, most kindly Marianist brother at the parish made a huge impression on me. Though I cannot remember his name for the life of me, I still see his congenial smile and sense his goodness.

Every year, after the Christmas Masses, this religious brother passed out the biggest red and white candy canes that I have ever witnessed – keep in mind I was a little boy, and everything seemed bigger then. Anyway, I promised myself that if I ever became a priest, I would continue what he passed on to me. They gave away these unforgettable treats indiscriminately, not only because it was Christmas but to offer something to kids in the inner city who may not have had much under their tree. While I cannot find the same type of giant candy canes – do kids even eat candy canes anymore? Did they ever? – I have had to put my own spin on it.

Immediately following each Christmas Mass, I invite all children 15 years of age and younger to meet me, Fr. Cook, in the lobby of Holy Name Church or near the statue of Mary in St. Philip Neri Church and to receive their special Christmas bag of goodies. Merry Christmas!

Parish Offices Closed

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 during these closures, but non-emergencies will be attended to after Jan. 2nd, 2024.

Christmas Week Masses

Every day in the Christmas Octave is celebrated like Christmas Day! Join us for daily Mass this week and receive Holy Communion, the Incarnate Son of God!

• 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.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Celebrate Our Lady and usher in the New Year by assisting in these special, additional Masses next week! **NOTE:** This solemnity is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday.

- December 31st: 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (Eng.) in HN Church (Attendance at this Mass does satisfy the regular Sunday obligation)
- January 1st:
 - o 9 a.m. Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - o 10 a.m. Mass (Sp.) in HN Church



Many Thanks!

Thanks to everyone who came throughout Advent and especially yesterday, Saturday morning, to decorate, set up, and clean both Holy Name and St. Philip Neri churches! They look warm, festive, and inviting! Looking ahead, I am so grateful to all our musicians, singers, and choirs for their exceptional service throughout the year and especially tonight and tomorrow for Christmas, let alone our generous altar servers, readers, EMHC, ushers, and Deacons. On a personal note, thanks to all of you for the touching Christmas cards, thoughtful gifts, and delectable cookies and foods. Your thoughtfulness and love of priests humble me.

Because of Your Generous Support!

With deepest thanks I acknowledge your generosity, specifically your donations placed into the collection baskets at Mass and for your financial support for our two parishes and schools throughout 2023. Will you continue to build up your parish and school with a further gift for our Christmas collection? How has the Lord blessed you over the last year? Where has He loved you? Will you respond to Him in gratitude and dig deep to contribute to our operating expenses, improvements, and faith-filled outreach?

There may even be unique ways your gift may, in turn, provide valuable tax benefits to you. If you have questions or would like to donate to Holy Name or St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacraments parishes or to their respective schools through a gift of stocks, over the phone, through a wire transfer, etc., please contact the parish offices at either parish to speak with the acting Business Manager. God bless you for your sacrificial support of our parishes. You and your faith are the reason we are here!

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.

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.

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. Preregistration 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. 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, 66 households have pledged a total of \$17,507.00 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, 74 households have pledged a total of \$38,035.00 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, especially before the end of this year.

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.

Mardi Gras

It's official! Please mark your calendars and reserve the evening of Saturday, Feb. 10th, 2024, for our annual Mardi Gras parish and school dinner celebration and fundraiser! You should have received a letter in the mail earlier this month with exciting details about the event, ways to offer underwriting, and lottery tickets to win big! This year we welcome David and Peggy Sokol. David will offer some tales of old from his time growing up in the parish and school.

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!

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Christmas Day		7:30 AM	Joe Rossito +
	Monday - SPN		Kathy Rossitto Int.
		10:00 AM	Dennis Forde+ and Family Int
	HN- Spanish	12:30 PM	Feligreses de la Parroquia
	Tuesday-SPN	8:15 AM	Wendy Parks Int.
	Wednesday-HN	8:15 AM	Louise and Art Farha +
	Thursday-HN	6:30 am	Cirilo Degante +
	- Spanish		
	Friday-SPN	8:15 am	Myron Smedra +
	Saturday-HN - English	5:00 PM	The People of the Parishes
	Sunday-SPN	7:30 AM	Kerry McGargill +
		10:00 AM	Kingsley and Tootie Smith +
			Sunny Smith-Silverman +
	HN-Spanish	12:30 PM	Barrales Vallecillo Family 35 th
			Wedding Anniversary

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

HN-English 5:00 PM The People of the Parishes SPN = St. Philip Neri Church HN = Holy Name Church

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

Scan here on your phone...

Thank you!



Special Thanks to each of you who helped us Shower Christ's Little Ones participating in the Advent Baby Shower. The gifts were donated to the Bethlehem house (2301 S. 15th St). *God Bless You!*



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.

Upcoming events for our school this week!

December 20-January 3 Christmas Break
January 4th School Resumes

The Eagle Way Dream, Believe, Pray, Achieve

Thank you to everyone who attended our Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast last Sunday. Food is always tastes better when someone else cooks.

Life is always better when better when someone else does the dishes too! Thank you to our Knights!

A special guest stopped by the breakfast to check up on the folks who are on his naughty and nice list.

Santa with Grand Knight Jerry Ziska!



Christmas List

Mom - Lauritzen Garden Membership

Dad - T-shirt "I remember when things only cost an arm."

Sis - Set of exclusive veggie herb pots

Jesus - One Hour Exposition, preferably Wednesday evening

Brother - Solar powered emergency radio

More suggestions are available. Please call:

Eucharistic Exposition Coordinator Joann Feller 402-215-5532

Please note! The Parish Office is closed Tuesday, December 26th – Monday, January 1st. Marie will be out of the office until Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

What is the Best Present for Christmas?

Today, on the final Sunday of Advent and, simultaneously, Christmas Eve, we welcome new members of the Catholic Church and of our parish! During the 10 a.m. Mass today, Dec. 24th, Kirk Utley and Jack, Ford, and Monroe Critchfield will be baptized; Leah Critchfield and Megan Holmstedt will become Catholic Christians; and Ninette Utley and Lee Holmstedt will receive Confirmation, along with their spouses, and with Jack and Leah Critchfield. These adults have been attending OCIA "Becoming Catholic" classes since last January. Along with the Easter Vigil, Christmas has traditionally been a time the Church has welcomed new members. After the 10 a.m. Mass today, there will be a light reception in the Parish Center in their honor. Please welcome them to our parish, encourage them, and invite them into deeper friendship. Praise God for the gift of the Spirit and for our new brothers and sisters in Christ!



Jack and Leah Critchfield and Family

Jack and Leah have been married for almost 7 years. They have three children, Aubree (15), Ford (4) and Monroe (3). Jack and two of his children, Ford and Monroe, will receive Baptism, and Jack and Leah will receive the remaining Sacraments of Initiation on December 24th. Leah was a special education teacher for 13 years, 7 of those were at Roncalli Catholic, where she ended her teaching career: "Roncalli Catholic was one of the biggest blessings and joys of my life and I will forever be grateful for my time there," Leah remarks. With their littles getting older, they needed to have a more flexible schedule. Because of that, Leah now works with Jack at Roeder Mortuary as a preneed counselor. Jack has been with Roeder Mortuary for 15 years. He started his career as a preneed counselor and is now a funeral director as well. They love sports, traveling, being outside and spending time together with their families.

What led them to the Catholic Church? Leah says, "My time at Roncalli Catholic School was the first step of our journey to the Catholic Church. One of my coworkers whom I met there additionally led to my evangelization. Jack has always had a Catholic background but was never baptized or confirmed. However, ultimately, Fr. Cook led

both Jack and I to the church. I got to know Fr. Cook through Mass at Roncalli Catholic and Jack had spent time with him due to their involvement together working on funeral services. Fr. Cook's love for Jesus and everyone for that matter was what led us to the Catholic Church. Jack and I will forever be grateful for what Fr. Cook has done for us and our family."

In becoming Catholic, Leah and Jack are thrilled about what it means for their family and, specifically, for their children: "We are also very excited to become more involved in the St. Phillip Neri and Holy Name parishes. We have been attending Mass for close to a year now and love how welcoming both parishes have been. We are very excited to see where our path leads us next.

How is the Critchfield family experiencing Jesus in their lives? Leah notes that they encounter Jesus most at Mass: "We love coming to Mass so much, whether it is the 10 a.m. at St. Phillip Neri or the 5 p.m. Saturday Mass at Holy Name. Our children love it, too. We also encounter Jesus during our OCIA classes with Fr. Cook and the other members. It is always the highlight of our week and we will cherish the relationships we have formed there as well. Lastly, we encounter Jesus in our daily lives specifically during the time spent with our children and family."





Lee and Megan Holmstedt and Family

Lee Richard and Megan Anne Holmstedt are the proud parents of two beautiful toddler girls: Laura Mae and Madeleine Grace Holmstedt. Megan works from home for BlueCross BlueShield of NE. She loves the outdoors and being with her family. She is already a baptized Christian and is becoming Catholic. Megan and Lee are raising their girls in the Catholic Church. Megan notes that, "because of this I want to convert to Catholicism to bring our family closer."

Lee is rounding out the Sacraments of Initiation and is receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Lee says, "I have been away from the church I was raised in for so long, but becoming a father has helped lead me back in the desire to instill the faith in my children that helped shape me at an early age." In receiving Confirmation, Lee is excited in "learning more and growing in faith as a person and as a family." How and where does Lee encounter Jesus the most these days? "I encounter him when I catch myself straying, but also in the joy of watching my children grow." Family is also a primary place where Megan finds God, as well as "at church and the relationships I am making."



Kirk and Ninette Utley

Ninette Utley is already Catholic and will receive Confirmation on Dec. 24th. She was born in Lincoln but raised in California: "I was raised in a Catholic family. We moved around a lot as a child because my dad was in the Navy and I never finished taking the classes for First Communion and Confirmation." She came back to Nebraska for college at UNL and there met her future husband, Kirk. She loves to garden, travel, cook, and bake. We can attest to Ninette's baking skills as she generously made and provided a different baked confection every session of our OCIA.

Ninette's husband, Kirk Utley, is receiving all three Sacraments of Initiation! Kirk say, "I have lived in Nebraska since I was 8 years old and bought the home I grew up in. I fell in love with a girl who was the first person I met in college. She lived in California and returned there after college but we always stayed friends. However, in 2014 she came back into my life and we were married in 2016. Despite a graduate degree in Psychology and a minor in Biology, I have spent my life running bookstores and in IT."

God drew Kirk towards the Catholic Faith through the ardent faith of his wife, Ninette, and also through his and Ninette's experience at St. Philip Neri Church. Kirk notes: "I have driven past St. Philip Neri most of my life, but had never gone in. Since my marriage, I have started going to the Christmas Eve Masses at various Catholic Churches with my wife. In 2022 we went to St. Philip Neri. It was the first time that I had ever felt welcome in any church. Listening to Father Cook's sermon, and his kind words, I decided I would have to learn more." Ninette adds: "My husband and I came to Midnight Mass last Christmas Eve and when we walked in St. Philip Neri immediately felt like we were home. We loved the church and how welcoming everyone was."

Kirk and Ninette have thrown themselves into parish activities, including the recent Bible Study on Exodus. They are overjoyed and look forward to today. Kirk says, "It has been a year's journey to get to this point and I am most excited about being baptized Catholic." Kirk discovers Christ in the little things: "I find him in quiet moments, with my wife, small acts of kindness and through my bible study."

Ninette cannot wait to partake of the Eucharist: "To be able to take communion is what I am most excited about. Also to become more active in church activities."

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.



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 24

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

7:30 A.M. MASS – (English) SPN Church

- Parish Center

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

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

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL

4:00 P.M. Christmas Vigil Mass – HN Church (Eng.)

Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day

7:30 A.M. MASS - SPN Church - (English)

10:00 a.m. Mass – SPN Church – (English)

12:30 a.m. Mass - HN Church - (Spanish)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

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

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31- NEW YEARS EVE

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

7:30 A.M. MASS – (English) SPN Church

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

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

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

5:00 P.M. 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

We are collecting Christmas cards and monetary gifts for Fr. Augustine Gama to help his diocese and family in Songea, Tanzania and for Fr. Joseph SSekyewa to help with his diocese and family in Mityana, Uganda in the Parish Office. We will scan the Christmas cards and email them to Fr. Tino and Fr. Joseph and send the money to them by established processes.



Saturday, Feb 10, 2024 St. Philip Neri Activty Center

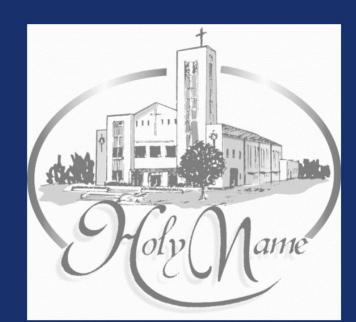
5:00 Mass at St. Philip Neri 6:00 Appetizers & Cocktails 7:00 Dinner & Festivities

> Live Music & Silent (Auction Special Guest David Sokol



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

WE ARE HIRING



JOIN OUR AMAZING TEAM

OPEN POSITION:

HEAD BUSINESS MANAGER

Business Manager is The Head responsible in executing daily accounting and finance related functions for both parishes, and St. Philip Neri Catholic School. Working with the Assistant Business Manager, such activities as budget preparation and control. human resources administration, accounts payable, SPN Catholic School tuition payments and scholarships. payroll. accounts receivable, contract and grant accounting, business resources, and facility management.



the Head Business Manager oversees such activities as budget preparation and control buman resources and control buman resources.

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More Information



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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

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



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:





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

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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.



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 <u>click here</u> 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.
 - 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:
 - 6:30 p.m. Novena Prayers, Flowers, etc. (Sp.)
 - o 8:30 p.m. Festive Music
 - 9:30 p.m. Traditional Folkloric Dancing
 - o 10 p.m. Vigil Mass (Sp.)
 - o 11 p.m. Reception
- December 12th
 - o 8:15 a.m. Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - o 7 p.m. Mass (Sp.)

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

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.

Dec. 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, and 23rd

Pancake Breakfast

Feast upon delicious breakfast fare; sponsored by the SPN-BS Parish Knights of Columbus.

 December 17th: 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the SPN-BS Parish Center/Church Basement

Advent Reconciliation Service

Receive the grace of Reconciliation with various priests assisting and able to hear confessions in English or Spanish.

 December 19th: 6:30 p.m. (Sp. and Eng.) in SPN Church

Decorate & Clean Our Churches

Everyone is invited to come and help clean and decorate <u>either HN Church or SPN Church</u> for Christmas. We will be sweeping, dusting, polishing the pews, washing interior windows, cleaning the choir loft, etc. Cleaning solutions, polishes, and rags will be provided; please bring gloves, if desired.

- December 23rd:
 - o 9 a.m. Christmas Decorating
 - o 11 a.m. Church Cleaning



Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

(Holy Day of Obligation – 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
 - 10 a.m. Mass During the Day (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - o 12:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) in HN Church

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



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 <u>until birth</u> 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:

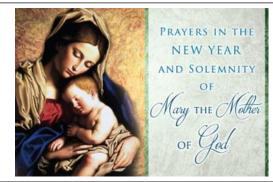
Declining to Sign - "Protect Our Rights Nebraska," the group proposing the amendment and spearheading the petition drive, will begin seeking signatures starting tomorrow. They need to gather about 122,000 signatures from registered voters across the state to get on the 2024 ballot.

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 non-profit 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.

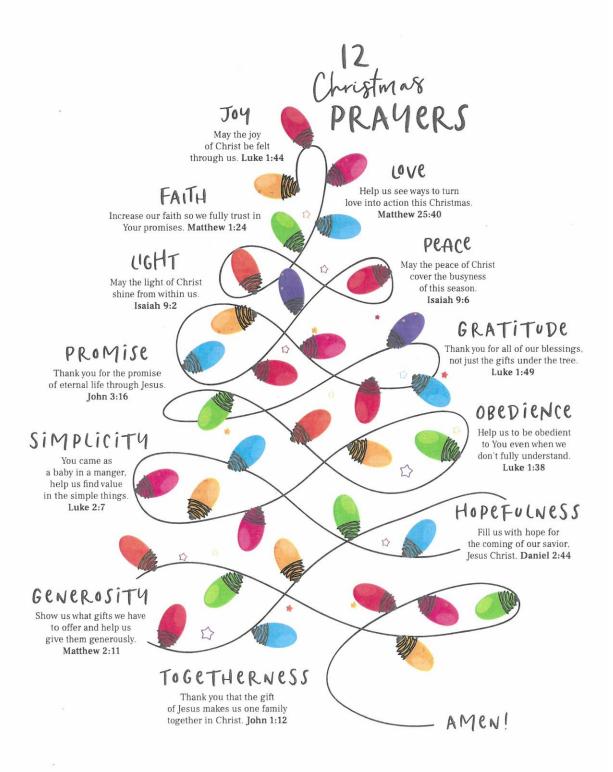




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JoF Masses & Regular Confessions Schedule: Effective July 1st, 2023

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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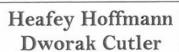
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