

The Love of God Makes Us Do Great Things

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - Year B - December 31, 2023

### SCHEDULE – BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023

#### Mass:

Saturday: 5:00 PM – Holy Name (English)
Sunday: 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM – St. Philip Neri Also, on Facebook & our Website (English) 12:30 PM – Holy Name (Spanish)

#### **Sacrament of Penance:**

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 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.



#### Parish Contacts:

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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.

Families grow through good times and bad.

<u>*Reading 1*</u> Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

<u>Reading 2</u> Colossians 3:12-21

#### Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Question of the Week -

*Adults:* Whether single, married, or divorced, how does Paul's advice ring true in your own life? Choose one of his suggestions and share how it touches your life. *Children:* Why is it important for you to obey your parents or guardians?

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, January 1: Jean Tosoni Immanuel Hospital EMHC on Thursday, January 4: Bill Cheese, Jeanne Taylor

<u>The Epiphany of</u> <u>the Lord</u>	Altar Server	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
7:30 am Sunday, January 7	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Larry Ziska	George Butterfield	Jeanette Pinker Kathy Rossitto Jerry Ziska		Paul Gray Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
10:00 am Sunday January 7	Peter Fink	Ed Fink	Brendan Kelly	Mary Fink Geri Schmidt Bill Schmidt	Jean and Friends	Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Mark Lampe Joseph Parys

#### Parish Support

## Not available at time of print.

Please be sure to pick up your 2024 Parish Calendar off the tables on the 30<sup>th</sup> 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!



#### Mass Intentions January 1 - 7

Monday – SPN	9:00 AM	"CS"			
HN - Spanish	10:00 AM	Maria de Jesus Acevedo +			
Tuesday - SPN	8:15 AM	Mary Tess Wertzberger +			
Wednesday-HN	8:15 AM	Rita Hiber +			
Thursday-HN	6:30 pm	Minerva Lebron +			
First Friday-SPN	8:15 AM	Memorial Society			
Saturday-HN	5:00 pm	The People of our Parishes			
- English					
Sunday-SPN	7:30 AM	Tom Locher +			
- English	10:00 AM	Vera Schettler +			
HN - Spanish	12:30 PM	Abelardo & Efren Gutierrez +			
SPN = St. Philip Neri Church HN = Holy Name Church					

New Year's Resolution #1: Be More Awesome than last year!

#### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – Year B

From the Pastor

#### Mary, Mother of God

Tomorrow marks the end of the octave of Christmas, the eight days of Christmas, and on tomorrow, January 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Yes, tomorrow is also New Year's Day, but don't let tonight's and tomorrow's parties and resolutions overshadow the religious significance of the day.

Mary has many titles, but the title, Mother of God, was given by way of the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. – Incidentally, tradition tells us that Mary lived in Ephesus after Pentecost and before her Assumption. Defending the full divinity and humanity of Christ, the hierarchy of the Church pronounced Mary to be the Mother of God. They rightly argued that if Jesus is truly God and Mary is the Mother of Jesus, then Mary can correctly be called the Mother of God.

Marian spirituality is the fastest way to the heart of her Son. As we continue to mull over possible New Year's resolutions, perhaps one of them could include a Marian devotion: Praying a daily rosary or a daily decade of the rosary, reciting the Litany of Loreto, praying the Angelus prayer, joining in the Mother of Perpetual Help devotions after our morning Masses on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, wearing a Miraculous Medal or being enthroned in the scapular, etc.

What will be your New Year's spiritual resolutions? May the Lord richly bless you in 2024 and gather you and your families into His loving arms. We wish you all a Happy New Year!

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



#### **Parish Offices Closed**

Both the HN and SPN-BS Parish Offices will be closed on Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Phone messages will be checked daily during these closures, but non-emergencies will be attended to after Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

#### **The Holy Family**

Today, the Sunday within the octave of Christmas, is usually the Feast of the Holy Family. This feast may somehow seem repetitive since figures of Joseph and Mary have long adorned our nativities and without Joseph and Mary's acceptance of God's plan, Christ's birth would ostensibly not have come to fruition. The Holy Family is embedded with the mystery of the Nativity of Jesus, but Christmas is a specific recognition of Christ's birth. A separate celebration is necessary to honor the Holy Family and, thus, every family.

The family has been under attack since it was first formed in the Garden of Eden. Satan despises maleness and, especially, femaleness. He hates that couples radiate Christ's unconditional love through their sacrament of matrimony. He is livid that these same spouses can cooperate with God and bring about more human beings into the world through the gift of children. Lucifer is diametrically opposed to marriage and the family because it is the atom of society, the building block of civilization, and the very instrument through which our Savior came into the world.

It should be no surprise that the Devil loves to distort matrimony, human dignity, and the blessing of children. On December 18<sup>th</sup>, the Vatican issued a statement entitled "Fiducia Supplicans". While the statement reaffirms consistent Church teaching regarding matrimony between a man and a woman and, simultaneously, encourages the Church to assist all those in need of grace to know God's mercy, it has led to some confusion by some who, through ignorance or malice, have distorted its contents. Bishops Cozzens is the bishop of the Diocese of Crookston, MN. I know him to be a joyful, sincere, wise, and loving prelate. I find his recent commentary on "Fiducia Supplicans" to be most helpful. I hope it will be helpful to you, too.

#### Bishop Andrew Cozzens' statement re: Fiducia Supplicans

**December 18, 2023** – Today the Vatican issued a statement, signed by the Holy Father, that spoke about offering blessings to people who currently live outside of the way of life commanded by Jesus. The document especially addresses the question of blessing "same-sex couples." The document from the Vatican, *Fiducia Supplicans* (FS), is clear that this is not in any way a change in the Church's teaching about marriage. The Church's teaching about marriage, since it is rooted in the Gospel we have received from Jesus Christ, is unchangeable. The Vatican document itself states that marriage is an "exclusive, stable, and indissoluble union between a man and a woman, naturally open to the generation of children" and the document also states that "this conviction is grounded in the perennial Catholic doctrine of marriage; it is only in this context that sexual relations find their natural, proper, and fully human meaning. The Church's doctrine on this point remains firm" (FS, 4).

What is the Vatican saying then? We know that Jesus Christ came to call all peoples to repentance and conversion because he desires that we would share with him the fullness of divine life in his kingdom. All of us are sinners and all of us are at different stages in this path of conversion. We see in the Gospels that whenever anyone comes to Jesus with a heart open to him, a heart seeking his mercy, Jesus always responds with mercy and inviting them to deeper repentance and discipleship. There are many examples of this in the Gospels, for example, the woman caught in adultery. Jesus receives her with mercy, saves her from the penalty of death, yet without condoning her sinful activity. He shows her love and mercy and calls her to a new life when he says, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin anymore" (John 8:11). Jesus does this for all of us.

Today's document emphasizes that people who come to the Church for a blessing, "acknowledge that the life of the Church springs from the womb of God's mercy and helps us to move forward, to live better, and to respond to the Lord's will" (FS, 20). Although it is impossible for us to bless a same-sex union, since any sexual-union outside of the marriage of one man and one woman is contrary to the Gospel, we may bless individuals who are not yet living in full accord with the Gospel, even those in a same-sex union. This is not a marriage blessing and should never be done in a liturgical or ceremonial way which would give the false idea of blessing a union contrary to the Gospel. It is not legitimate to use the Book of Blessings or any official ritual for blessing a union contrary to God's law. This is a blessing for persons who "recognizing themselves to be destitute and in need of his help—do not claim a legitimation of their own status, but who beg that all that is true, good, and humanly valid in their lives and their relationships be enriched, healed, and elevated by the presence of the Holy Spirit" (FS, 31).

This blessing is not for people seeking a legitimation of same sex union but for those seeking to live better: "there is no intention to legitimize anything, but rather to open one's life to God, to ask for his help to live better, and also to invoke the Holy Spirit so that the values of the Gospel may be lived with greater faithfulness" (FS 40).

The truth is we are all sinners and all of us need God's blessing to come to repentance and conversion. Often at Holy Mass we tell people who are not able to receive Holy Communion because they are living in a situation that is objectively outside of Jesus' commandments that they should come for a blessing. This reception of the blessing expresses a humble desire to grow in conversion, to seek his help to overcome sin, to seek holiness which is the goal of every Christian life.

Let us pray that many people, like the Woman at the well, Zacchaeus the tax collector, the Woman caught in adultery, or Saint Peter himself who was a grave sinner, may "feel that they are still blessed, notwithstanding their serious mistakes, that their heavenly Father continues to will their good and to hope that they will ultimately open themselves to the good" (FS, 27).

And of course, as the Vatican made clear, "Any blessing will be an opportunity for a renewed proclamation of the *kerygma*, an invitation to draw ever closer to the love of Christ" (FS, 44). Thus, when people come to the Church seeking her blessing let us also proclaim to them the saving love of Jesus found through repentance for all of us who are sinners.

#### The Holy Name of Jesus

This Wednesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, and it is probably the closest thing that Holy Name has to an official, patronal feast day. There are certainly Saints in the Redemptorist tradition dear to Holy Name parishioners, but when a parish is named after the Trinity or an aspect of God, e.g., Holy Name or Blessed Sacrament, it is more difficult to find a specific correlating feast day. Please pray for everyone in our parish of Holy Name and honor the saving Name of Jesus by assisting at daily Mass this Wednesday at 8:15 a.m. in Holy Name Church.

#### **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 and into the New Year of 2024? 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? God bless you for your sacrificial support of our parishes. You and your faith are the reason we are here!

#### **Religious Education Classes Resume**

Classes for Religious Education resume this Wednesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:15 p.m. in the SPN Catholic School and Activity Center.

#### **First Pastoral Council Meeting**

Please pray for our first Family of Parishes joint Pastoral Council meeting this Tuesday evening.

#### **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 <u>careers.archomaha.org/career-view/1945/</u>. Any interested parties should email their resumé to the pastor, Fr. Cook, at <u>djcook@archomaha.org</u>. 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 Class in English**

The Baptism preparation session conducted in English for expectant parents and parents with unbaptized infants or small children occurs from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. on the First Sunday of every month in the Parish Center (basement) of St. Philip Neri Church. **The next Baptism Preparation Class in English is next Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.** Participation in one of our preparation classes, 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 Class 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. Parents may also attend the class in Spanish offered at the Centro Pastoral Tepeyac. Please contact the Holy Name Parish Office or Centro Pastoral Tepeyac to pre-register for upcoming classes.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:phillipsim1@gmail.com">phillipsim1@gmail.com</a> 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 \$18,967.00 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, **79 households have pledged a total of \$42,840.00** towards the SPN-BS parish goal. We're so close! We're almost there! I know we can do it and reach our total goal, so please send in those remaining 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. I am so proud of all of you for being so generous.

#### 2024 Calendars

Enjoy a complimentary 2024 calendar, generously donated by Cubby's and Phil's Cash Saver. It is filled with beautiful Catholic paintings and images. The calendars are available on the tables at the various entrances to the church. Please take only one calendar initially per household until everyone has a chance to procure one.



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 20-January 3 Ch January 4<sup>th</sup> Sch

Christmas Break School Resumes **Please note!** The Parish Office is closed Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup> – Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>. Marie will be out of the office until Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

# Youth

**IMPORTANT:** Junior High youth meet on the FIRST Wednesday of every month. Our Senior High youth meet the other Wednesdays of each month.

**January 3:** Youth group does NOT meet. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

January 10: All 7th - 8th 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.

#### **New Year's Resolutions**

- Eat more fruits and veggies
- Lose 10# (or at least don't gain)
- Sign up for one hour a week Eucharistic Exposition
- Be kind to the fellow worker who is a pain
- Take Christmas decorations down SOON
- Think about good stuff, not bad stuff

More suggestions are available. Please call or text:

Eucharistic Exposition Coordinator Joann Feller 402-215-5532

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.

#### 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 igencarelli@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!

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31						
6:45 A.M. RECONCILIATION – (En/SP) SPN Church						
7:30 а.м. Mass-(English) SPN Church						
10:00 А.М. MASS – (English) SPN Church						
12:30 р.м. Mass - (Spanish) – HN Church						
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD						
5:00 р.м. Vigil Mass – HN Church (Eng.)						
MONDAY, JANUARY 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY						
9:00 а.м. Mass – SPN Church – (English)						
10:00 а.м. Mass – HN Church – (Spanish)						
FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 5						
8:15 A.M. ALL SCHOOL MASS – SPN CHURCH – (ENG)						
9:00 A.M. EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION – SPN CHURCH						
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6						
4:00 P.M. RECONCILIATION – (En/Sp) HN Church						
5:00 р.м. Mass – (English) – HN Church						
SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 – THE EPIPHANY						
6:45 A.M. RECONCILIATION – (En/SP) SPN Church						
7:30 а.м. Mass – (English) SPN Church						
10:00 а.м. Mass – (English) SPN Church						
12:30 р.м. Mass - (Spanish) – HN Church						

THANK YOU from our Parish Knights of Columbus to everyone that came down for our December Pancake Breakfast. Congratulations to GAYLE HAMAN, for winning the (4) tickets to a Creighton Men's basketball game! And Thank You to Joni Locher for donating the tickets, and to everyone who bought raffle tickets! Also, THANK YOU to Santa & his Elf, Katrina for making a guest appearance after the 10am Mass! KC Pancakes will be back on Sunday, 17 March 2024! Shop the Holy Name Humble Jumble Store Open 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thurs., Fri., Sat. Come in for great bargains!!!

Happy New Year! May your life be blessed as you see God bring forth new things in the coming year.



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

\$70 per ticket - Purchased on OneCause



Nicholas Seier Theology II Kenrick-Glennon Seminary St. Charles Borromeo Parish Norfolk, 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 <u>OACCW.org</u>, and have been sent to the guidance counselors of area high schools. All High School Senior Catholic young women are

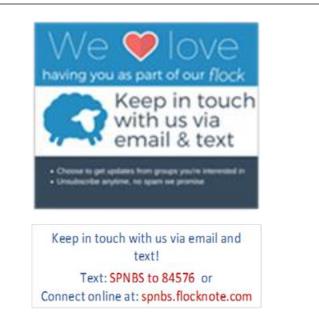
encouraged to apply. If you have questions about the application or the process, please call Cathy Vak at 402-391-0484.

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

NIERCY HIGH SCHOOL

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:





# 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.



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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** <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 <u>Nebraska Catholic Conference</u> 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.



Pray, volunteer, donate! 402-399-0299, or the NEL office, 143 S 38 St Omaha, NE 68131

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- 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 30<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68112. The two churches are 4.2 miles distance and 10 driving minutes apart.

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