



Saint Philip Neri Blessed Sacrament
CATHOLIC PARISH

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - January 14, 2024

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.

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Parish Contacts:

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

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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 calls us to follow Christ.

Reading 1 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel John 1:35-42

Question of the Week –

Adults: In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus? What does he want you to do?
Children: What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

Please continue to pray with the Pope **for the Gift of Diversity in the Church.**

We pray for the Holy Father; that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

St. Vincent de Paul Call Coordinator for the week of Monday, January 15: Cheryl Henkenius
Immanuel Hospital EMHC on Thursday, January 18: Roy Edwards, Rita Livengood

<u>The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>	Altar Server	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
7:30 AM SUNDAY, JANUARY 21	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Gerry Reinsch	George Butterfield	Madeline Jarosik Bonnie Shea Mary Todd		Gayle Haman Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Mike Ramsgard
10:00 AM SUNDAY JANUARY 21	Peter Fink Need a Volunteer	Sadie Bohnenkamp	Brendan Kelly	Kelli Brock Mary Fink Geri Schmidt	Jean and Friends	Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Paul Gray Mark Lampe

Parish Support

Not available at time of print.

Please pray for the family of Don McGonigal. Don is a long-time parishioner. He was buried from here this past Friday.



Our annual St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Mardi Gras celebration is less than a month away, Feb. 10th. **Tickets for the event & dinner are only \$70 per person through Sunday, January 21st.** After January 21st, tickets will cost \$100 per person, so please reserve, & pay for your tickets today! The early bird gets the worm, or, in this case, an addition- al \$30 per ticket, so please do not procrastinate. Buy your tickets today. No exceptions to the pricing and dates.

Mass Intentions January 15 - 21

Monday		No Mass
Tuesday - SPN	8:15 AM	Eddie Hall + Valerie Hall and Family Int.
Wednesday-HN	8:15 AM	Sue Schartz Int.
Thursday-HN	6:30 PM	Benito Garcia +
Friday-SPN	8:15 AM	Patricia Wright + and Family
Saturday-HN	5:00 PM	Joan Kelly +
		- English
Sunday-SPN	7:30 AM	Our Parish Families Int.
	10:00 AM	- English John McGargill +
HN - Spanish	12:30 PM	Ana Manuel +

SPN = St. Philip Neri Church HN = Holy Name Church

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, “Behold the Lamb of God.” The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. JN 1:35-36

From the Pastor

Come and See

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?”
They said to him, “Rabbi” — which translated means Teacher —, “where are you staying?”
He said to them, “Come, and you will see.”

This passage from today’s Gospel, along with the First Reading about Samuel, provides the fundamental way we grow in holiness: Presence. So many times, Jesus or His apostles invite others to simply “come and see.” Despite doubts, manifold obligations, and tempting diversions, being in the very presence of Christ seems to put all other things into perspective, shield us from harm, and nullify temptation. Just the simple act of disposing ourselves to Him, setting aside our preoccupations and busyness and allowing ourselves to talk to Him, sit with Him, and listen to Him is everything!

“Speak, for your servant is listening,” the prophet Samuel says today. What if God isn’t expecting us to be perfect, or to perform remarkable feats, or to save ourselves? What if He essentially wants us to want Him, to want to be with Him? What if He wants to save us through companionship, through friendship with Him? Could the spiritual life be that simple? “Come, and you will see.”

Fr. Cook Away

If all goes according to plan, I, Fr. Cook, will be away from the parishes on my annual ski vacation with brother priests from today, Sunday, January 14th through Saturday, January 20st, 2024. I will be back in time for Sunday Masses on January 21st. I am grateful to Fr. Weidner for filling in during my absence.

I say “according to plan” because, as you may have noticed recently, I have not fully been myself these last few weeks. Starting December 23rd, I began experiencing spontaneous dizzy spells, accompanied by profusive sweating and pronounced nausea. The left side of my face consistently tingles and feels numb. These episodes seem to happen when I am standing for a pronounced period of time, like celebrating Mass. It isn’t the classic vertigo that I know many of you have suffered from, but it is like it. When it happens, the whole world seems like it is sliding and me with it. I grab on to anything or sit down and hope it will pass. Sometimes it does abate after a few minutes; other times, it persists throughout the day. It’s been recurring almost daily and sometimes many times in a day to the point of being almost debilitating.

I have seen various physicians, and they are trying to figure out what it is. At the time of writing this, I am beginning two new medicines that are supposed to help, especially if the cause is some kind of inner ear migraines. I am also undergoing an MRI. If my situation gets better, I’ll be skiing. If not, I’ll still go on vacation and at least rest but without the slopes: I don’t need to have any of these episodes while moving at high velocities.

I thank you for your patience with me and for your extra care and prayers these last few weeks and especially while I am away. I would love to be rid of these episodes, but I also place them at God’s disposal: May He do with me what He will. I will be praying for you all during my vacation and in my daily Masses, and please pray for Fr. Weidner and the staff bearing my load in my absence.

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 in the latter part of December 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. So, please, don’t hesitate: Make your reservations and prepare to celebrate!

New SPN-BS Business Manager

As Fred Doran announced in our bulletin on November 12, 2023, he decided to resign from his position as SPN-BS Business Manager and did so on December 31st. We thank Fred for his years of service to the parish and to the school. We also welcome our incoming business manager, Joshua “Josh” Cantu, who just began his post last week. There is much dormant work for him to catch up on, so please give him a chance to get settled and used to our parish and school operations. He will be a great addition to our staff, but please allow him to introduce himself.

From Our New SPN-BS Business Manager

Hello! My name is Josh Cantu. I’m excited to be working in a position where I can glorify God by working for His Church. I’m originally from Houston, Texas, and I came to Omaha for school at Creighton. I double-majored in economics and business intelligence analytics with a focus in customer research. I met my wife while we were in college, and we’ve been married for a little over a year. We have a dog and a cat, and we both love food, cooking, and baking. I am very excited to be starting as the Business Manager of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish, and I look forward to serving you all in my time here.



New SPN-BS Business Manager, Josh Cantu

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!

Baptism Classes 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 Sunday, February 4th, 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 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 Sunday, Feb. 18th, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.** Please contact the Holy Name Parish Office to pre-register.

New Year’s Resolutions

- ✓ Eat more fruits and veggies.
- ✓ Lose 10 lbs. (or at least don't gain).
- ✓ Sign up for Eucharistic Exposition for one hour a week.
- ✓ 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 but let us help you in fulfilling one of them: Please call or text our Eucharistic Exposition Coordinator, Joann Feller, at 402-215-5532. Spending time with Jesus is the best resolution you can make for 2024!

The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal

Thank you for your overwhelming generosity towards the 2023 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. Both parishes have met and surpassed their goals!!! Congratulations!!! I am so proud of you and grateful for your participation.

- The Holy Name financial goal is \$16,892.43. To date, **68 households have pledged a total of \$19,307.00** towards the Holy Name goal. What an amazing act of generosity!
- The St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament financial goal is \$45,303.88. So far, **90 households have pledged a total of \$49,050.00** towards the SPN-BS parish goal. Well done!

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 phillipsjm1@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 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!

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| January 15 th | No School – Professional Development |
| January 18 th | Free Throw Contest |

Come See Our School



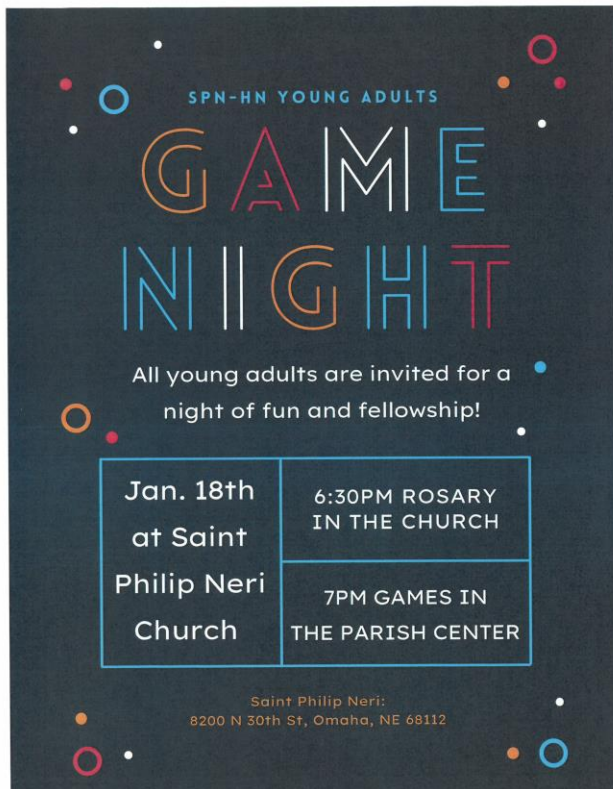
Saint Philip Neri
CATHOLIC SCHOOL
402.315.3500

OPENHOUSE

January 28, 2024

11:00–1:00 PM





Congratulations to our SPN School Alumni! First Honors was achieved by Abigail Murphy, Allison Plewa, & Elizabeth Troia, Second Honors was achieved by Claire Berkey, Alison Reba-Hegarty, & Ava Jensen. We are very proud of you!

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/10C0849A9A92AA4FEC61-youth#/>

or **Scan here on your phone...**



Thank you!

YOUTH GROUP

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

January 17: All 9th – 12th grade students are invited to join us for Senior High Youth Group Night. We begin at 7:30 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Please meet in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center and then we'll go to the gym for some fun.

January 24: All 9th – 12th grade students are invited to join us for Senior High Youth Group Night. We begin at 7:30 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Please meet in the St. Philip Neri 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 7th to 12th 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. **Pre-Registration forms are due by January 31st. Contact John Gencarelli at the office if you need a form.**

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

- 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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 8:15 A.M. All School Mass – SPN Church – (English)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 6:15 P.M. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – ACTIVITY CENTER
- 7:30 P.M. SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP – PARISH CENTER

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

- 8:15 A.M. ALL SCHOOL MASS – SPN CHURCH – (ENG)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

- 4:00 P.M. RECONCILIATION – (En/Sp) HN Church
- 5:00 P.M. MASS – (English) – HN Church
- 6:00 P.M. Movie Knight – Parish Center

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

- 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

Shop the Holy Name Humble Jumble Store

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

Next Sunday is the last day to purchase dinner tickets at \$70 per ticket.
Tickets purchased after January 21 will be \$100.

St Philip Neri Blessed Sacrament Parish
Mardi Gras
Dinner

Saturday, Feb 10, 2024
St. Philip Neri Activity 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



While you are out “After Christmas Clearance Shopping”, please keep our Mardi Gras Silent Auction in mind. We will be asking for homemade 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!



If you misplaced your Mardi Gras information during the hustle and bustle of Christmas, please check the table in front of Church across from the Mary statue and the table in the Narthex on the 30th Street side of Church for all the information you will need and if it is not there, please call the Parish Office to get your questions answered.

Buy Your Mardi Gras Tickets TODAY!

Step 1 - Go to the website:

<https://one.bidpal.net/mardigras2024/welcome>

St. Philip Neri Church - Mardi Gras 2024 Sandy

Search items...

Welcome

Step 2 - Click Purchase Tickets

Purchase Tickets

Make a Donation

Browse Items

About Us

Your Activity

Your Account

Sign Out

Join us in supporting
St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish
St. Philip Neri Catholic School



St. Philip Neri Church - Mardi Gras 2024 Sandy

Search items...

Welcome

Purchase Tickets

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Step 3 - Follow instructions on screen

ORDER SUMMARY

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Total Amount Due	\$0.00

Purchase Tickets

1 Select Tickets

Dinner Ticket

Dinner Ticket for St Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament admission and dinner for 1.

1 ticket in package

\$70.00 x

NEXT

START OVER

2 Enter Ticket Details

3 Enter Payment

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



St Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Council #5287
knights of columbus

Presents A Family
Movie Knight



LEO

PG | 2023 | 1h 42m | Comedy-Family

A 74-year-old lizard named Leo and his turtle friend (Squirtle) decide to escape from the terrarium of a 5th Grade Florida school classroom where they have been living for decades (because he realizes that he's almost 75 - the average life span for Iguanas - and has hardly gotten to live out his dreams as a free lizard).

SATURDAY, JAN 20 @ 6:30PM

DOWNSTAIRS IN THE SPN PARISH CTR

Free Will Offering

**Offering "Hots & Brats",
Fresh Popped Popcorn,
& Ice Cold Sodas**

Save the Date! This year’s Nebraska Walk for Life will be January 27 in Lincoln, NE.

The walk recalls the Jan. 22, 1973, Roe v. Wade decision by the U.S. Supreme Court that established a right to abortion across the United States. That decision has since been overturned, but the Nebraska Walk for Life and other pro-life events across the country continue, to remember the millions of lives lost because of abortion.

Archbishop George J. Lucas will celebrate a 9 a.m. Mass before the walk at St. Mary Church, 1420 K St. in Lincoln.

Msgr. Thomas Fucinaro, pastor of the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln, will deliver the homily at the Mass, hosted by the Nebraska Catholic Conference.

Worshippers can then head across the street to the Nebraska State Capitol, where the Walk for Life, organized by Nebraska Right to Life, begins at 10 a.m. on the north steps.

The walk will conclude at the Nebraska Union at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1400 R St. There participants will find pro-life vendors, refreshments and fellowship. Melissa Ohden, founder of the Abortion Survivors Network, will be keynote speaker.

Ohden, of Kansas City, Missouri, will also speak the night before, Jan. 26, at a 6 p.m. Walk for Life Gala at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel in Lincoln. Individual tickets for the benefit dinner cost \$60. Tickets for tables of eight are \$480.

All tickets can be purchased at nebraskarighttolife.org.

Ticket sales end Jan. 17.

For more information on the gala or the Walk for Life, call 402-438-4802 or visit nebraskarighttolife.org.

We hope you'll join us together with your family.



Michael Figura
Theology I
 North American College
 St. Stephen the Martyr Parish
 Omaha, 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

<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.

Christian Humor:

- Don’t worry about getting older, you’re still gonna do dumb stuff...only slower.
- I don’t iron. If I’m not wrinkle-free, why should my clothes be?
- Y’all better enjoy your 20s, 30s, and 40s because in your 50s, that check engine light is gonna come on.
- Not sure if retailers know this, but there is a whole demographic of women who still want the bottom half of the shirt.
- There is no ‘we’ in chocolate.

Keep in touch with us via email and text!
 Text: SPNBS to 84576 or
 Connect online at: spnbs.flocknote.com

**Easter is early this year,
so the Holy Name Fish Fry is coming up quickly!**

This year's dates are the following Fridays:
February 9, 16, and 23, March 1, 8, 15, and 22.
Doors open at 4 PM and close at 8 PM

Help is needed and volunteers for this community building event are greatly appreciated.

Here are some of the positions:

- Cutting Fish:** Cutters are needed during the day every Friday. This takes place in the cafeteria during the school day from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Lunch is provided. Even shifts of two hours are helpful during the day. Cutting also takes place during the Fish Fry
- Servers:** Help by serving meals to customers
- Fryers:** Man the fryer in the kitchen
- Breaders:** Prepare the fish to be fried
- Dishwashers:** Clean and prepare equipment to get re-used
- Floor:** Work the tables by welcoming guests and cleaning up during the event

We also have opportunities for the Clean Up Crew where any high school student attending a Catholic High School can earn a \$500.00 stipend. This requires the student and one guardian to work 3 nights after the fish fry to aid in cleaning the kitchen. Shifts start about 9:15 and go to about Midnight.

If you are interested in helping please contact Downey Fitzgerald at djfitzgerald@mac.com or 402-218-7875.

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

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

**Catholic Business Group – Omaha
January Nomination Deadline & Meeting**

The Catholic Business Group of Omaha is looking for nominations for our **2024 “LEADING with FAITH” Business Recognition Award**. Submit a Nomination Form to honor a coworker, friend, or relative who "Lives their Faith" through their business and work environment. To submit your nomination online go to: <https://cbgomaha.org/nomination/>
This annual Luncheon Event (Lunch, Speaker & Award) will be on Thursday, April 25, 2024.

AND, plan to attend our **Social/Networking Event** this month on **Jan. 18, 2024**. This month we will be at **Lucky Bucket Brewing, 11941 Centennial Rd. in LaVista, from 4:30-6:00pm**. No RSVP required for this social event, just bring business associates or friends from your parish community.

See www.CBGOmaha.org for monthly event info.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2024
THE NEBRASKA WIND SYMPHONY
SWINGTONES

**BENEFIT DANCE FOR
MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR & AT THE MCS OFFICE:

MCS OFFICE, MSGR ERNEST GRAHAM Bldg, RM 206, 3900 WEBSTER

402-557-5600

ST. ELIZABETH
ANN SETON
PARISH
CENTER 5419
N 114TH ST

7:30 – 10:00 PM
DOORS OPEN AT
6:00 PM

FREE SWING DANCE
INSTRUCTION BY
DAN WONDRA
6:15 – 7:15 PM

TICKETS ARE \$15
STUDENTS AND
SENIORS (65+)
\$10

CASH, CHECKS AND
CREDIT CARDS
ACCEPTED

SILENT AUCTION AND
DESSERT/BAKE SALE

PROCEEDS ASSIST
FINANCIALLY NEEDY
STUDENTS WITH MCS
BAND TUITION



We need YOU in this important mission!
 Training will be offered for men and women desiring to help women through sidewalk advocacy or prayer support at local abortion facilities. This peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding approach has saved over 20,000 babies in 239 cities. Attend our training and see how you can be a part of our team.

Saturday, February 10, 2024 at Catholic Charities, 9223 Bedford Ave from 10 AM – 4 PM \$10 registration fee covers workbook, materials & lunch. For information and to register go to lifesidewalk@gmail.com

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 threatened today by violence and terror, that they be preserved from harm,”
 Archbishop Lucas said.

3-Day Silent Directed Ignatian Retreats



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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.

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

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- 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.)

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"We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives... not looking for flaws, but for potential" – Ellen Goodman