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#### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B - January 28, 2024

#### 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.)

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

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.

Journey of Faith Sister Parish: Holy Name Catholic Church 2909 Fontenelle Blvd. Omaha, NE 68104 Parish Office: 3014 N. 45<sup>th</sup> St. Omaha, NE 68104 402-451-6622 www.holynameomaha.org



#### 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.

Jesus has power over evil.

**Reading 1** Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**Gospel** Mark 1:21-28

Question of the Week -

**Adults:** What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?

**Children:** Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away from our world.

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 29: Jill Reinsch Immanuel Hospital EMHC on Thursday, February 1: Dorie Mittlieder, Kathy Rossitto

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Altar Server	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
7:30 AM SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Pam Hughes	George Butterfield	Regina Cronkhite Maria Hackenberg Jerry Ziska		Gayle Haman Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Mike Ramsgard
10:00 AM SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4	Jack Leininger Need a Volunteer	Sandy Leininger	Brendan Kelly	Tamatha Buell Geri Schmidt Bill Schmidt	Jean and Friends	Eric Brink Paul Gray Mark Lampe Joseph Parys

#### **Parish Support**

# Not available at time of print.



Our annual St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Mardi Gras celebration is less than a month away, Feb. 10.

Tickets for the event and dinner are \$100 per person. We do need

to get a count our incredible caterer – Mark Tussey from Tussey's Casual Grill.

Please reserve your spot, and get your dinner tickets today! Lottery tickets are on sale now! \$10 will get you a chance at the Grand Prize of \$2,500!

#### Mass Intentions January 29 – February 4

Monday		No Mass	
Tuesday - SPN	8:15 AM	Dave Parks +	
Wednesday-HN	8:15 AM		
Thursday-HN	6:30 рм		
First Friday-SPN	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +	
Saturday-HN	5:00 рм	Teresa Pope +	
- English	7:30 AM	Elaine Carney +	
Sunday-SPN	10:00 AM	Mary Tess Wertzberger +	
- English			
HN - Spanish	12:30 PM	Our Parish Families Int.	
SPN = St. Philip	Neri Church	HN = Holy Name Church	

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week Kick Off by attending our Open House today at our school from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

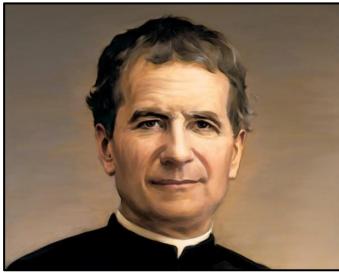
# Pastor's Addendum to the HN & SPN-BS Bulletins

January 28, 2024



#### **Catholic Schools Week**

As we inaugurate annual Catholic Schools Week today, the Lord has provided us with poignant graces that complement and enhance this time of celebration. Firstly, today, January 28<sup>th</sup>, is the Memorial of one of the greatest teachers and doctors in our Catholic Faith: St. Thomas Aquinas. Through his magnum opus, the Summa Theologica, St. Thomas has provided a sure and comprehensive way to understand revelation and our relationship with Jesus. If theology is "faith seeking understanding," St. Thomas has shown us how faith and reason work together in harmony. Such an approach remains the bedrock of our Catholic institutions of learning, principally that of our Catholic schools.



St. John Bosco

During this week, on January 31<sup>st</sup>, we also commemorate St. John Bosco, a great model for educators and catechists. St. John was inventive in his evangelical approach, even using magic tricks to captivate children so that, in trust, he could then share the Faith with them. St. John was also ahead of his time. In a world where corporal punishment was the norm, St. John encouraged teachers to exchange cruel and even tyrannical disciplines with utter humility and service to their students. His wise counsel is found in his *Spiritual Testament*, and it is likewise beneficial for parents and all those who work with children and youth:

...in my long experience very often I had to be convinced of this great truth. It is easier to become angry than to restrain oneself, and to threaten a boy than to persuade him. Yes, indeed, it is more fitting to be persistent in punishing our own impatience and pride than to correct the boys. We must be firm but kind and be patient with them.

I give you as a model the charity of Paul which he showed to his new converts. They often reduced him to tears and entreaties when he found them lacking docility and even opposing his loving efforts.

See that no one finds you motivated by impetuosity or willfulness. It is difficult to keep calm when administering punishment, but this must be done if we are to keep ourselves from showing off our authority or spilling out our anger.

Let us regard those boys over whom we have some authority as our own sons. Let us place ourselves in their service. Let us be ashamed to assume an attitude of superiority. Let us not rule over them except for the purpose of serving them better.

This was the method that Jesus used with

the apostles. He put up with their ignorance and roughness and even their infidelity. He treated sinners with a kindness and affection that caused some to be shocked, others to be scandalized, and still others to hope for God's mercy. And so he bade us to be gentle and humble of heart.

They are our sons, and so in correcting their mistakes we must lay aside all anger and restrain it so firmly that it is extinguished entirely.

There must be no hostility in our minds, no contempt in our eyes, no insult on our lips. We must use mercy for the present and have hope for the future, as is fitting for true fathers who are eager for real correction and improvement.

Lastly, note the beautiful, thematic convergence of this week and the Gospel today from St. Mark. Jesus is teaching in the synagogue, as He is wont to do. "The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Jesus' very words command obedience and bring about deliverance and freedom. "All were amazed and asked one another, 'What is this? A new teaching with authority'." The Christ is often referred to as a rabbi, "rabboni," a teacher! Who are His students? Not only the children in our Catholic Schools but all of us! It is one of the greatest lies and misconceptions that we "graduate" from learning, especially in regard to our Catholic Faith. All of us are called to that spiritual gift of awe and wonder that results in and emerges from docility. Are we willing to still learn, to grow, and to listen to Jesus? Are we seeking out greater knowledge, comprehension, and awareness of His immense creation and, especially, of Him Who made it all?

An enlightening anecdote is often shared from the end of the life of St. Thomas Aquinas. Despite his genius, despite his thoughts and writings that have shaped and inspired the Church and all thinkers for some 800 years, St. Thomas looked at all he had penned and regarded it as "straw" in



St. Thomas Aquinas

comparison to the remaining grandeur and ineffability of the God He sought to worship and comprehend. May we never lose a thirst for learning, reading, creating, and pondering. May we never seek to "graduate" from our relationship with God and what our Church and Saints have yet to teach us.

God bless the dedicated and outstanding administrators, staff, teachers, catechists, students, and the families that operate and utilize our Catholic schools, as well as all those who form Catholic schools in their own homes. God reward all those who donate financial gifts, provide scholarships, and volunteer hours to assist in these good works. What a gift to empower and equip our children and youth for their eternal destiny!

#### First Friday and the Presentation

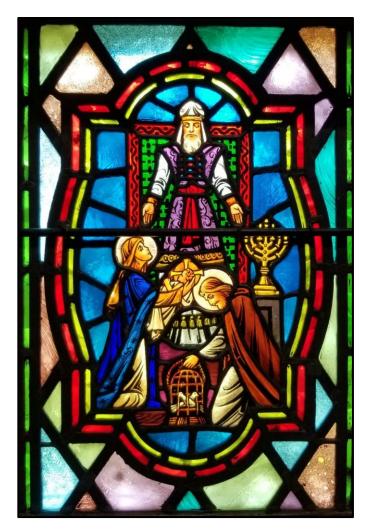
This Friday is not only First Friday, in which SPN-BS Parish will offer exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all day from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., but it is the Feast of the Presentation and the conclusion to the traditional Christmas season. This Friday is the fortieth day after Christmas, the day on which our Lord was purified and presented in the Temple. It is also the day in which we begin Mass with a blessing of candles and a procession with said candles throughout the Church. Please bring any candles you use for devotions, e.g., votive candles, candles for the Advent wreath, etc., to the 8:15 a.m. Mass in St. Philip Neri Church this Friday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, so that they might be blessed. With the conclusion of Christmastide, the outdoor church lights will be extinguished after February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### **Blessing of Throats**

This Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, marks the annual Memorial of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr. Candles blessed on the day prior, during the Feast of the Presentation, will be used to administer the blessing of throats at all our weekend Masses, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.







**Presentation Stained Glass Window** 

#### Wine and Cheese Reception

All are invited to get to know fellow parishioners at the monthly Wine and Cheese gathering in the lobby of Holy Name Church immediately following the 5 p.m. Mass next Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **SPN-BS Secretary Away**

SPN-BS Parish's Administrative Assistant, Marie McFarland, will return from vacation on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your patience during her time away.

#### **SPN-BS Finance Council**

Members of the SPN-BS Finance Council are asked to meet at their next meeting, this Tuesday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.



The Blue & Gold Games during the 2023 Catholic Schools Week in SPN Catholic School

#### St. Philip Neri Catholic School Open House

All are invited to tour our St. Philip Neri Catholic School today, Sunday, Jan. 28th from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. It is just up the hill from and behind the church. See the work on our new STEAM lab that is near completion. Visit with our principal and teachers. We offer significant financial aid for families registered in Holy Name and St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parishes. See where your kids could unleash their gifts and grow in holiness.

#### **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 4<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 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. 18<sup>th</sup>, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Please contact the Holy Name Parish Office to pre-register.

#### **Becoming Catholic in English**

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

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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.

#### **Mardi Gras**

It's official! Please mark your calendars and reserve the evening of Saturday, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 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! If you have misplaced it, there is information on the tables by the Mary statue and in the Narthex. 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! Tickets are \$100!

#### 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 <a href="https://spnbs.flocknote.com/">https://spnbs.flocknote.com/</a>. It's that easy!

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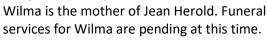
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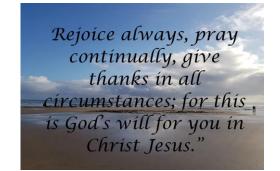
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Please pray for the families of Nate Locher and Wilma West.
Nate is the son of Joni and the late Tom Locher.
Nate was buried from here this past Saturday.







## The Eagle Way Dream, Believe, Pray, Achieve

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.

#### 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/10C0849 A9A92AA4FEC61-youth#/

or

Scan here on your phone...



Thank you!







# OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, Jan 28, 2024

10:00 am Mass SPN Church 11:00 - 1:00 pm School Open

View our Upgraded STEAM LAB
Basketball in Activity Center

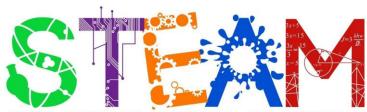












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Updated Steam Lab Operational February 1, 2024
Come, check out what we have done and all the improvements at the Open House

Steam Lab is Dedicated to Betty Jones, In Honor of the Bob and Betty Jones Family



# Catholic Schools Week

January 28 - February 2, 2024

St. Philip Neri Catholic School 8202 N. 30<sup>Th</sup> St. 402-315-3500

## Our Prayer Focus for Catholic Schools Week:

Sunday - Celebrate Parish

Monday - Celebrate the Community

Tuesday - Celebrate the Students

Wednesday - Celebrate the Nation

Thursday – Celebrate Vocations

Friday - Celebrate Faculty and Staff - Noon Dismissal

#### Sunday, January 28 - Celebrate Parish

Kick off Catholic Schools Week with our students and their families at 10:00 Mass followed by an Open House. All SPN students, families and parishioners are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Students, parents and parishioners please wear Saint Philip Neri Spirit Clothing to Mass. The students who have lead roles in Mass will wear their uniforms. McKenna Muhleke and Chloe Steinbock will speak to the congregation telling about their experience at SPN. If you attend the 10:00am Mass and Open House on Sunday you can come out of uniform on Monday.

#### Monday, January 29 - Celebrate the Community

Play Clothes Day for students and staff who attended Mass on Sunday followed by the Open House. Service Project – Can Food Drive

#### Tuesday, January 30 - Celebrate Students

8:15 Mass

8<sup>th</sup> Grade students wear Sweatshirts or T-shirts showing where they are considering going to high school. (Only the Grade 8 will come out of uniform)

Make signs for the Blue and Gold Games

**Hot Chocolate Bar** 

Non-Work Afternoon (Classroom Teachers will provide various activities)

Principal's Game will run throughout the Day.

#### Wednesday, January 31 - Celebrate the Nation

Wear Patriotic Clothing (Out of Uniform Day)

**Spelling Bee Grades 4-8 participate** 

Make thank you cards for Veterans and send to the office.

#### Thursday, February 1 – Celebrate Vocations

Fr. Weidner and/or Fr. Cook visit classrooms and discuss vocations.

10:30 am 8th Grade Mass at the Cathedral followed by lunch

#### Friday, February 2 – Celebrate Faculty and Staff

8:15 Mass

9:30 Blue and Gold Games

Noon Dismissal (No Lunch)

# REVELATION The Kingdom Yet to Come

Come join our Lenten Bible Study on the most misunderstood Chapter in the Holy Bible. This ten week course will be presented by Jeff Cavins.

Discover the meaning of the mysterious figures and events in the Book of Revelation.

See how the Mass is really heaven on earth

Learn about the Antichrist and his destruction.

Explore the Church's teaching on the Second Coming of Christ and the Final Judgement.

Find out what will happen at the end of time and the old establishment of a new heaven and a new earth.

**THEMES:** Revelation as a Book of Liturgy, a Handbook of Discipleship, and the Final Exodus of the People of God.

**When?** It begins February 13<sup>th</sup> – April 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may choose to come at 9:00 a.m. or at 7:00 p.m. All sessions are on Tuesdays.

Where? St. Philip Neri Parish Center (Church basement)

**Cost?** \$5.00 – Payable at the first session.

Sign up Deadline? January 28th

Sign up at the doors of Church

**Questions?** Call Diane Sullivan at 402.571.2078 or Marsha Moon at 402.455.1485

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

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

7:30 A.M. MASS – (English) SPN Church

10:00 a.m. Catholic Schools Week Kick off Mass  $-\,$ 

(ENGLISH) SPN CHURCH

11:00 A.M. OPEN HOUSE – St. Philip Neri School

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

#### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

6:15 p.m. Religious Education – Activity Center

7:30 P.M. SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP — PARISH CENTER

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 P.M. WHO AM I? WITH BRANDON HARVEY

#### FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

9:00 A.M. EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION — SPN CHURCH

12:00 P.M. EARLY DISMISSAL — SPN SCHOOL

12:00 P.M. LITTLE FLOWERS – PARISH CENTER

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

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

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

Please note! Marie will be out of the office through Wednesday, January 31. She will be back in the office Thursday, February 1.



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

January 31: All pre-registration forms for Steubenville are due today!

**January 31:** All  $9^{th} - 12^{th}$  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  $1^{st}$  to  $6^{th}$  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. Pre-Registration forms are due by January 31st. Contact John Gencarelli at the office if you need a form.

# Who am I? Who Is Jesus?

#### Thursdays, February 1st and 8th

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm St. Philip Neri Parish Center (underneath the Church) 8200 North 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 68112



#### Join us for two nights with Dr. Brandon Harvey.

Dr. Brandon Harvey is an instructor for the Evangelium Institute and Catholic International University. He has delivered faith talks around the country and has been involved in many Catholic children's books, textbooks, animated films, and other materials used in homes and schools.

Who am I and who is Jesus: In these two sessions we will be exploring the most important questions we could ever ask. By looking at our own identity and the identity of Jesus, participants will ponder its impact for faith, everyday life, our relationships, and our understanding of the meaning of life. Each session will cover both fundamental questions. The first will emphasize: Who Am I? The second session will emphasize: Who is Jesus and what difference does it make? God does not want to take away your freedom nor limit your life. You were made for greatness. We hope these talks will be a source of inspiration for you and your families.

Everyone is invited to join us! Prepare for the Lenten season!

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." – Matthew 16:15-16

Fr. Cook and Archbishop Lucas are asking Catholics to Live Lent Together!

Live Lent Together is a parish-based movement of small groups of friends and family that break open God's Word. It offers a concrete way to live the habits of prayer, compassion, and friendship. It also helps parishes become missional communities that allow more people to have life-changing encounters with the Lord.

To learn more about Live Lent Together or register for our training to be a small group leader, please contact John Gencarelli at the parish office or visit our website at saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/.

Our training for Live Lent Together leaders will be held in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center, underneath the Church, on Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. If you can't attend our training, you can go to www.ArchOmaha.org/Lent to register for one of the trainings being offered on Zoom.

# St Philip Meri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Mardi Gras Jinner

# 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



\$100 per Ticket – Purchase through One Cause using the QR code above.

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!





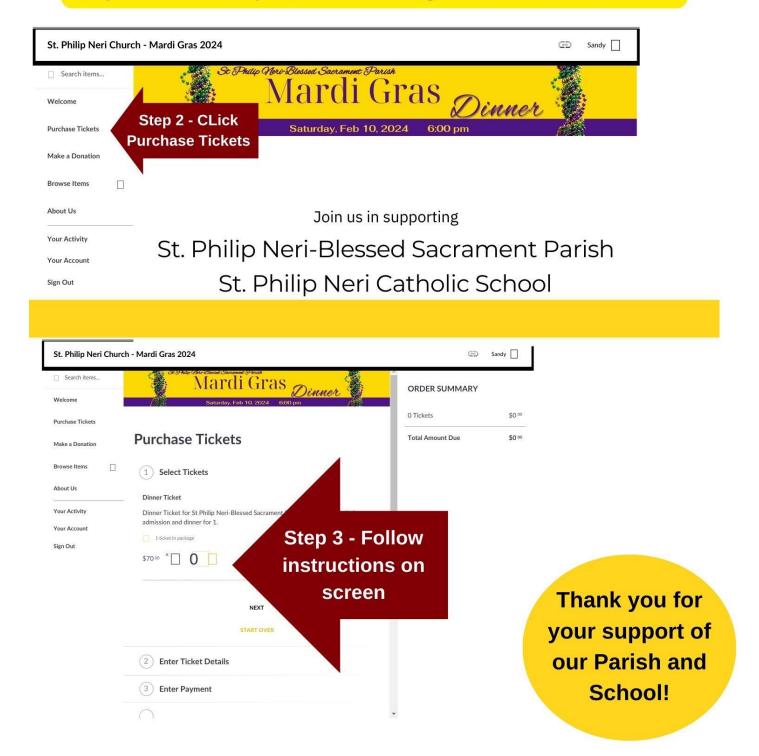


If you misplaced your Mardi Gras information during the hustle and bustle of Christmas, please check the table in front of Church across from the Mary statue and the table in the Narthex on the 30<sup>th</sup> Street side of Church for all the information you will need and if it is not there, please 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





# Steve Mahoney Theology I

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary St. Mary's Parish Wayne, NE

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

#### Please join us in praying:

God our Father, You made each of us to receive our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the Sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ Pope Francis

Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Text: SPNBS to 84576 or

Connect online at: spnbs.flocknote.com

# 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:**

- Being an adult is eating the crust of a sandwich not because you like it, but because you paid for it.
- My grandson made the mistake of telling me I was being overdramatic so I just changed the WIFI password. We'll see who's overdramatic in about 5 minutes.
- At the store there was a big X by the register for me to stand on. I've seen too many Road Runner cartoons to fall for that.

# 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 <a href="mailto:difftzgerald@mac.com">difftzgerald@mac.com</a> or 402-218-7875.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2024

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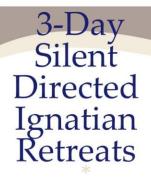
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STUDENTS WITH MCS BAND TUITION Faith And Reason [a series for teens] Because they've got tough questions that need FAITH BASED answers [dates & topics] October 15 | Theology of the Body Does It Matter What I Do with My Body? December 10 | Gender and Identity Exactly Who or What Am I? February 11 | Understanding Temperaments Why Do I Act Like This? er Dr. Keith Jiron, Doctorate in Sacred Theology April 14 | Relating to Others Who Are the People Around Me?

taker: Dcn. Peter Kennedy, M.A. in Theological Studies

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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 tommargaret@cox.net





If you have been on retreats before and looking for a more personal retreat experience, consider one of the dates below. These retreats start with check in between 4:00-5:00pm for the 6pm supper and conclude at 3pm the final day. You would be assigned a spiritual director who you would meet with each day. Directors are guided with the Spiritual Exercises of St. Janatius of

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

Pro-abortion groups want voters to enshrine a right to abortion <u>until birth</u> in the Nebraska constitution, according to proposed language released 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.

SHRINES OF FRANCE PILGRIMAGE: Come along Nov. 4-14, 2024, to some of the most beautiful sites in all of France! We'll visit the holy Shrine of Lourdes, the home of St. Martin in Tours, the grand Chartres Cathedral, the monastery of Mont St. Michel, Normandy Beach along with both an American Cemetery and a German Cemetery, the home of St. Therese the Little Flower in Lisieux and the wonderful city of Paris! Mass each day in great Churches and Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$4,299 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure and more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, 307 - 4th St. N., Humboldt, Iowa 50548 or call 712-899-6870 or email <a href="mailto:frdanguenther@gmail.com">frdanguenther@gmail.com</a> Fr. Guenther has been leading Catholic pilgrimages for over 25 years!



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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 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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