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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 29, 2024

MASS AND SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 PM - Holy Name Church (English)
 Sunday 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM
 - St. Philip Neri Church (English)
 12:30 PM - Holy Name Church (Spanish)

Also, on Facebook & our Website (English)

Sacrament of Penance:

Thursday 5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. (Eng. & Sp.)
 - Holy Name Church

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. (Eng. & Sp.)
 - Holy Name Church

Sunday 6:45 a.m. - 7:15 a.m. (Eng. & Sp.)
 - St. Philip Neri Church

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

Weekday Masses:

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

Holy Days: Please see calendar in this bulletin.

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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.

Reading 1: Numbers 11:25-29 Psalm 19:8-14 Reading 2: James 5:1-6 Gospel Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48: John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us. Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.

"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life crippled than with two feet to be thrown into Gehenna.

"And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. Better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into Gehenna, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'"

There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me.

How should I deal with those who disparage my faith? What deeds am I called to do for my brothers and sisters?

Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. How do I treat my brothers and sisters in Christ? How can I come to the aid of those who thirst for Christ?

If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. What sinful habits or behaviors do I need to remove from my life?

(<https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-in-english>)

St. Vincent de Paul Call Coordinator for the week of Monday, September 30: Jean Tosoni
Immanuel Hospital EMHC on Thursday, October 3: Dorrie Mittleider, Kathy Rossitto

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Altar Servers	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
7:30 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6	Joel Sutherland Andrew Sutherland	Jerry Ziska	George Butterfield	Maria Hackenberg Mary Todd		Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
10:00 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6	Charles Bohnenkamp Solomon Parys	Theresa O'Neill	Brendan Kelly	Kelli Brock Robbie Miller	Jean and Friends	Eric Brink Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Gayle Haman

Parish Support: September 16-22	
WEEKLY BUDGETED AMOUNT:	\$ 7,466.67
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:	
PARISHSTAQ	\$ 370.00
PARISHSOFT	\$ 3,605.00
COLLECTIONS FROM MASSES	\$ 5,707.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:	\$ 9,682.00
WEEKLY BUDGET VARIANCE - OVER (UNDER)	\$ 2,215.33
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Business Year Parish Support: July 1-September 22	
YEARLY BUDGETED AMOUNT:	\$ 98,966.67
YEARLY COLLECTIONS:	\$ 99,196.13
YEARLY BUDGET VARIANCE - OVER (UNDER)	\$ 229.46

Mass Intentions: September 30-October 6	
Monday	- No Mass
Tuesday	- SPN 8:15 AM Michael McMahon +
Wednesday	- No Mass
Thursday	- HN 6:30 PM (Sp.) Barrales Miranda Family
Friday	- SPN 8:15 AM Memorial Society +
Saturday	- HN 5:00 PM Margaret Pleiss +
Sunday	- SPN 7:30 AM Rita Ziska + - SPN 10:00 AM Tom Locher + - HN 12:30 PM (Sp.) People of our Family of Parishes
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What is ParishStaq? ParishStaq is our new online giving platform. In time, we will replace ParishSoft (our old giving platform) with ParishStaq. If you have a recurring gift in ParishSoft, it will continue until we close our ParishSoft account. Your recurring gift in ParishSoft can also be canceled now, and you can set up a new recurring gift in ParishStaq. If you would like help setting up a gift in ParishStaq or have any questions, please reach out to Josh in the parish office. Please consider setting up a recurring gift in ParishStaq. Your donations help us continue to serve you and allow us to make efforts to grow as a community. Thank you for your support.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- 6:45 A.M. CONFESSIONS - (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church
- 7:30 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
- 10:00 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
- 12:30 P.M. MASS (Sp.) - HN Church

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 8:15 A.M. ALL SCHOOL MASS - SPN Church
- 9:15 A.M. BIBLE STUDY ON ROMANS - Parish Center
- 7:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY ON ROMANS - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- 6:15 P.M. RELIGIOUS ED. CLASS - SPN Activity Center
- 7:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP - Parish Center

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 5:30 P.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church
- 6:30 P.M. MASS (Sp.) - HN Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
- 9:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M. FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION - SPN Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 3:00 P.M. SEVEN SISTERS - SPN Activity Center Conf Rm
- 4:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church
- 5:00 P.M. MASS - HN Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 6:45 A.M. CONFESSIONS - (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church
- 7:30 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
- 10:00 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
- 12:30 P.M. MASS (Sp.) - HN Church
- 2:00 P.M. BAPTISM CLASS (ENG.) - SPN Church

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First Friday Eucharistic Exposition: Oct. 4th
 Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament is offered on First Fridays from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Please remember your hour. All are welcome to come to adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please use the breezeway door for entry.



Seven Sisters Apostolate Information Meeting
 Saturday, October 5, 3 p.m. in the SPN Activity Center conference room. All are invited. Seven Sisters is a group of women who commit to offer a Holy Hour exclusively for their parish priest on a distinct day of the week. This way every day of the week a Holy Hour is being offered for our priest. Please prayerfully discern if God is calling you to this fruitful ministry. For more information, please call Nicole Treves at 402-515-6724.

High School Youth Ministry

Youth Group UPDATES:

- Wednesday evening youth group will be for High School Youth ONLY. I will be visiting with our 8th grade students in the schools and RE program.
- Our new meeting time for the youth group on Wednesday nights is 7:00 to 9:00 pm. We will start ½ hour earlier, however, you are welcome to arrive at any time.
- **PARENTS or Other groups:** If you can help provide snacks or donate money or gift cards to Baker's or Family Fare, go to our website: saintphilipnriblessedsacrament.org/faith-formation/#youth-1 or email jgencarelli@archomaha.org.

October 2 & 9: All High School youth from SPN and HN are invited to join us from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for food and fun tonight as we kick off the new year with our high school-only youth group. Meet in the SPN Parish Center. Use the red door on the west side of the building near the breezeway.

October 27: Possible visit to Skinny Bones in Blair. More information to come on cost and such.

October 4-6: V2 Ministries Fall Campout The weekend features paintball, high ropes course, formation talks, small group discussions, Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation. The price includes a two-overnight stay (tent camping), food, and all activities. Open to young men 6th through 12th grade and their fathers. Fathers (or father-figures) are strongly encouraged, but not required, to register and attend with their sons. Camp Rivercrest, 1840 Co Rd 13, Fremont, NE 68025. Price: \$130 - Scholarships available!
 Register: <https://v2ministries.org/adventures/#high>

December 13-15: V2 Winter Adventure features: team-building activities, sledding and snow activities, formation talks, small group discussions, Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation. Price includes a two-overnight stay (heated cabins), food, and all activities. Dec. 13 at 7 PM to Dec. 15 at 9 AM. Camp Carol Joy Holling, 27416 Ranch Rd, Ashland, NE. Price: \$125 per person through Nov. 3 Scholarships available! Register here: <https://v2ministries.org/adventures/#weekend>.

Young Adult Ministry (Ages 21-35)

October 11: Join us at 7:30 pm at St. Cecilia Cathedral for an evening of Adoration and fellowship with young adults across the archdiocese. Young adults, ages 21-39, are welcome to join. This event is always the 2nd Friday of the month.

PUBS: This "pick-up Bible study" requires no preparation or commitment. All are welcome to come on the weeks they can without the fear of falling behind. Check out the PUBS slack channel to learn more about when this group meets!

Sand Volleyball: Come play sand volleyball with us on Mondays at 7:00 pm at Papio Bay Aquatic Center! Keep an eye on the Sports Slack channel for updates on weather cancelations.

For other events in the Omaha area, please go to the Omaha Young Adults website: <https://www.archoyoungadults.org>, or join Slack at <https://archoyoungadults.slack.com/>.

From the Pastor**Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

I would like to thank you in advance for your support and important efforts to ensure the 2024-2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is successful. The financial resources generated through the Annual Appeal fund more than 30% of the archdiocesan budget and ensures that programs, personnel and services are fully available to us and all in our parishes and schools.

The overall goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$4.85 million. The financial and participation goals for our family of parishes are below. I have pledged and given my gift to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal to help both our parishes towards their goals. Please take a moment to reflect upon your blessings and generously respond to the Lord. Please make a commitment to this important effort.

- **Holy Name Parish:**
 - **Participation Goal:** 10%
 - **Financial Goal:** \$16,892.43
- **St. Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Parish:**
 - **Participation Goal:** 30%
 - **Financial Goal:** \$45,303.88
- **Total Financial Goal:** \$62,196.31

Fr. Cook Away & Mass Cancellation

All the priests of the Archdiocese of Omaha are required to attend the two-day Clergy Conference this Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 1st & 2nd in Schuyler and Columbus, NE. As a result, I, Fr. Cook, will be away for these two days. Please pray for all the priests and deacons attending the meetings with the Archbishop.

No Morning Mass Wednesday

Because of the mandatory Clergy Conference, there is NO 8:15 a.m. Mass on Wed., Oct. 2nd in Holy Name Church this week.

Life Chain

Defend life and join fellow parishioners and me, Fr. Cook, in the **annual Life Chain next Sunday, Oct. 6th, from 2 p.m.-3 p.m.** The Life Chain is one of the easiest ways we can stand up for our Faith and the dignity of every human being by witnessing prayerfully, courageously, and together on the streets of Omaha, and it is urgently important to participate in it this year. This year there are two drastically different and vital initiatives on our November ballots: One that will provide lifesaving protections for many of our unborn brother and sisters in Nebraska and the another, horrendous initiative that will enshrine the right to murder unborn children in every stage of pregnancy in our state. This upcoming election has never been more important for the lives of the unborn in the state of Nebraska. Please note that this year our Family of Parishes, both HN and SPN-BS parishes will stand on the north side of W. Dodge Rd., in front of St. Margaret Mary Church (across from UNO). I, Fr. Cook, will have encouraging signs to hold and will lead us in prayer for the hour, so please look for me.



St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament & Holy Name parishioners gather at Life Chain 2023

Joint Pastoral Council

Members of the Joint Pastoral Council are asked to attend their next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8th at 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. in the Holy Name Choir Loft.

St. Michael's Aid

Every so often, I am asked why we pray the St. Michael Prayer at the end of our Masses. Since today, Sept. 29th, is the annual Feast of the Archangels, I thought it might be apropos to explain the origins of this longstanding and noble tradition. It begins in a mystical episode closely resembling what happened to Job in the Old Testament. Pope Leo XIII, who was inspired to compose the Prayer to St. Michael, witnessed a conversation between God and the Devil. In the vision, the Devil, with his characteristic bluster, claimed that he could destroy the Catholic Church. Christ, not desiring

the loss of any of His flock but ultimately trusting in their goodness and resilience, gave permission for Satan to attack the Church for a hundred years.

Exactly 33 years to the day prior to the great Miracle of the Sun in Fatima, that is, on October 13, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had this remarkable vision. When the aged Pontiff had finished celebrating Mass in his private Vatican Chapel, attended by a few Cardinals and members of the Vatican staff, he suddenly stopped at the foot of the altar. He stood there for about 10 minutes, as if in a trance, his face ashen white. Then, going immediately from the Chapel to his office, he composed the prayer to St. Michael, along with instructions for it to be said after all Low Masses everywhere.

When asked what had happened, he explained that, as he was about to leave the foot of the altar, he suddenly heard voices - two voices, one kind and gentle, the other guttural and harsh. They seemed to come from near the tabernacle. As he listened, he heard the following conversation:

- The guttural voice, the voice of Satan in his pride, boasted to Our Lord: "I can destroy your Church."
- The gentle voice of Our Lord: "You can? Then go ahead and do so."
- Satan: "To do so, I need more time and more power."
- Our Lord: "How much time? How much power?"
- Satan: "75 to 100 years, and a greater power over those who will give themselves over to my service."
- Our Lord: "You have the time, you will have the power. Do with them what you will."

In 1886, Pope Leo XIII decreed that this prayer to St. Michael be said at the end of "low" Mass (not "high", or sung Masses) throughout the universal Church, along with the *Salve Regina* (*Hail, Holy Queen*); and the practice of the congregation praying these prayers at the end of Mass continued until about 1970, with the introduction of the new rite of the Mass (taken from <https://www.michaeljournal.org/>).

We must always remember that we are not only at war with a secular culture but "but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens," (Eph. 6:12). Remember that St. Michael, lowly among the nine choirs of angels, was the very spirit who cast Satan out of Heaven (Rev. 12:7ff). If you are looking for a way in which to intercede for the Church during these tumultuous days and before the upcoming election, consider this prayer. Now, more than ever, we need to learn and pray the Prayer of St. Michael at every opportunity. May the Hosts of Angels come to our aid!

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into Hell, Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

First Knights' Mass

Today, the SPN-BS Knights of Columbus are initiating a new tradition: a quarterly "Knights Mass", a Mass in which our Knights of Columbus will serve in most of the liturgical ministries at our 10 a.m. Mass. This special Mass will occur on fifth Sundays of months with five Sundays. It will allow the Knights to serve us, foster solidarity among them, and attract new members. This first official "Knights Mass" will occur today, Sept. 29th, the Feast of the Archangels, during the 10 a.m. Mass in SPN Church.

First Friday Exposition

This Friday is First Friday, and we will host all day exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our SPN Church from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Please come and spend some time with Jesus; all adorers who have committed to an hour of adoration on First Fridays are reminded to attend their hour.



Pope Leo XIII



Michael, by Guido Reni



Festival Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of our 2024 SPN-BS Fall Festival Lottery and Calcutta, and thanks to all those who generously sold and purchased tickets.

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament



- **2024 SPN-BS Fall Festival Lotter Winners:**

- 1st place \$2,500 – Tony Le
- 2nd place \$1,000 – Lori Elliott
- 3rd place \$500 – Karen Bexten

- **2024 SPN-BS Calcutta Winner:** Mary Parsons (\$257.50 winning amount - half of the total collected from Calcutta tickets: \$515.00)

Fall Festival Gratitude

What a miracle! If you followed the weather forecast before our SPN-BS Fall Festival, you know that rains were expected all week, especially on the weekend, and accompanied by thunderstorms. Well, your prayers worked! As time for our festival drew near, plans were made to move all the activities indoors, but such plans proved unnecessary. God granted us a day without rains and a perfect day for a fall festival occurring on the first day of fall: Overcast and cool but no rains.

We are especially grateful to the many underwriters and sponsors who made the event possible and overwhelmingly fruitful this year, and we are thankful to everyone who attended, organized, assisted at, and donated to our fall festival. In a special way, we thank:

- Rob and Koni Barie, the chair couple for the entire event and without whom it couldn't have happened; this is the third consecutive year and final year Rob and Koni have taken on this incredible act of love and service – every year they have grown and improved the festival,
- The Azteca Dancers of Raices de Mexico,
- Parishioner Mike Bryant and his E String Blues Band,
- Sandy Leininger and Tom and Jan Sammons for promotion and marketing,
- Tom Sammons for operations,
- Sandy Leininger, parish Communications & Website Coordinator, for organizing the rides, games, activities, and volunteers.
- Mitzi LeClair and Gayle Haman for organizing the food,
- Parish Maintenance Supervisor, Eric Brink, for maintenance solutions,
- Denise Smith & Anne Jensen, SPN Catholic School Secretary and Principal, respectively, for promoting the lottery challenge in the school,
- Our parish and school teenagers for helping with the games and booths, especially youth from the classes of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and even 2024,
- Mary Fink for overseeing the Cake Walk,
- Kevin Hughes, April Collamer, Terri Herman, and Lynn Ingraham for overseeing the monies and counting,
- Shawn Parks for organizing the beer and beverages,
- Kathy Rossitto for carrying out the Calcutta drawing,
- Nancy Bohnenkamp for setting up the Country Store,
- And the various donors of food items, such as Gayle Haman for the funnel cakes; Chris and Jessica Minturn for the Zesto Shoppe; Jim Hall and Orsi's Italian Bakery & Pizzeria for the donations of breads; Pettit's Pastry for donating cakes; Jim and Sylvia Thomas for the donation of pumpkins; not to mention the many people who donated delicious baked goods for the Sweet Shop, Cake Walk, and Country Store!
- Also, special thanks to parish secretary Mary Ramm, who took care of all the "little things" that are very important. She was at the meetings and was always willing to find the answers to whatever we needed. And thanks to Josh Cantu, parish Business Manager, who helped with anything money related, and a few other odds and ends.

I apologize if I inadvertently omitted anyone from these acknowledgements, and thank every person who volunteered in any way to make our festival possible and such a fun and successful occasion.

I am happy to announce that parishioners and school parents, Chad and Kris Buchan, have graciously agreed to serve as our festival chair couple in 2025 and 2026. They will need your help, and I know you will be there for them. Thank you, Lord, for affording us good weather and a joyful event, for the gift of your Son Who draws us together, for the generations who have come before us, and for the treasure that is one another.

Mandatory 1st Reconciliation Meetings

All school and parish children making their First Reconciliation in Holy Name or St. Philip Neri churches this winter must attend, along with at least one of their parents, a mandatory session in either English or in Spanish. The session in English was held on Wednesday, Sept. 25th, from 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the St. Philip Neri Catholic School Activity Center. The session in Spanish is Wednesday, Oct. 30th, from 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the St. Philip Neri Catholic School Activity Center. Again, both the first penitent child and at least one parent must attend the session together.

Becoming Catholic in English

Becoming Catholic (RCIA or OCIA) is our process conducted in English for anyone 8 years and older desiring to receive Baptism. It is also our process for any Catholic adults who are 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 Castañeda at the Holy Name Parish Office at your earliest convenience.

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 will be Sunday, October 6th, 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. Formal registration and participation in the parish is a prerequisite, and pre-registration is further required to attend the class. Please contact the secretary of your respective parish office, Holy Name or St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament, to pre-register.

Baptism Classes in Spanish at Holy Name: 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, October 20th, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.** Please contact the Holy Name Parish Office to pre-register.

Religious Articles: Holy Name Church sells beautiful and helpful religious articles after the weekend Masses on Sat. at 5 p.m. and on Sun. at 12:30 p.m. The quaint, little shop is in the north hallway just off the church’s narthex (lobby). We hope you visit it and grow in faith and share it with others.

<p>Novena for Life From Deacon Tim McNeil</p> <p>In November, voters will decide between two abortion ballot initiatives. Please join Nebraska’s three dioceses in praying a novena for life beginning October 1st, also the start of Respect Life Month.</p> <p>Here are links to a digital novena: file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/Sacred%20Heart%20Novena-1.pdf</p> <p>and a print-friendly (1-page) novena: file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/Sacred%20Heart%20Novena,%20One%20Page-1.pdf</p>	<p>God Almighty Father, creator of all human life, we implore your love and mercy upon the people of the state of Nebraska, as we face serious threats to the dignity and sanctity of human life.</p> <p>We beg you, O Lord, to move the hearts and minds of all Nebraskans to vote against Initiative 439, which would do profound and lasting harm to women and babies in our state.</p>	<p>Bestow upon us the grace, eternal Father, to remain steadfast in our charity and care for all pregnant women and preborn babies, that they would know your protection and faithful love.</p> <p>Grant this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.</p> <p>Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, pray for us.</p> 
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Fall 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to exercise our moral responsibility on social and political issues. While involvement in politics can sometimes be perceived in a negative light, we know that Jesus has come to redeem every aspect of our lives, including our political order. He has called each of us to bear His light in the public square and to strive for a just and good society.

During this upcoming election cycle, we are called to inform our consciences on the candidates running for public office, to understand the issues we will vote on, and to make good moral decisions. We do this rooted in our love of Jesus and the teachings of our Catholic faith.

On the upcoming ballot, Nebraskans are facing a choice of historic proportions on the issue of abortion. Two competing constitutional amendment initiatives have been approved for placement on the ballot, and our votes on these matters will mean the difference between life and death in our state.

Initiative 439 is a proposal that would insert a right to late-pregnancy abortion in our state constitution. I am urging all Nebraskans, especially Catholics, to vote AGAINST Initiative 439. The proposal uses vague and abstract terms that would expand elective abortions well into the second and third trimester. It also risks eliminating fifty years of widely supported and common-sense health and safety laws intended to protect women and babies from unsafe and coercive abortion practices. Initiative 439 creates a culture of abortion that is simply too extreme for Nebraska.

In contrast, Initiative 434 was launched by medical professionals to provide some baseline protections in the state constitution for unborn babies beginning in the second and third trimester. While imperfect in its protection for all babies, this proposal provides an important step forward in safeguarding Nebraska laws enacted to ensure the health and safety of women and babies. I am asking Catholics to vote FOR Initiative 434, especially as a defense against the morally problematic Initiative 439.

As early voting begins soon, please take some time to learn more about why Initiative 439 would be bad for Nebraska. You can do so by visiting www.voteAGAINST439.com. I also call Catholics to take courageous action. Defeating Initiative 439 will take each and every one of us talking to family, friends, fellow parishioners and other Nebraskans and urging them to also vote AGAINST Initiative 439.

We rely on God's help and ask for the Blessed Mother's intercession for the protection of Nebraska's women and babies.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George J. Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend George J. Lucas
Archbishop of Omaha



LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART

Most loving Jesus, I join my prayer with Catholics across Nebraska. We beg you to protect our state from the extreme pro-abortion ballot measure. Grant us courage to convert hearts and minds to vote against Initiative 439. Hear our prayer, and have mercy on us!

Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	Heart of Jesus, treasure-house of wisdom and knowledge	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Christ, have mercy	<i>Christ, have mercy.</i>	Heart of Jesus, in whom there dwells the fullness of God	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Lord, have mercy	<i>Lord, have mercy.</i>	Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
God our Father in heaven	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, from whose fullness we have all received	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
God the Son, Redeemer of the world	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, desire of the eternal hills	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
God the Holy Spirit	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, patient and full of mercy	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Holy Trinity, one God	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, generous to all who turn to you	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, Son of the eternal Father	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, fountain of life and holiness	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mother	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, atonement for our sins	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, one with the eternal Word	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with insults	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, infinite in majesty	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, broken for our sins	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, obedient even to death	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, pierced by a lance	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, aflame with love for us	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, source of justice and love	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, victim of our sins	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, well-spring of all virtue	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, salvation of all who trust in you	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, worthy of all praise	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, hope of all who die in you	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>	Heart of Jesus, delight of all the saints	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>



Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world	<i>Have mercy on us.</i>
Jesus, gentle and humble of heart.	<i>Touch our hearts and make them like your own. Amen.</i>

Adult Faith Formation

Bible Study: Romans - The Gospel of Salvation

Meets on Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. in the SPN Parish Center. It will help us enter a more meaningful relationship with Christ. For questions, call Marsha Moon at 402-455-1485.

Inklings Book Club: Do you enjoy Christian literature or movies like *The Lord of the Rings* or *Chronicles of Narnia*? Do you have an interest in Inklings figures like J.R.R. Tolkien or C.S. Lewis? Then join an Inklings Book Club! We meet monthly. Contact Brandon Harvey for more information: bharvey@catholicu.edu.

Religious Ed & Sacramental Prep

Catechists & Helpers Needed: If you feel the call to serve the Lord by evangelizing our children as a catechist or helper in our Religious Education program, contact our Director of Religious Education, Monica Valles, at 402-455-1289, ext. 804 or email mavalles@archomaha.org.



40 Days for Life Fall Campaign: Sep. 25-Nov. 3

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. To sign up to pray at the Omaha location near Planned Parenthood at 3105 N 93rd St: www.40daysforlife.com/en/omaha. To sign up to pray in Bellevue near 1002 W Mission Ave, Bellevue: www.40daysforlife.com/en/bellevue.

Rosary and Prayer for the Protection of Life

Every Tuesday in October at 6:30 pm, all are invited to Holy Name Church to pray the Rosary for the protection of human life in our state and in our country. Those unable to attend are urged to pray at home for the protection of women and children from abortion in Nebraska and the entire United States.



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Prague, NE

Annual Bazaar: Sunday, October 13. 10 am Mass; 11 am-2 pm duck or pork dinner with dumplings, kraut, mashed potatoes, cranberries, roll, kolach, dessert, & drink. Dine-in buffet, carry out, or drive-thru. Free delivery to Wahoo, Weston, Touhy, & Valparaiso. Polka music, raffle, country store, quilt raffle, beer “pivo” garden, Czech kolach & strudel bakery. Live & silent auctions featuring Husker football, volleyball & basketball tickets.

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“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”... And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’

(Matthew 25:35-36,40)

SVDP Coat Drive: September 28-29

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament St. Vincent de Paul Society is sponsoring a Coat Drive the weekend of September 28-29 to support the Annual SVDP Coat Giveaway. Blue barrels are placed at the front entrance of the church, the breezeway by the south entrance, and in the lobby of the grade school. Donations of gently used and new jackets, coats, scarves, hats, gloves and mittens for all ages are needed!



The Coat Giveaways will be Saturday, October 5, 3:00 pm-8:00 pm at Centro Pastoral Tepeyac, 5302 S. 36th St.; and Saturday, October 19, 8:00 am-1:00 pm at the Omaha Home for Boys, 4343 N. 52nd St. We anticipate this drive will help 3,000 children and adults get coats!

A widowed grandmother, whose daughter and 3-month-old granddaughter have moved in to escape an abusive situation, with no electricity in her house (OPPD disconnected due to unpaid bills); a divorced mom who left her job temporarily to care for her disabled son along with his brother and baby sister, and now is in danger of losing OPPD and MUD; and a single man who is barely getting by cannot get to work unless he can either pay for car repairs or pay the utility bill to keep the power on. What do they all have in common? They have all called our SVDP help line this past month asking for assistance, along with at least 40 other calls. They usually have reached out to other charitable organizations, but the response we get most often is “you are the only one who called me back”.

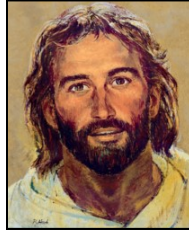
We have assisted these families and many others this past year, and with the help of our Parish Family, we will continue to be a beacon of hope to the less fortunate in our community. We have a matching grant of \$20,000 that will help fund our mission for 2025 and we need \$3,500 to reach our goal **by October 31st**. We also have collection bins for the Holy Name Food Pantry located at all church entrances - cereals, spaghetti sauce/pasta, snack foods - are greatly appreciated. We also will be holding a coat drive on the last 2 weekends of September to support the SVDP Annual Winter Coat Giveaway which will be held on October 19 at the Omaha Home for Boys and October 5 at the Centro Pastoral Tepeyac.

Our mission 'to make us responsive to the Christian calling to seek and find the forgotten, the suffering, or the deprived so that we may bring them Your love' has been ongoing here at SPN-Blessed Sacrament for many years and will continue with your prayers and support.

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament St. Vincent de Paul Society



**Christians
Encounter Christ
CEC Weekends Fall 2024:
Men's October 18-20
Women's October 25-27**



All-inclusive cost \$150 for food, lodging, & materials. Financial scholarships available. Fall 2024 Weekends will be held at St. Wenceslaus Church, Cain Hall, 15353 Pacific St, Omaha, NE. Lodging is at Holiday Inn Express, 17677 Wright St., Omaha NE. Standard double occupancy. Private rooms available for an extra fee. Pre-registration is necessary at www.cecomaha.org. For more information, contact Pat Gredys at pgredys@centurylink.net or 402-306-3038, or Julie Bloomingdale at 402-618-8621 or jtbloumingdale@gmail.com.

Marriage Celebration: October 20

All married couples are invited to the annual Marriage Celebration, including the newly married, those celebrating milestone anniversaries, and all other witnesses to Holy Matrimony. Sunday, October 20, at St. Cecilia Cathedral: doors open at 1:45 pm, 2 pm Rosary, 2:30 pm Mass offered by Archbishop Lucas. Archbishop Lucas will remain in the Cathedral after Mass to take photos with any couple who wishes to do so. (There is no reception after Mass.) No RSVP required. Email Jodi Phillips at jmphillips@archomaha.org with questions.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Bring the peace of Christ into your relationship with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter:



- September 27-29 in Lincoln, NE (non-residential);
 - October 4-6 in Grand Junction, CO; or
 - November 1-3 in Dillon, CO.
- For more information, call Brenda & Gary Granger at 402-370-5839.
- November 8-10 in Holstein, IA, call Greg & Denise Rubner at 563-920-9419.



For more information, visit www.wwme.org.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Weekends:

November 30-December 1, and January 4-5 at the St. Benedict Retreat Center in Schuyler. For more information and to register, go to Omahacee.org.

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Christ the King Parish Festival: Saturday, September 28, 5 pm-8 pm,

*Mass at 4:00 pm, 654 S. 86th St. Inflatables, mechanical bull ride, face painting, games, live music by the P.O. & the Show, food trucks, beer garden, ice cream, silent auction. Fun for the whole family!

St. Margaret Mary Parish Festival: September 27-29

- Friday, 7 p.m.: Holy Hour with Eucharistic Exposition and Music
 - Saturday, 6-9 p.m.: (age 21+) Food Trucks, Beer Garden, Live Music
 - Sunday, 3-7 p.m.: Food, Raffles, Games, Entertainment for all ages
- Festival weekend website & tickets: one.bidpal.net/smmfestival2024

St. Bernard Catholic Church & School Dinner Auction

Friday, October 18 at the Scott Conference Center, 6450 Pine St., Omaha. Social Hour & Silent Auction begin at 5 pm. Join us as we celebrate the Catholic faith in our school, lives and community. Please call the rectory to purchase your tickets, 402-551-0269.



Heart of a Servant - The Father Flanagan Story

The remarkable story of Father Edward Flanagan is told in the new feature-length documentary, "Heart of a Servant: The Father Flanagan Story," will be released in theaters nationwide for one night only, **Tuesday, October 8, 2024.** The movie is narrated by Jonathan Roumie, best known for playing Jesus in the hit TV series "The Chosen."

Father Flanagan, the Boys Town founder who died in 1948, dedicated much of his life ministering to orphans and troubled youth. From his lifelong health struggles and immigrant journey to the United States to his remarkable founding of Boys Town for orphaned youth to his advising heads of state on post-war child welfare policies, this film shows Father Flanagan as a visionary yet humble priest whose impact is as relevant now as ever.

At the request of the Father Flanagan League Society of Devotion (FFLSD), Archbishop George Lucas agreed to support the cause of the beatification and canonization of Father Flanagan. On March 17, 2012, Father Flanagan was named a "Servant of God", the first step in the canonization process in the Catholic Church.

You can see "Heart of a Servant" at these area theaters:

- AMC Theaters, Council Bluffs 7 pm, 9:45 pm
- ACX Aksarben Cinema 7 pm, 7:05 pm
- ACX Cinema 12+, Elkhorn 7 pm
- Marcus Twin Creek Cinema, Bellevue 7 pm
- Marcus Majestic Cinema, Omaha 4 pm, 7 pm, 7:05 pm
- Marcus Village Pointe, Omaha 7 pm
- Marcus Grand Cinema, Lincoln 7 pm

Most show times are 7 p.m.; more times are being added due to demand. To learn more, watch the trailer, or purchase tickets: <https://www.fatherflanaganfilm.com>

North Omaha Candidates' Night:

September 30, 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at Florence "City Hall", 29th & State Streets, Omaha. Come meet candidates who will appear on the November 5th election ballot. Shake their hands and talk to them in person. Free hot dogs while they last. Event sponsored by the North Omaha Commercial Club, Florence Historical Foundation, and Minne Lusa-Miller Park Neighborhood Association.

MASS FOR VOCATIONS
Monday, October 21, 5:30 p.m. at St. Philip Neri

The Serra Club of West Omaha invites you to a special Mass for Vocations on Monday, October 21, at 5:30 pm at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church. Mass will be offered by Fr.



Fr. Tom Weisbecker



Deacon John Pflug

Tom Weisbecker to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated religious life in the Archdiocese of Omaha. After Mass, stay for a *Meeting & Mixer*. Deacon John Pflug will speak about his call to serve our Lord, his spiritual experiences along the way, and why prayer for vocations is so vital to the future of the Catholic Church. Light refreshments will be provided. All are invited! If you are interested in helping to build the Church locally through vocations support, contact Bruce Jefferies at westomaha@serrainternational.org. Learn more at serrawestomaha.org or Facebook @serrawestomaha.

Message from S.A.L.T.

If you haven't signed up yet to be in touch with a member of S.A.L.T., please do so on the display in the narthex of the church. Following are those on our list: Sharon Olson, Jean Little, JoAnn Todd, Carol Parks,



Joe Hernandez, Donna Thibodeau, Carol Schade, Jim Kimble, Bob & Fannie Parker, Henry Kelly, Rich & Rita Muff, Irene Nordhues, Fred & Liz Maycock, Theresa Andrews, Phyllis Huser, Mary Miner, Mary Bierma, Jean Jones, Pat Potter, and Jane Vlcek. Thank you to all who are helping these people be in touch with their parish.

<https://formed.org/signup>

Our parish has a subscription to this evangelization and catechetical tool by the Augustine Institute. Many apostolates have provided solidly Catholic material to help us grow in our relationship with Christ and His Church. At the link above, find the phrase "Create a New Account". Enter your parish: St Philip Neri Church or Zip code 68112. Click "Next" and add your name and email address. Formed also has an app which can be used for group sessions. Questions? Please contact Mary in the Parish Office.

"The Way" through Grief

This workshop will be held on Saturday, October 5 at 10:30 a.m. at the Calvary Cemetery office, 7710 W. Center Rd. Registration with Deacon Jim Tardy is required one week prior. For more information or to register, please contact Deacon Tardy at jtardy@catholiccem.com or 402-391-3711.





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As a Parish and as a School, we are praying for the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Omaha. Every two weeks we feature a young man discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Please join us in praying:

A Prayer for Vocations

through the intercession of Saint John Vianney

O God our Father, You promised "I will appoint shepherds for My sheep who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble: and none shall be missing." (Jer. 23:4-5). Hear the prayers of Your flock. Through the intercession of Your beloved priest, Saint John Vianney, we beg You to call to the sacramental priesthood generous men who will desire nothing more than to serve You in imitation of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, our High Priest.

And after You call them, we pray that You sustain the doubtful, console the discouraged, and strengthen the weak as they start the long and demanding preparation for the priesthood.

Mary, Mother of priests, and example of faithful, humble, and joyful acceptance of God's will, help all those who are called to the priesthood to open their ears and hearts to the gentle call of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(www.pnac.org/support/prayers-for-seminarians)

Musical Accompanist Needed for School Masses

Would you like to help enhance the celebration of the Mass for our school students? We are looking for a piano accompanist to assist at our all-school Masses on Friday mornings. Mrs. Miller leads the songs, but we need an accompanist to enrich our celebrations of the Mass. If you are interested in this volunteer opportunity, please call Mary in the parish office.

Christian Humor

- Listening to a talk show about couples last night. The moderator said that most men don't know their wife's favorite flower. My husband turned to me and said, "It's self-rising, isn't it?" Ha, ha - not funny.
- I'm really proud of myself. I haven't bought anything from Amazon yet this year.
- I lost some weight once, but I found it again in the fridge.
- Cooking rule: If at first you don't succeed, order pizza and donuts. Follow me for more cooking tips.

Dear Eucharistic Exposition Adorers,

To pique your interest in the most flabbergasting relic (I think) on earth, I have placed a full page article in the Prayer Room. It's too big to copy. Please enjoy reading the National Catholic Register article entitled, "Shroud of Turin: A Roundup of the Latest Findings". The science behind this relic is astounding.



Thank you all for keeping your hourly commitments. Jesus is smiling!

Joann Feller,
 Eucharistic Exposition Coordinator

Links to online articles on the Shroud of Turin:

<https://www.ncregister.com/commentaries/shroud-for-skeptical-times>

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/258943/>

Eucharistic Exposition hours are Monday through Friday from 5 pm to 8 pm in the Prayer Chapel. Also, on First Fridays there are hours from 9 am to 8 pm in the Church proper. Please call or text Joann Feller if you are interested.

Adoration hours without Exposition are available anytime. Please contact Mary in the parish office for details: 402-455-1289, ext. 721 or meramm@archomaha.org.



Artists can submit their hand-drawn 6.5" wide x 8" tall prayer card designs from October 1st to December 13th!

Students in kindergarten through 8th grade attending a Catholic school, Religious Education class, and/or are homeschooled are eligible to participate. Artists can pick between the two mysteries for their grade range:

- **K-2nd Grades:** Baptism of the Lord, The Wedding in Cana,
- **3rd-5th Grades:** The Transfiguration, The Rosary
- **6th-8th Grades:** The Proclamation of the Kingdom, The Institution of the Eucharist.

Winners, runners-up, and honorable mentions will all receive prizes. Winning art will be displayed on prayer cards distributed to Catholic elementary schools and parishes throughout the listening area, and will be displayed at Spirit Catholic Radio events during 2025!

Please include student's name, parish, age, parent phone and email on the back of your submission and send it to: Spirit Catholic Radio, Attn: Art Contest, 13326 A St, Omaha, NE 68144. Questions? Contact kvss@kvss.com or 855-571-0200.



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