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## Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 6, 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.

**Journey of Faith Sister Parish:** Holy Name Catholic Church 2909 Fontenelle Blvd. Omaha, NE 68104

Parish Office: 402-451-6622 3014 N. 45<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68104 [www.holynamemaha.org](http://www.holynamemaha.org)

#### Parish Contacts:

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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:** Genesis 2:18-24    **Psalm:** 128    **Reading 2:** Hebrews 2:9-11    **Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

“The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, ‘Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?’ They were testing him. He said to them in reply, ‘What did Moses command you?’ They replied, ‘Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her.’ But Jesus told them, ‘Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, *God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.* So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.’ In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. He said to them, ‘Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.’

“And people were bringing children to him that he might

touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this he became indignant and said to them, ‘Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it.’ Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.” (Mark 10:2-16)

*They were testing him.* When have I felt that my faith was being tested? When have I tested God’s love for me?

*In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus.* When have I struggled to understand what God wants from me? How can the Holy Spirit help me to know God’s will?

*Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

When have I been an obstacle to someone following Jesus? How can I support people in their search for God?

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

**St. Vincent de Paul Call Coordinator for the week of Monday, October 7:** Jean Tosoni  
**Immanuel Hospital EMHC on Thursday, October 10:** Bill Cheese

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Altar Servers	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
7:30 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13	Joel Sutherland Andrew Sutherland	Jan Sammons	George Butterfield	Madeline Stogdill Jerry Ziska		Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
10:00 AM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13	Jack Leininger Noah Leininger	Geri Schmidt	Brendan Kelly	Mary Fink Kirk Utley	Jean and Friends	Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Mark Lampe Joseph Parys

Parish Support: September 16-24	
<b>WEEKLY BUDGETED AMOUNT:</b>	\$ 7,466.67
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:</b>	
PARISHSTAQ	\$ 385.00
PARISHSOFT	\$ 2,070.00
COLLECTIONS FROM MASSES	\$ 5,764.35
<b>TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS:</b>	\$ 8,219.35
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET VARIANCE - OVER (UNDER)</b>	\$ 752.68
Business Year Parish Support: July 1-September 24	
<b>YEARLY BUDGETED AMOUNT:</b>	\$ 107,500.00
<b>YEARLY COLLECTIONS:</b>	\$ 107,415.58
<b>YEARLY BUDGET VARIANCE - OVER (UNDER)</b>	(\$ 84.52)

Mass Intentions October 7-13	
Monday	- No Mass
Tuesday	- SPN 8:15 AM Mary Tess Wertzberger +
Wednesday	- HN 8:15 AM Rick Peterson +
Thursday	- HN 6:30 PM (Sp.) Juan de Dios Montes +
Friday	- SPN 8:15 AM Susan Schartz +
Saturday	- HN 5:00 PM Dai Nguyen +
Sunday	- SPN 7:30 AM The Kelly Sisters + - SPN 10:00 AM Tom McGuire + - HN 12:30 PM (Sp.) Vallecillo Sánchez Family
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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, 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

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

- 8:15 A.M. ALL SCHOOL MASS - SPN Church  
 9:15 A.M. BIBLE STUDY ON ROMANS - Parish Center  
 6:30 P.M. J OF F PASTORAL COUNCIL - HN Choir Loft  
 7:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY ON ROMANS - Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**

- 6:15 P.M. RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES - SPN Activity Center  
 7:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP - Parish Center  
 7:00 P.M. K OF C MEETING - Parish Center Conf. Rm.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**

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

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

- ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC SCHOOL PHOTOS  
 8:15 A.M. ALL SCHOOL MASS - SPN Church  
 3:30 P.M. LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS' CLUB - Parish Center

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

- 9:00 A.M. MASS (Sp.) - HN Church  
 1:00 P.M. MARY ANN TAYLOR B'DAY - Parish Center  
 4:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church  
 5:00 P.M. MASS - HN Church

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

- 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

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**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.

**The Chosen, Season One**

Coming soon - Tuesday, Oct. 29 - to a theater near you - the St. Philip Neri Parish Center! *The Chosen* Season One, episode one of eight. Show times are 9:15 am or 7:00 pm. Have you heard about this made for TV series and always wanted to see it? Now is the time. Stay tuned for more weekly details.

**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](mailto:bharvey@catholicu.edu).

**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: [saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/faith-formation/#youth-1](http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/faith-formation/#youth-1) or email [igencarelli@archomaha.org](mailto:igencarelli@archomaha.org).

**October 9 & 16:** 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 continue 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 (Sunday):** We will meet at Tom Carney's farm at 6:00 pm for a bonfire, hot dogs, s'mores, scary movies, and other fun activities. Meet at 8322 Pawnee Rd., Omaha, NE at 6:00 pm. We will finish at 9:00 pm. Permission forms will be handed out at Youth Group.

**October 30:** Youth Group does NOT meet tonight.

**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/>.

**90th Birthday Party**

Join us for a 90th Birthday Party in honor of Mary Ann Taylor on Saturday, October 12th, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center, located in the church basement.



**From the Pastor****Special Mass & Blessing of the HN Field House**

Mark Your Calendars: All HN parishioners and friends of Holy Name are invited to a special, bilingual 5 p.m. Mass at Holy Name on Sat., Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Archbishop Lucas will celebrate the Mass and, afterwards, will lead parishioners over to the HN Field House where His Excellency will formally bless it. Light refreshments and appetizers will be available after the blessing in the Field House, courtesy of the Confraternity of the Holy Family and the Hispanic Community of Holy Name.

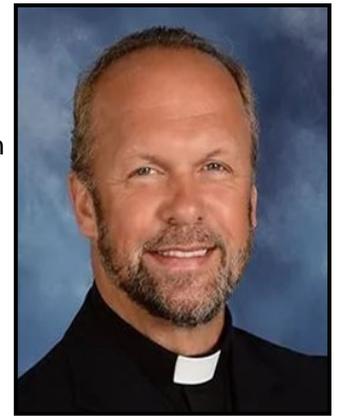
**Fr. Cook Away & Mass Cancellations**

Fr. Cook will be away on a short vacation to officiate at his niece's wedding in Wichita and then attend his annual silent retreat in South Dakota. He will be away Wednesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> through Friday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for him during this time. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF OCTOBER 15, 16, and 18, all Masses and confessions will carry on as usual during this time with the help of substitute priests. Again, there are NO Masses on Oct. 15, 16, and 18. We regret the inconvenience.

**Cross Catholic Outreach Priest**

Father Ligeza will be visiting both of our parishes next weekend, Oct. 12 and 13, to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach, which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Fr. Kazimierz Ligeza, PH.D. is a priest of the Diocese of Tarnow, Poland, and he has worked in pastoral ministry in Florida since 2005, when he began as the Associate Pastor of a parish in Gainesville, FL until 2018. Fr. Ligeza possesses an academic concentration in liturgy, specializing in Homiletics, Theology of Liturgy and Social teaching of the Church. He has authored books and articles covering a wide variety of topics in the Catholic Church. Fr. Ligeza believes that helping the poorest of the poor is identifying Jesus in them. He is especially fond of a quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta: "Do small things with great love".



*Fr. Ligeza*

**Life Chain**

Defend life and join fellow parishioners and me, Fr. Cook, in the **annual Life Chain TODAY, Sunday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 (vote **FOR Initiative 434**) and the another, horrendous initiative (vote **NO - NEIN against Initiative 439**) that will enshrine the right to murder unborn children in every stage of pregnancy in our state.



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

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.



[votefor434.com](http://votefor434.com)



[voteagainst439.com](http://voteagainst439.com)

**Women's Care Center Job Posting**

Make a difference! Women's Care Center Omaha, a pro-life pregnancy center, is seeking compassionate individuals to teach our Spanish weekly parenting classes. This is a paid position. Time commitment is about 2-3 hours each week. We have a prepared Spanish curriculum for teachers to follow. If interested, please reach out to Connie via [wccconnie13@gmail.com](mailto:wccconnie13@gmail.com).

**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

**Joint Pastoral Council**

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

**Mandatory 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 25<sup>th</sup>, 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. 30<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto: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, November 3rd, 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**Little Flowers Girls' Club<sup>®</sup>** is a fun & faith-filled Catholic club for girls' grades Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade that teaches virtues through scripture, Saints' biographies and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Activities include snacks, games, crafts, scrapbooking, and prayer/adoration.

**Starts Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm**

Fridays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center  
For a complete schedule, email [jgencarelli@archomaha.org](mailto:jgencarelli@archomaha.org).

If you can bring snacks for the group, please contact Maggie Peklo at 402-917-6196.

**Please complete one form per child.**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your Child allergic to anything (including food): \_\_\_\_\_

The fee to cover supplies and materials is \$25.00 per year or \$40 per family.  
Please return to the St. Philip Neri Parish office. (please make checks to St. Philip Neri Church)



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

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Sunday, October 20th**



**St PHILIP NERI**  
**Parish Center**  
**8200 N 30th St**

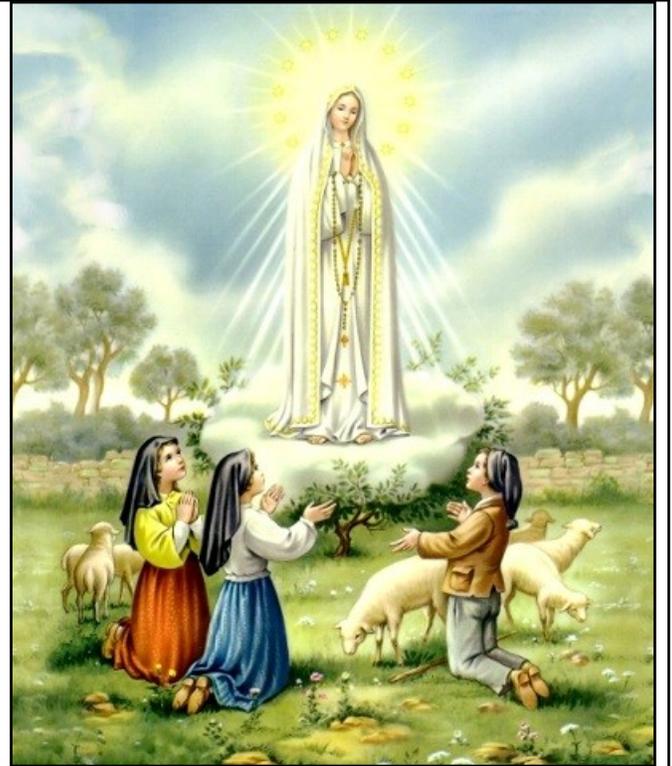


**ALSO BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY**

**8:00AM - 12 NOON**

- Adults - \$10
- Kids (5-12) - \$5
- Under 5 – FREE
- **Family Rate - \$25**
- Immediate Family Only Please

Please join our Knights for a hearty Breakfast with Friends & Family, and let us take care of the Dishes



*Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima*  
*October - month of the Holy Rosary*

**The Evangelium Institute presents *Sanctity in Modern Times*** with Andrew Logan. Nov. 4, 11, 18 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. The course will explore the treasures of the Spiritual Life passed on in the Catholic Church, and practical tips in the pursuit of holiness. More info. & to register: [www.eicatholic.org](http://www.eicatholic.org)

**Canonization Prayer Opportunity**

All are invited to a special Mass on Columbus Day, October 12, at 5:00 pm at Christ the King Church to pray for the canonization of the Venerable Servant of God Michael J. McGivney, Founder of the Knights of Columbus. Refreshments following Mass. For more information call Jack 402-812-2552.



**Novena for Life**

From Deacon Tim McNeil

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.

Here are links to a digital novena:  
 file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/Sacred%20Heart%20Novena-1.pdf

and a print-friendly (1-page) novena:  
 file:///C:/Users/Owner/Downloads/Sacred%20Heart%20Novena,%20One%20Page-1.pdf

**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.

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.

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.

Grant this prayer  
 through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
 Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe,  
 patroness of the unborn,  
 pray for us.





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**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 are available for an extra fee. Pre-registration is necessary at [www.cecomaha.org](http://www.cecomaha.org). For more information, contact Pat Gredys at [pgredys@centurylink.net](mailto:pgredys@centurylink.net) or 402-306-3038, or Julie Bloomingdale at 402-618-8621 or [jtbloomingdale@gmail.com](mailto:jtbloomingdale@gmail.com).

**Marriage Celebration: Sunday, October 20**

at Saint Cecilia Cathedral. Doors open at 1:45 pm, 2:00 pm Rosary, and 2:30 pm Mass with Archbishop Lucas. All married couples are invited to this annual Marriage Celebration, including the newly married, those celebrating milestone anniversaries, and all other witnesses to Holy Matrimony. There is no reception after Mass, but Archbishop Lucas will remain in the Cathedral to take photos with any couple who wishes to do so. No RSVP required. Email Jodi Phillips at [jmphilips@archomaha.org](mailto:jmphilips@archomaha.org) with questions.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

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



- November 1-3 in Dillon, CO, 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](http://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](http://Omahacee.org).

**Free Organic Compost - Black Dirt** Wonderful for gardens - tilled shavings and horse manure - you must pick up! Call Rose Edwards at 402-680-2991.

**FUNDAMENTAL HEALTH CARE ETHICS**  
OCTOBER 19, 2024 | 8:00 AM - 5:45 PM  
CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY | OMAHA, NE

**PRESENTATION TOPICS**

Human Dignity and the Mission of Catholic Health Care  
The Vocation of the Health Care Professional  
Medical and Surgical Interventions in Light of the Gift of Fertility  
*and more!*

**CONTINUING EDUCATION AVAILABLE FOR:**

- Physicians | Physician Assistants
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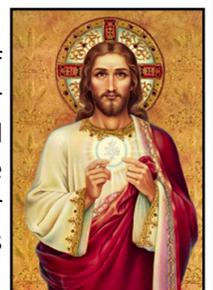
This one-day conference offers continuing education for health care professionals rooted in the Hippocratic and Catholic ethical tradition. This conference is presented by the St. John Paul II Foundation, the Archdiocese of Omaha, the Fr. Edward J. Flanagan Guild of the Catholic Medical Association, and Creighton University. For more details visit [convergingroads.com](http://convergingroads.com) or email [alexandra@forlifeandfamily.org](mailto:alexandra@forlifeandfamily.org).

**St. Peregrine Mass**

Saturday, October 19, 11 am at the Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows, 7400 Military Ave. Individuals and families seeking the intercession of St. Peregrine, the patron saint of those dealing with cancer, are invited to a special Mass celebrated for those who are ill and their loved ones on the third Saturday of each month.

**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, call Mary in the parish office.





**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 17, 7 pm, 9:45 pm
- ACX Aksarben Cinema 4 pm, 7 pm, 7:05 pm, 9:30 pm
- ACX Cinema 12+, Elkhorn 7 pm
- Marcus Majestic Cinema, Omaha 4 pm, 7 pm, 7:05 pm
- Marcus Village Pointe, Omaha 4 pm, 7 pm
- Marcus Twin Creek Cinema, Bellevue 4 pm, 7 pm
- Marcus Lincoln Grand Cinema, Lincoln 7 pm, 7:01 pm
- Marcus East Park 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>

<https://formed.org/signup> Our parish has a subscription to this evangelization and catechetical tool by the Augustine Institute. Catholic Bible studies, video, audio, and children's resources. To create an account at the link above, search for parish: St Philip Neri Church or zip code 68112. Click *Next*, and add your name and email. For questions or help with signup, please call Mary in the parish office.

**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](mailto:mavalles@archomaha.org).

**Religious Education Classes:**

Classes for both SPN and HN are held on Wednesdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in St. Philip Neri Catholic School. For any questions, contact Monica Valles: 402-455-1289 x804 or [mavalles@archomaha.org](mailto:mavalles@archomaha.org). All Religious Education classes and parent meetings take place in St. Philip Neri Catholic School on Wednesdays from 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**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. Tom Weisbecker to pray for an increase in vocations to



Fr. Tom Weisbecker



Deacon John Pflug

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, learn more at [serrawestomaha.org](http://serrawestomaha.org) or Facebook @serrawestomaha.

**Christian Humor**

- You never realize how little self-control you have until chips and salsa are in front of you at a Mexican restaurant.
- To those I offended in 2023: Try to improve yourself so I don't have to do it again in 2024.
- I'm not like the other girls. I know what I want for dinner. I've been thinking about it since lunchtime.
- I'm the life of the party, if the party ends by 8:30 pm.
- My brain says "exercise crunches" but my stomach says, "ice cream."

**Message from SALT:** If you haven't signed up yet to be in touch with a member of SALT, please do so on the display in the narthex of the church. Following are those on our list: Sharon Olson, Carol Parks, JoAnn Todd, Joe Hernandez, Donna Thibodeau, Carol Schade, Jim Kimble, Henry Kelly, Bob & Fannie Parker, Rich & Rita Muff, Fred & Liz Maycock, Irene Nordhues, Jean Little, 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.

**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. Studies prove the more people are praying at the abortion facility, the more lives are saved! To sign up to pray at the Omaha location near Planned Parenthood at 3105 N 93rd St: [www.40daysforlife.com/en/omaha](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/omaha). To sign up to pray in Bellevue near 1002 W Mission Ave, Bellevue: [www.40daysforlife.com/en/bellevue](http://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 our entire country.

**St. Cecilia Cathedral Festival: October 4-6**

Saturday, 6:30-10:30 pm; Sunday, 12 pm-6 pm. Games, food, beer garden, music, raffle, soccer, meat wheel, white elephant sale, and more!  
<https://stceiliacathedral.org/cathedralfest/>

**St. John Paul II Newman Center Fall Open House Sunday, October 13, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.**

1221 South 71st Street, Omaha, NE 68106, phone 402-557-5575. [www.jpiumaha.org](http://www.jpiumaha.org)

**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, and basketball tickets.

**St. Bernard Catholic Church & School Dinner**

**Auction: Friday, October 18** at 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. Call the rectory to purchase tickets, 402-551-0269.



Please welcome Fr. Kazimierz Ligeza to our parish October 12-13. He comes to us from Cross

Catholic Outreach and will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Cross Catholic Outreach assists existing Catholic missions in the Caribbean, Arica, Asia, and Central and South America. The majority of the resources it collects helps to provide services to the poorest of the poor around the world. To learn more, scan the QR code, visit [CrossCatholic.org/outreach](http://CrossCatholic.org/outreach), or call 800-914-2420.

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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)*



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 31<sup>st</sup>**. 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. 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!

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



**Mr. Thomas LaSala**  
**St. John Vianney Seminary**  
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**St. Gerald Parish**  
**Ralston, Nebraska**

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. For more information on vocations to the priesthood or religious life: <https://omhavocations.org/>.

**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](http://www.pnac.org/support/prayers-for-seminarians))

**Help Pray 75,000 Rosaries for Vocations!**

Join the Archdiocese of Omaha Vocations Office’s 2nd annual, month-long Rosary Rally in October to help encourage young men and women discerning vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We are seeking to increase our rosaries prayed this year to 75,000! All are invited to join in asking Our Lady’s intercession to support of those discerning and living out their vocations! Log your rosary at [OmahaVocations.org](http://OmahaVocations.org), or call 402-513-8569, or email [rosary@archomaha.org](mailto:rosary@archomaha.org). Pray alone, with your family, with a group, or at an event:



- Friday, Oct. 11, 7:30 pm with Veni for young adults at St. Cecilia Cathedral
- Sunday, Oct. 13, 1 pm; and Wednesday, Oct. 16, 7:15 pm with ArchOmaha seminarians on Facebook
- Saturday, Oct. 21, 5:30 pm at St. Philip Neri Church at the Serra Club Mass.

<https://omhavocations.org/rosary-rally/>

**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](mailto: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](mailto:kvss@kvss.com) or 855-571-0200.

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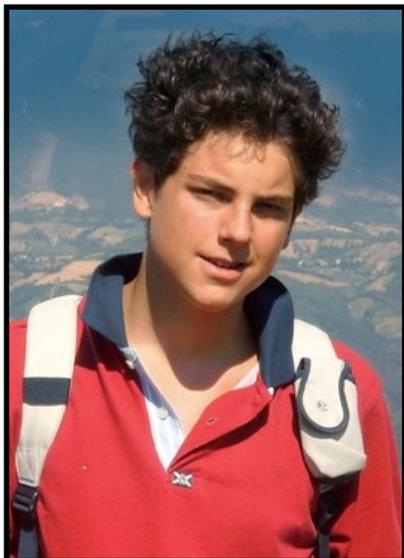
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Our St. Teresa of Calcutta students of the month for September from each classroom, who most exemplify the virtues of Mother Teresa - empathy, kindness, and service to others. Congratulations on this honor.



L to R (back row) Emma Bazer 8th, Evelyn Garcia 5th, Caroline Del Valle Mejia 6th, Aleksandra Chavez 7th; (front row) McKenna McPhaull PreK, Ezarah Gray 1st, Amaris N'Doumy 4th, Audrey Musil 2<sup>nd</sup>, James Leininger 3rd, and Ethan Berkey Kindergarten.



Blessed Carlo Acutis, 1991-2006

### Our October Saint of the Month: Blessed Carlo Acutis!

Blessed Carlo's feast day: October 12th.

Virtues for October: Good Digital Citizenship,  
Good Sportsmanship, and Teamwork.

Blessed Carlo loved the Holy Mass and visiting Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. He created websites of approved **Eucharistic Miracles** and **Marian Apparitions** from around the world:

<http://www.miracolieucaristici.org/>

<http://www.themarianapparitions.org/en/avm/>

**For more information about Blessed Carlo:**

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/46048/>

<http://www.carloacutis.com/>

# WHERE DOES IT SAY THAT

in the Pro-Abortion Ballot Proposal?



## REMOVES PARENTAL RIGHTS

By using "persons" instead of "women," any girl under the age of 18 could have an abortion without her parent's consent or knowledge.

## FORCES TAXPAYERS TO FUND ABORTION

Abortion activists will use this language to force taxpayers to fund abortion, as they are already doing in other states.

## THREATENS ALL HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

After similar proposals passed in Michigan and Ohio, decades of common-sense health and safety laws were eliminated. This includes informed consent laws, state licensure requirements, and routine health and safety inspections.

## CREATES A RIGHT TO LATE-PREGNANCY ABORTION

"Fetal viability" is defined so broadly that elective abortions will occur well into the second and third trimesters, far beyond Nebraska's current law allowing abortions only through the first trimester and in cases of rape, incest, or to save the mother's life.

## ALLOWS ABORTION CLINIC EMPLOYEES TO DECIDE VIABILITY

This vague and undefined language will result in non-doctors, including abortion clinic employees, having the sole discretion to decide if a baby is "viable" and can be aborted.

## PUTS VULNERABLE BABIES AT RISK

Babies born at 32-36 weeks and even later often need the help of medical equipment to breathe—one example of an "extraordinary medical measure." Under this ballot proposal, these babies are not "viable" and will be aborted.

## ARTICLE I, SECTION 31

*THE NEBRASKA STATE CONSTITUTION  
WOULD BE AMENDED TO READ...*

"All persons shall have a fundamental right to abortion until fetal viability, or when needed to protect the life or health of the pregnant patient, without interference from the state or its political subdivisions.

Fetal viability means the point in pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the patient's treating health care practitioner, there is a significant likelihood of the fetus' sustained survival outside the uterus without the application of extraordinary medical measures."



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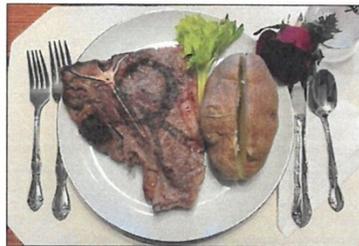
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