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First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2024

MASS AND SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Holy Name Church (English)
 Sunday 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
 - St. Philip Neri Church (English)
 12:30 p.m. - 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
 Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. (Eng./Sp.) - Holy Name
 Sunday 6:45 a.m. - 7:15 a.m. (Eng./Sp.) - St. Philip Neri
 Anytime by appointment 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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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed on Mondays)

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament bulletin submissions must be received in writing or by email by noon Wednesday.

God speaks to us in many ways, including through this Sunday's Scripture readings.

Reading 1: Jeremiah 33: 14-16 **Psalm 25** **Reading 2:** I Thes 3: 12 - 4:2 **Gospel:** Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand

before the Son of Man." (Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36)

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

On earth nations will be in dismay. What problems in the world cause me distress? How does my faith have an impact on my response to these problems?

People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world. How does fear keep me from living my faith in courage and love? How can I cultivate the theological virtue of hope?

Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness. What distracts me from following God's will? How can I learn to quiet or avoid these distractions? (<https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-in-english/>)

| | Altar Servers | Reader | Deacon | EMHC | Musicians | Ushers |
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| Sunday, Dec. 8 7:30 AM | Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland | Larry Ziska | George Butterfield | Bob Jones Jeanette Pinker | | Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard |
| Sunday, Dec. 8 10:00 AM | Charles Bohnenkamp Solomon Parys | Bill Schmidt | Brendan Kelly | Robbie Miller Geri Schmidt | Jean and Friends | Eric Brink Paul Gray Mark Lampe |

St. Vincent de Paul call coordinator for the week of Monday, Dec. 2: April Collamer.

Immanuel Hospital EMHC Thursday, Dec. 5: Therese O'Neill.

Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions

Monday, December 2

No Mass

Tuesday, December 3

8:15 am SPN Mass: Clifford & Rosetta Hartin +

Wednesday, December 4

8:15 am HN Mass: Joe Penrod +

Thursday, December 5

9:00 am HN Mass: (Eng. & Sp.) Luis Olivas +

Friday, December 6

8:15 am SPN Mass: Perpetual Memorial Society +

Saturday, December 7

4:00 pm HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)

5:00 pm HN Mass: Howard & Margaret Peterson +

Sunday, December 8

6:45 am SPN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)

7:30 am SPN Mass: Kevin Pfeiffer +

10:00 am SPN Mass: the people of our family of parishes

12:30 pm HN Mass: (Sp.) Francisco E. Cortés +

SPN = St. Philip Neri Church HN = Holy Name Church
Masses are in English unless otherwise noted.

Parish Support: November 18-24

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

PARISHSTAQ \$ 659.00

PARISHSOFT \$ 1,145.00

COLLECTIONS FROM MASSES & BY MAIL \$ 6,110.83

TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS \$ 7,914.83

Business Year Parish Support: July 1-November 17

The Parish Support business year giving totals are not available at this time due to not having a business manager. We are sorry for the inconvenience. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

What is ParishStaq? ParishStaq is our new online giving platform. We will soon 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. You can also cancel your recurring gift in ParishSoft now, and set up a new recurring gift in ParishStaq. If you would like help setting up a gift in ParishStaq or have any questions, please contact Mary in the parish office. Please consider setting up a recurring gift in ParishStaq. Your donations help us to continue to serve you and allow us to make efforts to grow as a community. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you.



THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 - First Sunday of Advent

- 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
- 4:00 P.M. VESPERS AND BENEDICTION - SPN Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
- 9:15 A.M. *THE CHOSEN* MOVIE - Parish Center
- 6:30 P.M. SPN 1ST CONFESSIONS & ADVENT CONFESSIONS - SPN Church
- 7:00 P.M. *THE CHOSEN* MOVIE - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - HN Church
- 6:15 P.M. RELIGIOUS ED. CLASSES - SPN Activity Center
- 7:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP - SPN Parish Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- 5:30 P.M. CONFESSIONS (ENG./SP.) - HN Church
- 6:30 P.M. MASS (SP.) - HN Church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
- 9:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M. 1ST FRIDAY ADORATION - SPN Church
- 3:30 P.M. LITTLE FLOWERS - SPN Parish Center

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 4:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church
- 5:00 P.M. MASS - HN Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 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
- 4:00 P.M. VESPERS AND BENEDICTION - HN Church
- 8:00 P.M. -12:00 A.M. NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN WITH EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION - SPN Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 -

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, *Holy Day of Obligation*

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
- 10:45 A.M. MASS - Roncalli High School
- 2:00 P.M. MASS - HN Church
- 6:30 P.M. MASS (ENG./SP.) - HN Church

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March
1st,
2025

Mark your calendars for the
St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Mardi Gras
Saturday, March 1st, 2025!

Join us for Happy Hour at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner, etc. Tap your feet to great music and feast on delectable food and drink with friends and family.

Mardi Gras 2025

Night of Prayer for the Unborn

All are invited to take part in the National Night of Prayer for the Unborn on Dec. 8th in SPN Church.

The rosary and pro-life prayers will begin in English every hour, on the hour. Please use the southern



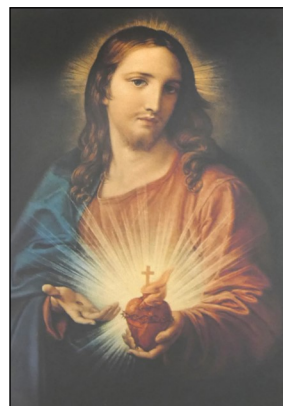
breezeway door or main, eastern doors of SPN church to enter. Use the **QR code** or call Mary in the parish office to sign up for an hour. We need at least two people to sign up for each hour.

- **Sunday, December 8th:**
 - o 8 p.m.-9 p.m.
 - o 9 p.m.-10 p.m.
 - o 10 p.m.-11 p.m.
 - o 11 p.m.-12 midnight (Benediction)



Fr. Stephen Gutsell Memorial Mass & Supper

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 pm at St. John the Baptist Church, 215 N 13th St, Fort Calhoun, NE. All children are invited to bring a flower to offer at Mass. Supper in the Parish Basement immediately following Mass. All are welcome! Cost: Free. Questions, call Beth Holdridge at 402-426-3823 or email office.manager@trinitycatholicparishes.org.



First Friday: December 6

December 6th is First Friday, in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be offered all day from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Please remember your hour.

All are welcome to come to adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please use the South breezeway door for entry.

From the Pastor**Happy New Year!**

Ok, today isn't January 1st, but it is the first day of Advent. That means it's the first day of our new liturgical year! Our weekday readings will now come from Cycle I, found in volume two of the four volume Lectionary. In terms of the Sunday readings throughout 2025, we enter Cycle C. It specifically features the Gospel of Luke.

If Mark's Gospel is like an action movie, Matthew's Gospel akin to a drama, and John's Gospel similar to an artsy, foreign film, then Luke's Gospel is a tearjerker romance. St. Luke, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, authored his eponymous Gospel and the book of the Acts of the Apostles. It is easy to remember the artistic symbol associated with Luke's Gospel, the ox, because the Gospel of Luke begins with Zechariah in the temple, where animal sacrifices are made, and features the birth of Jesus among common farm animals, like cows and oxen.



By tradition, Luke was an iconographer and a medical doctor. His physician's heart and care for the afflicted, the poor, and the outcast is readily and uniquely visible in his Gospel. St. Luke provides a glimpse into the Immaculate Heart of Mary and seminal accounts of the conception and nativity of Jesus. His Gospel features many prominent stories of Christ's encounters with women, so often denigrated in Jesus' time. Luke's Gospel is also the only one that describes the moving parable of the Prodigal Son and the inspiring story of the Good Samaritan. So much charity is on display in Luke's Gospel.

Advent Opportunities

The season of Advent is composed of four weeks (or at least four distinctive Sundays) that prepare us for the Nativity of Jesus Christ at Christmas. For a full list of the various Advent and Christmas opportunities and details for special Masses & liturgies, please refer to the flyer inserted into this bulletin, hanging on the church bulletin boards, and available for download on our parishes' websites. One of the ways to make the most of your Advent is to participate in and understand the unique liturgical changes occurring over the next four weeks:

Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate

Lamenting the inhospitality of the innkeepers of old who refused entrance and kinship to the Holy Family, we strive to be the most welcoming community we can be at our parishes. What better way to foster hospitality to the stranger than by celebrating the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate? Our youth and adult brothers and sisters—who are considering becoming baptized as Catholic Christians, and who are available—will participate in this first formal step of the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (O.C.I.A.). Please pray for them and greet and encourage them when you see them.

Gloria & Instruments

To reflect the penitential tone of Advent, the *Gloria* hymn is not sung on the ferial days of Advent. The use of instrumental accompaniment, while allowed, is restrained to a minimum in Advent, too. The *Gloria*, originally sung by the angels at Jesus' birth, will return triumphantly with our Christmas Masses.

Wreath

The four color-coded candles in the traditional Advent wreath by the ambo in the sanctuary will mark our progress throughout the four weeks of Advent. Advent wreaths are not just for the church; every parishioner and parish family is encouraged to have one in their home or apartment. Christ is the sole source of light and hope in a world filled with much darkness; may He illuminate our church and our homes and meals together. **PLEASE NOTE:** These candles will remain lit 24/7, so please do not extinguish them.

Bowing at the Waist

Lastly, Advent and Christmas times remind us of the central mystery of the Incarnation of Christ: God taking on our human nature. During the entire year we should always bow at the waist when, during the recitation of the Profession of Faith (Creed), we recite the words referring to the Incarnation of Christ: "...and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."

SVdP Induction Ceremony

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will celebrate its Induction Ceremony for new members during the 5 p.m. Mass in HN Church next Saturday, Dec. 7th. Msgr. Gilg, their chaplain, will be present to concelebrate. The St. Vincent de Paul Society has chapters in both our parishes and in many parishes throughout Omaha, the Archdiocese, and the world! Animated by the prayer and charity of St. Vincent de Paul, volunteers meet with clients in person and over the phone to encourage them, intercede for them, and supply material assistance, foods and finances raised through donations in and outside of our parishes. If you would like to love like the Saints and help Jesus in the less fortunate, please consider joining either parish's SVdP Society. It will change your life and the lives of so many!

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.

Our parishes have received help through the training of parishioners in the Mentorship Program, our teachers have been helped through ongoing Catholic formation through Evangelium Institute, our Spanish-speaking parishioners receive marriage and baptismal formation through the Centro Pastoral Tepeyac, Archdiocesan personnel are providing formation to our joint Pastoral Council, and our Catholic Schools' office and Safe Environment department are directly helping us. These are just a few of the tangible ways the archdiocese helps us, and they couldn't do them without support for the appeal.

Please make a commitment to this important effort. We are currently a long way from our goals, but I know both parishes can meet and surpass the challenge, as we have in previous years. Please give!

- **Holy Name Parish:**
 - **Current Households Donating:** 20
 - **Current Pledge Total:** \$10,845.00 – We're two thirds towards our parish's goal!
 - **Financial Goal:** \$16,892.43
- **St. Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Parish:**
 - **Current Households Donating:** 53
 - **Current Pledge Total:** \$21,895.00 – We're halfway towards our parish's goal!
 - **Financial Goal:** \$45,303.88
- **Total Financial Goal:** \$62,196.31

Retirement Fund for Religious: We will take up a second collection to benefit the Retirement Fund for Religious at all our Masses on Dec. 7th and 8th. Thank you for your generosity for these consecrated women and men who have given up everything to serve the Lord and us.

SPN-BS Fulltime Business Manager Wanted

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish is looking for a Business Manager. The position is full-time, comes with benefits and conventional office hours, M-F. The job description is located at careers.archomaha.org/career-view/2300/. Any interested parties should email their resumé to the pastor, Fr. Cook, at djcook@archomaha.org. Experience and/or education in the field is required, especially familiarity with Catholic and parochial school cultures.

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.

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.

Baptism Classes in English

The Baptism preparation session conducted in English for expectant parents and parents with unbaptized infants or small children under the age of 7 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, January 5th, 2025.** 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 under the age of 7 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, December 15th, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.** Please contact the Holy Name Parish Office to pre-register.

SPN-BS 1st Reconciliation & Advent Confessions

All are invited to join in our Advent Penance Service at St. Phillip Neri Church on this Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. After the First Penitents make their First Reconciliation, all in the parish are welcome to utilize the many confessors available, and to make a good confession in preparation for Christmas.

SPN-BS Lector Books: St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Lectors can pick up their 2025 workbooks from the St. Philip Neri Church sacristy. The new liturgical year starts November 30th.

SALT (Sages, Advisors, Listeners & Laughers, Teachers & Talkers) If you haven't connected in some way with a member of our SALT parishioners, take time now to send someone on the list a Christmas card. The addresses are in the church narthex, or contact Mary in the parish office. Thanks for your caring. Our SALT members are Sharon Olson, Carol Parks, JoAnn Todd, Donna Thibodeau, Carol Schade, Jim Kimble, Henry Kelly, Bob & Fannie Parker, Jean Little, Rich & Rita Muff, Fred & Liz Maycock, Irene Nordhues, Joe Hernandez, Mary Bierma, Phyllis Huser, Mary Miner, Theresa Andrews, Jean Jones, Pat Potter, Jane Vlcek, Michael Tillotson. Thank you to all helping them stay in touch with their parish.

New Member of SALT: Michael Tillotson is a new member on our SALT list. If you would like to call, visit, or send a card or note to him, he is at Keystone Ridge Post Acute Nursing and Rehab, 7501 Keystone Dr, Omaha, NE 68134, Room 521 (lower level). His phone is 402-507-9435. (If no one is at the reception desk when you visit, call 402-572-5750 for entry.)

<https://formed.org/signup>

Our parish has a subscription to Formed.org. Catholic Bible studies, video, audio, and children's resources to help you grow in your relationship with Christ and His Church. At the link above, click "Create a New Account". Enter your parish: St Philip Neri Church or zip code 68112. Click "Next" and add your name and email. Formed also has an app for your phone. Questions? Contact Mary in the parish office.

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

***The Chosen, Season One - final episode!***

Show times are Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 9:15 am and 7 pm in a theater near you - the St. Philip Neri Parish Center! On Dec. 3rd, we will show Episode 8, the final episode of Season One, followed by a short discussion. No registration - just come and enjoy! Questions? Call Marsha Moon at 402-455-1485.

The Family Giving Christmas Tree is up beginning this Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent! The tree will be up until all the gift tags have been taken.

The deadline for the return of wrapped gifts is Sunday, December 8.

1. Pick a gift tag(s) from the tree.
 2. Buy the gift listed on the tag - **new items only, please.**
 3. Wrap the gift. Sale tags may be left on clothing.
 4. Reverse the gift tag with child's name showing only & use it as a name tag on the gift.
 5. Bring the gift back to the church or the parish office
- NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8!**

Please share Christ's love by giving a Christmas gift to a less fortunate member of our parish.



2024 Events in Advent & Christmas for HN and SPN-BS Parishes

Sunday Vespers w/ Benediction

Join in Solemn Chanted Evening Prayer, aka Vespers, and Eucharistic Exposition at 4 p.m.

- Dec. 1st and 15th: 4 p.m. in SPN Church
- Dec. 8th and 22nd: 4 p.m. in HN Church

Additional Confession Times

Celebrate 1st Reconciliation w/ our parish children and, immediately afterwards, receive the grace of an Advent Confession yourself. Various priests will be present.

- Dec. 3rd: 6:30 p.m. (Eng.) in SPN Church
- Dec. 10th: 6:30 p.m. (Sp. and Eng.) in HN Church

Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Prepare your hearts for Our Lady of Guadalupe and attend the Novena conducted in Spanish.

- Dec. 3rd-9th: 6:30 p.m. in HN Church
- Dec. 10th at 6:30 p.m. in houses

Night of Prayer for the Unborn

All are invited to take part in the National Night of Prayer for the Unborn on Dec. 8th in SPN Church. The rosary and pro-life prayers will begin in English every hour, on the hour. Please use the southern breezeway door or main, eastern doors of SPN church to enter. Use the **QR code** to sign up for an hour – we need at least two people to sign up for each hour.



- December 8th:
 - 8 p.m.-9 p.m.
 - 9 p.m.-10 p.m.
 - 10 p.m.-11 p.m.
 - 11 p.m.-12 midnight (Benediction)

Sol. of the Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation)

- December 9th
 - 8:15 a.m. Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - 10:45 a.m. (Eng.) in Roncalli
 - 2 p.m. Mass (Eng.) in HN Church
 - 6:30 p.m. Mass (Bilingual) in HN Church



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Celebrate the Empress of the Americas! All events and liturgies will take place in Spanish and inside HN Church or HN Cafeteria, unless otherwise noted.

- December 11th Vigil Events:
 - 6:30 p.m. Novena Prayers; Rosary w/ R.E. Children
 - 7:15 p.m. Vespers and Meditation
 - 7:45 p.m. Rosary for the Unborn and Mothers
 - 8 p.m. Music w/ the Choir
 - 9 p.m. Traditional Folkloric Dancing
 - 9:30 p.m. Festive Music
 - 10 p.m. Vigil Mass (Sp.)
 - 11 p.m. Reception (HN Cafeteria)
- December 12th
 - 6 p.m. Rosary
 - 6:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.)
 - Reception 7:30 p.m. (HN Cafeteria)

2024 Events in Advent & Christmas for HN and SPN-BS Parishes

Traditional Posadas

Take part in the age-old custom of *Las Posadas*! All *Posadas* will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the HN Cafeteria.

- Dec. 16th, 17th, 18th (R.E. Classes), 20th, 21st, and 23rd

Decorate & Clean Our Churches

Everyone is invited to come and help clean and decorate HN Church and SPN Church for Christmas. We will be sweeping, dusting, polishing the pews, washing interior windows, cleaning the choir loft, etc. Cleaning solutions, polishes, and rags will be provided; please bring gloves, if desired.

- December 22nd:
 - 11 a.m. Decorating/Cleaning in SPN Church
 - 1:30 p.m. Decorating/Cleaning in HN Church



Sol. of the Nativity of the Lord - Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)

- December 24th:
 - 4 p.m. Vigil Mass (Eng.) in HN Church
- December 25th:
 - 7:30 a.m. Mass at Dawn (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - 10 a.m. Mass During the Day (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - 12:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) in HN Church



Important Christmas Octave Details

Weekday Masses: *Every day in the Christmas Octave is celebrated like Christmas Day!*

- Dec. 26th Mass (Sp.) in HN Church at 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 27th Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church at 8:15 a.m.
- Feast of the Holy Family:
 - Dec. 28th Mass (Eng.) in HN Church at 5 p.m.
 - Dec. 29th Masses (Eng.) in SPN Church at 7:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.; Mass (Sp.) in HN Church at 12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 31st Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church at 8:15 a.m.

Parish Offices Closures: *Both the HN and SPN-BS Parish Offices will be closed Dec. 24-26, 2024, and on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1st, 2025. Phone messages will be checked daily but non-emergencies will be attended to after Jan. 1st, 2025.*

Sol. of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

- December 31st: 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church
- January 1st:
 - 10 a.m. Mass (Bilingual) in HN Church

High School Youth Ministry

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 or email jgencarelli@archomaha.org.

November 27: Youth Group does NOT meet.

December 4: All High School youth from SPN and HN are invited to join us from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm 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.

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: \$145 per person. Scholarships available! Use the QR code or register here: <https://v2ministries.org/adventures/#weekend>.



Steubenville Youth Conference 2025

July 18-20, 2025 - Steubenville Youth Conference: At each Steubenville Youth Conference, teens experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ that ignites their faith, strengthens their prayer life, leave as transformed disciple-makers, and empowers them to live on mission long after the conference ends.

All incoming & current high school youth are eligible to go. Pre-Registration forms will be handed out at our Wednesday night youth group in November. ALL Pre-Registration forms are due by January 8th. Contact John Gencarelli at 402-800-3850 or jgencarelli@archomaha.org if you need a form.

Totus Tuus 2025

June 15-20: Mark Your Calendars! Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. It is open to all 1st to 6th graders during the day and 7th to 12th graders in the evening. Information and forms will be available soon.



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. Religious Education classes, Sacramental preparation, and parent meetings take place in St. Philip Neri Catholic School, 8202 N 31st St.

November 27: No Religious Education Classes.

December 4: Religious Education Class from 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the St. Philip Neri Catholic School.

Young Adult Ministry (Ages 21-35)

Our monthly Rosary and Game Night has been CANCELED for the foreseeable future due to lack of attendance. There will be some events from February to March by the Culture Project. Details to come soon. If you need more information, contact: John Gencarelli at jgencarelli@archomaha.org.

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, go to the Omaha Young Adults website: <https://www.archoyoungadults.org>, or join Slack at <https://archoyoungadults.slack.com/>.

Adult Faith Formation

November 26 & December 3: The Chosen, Season One is showing along with discussion on each episode. Meet on Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Participate and learn more about Jesus' Life. No registration is necessary - just come and enjoy! For more information, please 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 information: bharvey@catholicu.edu.



Little Flowers Girls' Club is a fun & faith-filled Catholic club for girls in kindergarten through 4th grade.

It teaches virtue through Scripture, saints' biographies, and the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. Activities include games, crafts, scrapbooking, & prayer/adoration.


We meet **Fridays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm** in the St.

Philip Neri Parish Center. **Next meeting dates:**

Dec. 6: Mary's Baby Shower. Celebrate Mary's *Fiat* and the importance of Mary in Salvation history.

Dec. 13: Tilma Ornament. Learn the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady's message to St. Juan Diego. For registration, please contact Mary in the Parish Office or John Gencarelli at jgencarelli@archomaha.org.

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



**Saint Philip Neri Blessed Sacrament
CATHOLIC PARISH**

Do You Receive SPN-BS Parish Updates?
The fastest way to know what's happening in the parish is by registering for Flocknote, our parish communications app that sends notifications to you by way of SMS text messaging and emails. You choose the manner of message delivery and which categories of information you'd like to receive and can opt out at any time by texting "stop". It takes just a minute to sign up. Simply register online at <https://spnbs.flocknote.com/>, text the parish's initials SPNBS to 84576, or contact Mary in the parish office. It's that easy!



The Pope's worldwide prayer intention for the month of December:
For pilgrims of hope. We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

Pilgrimage to Visit Nativity Scenes
Pilgrimage to Visit Nativity Scenes from around the world Dec. 1-17 and Jan. 2-3, 9 am-4 pm at St. Benedict Center, 1126 Road I, Schuyler NE. From Dec. 1-15, buffet lunch may be pre-ordered by calling 402-352-8819, ext. 360. StBenedictCenter.com



Saturday, December 14th
Christ the King Parish, 654 S. 86th Street
Presentations by Fr. Richard Gabuzda, Fr. Brian Welter, Fr. Jim Rafferty, and Kathy Kanavy

Schedule:
8:15 am Mass
9:00 am Continental Breakfast
9:30 am Presentation, Prayer, and Reflection
12:00 pm Conclusion



Please register using the QR code, online at www.priestlyformation.org, or by calling Dawn at 531-272-8498.

There is no charge, but free will offerings for refreshments will be gratefully accepted.

The Institute for Priestly Formation
www.priestlyformation.org

Candlelit Mass
St. Lucy's Day



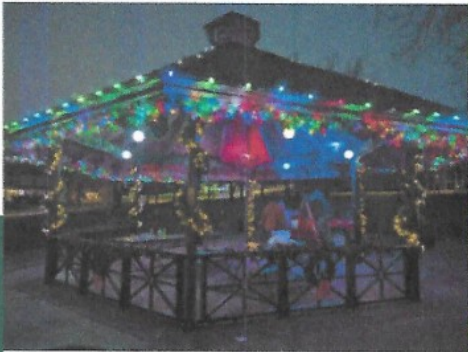

Candlelit Youth Mass
Let's celebrate St. Lucy's Feast Day with light, music and a bit of Hot cocoa! It echoes the old tradition of the Rorate Mass.


What: Candlelit Mass, Renaissance Polyphony, Hot Cocoa to follow!
Who: Fr. Matthew Pohlman, teens from across the Archdiocese!

Friday, December 13
7 pm - 9 pm
Roncalli Catholic High School
- St. John XXIII Chapel



**Florence Park
Holiday Gazebo Lighting**





When: December 1, 2024
@ 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Where: Florence Park
3105 State St

There will be warm Beverages, Food
Truck and Live Music
as well as a Toys For Tots Donation box
(bring a new unwrapped toy)

OACCW Annual Scholarship

The Omaha Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (OACCW) offers an annual scholarship to a female high school senior in the Archdiocese of Omaha in the amount of \$750. This scholarship serves to enlighten, inform, and inspire young Catholic women regarding the OACCW as the major organization of Catholic Women in the Omaha Archdiocese. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving high school senior woman who resides in or is affiliated with a parish within the Archdiocese of Omaha. The scholarship application must be received or postmarked by January 15. For more details or an application form: <https://oaccw.org>.

Christian Humor

- There are a couple ways to argue with a woman. But they don't work.
- Just got off the treadmill. I got so inspired, tomorrow I might actually turn it on.
- You can tell your husband exactly where to go in your purse and he'll bring the entire purse back.
- My favorite thing about winter is when it's over.
- Nebraska weather forecast this week: Expect 0-100 inches of snow starting Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday, we're not sure but it's going to be a big one.

**Day of Recollection
Tuesday, December 10
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

Living in the Tension
Directed by
Father James Mason

The schedule for the day includes Mass, talks, time for Confession, quiet time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, great food, and wonderful conversation. Please bring your Bible.

Register at:
www.broom-tree.org/retreats/scheduled-retreats.

The value of the retreat is \$50. We ask each retreatant to prayerfully discern and make a donation to cover the retreat costs. Any amount given above the value helps to cover the cost for those unable to make the full donation. Questions? Please contact us at broomtree@sfatholic.org or 605-263-1040.

Broom Tree Retreat, 123 Saint Raphael Circle, Irene, SD 57037



Christ Calms the Sea, by Rembrandt



VENI

VENI: Young Adult Holy Hour
Friday, December 13, 2024
7:30–11:00 p.m.
St. Cecilia's Cathedral

VENI is held on the second Friday of the month at St. Cecilia Cathedral. Young adults ages 21–39 are invited to gather for an exhortation, confession, and praise and worship during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. After Adoration, stick around for drinks and pizza.



Mr. Ethan Menning
St. John Vianney Seminary
Discipleship III
St. Patrick Parish
Elkhorn, 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, visit <https://omahavocations.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.” (Jeremiah 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

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY CORNER

“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)



We have successfully concluded our Matching Grant Fund Drive and our cup has runneth over! Many Thanks and Blessings to all our Parish Community for helping us to achieve and even exceed our goal of raising \$20,000 to fund our Mission for 2024 and beyond. This Matching Grant will assure us of continuing to answer the many calls for assistance from the individuals and families who find themselves in troubling and too often desperate situations.

We recently were able to help a lady who is unable to work due to cancer treatments and was given an eviction notice. She cares for her adult son who is disabled and was beginning to sell her furniture to pay the rent. We were able to work with her landlord to avoid eviction and along with Together Inc. and HHS get her on a more secure path going forward.

We received a call from a single mother of four young children who had covid/flu and couldn’t work for a month. Her MUD was shut off and OPPD was on disconnect notice. We provided her the contact info for the LIHEAP program who got her MUD re-connected and helped her to get caught up on the OPPD bill, which allowed her some breathing room to keep the family together.

The many stories of people and families in need will continue to come in on our call line as we move into the Holiday Season and with the generosity of our St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish community and the Knights of Columbus and our Matching Grant, we will be able to answer the calls and ‘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’.

THANK YOU!
 From the SPN-Blessed Sacrament St. Vincent de Paul Society



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? Send an email to kvss@kvss.com or call 855-571-0200.

Shower Christ's Little Ones

You are invited to participate in an Advent Baby Shower

December 1st through December 24th, 2024

During this Advent Season, as we anticipate the good news and great joy of our Savior's birth, please express this joy with gifts for his little ones.



"LOVE FROM HIS CRIB
STILL WARMS THE
WORLD."

Suggested Gifts

- 📦 Dreft/laundry detergent
- 📦 Baby gates
- 📦 Dryer sheets
- 📦 Teething toys
- 📦 Multi-surface cleaners
- 📦 Baby monitors
- 📦 13 gallon trash bags
- 📦 Infant Tylenol
- 📦 Toilet paper
- 📦 Infant saline
- 📦 Paper towels
- 📦 Winter/seasonal clothing: newborn - 24 months, 12-24 months
- 📦 Brooms/dust pans
- 📦 Diapers: sizes 2, 5 & 6
- 📦 Pull-ups: 3T/4T, 4T/5T

*Please leave unwrapped, new or gently used items
in the crib by the Mary statue.
Thank you!*

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Roncalli Catholic High School Christmas Concert

Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm in the Notre Dame Auditorium at Roncalli Catholic High School. Kick off the Advent and Christmas Seasons with the RCHS Music Department's annual Christmas Concert! This event will feature performances from the piano, guitar, drums, the Crimson Choir classes, as well as showcasing student soloists! The concert is free; free-will donations are appreciated. We hope to see you there!

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is

offered at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church Monday through Friday from 5 pm to 9 pm (the final hour being 8 pm-9 pm) in the Prayer Chapel. On First Fridays, Exposition hours are 9 am to 9 pm in the church proper. If you are interested in signing up for a weekly holy hour, please call or text our Eucharistic Exposition coordinator Joann Feller at 402-215-5532.



Adoration hours without Exposition are available anytime. There is a church door with a code for entry. Please contact Mary in the parish office for details.

Dear Eucharistic Exposition Community:

The following is a promotional quote about a book called *Eucharistic Miracles*:

"On many occasions throughout the history of the Catholic Church, God has provided visible proof of the invisible reality of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. In her book, *Eucharistic Miracles*, Joan Carroll Cruz documents 36 such miracles which occurred from 800 AD to the present day. This book tells of consecrated Hosts which have visibly turned to human flesh, have bled, levitated, and which have become hard as flint when..."

I try to keep copies of *Eucharistic Miracles* on the Prayer Room. There are 30-some stories in the book. You only need to read a couple of them to be awestruck. If anyone wants to take a book home, please do. It's yours. But if it's only gathering dust, bring it back.

In this time of Thanksgiving, I am very thankful that we CAN have a Prayer Room, complete with comfortable furniture, a bookshelf, and HVAC! Devoting the time to save an hour is a challenge, but it can be done. The effort is coming along nicely, but there still is room for you. Contact Joann Feller at 402-215-5532. Next week: more about the Christmas Schedule.

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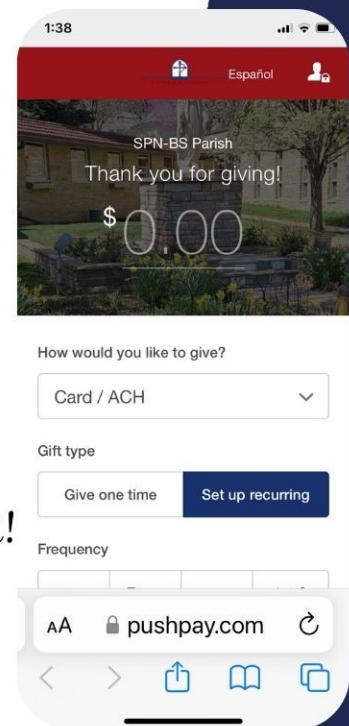
ParishSoft to ParishStaq Transition

In November, St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament will begin transitioning to our New Parishioner Database and Online Giving Platform:

- ParishStaq will replace our current platform ParishSOFT as our new digital hub for parish information, registration, updates, and financial giving. It's a dynamic Catholic Church management system that will also Integrate with our new payment and giving software: PushPay.
- The ParishStaq package features an all-in-one parish management software that includes the entire suite of Catholic software: Giving, Apps, and Church Management systems. ParishStaq helps dioceses and individual parishes grow into the future. Think of it like a digital picture directory!
- An App for St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish will be ready soon.
- This overall package offered the best combination of ease of use along with functionality for parishes of the tools reviewed by the Diocese's parishioner-based committee.
- If you are a recurring giver through ParishSoft, you will be receiving an email shortly regarding the transition to ParishStaq.

Thank you for your support of the Ministry of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish!

Your generosity fortifies our mission: to bring people to Jesus, serve the least, and preach the Good News to everyone. God bless you and your kindness! "The Love of God makes us do great things!"



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