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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 17, 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.

Parish Contacts:

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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: Daniel 12: 1-3 **Psalm 16:** 5,8-11 **Reading 2:** Hebrews 10: 11-14, 18 **Gospel:** Mark 13: 24-32

Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: "In those days after that tribulation the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky.

"Learn a lesson from the fig tree. When its branch becomes tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates. Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away

until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Questions for the week:

- With what tribulations and difficulties am I struggling? Who in my community is struggling right now and how can I help them?
- When have I felt that the Lord is near to me? How can I stay close to the Lord throughout the day?
- How am I preparing to meet Jesus when my life on earth has ended? How am I helping to prepare for the coming of God's kingdom?
(<https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-in-english/>)

St. Vincent de Paul call coordinator for the week of Monday, November 18: DeLynne Clausen
Immanuel Hospital EMHC on Thursday, November 21: Mary Todd, Bonnie Shea

	Altar Servers	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
Sunday, Nov. 24 7:30 AM Christ the King	Joel Sutherland Andrew Sutherland	Jerry Ziska	George Butterfield	Mary Todd Bonnie Shea		Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
Sunday, Nov. 24 10:00 AM Christ the King	Charles Bohnenkamp Solomon Parys	Kelli Brock	Brendan Kelly	Kirk Utley Julie Misesk	Jean and Friends	Eric Brink Joseph Parys Paul Gray Gayle Haman

Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions

Monday, November 18

No Mass

Tuesday, November 19

8:15 am SPN Mass: Betty Smith +
11:00 am SPN Funeral Mass for James Tosoni +

Wednesday, November 20

8:15 am HN Mass: Marie Williams +

Thursday, November 21

5:30 pm HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)
6:30 pm HN Mass: (Sp.) Emily Morales Alvizo +

Friday, November 22

8:15 am SPN Mass: Susan E. Schartz +

Saturday, November 23

4:00 pm HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)
5:00 pm HN Mass: The People of our Family of Parishes

Sunday, November 24

6:45 am SPN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)
7:30 am SPN Mass: Myron Smedra +
10:00 am SPN Mass: Dave Parks + & Carol Parks int.
12:30 pm HN Mass: (Sp.) Francisco Cortés Alcántara +

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

Parish Support: October 21-27

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

PARISHSTAQ	\$ 250.00
PARISHSOFT	\$ 1,725.00
COLLECTIONS FROM MASSES	\$ 4,709.35
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 6,684.35

Parish Support: October 28-November 3

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

PARISHSTAQ	\$ 1,673.00
PARISHSOFT	\$ 2,075.00
COLLECTIONS FROM MASSES	\$ 6,879.25
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 10,627.25

Parish Support: November 4-10

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

PARISHSTAQ	\$ 352.00
PARISHSOFT	\$ 1,615.00
COLLECTIONS FROM MASSES	\$ 5,747.00
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 7,714.00

Business Year Parish Support: July 1-November 10

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:15 A.M. ALL SCHOOL MASS - SPN Church
 9:00 A.M. *THE CHOSEN* MOVIE - Parish Center
 10:00 A.M. VISITATION - SPN Church
 11:00 A.M. FUNERAL MASS FOR JAMES TOSONI - SPN Church
 7:00 P.M. *THE CHOSEN* MOVIE - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

8:15 A.M. ALL SCHOOL MASS - SPN Church
 3:30 P.M. LITTLE FLOWERS - Parish Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

BAKE SALE AFTER SPN MASSES - Parish Center
 6:45 A.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church
 7:30 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
 10:00 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
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Holy Family Ranch

Thank you for letting us speak at your Masses last weekend and helping us spread the word about Holy Family Ranch, where everyone will be able to encounter Jesus and deepen their faith. We need your continued support.



Please pray for HFR and our mission to create a place for encounters with Jesus. Stay up to date on our progress and join our mailing list for our newsletters at www.holyfamilyranch.org.

Updates from the Athletic Department

from Athletic Director Michele Yates

Volleyball season wrapped up last month. The 8th-grade girls' team ended their regular season with an undefeated season. Their trophy will be on display at the entrance of the activity center.



Basketball practices began officially last week. We have 5 teams and a few new coaches to help us out this year. The games will begin in December, and I will be sure to relay the schedule once it's been released.



*A Heartfelt Thank You
 from Mrs. Marjie Murphy*

Thank you for the many birthday cards she received for her 103rd birthday on October 31st, 2024. She was delighted to receive them and read the kind words and memories of her taking care of the candles and other things for many years in St. Philip Neri Church. Many thanks and God bless you!



Mark your calendars for the **St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Mardi Gras** celebration on **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

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. Or, you can 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 reach out to 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 support.



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. I know the materials for the campaign arrived late and the important appeal has been eclipsed by political elections, parish festivals, and my short vacation and week of silent retreat.

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 and Deacon Gregorio, 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.

I have made my donations to the appeal to help each of our parishes towards their goals. Please don't hesitate but take a moment to reflect upon your blessings and generously respond to the Lord. 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:** 16
 - **Current Pledge Total:** \$9,955.00 – We're 59% towards our parish's goal.
 - **Financial Goal:** \$16,892.43
- **St. Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Parish:**
 - **Current Households Donating:** 39
 - **Current Pledge Total:** \$15,785.00 – We're 35% towards our parish's goal.
 - **Financial Goal:** \$45,303.88
- **Total Financial Goal:** \$62,196.31

**SPN-BS Bake Sale**

The SPN-BS Altar Society is hosting another delectable Bake Sale in the SPN Parish Center, next Sunday, Nov. 24, 8:30 a.m.-12 noon. Buy lots of goodies to share with visiting relatives and friends this Thanksgiving week.

**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.

Catholic Charities Second Collection

We will take up a second collection to benefit Catholic Charities at all our Sabbath Masses on TODAY, Nov. 16/17. This year, nearly 300,000 people will come to Catholic Charities of Omaha, desperate for help as they face a crisis of hunger, mental illness, poverty, isolation, domestic violence, unemployment, or tragedy. In their time of need, Catholic Charities provide a light in the darkness with the hope and love of Jesus Christ. For nearly a century, this has been the greatest mission – and ministry – of Catholic Charities, but Catholic Charities can't do His work alone. Your prayers and financial support make their work possible.

With your support, they can serve people in crisis through our Emergency & Supportive Food Services, Domestic Violence Services, Behavioral Health Services, Microbusiness & Asset Development Program, Seniors Program, and Immigration Legal Services Program. Your gift to Catholic Charities makes it all possible: counseling intervention for a child considering suicide; food for a hungry family; hope for a refugee fleeing a war-torn country; safety for a mom and her children victimized by abuse; an opportunity for a low-income entrepreneur to build a dream business; and so much more. Please prayerfully consider providing your contribution through your parish's second collection on November 16 and 17 or at www.ccomaha.org. Thank you!

Month of All Souls

November is the month of All Souls. Memorial Books are located at the entrance of SPN Church and near the statue of St. Joseph in HN Church for you to write the names of any of your deceased loved ones. We will pray for them as a group in our petitions at all the Masses at both parishes throughout the month of November. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**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 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, December 1st, 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 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.

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.

Staff Away: Our Director of Evangelization of Adults & Youth in English, John Gencarelli, will be away on vacation, Nov. 18-22. Please pray for him.

SPN Church Tabernacle and Candlesticks

As part of our National Eucharistic Revival, we want to clean and regild our church's main tabernacle and high altar candles. This has never been done and the items are tarnished from 70 years of wear, tear, and the elements. The candles have already been brought to Koley's for refinishing, but we hit a snag with the tabernacle: We may not be able to take apart the tabernacle and move it because of the way it is affixed to the altar. I say all this to give you fair notice and alleviate any concerns: At some point the main tabernacle may be gone and a temporary one will fill its place. I cannot guarantee when that will happen as we are dependent on the company's assessment. It will take several months to complete the cleaning and refinishing, assuming we can safely remove the tabernacle.

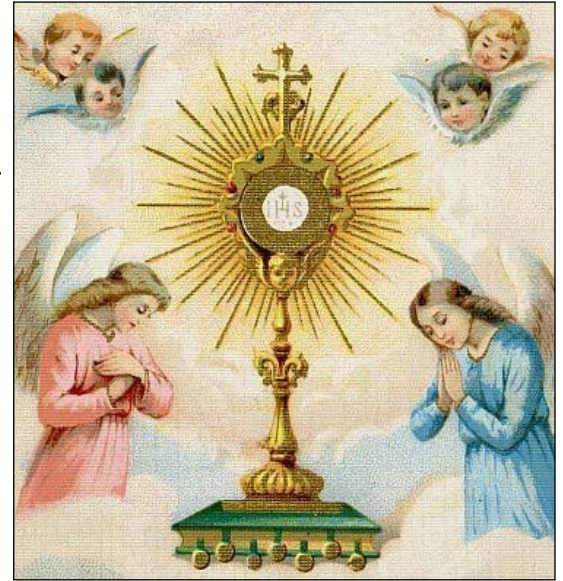
Missing Tree

You may have noticed an old, giant tree now missing from the south side of the Rectory. Regrettably, the fierce windstorms last summer took their toll. The entire tree was split through. You could put your hand through the fissure to the other side, a fissure extended from the top to the bottom of the trunk. It is a blessing it didn't split and fall because it could have caused major destruction to the Rectory. Hopefully, we will replace it with another tree, but it will take time to grow. I love trees and it saddens me to ever cut one down. There are still other trees on campus that were damaged by the storms and need to be assessed and trimmed.

Eucharistic Adorers

Thank you, all 40-some Eucharistic Adorers, for your commitment. Joann Feller, our Eucharistic Exposition Coordinator, offers some Best Practices gleaned from her three years of experience.

- Set cell phone alarm on 'repeat' so you don't forget your hour.
- Then turn the phone off while in the Prayer Chapel.
- Be prepared to reverently expose or repose the Blessed Sacrament, depending on a possible no-show. I'm more than willing to show you again if you don't feel comfortable doing this.
- Remember in whose company you are.
- Develop a plan for your hour. Change it up.
- Did you know there is a tiny dimmer lever on the light switch? I didn't, initially!
- Check the library shelf for a tidbit on relics or other news mostly from the National Catholic Register or the Archdiocese.
- It pays to know who your compatriots are for the evening. Let me know if you need more info.
- Some adorers temporarily switch days. It works.
- I do worry about security. Feel free to lock the breezeway door.
- Last thing: turn your cell phone back on.



ST PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT

HOLY ROSARY CIRCLE #2

Bake

Sale

SUNDAY,

NOVEMBER 24TH

AFTER 7:30 / 10AM MASSES

DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PARISH CENTER

DELICIOUS HOME-MADE

CAKES, PIES, COOKIES, AND

LOADS OF OTHER TREATS FOR

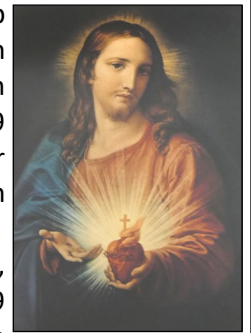
YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER

***ALSO AVAILABLE GLUTEN-FREE BAKED ITEMS**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE NEW CHIME FOR THE BELL TOWER

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.

Christian Humor

- Every man thinks that every woman's dream is to find the perfect man...Please! Every woman's dream is to eat without getting fat.
- I believe in eating several servings of fruit each day...In pie form.
- There's a strange voice in my head saying: "Vacuum the floor, clean the house, wash the windows." Good thing my Mom taught me never to listen to strangers.



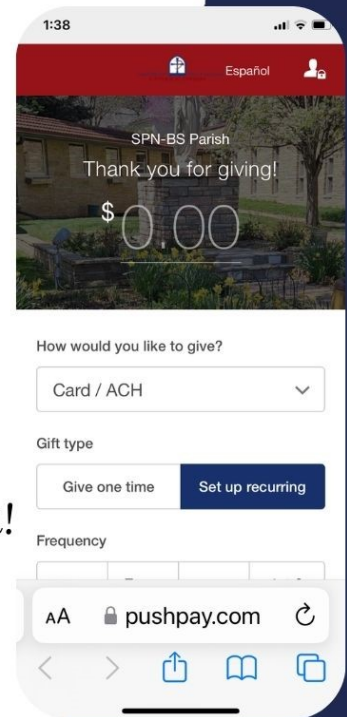
ParishSoft to ParishStaq Transition

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!
- 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!"



Need more information? Please call the parish office at 402-455-1289.

SALT (Sages, Advisors, Listeners & Laughters, Teachers & Talkers)

If you haven't signed up to call/visit/write a member of SALT, please do so on the display in the church narthex.



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.)

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.

<https://formed.org/signup>

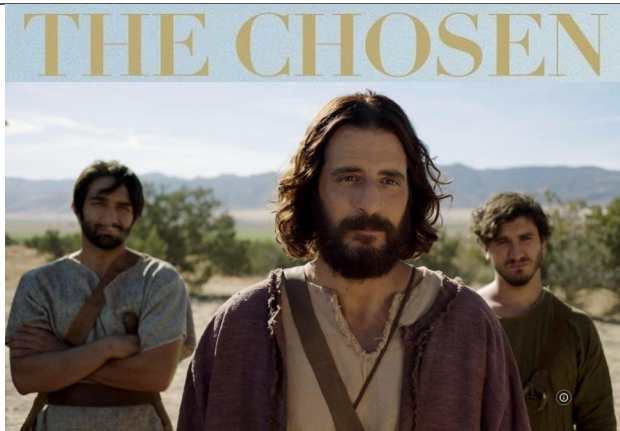
Our parish has a subscription to this evangelization and catechetical tool by the Augustine Institute. Catholic Bible studies, video, audio, and children's resources to help us grow in our relationship with Christ and His Church. At the link above, click "Create a New Account". Enter your parish: St 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 Pope's worldwide prayer intention for the month of November:
For anyone who has lost a child.**

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



The Chosen, Season One

Show times are Tuesdays at 9:15 am and 7 pm
in a theater near you - the St. Philip Neri Parish Center!

There are eight episodes in *The Chosen* Season One. Each episode is an hour long. On Nov. 19th we will show Episodes 4 & 5. Each episode is followed by a short discussion. No registration - just come and enjoy! Questions? Call Marsha Moon at 402-455-1485.

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Fasting Brothers

in conjunction with Seven Sisters Apostolate

For more information, please contact the parish office.

WHO WE ARE: Fasting Brothers are **men who commit to fasting one day a week** in conjunction with their parish's Seven Sisters group (cf. SevenSistersApostolate.org) **exclusively for the intention of their pastor.** Sunday is excluded as it is the Lord's day and thus unsuited to penance.

WHAT WE DO: Fasting Brothers each commit to a day of the week (other than Sunday) to **offer their fasts in union with the Eucharistic Holy Hour of a Seven Sister for their priest.** Each man chooses what type of fast he will offer, e.g. no food all day, only bread and water, not eating until 3 p.m.—whatever he discerns from the Holy Spirit. **It should be sacrificial.**

WHY WE FAST: On the specific day of the week to which he has committed, a Fasting Brother offers his fast **solely for the intentions of the pastor.** These include: the priest's sanctification in general, specific spiritual and temporal needs, and his ever-deepening devotion to Our Lady, Mother of Priests. These mirror the Seven Sisters' intentions during their Eucharistic Holy Hours. It is also encouraged that the Fasting Brothers offer their **fasts for the priest's increased devotion to St. Joseph, model of fortitude and purity.**

WHY IT MATTERS: Holy Mother Church is under attack like never before. **Our priests daily face the brunt of Satan's brutal assault.** Like officers bravely leading the charge into battle, our priests need the support of the entire Church Militant. Jesus tells us of how to fight the most powerful devils: "But this kind is not cast out but by prayer and fasting" (Matthew 17:21). The Seven Sisters provide the prayer and the Fasting Brothers complement it with their fasts. **We need both!**

HOW TO START: Identify six men in your parish who are willing to put themselves on the line physically and spiritually for your pastor. Get a commitment from someone for each day of the week (except Sunday) and invite them to make a one-year commitment. Choose a solemnity on which to renew your commitment each year (such as the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart or Solemnity of Saint Joseph). Let your pastor and your local Seven Sisters group know when you're underway! **Godspeed!**

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.

PARENTS: Please sign the permission forms for the *Nefarious* movie night with Fr. Cook and return them to John Gencarelli ASAP.

November 13 & 20: All High School youth from SPN and HN are invited to join us from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for a showing of the Movie "Nefarious" and discussion with Fr. Damien Cook. The film openly discusses moral issues of euthanasia, abortion, free-will, and even the great controversy in heaven—albeit from a demon's perspective. PARENTS, YOUR YOUTH NEEDS A SIGNED PERMISSION FORM TO VIEW THIS MOVIE.



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 through Nov. 22. Scholarships available! Use the QR code or register here: <https://v2ministries.org/adventures/#weekend>.



Steubenville Youth Conference 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



Young Adult Ministry (Ages 21-35)

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 19: *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. (No showings on November 12th - we will take a week off.) On November 19th we will view episodes 4 & 5. 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 snacks, games, crafts, scrapbooking, and prayer/adoration. We meet **Fridays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm** in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center. **Next meeting dates: November 22, December 6.** 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, contact Maggie Peklo at 402-917-6196.

KNIGHTS KNOTES

From our St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus Council 5287

Thank You to all who attended our October & November Pancake Breakfasts!

- The October 20th Pancakes made enough to donate \$800 to our School Principal's Student Emergency Needs Fund.
- The November 10th Pancakes cleared enough make a donation of \$800 to our Parish SVdP Chapter for their Winter Coat/Clothing Drive.

The Honey Sunday Drive held on Nov. 3rd by our Knights raised over \$700 for the Ollie Webb Center / ARC of Omaha.

The Joe Parys Family has been selected for our November Family of the Month. Joe and his son Solomon were an invaluable help at our November Pancake Breakfast.

The Council is planning for a Council Christmas Party at our Dec. 11th meeting date! We will have a short meeting, and share in a meal and fellowship with our Brother Knights (not necessarily in that order). Stay Tuned!

Hope Does Not Disappoint Advent Morning of Reflection



Saturday, December 14th

Christ the King Parish
654 S. 86th Street

Schedule:

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

For more information: Call Dawn at 531-272-8498
www.priestlformation.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

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

A Prayer for Vocations through the intercession of Saint John Vianney

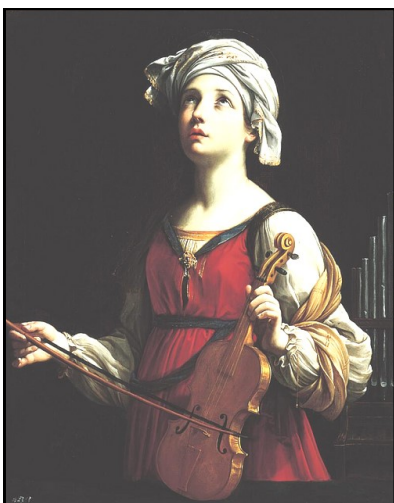
O God our Father, You promised "I will appoint shepherds for My sheep who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble: and none shall be missing." (Jer. 23:4-5). Hear the prayers of Your flock. Through the intercession of Your beloved priest, Saint John Vianney, we beg You to call 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)

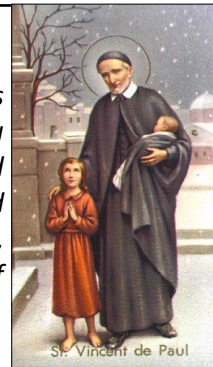
Saint
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Feast day - November 22nd

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)



Our Annual Winter Coat and Accessories Drive has concluded and has been a tremendous win for those in need - we delivered over 20 large bags and 3 boxes of jackets, sweaters, coats, mittens and gloves and hand knitted stocking caps to be distributed at the Winter Coat Giveaway at the Omaha Home for Boys on October 19th. Over 3000 individuals and families were on hand to get prepared for winter! The total number of coats distributed at both Giveaways is estimated to reach 5000 overall. Praise and Thank You to all who contributed to the Winter Coat and Accessories Giveaway!

We also would like to thank Pat Goebel who celebrated her 90th birthday with a Food Shower for the Holy Name Food Pantry. We dropped off over 30 bags/boxes of groceries at the Pantry and more are still coming in! Happy Birthday Pat and may the Blessings of the Lord be upon You!

And once again we would like to thank our Parish Family for stepping forward and supporting our drive to raise **\$20,000 for a Matching Grant**. We are almost there and hope to announce a successful completion soon.

The total number of calls for assistance since last October was 721 and the total number of people we actually assisted was 753. The total amount of assistance that was actually distributed was almost \$36,000 – along with the many Prayers and Good Will that we bestow upon those who reach out to our Church for help. Our Parish Family is a caring and generous people, and with your ongoing support the SPN-Blessed Sacrament SVDP will continue to answer the many calls for help from those in our community who are in need of assistance.

"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..." (Matthew 25:35).

Operation Others is an organization made up of students from Omaha's eight Catholic High Schools that delivers food boxes containing over 20 food items directly to households in need each December. This project partners with Catholic Charities to meet the needs of families who are struggling to make ends meet. It provides food boxes with turkey, fresh fruit & vegetables, bread, canned food, boxed food, and milk delivered before Christmas.

If you would like to receive a food box or know of an Omaha area family who could use a good Christmas meal, call Operation Others at 531-329-6003. Donations are also appreciated. If you would like to donate a frozen turkey, drop it off Sat., Nov. 23, 8 am-2 pm at Creighton Prep's west parking lot 7400 Western Ave.; Skutt parking lot 3131 S. 156 St.; or GolfTEC's parking lot 362 N. 114 St., Suite 362.

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