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## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe - November 24, 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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8200 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68112

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed on Mondays)

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Parish Office: 3014 N. 45<sup>th</sup> St., Omaha, NE 68104

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:** Daniel 7: 13-14 **Psalm 93:** 1-2, 5 **Reading 2:** Revelation 1: 5-8 **Gospel:** John 18: 33b-37

**Act of Dedication of the Human Race  
to Jesus Christ King (*Iesu dulcissime, Redemptor*)**

**Most sweet Jesus, Redeemer** of the human race, look down upon us humbly prostrate before you. We are yours, and yours we wish to be; but to be more surely united with you, behold each one of us freely consecrates himself today to your Most Sacred Heart.

Many indeed have never known you; many, too, despising your precepts, have rejected you. Have mercy on them all, most merciful Jesus, and draw them to your Sacred Heart. Be King, O Lord, not only of the faithful who have never forsaken you, but also of the prodigal children who have abandoned you; grant that they may quickly return to their Father's house, lest they die of wretchedness and hunger.

Be King of those who are deceived by erroneous opinions, or whom discord keeps aloof, and call them back to the harbor of truth and the unity of faith, so that soon there may be but one flock and one Shepherd. Grant, O Lord, to your Church assurance of freedom and immunity from harm; give tranquility of order to all nations; make the earth resound from pole to pole with one cry: Praise to the divine Heart that wrought our salvation; to it be glory and honor for ever. Amen.

*Enchiridion of Indulgences, June 29, 1968*

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, publicly recite the act of dedication of the human race to Christ the King (*Iesu dulcissime, Redemptor*).

	Altar Servers	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
<b>Sunday, Dec. 1</b> 7:30 AM	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Jan Sammons	George Butterfield	Bill Cheese Maria Hackenberg		Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
<b>Sunday, Dec. 1</b> 10:00 AM	Jack Leininger Noah Leininger	Ed Fink	Brendan Kelly	Kelli Brock Mary Fink	Jean and Friends	Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Gayle Haman Mark Lampe

**St. Vincent de Paul call coordinator**

for the week of Monday, Nov. 25: April Collamer.

**Immanuel Hospital EMHC** Thursday, Nov. 28: Rita Livengood

**Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions**

**Monday, November 25**

No Mass

**Tuesday, November 26**

8:15 am SPN Mass: Francis J. McGovern +

**Wednesday, November 27**

8:15 am HN Mass: Betty Bender +

**Thursday, November 28** *Thanksgiving Day*

9:00 am HN Mass: (Eng. & Sp.) Rafael Alvizo +

**Friday, November 29**

No Mass

**Saturday, November 30**

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

5:00 pm HN Mass: Joan Kelly +

**Sunday, December 1** *First Sunday of Advent*

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

7:30 am SPN Mass: Kermit Durr + and Joan Durr int.

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

12:30 pm HN Mass: (Sp.) Cirilo Degante +

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

**Parish Support: November 11-17**

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

PARISHSTAQ \$ 1,025.00

PARISHSOFT \$ 3,880.00

COLLECTIONS FROM MASSES & BY MAIL \$ 11,631.20

**TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS \$ 16,536.20**

**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. 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. 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 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, 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

12:30 P.M. MASS (Sp.) - HN Church

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25**

MONDAY-FRIDAY: No School - Thanksgiving Vacation

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church

9:15 A.M. *THE CHOSEN MOVIE* - Parish Center

6:30 P.M. SPN SCHOOL BOARD - School Library

7:00 P.M. *THE CHOSEN MOVIE* - Parish Center**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27**

8:15 A.M. MASS - HN Church

No Religious Education Classes

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28** - Happy Thanksgiving Day!

9:00 A.M. MASS (Eng. &amp; Sp.) - HN Church

Mass for both St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament &  
Holy Name Parishes. Blessing of food after Mass.

Parish Office Closed

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

No MASS

Parish Office Closed

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30**

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

5:00 P.M. MASS - HN Church

**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

2:00 P.M. BAPTISM CLASS (Eng.) - SPN Parish Center

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

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# Thanksgiving Mass

9:00 am Mass at Holy Name Church  
(English & Spanish)9:00 am Mass at Holy Name Church  
for both St Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament  
and Holy Name Parishes  
Blessing of food after MassMarch  
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.

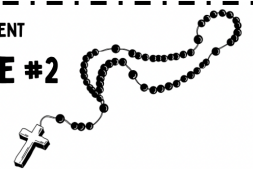
## Mardi Gras 2025

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HOLY ROSARY CIRCLE #2



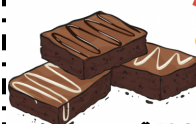
# Bake



# 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****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 at 402-426-3823  
or [office.manager@trinitycatholicparishes.org](mailto:office.manager@trinitycatholicparishes.org).

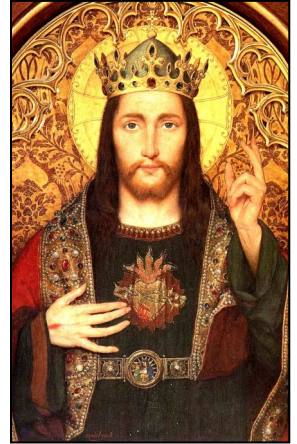


## From the Pastor

### Christ the King

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year and the Solemnity of Christ the King. Rejoice, for Christ is the King of Universe! Among our Spanish-speaking brothers and sisters exists the custom of *el Grito* or *The Shout*. It has many forms, but one form of this distinctive cry emerged from the Cristero war in Mexico. The war occurred in the 1920s in reaction to the enforcement of severe anti-clerical and anti-Catholic laws inscribed in the Mexican constitution of 1917. One of the Saints during the conflict was the martyr, Bl. Miguel Pro, whose feast day was yesterday, Nov. 23.

“¡Viva Cristo Rey!” or “Long live Christ the King!” became the sounding cry of the Mexican faithful and martyrs during this tempestuous time. To this day, Hispanic peoples shout this expression with their priests on special feast days. The priest shouts, “¡Viva Cristo Rey!” and the people all respond, “¡Viva!” It is a perfect motto and exclamation for our parish. May we all shout “¡Viva!” today in gratitude for our Savior and in defense of religious freedom everywhere.



### Thanksgiving Mass & Blessing of Foods

Thanksgiving began in November 1621, when Governor William Bradford hosted a feast lasting three days. The celebration commemorated the Pilgrims' first successful harvest of corn. At least ninety Wampanoag Native Americans joined the 52 Englishmen for the occasion. The holiday still brings relatives and families, friends and strangers together in a common meal.

The spirit of Thanksgiving brought different cultures together around one table. It seems most fitting, therefore, that our two parishes of Holy Name and St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament, and our English- and Spanish-speaking communities, gather around one altar, united in the Eucharist and fraternal love. **This year we will host a bilingual Mass on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, at 9 a.m. in Holy Name Church.** All three choirs



*The first Thanksgiving 1621, by JLG Ferris, Library of Congress*

from our parishes' weekend Masses and liturgical ministers from both parishes and communities will take part in this common celebration. I hope you will join us and bring some of the foodstuffs you will serve at your suppers for a special blessing. Please place your food items on the designated table in the Holy Name sanctuary before Mass begins.

On behalf of our parish staffs, I wish you and your loved ones a Blessed Thanksgiving!

### Thanksgiving Closures & Cancellations

HN School and SPN Catholic School are closed this week for the holiday. The parish offices at Holy Name and St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 and 29. Because of the holiday and special Mass, the regular evening Mass in Spanish at Holy Name on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> and the regular morning Mass in English at St. Philip Neri Church on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> are both canceled.

### Archbishop's Appeal 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Today at all our Masses, Nov. 23/24, we will provide materials in the pews and time to complete a pledge card to support the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We will take up a special, second collection to gather these materials and any donations. Currently, Holy Name parish has reached half of its financial goal and St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament has pledged a third of its goal. With your help, we can achieve our goals and even surpass them! May generosity abound in this week of Thanksgiving.

- **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, TODAY, 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/](https://careers.archomaha.org/career-view/2300/). Any interested parties should email their resumé to the pastor, Fr. Cook, at [djcook@archomaha.org](mailto: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](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 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.** Participation in one of our preparation classes, either in Spanish or in English, is necessary to schedule a day and time for a Baptism in either HN or SPN churches. 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 15<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.

**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.

**Night of Prayer for the Unborn:** All are invited to take part in the National Night of Prayer for the Unborn on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

- **December 8<sup>th</sup>:**
  - 8 p.m.-9 p.m.
  - 9 p.m.-10 p.m.
  - 10 p.m.-11 p.m.
  - 11 p.m.-12 midnight (Benediction)





**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.

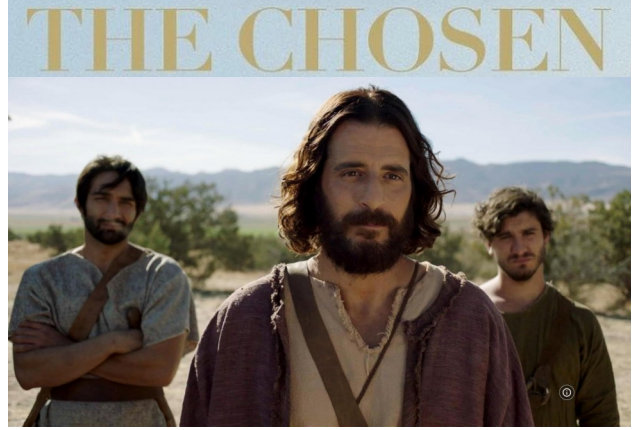
**Free Organic Compost - Black Dirt**

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. 26th we will show Episodes 6 & 7. 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](http://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/fair-information/#youth-1](http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/fair-information/#youth-1) or email [jgencarelli@archomaha.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 cancellations.

**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](mailto: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. No meeting on Nov. 29. **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](mailto:jgencarelli@archomaha.org). If you can help bring snacks for the group, please contact Maggie Peklo at 402-917-6196.





# Knights of Columbus®

## **KNIGHTS KNOTES: 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!

### **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

## 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

**Please register** online at [www.priestlyformation.org](http://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](http://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





**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](http://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 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



**The Family Giving Christmas Tree** will be up by next 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** (these are gifts).
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 the less fortunate of our parish.



## ParishSoft to ParishStaq Transition

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

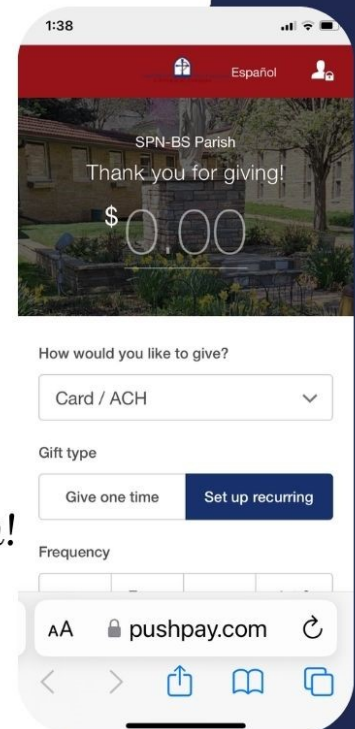
- ParishStaq will replace our current platform ParishSOFT as our new digital hub for parish information, registration, updates, and financial giving. It's a dynamic Catholic Church management system that will also Integrate with our new payment and giving software: PushPay.
- The ParishStaq package features 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.

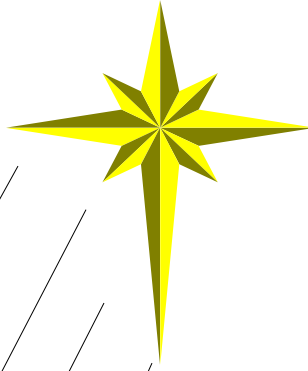
### *Thank you for your support of the Ministry of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish!*

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.





# Shower Christ's Little Ones

You are invited to participate in an  
Advent Baby Shower

**December 1<sup>st</sup> through December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| ■ 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      |
| ■ Brooms/dust pans        | clothing: newborn - 24 |
| ■ Diapers: sizes 2, 5 & 6 | months, 12-24 months   |
| ■ 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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### 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.



### ANNUAL Scholarship

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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 information or an application form, visit <https://oaccw.org> or contact Mary in the parish office.

### Christian Humor

- Marriage tip #234: Turn a regular sofa into a sofa bed when your husband forgets your anniversary. Follow me for more tips.
- If you want to call a family meeting, just turn off the WiFi router and wait in the room in which it's located.
- Guess who cleaned their house today? Not me, but somebody somewhere did and I want you to know that I am proud of you.
- May you live to be so old that your driving terrifies people.

## Saint Cecilia Day Celebration Concert

Sunday, November 24 @ 3 p.m.  
St. Cecilia Cathedral

By the Saint Cecilia Cathedral Choir and Soloists with Chamber Orchestra and Cathedral Brass Quintet in collaboration with the Omaha Chamber Music Society under the direction of Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer

Performing the  
Ode for Saint Cecilia Day

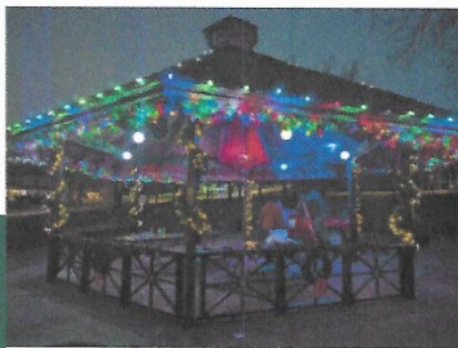
George Friderick Handel on a poem by John Dryden

Free admission due to the generosity of patrons. In Thanksgiving, bring non-perishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul or monetary donations to Hope for the Poor.



Hail Bright Cecilia, Patron of Music!

## Florence Park Holiday Gazebo Lighting



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