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Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 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:

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish: 402-455-1289 saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org

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Parish Office: 3014 N. 45th 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: Baruch 5: 1-9 **Psalm 126** **Reading 2:** Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11 **Gospel:** Luke 3: 1-6



In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the

book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert:
 "Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make straight his paths.
 Every valley shall be filled
 and every mountain and hill
 shall be made low.
 The winding roads shall be made straight,
 and the rough ways made smooth,
 and all flesh shall see
 the salvation of God."

(St. Luke 3:1-6)

St. Vincent de Paul call coordinator for the week of Monday, Dec. 9: Jean Tosoni
Immanuel Hospital EMHC Thursday, Dec. 12: Dorrie Mittlieder, Kathy Rossitto

	Altar Servers	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
Sunday, Dec. 15 7:30 AM	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Richard Henkenius	George Butterfield	Madeline Stogdill Jerry Ziska		Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
Sunday, Dec. 15 10:00 AM	Noah Leininger Jack Leininger	Geri Schmidt	Brendan Kelly	Bill Schmidt Kirk Utley	Jean and Friends	Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Gayle Haman

Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions

Monday, December 9 *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception*
 It is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year in the Archdiocese of Omaha, due to a recent dispensation by Archbishop Lucas.

The Masses at SPN and HN Churches are CANCELED.
 10:45 am Mass at Roncalli Catholic High School,
 6401 Sorenson Parkway

Tuesday, December 10
 8:15 am SPN Mass: John Jefferson Wooden +
 6:30 pm HN Advent Confessions (Eng./Sp.)

Wednesday, December 11
 8:15 am HN Mass: Fr. Cook in honor of his 25th Jubilee
 10:00 pm HN Mass: (Sp.) Eduardo Barrales

Thursday, December 12
 5:30 pm HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)
 6:30 pm HN Mass: (Sp.) Consuelo Castañeda & Family

Friday, December 13
 8:15 am SPN Mass: Tom Cogan +

Saturday, December 14
 4:00 pm HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)
 5:00 pm HN Mass: the people of our family of parishes

Sunday, December 15
 6:45 am SPN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)
 7:30 am SPN Mass: Rita Ziska +
 10:00 am SPN Mass: Myron Smedra +
 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: November 25-December 1

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

PARISHSTAQ	\$ 1,388
PARISHSOFT	\$ 2,575
COLLECTIONS FROM MASSES & BY MAIL	\$ 6,208
TOTAL WEEKLY COLLECTIONS	\$ 10,171
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 7,776
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 17,947

Business Year Parish Support: July 1-December 1

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 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 a question, 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 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, THE ROSARY, AND BENEDICTION - SPN Church

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 - *The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is NOT a holy day of obligation in the Archdiocese of Omaha this year. The extra, special Masses at St. Philip Neri and Holy Name are CANCELED.*

- 10:45 A.M. MASS at Roncalli Catholic High School, 6401 Sorenson Parkway, Omaha

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 8:15 A.M. ALL SCHOOL MASS - SPN Church
- 6:30 P.M. ADVENT CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - HN Church
- 6:15 p.m. Religious Ed. students meet at HN Church
- 7:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP - SPN Parish Center
- 7:00 P.M. KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - SPN Parish Center
- 10:00 P.M. MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (SP.) - HN Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 10:00 A.M. FUNERAL MASS - SPN Church
- 1:45 P.M. SPN SCHOOL "GIVE ME JESUS" CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION - SPN Activity Center
- 5:30 P.M. CONFESSIONS (ENG./SP.) - HN Church
- 6:30 P.M. MASS (SP.) - HN Church
- 6:30 P.M. SPN SCHOOL "GIVE ME JESUS" CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION - SPN Activity Center

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

- 4:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church
- 5:00 P.M. MASS - HN Church
- 6:30 P.M. K OF C MOVIE KNIGHT - SPN Parish Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

- 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
 - 3:00 P.M. BAPTISM CLASS (Sp.) - HN Cafeteria
 - 4:00 P.M. VESPERS AND BENEDICTION - SPN Church
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Give Me Jesus

Thursday
December 12
1:45 pm
6:30 pm
SPN Activity Center

Saint Philip Neri
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Save the Date

Mardi GRAS

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

As you are out Christmas shopping, please keep our Mardi Gras in mind. We will be asking for home made or brand new items and gift cards to make baskets for our silent auction! If you already have items or gift cards that you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and School!

From the Pastor**Immaculate Conception – NOT A DAY OF OBLIGATION**

There has been considerable confusion regarding the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8th) these past few months. Previously, when the solemnity fell on an Advent Sunday, it was bumped to the following day, Monday, Dec. 9th. As a result of the transference to a different day, it lost its obligatory character. This is what your 2024 calendars and other Catholic periodicals assumed, and why they say Monday, Dec. 9th, is NOT a day of obligation.

However, approximately two months ago and out of the blue, the Vatican issued a clarification and told the United States that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception still retains its obligatory character, even when transferred to Dec. 9th. As a result of this, we changed our schedules and arranged for special Masses on Dec. 9th and printed those Masses on the flyers mailed out to all parishioners and hanging on the church doors and bulletin boards.

Well, on the afternoon of December 2nd, Archbishop Lucas, concerned over the confusion regarding the Immaculate Conception, used his local authority to dispense from the obligation, SO Dec. 9th is once again NO LONGER obligatory. As a result, we are CANCELING the extra, special Masses on this Monday, Dec. 9th at Holy Name and at St. Philip Neri.

I deeply apologize for all this back and forth and confusion. To reiterate, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, bumped to Monday, Dec. 9th this year, is NOT obligatory this year for those living in the Archdiocese of Omaha.

Night of Prayer for the Unborn

All are invited to take part in the National Night of Prayer for the Unborn on TODAY, Sunday, 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)

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena**

Celebrate the Empress of the Americas! Novena prayers in Spanish will occur in Holy Name Church daily, December 3rd-9th, and 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebrations

All events and liturgies for Our Lady of Guadalupe will take place in Spanish and inside HN Church or HN Cafeteria, unless otherwise noted.

- Wednesday, 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)
- Thursday, December 12th – The Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - 6 p.m. Rosary
 - 6:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.)
 - Reception 7:30 p.m. (HN Cafeteria)

**Evening Prayer on Advent Sundays**

In anticipation of Christmas, join in Solemn Chanted Evening Prayer in English at 4 p.m. on the four Sundays of Advent. The locations will alternate between Holy Name and St. Philip Neri churches. Tonight's Vespers, Sunday, Dec. 8th, will take place in Holy Name Church. The prayers will include Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction.

Religious Ed. Classes in Holy Name Church

To celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe, all children in our Religious Education classes are asked to come and participate in the Vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Holy Name Church at 6:15 p.m. this Wednesday, Dec. 11th. This event takes the place of the usual Wednesday night classes on the St. Philip Neri campus.

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.

Please make a commitment to this important effort as we grow closer to our goals. 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:** \$22,210.00 – 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, TODAY, 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 phillipsim1@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, 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 next Sunday, December 15th, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.** Please contact the Holy Name Parish Office to pre-register.



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

Presents A Family
Movie Knight



The Star

2017 | PG | 1h 16m

A small, brave, donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day finally goes on the adventure of his dreams. On his way, he teams up with Ruth, a lovable sheep who has lost her flock & Dave, a dove with lofty aspirations. They become accidental heroes in the Greatest Story Ever Told – The First Christmas!!

SATURDAY, DEC 14 @ 6:30PM
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE SPN PARISH CTR

Free Will Offering

**Offering "Hots & Brats",
 Fresh Popped Popcorn,
 & Ice Cold Sodas**

The Family Giving Christmas Tree

is up near the St. Joseph altar. The tree will be up until all the gift tags have been taken. **The deadline to return wrapped gifts is Wednesday, December 11.**



1. Please 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 Wednesday, December 11!

If you don't want to shop, donations are much appreciated, also. Please put them in the small can under the tree or in the collection basket in an envelope marked Family Giving Christmas Tree.

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

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 after Mass. All are welcome! Cost: Free. Questions, call Beth at 402-426-3823 or email office.manager@trinitycatholicparishes.org.

Christmas Cards for SALT Members

If you haven't connected in some way with a member of our SALT (*Sages, Advisors, Listeners & Laughers, Teachers & Talkers*) 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, Henry Kelly, Bob & Fannie Parker, Jim Kimble, Rich & Rita Muff, Fred & Liz Maycock, Irene Nordhues, Mary Bierma, Phyllis Huser, Joe Hernandez, Jean Jones, Mary Miner, Theresa Andrews, 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 of SALT. 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). If there is no one is at the reception desk when you visit, please 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.

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>.

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.

December 11: All High School youth from SPN and HN are invited to join us from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm tonight for our Christmas Party. It's potluck, so bring a side dish to share, and a wrapped white elephant gift for our White Elephant Gift Exchange. Meet in the Parish Center Conference Room.

December 18-January 1: Youth Group does not meet. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

2025 V2 Camp Registration is OPEN! Week 1: July 13 to July 19; Week 2: July 20 to July 26. The location is Camp Kateri Tekakwitha, 1305 Road 3, McCool Junction, NE 6840. Grades 6-9 Boys, Grade 10-12 Helpers and Adult volunteers needed. Registration: <https://v2ministries.org/adventures/#summer>.

2025 High Adventure Registration Open! Sunday, June 15 to Friday, June 20. Location: Wind River Range, Wyoming. High School: 18 & Under (Young men entering 10th-12th grade), College & Adults: 19 & Over, Fathers welcome to join their sons! Register: <https://v2ministries.org/adventures/#discovery>.

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.

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.

December 11: Meet at Holy Name from 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for a Rosary and celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

December 18: Meet at Holy Name from 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for Posada - Christmas Party.

December 25 & January 1: Religious Education does not meet.

January 8: Religious Education Class from 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the St. Philip Neri Catholic School, 8202 N. 31st Street.

January 8: Mandatory Meeting with all 1st Communion Parent (s) AND the 1st Communicant in SPANISH: 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m., SPN Catholic School Activity Center.

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!

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

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.

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.



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. 13 and Jan. 10

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.

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

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 - 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

NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year in the Archdiocese of Omaha.

On December 2nd, Archbishop Lucas granted a dispensation from the obligation to assist at Mass this year in the Archdiocese of Omaha.

The Masses scheduled on Monday, December 9 at St. Philip Neri and Holy Name Churches are CANCELED.

- December 9th
 - 10:45 a.m. Mass (Eng.) in Roncalli Catholic High School, 6401 Sorenson Parkway



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

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 - 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.)

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

<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.

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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>.



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.

Day of Recollection
Living in the Tension
Tuesday, December 10
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Directed by
 Fr. 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.



Christ Calms the Sea, by Rembrandt

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 Broom Tree Retreat at broomtree@sfatholic.org or 605-263-1040.

Broom Tree Retreat, 123 Saint Raphael Circle, Irene, SD 57037
www.broom-tree.org

Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam

Fasting Brothers

in conjunction with Seven Sisters Apostolate

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.

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.**

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.**

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!** For more information, contact the parish office.



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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/> 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

Hope Does Not Disappoint *Advent Morning of Reflection*



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.

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Candlelit Mass

St. Lucy's Day

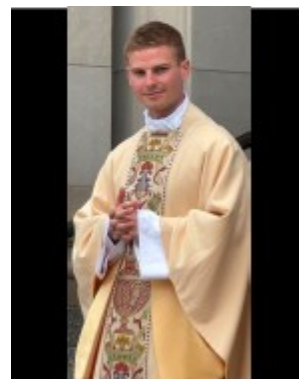



Candlelit Youth Mass

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
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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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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 Faithful, Christmas on a Wednesday presents some unique scheduling. December 24 and 25 would normally be holidays for the group anyway. Then consider WE Adorers are out of town, WE Adorers are hosting out of town guests, WE Adorers need an army of substitutes.

Therefore, Eucharistic Exposition for Christmas week is canceled. However, you may visit Jesus in the Tabernacle any time. Please do that. Also, I'm sure we all have beautiful nativity scenes in our homes. Prayerfully think about why we set that scene and be thankful that we can do that.

Now for the week of New Year's. Let's start back up on Thursday, January 2, 2025. January 3 is First Friday and that will happen as usual with Exposition in the Church from 9 to 9.



Roncalli Catholic High School Christmas Concert
Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm at Roncalli Catholic High School's Notre Dame Auditorium, 6401 Sorenson Parkway, Omaha. 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!

Christian Humor

- I tried behaving once...Total boredom.
- My favorite winter sport is walking to the coffee maker.
- Sometimes I wish I were a nicer person, but then I laugh and continue my day.
- This is no longer winter. This is harassment.
- Welcome to winter driving where lanes are made up and stop signs are optional.
- The only blizzard conditions I'm interest in are from the Dairy Queen.

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