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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26, 2025

ORDINARY HOLY MASS AND SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Holy Name (English)
Sunday 7:30 a.m. - St. Philip Neri (English)
10:00 a.m. - St. Philip Neri (English)
12:30 p.m. - Holy Name (Spanish)
Also on Facebook and 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 the schedule in this bulletin.

Parish Contacts:

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Parish Office: 3014 N. 45th St., Omaha, NE 68104
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 announcement requests
must be received in writing or by email by noon Wednesday.

Today's Scripture readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12:12-30; Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.*

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:

Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." (Luke 4:14-21)

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

St. Vincent de Paul call coordinator for the week of Monday, January 27: DeLynne Clausen
Immanuel Hospital EMHC Thursday, January 30: Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd

	Altar Servers	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
Feast of the Presentation Sunday, Feb. 2 7:30 AM	Joel Sutherland Andrew Sutherland	Pam Hughes	George Butterfield	Bill Cheese Dorrie Mittleider		Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
Feast of the Presentation Sunday, Feb. 2 10:00 AM	Jack Leininger Noah Leininger	Theresa O'Neill	Brendan Kelly	Julie Misk Kirk Utley	Jean and Friends	Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Gayle Haman Mark Lampe

Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions

Monday, January 27

No Mass

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

8:15 am HN Mass: Richard Hiber +

Thursday, January 30

5:30 pm HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)

6:30 pm HN Mass (Sp.): Francisco Eduardo Cortés +

Friday, January 31

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

Saturday, February 1

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

5:00 pm HN Mass: Kirby Hohn +

Sunday, February 2

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

7:30 am SPN Mass: Dan and Elaine Carney +

10:00 am SPN Mass: Jim Tosoni +

12:30 pm HN Mass (Sp.): The people in our family
of parishes

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

Parish Support: January 13-19

Weekly Collections

ParishStaq \$ 4,635

ParishSoft \$ 3,195

Collections from Masses \$ 4,051

Total Weekly Collections \$ 11,881

Special Donations \$ 3,491

Business Year Parish Support: July 1-January 19

The Parish Support business year giving totals are not available at this time. We apologize for the inconvenience. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you.

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 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, JANUARY 26**

- 6:45 A.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church
 7:30 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
 10:00 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
 11:00 A.M. SPN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - ALL ARE INVITED
 TO VISIT ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC SCHOOL!
 12:30 P.M. MASS (Sp.) - HN Church
 2:30 P.M. SPN-BS & HN LITURGY & MUSIC LEADERS'
 MEETING - SPN-BS Parish Center

MONDAY, JANUARY 27**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28**

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
 9:15 A.M. *THE CHOSEN*, SEASON 2 - Parish Center
 6:30 P.M. SPN SCHOOL BOARD - SPN School Library
 7:00 P.M. *THE CHOSEN*, SEASON 2 - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - HN Church
 6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. RELIG. ED. CLASSES - SPN School
 6:15 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. REQUIRED 1ST COMMUNION PARENT
 & CHILD CLASS (ENGLISH) - SPN Activity Center
 NO YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
 9:30 A.M. BLUE & GOLD GAMES - SPN Activity Center
 Noon Dismissal - SPN School

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

- 4:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church
 5:00 P.M. MASS W/BLESSING OF CANDLES &
 PROCESSION - HN Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

- 6:45 A.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church
 7:30 A.M. MASS W/BLESSING OF CANDLES & PROCESSION
 - 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-BS Parish Center

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Thank You from the Tosoni Family

Our sincere thank you & appreciation to all who have reached out to us after Jim's passing in November, whether it be meals, attending his funeral, calls, cards, donations in his memory, and continued words to uplift us. We are beyond grateful!

Jean Tosoni,
 Lisa, Sarah, Joe, & Maggie

February 2nd - Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Next Sunday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation and the conclusion to the traditional Christmas season. It is the fortieth day after Christmas, the day on which our Lord was purified and presented in the Temple. It is also the day in which we begin Mass with a blessing of candles and a Procession with said candles throughout the Church. Please bring any candles you use for devotions, e.g., votive candles, candles for the Advent wreath, etc., to the Mass at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 1st in Holy Name Church or to the Mass at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 2nd in St. Philip Neri Church, so that they might be blessed. With the conclusion of Christmastide, the outdoor church lights will be extinguished after February 2nd.

Thank you from Holy Rosary Circle #2

Many thanks to all who brought and bought baked goods at the Holy Rosary Circle #2 Bake Sale held last November 24th. With your help, we were able to donate \$756.00 to our parish! God bless you for your generosity and support.

ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN PARENT NIGHT

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, 2025
 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM



PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP

FRIDAY, APRIL 4th, 2025
 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Must be registered to attend

\$100.00 non-refundable deposit will be applied to the first month's tuition payment

For more information, please contact the school at
 402-315-3500/dsmith@spnschoolomaha.org

From the Pastor**Catholic Schools Week**

As we inaugurate annual Catholic Schools Week today (Jan. 25-31), the Lord has provided us with poignant graces that complement and enhance this time of celebration. This Tuesday, January 28th is the Memorial of one of the greatest teachers and doctors in our Catholic Faith: St. Thomas Aquinas. Through his magnum opus, the *Summa Theologica*, St. Thomas has provided a sure and comprehensive way to understand revelation and our relationship with Jesus. If theology is “faith seeking understanding,” St. Thomas has shown us how faith and reason work together in harmony. Such an approach remains the bedrock of our Catholic institutions of learning, principally that of our Catholic schools.

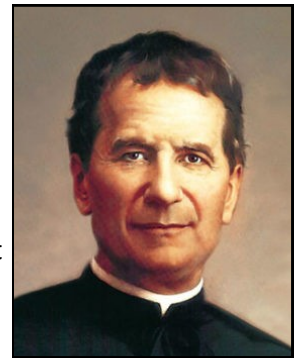
The final day of our special week, this Friday, January 31st, is the memorial of St. John Bosco, a great model for educators and catechists. St. John was inventive in his evangelical approach, even using magic tricks to captivate children so that, in trust, he could then share the Faith with them. St. John was also ahead of his time. In a world where corporal punishment was the norm, St. John encouraged teachers to exchange cruel and even tyrannical disciplines with utter humility and service to their students.

Lastly, note the thematic convergence of this week and the readings today. Ezra, the priest in today's First Reading from Nehemiah, reads aloud the law, or Torah, to “men, women, and those children old enough to understand.” He read out loud from morning until midday and explained it “so that all could understand what was read.” In our Gospel today, St. Luke the Evangelist explains why he is writing His Gospel, and Jesus Himself, in that same Gospel account, reads from Sacred Scripture to announce its fulfillment. We learn through the word and the Word. We need instructors to reveal the deeper understanding of the words. Is this not part and parcel the mission of our Catholic Schools? Is this not what our Catholic School teachers do every day from morning until midday? Is this not what you, parents, do at home? Reading to children and helping them to understand the text and its concepts, especially in light of the Catholic Faith, is our very foundation.

God bless the dedicated and outstanding administrators, staff, teachers, catechists, students, and the families that operate and utilize our Catholic schools, as well as all those who form Catholic schools in their own homes. God reward all those who donate financial gifts, provide scholarships, and volunteer hours to assist in these good works. What a gift to empower and equip our children and youth for their eternal destiny!



St. Thomas Aquinas,
Priest and
Doctor of the Church



St. John Bosco, Priest

*Come See
Our School*



Saint Philip Neri
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

402.315.3500

OPEN HOUSE

January 26, 2025

11:00–1:00 PM



One Rose, One Life

We will take up a special, second collection at all our parishes' Masses on Jan. 25/26 for the One Rose, One Life campaign. You may use the special envelopes located in the pews or simply place your donation into the second collection.



The Nebraska Knights of Columbus One Rose, One Life campaign is Nebraska's premier source of income for the Culture of Life Foundation. All funds collected will be used to support Pro-Life organizations and activities throughout Nebraska. A major objective of the Culture of Life Foundation is to place Ultrasounds in qualified pregnancy care centers throughout Nebraska. To date, One Rose, One Life funds have supported the purchase of seven ultrasound machines in Nebraska.



In addition to the Ultrasound Initiative, many organizations, in all three Nebraska dioceses, benefit from this source of income. They include, but are not limited to, the Nebraska Catholic Conference, local Right-To-Life and Birthright chapters, and crisis pregnancy-help centers throughout Nebraska. It also supports the Nebraska Conference's Pro-Life Essay contest and the Culture of Life Art Contest with our funds.

Prayer is the greatest action we can take to foster and build a culture of life. As you depart from Mass today, members of the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Knights of Columbus will pass out prayer cards. Please pray that every mother and child may know they are loved, cared for, and wanted.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

I would like to thank you in advance for your support of the 2024-2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Even though it's a New Year, you can still donate to this worthy campaign.

- **Holy Name Parish:**

- **Current Households Donating:** 58
- **Current Pledge Total:** \$14,493.00 – We're so close! We're 86% towards our parish's goal! Please don't delay, and send in your pledge today! I know we can do this.
- **Financial Goal:** \$16,892.43

- **St. Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Parish:**

- **Current Households Donating:** 105
- **Current Pledge Total:** \$53,375.00 – You did it and surpassed our goal! You gave 118% towards our parish's goal! Congratulations!
- **Financial Goal:** \$45,303.88
- **Total Financial Goal:** \$62,196.31

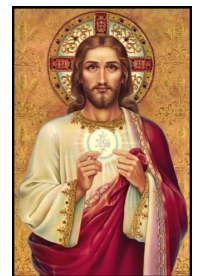
Liturgy Planning Meeting RESCHEDULED

Those involved with planning the liturgies, sacred music, and liturgical environment, as well as those who schedule liturgical ministers, are asked to attend their next meeting with Fr. Cook to plan Lent. The meeting HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO 2:30 p.m. on TODAY, Sunday, Jan. 26th, in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center (church basement).

SPN Catholic School Board: Members of the St. Philip Neri Catholic School Board are asked to attend their next meeting this Tuesday, Jan. 28th at 6:30 p.m.

1st Communion Parent & 1st Communicant Meeting

Parents (or a parent) of any children making their First Communion in Holy Name Church or St. Philip Neri Church this spring are required to attend, along with their 1st Communicant child, one of our two sacramental preparation classes in the St. Philip Neri Activity Center from 6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m. The last opportunity is this Wednesday, Jan. 29th. The presentation and activities will be conducted in English.

**Resetting Parish Sick Lists**

From time to time, we reset the petition in the Mass that includes the names of those asking for our prayers. If you or a loved one would like to be included in our Sabbath petitions, please contact either the Holy Name or St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parish offices and speak with the respective secretary. We are honored and humbled to intercede for our fellow parishioners and suffering neighbors.

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., usually 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 on the first Sunday of the month, February 2nd, 2025.** Participation in one of our preparation classes, either in Spanish or in English, is necessary to schedule a day and time for a Baptism in either HN or SPN churches. Formal registration and participation in the parish is a prerequisite, and pre-registration is further required to attend the class. Please contact the secretary of your respective parish office, Holy Name or St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament, to pre-register.

Baptism Classes in Spanish at Holy Name

Parents seeking to baptize their infants and small children under the age of 7 need to attend our Baptism preparation class. Classes in Spanish for both parents and potential godparents are offered in Holy Name Church every other month. **The next Baptism Class in Spanish in Holy Name Church is Sunday, February 16th, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.** Please contact the Holy Name Parish Office to pre-register.

From the USCCB – Sunday of the Word of God

In 2019, Pope Francis established the *Sunday of the Word of God* to be celebrated each year on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (today, Jan. 25/26). As the Holy Father stated in his apostolic letter instituting the observance, “Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world” (*Aperuit illis*, no. 2).

On January 26, 2025, in observance of the Sunday of the Word of God, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, through a grant from the American Bible Society, will offer a “Sunday Seminar Series” of six videos about Sacred Scripture in the life of the Church. These videos, available in English and Spanish, will feature some of the bishops and biblical scholars and will be accompanied by discussion/reflection questions.

The videos will be made available on January 24, 2025 at: <https://catholic.bible/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>. Through these videos, we hope to bring people into an encounter with Scripture. May God's people be inspired and challenged to see, understand, and engage with Scripture in a new and prayerful way.



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.

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 scan the QR code on the back of the church pews; text the parish's initials **SPNBS** to **84576**; or register online at <https://spnbs.flocknote.com/>. It's that easy!



2025 Spirit Celebration Dinner with Jimmy Akin: Saturday, February 22

5 pm social hour, 6 pm dinner and program at Mid-America Convention Center, 1 Arena Way, Council Bluffs, IA 51501. Cost: \$75/person. Join the Spirit Catholic Radio family for an evening of friends, faith, and fun! It's the 2025 Spirit Celebration Dinner featuring Catholic Answers Senior Apologist, podcast host, and author Jimmy Akin! Please make your reservation by Feb. 14 at spiritcatholicradio.com or call 855-571-0200.

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.

January 29: High School Youth Group Does NOT meet.

February 5: What's all the fuss about Tik Tok? All High School youth from SPN and HN are invited to join us from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for the Culture Project presentation on how social media affects our lives. Bring your BIG questions.

February 12: All High School youth from SPN and HN are invited to join us from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm tonight for the Brand-New Alpha Youth Series Session #2.

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, leaving them as transformed disciple-makers. It empowers them to live on mission long after the conference ends.

For those who registered, there will be meetings and fundraisers to attend. I will contact everyone personally with details.

Adult Faith Formation

February 6, 13, 20 & 27: A four-part series to prepare for Lent will be led by Dr. Brandon Harvey and focused on Sacramental Living. Learn how the Sacraments transform our view of God and humanity and are meant to impact every aspect of our lives. This four-week study will meet on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:15 pm in the SPN Parish Center. Registrations are due February 1st. Register by emailing bharvey@catholicu.edu.

January 28: *The Chosen*, Season Two at 9:15 am or 7:00 pm in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center (church basement). It will be shown on all the Tuesdays in January. No registration is needed. You're invited to come and enjoy! Questions? 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 Inking 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.

Young Adult Ministry (Ages 21-35)

PUBS: This "pick-up Bible study" requires no preparation or commitment. All are welcome to come 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/>.

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.

January 29: Religious Education Classes, 6:15 pm-7:30 pm in St. Philip Neri Catholic School, 8202 N. 31st Street.

January 29: Mandatory Meeting for all 1st Communion Parent(s) AND 1st Communicants in ENGLISH: 6:15 pm-7:30 p.m., SPN Catholic School Activity Center.

February 5: Religious Education Classes, 6:15 pm-7:30 pm in St. Philip Neri Catholic School, 8202 N. 31st Street.

February 5: Mandatory meeting with all those receiving Confirmation. The meeting is for the Parents, Sponsor, and students in SPANISH: 6:15 pm-7:30 pm, SPN Catholic School Activity Center. (The meeting in English is on February 26th.)

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.

HELP the Totus Tuus Missionaries: I am looking for two families where the missionaries can stay for the week they are here. You would provide sleeping arrangements for either the two male or two female missionaries, along with breakfast and dinner. They arrive on Saturday, June 14th and depart Saturday, June 21st. They won't spend much time in your home. They usually leave by 8:00 am each morning and return about 10:00 pm. Questions, contact John Gencarelli at jgencarelli@archomaha.org.



Little Flowers Girls' Club is a fun and 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: February 21, Jugs and**

Baskets Crafts. February-May schedule:

February 21, March 21, March 28, April 4, May 2, May 9.

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

For registration, please contact Mary in the Parish Office.



Nebraska Walk for Life 2025

Saturday, February 1st

9:00 am Mass at St. Mary Church, 1420 K St., Lincoln, NE, across from the State Capitol. The Mass, sponsored by the Nebraska Catholic Conference, will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph G. Hanefeldt, Bishop of the Diocese of Grand Island.

10:00 am Walk for Life Nebraska Right to Life's annual Walk for Life will begin at 10:00 am on the north steps of the Nebraska State Capitol, 1445 K St, Lincoln. The Walk for Life ends at the Lincoln Marriott Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S 13th St., Lincoln. At 11:30 am, listen to speaker Elizabeth Gillette, a pro-life author and speaker who experienced an abortion. She is now the mother of four living children and a passionate advocate for life.

For more information: Nebraska Right to Life,
402-438-4802, nebraskartl@gmail.com.
<https://nebraskarighttolife.org/>
(<https://catholicvoiceomaha.com/>)



<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.

St. Philip Neri Parish
Center (located below
the Church); 8200 N
30th St, Omaha, NE
68112

PREPARE FOR LENT STUDY: SACRAMENTAL LIVING

A presentation by
Dr. Brandon Harvey



PARISH-FAMILY SERIES

We are excited to announce a new faith study for our parishes. Led by Dr. Brandon Harvey, it will be focused on Sacramental Living. Come learn about the sacraments, how the sacraments transform our view of God and humanity, and how the sacraments are meant to impact every aspect of our lives. Meetings will be from 7-8:15pm on Thursdays in February.

Registrations are due by February 1st. Register by emailing:
bharvey@catholicieu.edu

SIGN UP!!!

Thursdays, February 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th from 7-8:15 PM

Exposition of the Most 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. More dedicated adorers are needed. 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,

Note that my subscription to the National Catholic Register allows me to print articles. Going forward, there will be one or two on the shelf in the Pray Room. Enjoy.

The following idea is credited to the priest who gave the sermon on Christmas Eve at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Boulder CO. You've probably heard it before, but I thought it was unique.

When the Shepherds encountered Baby Jesus in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, it is the same as when we encounter Jesus in our Prayer Room. Ummm. Think about it.

Thank you for all your efforts to maintain your appointed time.
Have a wonderful 2025, Joann Feller, Coordinator, 402-215-5532

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"Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works and to be generous and ready to share."

(1 Timothy 6:18)



As we begin a new year and move into the cold winter months of January and February, and the higher MUD bills that follow, we are gearing up for the many requests for assistance from those who have to choose which bill to pay to keep within their budget. Too often we have renters who tell us that they must turn the heat up and run it longer because the house is poorly insulated, which inflates the bill and takes money away from rent payments and eventually other bills - you get the picture.

Through the Good Works of the SPN-Blessed Sacrament SVDP Society, we can offer assistance with their bills in addition to referrals to other agencies that might be of help. Because of our Parish family's Generosity we are 'Ready to Share our time, our possessions, and ourselves in this mission of Charity' which is included in the Prayer we recite at our monthly meetings. We have a long history here at St. Philip Neri of answering the calls from those in need and responding with prayers and assistance. We will continue our Mission in 2025 and beyond with our SVDP Volunteers and with the backing of the SPN-Blessed Sacrament Parish Family.

"We thank You, Lord, for the many blessings we receive from those whom we visit. Help us to love and respect them, to understand their deeper needs and to share their burdens and joys as true friends in Christ."

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

SALT: 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 note or card. For the addresses, please contact Mary in the parish office. Our SALT members are Sharon Olson, Carol Parks, JoAnn Todd, Donna Thibodeau, Carol Schade, Henry Kelly, Mary Bierma, Bob & Fannie Parker, Jim Kimble, Rich & Rita Muff, Jean Jones, Fred & Liz Maycock, Phyllis Huser, Mary Miner, Joe Hernandez, Irene Nordhues, Theresa Andrews, Pat Potter, Jane Vlcek, and Michael Tillotson. Thank you to all who are helping them stay in touch with their parish. For addresses/phone numbers, please contact Mary in the Parish Office.



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As a parish and school, we are praying for Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

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

Christian Humor

- Sometimes I pretend to be normal, but I get bored and go back to being me.
- Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.
- Square box, round pizza, triangle slices, now that's confusing.

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51st Annual Celebration of Life Banquet

Saturday, February 8, 5:30 pm Social, 6:30 pm Dinner and Program at the German American Society, 3717 S. 120th St, Omaha. MC Chip Maxwell. Speaker: Dr. Monica Miller of Citizens for a Pro-Life Society. Silent Jewelry Auction. Reservations \$75 each or \$700 for a table of ten.

www.NebraskansEmbracingLife.org.

The Pope's worldwide prayer intention for the month of January: For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.



The Eagle Way - Dream, Believe, Pray, Achieve

The mission of St. Philip Neri Catholic School is to build up the body of Christ by promoting academics, social, physical, and spiritual growth in a challenging educational environment.

Upcoming events for our school this week!

St. Philip Neri Catholic Schools Week

January 26 – January 31, 2025

Our Prayer Focus for Catholic Schools Week:

- Sunday – Celebrate Parish
- Monday – Celebrate Students
- Tuesday – Celebrate the Community
- Wednesday – Celebrate Vocations
- Thursday – Celebrate Nation
- Friday – Celebrate Faculty and Staff – Noon Dismissal

Sunday, January 26 – Celebrate Parish

Kick off Catholic Schools Week with our students and their families at 10:00 Mass followed by an Open House 11:00-12:30. All SPN students, families and parishioners are invited and strongly encouraged to attend. Students, parents and parishioners please wear Saint Philip Neri Spirit Clothing to Mass. The students who have lead roles in Mass will wear their uniforms. If you attend the 10:00am Mass and Open House on Sunday you can come out of uniform on Monday.

Monday, January 27 – Celebrate Students

Celebrate Students. (Crazy Hair and/or Crazy Hat Day)
Ice Cream Sandwiches / Game Day in the classroom
Catered Lunch for Faculty and Staff

Tuesday, January 28 – Celebrate Community

Create the Blue and Gold Teams, Make posters, etc.
Students in Uniform. Crazy Sock Day
Hand out thank you gifts to parishioners at Mass.

Wednesday, January 29 – Celebrate Vocations

Dress like someone you want to be when you grow up.
1:30 pm Spelling Bee Grades 3-8 participate

Thursday, January 30 – Celebrate Nations

10:30 am 8th Grade Mass at the Cathedral followed by lunch at Harold's Koffee House.
Grades Pre-K -7 Dress in Red, White and Blue. 8th graders wear their uniform.
End of Day Sing Along to Patriotic Music at 2:30 in the gym.

Friday, January 31 – Celebrate Faculty and Staff

8:15 Mass/ Student of the Month
9:30 Blue and Gold Games
Noon Dismissal (No Lunch)

Teachers and Staff will participate in an "Underground Spirit Week"
"Penny Wars" Blue verses Gold

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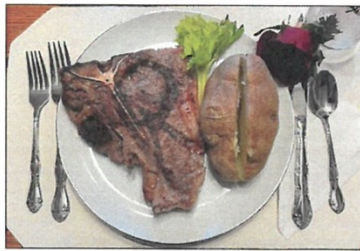
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