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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - January 5, 2025

HOLY MASS AND SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday Masses:

Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Holy Name Church (English)
 Sunday 7:30 a.m. - St. Philip Neri Church (English)
 10:00 a.m. - St. Philip Neri Church (English)
 12:30 p.m. - Holy Name Church (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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 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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 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.

“When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.’ ... for thus it has been written through the prophet: ‘*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*’ After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

“They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.” (cf. Matthew 2: 1-12)



St. Vincent de Paul call coordinator for the week of Monday, January 6: Jill Reinsch
Immanuel Hospital EMHC Thursday, January 9: Theresa O’Neill

	Altar Servers	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Jan. 12 7:30 AM	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Pam Hughes	George Butterfield	Maria Hackenberg Jeanette Pinker		Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Jan. 12 10:00 AM	Charles Bohnenkamp Solomon Parys	Sandy Leininger	Brendan Kelly	Robbie Miller Kirk Utley	Jean and Friends	Eric Brink Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Joseph Parys

Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions

Monday, January 6

No Mass

Tuesday, January 7

8:15 am SPN Mass: Sheryl Leigh Miller +

Wednesday, January 8

8:15 am HN Mass: Betty Bender +

Thursday, January 9

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

6:30 pm HN Mass (Sp.): José Paniagua Naranjo +

Friday, January 10

8:15 am SPN Mass: Robert and Jane Matcha +

Saturday, January 11

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

5:00 pm HN Mass: The wellbeing of the people in our family of parishes

Sunday, January 12

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

7:30 am SPN Mass: Tom Cogan +

10:00 am SPN Mass: Michael Little +

12:30 pm HN Mass (Sp.): Abuelos fallecidos de la familia Marcos Mateo

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

Parish Support: December 23-29

Weekly Collections

ParishStaq	\$ 905.00
ParishSoft	\$ 1,575.00
Collections from Masses and mailed	\$ 4,465.53
Total Weekly Collections	\$ 6,945.53
Christmas	\$ 17,300.76
Special Collections	\$ 650.00

Business Year Parish Support: July 1-December 29

The Parish Support business year giving totals are not available at this time. 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, JANUARY 5 - Solemnity of the Epiphany**

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, JANUARY 6

(SPN School - Last Day of Christmas Vacation)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

8:15 A.M. ALL SCHOOL MASS - SPN Church
 9:15 A.M. *THE CHOSEN*, SEASON 2 - Parish Center
 7:00 P.M. *THE CHOSEN*, SEASON 2 - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:15 A.M. MASS - HN Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

5:30 P.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church
 6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING
 (ENG.) - SPN Parish Center
 6:30 P.M. MASS (Sp.) - HN Church

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

8:15 A.M. ALL SCHOOL MASS - SPN Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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. TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECOR - SPN Church
 12:30 P.M. MASS (Sp.) - HN Church
 1:30 P.M. TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECOR - HN Church
 2:00 P.M. BAPTISM CLASS (ENG.) - SPN Parish Center

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Live Safe Environment Training:

Thursday, January 9th, from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Center in the church basement. Please enter through the red door on the west side of the church next to the breezeway or the red door to the right of the church entrance on 30th Street. An elevator is available for those who need it.

You must pre-register online. Register for a new account or log in with your existing account at Catholic Mutual platform: <https://omaha.CMGconnect.org>.

The Archdiocese of Omaha requires that all adults who interact with children or vulnerable adults in the name of the Church must become Safe Environment Certified. <https://archomaha.org/safe-environment/>



March
1st,
2025

**St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament
 Mardi Gras 2025
 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.

As you are out Christmas shopping, please keep our Mardi Gras in mind. After-Christmas sales are a good time to pick up items for our Mardi Gras silent auction.

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 you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of our Parish and School!

If you would like to help with Mardi Gras, please contact Mary in the parish office.

The Chosen, Season 2

Coming soon - Tuesday, January 7 - at 9:15 am or 7:00 pm in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center (church basement). It will be shown on all of the Tuesdays in January. No registration - just come and enjoy! Questions? Call Marsha Moon at 402-455-1485.

Take Down Christmas Decorations: Sunday, January 12

Come help after the 10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Philip Neri Church; and after the 12:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Name Church. Helpers are appreciated. Many hands make light work.

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, Michael Tillotson. Thank you to all helping them stay in touch with their parish.

Recently added member of SALT: Michael Tillotson is a recently added 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.

From the Pastor**Blessed Epiphany!**

If you look closely, you'll notice something different in the church. The three Magi have made their way to the nativity stable of Christ. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. An "epiphany" is a revelation or a manifestation. On this day, Christ is revealed or announced to the whole world - to Jews and Gentiles alike - as the King of kings and the Messiah.

As these Magi bear their familiar gifts, we also offer to every household a gift bag found in containers at the various entrances to the church. Each bag contains blessed chalk and directions on how you can use it to bless your home or apartment for the New Year, which also happens to be a Jubilee Year in 2025. On Epiphany,

the blessing of homes, on whose lentils are inscribed the Cross of salvation, together with the indication of the year and the initials of the three wise men (C+M+B), which can also be interpreted to mean *Christus mansionem benedicat*, written in blessed chalk; this custom, often accompanied by processions of children accompanied by their parents, expresses the blessing of Christ through the intercession of the three wise men and is an occasion for gathering offerings for charitable and missionary purposes, (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy: Principles and Guidelines*, December 2001).



Adoration of the Magi, by Jacques Stella

May the blessing inspire us to offer greater Christian hospitality to all whom we meet.

Christmas' End

The modern Christmas Season officially ends next Sunday, Jan. 12th, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We need many parishioner volunteers to help take down our Christmas decorations next Sunday at 11 a.m. in St. Philip Neri Church and at 1:30 p.m. in Holy Name Church.

However, the traditional Catholic Christmas Season lasts 40 days until February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. For that reason, we will keep our outdoor Christmas lights on through February 2nd and continue to display any healthy poinsettias during that time.

Classes Resume

Both Holy Name School and St. Philip Neri Catholic School resume this Tuesday, January 7th. Our shared Religious Education classes also resume at 6:15 p.m. this Wednesday, Jan. 8th, in St. Philip Neri Catholic School building.

1st Communion Parent and First Communicant Meetings

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.:

- Wednesday, Jan. 8th in Spanish
- Wednesday, Jan. 29th in English

Safe Environment Training

The Archdiocese of Omaha requires that all adults who interact with children/vulnerable adults in the name of the Church are required to become Safe Environment Certified. We are offering the initial training in English at the St. Philip Neri Parish Center (church basement) on Thursday, Jan. 9th from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. You must pre-register online. Register for a new account or log in with your existing account on the Catholic Mutual Platform:

<https://omaha.CMGconnect.org>.

Wine and Cheese: All are invited to a wine and cheese reception following the Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. in Holy Name Church on Sat., Jan. 4th. The reception will take place in the Holy Name Church narthex (lobby).

Liturgy Planning Meeting

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 will occur at a new time, 3 p.m., on next Sunday, Jan. 12th, in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center (church basement).

Seminary 2nd Collection

During all our Masses today, we will take up a special second collection to benefit and support all our Archdiocesan Seminarians and the costs of their education and recruitment. Please be very generous to this effort and especially invite the young men and youth in our parishes to consider the vocation of priesthood. I LOVE being a priest, but, sadly, there are fewer of us. Nowadays, we all need to become “vocation directors” and nudge those boys and men of good conscience and ardent faith to consider God’s call. The Archdiocese of Omaha currently has nineteen men studying for the Priesthood.

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.

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.

In the spirit of Christmas and giving, 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:** 56
 - **Current Pledge Total:** \$13,843.00 – We’re 82% towards our parish’s goal!
 - **Financial Goal:** \$16,892.43
- **St. Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Parish:**
 - **Current Households Donating:** 95
 - **Current Pledge Total:** \$34,022.00 – We’re 75% towards our parish’s goal!
 - **Financial Goal:** \$45,303.88
- **Total Financial Goal:** \$62,196.31

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

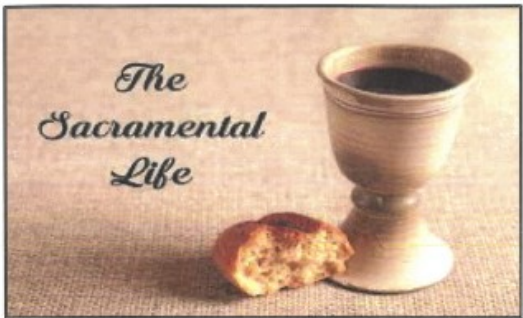
The Baptism preparation session conducted in English for expectant parents and parents with unbaptized infants or small children under the age of 7 occurs from 2 p.m.-4 p.m., usually on the First Sunday of every month in the Parish Center (basement) of St. Philip Neri Church. **The next Baptism Preparation Class in English will be on the second Sunday of the month, January 12th, 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 will be Sunday, February 16th, 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.



Preparing for Lent "Sacramental Living"

A Presentation by Dr. Brandon Harvey

Assistant Director of Undergraduate Programs: Theology; Catholic International University

Parish Faith Study for Adults

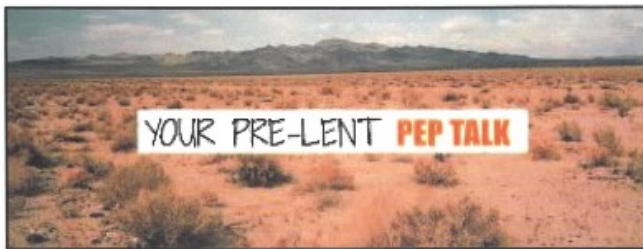
We are excited to announce a new adult faith study for our parishes. Led by Dr. Brandon Harvey, it will be focused on Sacramental Living. Come learn about the sacraments, how the sacraments transform our view of God and humanity, and how the sacraments are meant to impact every aspect of our lives.

This study will not only impact your faith and experience of the sacraments, but also prepare you for a blessed and holy Lent.

WHEN: Thursdays, February 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm

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

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

**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.

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 use the QR code, text the parish's initials **SPNBS** to **84576**, register online at <https://spnbs.flocknote.com/>, or contact Mary in the parish office. It's that easy!



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: saintphilipneriblesedsacrament.org/faith-formation/#youth-1 or email jgencarelli@archomaha.org.

January 8: All High School youth from SPN and HN are invited to join us from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm tonight. Meet in the SPN Parish Center. Use the red door on the west side of the building near the breezeway.

January 15: All High School youth from SPN and HN are invited to join us from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm tonight. We'll begin the brand-new Alpha Youth Series.

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 68401. Registration: <https://v2ministries.org/adventures/#summer>.

2025 High Adventure Registration is Open! Sunday, June 15 -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 22nd.** 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.

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

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

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

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.

Young Adult Ministry (Ages 21-35)

January 16: Join us at 6:30 pm for a Rosary and then meet in the SPN Parish Center for the first of a 3-part series, inspired by Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body. Tonight's talk is Discovering the Human Person. Mark your calendars for the following dates for the next two presentations: March 6th and April 3rd in the Parish Center.

January 15: Winter/Spring Small Group Registration. Groups will meet for 10-12 weeks. Groups will be going through "Relational Prayer", a book that contains reflective readings, teachings on prayer, and scriptural meditations. To register, go to: <https://omahayoungadults.flocknote.com/signup/189077>.

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.

February 6, 13, 20, and 27: A four-part series 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 by February 1st. Register by emailing bharvey@catholicu.edu.



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

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

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

Philip Neri Parish Center. **Next meeting: January 10.**

The January-May schedule will be out soon.

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.

Christian Humor

- I think I'm worth every single headache I have given my husband.
- The oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve. It was an apple with very limited memory, just one byte and everything crashed.
- I remember the 'good old days' when 'snap, crackle, and pop' were sounds I heard from my cereal, not my body.
- We might be old but we had great hair, listened to cool music, and drove the best cars.



On Sunday, January 5th at 2 pm, come celebrate the Epiphany with Holy Family Ranch at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 3400 E 16th St, Fremont, NE. Speakers: Fr. Bill Cremers and Jen Steffensmeier; Eucharistic Adoration; music; & light refreshments! Feel free to bring left over Christmas treats! www.holyfamilyranch.org

Be Not Afraid Holy Hour

Sunday, January 5, 6 pm-7 pm at Christ the King Church, 654 S. 86th St., Omaha. Theme: Miraculous Medal. We will learn about the fruits of the Miraculous Medal which was given to St. Catherine Labouré to share with the world, and we will receive a blessed medal. This hour includes the recitation of the Rosary, availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and the Investiture of the Miraculous Medal. For more details, contact John and Debbie Kukula at jmkukula@gmail.com.

**St. Peregrine Mass**

Saturday, January 18, 11 am at Chapel of Our Lady of Sorrows, 7400 Military Ave. All are invited to a special Mass offered for those who are ill with cancer and their loved ones. This Mass is offered on the third Saturday of each month.

Holy Hour to Pray for Vocations

Monday, January 20, 6:30 p.m. at the St. John Paul II Newman Center, 1221 S. 71st St. The evening begins with a meet-and-greet at 6:30 p.m., and Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m. All are invited. If you have any questions, please contact Lori Hamilton at bobxlori@aol.com or 402-699-5027.

"Christian vocation, whatever shape it takes, is a gift whose purpose is to build up the Church and to increase the kingdom of God in the world." - Pope St. John Paul II

Undone: A Healing Retreat: Jan. 31 - Feb. 2

Under the patronage of Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, this retreat assists participants in becoming aware of Jesus' desire to bring restoration in their lives and creates a favorable environment for each person to encounter His healing grace.



Conferences focus on the power of Jesus to heal in mind, body and spirit, and offer participants practical ways to invite that grace into their own lives. This retreat is a collaboration of Broom Tree Retreat Center and The Lourdes Center. This grants each retreatant an opportunity not only for individual spiritual direction and prayer, but also one-on-one time with licensed counselors.

The retreat begins Friday evening and ends Sunday after lunch. It is open to men and women age 18 and older and is valued at \$300/person. We ask that you prayerfully consider your gift. For information or to register for this or other retreats: www.broom-tree.org/retreats/scheduled-retreats.

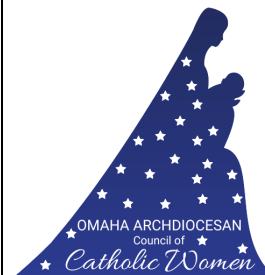
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organization of Catholic Women in the Omaha Archdiocese. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving high school senior woman who resides in or is affiliated with a parish within the Archdiocese of Omaha. The scholarship application must be received or postmarked by January 15. For more details or an application form: <https://oaccw.org>.

Pro Sanctity Second Saturdays: Pilgrims of Hope
 Saturday, January 11
 9:30 am Formation Presentation, Adoration, and Confessions for Adults; Festival of Faith for children 4-11; Childcare for children under 4.
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“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.

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 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.



Mr. Alex Kennedy
St. John Vianney Seminary
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Omaha, Nebraska

As a Parish and as a School, we are praying for the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

A Prayer for Vocations: 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.

2025 Nebraska Walk For Life Gala with special guest Jim Caviezel: Friday, January 31, 6:00 pm-8:30pm

Join Nebraska Right to Life for the Gala the evening before the annual Walk for Life. Doors open 5:30 pm at the Embassy Suites & Conference Center, 12520 Westport Pkwy, La Vista NE 68128. Onsite parking \$10. Tickets: <https://nebraskarighttolife.ticketspice.com/2025>

Gala Speaker: Jim Caviezel is an American actor, best known for playing Jesus in *The Passion of the Christ* (2004), Tim Ballard in *Sound of Freedom* (2023), and starred as John Reese on the CBS series *Person of Interest* (2011–2016). He played Slovic in *G.I. Jane* (1997), Private Witt in *The Thin Red Line* (1998), Detective John Sullivan in *Frequency* (2000), Catch in *Angel Eyes* (2001), and Edmond Dantès in *The Count of Monte Cristo* (2002). Aside from his prolific acting career, Jim continues to promote his love of God, family, and country, and supports various charities focused on serving and protecting women, children, families, and the unborn. A devout Catholic, Jim is a well-known speaker for religious and philanthropic groups throughout the country. Jim and his wife Kerri have 3 adopted children and reside in California.



Saturday, February 1, 10:00 am: Nebraska Walk for Life at the Nebraska State Capitol, 1445 K St, Lincoln, NE. 11:30 am keynote speaker Elizabeth Gillette at Cornhusker Marriott, 333 S 13th St, Lincoln, NE.

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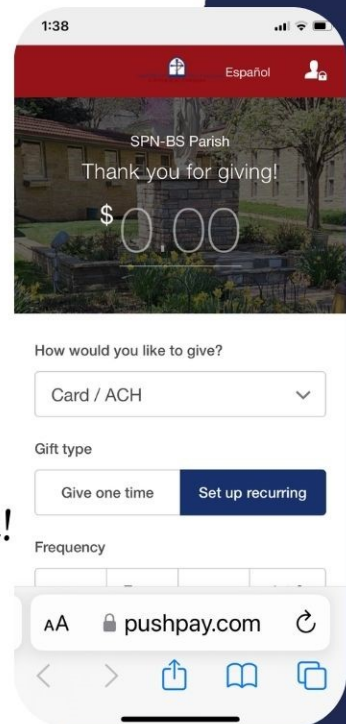
ParishSoft to ParishStaq Transition

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

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

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