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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 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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 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.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary

his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted - and you yourself a sword will pierce - so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:25-40)

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

St. Vincent de Paul call coordinator for the week of Monday, February 3: April Collamer
Immanuel Hospital EMHC Thursday, February 6: Rita Livengood

	Altar Servers	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, Feb. 9 7:30 AM	Joel Sutherland Andrew Sutherland	Richard Henkenius	George Butterfield	Bob Jones Jeanette Pinker		Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday, Feb. 9 10:00 AM	Jack Leininger Noah Leininger	Ed Fink	Brendan Kelly	Kelli Brock Mary Fink	Jean and Friends	Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Gayle Haman Paul Gray

Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions

Monday, February 3

No Mass

Tuesday, February 4

8:15 am SPN Mass: Vera Schettler +

Wednesday, February 5

8:15 am HN Mass: Rose Mary Wilson +

Thursday, February 6

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

6:30 pm HN Mass (Sp.): Abelardo Valles +

Friday, February 7

8:15 am SPN Mass: Fred Simmons +

Saturday, February 8

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

5:00 pm HN Mass: Joan Kelly +

Sunday, February 9

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

7:30 am SPN Mass: Susan Schartz +

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

12:30 pm HN Mass (Sp.): Ana Mateo Francisco & Jesús Marcos

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

Parish Support: January 26-31

Weekly Collections

ParishStaq \$ 3,400.00

ParishSoft \$ 1,250.00

Collections from Masses \$ 6,178.50

Total Weekly Collections \$ 10,828.50

Special Donations \$ 4,275.00

One Rose, One Life \$ 926.75

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, FEBRUARY 2 - THE PRESENTATION 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
- 12:30 P.M. MASS (Sp.) - HN Church
- 2:00 P.M. BAPTISM CLASS (ENG.) - SPN-BS Parish Center

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 6:30 P.M. FINANCE COUNCIL - SPN-BS Parish Center

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
- 6:00 P.M. PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN PARENT MEETING
- SPN Catholic School Library
- 6:30 P.M. SPN-BS & HN PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
- HN Church Choir Loft

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 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 CONFIRMATION MEETING
FOR PARENT, CHILD, & SPONSOR (SPANISH)
- SPN Activity Center
- 7:00 P.M. YOUTH GROUP - SPN-BS Parish Center

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- 5:30 P.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church
- 6:30 P.M. MASS (Sp.) - HN Church
- 7:00 P.M. - 8:15 P.M. SACRAMENTAL LIVING STUDY
- SPN-BS Parish Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
- 9:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M. 1ST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION
- SPN Church

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- 9:00 A.M. KOFC FREE THROW CONTEST - SPN Activity Ctr.
- 4:00 P.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church
- 5:00 P.M. MASS - HN Church
- 6:00 P.M. KNIGHTS & LADIES SOCIAL & DINNER
- SPN-BS Parish Center

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 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

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Old Blessed Palms: Please bring any old blessed palm branches from previous Palm Sundays and place them in the baskets at the church entrances before February 19th. They will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Since the palms are blessed, they should be disposed of properly.



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

Please pray for all of our beloved parishioners who have passed away recently, and for their families and loved ones.

From St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish:

Irene Nordhues, Bill Hackenberg Jr., Thomas Eugene Adler,
Laurel "Laurie" Martin, Elizabeth "Liz" Maycock.

From Holy Name Parish:

Michael P. Mullen, Abelardo Valles, Yaniza Hernández.

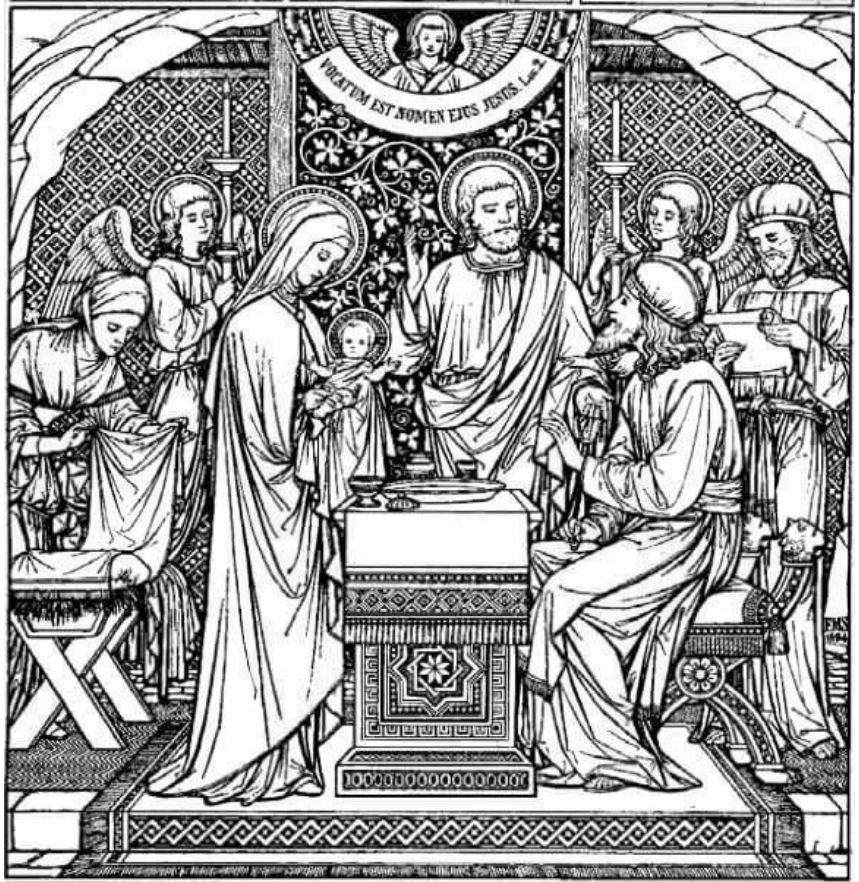
"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

The Pope's worldwide prayer intention for the month of February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

From the Pastor**Feast of the Presentation**

The Feast of the Presentation, which takes the place of the 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time today, Feb. 2nd, originated in 4th century Jerusalem. It came to be celebrated in Rome by the middle of the 5th century under its Greek title, Ὑπαπαντή or, the “Feast of the Meeting”. It is also colloquially known as Candlemas Day because devotional candles used in the home and church are traditionally blessed on this day at the beginning of Mass. In the traditional liturgical calendar, this day marks the end of the Christmas Season; therefore, it also marks the last day our outdoor Christmas lights will be lit.

The feast today itself commemorates the day in which the 40 day-old infant Jesus was presented to the Father at the temple and in which the prophet Simeon declared Christ to be a “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Lk. 2:32). Various Catholic cultures, especially Latino households, keep the spirit of this feast day alive throughout the year as they bring their newborns to church for a special blessing when they are 40 days old.

***The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord***

120. Until 1969, the ancient feast of the presentation of Our Lord (130), which is of Oriental origin, was known in the West as the feast of the Purification of Our Lady, and closed the Christmas season, forty days after the Lord's birth. This feast has for long been associated with many popular devotional exercises. The faithful:

- gladly participate in the processions commemorating the Lord's entry into the Temple in Jerusalem and his encounter with God, whose house he had come to for the first time, and then with Simeon and Anna. Such processions, which in the West had taken the place of licentious pagan events, always had a penitential character, and were later identified with the blessing of candles which were carried in procession in honor of Christ, “the light to enlighten the Gentiles” (Lk 2, 32);
- are sensitive to the actions of the Blessed Virgin in presenting her Son in the Temple, and to her submission to the Law of Moses (Lk 12, 1-8) in the rite of purification; popular piety sees in the rite of purification the humility of Our Lady and hence, 2 February has long been regarded as a feast for those in humble service.

(Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy: Principles and Guidelines*, Vatican City, December 2001)

Join a Small Group This Lent

Ash Wednesday is only a month away. Why not try something new this Lent? Our Family of Parishes is excited to invite you to join a small group this Lent. We want to help our parishioners grow in their faith and love for Jesus by connecting and building relationships with each other; after all, Jesus said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20). This effort is part of our Clear Path of Discipleship.



To join or lead a small group, please use this QR Code, fill out the paper form available at the entrances of the church, or call the respective parish office. There will be a **training session for leaders on Monday, February 10th at 6:30 p.m.** in the SPN Church basement. If that doesn't work for you, we have a **makeup date on Saturday, February 22nd at 9:30 a.m.** Let's start gathering in the name of Jesus and grow in our faith together! If you have any questions, please reach out to John Gencarelli (jgencarelli@archomaha.org), Robbie Miller (miller.robby@gmail.com), or Jada Miller (jada.thomsen@gmail.com).

Joint Pastoral Council

All members of our Joint Pastoral Council are asked to attend their next meeting this Tuesday, Feb. 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Name Choir Loft.

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Parents interested in the pre-kindergarten and kindergarten offerings at St. Philip Neri Catholic School are invited to a meeting this Tuesday, Feb. 4th, at 6 p.m. in the St. Philip Neri Catholic School library.

First Friday

This Friday, Feb. 7th, is First Friday and we will host exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Philip Neri Church from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. All are welcome to come and spend some time with Jesus, especially those who have adopted a particular hour on First Fridays and because SPN Catholic School is not in session this Friday to help cover hours.

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 for Youth & Adults

Becoming Catholic (R.C.I.A. or O.C.I.A.) is our process for anyone 8 years and older desiring to receive Baptism as a Catholic. It is also our process for any already baptized, Catholic adults (16 years of age and older) who are still in need of receiving Confirmation, Reconciliation, and/or First Communion. If you or a loved one would like to learn more, please contact the respective parish office **OR** one of our *Becoming Catholic* coordinators:

- **(Classes in ENGLISH)** Jodi Phillips at phillipsjm1@gmail.com
- **(Classes in SPANISH)** Sr. Beatriz Castañeda at bcastaneda@archomaha.org

Baptism Classes

Our Baptism preparation sessions in English and in Spanish are for expectant parents and for parents with unbaptized infants or small children under the age of 7, along with their potential godparents.

- **Classes in English** normally occur 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.
- **Classes in Spanish** normally occur every other month on a Sunday from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. in the Holy Name Cafeteria.

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 determine future classes and 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.

Mardi Gras Hiatus

In our two months searching for a new parish business manager and my solo management of the two parishes, I, lamentably, have not secured a comprehensive team to coordinate our annual Mardi Gras event, originally slated for March 1st, 2025, only a month from today! I don't want to put together something haphazard or a dinner that fails to match the caliber and quality of previous years just to meet a fast-approaching deadline.

Moreover, in my solicitation for volunteers and discussions with parishioners and school families, it is time to reconsider the event and to take a hiatus this year. Many have worked tirelessly the last few years to put on the event, but they cannot do it alone: We need to figure out new ways to invite and procure new and additional volunteers. Moreover, considering our giant Fall Festival that requires much of the same labor and people, as well as the generosity of the same donors and underwriters, it's appropriate to take a step back and reevaluate the Mardi Gras.

Having said that, our parish and school still need your help. Four years ago, we did not have the Mardi Gras event because of lockdowns, yet we still received the budgeted donations because of your amazing generosity! I am asking you to have that same heart and understanding this year. We need to raise an additional \$60,000 this time of year to fulfill our budget and pay our expenses, so please support our parish and school and contribute. Please give as if you were donating to the Mardi Gras event. The bulk of our Mardi Gras profit and proceeds have always come not from the event itself but from your donations and from underwriters.

Soon you will receive a letter in the mail explaining ways you can donate in the spirit of "Mardi Gras." **Please use the form and envelope enclosed and make your donation to the parish by March 4th, 2025.** We will acknowledge all donors in our parish bulletin and on all our campus monitors in March. God bless you for your help with this exceptional request and your constant prayers and goodness.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Thanks for your incredible support of the 2024-2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal! Because of you, we not only met our parish's goal but exceeded it! I am always humbled by your good will and support of the Church and our Archbishop. Well done! If you have not contributed something to the appeal, there is still time to do so. Every donation helps.

- **St. Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Parish:**
 - **Current Households Donating:** 108
 - **Current Pledge Total:** \$53,932.00 – You gave 118% towards our parish's goal! Congratulations!
 - **Financial Goal:** \$45,303.88

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.



National Marriage Week: Feb. 7-14 World Marriage Day: Sunday, Feb. 9

This year's theme is "**Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!**" The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 9) in this Jubilee year are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.



Resources: Looking for more resources to strengthen your marriage or advice for dating and engaged couples? Visit the website www.foryourmarriage.org
En Español: www.portumatrimonio.org



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/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

<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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KNIGHTS' NOTES

THANK YOU to all who braved the cold last week to help our Pancake Fundraiser for "Loki", Dustin Hillman's new service dog! With your help we will be making another big dent towards getting Loki & Dustin together! The final TOTAL will be determined at our Feb. 12th Council Meeting. ALL KNIGHTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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Saturday 08 February is our KNIGHTS & Ladies Social & Dinner Evening. 6 pm Social, 7 pm Serving Dinner. The Council will provide the Main Course. It's a Potluck so All are asked to bring a Side, Salad, or Dessert to share. Also, if you would like - Your favorite variety of Wine to go with our main entree. Please RSVP to Tim Kiuntke by Monday, Feb. 3rd: tjkiuntke@yahoo.com.

St. Philip Neri Parish
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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 3rd. Register by emailing: bharvey@catholicicu.edu

SIGN UP!!!

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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/>.

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 Monday, February 3rd. Register by emailing bharvey@catholicu.edu.

Inklings Book Club: Do you enjoy Christian literature or movies like *The Lord of the Rings* or *Chronicles of Narnia*? Do you have an interest in Inklings figures like J.R.R. Tolkien or C.S. Lewis? Then join an Inklings Book Club! We meet monthly. Contact Brandon Harvey for information: bharvey@catholicu.edu.



Little Flowers Girls' Club is a fun 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 or send an email to John Gencarelli at jgencarelli@archomaha.org.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL
SOCIETY CORNER**

*“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 (Sages, Advisors, Listeners & Laughters, Teachers & Talkers)

If you haven't connected in some way with a member of our SALT parishioners, take time now to send someone on the list a note or card or make to a phone call. For the addresses or phone numbers,



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.



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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

- You know you are getting old when the candles on your birthday cake start to cost more than the cake itself.
- There's life without Facebook and Internet? Really? Send me the link.
- I always try to cheer myself up by singing when I get sad. Most of the time, it turns out that my voice is worse than my problems.
- Your mind needs exercise just as much as your body does. That's why I think of jogging every day.

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