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## The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - March 2, 2025

#### HOLY MASS AND SACRAMENT OF PENANCE SCHEDULE Saturday and Sunday Masses: Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Holy Name (English) Thursday 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. (Eng./Sp.) - Holy Name Sunday 7:30 a.m. - St. Philip Neri (English) Saturday 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. (Eng./Sp.) - Holy Name 10:00 a.m. - St. Philip Neri (English) 6:45 a.m.-7:15 a.m. (Eng./Sp.) - St. Philip Neri Sunday 12:30 p.m. - Holy Name (Spanish) Anytime by appointment with priest (Eng./Sp.) Also on Facebook and our website (English) 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: St Philin Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parich: 402-455-1289 cointrhilinneriblessed sacrament erg

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Bulletin Announcements: Please submit requests for the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament bulletin in writing or by email to <a href="mailto:meramm@archomaha.org">meramm@archomaha.org</a> by noon Wednesday.

#### Today's Sacred Scriptures: Sirach 27: 4-7; Psalm 92: 2-3, 13-16; I Corinthians 15: 54-58; Luke 6: 39-45

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke

**(Luke 6: 39-45)** Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that

splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me? (catholic.bible/lectio-divina-in-english) Will not both fall into a pit? What pitfalls have I encountered on my spiritual journey? When have I lead others astray or been led astray by others?

A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.

What fruit does my faith bear in my life? How can I share the good fruits of my faith with others?

From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks. How do my words reflect the thoughts of my heart? How can I be kinder and more honest in my speech?

St. Vincent de Paul call coordinator for the week of Monday, March 3: Cheryl Henkenius
Immanuel Hospital EMHC Thursday, March 6: Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd

	Altar Servers	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
Ash Wednesday March 5 5:30 рм	Jack Leininger Noah Leininger	Pam Hughes	George Butterfield	Bill Cheese Maria Hackenberg		Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Paul Gray Gayle Haman
First Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 9 7:30 AM	Joel Sutherland Andrew Sutherland	Larry Ziska	George Butterfield	Regina Cronkhite Mary Todd		Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
First Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 9 10:00 AM	Charles Bohnenkamp Solomon Parys	Bill Schmidt	Brendan Kelly	Geri Schmidt Kirk Utley	Jean and Friends	Eric Brink Debbie Cramer Paul Gray Mark Lampe

Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions	
Monday, March 3	
No Mass	
Tuesday, March 4	
8:15 am SPN Mass: Duane Schuchard +	
Wednesday, March 5	
8:15 am HN Mass: Charles & Madeline LaHood +	
2:00 pm SPN Mass: Steinbock Family	
5:30 pm SPN Mass: Dave Parks +	
7:30 pm HN Mass (Sp.): Eladio Álvarez +	
Thursday, March 6	
5:30 pm HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)	
6:30 pm HN Mass (Sp.): Francisco Eduardo Cortés	+
Friday, March 7	
8:15 am SPN Mass: Memorial Society +	
Saturday, March 8	
4:00 pm HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)	
5:00 pm HN Mass: Kirby Hohm +	
Sunday, March 9	
6:45 am SPN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)	
7:30 am SPN Mass: People in our Family of Parishes	
10:00 am SPN Mass: John, Margaret, Rod Manson, &	Y.
Mary Murcek +	
12:30 pm HN Mass (Sp.): Efrén Gutiérrez +	
4:00 pm SPN Vespers and Benediction (Eng.)	
SPN = St. Philip Neri Church HN = Holy Name Churc	h
Masses are in English unless otherwise noted.	

#### Parish Support: February 23

Weekly Collections	
ParishStaq	\$1,266.60
ParishSoft	\$ 100.00
Collections from Masses	\$ 4,842.00
Total Weekly Collections	\$ 6,208.60
Special Donations	\$ 2,663.00

**ParishStaq** is our new online giving platform. We will soon replace ParishSoft (our old platform). If you have a recurring gift in ParishSoft, it will continue until we close our ParishSoft account. Please consider cancelling your recurring gift in ParishSoft, and setting



up a new recurring gift in ParishStaq. If you have any questions or for help to set up an online gift in ParishStaq, please contact Ted or Mary in the parish office at 402-455-1289. Your donations help us to continue to serve you and allow us to make efforts to grow as a community. Thank you and God bless you for your faithful generosity.

**New Envelopes** We have a new envelope company for those who want to receive envelopes for their donations. They are mailed every two months in order to save postage costs. To be added to or removed from our envelope mailing list, please contact Mary in the parish office.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, MA	ARCH 2
6:45 a.m.	CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church
7:30 а.м.	MASS - SPN Church
8:00 a.m.	DOUGHNUTS AFTER MASS - Parish Center
10:00 а.м.	MASS - SPN Church
11:00 а.м.	DOUGHNUTS AFTER MASS - Parish Center
12:30 р.м.	MASS (Sp.) - HN Church
2:00 р.м.	BAPTISM CLASS (Eng.) - SPN-BS Parish Center

#### Monday, March 3

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 4

8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
9:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY: CORINTHIANS - Parish Center
6:30 P.M. PASTORAL COUNCIL - Activity Ctr. Conf. Rm.
7:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY: CORINTHIANS - Parish Center

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 - Ash Wednesday

8:15 A.M. MASS - HN Church
2:00 P.M. MASS - SPN Church
5:30 P.M. MASS - SPN Church
7:30 P.M. MASS (Sp.) - HN Church
NO RELIG. ED. CLASSES so that students may attend Mass
NO YOUTH GROUP

#### Thursday, March 6

12:00 P.M. NOON DISMISSAL - SPN School 1:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M. SPN SCHOOL PARENT CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS - SPN School 2:20 P.M. SVDP MEETING SPN Activity Ctr. Conf. Pm

- 3:30 P.M. SVDP MEETING SPN Activity Ctr. Conf. Rm.
- 5:30 P.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) HN Church
- 6:30 р.м. Mass (Sp.) HN Church
- 6:30 P.M. YOUNG ADULTS SPN-BS Parish Center

#### Friday, March 7

SPN SCHOOL SPRING BREAK: MARCH 7-14

8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church

9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. 1ST FRIDAY EXPOSITION - SPN Church 6:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - SPN Church 6:30 P.M. MEATLESS POTLUCK - SPN-BS Parish Center

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 8

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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 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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It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to thy name, O Most High, to declare thy steadfast love in the morning, and thy faithfulness by night. (Ps. 92:1-2)

## Doughnuts & Coffee: March 2nd

On Sunday, March 2nd, after the 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses, all are invited for doughnuts & beverages in the Parish Center. Enjoy tasty treats and time to visit with fellow parishioners. Visit with old friends and meet new ones. All are welcome.



**Fridays of Lent: Stations of the Cross & Meatless Potluck** Stations of the Cross will be prayed in St. Philip Neri Church at 6:00 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent, March 7 through April 11. After Stations, all are invited for a Meatless Potluck dinner in the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Center (church basement). Please bring a dish to share, if possible. All are welcome!

**First Friday Eucharistic Exposition** On the First Fridays of Lent, March 7 and April 4, Eucharistic Exposition will be offered from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (the final hour being 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.) All are invited to the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Meatless Potluck in the Parish Center.

On the other Fridays of Lent, there is no Eucharistic Exposition. Exposition will return to its regular schedule after Easter.

## SPRING BIBLE STUDY - CORINTHIANS

Reminder: WHEN	<i>Bible Study begins Tuesday, March 4th</i> March 4th through May 23rd
TIME	Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.
COST	\$5.00
WHERE	Parish Hall

CONTENT We will find ourselves along with St. Paul navigating the same topics that were being discussed in early Corinth...scandal, immorality, persecution, poverty. In other words, how can we live an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture, as well as St. Paul's teaching on the nature of grace, the Church as the Body of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Eucharist? Come and touch upon some key elements of faith in God.

QUESTIONS If you have any questions, please call Diane Sullivan at 402-571-2078 or 402-305-9792, or Marsha Moon at 402-455-1485.



## Family Movie Knight:

Saturday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the SPN-BS Parish Center.

Cartoons begin at 6 p.m. and the family-friendly feature movie begins at 6:30 p.m.

Feature film: "How to Train Your Dragon"

Enjoy "Hots & Brats", ice cold sodas, and freshlypopped popcorn! Free will offering.



#### From the Pastor

#### **His Holy Face**

Every Shrove Tuesday - the day before Ash Wednesday, often known as Mardi Gras - is the Votive Mass in Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus Christ. As Christians, we have long meditated upon the Face of God. We hope to behold the Beatific Vision in Heaven when we will look upon the very face of the Most High with our glorified eyes. Jesus tells us that those who look upon Him see the face of the Father. In fact, this is why the Son of God came to us in the incarnation, so that we could look upon Him and know Him unveiled.

The miraculous images embedded in the Shroud of Turin and the veil of Manoppello, as well as the account of Veronica washing the face of Jesus on His path to Calvary, reveal our preoccupation with the visage of Jesus, and why not? The human countenance is the seat of expression, for there are more muscles in the human face than in the rest of the body combined! And are not the eyes the window to the soul? To gaze on the face of Jesus and to meditate upon His lovely countenance is the height of intimacy with our Savior! This is why we encourage everyone, before all our Masses, to consider and imagine the face of Jesus looking directly back at them, His eyes into their eyes, His eyes into your eyes.

The Holy Face of Jesus devotion, which we celebrate this Tuesday during our 8:15 a.m. Mass in SPN Church, was given to Sr. Marie Pierre as The Work of Reparation commissioned by Our Lord Himself to stop atheistic Communism. Our Lord revealed to Sr. Marie Pierre on March 15, 1844, the existence of a "revolutionary society known as Communists who have dragged Me from My tabernacles and desecrated My Sanctuaries". Christ reassured her that through the Work of Reparation, "their plotting is in vain because their schemes will not succeed".

In the words of Our Lord to Blessed Pierina: "Every time My Face is contemplated, I will pour out My Love into the hearts of those persons, and by means of My Holy Face the salvation of many souls will be obtained." The devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus is also a work of reparation against the offenses to the first three Commandments. There are also a lot of similarities between this devotion and the apparition of Our Lady of LaSalette.

What a beautiful and fitting way to prepare for Ash Wednesday and Lent, to contemplate the face of Jesus, bloodied and marred by our sins yet ever gazing outward, beckoning us to His Heart in repentance and love.

#### Ash Wednesday

Masses with the Imposition of Ashes to inaugurate Lent on this Wednesday, March 5th:

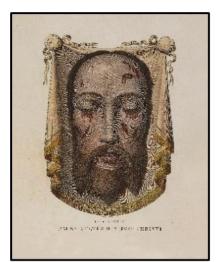
- In St. Philip Neri Church: 2:00 p.m. Mass (Eng.) and
  - 5:30 p.m. Mass (Eng.)
- In Holy Name Church:
- 8:15 a.m. Mass (Eng.) and 7:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.)

#### Lenten Abstinence from Meat

Those aged 14 and older are required to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. There are no exceptions to or exemptions from this expectation.

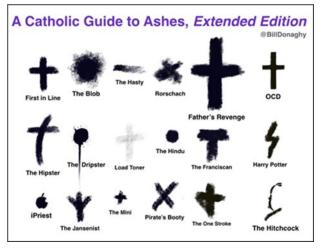
#### **Lenten Fasting**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This consists of one full meal and two smaller meals during the day, without snacks. If one cannot do this for health reasons, they are exempt.









#### **Lenten Opportunities**

For a fuller list of additional opportunities for Lent, e.g., devotions, Stations of the Cross, Chanted Evening Prayer on Sundays, Fish Frys and Meatless Potlucks, the St. Joseph Novena, etc., please see the special flier inside this bulletin and posted on our church bulletin boards and on our parishes' websites.

#### **HN Fish Frys**

Enjoy Omaha's original and world's best Fish Fry in the Holy Name Cafeteria on the Fridays of Lent. Please invite your family and friends to attend and consider volunteering in some capacity. Food service begins at 4:30 p.m.

#### Join a Small Group This Lent

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. 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.robbie@gmail.com), or Jada Miller (jada.thomsen@gmail.com).

#### Joint Pastoral Council

Members of our parishes' Joint Pastoral Council are invited to their next meeting on this Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the SPN Activity Center Conference Room.

#### St. Patrick's Day Sweepstakes Party

The annual St. Patrick's Day Sweepstakes Party and prize drawing in the Holy Name Cafeteria is Sunday, March 16th. Tickets are \$100 each and only 300 will be sold. Each \$100 ticket admits two adults to the party, meals for two, two drinks or beers for two, and entry into the sweepstakes drawing. Grand prize is \$10,000; 2nd prize is \$500; and 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th



prizes are \$200 each. Winners need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit Holy Name Church. To purchase or sell tickets, contact Shawn Peterson at 402-681-0749. Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses.

#### 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., March 1<sup>st</sup>. The reception will take place in the Holy Name Church narthex (lobby).

#### Mardi Gras Donations

Though our parish is not hosting a formal Mardi Gras event this year, we still need your financial support. We are still accepting underwriting donations in the spirit of the event through this Tuesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. Following donor's wishes, we will acknowledge all gifts in our upcoming bulletin and campus monitors. Will you help us reach our budgeted goal of \$60,000? Please make your donation today and hope your parish flourish (and pay her bills)!

#### **Movie Knight**

All are welcome to enjoy our next Movie Knight on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, in the SPN-BS Parish Center (SPN Church basement). Cartoons will start at 6 p.m., and the familyfriendly feature, "How to Train Your Dragon," begins at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy fresh-cooked "Hots & Brats", cold sodas, and "The World's Best Popcorn". Sponsored by the SPN-BS Knights of Columbus.

#### **Coffee and Rolls**

Enjoy homemade pastries and piping hot coffee after both morning Masses today, Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center beneath the church.

#### **First Friday**

This Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, is First Friday and there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Philip Neri Church from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. All are invited to come and spend some time with Jesus. Regular adorers are reminded to please fulfill their adopted hour.



**Spring Break:** Both SPN and HN schools will be on spring break, March 7th-14th.

**Daylight Savings Begins:** Daylight Savings starts next Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to "spring forward" and set your clocks ahead an hour next Sunday morning!

#### **Using Your Musical Gifts**

Do you feel called to serve the Lord through song? Have you wanted to join the choir but have been unsure of how to go about this? The Holy Name Music Ministry is looking for additional singers for the Saturday Vigil Mass Choir! We rehearse in the Holy Name cafeteria from 4-4:50 before each Saturday Mass. If you have questions, please contact Christopher Mitchell at chrispcmitchell@gmail.com or 531-210-2071!

#### **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.

## **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: <u>saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org</u> or email <u>igencarelli@archomaha.org</u>.

March 5: Ash Wednesday - Youth Group does not meet.

March 12: Youth Group does not meet due to Spring Break.

## Steubenville Youth Conference 2025

July 18-20 Steubenville Youth Conference

All youth who completed the pre-registration form are now registered.

**Steubenville Fundraiser:** All those attending Steubenville are expected to help with the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at St. Philip Neri. All proceeds will go to your trip. More information to come.

## 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. They arrive on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and depart Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. You would provide sleeping arrangements for either two male or two female missionaries, along with breakfast and dinner. 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 <u>igencarelli@archomaha.org</u>.

• 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.

#### 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!

## **Religious Ed & Sacramental Prep**

**March 5:** No Religious Education classes. Please attend Ash Wednesday Mass.

March 12 & 19: Religious Education classes, 6:15-7:30 p.m. in St. Philip Neri Catholic School, 8202 N. 31st Street.

## Little Flowers Girls' Club

Little Flowers Girls' Club is a fun and faith-filled Catholic club for girls in kindergarten through 4th grade. It meets Fridays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center. Next meeting: March 21. Meeting schedule: March 21 & 28, April 4, May 2, May 9. If you can help bring snacks, please contact Maggie Peklo, 402-917-6196.

## Young Adults (Ages 21-35)

**March 6:** All college age and young adults are invited to a presentation and Q&A with the Culture Project on "Living for Great Love". Meet at 6:30 pm in the SPN-BS Parish Center located in the church basement for a short prayer and the presentation. We will finish at 8:00 pm.

**PUBS** "pick-up Bible study": All are welcome to come the weeks they can. 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: <u>https://www.archoyoungadults.org</u>, or join Slack at <u>https://archoyoungadults.slack.com/</u>.

## **Adult Faith Formation**

**March 13:** This is the last of a four-part series for Lent focused on Sacramental Living that is led by Dr. Brandon Harvey. Learn how the Sacraments transform our view of God and humanity and are meant to impact every aspect of our lives. We meet from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm in the SPN-BS Parish Center. **Please pray** for the eternal repose of the soul of James Arthur Mullin+ of Holy Name Parish, and for his family and loved ones.

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

#### **Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

is normally offered at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church Monday through Friday from 5 pm to 9 pm (the final hour being 8 pm to 9 pm) in the Prayer Chapel. On First Fridays, Exposition hours are 9 am to 9 pm in the church proper. (First Friday Exposition hours are 9 am to 6 pm during Lent.) 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.

#### Eucharistic Exposition on the Fridays of Lent

On the First Fridays of Lent, March 7 & April 4, Exposition is offered from 9 am to 6 pm (the last hour being 5 pm-6pm). On the other Fridays of Lent, there is no Exposition. At 6 pm on the Fridays during Lent, all are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross followed by a Meatless Potluck dinner. Friday Exposition returns to its regular schedule after Easter.

**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 Prayer Room. Enjoy.

Joann Feller, Coordinator 402-215-5532

#### 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign: March 5-April 13

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer, fasting, community outreach, and peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. For more details or to signup for a vigil: 40daysforlife.com/en/omaha 40daysforlife.com/en/bellevuene

#### Pro Sanctity Second Saturdays: March 8

9:30 am: Adults - Formation presentation by Deacon Omar Gutiérrez, Adoration, and Confessions; Festival of Faith for children 4-11; Childcare for children under 4.
11:30 am: Mass followed by lunch.



11002 N 204th St, Elkhorn, NE 68022 Email: prosanctity@prosanctity.org https://midwest.prosanctity.org

#### SALT (Sages, Advisors, Listeners, Laughers, 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. Our SALT members are Sharon Olson, Donna Thibodeau, Bob & Fannie



Parker, Rich & Rita Muff, Carol Parks, JoAnn Todd, Carol Shade, Fred Maycock, Henry Kelly, Mary Bierma, Joe Hernandez, Mary Miner, Phyllis Huser, Jim Kimble, Theresa Andrews, Jean Jones, Pat Potter, Jane Vlcek, and Michael Tillotson. Thank you to all who are helping them stay in touch with their parish. For addresses or phone numbers, please contact Mary in the parish office.

#### ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL Box Tops

Dear St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish and St. Philip Neri Catholic School families, I am the Box Tops for Education Coordinator for our school, and I am reaching out to show you how Box Tops can help give our students what they need to succeed.



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You can earn a bonus for our school by referring your friends, family, and other parents at ST PHILIP NERI SCHOOL to sign up for Box Tops. You'll both earn a bonus when they scan their first receipt with the Box Tops app.



Our goal is to earn \$500.00 through Box Tops this year. We are currently 14% of the way there! Every Box Tops product counts towards our goal. Let's make a difference together. We can do this!

Sincerely, Christine S., Coordinator

#### 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. If you have any questions, please contact Mary in the parish office.

**Pro Sanctity Celebration of Our Lady of Trust: Sunday, March 2** 12 p.m. Mass at St. Columbkille Church, followed by a reception 2 p.m. Rosary to Our Lady of Trust

## 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." (I 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

#### **Christian Humor**

- Sometimes I just want someone to hug me and say, "I know it's hard, but you'll be okay. Here's some chocolate and a million dollars.
- A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.
- I try not to laugh at my own jokes, but we know I'm hilarious.
- Why is Monday so far from Friday, and Friday so close to Monday.

#### Free Organic Compost - Black Dirt

Wonderful for gardens - tilled shavings and horse manure. You must pick up! Please call Rose Edwards at 402-680-2991.



## Mr. Caleb Kosch

St. John Vianney Seminary Configuration II

> St. Anthony Parish Columbus, Nebraska

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

#### A Prayer for Vocations

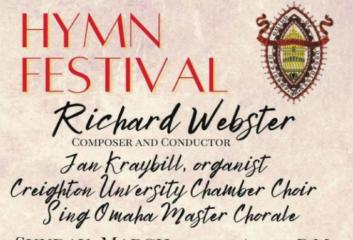
#### through the intercession of Saint John Vianney

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



SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025 + 7:30 P.M. ST. WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH 15353 Pacific Street, Omaha, NE

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The Pope's worldwide prayer intention for the month of March: For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

# **40 DAYS OF MERCY**

Lenten Devotions & Liturgies at Holy Name & St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament

(HN signifies Holy Name Church; SPN signifies St. Philip Neri Church)

# Lenten Observances

#### Fasting

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This consists of one full meal and two smaller meals during the day, without snacks. If one cannot do this for health reasons, they are exempt.

#### Abstinence from Meat

Those 14 and older are required to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

# Ash Wednesday

Masses & services with the Imposition of Ashes:

- March 5<sup>th</sup>:
  - In St. Philip Neri Church:
    - 2:00 p.m. Mass (Eng.)
    - 5:30 p.m. Mass (Eng.)
  - o In Holy Name Church:
    - 8:15 a.m. Mass (Eng.)
    - 7:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.)

# **The Sacrament of Reconciliation**

## Regularly Scheduled Confession Times (All Year)

- Thursdays in HN: 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
- Saturdays in HN: 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.
- Sundays in SPN: 6:45 a.m.-7:15 a.m.
- March 18<sup>th</sup> in HN (Bilingual): 7:00 p.m.
- By appointment with the priest



The Road to Calvary by Lorenzo Lotto

# **Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross (Sp.) are held on the following <u>Tuesday evenings</u> in HN Church.

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup>; April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>:
 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross (Eng.) are held w/ our SPN students on the following <u>Wednesday afternoons</u> in SPN Church.

• March 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>; April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>: 2:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross (Eng.) are held w/ our HN students on the following <u>Friday afternoon</u> in HN Church.

• March 28<sup>th</sup>: 2:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross (Eng.) are held on the following <u>Friday evenings</u> in SPN Church, followed by a Meatless Potluck Supper in the SPN-BS Parish Center (church basement).

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>; April 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>:
 6:00 p.m.

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# **Holy Name Fish Frys**

For over 40 years, Holy Name has hosted a legendary Fish Fry on the Fridays of Lent from 4:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the cafeteria beneath HN church at 2901 Fontenelle Blvd.

- February 28<sup>th</sup> (HN Cafeteria)
- March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup> (HN Cafeteria)
- April 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (HN Cafeteria)

## Sunday Vespers w/ Benediction

Join in Solemn Chanted Evening Prayer, aka Vespers, and Eucharistic Exposition at 4 p.m.

- March 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, & April 6<sup>th</sup>: 4 p.m. in SPN
- March 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, & April 13<sup>th</sup>: 4 p.m. in HN

# Novena & Solemnity of St. Joseph

Invoke and celebrate the patron Saint of families, households, and the Universal Church, St. Joseph.

- March 10<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>: Novena Prayers in Spanish in HN: 6:30 p.m. (6 p.m. on March 11, 13, & 18)
- March 19<sup>th</sup>: Mass in English in HN: 8:15 a.m.
- March 19<sup>th</sup>: Mass in Spanish in HN: 6:30 p.m.

# HN St. Patrick's Day Sweepstakes

The annual St. Patrick's Day Sweepstakes Party and prize drawing will be Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$100 each and only 300 will be sold. Each \$100 ticket admits two adults to the party, meals for two, two drinks or beers for two, and entry into the sweepstakes drawing. Grand prize is \$10,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$500; and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> prizes are \$200 each. Winners need not be present to win. To purchase or sell tickets, contact Shawn Peterson at 402-681-0749. Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses.

 March 16<sup>th</sup>: 2 p.m.-approximately 4 p.m. (HN Cafeteria)

# Pancake Breakfast

Feast upon delicious breakfast fare in the SPN-BS Parish Center, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All proceeds assist the teens of HN & SPN-BS parishes to attend the lifechanging summer Steubenville Conference.

 March 16<sup>th</sup>: 8 a.m.-12 noon (SPN-BS Parish Center)

# Lenten Reconciliation Service

Receive forgiveness through various priest confessors.

• March 18<sup>th</sup> in HN (Bilingual): 7 p.m.

# Movie Knights

Bring the whole family and enjoy wholesome films and delicious foods from the SPN-BS Knights of Columbus.

- March 22<sup>nd</sup>: 6:30 p.m. (SPN-BS Parish Center)
- April 5<sup>th</sup>: 6:30 p.m. (SPN-BS Parish Center)

# **Best Lent Ever: Consecration**

Sign up for a daily, free Lenten email program in English from Matthew Kelley and Dynamic Catholic at <u>https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html</u>.

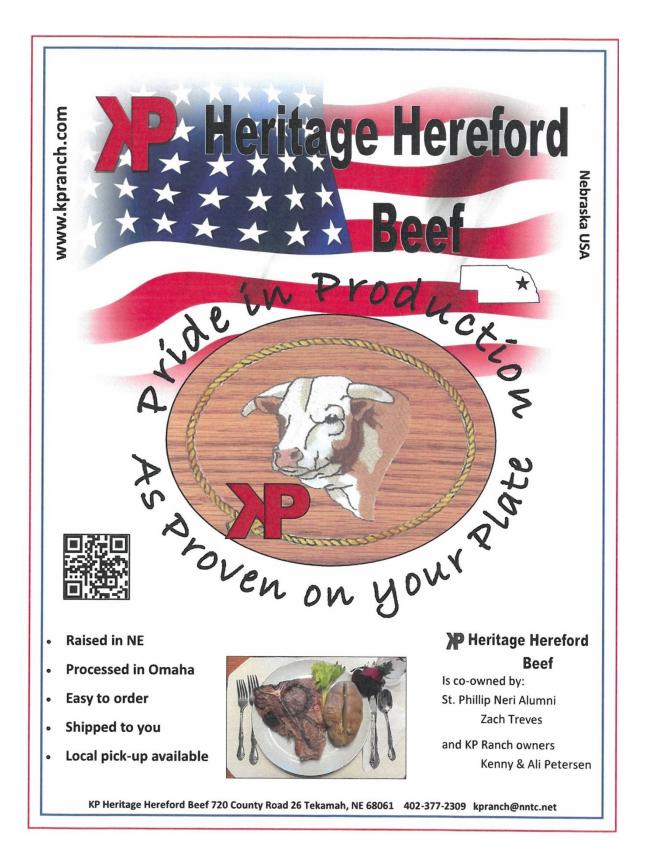
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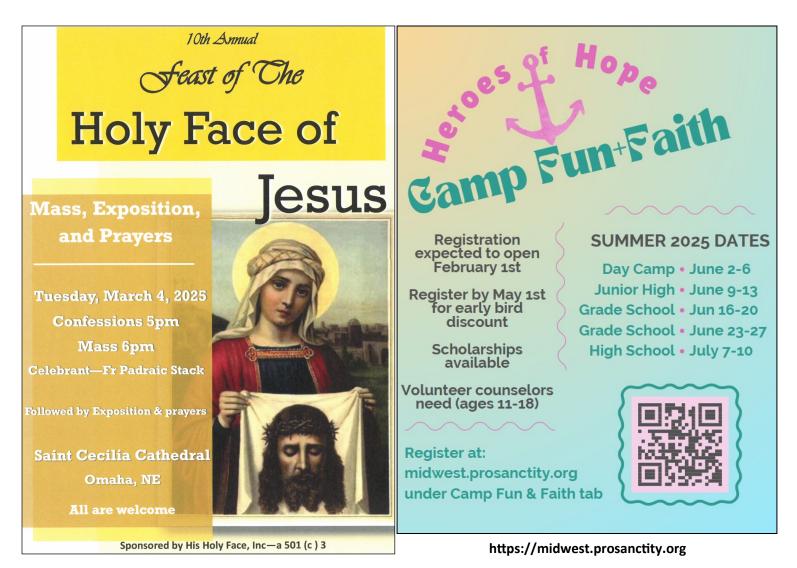


COLUMBUS ACCEPTING ALUMINUM CANS AGAIN! Please drop off your cans in the Church parking lot on the WEST side of the KC Shed in the open between the shed & the

Please help our council make a difference by bringing nonperishable items (can soups or vegetables) & putting them in the barrels in Church or putting spare change in the Poor Boxes.







On Saturday, March 15, the Institute for Priestly Formation invites you to a mini -retreat. Presentations will be given by IPF Staff:

> Rev. Richard Gabuzda Rev. James Rafferty Rev. Brian Welter Kathy Kanavy

#### Schedule

8:15 a.m. Parish Mass9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast9:30 a.m. Presentation, Prayer, and Reflection12:00 p.m. Program Concludes

There is no cost for the Morning of Reflection. A free will offering will be gratefully accepted.

Please register using the QR code. Questions? Please contact Dawn at 531-272-8498, dsledge@priestlyformation.org https://priestlyformation.org/



# "Encountering the Divine Thirst"

An IPF Lenten Morning of Reflection



March 15th, 2025 Christ the King Parish 654 S. 86th Street Mass at 8:15 a.m. Event Concludes at Noon



INSTITUTE for PRIESTLY FORMATION Hearts on Fire for Christ





Join us for this half-day healing retreat offered by the Archdiocese of Omaha for all who long for healing of past hurts and want to reclaim their identity as a son or daughter of the Father.

## COME TO ME 2025 HEALING RETREAT

Saturday, March 29, 2025 12:30 pm - 5:00 pm St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center 5419 N. 114 Street • Omaha. NE 68164

REGISTER BY MARCH 21, 2025 bit.ly/3EmRbxj



For more information, contact the Victim Outreach and Prevention Office: **402.827.3798** Fellowship will be offered after the retreat • Mass counts for Sunday obligation

Archbishop George Lucas will offer the opening prayer.

**Deacon Tim McNell** will provide formation on God's gift of restoration and mercy through a relationship with the Person of Jesus Christ. There will also be time for personal reflection and prayer.

Fr. Andy Sohm will offer Reconciliation, Sacrament of Healing, and Mass to embrace the graces of His merciful love for us!

Magnificat-Omaha invites all women to the Gifts of the Spirit: Appointed for a Purpose Retreat and Lunch on Saturday, March 29th, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Cost \$20 includes box lunch & breakfast bagels. Scholarships available. Registration

required by March 25 at MagnificatOmaha.org, email magnificatomaha@gmail.com. Retreat director:

Fr. Michael Voithofer.



Karen Dwyer, author and coordinator of Magnificat-Omaha. You are here at this moment in time for a purpose! God has chosen you and appointed you for something only you can do. The Holy Spirit has equipped you to partake in God's creative plan. Have you ever wondered what spiritual gifts you may have to offer? Please join the retreat to discover more about your unique mission and gifts.



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# SATURDAY, MARCH 22

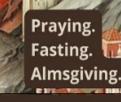
• 5TH & 6TH GRADERS

• 5-7 PM



For questions, please contact Sammi Marousek at marouseks@mercyhigh.org or 402-553-9424. www.mercyhigh.org





## CATHOLIC LENTEN RETREAT with Father Michael Lee

Saturday, March 8, 2025 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. 4 p.m. - Byzantine Divine Liturgy (Mass)

Included: • Lunch

- Childcare
- Free will offering welcome

Please RSVP to Marya Weil at MaryaLaureen@hotmail.com St. Gerald Chapel, 7857 Lakeview St, Ralston, NE 68127