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The First Sunday of Lent - March 9, 2025

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.

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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)

Bulletin Announcements: Please submit requests for the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament bulletin in writing or by email to meramm@archomaha.org by noon Wednesday.

Readings for the First Sunday of Lent: Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, One does not live on bread alone." Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve." Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time. (Luke 4:1-13)

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.

Where is God leading me? What challenges and temptations do I face on my faith journey?

I shall give to you all this power and glory. When have I sought worldly power/glory? How can I grow in humility?

You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve. What things stand in the way of my worship of God? How can I serve God better?

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Place yourself at someone's service, offering assistance with errands, the gift of your time, or a listening ear.

(catholic.bible/lectio-divina-in-english)

St. Vincent de Paul call coordinator for the week of Monday, March 10: Cheryl Henkenius

Immanuel Hospital EMHC for Thursday, March 13: Rita Livengood

	Altar Servers	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 16 7:30 AM	Joel Sutherland Andrew Sutherland	Jan Sammons	George Butterfield	Bill Cheese Jerry Ziska		Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
2nd Sunday of Lent Sunday, March 16 10:00 AM	Charles Bohnenkamp Solomon Parys	Geri Schmidt	Brendan Kelly	Kelli Brock Bill Schmidt	Jean and Friends	Eric Brink Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Joseph Parys

Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions

Monday, March 10

No Mass

Tuesday, March 11

8:15 am SPN Mass: Gerri McGargill +

6:30 pm HN Stations of the Cross (Sp.)

Wednesday, March 12

8:15 am HN Mass: Henry Murphy +

Thursday, March 13

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

6:30 pm HN Mass (Sp.): Marisela Murillo +

Friday, March 14

8:15 am SPN Mass: Midge Cramer +

6:00 pm SPN Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15

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

5:00 pm HN Mass: Joan Kelly +

Sunday, March 16

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

7:30 am SPN Mass: People in our Family of Parishes

10:00 am SPN Mass: John Jefferson Wooden +

12:30 pm HN Mass (Sp.): María Marcos Mateo Family

4:00 pm HN Vespers and Benediction (Eng.)

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

Parish Support: March 2nd

Weekly Collections

ParishStaq \$ 5,916

ParishSoft \$ 1,460

Collections from Masses and Mail \$ 7,692

Total Weekly \$ 15,068

Special Donations \$ 1,878

Mardi Gras \$ 29,865

ParishStaq is the new online giving platform for our parish. We will soon close our ParishSoft account (our old platform). If you have a recurring gift in ParishSoft, please consider cancelling it and setting up a new gift in ParishStaq. If you have any questions or would like help setting up an online gift, please call Mary or Ted 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 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, 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
 4:00 P.M. VESPERS & BENEDICTION (ENG.) - SPN Church

MONDAY, MARCH 10

MARCH 10-14: NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
 9:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY: CORINTHIANS - Parish Center
 7:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY: CORINTHIANS - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - HN Church
 6:15 P.M.-7:30 P.M. RELIG. ED. CLASSES - SPN Activity Ctr.
 7:00 P.M. K OF C MEETING - Parish Center
 NO YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

- 8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
 6:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - SPN Church
 6:30 P.M. MEATLESS POTLUCK - SPN-BS Parish Center

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

- 6:45 A.M. CONFESSIONS (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church
 7:30 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
 8:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. PANCAKE BREAKFAST - Parish Center
 10:00 A.M. MASS - SPN Church
 12:30 P.M. MASS (Sp.) - HN Church
 2:00 P.M. ST. PATRICK SWEEPSTAKES PARTY - HNCafeteria
 4:00 P.M. VESPERS & BENEDICTION (ENG.) - HN Church

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St Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Council #5287

knights of columbus

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH



St PHILIP NERI
 Parish Center
 8200 N 30th St



ALSO BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY

Profits to help defray expenses for Youth Group upcoming trip to Steubenville Conference in July

8:00AM - 12 NOON

- Adults - \$10
- Kids (5-12) - \$5
- Under 5 - FREE
- Family Rate - \$25
- Immediate Family Only Please

Please join our Knights for a hearty Breakfast with Friends & Family, and let us take care of the Dishes



Fridays after Stations of the Cross
 Meatless Potluck Dinner! All are invited.

Fridays of Lent: Stations of the Cross & Meatless Potluck

On the Fridays of Lent at 6:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross are prayed in St. Philip Neri Church. 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!

SPRING BIBLE STUDY - CORINTHIANS

WHEN March 4th through May 23rd

TIME Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

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.

From the Pastor

Less Instrumentation

The characteristic austerity and conversion associated with Lent are also reflected in the liturgical changes and directives during these forty days. For example, the Roman Missal reads: "During Lent ... the use of musical instruments is allowed only so as to support the singing. Nevertheless, *Laetare* Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities (e.g., St. Joseph, Annunciation, etc.), and Feasts are exceptions to this rule" (#4).

You will encounter significantly less musical accompaniment during these forty days to emphasize the simplicity of Lent. This doesn't mean we'll do away with music or singing altogether: Liturgy is always meant to be beautiful and inspiring, and the human voice, the greatest instrument, will continue to carry us upon soaring melodies. As much as reasonably possible, during Lent we will limit the use of the piano, organ, and other instruments in any liturgies in the church, including weddings and funerals.

Marian Anthem

In the spirit of liturgical simplicity and seasonal cohesion, we will sing the Marian anthem characteristic for the given season after the recitation of the St. Michael Prayer at each Mass during Lent and Easter Time. The Liturgy of the Hours prescribes certain Marian hymns that are the final prayer of the day. The anthem used throughout Lent is the *Ave Regina Caelorum* (*Hail, Queen of Heaven*). While Gregorian chant and Latin may be new for most, I guarantee that the short, sweet, and singable melody will grow on you. We have printed copies of this ancient hymn, along with its translations in English and Spanish, on cards in your pews. Please use them and take good care of them since, on their flipside, they feature the Marian Hymn we'll use throughout the Easter Season, the *Regina Caeli* (*Queen of Heaven*).

Omitted Words

Except for official Solemnities and Feasts, we are also prohibited from chanting or saying the *Gloria* at Masses during Lent. We are even forbidden from saying the word Alleluia at Masses and in conversation and prayer during this time. Both the *Gloria* and the Alleluia will return in their splendor during the Easter Vigil.

Less Flowers

In relation to floral flourishes, the Roman Missal also reads: "During Lent, it is not permitted to decorate the altar with flowers... Nevertheless, *Laetare* Sunday (the Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities (e.g., St. Joseph, Annunciation, etc.), and Feasts are exceptions to this rule" (#4). This is why you may have noticed the sudden absence of the flowers next to the tabernacle. The church will be filled with lilies and splendid flowers come Easter but, until then, the entire sanctuary is left bare. This also means that, as much as possible, we refrain from having flowers in the sanctuary for weddings and funerals that occur in the church during this season.

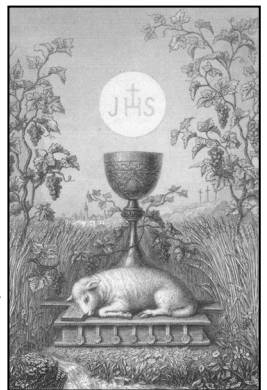
Mystery of Faith

We will use a different option for the Mystery of Faith in our Lenten liturgies to highlight the theme of conversion. The *Mysterium Fidei*, as it is known in Latin, was added to our Mass after the reforms of Vatican II. It is a part of the Mass that is exclusively said or sung by you, the People of God. Sometimes we priests start this prayer or say it with you to lend support, but it is one of your special moments in the Mass. It occurs immediately after the consecration of the wine into Christ's Blood. The priest announces, "The mystery of faith," and then the laity respond.

There are three options for the Mystery of Faith. The first form and the one most used reads:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

This formulation is an example of the Kerygma. Kerygma comes from the Greek and is used in the New Testament to refer to "preaching" (see Luke 4:18-19, Romans 10:14, Matthew 3:1). More specifically, it means "to cry or proclaim as a herald." In this brief sentence, you, the Mystical Body of Christ, declare the essential and most important content of our Faith, namely: Jesus died for us, rose for us, and will come again. These truths are the heart of evangelization.



At all Masses during Lent, however, we will use another option:

Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

This version of the Mystery of Faith reflects the qualities of conversion and personal faith so characteristic of Lent. Lent is a time for reprioritizing. It calls us back to our Baptism, and to every encounter with Jesus in which we have given our lives to the Lord and encountered His grace and love.

Notice the use of the imperative in this unique declaration. We are addressing the Lord directly: "Save us, Savior of the world." We are no longer just talking **about the Lord**, but we are talking **to the Lord**. What a crucial difference in our approach and stance toward God and the Mass. Moreover, this simple statement inspires us to consider salvation and its concurrent freedom. We can ask ourselves: "Just how does Jesus' death and Resurrection free me? Where have I felt freedom in Christ? What does it mean to be saved?"

The various proclamations of the Mystery of Faith are both simple and brief and, as a result, can sometimes be neglected or taken for granted. We invite you to take hold of this special part of the Mass, which is meant to be your own, and to declare or sing these various statements with fervor, faith, and love.

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 from this expectation.

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 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.

Feb. 28th Served: 1,688

St. Patrick's Day Sweepstakes Party

The annual St. Patrick's Day Sweepstakes Party and prize drawing in the Holy Name Cafeteria is NEXT 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.



Spring Break

Both SPN and HN schools are on spring break, March 7th-14th.

Daylight Savings Begins

Daylight Savings started earlier TODAY, Sunday, March 9th. Be sure to "spring forward" and set your clocks ahead one hour today, if you haven't already.

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 chriscpmitchell@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.
- **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/>.



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.

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 or email jgencarelli@archomaha.org.

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

March 19: All High School youth from SPN and HN are invited to join us from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm tonight for two special guest presentations.

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 16th 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 14th and depart Saturday, June 21st. 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 jgencarelli@archomaha.org.



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)

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: <https://www.archoyoungadults.org>, or join Slack at <https://archoyoungadults.slack.com/>.

Adult Faith Formation

March 13: This is the final presentation in 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.

March 11th - May 23rd: Adult Bible Study on Corinthians. We meet on Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. in the SPN Parish Center. (Two sessions each Tuesday. Please choose one.) The fee is \$5.00. We will study St. Paul navigating the same topics that were being discussed in early Corinth - scandal, immorality, persecution, poverty. How can we live an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture? We'll also discuss St. Paul's teaching on the nature of grace, the Church as the Body of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Eucharist? If you have any questions, please call Diane Sullivan at 402-571-2078 or 402-305-9792, or Marsha Moon at 402-455-1485.

Join a Small Group for 2025

Join a Small Group This Lent: To join or lead a small group, visit our website at saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/, use the QR Code or link on our website or fill out the paper form available at the entrances of the church. Let's start gathering in the name of Jesus and grow in our faith together! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact John Gencarelli jgencarelli@archomaha.org.



Religious Ed & Sacramental Prep

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

March 29: Confirmation Retreat: March 29th, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Columban Fathers Campus, Bellevue. If you do not have your form in yet, please do so this week. Contact Monica Valles with any questions.

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.

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

Christian Humor

- According to my chocolate Advent calendar, there are only three days 'til Christmas.
- That annoying moment when you're texting someone and auto-correct decides to join the conversation.
- If people were meant to pop out of bed, we'd all sleep in toasters.
- Being married means mostly shouting "what?" from other rooms.
- I hate that moment when you are tired and sleepy but as soon as you go to bed your body says "just kidding".
- Doing nothing is hard. You never know when you're done.

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.



Rev. Mr. Will Targy
Transitional Deacon
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary
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St. Mary's Parish
Bellevue, 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

KNIGHTS NOTES

Thanks to all who contributed to the KC One Rose, One Life 2nd Collection on January 25-26. With your generosity we netted about \$975 from both parishes. Again, all funds go to Pro-Life activities here in Nebraska.



Due to weather-related cancellations, our Council has not yet been able to meet and verify a donation amount towards Dustin Hillman's Diabetic Service Dog (from our January 19th Pancake Breakfast). * Please Stay Tuned. *

March 16th is our next Pancake Breakfast. All profits will be used to help defray costs for our youth to attend the Steubenville Conference in July. We hope to see everyone there, along with many Knights needed to help with this event.

A Knights Mass will be held on Sunday, March 30th, at the 10am Mass. Knights and their families will be able to sit together in marked reserved pews. All Knights are asked to wear their blue KC polo shirts!

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.



The Fridays of Lent

On the First Fridays during Lent, 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. On the Fridays of Lent, all are invited to the Stations of the Cross at 6 pm 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

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.

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Sincerely,
Christine S.,
Coordinator

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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.



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

VENI Young Adult Holy Hour: March 14

On the 2nd Friday of the month at 7:30 pm, a city-wide Young Adult Holy Hour is offered at St. Cecilia Cathedral. 7:30 pm Praise & Worship, 8 pm Exposition (music and silence). Priests are available for the Sacrament of Penance. 8:50 pm Benediction, 9 pm Social.



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.

Magnificat-Omaha invites all women to *Gifts of the Spirit: Appointed for a Purpose Retreat and Lunch* 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. Retreat director: Fr. Michael Voithofer; Karen Dwyer, author & Magnificat Omaha coordinator. *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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 Rev. James Rafferty
 Rev. Brian Welter
 Kathy Kanavy

Schedule

8:15 a.m. Parish Mass
 9:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
 9:30 a.m. Presentation, Prayer, and Reflection
 12:00 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/>



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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 5th:
 - In St. Philip Neri Church:
 - 2:00 p.m. Mass (Eng.)
 - 5:30 p.m. Mass (Eng.)
 - 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 18th 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 Tuesday evenings in HN Church.

- March 11th, 18th, & 25th; April 1st, 8th, & 15th: 6:30 p.m.

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

- March 19th & 26th; April 2nd & 9th: 2:30 p.m.

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

- March 28th: 2:30 p.m.

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

- March 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th; April 4th & 11th: 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 28th (HN Cafeteria)
- March 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th (HN Cafeteria)
- April 4th & 11th (HN Cafeteria)

Sunday Vespers w/ Benediction

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

- March 9th, 23rd, & April 6th: 4 p.m. in SPN
- March 16th, 30th, & April 13th: 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 10th-18th: Novena Prayers in Spanish in HN: 6:30 p.m. (6 p.m. on March 11, 13, & 18)
- March 19th: Mass in English in HN: 8:15 a.m.
- March 19th: 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 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. To purchase or sell tickets, contact Shawn Peterson at 402-681-0749. Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses.

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

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Receive forgiveness through various priest confessors.

- March 18th 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 22nd: 6:30 p.m. (SPN-BS Parish Center)
- April 5th: 6:30 p.m. (SPN-BS Parish Center)

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