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## **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 13, 2025**

**HOLY WEEK, APRIL 13-20: PLEASE SEE SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE INSIDE THIS BULLETIN.**

### **HOLY MASS AND SACRAMENT OF PENANCE REGULAR 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)

#### **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)

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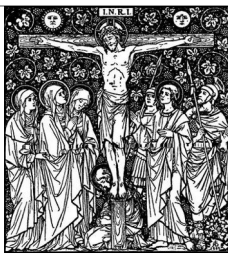
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**Bulletin Announcements:** Please submit requests for the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament bulletin by noon Wednesday in writing or by email to [meramm@archomaha.org](mailto:meramm@archomaha.org).

At the procession with palms: Luke 19:28-40  
At the Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7  
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
Philippians 2:6-11      Luke 22:14-23:56



Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14      Psalm 116:12-18  
I Corinthians 11:23-26      John 13:1-15

Isaiah 52:13-53:12      Psalm 31  
Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9      John 18:1-19:42

	Altar Servers	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Musicians	Ushers
<b>Good Friday</b> <b>April 18,</b> <b>3:00 PM</b>	Charles Bohnenkamp Solomon Parys	Gerry Reinsch Larry Ziska	Brendan Kelly			Eric Brink Paul Gray Gayle Haman Joseph Parys
<b>Easter Vigil</b> <b>at Holy Name</b> <b>April 19,</b> <b>8:45 PM</b>		Pam Hughes (Readings 2 & 6)  Larry Ziska (Reading 4 & Epistle)	George Butterfield			
<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>April 20,</b> <b>7:30 AM</b>	Joel Sutherland Andrew Sutherland	Bill Cheese	George Butterfield	Jan Sammons Jerry Ziska		Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood
<b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>April 20,</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>	Jack Leininger Noah Leininger	Sandy Leininger	Brendan Kelly	Bill Schmidt Geri Schmidt	Jean and Friends	Carl Cramer Debbie Cramer Mark Lampe Michael Ramsgard

**St. Vincent de Paul call coordinator** for the week of Monday, April 14: April Collamer  
**Immanuel Hospital EMHC** for Thursday, April 17: Rita Livengood

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

ParishStaQ	\$ 3,986
ParishSoft	\$ 465
Collections from Masses and mail	\$ 5,422
Total Weekly	\$ 9,773
Special Donations	\$ 2,280

**ParishStaQ** is our new online giving platform for our parish. We will soon close our ParishSoft account (the old platform). If you have a recurring gift in ParishSoft, please consider canceling it and setting up a gift in ParishStaQ. *If you do not have a cell phone number or email* and would like to set up automatic donations, it can be done by phone or in person in the parish office. If you have any questions or would like help with an online gift, please contact Mary or Ted in the parish office. 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.



**Tithing 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. As always, there are additional envelopes for your use near the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity to our parish.

## THE WEEK AHEAD - HOLY WEEK

### SUNDAY, APRIL 13

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

After 7:30 A.M. & 10 A.M. MASSES:

HOLY ROSARY CIRCLE 2 BAKE SALE - Parish Center

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

(VESPERS ARE CANCELLED)

### MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 14

#### TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 15

8:15 A.M. MASS - SPN Church

9:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY: CORINTHIANS - Parish Center

6:30 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Sp.) - HN Church

7:00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY: CORINTHIANS - Parish Center

*SPN School Easter Vacation April 16-21*

### WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK, APRIL 16

8:15 A.M. MASS - HN Church

### HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

7:00 P.M. MASS (bilingual, Eng./Sp.) - HN Church

8:00 P.M. -12:00 A.M. ADORATION - SPN & HN Churches

### GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

12:00 P.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - SPN Church

3:00 P.M. THE PASSION OF THE LORD - SPN Church

6:00 P.M. OUTDOOR LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Sp.)  
- HN Church

7:00 P.M. THE PASSION OF THE LORD (Sp.) - HN Church

### HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

9:00 A.M. OFFICE OF READINGS & MORNING PRAYER,  
BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD - SPN Church

10:00 A.M. DECORATE & CLEAN OUR CHURCHES  
- SPN & HN Churches

8:45 P.M. EASTER VIGIL MASS & SACRAMENTS OF  
CHRISTIAN INITIATION (ENG.) - HN Church

### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

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 & SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN  
INITIATION (Sp.) - HN Church

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**The Garden Angels are getting busy!** Spring is here! If you would like to help defray the cost of beautifying our grounds, please drop your change in the watering cans near the church entrances or put it in an envelope marked "Garden Angels" in the collection basket. If you would like to help by pulling weeds, planting, or watering, please call the office.



ST PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT  
**HOLY ROSARY CIRCLE #2**

# Bake Sale

**SUNDAY, APRIL 13TH**

**AFTER 7:30 / 10AM MASSES  
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE PARISH CENTER**

**DELICIOUS HOME-MADE  
CAKES, PIES, COOKIES, AND  
LOADS OF OTHER TREATS FOR  
YOUR EASTER DINNER**

**\*ALSO AVAILABLE GLUTEN-FREE BAKED ITEMS**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE NEW CHIME FOR THE BELL TOWER**



### KNIGHTS NOTES

- The April 9th Council Mtg. opened nominations for the following roles: Grand Knight/Deputy Gr. Knight, Treasurer/Recorder & 3rd Yr. Trustee. Other open positions include Advocate & Inside Guard. Nominations are open until Sunday, May 4th. Elections will be held at the May 14th mtg.
- The Council will again offer one-time scholarships for SPN 8th graders continuing on to Catholic High Schools. We will offer scholarships in these amounts: (1) \$500 Council Scholarship Award, and (3) \$350 Alum Can Scholarship Awards. Applications are available at the school office.
- Our Alum Can Project will also make a \$1,000 donation to the SPN School Tuition Assistance Program.
- The Council approved a \$600 donation towards replacing the Garbage Disposal in the Parish Ctr Kitchen.
- Jim Huber and Gerry Reinsch were recognized as our Knight(s)-of-the Month for all their hard work washing & cleaning our plates & utensils at our recent Pancake Breakfasts. THANK YOU, Brother Knights!
- The next Movie Knight is set for Saturday, May 17th.
- Our next Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Roncalli Spring Concert is set for Wednesday, April 23rd at 7 pm.** Join the Roncalli Catholic Music Department for a night of entertainment! This concert will feature a variety of genres including pop, classical, and musical theater. Admission is free; donations to the Music Dept. are appreciated. The concert will be in Roncalli's Notre Dame Auditorium, followed by a reception.





## From the Pastor

### **“It’s the Most Holy Time of the Year”**

Today the Lord enters Jerusalem triumphant, hailed and saluted by the masses. By Friday, those same crowds will shout for His death. What happened? How fickle can we be in our worship of the Lord, especially when mob mentalities, fear of exclusion, and societal pressure enter the picture?

Holy Week begins today with Palm Sunday. This is the holiest period of the entire Christian Liturgical Year, and the week culminates in the Triduum, consisting of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil. How will we walk with Jesus this week, in word only or in spiritual solicitude all the way to Calvary?

For a complete list of our Triduum and Easter Masses and devotions, along with invitations to help decorate and clean our churches for Easter, please see the posters on our churches’ bulletin boards. The information is also available on our parish website.

As we continue on our “Journey of Faith” together, uniting our three communities in prayer and worship with a single priest - the SPN-BS English-speaking community and both the HN English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities – I know you continue to adapt to new realities. Allow me to explain why we have the schedule this week that we do.

There can only be one Mass of the Lord’s Supper celebrated on Holy Thursday for a church, and it must be conducted in the evening. I am only one man, a single priest gladly assigned to both of our parishes. Holy Name Church is the logical setting for this single Mass at 7 p.m. since its size accommodates the great numbers from all three communities. Both of our churches will have altars of repose on Holy Thursday night and all three communities will be included in the bilingual liturgy in Holy Name.

On Good Friday, we are conducting services in both English and Spanish. We will have Stations (12 noon) and the Veneration of the Cross liturgy (3 p.m.) in English at St. Philip Neri Church since the Holy Thursday celebration was conducted in Holy Name Church. We will also have outdoor Stations (6 p.m.) and the Veneration of the Cross liturgy (7 p.m.) in Spanish at Holy Name Church. This ensures celebrations at both churches on Good Friday and respects our cultural diversity and needs.

As part of our Journey of Faith decisions, Holy Name retained the Vigil Mass in English on Saturday evenings and its Mass in Spanish on Sunday afternoons, while St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament retained its Sunday morning Masses

in English. In accord with those decisions, the Easter Sunday morning Masses in English (7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.) will both occur in St. Philip Neri Church. The Easter Sunday Mass in Holy Name at 12:30 p.m. will occur in Spanish, and the Easter Vigil in English on Saturday night continues to be celebrated in Holy Name Church, albeit later than usual, at 8:45 p.m. This is a gorgeous liturgy in which the Baptisms of English-speaking adults and older children will take place.

The Easter Vigil will be conducted in English because the regular, Saturday evening Mass in Holy Name is celebrated in English and out of consideration for pastoral needs. We always have many children and youth from our Spanish-speaking families receiving all three sacraments of initiation at Easter. The Easter Vigil, while beautiful and appropriate, may not be the ideal setting for children to stay awake throughout it: It begins at 8:45 p.m. and lasts two to three hours. If the Vigil were further celebrated bilingually, it

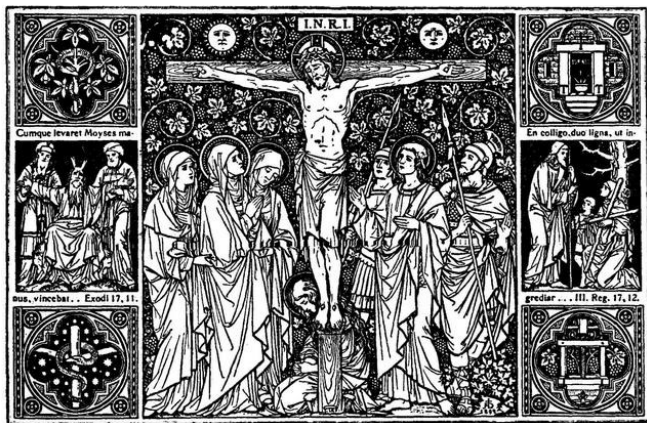
would become even more complex, lengthy, and unwieldy. We have opted to celebrate these sacraments of initiation in Spanish during the Easter Sunday Mass in Holy Name at 12:30 p.m.

Lastly, the common language of the United States is English and, while liturgies may be celebrated in other languages than our own, the liturgy is the work of God and surpasses our subjective experiences. Masses were conducted in Latin throughout the whole world for centuries, a “dead” language that few people could speak or understand, but they attended Mass nonetheless out of their love for Jesus, not out of personal convenience or preferences. I know it is hard to change, and I know that these locations and languages for our liturgies may not be ideal for you personally

- they are different than what you have long experienced in your parishes growing up or even countries of origin.

Even if you do not agree with the reasoning for these changes, I hope you see that there has been careful thought and consultation to develop this plan. More importantly, I encourage you to seek the good in these changes. They allow us to leave our comfort zones, offer generous sacrifices, and seek the unity that Christ Himself desires, after all, it is Him that we are celebrating this week, is it not? We can look at these changes as “losses” and envy what others “got”, or we can be glad for others and thankful for ourselves and see these changes as new, graced opportunities to meet Jesus. You are beautiful, hospitable, and faithful people. I pray for you, my spiritual families, and I look forward to being with you throughout this most Holy Week.





### Fasting & Abstinence from Meat

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast on this Good Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Fasting consists of eating one full meal and two smaller meals during the day, without snacking. If one cannot do this for legitimate health reasons, he or she is exempt. Those ages 14 and older are required to refrain from eating meat on Good Friday, too.

### 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 this expectation.

### Parish Office Closure for Easter

In honor of the Triduum and Easter itself, the Parish Offices at both parishes will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday (April 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>). We regret any inconvenience.

### No Regular Masses

Please be mindful that there is no 6:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish in HN Church this Holy Thursday (April 17<sup>th</sup>) and no 8:15 a.m. morning Mass in SPN Church this Good Friday (April 18<sup>th</sup>).

### Altars of Repose & Exposition on Holy Thursday & Good Friday

In accord with liturgical law, there is no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, however, there is still Eucharistic adoration on Holy Thursday evening. We encourage everyone to spend some time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament on this Holy Thursday night, April 17<sup>th</sup>, between 8 p.m.– and 12 midnight, in both HN and SPN churches. The altar of repose in SPN Church will be located on the side altar dedicated to Mary in the south transept of the church. The altar of repose in HN Church will be located on the side altar dedicated to St. Joseph in the south transept of the church.

In addition to spending some time in our churches, Holy Name and St. Philip Neri, it is a Catholic custom to visit and briefly pray at the altars of repose at a total of seven churches on Holy Thursday night. Call other churches ahead and make your plans now. Some nearby churches are Sacred Heart, St. Benedict the Moor, St. John (Creighton), St. Mary Magdalene, St. Peter, Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Cecilia Cathedral, St. Bernard, St. James, and St. John the Baptist (Fort Calhoun).

### Holy Saturday Morning Prayer & Blessing of Easter Baskets and Foods

All are invited to take part in the chanted Office of Readings & Morning Prayer in English on Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in SPN Church. The Office of Readings, or *Matins*, and Morning Prayer, *Lauds*, come from the Liturgy of the Hours prayed by clergy, consecrated persons, and the laity. Moreover, all are invited to bring to the service some food that will be served at their own homes for Easter dinner. These foods in baskets and all other Easter Baskets will be blessed at the end of the service. All foods to be blessed should be placed on the table provided in the church.

### Vespers Today CANCELED

4 p.m. Solemn Vespers, originally scheduled for today, Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, is necessarily CANCELED due to a Vocations Open House at the same time. We regret any inconvenience or disappointment.

### HN Fish Frys

Last Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, was the final Holy Name Fish Fry of the season. Thank you to all who volunteered and attended Omaha's original and world's best Fish Fry.

- Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> Served: 1,688
- March 7<sup>th</sup> Served: 1,565
- March 14<sup>th</sup> Served: 1,366
- March 21<sup>st</sup> Served: 1,754
- March 28<sup>th</sup> Served: 1,992
- April 4<sup>th</sup> Served: 1,717

### Good Friday Special Collection

We will take up the customary special collection to benefit and sustain impoverished and embattled Catholics and Christians in the Holy Land during both our Veneration of the Cross liturgies this Good Friday. Thank you for your generosity that preserves a Christian presence in the area sanctified by Christ's birth, death, and resurrection!

### 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

### 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.

## 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 Parish Updates?

The fastest way to know what's happening in our parishes is by registering for Flocknote, our parishes' 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. It's that easy!



## Please Consider SPN-BS Parish in Your Estate Plan

When considering gifts to a charity in your Will or Trust, please remember St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish. Gifts can be made to the parish in the following manner through your Will or Trust:

- A specific dollar amount.
- A percentage of your estate.
- A particular asset such as real estate or other valuables.

You may also name the parish as a beneficiary of a retirement plan. For more information on how to make SPN-BS Parish a part of your estate plan, talk to your financial planner, attorney or insurance representative. You can also contact our business manager, Ted Snoddy, at [trsnoddy@archomaha.org](mailto:trsnoddy@archomaha.org), or Tony LaMar, *Legacy Planning Officer*, Archdiocese of Omaha at 402-557-5650 or [ajlamar@archomaha.org](mailto:ajlamar@archomaha.org).

**Formed** 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. To sign up, go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and click "Create a New Account"; enter your parish, St Philip Neri Church or Zip code 68112, 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.

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for the Month of April

For the use of new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Archdiocese of Omaha

LET'S THANK  
**Archbishop  
George J. Lucas**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | APRIL 27  
ST. CECILIA CATHEDRAL  
MASS OF THANKSGIVING | 10:30 A.M.  
LIGHT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN THE MSG. GRAHAM BUILDING GYM



## High School Youth Ministry

**PARENTS or other groups:** If you can help provide snacks or donate money or gift cards to Baker's, go to our website: [saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/faith-formation/#youth-1](http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/faith-formation/#youth-1) or email [jgencarelli@archomaha.org](mailto:jgencarelli@archomaha.org).

**April 16:** Holy Week - High School Youth Group does not meet.

**April 23:** All High School youth from SPN and HN are invited to join us from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm for the last Alpha session.

## Steubenville Youth Conference 2025

**July 18-20 Steubenville Youth Conference:** All youth who completed the pre-registration form are now registered.

**Youth and Parents:** Please check your email for information on the online registration which must be done soon.

**May 7:** All youth, chaperones, and parents must attend a pre-Steubenville informational meeting from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center located under the church.

## 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-Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. **Next meeting: April 25.** If you can help bring snacks, please contact Maggie Peklo, 402-917-6196.

## Religious Ed & Sacramental Prep

**Sacraments:** The Director of Religious Education, Monica Valles, will be contacting everyone via Flocknote for all sacramental information.

## 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 the week they are here. You would provide sleeping arrangements for either two male or two female missionaries, along with breakfast and dinner. They arrive on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> and depart Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto:jgencarelli@archomaha.org).

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Adult Bible Study on Corinthians. We meet Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. in the SPN-BS Parish Center. (Two sessions each Tuesday. Please choose one.) The fee is \$5.00. If you have any questions, call Diane Sullivan 402-571-2078 or 402-305-9792, or Marsha Moon 402-455-1485.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Way of the Cross:** Good Friday, April 18, begins 7 am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. 15-mile pilgrimage visiting 11 parishes & 2 cemeteries in East Omaha. For a short walk, meet at St. Adalbert Church at about 1:30 pm for the final part of the walk to Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

**Roncalli Catholic Youth Summer Camps** are a great place for any young athlete looking to improve skills, work hard, make new friends, and have fun! Each camp is led by our energetic coaching staff and assisted by current and former Crimson Pride student-athletes! Camps are for students entering 5th-8th grade (unless otherwise noted) and include fun team games, instruction on fundamentals, autograph sessions with athletes. New: Tennis Camp open to both boys and girls! Volleyball and Boys' Basketball for ages kinder and up. Softball, Girls' Basketball, Girls' Soccer, Boys' Soccer, Boys' Basketball, Football, Weights & Conditioning, Baseball.

[www.roncallicatholic.org/athletics/camps](http://www.roncallicatholic.org/athletics/camps)

**Camp Fun & Faith for Girls:** Day Camp June 2-6, Jr. High June 9-13, Grade School June 16-20 or 23-27, High School July 7-10. Register by May 1st for an early bird discount. Scholarships available. Volunteers needed ages 11 years and up. Register at [midwest.prosanctity.org](http://midwest.prosanctity.org) under the Camp Fun & Faith tab. For questions: [camp@prosanctity.org](mailto:camp@prosanctity.org) or 402-289-1938.

## V2 Virtus et Veritas Catholic Camps for Young Men

**Summer Camp for Young Men** entering 6th grade through 9th grade. Week 1: July 13-19, Week 2: July 20-26. 7 days and 6 nights in Camp Kateri Tekakwitha, McCool Junction, NE. This camp is full of fun, engaging activities, personal growth, inspiring worship, and spiritual development. Adult volunteers are needed. [v2ministries.org](http://v2ministries.org)

**V2 Virtus et Veritas High Adventure for Young Men** entering 10th-12th grade, college & adults 19 and over. June 15-20 in Wind River Range, Wyoming! Fathers are welcome to join their sons. [v2ministries.org/adventures](http://v2ministries.org/adventures)

**V2 Spring Summit:** Saturday, April 26, 8 am to 5 pm at Camp Rivercrest, Fremont, NE. This one-day event is open to young men currently in 4th through 12th grades and their fathers. Enjoy paintball, hiking, formation talks, small group discussion, lunch, Mass, Reconciliation, and Eucharistic Adoration. Cost: \$80, (scholarships available). [v2ministries.org/adventures/#weekend](http://v2ministries.org/adventures/#weekend)

**Mercy High School has many Summer Camps for Girls** of various ages: Sports Camps, Show Choir Camp for 5th-8th Grade Girls, and many more! <https://www.mercyhigh.org>

### SALT (Sages, Advisors, Listeners, Laughers, Teachers, Talkers)

If you haven't connected with a member of our SALT parishioners, please consider sending a note or card or making a phone call this Easter. For addresses or phone numbers, please contact Mary in the parish office.



Our SALT members are Theresa Andrews, Mary Bierma, Phyllis Huser, Jean Jones, Henry Kelly, Jim Kimble, Fred Maycock, Mary Miner, Rich & Rita Muff, Sharon Olson, Bob & Fannie Parker, Carol Parks, Pat Potter, Carol Schade, Donna Thibodeau, Michael Tillotson, JoAnn Todd, and Jane Vlcek. Thank you to all who are helping them stay in touch with their parish.

### 15 Promises to Those Who Pray the Rosary

The Serra Club of West Omaha invites you to a special Meeting & Mixer on Wednesday, April 23, 5:30 p.m. at the JPPI Newman Center, 1221 S. 71 St. Brother Angelo Marie of the Knights of the Holy Eucharist located in Lincoln, Nebraska will speak on the incredible 15 Promises of the Rosary. Light refreshments, pizza, and dessert. All are welcome! RSVP by noon Monday, April 21, to ensure there is enough food.



**Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS) Boutique** Volunteers are needed to help sort donations & help Moms shop at the boutique, 3171 N 93rd St. Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9 am-5 pm; Tuesday 10 am-7 pm. Spanish-speaking volunteers especially needed. Please contact Carmen at 402-554-0121. <https://friendsofeps.org/>

### Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

is normally offered at St. Philip Neri Church Monday through Friday 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. 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.



### Holy Thursday and Good Friday, April 17-18

In accord with liturgical law, there is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. However, there is still Eucharistic Adoration on Holy Thursday night from 8 pm to 12 midnight near the side altar dedicated to the Blessed Mother. We encourage everyone to spend some time with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament on this Holy Thursday night.

**Adoration** hours without Exposition are available anytime. There is a church door with a code for entry. For details, please contact Mary in the parish office.

**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.

## Hearts on Fire

Strengthening the Foundation Dinner

Thursday, April 24th, 2025

St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Kampschneider Hall

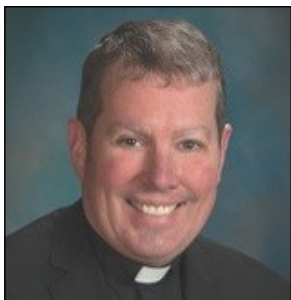


The Institute for Priestly Formation will host the Hearts on Fire Dinner on **April 24, 2025**. This annual dinner will raise funds for the seminarian program and pre-ordination retreats hosted by IPF. At the dinner, the St. John Vianney Award for Priestly Service, will be presented to Fr. Dan Andrews. This award recognizes priests whose life of priestly service mimics St. John Vianney in his dedication to God and his flock.

The dinner will be held on **April 24, 2025** at **St. Vincent de Paul Parish, 14443 Eagle Run Drive, Omaha, NE**. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. followed by the dinner and program. Tickets for the dinner are \$125 per person. **RSVP's are requested by April 18, 2025**. For reservations, visit [www.priestlyformation.org](http://www.priestlyformation.org) or call 531-272-8498 and speak with Dawn.



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(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!

The SPN-Blessed Sacrament St. Vincent de Paul Society

### Christian Humor

- My Roomba just beat me to an M & M I dropped on the floor. I guess this is how the war against machines begins.
- I just want to be talented enough to put a piece of plastic wrap on a bowl without having it stick to itself.
- When you retire, all your dogs think you quit your jobs to spend more time with them. All cats think you got fired for being lazy.
- My daily routine: Morning: Feeling tired, cranky, and lazy. Afternoon: I could go for a nap. Night: I can't sleep.

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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](http://www.pnac.org/support/prayers-for-seminarians)

### Women's Silent Ignatian Retreat

May 1-4 at Broom Tree Retreat Center,  
123 St. Raphael Circle, Irene, South Dakota

### Men's Silent Ignatian Retreat

June 19-22 at Broom Tree Retreat Center,  
123 St. Raphael Circle, Irene, South Dakota

These retreats, based on The Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, are intended to help you find God more deeply in the world in which you live by becoming completely aware of God's presence in your life through reflection, prayer, and contemplation. Every retreat is led by an experienced retreat director who will offer a series of points for prayer during each conference. The schedule also includes Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and opportunities for spiritual direction and Confession. Additionally, there will be time for quiet walks on the grounds, hiking the Stations of the Cross, and praying in one of our Chapels or outdoor prayer shelters. Other retreat dates are available.

**Broom Tree Retreat also offers** 5-day and 8-day Directed Silent Retreats, 30-day Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, Days of Recollection, Healing Retreats, and Couples Retreats.

For details and registration: [www.broom-tree.org/retreats](http://www.broom-tree.org/retreats)  
For questions: [broomtree@sfcatholic.org](mailto:broomtree@sfcatholic.org) or 605-263-1040.



# The Sacred Triduum 2025

Holy Name (HN) & St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament (SPN) Parishes

## Holy Thursday (April 17th)

- ♦ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (BILINGUAL) in HN Church: 7 p.m.
- ♦ Eucharistic Adoration at the Altar of Repose in HN & SPN Churches: 8 p.m.-12 midnight

*As the Apostles accompanied Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane before His arrest, all parishioners are invited to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in HN and SPN churches sometime between 8 p.m. and midnight.*

## Good Friday (April 18th)

*Those between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast on Good Friday. This consists of one full meal and two smaller meals during the day, without snacks. If persons cannot do this for health reasons, they are exempt. All those 14 and older are required to refrain from eating meat on Good Friday. There are no exemptions to abstinence from meat.*

*There are no Masses on Good Friday, but Holy Communion will be distributed during the Celebration of the Passion of the Lord liturgies.*

- ♦ Stations of the Cross (ENGLISH) in SPN Church: 12 noon
- ♦ Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (ENGLISH) in SPN Church: 3 p.m.
- ♦ Outdoor Living Stations of the Cross (SPANISH) at HN Church: 6 p.m.
- ♦ Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (SPANISH) in HN Church: 7 p.m.



***Christus resurrexit!  
Resurrexit vere!***

## Holy Saturday (April 19th)

- ♦ Chanted Office of Readings & Morning Prayer (ENGLISH) and the Blessing of Easter Foods in SPN Church: 9 a.m.-10 a.m.
- ♦ Decorating & Cleaning of Churches for Easter: 10 a.m.

*All parishioners and family members are invited to help clean and decorate Holy Name Church or St. Philip Neri Church. Please bring any helpful cleaning supplies.*

- ♦ Easter Vigil Mass & Sacraments of Initiation (ENGLISH) in HN Church: 8:45 p.m.

## Easter Sunday (April 20th)

- ♦ Easter Sunday Masses (ENGLISH) in SPN Church: 7:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.
- ♦ Easter Sunday Mass & Sacraments of Initiation (SPANISH) in HN Church: 12:30 p.m.

***ATTENTION: The HN and SPN-BS parish offices are closed on April 18th and 21st.***

Holy Name Church, 2901 Fontenelle Blvd., Omaha, NE 68104 - [holynameomaha.org](http://holynameomaha.org)

St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 8200 N. 30th St., Omaha, NE 68112 - [saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org](http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org)



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