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## The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 17, 2025

### HOLY MASS AND SACRAMENT OF PENANCE REGULAR SCHEDULE

#### Saturday and Sunday Masses

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

#### 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 a priest.

#### Weekday Masses

Tuesday 8:15 a.m. (English) St. Philip Neri (All School Mass when SPN Catholic School is in session)  
 Wednesday 8:15 a.m. (English) Holy Name (All School Mass when Holy Name School is in session)  
 Thursday 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Holy Name  
 Friday 8:15 a.m. (English) St. Philip Neri (All School Mass when SPN Catholic School is in session)

**Holy Day Masses:** Please see the schedule inside this bulletin.

**St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish:** 402-455-1289 [saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org](http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org)

8200 North 30th Street, Omaha, NE 68112

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed Mondays)

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- John Gencarelli, Adult & Youth Evangelization (English) email: [jgencarelli@archomaha.org](mailto:jgencarelli@archomaha.org)
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**Holy Name Catholic Church (our sister parish):** 402-451-6622 [www.holynamenameomaha.org](http://www.holynamenameomaha.org)

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Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed Mondays)

#### St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament bulletin announcements:

Please send requests by noon Wednesday to email [meramm@archomaha.org](mailto:meramm@archomaha.org).

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Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 Psalm 40:2-4, 18

Hebrews 12:1-4 St. Luke 12:49-53

**Meditation** After reading the Holy Gospel (St. Luke 12:49-53), reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word(s) in the passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

**Contemplation** Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection: What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

- *"I have come to set the earth on fire."* Who do I know that is on fire with their faith? How can I be a source of light to those I encounter?
- *"There is a baptism with which I must be baptized."* How do I understand my baptismal call? How can I live that call more faithfully?
- *"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."* When has my behavior caused division with others in my life? How can become a force for unity rather than division?

**Living the Word this Week** How can I make my life a gift for others in charity? Renew your baptismal call by prayerfully reflecting on the Apostles' Creed.

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

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

If you haven't connected with a member of our SALT parishioners recently, please consider sending a note or card, making a phone call, or visiting. For addresses or phone numbers, please contact Mary in the parish office. Our SALT members are Theresa Andrews, Gerald & Pat Hodges, Phyllis Huser, Jean Jones, Jim Kimble, Fred Maycock, Mary Miner, Rich & Rita Muff, Sharon Olson, Bob & Fannie Parker, Carol Parks, Pat Potter, Rosemary Reeves, 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.



## New Reader/Lector Training

Are you interested in serving as a Reader during Mass? Are you a current Reader? We are offering two training sessions during August to either prepare you to serve as a Reader or to refresh your experience as a Reader.

- Sunday, August 17th after the 10 am Mass
- Tuesday, August 26th, 7 pm

Both sessions will be held in the SPN Church (choose 1). Mandation for new Readers will be at the September 20/21 weekend Masses and attending one of the sessions is required. Current Readers are asked to participate in one of the sessions listed, if possible. Questions can be addressed to Pam Hughes, [phughes329@cox.net](mailto:phughes329@cox.net), 402-630-4465.

	Altar Servers	Reader	Deacon	EMHC	Music	Ushers
<b>August 24, 7:30 AM</b> The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Gerald Reinsch	George Butterfield	Larry Ziska Jerry Ziska		Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard
<b>August 24, 10 AM</b> The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Noah Leininger Solomon Parys	Sandy Leininger	Brendan Kelly	Kelli Peck Kirk Utley	Jean and Friends	Eric Brink Carl Cramer Mark Lampe Joseph Parys

## St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Fall Festival

**Sunday, September 28, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.!**

**Enjoy Delicious Cuisine:** Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Grilled Hamburgers, All-beef Hot Dogs! Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Chips; Homemade Cookies, Brownies, and Desserts.

**Fresh Homemade Funnel Cakes! Ice-cold drinks! Beer Garden!**

**Country Store:** If you are handy making crafts, handmade items, or canning fresh produce, items are needed for our Country Store! New or like-new items or gift baskets are appreciated, too! **2-litre bottles of pop** are needed for the Ring Toss Game! **Drop off donations** in the parish office or the box in the church narthex. **Many children's games** including **Inflatables** for young children are **Free!** **Lottery Ticket \$10 with Grand Prize \$2,500, 2nd Prize \$1,000, 3rd Prize \$500!** Volunteers are needed! Service hours are available. **To volunteer**, scan the QR code, see sign-up sheets in church, or call the parish office.



## SVDP call coordinator for the week of

**Monday, August 18:** DeLynne Clausen

**Immanuel Hospital EMHC August 21:** Bill Cheese

## Thank You from Holy Rosary Circle #2

Thank you to our parish for donating ALL the rosaries!! 178 were from St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Church and 200 were donated by St. Columbkille Church. Special Thanks to the person or group that hand made so many and donated them!! They were beautiful and much appreciated. Grand Total was 378!!! The rosaries were donated to the Ad Gentes Missionaries. THANK YOU from Circle #2.

**Please pray** for the eternal repose of the soul of Thomas J. Hartman and for his family.

*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.*

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sunday, August 17

6:45 a.m. Confessions (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church  
7:30 a.m. Mass - SPN Church  
10:00 a.m. Mass - SPN Church  
After Mass Reader Training - SPN Church  
12:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) - HN Church  
3:00 p.m. Baptism Class (Sp.) - HN Cafeteria

### Monday, August 18

### Tuesday, August 19

8:15 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

### Wednesday, August 20

8:15 a.m. Mass - HN Church  
4:00 p.m. SVDP Food Pantry - HN Church Narthex  
6:00 p.m. Fall Festival Meeting -SPN Activity Ctr. Conf. Rm.  
6:15 p.m. Catechists' and Helpers' Meeting - HN Cafeteria

### Thursday, August 21

5:30 p.m. Confessions (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church  
6:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) - HN Church

### Friday, August 22

8:15 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

### Saturday, August 23

9:00 a.m. Little Flowers - SPN Parish Center  
4:00 p.m. Confessions (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church  
5:00 p.m. Mass - HN Church  
6:30 p.m. KC Family Movie Knight - SPN-BS Parish Center

### Sunday, August 24

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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## THE GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE STUDY TIMELINE

WHEN: Tuesdays, August 26th to November 18th  
TIME: 9:00 am or 7:00 pm  
WHERE: St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Hall  
PRICE: 5.00 dollars

### DEADLINE FOR SIGNUP: Sunday, August 17th

This study will last 24 weeks with a break after the 12th week. It is facilitated by Jeff Cavins. Signup sheets are at church entrances. For questions or to sign up by phone, call Diane Sullivan at 402-305-9297 or Marsha Moon at 402-455-1485.

**Innocence Freed** Our Royal Neighbors have long supported Innocence Freed with prayers & donations for women and girls rescued from human trafficking. Nine young girls and women entered the program in June. Wishlist items for the Innocence Freed Gala fundraiser auction: Family Movie Night (DVD for a family movie night at home, movie theater tickets, popcorn, hot chocolate, snacks); Wine; Family Games & Puzzles. Please leave items under the St. Joseph altar no later than Sept. 1. Thank you for your support. Questions, Marsha Moon 402-455-1485 or DeLynne Clausen 402-455-9610.

## Liturgical Schedule and Mass Intentions

### Monday, August 18

No Mass

### Tuesday, August 19

8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: Margaret Marie Eipperle +

### Wednesday, August 20

8:15 a.m. HN Mass: Dorothy Peterson +

### Thursday, August 21

5:30 p.m. HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)  
6:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): Marisela Murillo +

### Friday, August 22

8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: Garry Durr intentions

### Saturday, August 23

4:00 p.m. HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)  
5:00 p.m. HN Mass: Leo Vaughan +

### Sunday, August 24

6:45 a.m. SPN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)  
7:30 a.m. SPN Mass: Harry Cohen +  
10:00 a.m. SPN Mass: Marjie Murphy +  
12:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): the people of our family of parishes

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## Parish Support: August 4-10, 2025

Weekly Offerings	
ParishStaq	\$ 2,333
Collections from Masses and mail	\$ 5,741
Total Weekly Offerings	\$ 8,074
Special Offerings	\$ 2,269

**ParishStaq** is our new online giving platform for our parish. If you would like to set up a gift in ParishStaq, scan the QR code or click the DONATE button on our parish website, [saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org](http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org). Or, you can ask your bank to send automatic donations to our parish. If you have any questions or would like help setting up an automatic donation, please contact Mary or Ted in the parish office. Thank you and God bless you for your faithful generosity.



**Tithing Envelopes** This year, we have a new envelope company for those who want to receive envelopes for their donations. Envelopes 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.

**Thank You for Yarn for Baby Blankets!** Lois and Linda Leimbach thank everyone who donated yarn for crocheted baby blankets for mothers in need at Bethlehem House. It is much appreciated and will be put to good use. Thanks again!



## From the Pastor

### **Seminarian Max Brown**

Fellow St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parishioner and our brother, Max Brown, leaves for St. Gregory the Great Catholic Seminary tomorrow. He is a seminarian of the Archdiocese of Omaha and will continue his discernment of priesthood. Max is an extraordinary young man and I am proud of his desire to hear God's voice. Please keep him in your daily prayers and consider sending him an encouraging card or care package at:

Seminarian Max Brown  
c/o St. Gregory the Great Catholic Seminary  
800 Fletcher Rd.  
Seward, NE 68434

### **From Max Brown**

My name is Max Brown, I was born and raised in Omaha, Nebraska. I'm currently a parishioner at St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish, but I consider St. Francis Borgia in Blair, Nebraska, my adopted parish. I grew up as the youngest of three children, and was raised by my parents, Brad and Mary Kay Brown. I enjoy hiking, fishing, and tending to my garden, where I find peace in the outdoors.

I first sensed God's call during my later years at Creighton Prep, a Jesuit high school in Omaha. There, I was blessed with numerous retreats and opportunities to deepen my faith. However, I initially brushed this call aside, choosing to pursue other paths. After high school, I moved to central South Dakota to work for an agronomist. During this time, I was exposed to a high concentration of undiluted Roundup. The effects didn't surface until about a year later, while in college. I then became seriously ill and tried to push through by myself, but after a year and a half, I had to return home to Omaha, where my parents lined up various medical treatments for me.

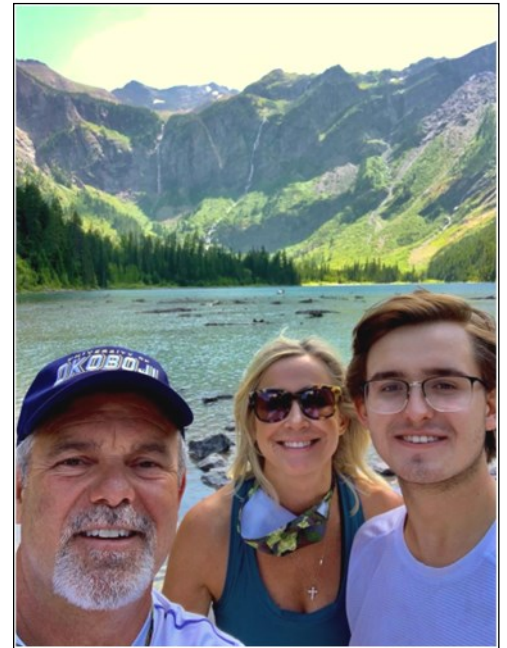
Through this challenging time, I eventually fell deeply in love with God and experienced a profound conversion back to Catholicism. I'm confident that our Blessed Mother and St. Padre Pio played significant roles in guiding me back to Christ and His Church, and I'm immensely grateful for their intercessions.

About two years ago, I went and talked with the vocation director Fr. Scott Schilmoeller, naively thinking that I would learn about the priesthood and quickly check the box that God wasn't calling me to this vocation. The more I prayed and listened to where God was leading me, I knew I had to give the seminary a chance. This fall, I'll be attending St. Gregory the Great Seminary in Seward, Nebraska, where I'm eager to embrace the fellowship and further discern God's call during the Propaedeutic stage. To anyone discerning the priesthood, I'd offer this advice: lean into your prayer life, frequent the sacraments, and engage fully with your Catholic community.

Your friend in Christ,  
Max Brown



*Seminarian Max Brown*



*Max Brown w/ his Parents,  
Brad and Mary Kay*

### **New Altar Boy Training Sessions**

All boys in our family of parishes and schools and who are currently in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade or older are invited to become altar boys. This is an invaluable ministry that helps boys consider a possible vocation to Holy Orders and performs a service for the parish or school. Fr. Cook will offer training at various times and at both campuses. Training will include snacks. Please register your son for a session below by contacting Mary Ramm, the secretary at SPN-BS: [meramm@archomaha.org](mailto:meramm@archomaha.org) or (402) 455-1289.

- **Boys Enrolled in Holy Name School:** Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:30 p.m. in Holy Name Church
- **Boys Enrolled in St. Philip Neri Catholic School:** Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m.-3 p.m. in St. Philip Neri Church
- **Boys in SPN-BS Parish:** Saturday, September 6, 10 a.m.-12 noon in St. Philip Neri Church
- **Boys in HN Parish:** Sunday, September 7, 1:45 p.m.-3:45 p.m. in Holy Name Church

### Safe Environment Training/Recertification

With our parishes' festivals on the horizon and our schools and other activities beginning even sooner, all adults who will have any contact with children, i.e., adult volunteers for festivals, catechesis, chaperones, coaches, liturgical ministers, etc., must be Safe Environment certified through our archdiocesan process. Our Safe Environment certifications are valid for six years, and it is easy to be recertified online. However, if your 6-year certification has expired for more than 60 days, you will need to retake the in-person class again, so please be attentive to recertifying.

**To create a new account and to register for one of the many certification classes offered throughout Omaha in English or Spanish, or for the special session offered in Spanish at Holy Name, visit the Catholic Mutual Platform:**

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

- **S.E. Initial Certification Class in Spanish:** August 27, 6:30 p.m., in the HN Church basement.

If you have any questions or want to verify if you are already certified, please don't hesitate to call John Gencarelli, the Adult and Youth Evangelization Director for both our parishes and SPN Catholic School (HN School has its own S.E. coordinator). You can reach him at either parish office or email him at [jgencarelli@archomaha.org](mailto:jgencarelli@archomaha.org).

### 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!



### 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](mailto:phillipsjm1@gmail.com)
- **(Classes in SPANISH)** - Sr. Beatriz Castañeda at [bcastaneda@archomaha.org](mailto:bcastaneda@archomaha.org)

**Formed** Our parish has a subscription to Formed.org. Catholic Bible studies, video, movies, audio, children's resources. Sign up at <https://formed.org/signup>, enter your parish St Philip Neri Church, your name and email. Formed also has an app for your phone.

### 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.

### Coffee K-Cups for our Teachers!



If you would like to donate coffee K-cups for our St. Philip Neri Catholic School teachers, any brand of K-cups would be much appreciated! Please drop them off at the school or parish office.



**St Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Council #5287**  
**knights of columbus**

**Presents A Family**  
**Movie Knight**

**Doc Savage: Man of Bronze**  
G | 1h 40m | 1975 | Action/Adventure

A spring of molten gold ...  
savage jungle tribes ...  
A plot to take over the earth!  
All part of another adventure for  
superhero Doc Savage: The Man of  
Bronze and his associates, The Amazing  
Five! Based on old 1940's radio serials  
the swashbuckling adventure hero & his  
friends save the world!

**SATURDAY, AUG 23<sup>RD</sup> @ 6:30PM**  
**DOWNSTAIRS IN THE SPN PARISH CTR**

**Free Will Offering**

**Offering "Hots & Brats",  
Fresh Popped Popcorn,  
& Ice Cold Sodas**

## High School Youth Ministry

**Wednesday, September 10, 7:00–8:30 pm:** Kickoff Night for High School Youth Group packed with food, fun, and faith. It's the perfect chance to reconnect, meet new friends, and get a taste of what's ahead before we dive into our weekly Small Groups. Bring your friends too! Meet in the SPN Parish Center. High school students from St. Philip Neri and Holy Name are invited and encouraged to join us.

**Exciting Changes in Youth Ministry!** This fall, we're moving from our traditional large group gatherings to a small group model that meets in mentors' homes. These weekly gatherings will offer a more personal, faith-filled environment where young people can build stronger connections with their peers and grow deeper in their relationship with Christ.

Small groups will begin meeting the week of September 14th and continue weekly throughout the school year. A few large group gatherings are also planned throughout the year.

Sign up by August 17th to reserve your spot! To register, use the link or scan the QR code. Let's grow together in faith, friendship, and discipleship! <https://shorturl.at/34uxw>

**Thank You!** We are deeply grateful to everyone who generously donated to support our Steubenville 2025. Your kindness and support made this journey possible. Thank you for being a part of this mission!

## Young Adults (Ages 21-35)

**August 23: Prosper Retreat 2025** for young adults ages 21-25. 9 am-4:30 pm at the Pro Sanctity Center, 11002 N 204th St, Elkhorn, NE. Cost \$20. Practical advice on how to live your faith as an adult in your parish and the world. Talks by priests and lay young adults, small group discussions, and time to build relationships with other Catholic young adults.

**August 23, 10 am-Noon:** Join us for a day of service doing yard work at Mater Filius, 5924 S. 36th St., followed by lunch.

**Mondays** at 6:00 pm: Pick Up Sand Volleyball at Papio Bay Aquatic Center, 812 East Halleck Street, Papillion, NE 68046.

**September 12:** VENI, 7:30 pm-10 pm at St. Cecilia Cathedral, 701 N. 40th St. Join us for a night of Adoration and a social hour with other young adults in the Omaha area!

**PUBS:** This "Pick-Up Bible Study" requires no preparation or commitment. All are welcome to come the weeks they can without the fear of falling behind. Check out the PUBS slack channel to learn when this group meets!

**For more events** in the Omaha area, go to the Omaha Young Adults website <https://www.archoyoungadults.org>, Facebook, Instagram, or join slack <https://archoyoungadults.slack.com/>.

## Stronger Together - Connect, Laugh, Grow

**September 6, 9:00 am-10:30 am** in the SPN School Cafeteria. **All Women in SPN Catholic School and St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish are invited!** Monthly gathering with Food, Faith, Conversation, and Community.

## Little Flowers Girls' Club®

A Fun & Faith-Filled Catholic Club for Girls -Little Flowers Girls' Club® is a Catholic program that includes hands-on activities, crafts, prayer, and engaging lessons focused on a different virtue, inspired by the example of a saint.

All girls from SPN-BS and HN Parishes are invited. Designed for girls in kindergarten through 5th grade, *this year we are accepting 6th-8th graders as helpers, also.* To register your daughter, scan the QR code, pick up a form at church entrances or at the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament or Holy Name parish offices, or register online at [saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org](http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org). For more information, contact John Gencarelli at [jgencarelli@archomaha.org](mailto:jgencarelli@archomaha.org).



**Saturdays, August 23 & September 6:** Little Flowers meet 9:00 am to 10:30 am in the SPN-BS Parish Center.

## Religious Ed & Sacramental Prep

**Share Your Faith, Make a Difference! Catechists & Helpers Needed for 2025–2026** Do you have a heart for children and a love for our Catholic Faith? We're looking for joyful, faith-filled volunteers to join our Religious Education team as catechists and classroom helpers for the upcoming school year. Help shape the next generation of Catholics. To learn more or to sign up, contact Monica Valles, Director of Religious Education for children, at 402-455-1289 ext. 804 or email [mavalles@archomaha.org](mailto:mavalles@archomaha.org).

**Catechists' and Helpers' Meetings: Wednesdays, August 20 & 27, 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm** in the Holy Name Cafeteria.

## Religious Education Program Registration

We are now accepting registrations for our 2025-2026 Religious Education Program until the end of August. Classes will be held on Wednesdays from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. in the Saint Philip Neri Catholic School, located at 8202 N 31st St, Omaha NE. Please register for R.E. at the Holy Name Parish Office, located at 3014 N 45th Street, during regular business hours. For any questions, please contact Monica Valles, Bilingual Director of Religious Education (D.R.E.), at 402-451-6622 x 804; [mavalles@archomaha.org](mailto:mavalles@archomaha.org)

## Religious Education Program Requirements

- This is a faith enrichment program for any children, entering 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 9<sup>th</sup> grade.
- It also offers two-year preparation programs for desiring any sacrament and who are not enrolled in a Catholic school or homeschool.
- The tuition fee is \$50 per child, with a max fee of \$150 per 3 children or more, paid at the time of registration.
- Copies of both birth and baptismal certificates are required for registration.
- Children must be at least 6 years old for their first year of First Communion preparation and at least 11 years old for the first year of Confirmation preparation.
- Those entering a second year of sacramental preparation are still required to register.
- R.E. classes begin on September 17<sup>th</sup> (A mandatory orientation meeting just for parents with children in R.E. is on September 10<sup>th</sup>).
- All R.E. parent meetings and R.E. classes will take place in St. Philip Neri Catholic School (8202 N. 31st St., Omaha, NE 68112) on Wednesdays, 6:15 p.m.-7:45 p.m.



**Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament** is usually Monday through Friday, 5 p.m.-9 p.m. (the final hour being 8-9 p.m.) in the Prayer Chapel. First Friday Exposition is 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the church proper. More dedicated adorers are needed. If interested please call/text our coordinator Joann Feller 402-215-5532.



### Stewardship Reflection

*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51).*

Many of us like to play it safe and not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth, the Truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience. Take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

**Legacy Reflection** Your generosity during your lifetime has enabled St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament to serve the people of God in this community. Continue to be a part of the strength of this community by contacting your attorney about making a gift in your will to St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament. You may also direct questions to Ted Snoddy, Business Manager at 402-455-1289 or [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).



### ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY CORNER

*For I was hungry and you fed Me, I was thirsty and you gave Me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed Me, naked and you gave Me clothes. (Matthew 25:35-36a)*

We recently re-visited the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), where a scholar of the Law stood up to test Jesus, asking, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered with a story of a man who fell victim to a calamity and, while others walked past without offering help, a man from Samaria stopped and assisted him in his time of need with compassion and shelter. When Jesus asked him who was a neighbor to the man by the side of the road, he answered, "the one who treated him with mercy". Jesus answered, "Go and do likewise."

The SVDP Society here at SPN-Blessed Sacrament, with the support of our Parish Family, is striving to answer that question daily with the many calls for assistance from people who are just like the victim of the Parable - caught up in a calamity and looking for help. Thank you to all our volunteers and parishioners who are standing up and supporting our mission to "Seek and find the forgotten, the suffering, or the deprived, so that we may bring them Your love". We also support the Holy Name Food Pantry with your donations of canned goods, pasta, and breakfast cereals which can be placed in the containers at all the entrances of the church.

THANK YOU! From St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament SVDP

## KNIGHTS NOTES



**KC Movie Knight is Back!! Saturday, 23 August** in the Parish Center. Cartoons will start after 5 pm Mass, with the Movie starting at 6:30 pm. *This month's feature: "Doc Savage"*. Based on old 1940s radio serials, this swashbuckling adventure hero & his friends are out to save the world! Featuring fresh-cooked "Hots & Brats", Cold Sodas, and "The Worlds Best Popcorn". All for a Free Will Donation.

**Knights Mass: August 31st, 10 am.** August is again a month with 5 Sundays. Therefore, the Knights of Columbus will take on the needed positions August 31st at the 10 am Mass at St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish.

**Save The Date! The Knights Family Picnic: Saturday, Sept. 20** at the Carneys' Barn! The Knights will provide burgers/dogs/drinks again. Please bring side dish/salad/dessert to share! Stay tuned for further details. Thank You so much to Tom & Patty Carney for hosting our picnic again this year!

**Red Cross Blood Drive: THANK YOU** to all our Donors! Saturday, July 19th the Knights hosted a Red Cross blood drive. We collected 21 pints of blood! The Next Blood Drive will be in November at the SPN School Activity Center.

**Just a Reminder: We can only accept Aluminum Beverage Cans.** No Pie Tins, No Steel Cans of ANY KIND, No Plastic Bottles. Also, no bottles of dish soap, hair extensions, or the odd sweat sock! (Yes, we REALLY have found those while sorting the Alum Cans!) Please place bags of beverage cans on the west side of the KC shed in the church parking lot.

**Sending our Sincere Appreciation** to Tim Kiuntke, Larry Ziska, Dave Bohnenkamp, Robert Barrett, Mike Holmgren, Neil Leininger and his 2 sons Noah and James, Joe Parys and his 2 sons Solomon and Jeremiah, and Carl Cramer for all their help and participation in sorting aluminum cans Saturday morning and into the afternoon. They REALLY cleared out a lot of cans and a light can be seen at the end of the tunnel! Their efforts resulted in bagging, transporting, and redeeming 15 bags of nickel cans which yielded \$180.00!!...**Perhaps on future can-sorting Saturdays, more KNIGHTS and SPN students will get involved and we will have more successes like today's!**... Please always remember the money from our can collection and sorting efforts is given as Scholarships to our Graduating 8th Graders attending Catholic High Schools.

Thank you and God bless!! Jerry Ziska, Grand Knight

**"Mary, the Embodiment of God's Tenderness" Day of Recollection directed by Father Nick Haiar:** Tuesday, August 19, beginning at 10 a.m. and running until 3 p.m. at Broom Tree Retreat Center, Irene, South Dakota. The schedule for the day includes Mass, talks, time for Confession, quiet time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, great food, and wonderful conversation. Please bring your Bible. Register at <https://www.broom-tree.org/retreats/scheduled-retreats>, link under Days of Recollection. 605-263-1040, [broomtree@sfcatholic.org](mailto:broomtree@sfcatholic.org).

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