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## The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - September 14, 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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**St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament bulletin announcements:** Please send requests by noon Wednesday to email [meramm@archomaha.org](mailto:meramm@archomaha.org) or call 402-455-1289 x 721.

## Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14

Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 78:1bc-2,34-38 Philippians 2:6-11  
St. John 3:13-17

*We begin our prayer:* In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Meditation** *After reading the Holy Gospel two or three times, reflect in silence.* What word(s) in the passage caught your attention, comforted you, or challenged you?

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

- *So must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.* How do I lift up my faith in Jesus through my words and actions? When have I shared my faith with someone?
- *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.* When have I felt God's love most strongly? How do I respond to God's gift of saving love?
- *For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.* What can I do to make the world (or my piece of it) a more just and peace-filled place? How can I be a source of unity rather than division?

**Living the Word this Week** *How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?* Examine your conscience in light of Church social teaching and receive the Sacrament of Penance.

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



## Mr. Ethan Menning

St. John Vianney Seminary, Discipleship III

St. Patrick Parish, Elkhorn, Nebraska

As a parish and school, we pray for the seminarians of the Archdiocese of Omaha.

### Prayer for Priests by Saint John Vianney

O God, please give your Church today many more priests after your own heart. May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance, being examples of humility and poverty, shining models of holiness, tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God, and zealous dispensers of your grace in the Sacraments.

May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.  
Mary, Queen and Mother of the Clergy, pray for us!

**Marriage: Source of Hope and Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love.** Resources to strengthen your marriage and family and advice for dating couples. [foryourmarriage.org](http://foryourmarriage.org)

**Formed.org** Our parish has a subscription to Formed.org. Formed offers Catholic Bible studies, video, movies, audio, and children's resources. To sign up at [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup), enter your parish St Philip Neri Church, your name, and email. Formed also has an app for your phone.

	Altar Servers	Reader	EMHC	Ushers	Livestream
<b>Sep. 21, 7:30 AM</b> The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Bill Cheese	Bonnie Shea Mary Todd	Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard	Jim Babcock
<b>Sep. 21, 10:00 AM</b> The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Charles Bohnenkamp Noah Leininger	Bill Schmidt	Kelli Peck Geri Schmidt	Carl Cramer Debra Cramer Paul Gray Gayle Haman	

**SVDP call coordinator Sep. 15-21:** Jean Tosoni **Immanuel Hospital EMHC Thurs., Sep. 18:** Dorothy Mittlieder, Kathy Rossitto



## St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Fall Festival

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

**Incredible plans for being made for a fun-filled day for the entire family!**

Our Fall Festival will have **Children's Activities, Face Painting, Cake Walk, Bingo,**

**Country Store, Inflatables, Beer Garden, Lottery, Live Music!** **Lottery Tickets** are \$10 each and there are three chances to win: **Grand Prize \$2,500, 2nd Prize \$1,000, 3rd Prize \$500.** Tickets are at church entrances, or contact the parish or school offices. **Delicious Food both outside and inside the Activity Center!** Pulled Pork Dinner, Walking Tacos, Grilled Hamburgers & All-Beef Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Coleslaw *using the famous recipe from Blessed Sacrament Parish!* Homemade Cookies, Brownies, and Desserts! Fresh Homemade Funnel Cakes! Cash, debit card, & credit card payments accepted.

**We need your help making this a success!** **Country Store:** If you are handy making crafts/handmade items, canning fresh produce, baking yummy goodies, have extra produce, or new or like-new items, items are needed for our Country Store! **Gift Cards, & Gift Baskets** are also appreciated! **2-liter bottles of pop** for the Ring Toss game, **Bingo prizes** (such as small household items, paper towels, kitchen towel, stationery, toiletries, etc.), **Please leave items in the box in the church narthex or at the parish office.**

**ALSO, it takes many hands to pull this off! We are looking for adult and teen volunteers!**

Please signup using the QR code, the signup sheets at church entrances, the link at [saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/get-involved/fall-festival/](http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/get-involved/fall-festival/), or contact Mary in the office.



### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### **Sunday, September 14**

6:45 a.m. Confessions (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church  
7:30 a.m. Mass - SPN Church  
10:00 a.m. Mass - SPN Church  
*11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Holy Name Parish Festival!*  
12:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) - HN Church

#### **Monday, September 15**

#### **Tuesday, September 16**

8:15 a.m. Mass - SPN Church  
9:00 a.m. Bible Study - Parish Center  
7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Parish Center

#### **Wednesday, September 17**

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. - 7:45 p.m. Religious Ed. classes begin!  
- St. Philip Neri Activity Center (Gym)  
6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Alpha for Teens - Parish Center

#### **Thursday, September 18**

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

#### **Friday, September 19**

8:15 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

#### **Saturday, September 20**

4:00 p.m. Confessions (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church  
5:00 p.m. Mass - HN Church

#### **Sunday, September 21**

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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**Innocence Freed** assists women and girls rescued from human trafficking. Nine young girls and women entered the program in June. Wishlist items for the Gala auction: Family Movie Night (DVD, movie theater tickets, popcorn, hot chocolate, snacks); Wine; Family Games & Puzzles. Leave items under the St. Joseph altar **by September 15**. Details: Marsha Moon 402-455-1485 or DeLynne Clausen 402-455-9610.

**Mount Michael 70th Annual Fall Festival:** Sunday, September 21! 9:30 am Mass in the chapel, 10 am-4 pm Festival, 2 pm Choral Concert, 4 pm Vespers with the monastic community in the chapel. This is the largest fundraiser of the year that supports the monks of Mount Michael Benedictine Abbey. Arts/crafts vendors, inflatables, beer garden, pumpkin patch, and so much more! It is FREE to attend! [mountmichael.org](http://mountmichael.org)

**Archbishop's Vigil for Life:** Saturday, September 27, 8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's Church, 2302 Crawford St, Bellevue. After Mass, Exposition and Rosary procession to the Bellevue abortion facility. Help build the culture of life with prayer. Questions, [rectory@stmarysbellevue.com](mailto:rectory@stmarysbellevue.com), 402-291-1350.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

#### **Monday, September 15**

No Mass

#### **Tuesday, September 16**

8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: Denise Jensen

#### **Wednesday, September 17**

8:15 a.m. HN Mass: Joan Durr +

#### **Thursday, September 18**

5:30 p.m. HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)  
6:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): Fabián Manuel Gutiérrez Jr.

#### **Friday, September 19**

8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: Mary Tess Wertzberger +

#### **Saturday, September 20**

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

#### **Sunday, September 21**

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

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### **Parish Support: September 7, 2025**

#### Weekly Offerings

ParishStaq	\$ 3,387.92
Collections from Masses and mail	\$ 6,363.75
Total Weekly Offerings	\$ 9,751.67
Special Offerings	\$ 252.50

**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 generosity.



**Tithing Envelopes** If you would like to receive envelopes for your donations, they are mailed every two months. 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.

### **September 20-21: Special Collection for Gaza & the Holy Land**

The Holy Father has encouraged the bishops to consider a special collection in their dioceses to aid the families and children in Gaza and across the Middle East. Next weekend, we will have a second collection to provide aid such as food, clean water, and shelter through Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA).



## From the Pastor

### **Triumph of the Cross**

While the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is only a liturgical feast day, it still trumps the solemnity of a Sunday in Ordinary Time; thus, we celebrate the Triumph of the Cross at all our Sabbath Masses today. Lift high the Cross! ¡Viva la Cruz! ¡Viva Cristo Rey!



“The Exaltation of the Cross consists in the fact that ‘the event of the Cross and Resurrection abides and draws everything toward life’ (CCC 1085). We exalt Christ’s cross whenever we freely take it up, filled with the certainty that the ultimate meaning and fulfillment which we crave in life comes to us through this unending event. ‘With the cross we are freed from the restraint of the enemy and we clutch on to the strength of salvation’ (St. Theodore the Studite). For salvation means escape from our own inability. At the same time, ‘we cannot produce or give any other fruit,’ writes St. Catherine of Siena, ‘but the fruit we have taken from the tree of life.’ No wonder that ‘the sign of the cross makes kings of all those reborn in Christ’ (Pope St. Leo the Great).” (*Magnificat*, September 2014, p. 179-180).

### **Holy Name Festival TODAY!**

Today is the day! Come one and come all to the Holy Name Parish Festival, Sunday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.! Enjoy flavorful, authentic, ethnic foods, fun rides and games for kids, and exciting live music, dancing, and a beer garden for the adults! Raise funds for our Holy Name Parish but, more importantly, rejoice and rest on the Lord’s Day; honor our Savior on the Feast of the Triumph of His Cross today; and anticipate the upcoming, important civil celebrations for our parishioners from Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Mexico! The new Archbishop of Omaha, Archbishop Michael McGovern, is planning to attend our festival around 1 p.m., so please look for and welcome His Excellency. Many thanks to the hardworking parish staff and dedicated parishioners who made today possible. Please pray for clement weather, safety, and a large crowd.

### **Catechetical Sunday**

Next weekend, we invite all our catechists serving in our parishes’ O.C.I.A. and Religious Education programs, as well as the religion teachers in our St. Philip Neri Catholic School and Holy Name School, to be recognized and blessed. This will occur at all the following Masses: the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, Sept. 20; and our 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses on Sunday, Sept. 21. Moreover, we will offer a special blessing at those Masses for parents and legal guardians because they are the first and greatest teachers of their children in the ways of the faith.

### **New Liturgical Ministers Commissioning**

All those who attended our parishes’ training to become new lectors and EMHC are asked to attend one of the three commissioning rites next weekend at any of the following Masses: the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass on Saturday, Sept. 20; and our 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Masses on Sunday, Sept. 21.

### **Staff Birthdays**

Our SPN Catholic School principal, Anne Jensen, celebrates her birthday this Tuesday, Sept. 16, and our SPN Catholic School secretary, Denise Smith, celebrates her birthday the following day, this Wednesday, Sept. 17. We are grateful for their service. Please pray for them and wish them well on their special days.

### **The SPN-BS Parish Fall Festival Needs You**

The St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Fall Festival provides a rejuvenating day of community, fun for kids of all ages, and raises significant income to fund our parish and school. We hope every parishioner and school family will help in some capacity with our festival on Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>. There are diverse roles and times for such positions, so please use this QR code or call the parish office to help your parish and bring joy to others.



All parishioners should have received a letter from me in recent weeks regarding our SPN-BS Fall Festival. We welcome your underwriting donations and your assistance buying and selling lottery tickets. Tickets are

available on the tables near the entrance of the SPN Church, inside the entrances to St. Philip Neri Catholic School and Activity Center, and in the SPN-BS Parish Office. And please mark your calendars to attend the annual **St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Fall Festival on Sunday, September 28th, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**



Please help advertise our Festival by picking up a yard sign at church entrances and returning it after the event. Flyers are available at church entrances to post at local businesses.

### 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!



### 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. 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.

### 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:

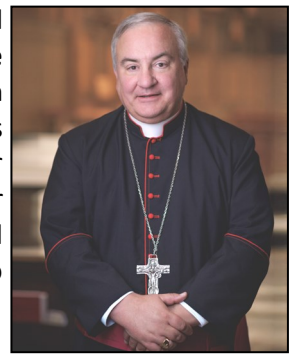
- **(Classes in ENGLISH)** - Jodi Phillips at phillipsjm1@gmail.com
- **(Classes in SPANISH)** - Sr. Beatriz Castañeda at bcastaneda@archomaha.org

### 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.

*Pray the Holy Rosary*

Each day, Archbishop Michael McGovern prays for people throughout northeast Nebraska in his home chapel. Now, he is encouraging us to share our intentions with him. All prayer intentions submitted are confidential and not made public. To see a video message or submit prayer intentions: [archomaha.org/prayer-requests/](http://archomaha.org/prayer-requests/)



**Join us for our Parish Festival!**  
**Fun, food, and games for everyone in the community!**

From: **11AM-5PM**  
Mass: **12:30Pm**

**2901 Fontenelle Blvd. Omaha, NE 68104**

**September Day of Recollection: Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus.** Tuesday, September 16, 10 am-3 pm at Broomtree Retreat, Irene, SD. This one-day retreat begins with a morning conference, followed by Mass. Lunch is served at noon. After lunch, a Holy Hour with the opportunity for Confession, followed by a 2nd conference. Directed by Dr. Teri Kemmer. The value of the retreat is \$50. Register at [www.broom-tree.org/retreats/scheduled-retreats](http://www.broom-tree.org/retreats/scheduled-retreats). For questions: 605-263-1040 or [broomtree@sfcatholic.org](mailto:broomtree@sfcatholic.org). [www.broom-tree.org](http://www.broom-tree.org)

**A *Lectio Divina*** prayer group meets at 3:00 pm-4:00 pm Thursdays in the Holy Name Church Chapel. We review the Gospel for the following Sunday. This gives us an opportunity to hear and contemplate the Sunday Gospel. St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parishioners are invited and welcome!

**Come to Me Healing Retreat:** Saturday, October 4, 10:00 am-5:30 pm at St. Patrick Church, Tekamah, NE, with Deacon Tim McNeil and Fr. Andy Sohm. Register by September 27 at [bit.ly/3EmRbxj](http://bit.ly/3EmRbxj) or call 402-827-3798. Opportunities for the Sacraments of the Sick and Reconciliation, and Holy Mass. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Omaha.

## WELCOME to Our Parish Family!

Whether you're visiting, new to the parish, or returning after some time away, welcome! If you have questions or if you or your children need Sacraments, please call the parish office. We'd love to hear from you!

### High School 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.



Sign up NOW 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>

### Young Adults (Ages 21-35)

**VENI Young Adult Holy Hour:** 7:30 pm on the 2nd Friday of each month at St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha. Each month, over 100 young adults ages 21-39 gather for a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunities for Confession, praise and worship, and an exhortation. After Adoration, young adults stick around for pizza and drinks.

**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/>.

### Women's Gatherings

**October 2:** 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the SPN-BS Parish Center. Are you looking to meet new people and enjoy good conversations? Join other women from our parish and school for fun, relaxed get-togethers. Think coffee, snacks, laughter, and making new friends - no homework, no pressure! Come as you are, stay for the connection!

### The Great Adventure Bible Timeline

You can understand the Bible! The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study will help you make sense of the Bible, and experience the life-changing power of God's Word.

**Tuesday, Sep. 16, 9:00 am or 7:00 pm** in the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. This is a 24-week study, with a break after the 12<sup>th</sup> week. Questions? Please call Diane Sullivan 402-305-9297 or Marsha Moon 402-455-1485.

### Discover the Power of Small Groups

Small group ministry is where faith comes alive through friendship, prayer, and shared life. In a world that often feels busy and disconnected, small groups offer a space to grow in faith, support one another, and deepen our relationship with Christ. Whether you're seeking spiritual growth, meaningful community, or a place to belong, small groups are where the Church becomes family.

Join a small group and experience the joy of living life and faith together. Need help finding a small group to fit your needs, contact John Gencarelli at [jgencarelli@archomaha.org](mailto:jgencarelli@archomaha.org).

## Religious Education & Sacramental Prep

**September 17:** First Night of Classes 6:15 pm-7:45 pm in the St. Philip Neri School Activity Center. Please arrive a few minutes early to help us begin on time. We look forward to a faith-filled year of learning, prayer, and community. *Thank you for making your child's religious formation a priority!*

**September 24:** All religious education classes meet 6:15 pm-7:45 pm in the St. Philip Neri Activity Center. Please arrive a few minutes early to help us begin on time.

If you have any questions about our religious education classes, please contact Monica Valles at 402-455-1289 ext. 804 or email [mavalles@archomaha.org](mailto:mavalles@archomaha.org).

**Catechists & Helpers Needed:** 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 this school year. Help shape the next generation of Catholics. To learn more or sign up, please contact Monica Valles, Director of Religious Education for children, at 402-455-1289 ext. 804 or email [mavalles@archomaha.org](mailto:mavalles@archomaha.org).

### Alpha Youth for Confirmation

What is Alpha Youth? The Alpha Youth Series is a free, dynamic, and engaging curriculum designed to help teens explore the Christian faith in a way that speaks to their world.

Alpha creates a welcoming space for honest conversations about life, faith, and meaning with no pressure, no judgment. Alpha is more than a program. It's a tool for evangelization and discipleship that speaks directly to the needs and questions of this generation. By introducing Alpha for Youth, we are taking a bold step forward in forming young missionary disciples who are curious, connected, and rooted in the love of Christ.

### Snacks for Alpha Youth Sessions

**Can you help bring snacks** for Alpha with 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from both the school and Religious Education program? We need help providing hospitality for our Confirmation Candidates participating in Alpha this Semester.

- Sign-up: Religious Ed, Wed: <https://tinyurl.com/3jbtm6mr>
- Sign-up: SPN School, Mondays: <https://tinyurl.com/2tchb36y>

### Little Flowers Girls' Club®

**Saturday, October 18:** Little Flowers meet 9:00 am-10:30 am in the SPN-BS Parish Center.

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



**4 Great Speakers Pro-Life Issues:** Sunday, September 21, 1:00 pm at St. Wenceslaus Church Social Hall, 15353 Pacific St. Speakers include Dr. Edward DeSimone, Teresa Kenney of Sancta Familia, Brittany Wright of NCHS, and Chris Tonniges of Lutheran Family Services. Topics: Contraceptive or Abortifacient, IVF, Natural Family Planning, Adoption, and Foster Care.

**Holy Hour to Pray for Families:** Monday, September 15 at 6:00 pm at the Holy Family Shrine, 23132 Pflug Road, Gretna.



**Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament** is normally offered Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (the final hour being 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.) in the Prayer Chapel. On First Fridays, Exposition is from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the church proper. Come away to a quiet place to adore Our Lord and rest awhile. More dedicated adorers are needed. If you are interested, please call/text our Eucharistic Exposition coordinator Joann Feller at 402-215-5532.



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

As some of you know, there are reprints of selected *National Catholic Register* articles in the Prayer Room. Right now there is a 'numbers' one entitled 'Where is Catholicism Growing in the US?' It is very interesting. Another tells about a miracle as recent as July 24 in Naples, Italy. And another tells about our brothers and sisters in the Texas flood recovery process. We have so much to be thankful for. Think about joining the Eucharistic Exposition group to do just that. Joann Feller, Coordinator, 402-215-5532.

#### **SALT (Sages, Advisors, Listeners, Laughers, 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 a visit. For contact information, 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, Jane Vlcek. Thank you to all who are helping them stay in touch with their parish.

#### **Stewardship Reflection**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16) God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the "kerygma" - the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

#### **Legacy Reflection**

Please prayerfully consider remembering St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament as a beneficiary of your retirement plan. Please contact your retirement plan administrator to do so. 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).

## **KNIGHTS NOTES**



**Save The Date! The Knights Family Picnic: Saturday, September 20th** at the Carneys' Barn! The Knights will provide burgers/dogs/drinks again. Please bring a 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!

**Parish Festival: September 28th** Knights from our Council will be grilling fresh burgers & hot dogs at our upcoming Parish Festival!! KNIGHTS: Please check your emails to sign-up for a shift with your Brother KNIGHTS! Or contact either Jerry Ziska or Tim Kiuntke to help fill a shift.

**KC Movie Knight is Back!!** On Saturday, August 23rd, last month's feature was "Doc Savage". About 25-30 people (adults & kids) attended and enjoyed this 1975 swashbuckling adventure! **Next Movie Knight: Saturday, October 23rd!** Any ideas for a great Halloween movie?

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

**Next Red Cross Blood Drive: Saturday, November 15th** in the St. Philip Neri Activity Center, sponsored by the Council.



#### **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)*

September has arrived and along with it, Back-to-School activities, Fall Festivals, and especially cooler weather - that's where the SVDP Society steps in. We have been participating in the Annual SVDP Winter Coat Drive & Giveaway for many years running and the dates have been set for this year: October 11th at Assumption Church and October 25th at the Omaha Home for Boys. In support of the Winter Coat Giveaway, we will have a Coat Drive here at SPN-Blessed Sacrament beginning the weekend of September 20-21 and ending Monday, September 29. We will place blue barrels at church and school entrances and in the south breezeway. Last year, over 5,000 coats and jackets were given away to over 3,000 families. This year, the need is greater than ever. Please keep in mind those in our community who are less fortunate and need a helping hand.

We have been extra busy this past month answering calls for assistance from neighbors within our parish boundaries and are extremely grateful for the generosity of those who heed the call to help us to be "Generous with our time, our possessions, and ourselves in this mission of charity."

The St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament SVDP Society

**St. Vincent de Paul Coat Drive: September 20-29:** The St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament SVDP Society will collect new and gently-used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, & mittens for all ages and sizes in the blue barrels at church and school entrances. Volunteers & donations appreciated, also. [www.ssvpomaha.org](http://www.ssvpomaha.org)

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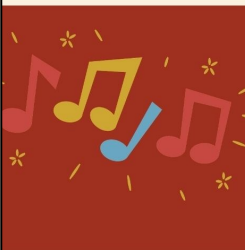
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Donation drop off in the SPN Activity Center  
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If you have any questions, please reach out to  
Sarah Bohnenkamp 402.889.3696

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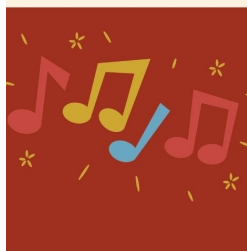
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