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# The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 12, 2025

#### HOLY MASS AND SACRAMENT OF PENANCE REGULAR SCHEDULE

#### **Saturday and Sunday Masses** Sacrament of Penance 5:00 p.m. (English) Holy Name Saturday 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 7:30 a.m. (English) St. Philip Neri St. Philip Neri Sunday 6:45 a.m.-7:15 a.m. (Eng./Sp.) 10:00 a.m. (English) St. Philip Neri Anytime by appointment with a priest. 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) Holy Name

#### **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 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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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 or call 402-455-1289 x 721.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 12: 2 Kings 5: 14-17 Psalm 98: 1-4 2 Timothy 2:8-13 St. Luke 17: 11-19

**Reading (Lectio)** Read the Holy Gospel two or three times. **Meditation** (Meditatio) After the reading, take some to time to reflect in silence. What words in the Gospel caught your attention, comforted you, or challenged you?

**Prayer (Oratio)** Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (Contemplatio) Read the Scriptures again, followed by this reflection: What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

- "They stood at a distance from him." When have I felt distanced from God? What caused that distance?
- "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" When did I last ask for God's mercy? How can I be more docile to the Lord's will?
- "And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice." When did I last give glory to God? How do I express that glory to others?

Closing Prayer: Pray the Lord's Prayer and Psalm 98.

Living the Word this Week How can I make my life a gift for others in charity? Each night before bed, make an Act of Contrition for your sins and make a firm commitment to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance regularly.



# Mr. Kyle Snodgrass

Propaedeutic Year, St. Paul Seminary St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Neligh, Nebraska

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

# A Daily Prayer for Priests by St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your young priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in Purgatory. But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially ...). O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen. Sancta Maria, Regina Cleri, ora pro nobis.

Holy Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us.

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	Altar Servers	Reader	EMHC	Ushers	Livestream
Oct. 19, 7:30 AM The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Gerald Reinsch	Bob Jones Jeanette Pinker	Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard	Dan Hooyboer
Oct. 19, 10:00 AM The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Noah Leininger Solomon Parys	Sandra Leininger	Geri Schmidt Kirk Utley	Carl Cramer Gayle Haman Mark Lampe Joseph Parys	

SVDP call coordinator Oct. 13-19: Jill Reinsch Immanuel Hospital EMHC Thurs., Oct. 16: Theresa O'Neill

#### **KofC All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast**

Sunday, 19 October, 8 am-12 Noon. Profits donated to our SPN Catholic School for our Principal's "Student Emergency Needs Fund." Fresh Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, & Coffee or Juice. Biscuits & Gravy while they last. Strawberry Topping & Fruit Cocktail too. Adults \$10, kids (5-12) \$5, under 5 free; or Family rate \$25. Come let the Knights make your breakfast and do the dishes, too.



#### 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, enter your parish St Philip Neri Church, your name, and email. Formed also has an app for your phone.

# Marriage: Source of Hope and Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love.

Resources to strengthen your marriage and family as well as advice for dating couples. foryourmarriage.org

In Spanish: portumatrimonio.org





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

# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, OCT 19TH



**ALSO BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY** 

8:00am - 12 Noon

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

Profits To Be Donated to SPN School For **Our Principals** "STUDENT EMERGENCY NEEDS FUND'

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### Sunday, October 12

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

# Monday, October 13

#### Tuesday, October 14

8:15 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

9:00 a.m. Bible Study - Parish Center

6:30 p.m. Finance Council - Parish Center Conference Rm.

7:00 p.m. Bible Study - Parish Center

# Wednesday, October 15

8:15 a.m. Mass - HN Church

4:00 p.m. SVDP Food Pantry - HN Church lobby

6:15 p.m. Religious Ed Classes - SPN School Activity Center

6:15 p.m. Alpha for Teens - Parish Center

# Thursday, October 16

Morning SPN School Photos - SPN Activity Center 3:00 p.m. Lectio Divina (Eng.) - HN Church Chapel

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

6:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) - HN Church

# Friday, October 17

8:15 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

#### Saturday, October 18

9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. Little Flowers Girls' Club-Parish Center

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

5:00 p.m. Mass - HN Church

#### Sunday, October 19

6:45 a.m. Confessions (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church

7:30 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. KC Pancake Breakfast - Parish Center

10:00 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

12:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) - HN Church

3:00 p.m. Baptism Class (Spanish) - HN Cafeteria

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#### Fall Festival Volunteer Thank You Party!

All our generous Fall Festival volunteers are invited to a party in their honor Friday, November 14 beginning at 5:30 pm at the Carneys' farm. More details to follow.

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

Please consider writing a note, calling, or visiting one of our SALT parishioners. For contact information, please contact Mary in the parish office. Thank you to all who are



helping them stay in touch with their parish. 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.

# **LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS**

### Monday, October 13

No Mass

# Tuesday, October 14

8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: Sister Donna Marie McGargill

# Wednesday, October 15

8:15 a.m. HN Mass: Denver Williams +

#### Thursday, October 16

5:30 p.m. HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)

6:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): María Cisneros López +

#### Friday, October 17

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

#### Saturday, October 18

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

#### Sunday, October 19

6:45 a.m. SPN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)

7:30 a.m. SPN Mass: people of our family of parishes

10:00 a.m. SPN Mass: Marjie Murphy + 12:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): Pedro Bahena +

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# Parish Support: October 5, 2025

Weekly Offerings

ParishStag \$ 5,505 Collections from Masses and mail \$ 4,297 **Total Weekly Offerings** \$ 9,802 **Special Offerings** \$ 3,172

ParishStaq is our new online giving platform for our parish. If you would like to set up a gift in ParishStag, scan the QR code or click the DONATE button on our parish website, saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org. Or, you could ask your bank to send automatic checks



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 for your generosity.

Tithing Envelopes are mailed every two months. If you would like to be added to or removed from our envelope mailing list, please contact Mary in the office. As always, additional envelopes are available for your use near the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity.





# From the Pastor

# **World Mission Sunday**

We will take up a second collection at all our Masses next weekend, October 18/19, for World Mission Sunday. Thank you for your generous support and help in sharing the Gospel in word and charitable deed.

# The True Voice

Archbishop Michael McGovern is pleased to offer the faithful of the Archdiocese of Omaha a new, quarterly magazine publication that is entitled *The True Voice*. Copies of this full-color magazine produced by the Office of Communications are available on tables at the church entrances, while supplies last. This magazine will be published in tandem with https://catholicvoiceomaha.com/, and the next issues are planned for January 2026, April 2026, and July 2026. If you have ideas for potential stories or suggestions for the magazine, please contact Riley Johnson, Director of Communications, at rmjohnson@archomaha.org.

# **Becoming Catholic for Youth & Adults**

Becoming Catholic (R.C.I.A. or O.C.I.A.) is our process for anyone 8 years and older desiring to receive Baptism as a Catholic. It is also our process for any already baptized, Catholic adults (16 years of age and older) who are still in need of receiving Confirmation, Reconciliation, and/or First Communion. If you or a loved one would like to learn more, please contact the respective parish office OR one of our Becoming Catholic coordinators:

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

#### **Baptism Classes**

Our Baptism preparation sessions in English and in Spanish are for expectant parents and for parents with unbaptized infants or small children under the age of 7, along with their potential godparents.



- Classes in English normally occur from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. on the First Sunday of every month in the Parish Center (basement) of St. Philip Neri Church. The next English class is November 2.
- Classes in Spanish normally occur every other month on a Sunday from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. in the Holy Name Cafeteria. The next Spanish class is October 19.

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.

# **Archbishop's Annual Appeal**

I would like to thank you in advance for your support and important efforts to ensure the 2025-2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is successful, especially in this first year of our new Archbishop, the Most Rev. Michael McGovern. The financial resources generated through the Annual Appeal fund more than 30% of the archdiocesan budget and ensures that programs, personnel and services are fully available to us and all in our parishes and schools. You should soon be receiving more information by mail about this year's appeal.

The overall goal for this year's Annual Appeal is \$5 million. The financial and participation goals for our family of parishes are below. I have pledged and given my gift to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal to help both our parishes towards their goals. Please take a moment to reflect upon your blessings and generously respond to the Lord. Please make a commitment to this important effort.

• Holy Name Parish:

o Participation Goal: 10%o Financial Goal: \$17,230.28

• St. Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Parish:

Participation Goal: 30%
Financial Goal: \$46,209.96
Total Financial Goal: \$63,440.24

**Finance Council:** Members of our parish Finance Council are invited to attend their next quarterly meeting this Tuesday, October 14th at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Upcoming Absences**

During these absences, the remaining staff will do their best to assist you. Thank you in advance for your patience during these times.

- Our parish secretary, Mary Ramm, will be absent from October 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.
- Our business manager, Ted Snoddy, will be away on vacation October 20<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.
- Our pastor, Fr. Cook, will be away for his annual silent retreat October 25<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>.

# 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!

Religious Articles: Holy Name Church sells beautiful and helpful religious articles after the weekend Masses on Sat. at 5 p.m. and on Sun. at 12:30 p.m. The quaint, little shop is in the north hallway just off the church's narthex (lobby). We hope you visit it and grow in faith and share it with others.

# **High School Youth Ministry**

Sign Up for the Small Group Gatherings:
These gatherings will offer a 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: Friday, November 14, 7:30 pm at St. Cecila Cathedral in Omaha. The 2nd Friday of 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**

Saturday, November 1, 9:00 am-10:30 am in the SPN School Cafeteria. 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 Holy 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, October 14,** 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 at 402-305-9297 or Marsha Moon at 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.

# Lectio Divina Prayer Group

Thursdays at 3:00 pm in the Holy Name Church Chapel. All adults from HN and SPN-BS Parishes are invited to a Lectio Divina Bible study prayer group (in English). We will reflect on the readings for the following Sunday's Mass. Lectio Divina (meaning "divine reading") is a slow, prayerful method of reading and praying with a short passage of Scripture.

# Religious Education & Sacramental Prep

Wednesdays, October 15 & 22, 6:15 pm-7:45 pm Religious education classes meet 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.

### 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 Monical Valles, Director of Religious Education for children, at 402-455 -1289 ext. 804 or email mavalles@archomaha.org.

# Alpha Youth for Confirmation Prep

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  $7^{\rm th}$  and  $8^{\rm th}$  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,** 9:00 am-10:30 am in the St. Philip Neri -Blessed Sacrament Parish Center (church basement). Designed for girls in kindergarten through 5th grade, this year we are accepting 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders as helpers, also. All girls from SPN-BS and HN Parishes are invited.

To register your daughter, stop by the St. Philip Reri-Blessed Sacrament or Holy Name parish office, or scan the QR code, or register online at saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org. For more information, contact John Gencarelli at gencarelli@archomaha.org.



# **WELCOME to Our Parish Family!**

We are so glad you are here! Whether you are a longtime parishioner, a new member, or just visiting, please know that you are a cherished part of our faith community. Our parish family is built on prayer, service, and fellowship, and we hope you feel at home with us. If you have any questions, would like to become more involved, or need information about the Sacraments, please call the parish office - we are always happy to help. Together, let us grow in faith, share Christ's love, and walk this journey as one family in Christ.

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.

#### Dear Adorers,

I placed a book in the Prayer Room for those of you who are struck by the captivating image now displayed in the corner. The image is reputed to be that of Veronica's veil as she wiped the face of Jesus on His way to Calvary.

The hardcopy book, *Witnesses to the Mystery*, contains a whole chapter on Veronica's Veil. It's Chapter 7, marked by a blue sticky. Enjoy at your leisure as you visit Jesus. But please leave it in the Prayer Room for the next shift of Adorers. Joann Feller, Coordinator

Annual Blue Mass with Archbishop McGovern Wednesday, October 15, 10:10 am at Skutt Catholic High School, 3131 S. 156th St. All Omaha metro area police and fire personnel, including their families and friends, are invited regardless of religious affiliation. After Mass, Archbishop McGovern will bless first responders and public safety equipment.

**St. Frances Cabrini Spaghetti Dinner** Sunday, October 19, Noon to 6:00 pm at St. Frances Cabrini, 1248 South 10th St., Omaha. Dine in or take out. Adults \$15, children \$7. All proceeds are given to All Saints Catholic School.

Rosary & Mass for Vocations: Monday, October 20, 5:30 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2110 S. 32nd Ave, Omaha. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Tom Weisbecker. After Mass, stay for a *Meeting & Mixer* with speaker, Mother Lucia Benedict Azoba of the Ad Gentes Missionary Sisters.

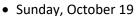
The Pallium Lecture Sunday, October 26, 2 pm-4 pm at the St. John Paul II Newman Center, 1221 S. 71st St. Archbishop Michael McGovern invites you to the annual Pallium Lecture. Topic: Pope Leo XIV and the Theology of St. Augustine, with Msgr. Martin Schlag and Fr. Joseph Taphorn.

# **He Wept: A Retreat for Grieving Parents**

Saturday, November 1, 9:00 am-6:00 pm at St. Patrick, 18602 W. Maple Rd, Elkhorn. This spiritual retreat is for any parent who lost a child, no matter how long ago. Speakers, small group sharing, creative activities, and time for quiet prayer. Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation available. The retreat is free. Registration is required by October 24: https://tinyurl.com/HeWept2025. For questions, please contact Mandy Busch at 402-938-4927, mbusch@stpatselkhorn.org.

# KNIGHTS NOTES

# KNIGHTS - SAVE THESE DATES!!! Upcoming Pancake Breakfasts



- Sunday, November 09
- Sunday, December 07

We will need everyone's help to have a successful Breakfast!

**KC Movie Knight is Back!!** Our next Movie Knight: Saturday, October 23rd! ANY IDEAS for a great Halloween movie?

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

The SVDP Society is collecting new and gently-used coats, hats, scarves, gloves, & mittens for all ages and sizes for its coat giveaway October 25. Drop off new or gently-used items at any SSVP Omaha thrift store. Please mark the donated items "COAT DRIVE." SSVP Omaha Thrift Store donation hours:

- NW Store, 5505 N 90th St., 402-502-7837
   Tues-Fri, 10 am-5 pm; Sat, 10 am-3 pm
- Downtown Store: 2101 Leavenworth St., 402-341-1689
   Mon-Fri, 9:30 am-3 pm
- Papillion Store: 807 Tara Plaza, 402- 593-4055
   Mon-Sat, 10 am-4:30 pm
- West Center Store: 12301 W Center Road, 402-933-8242
   Mon-Sat, 10 am-4 pm; Sun 12 pm-4 pm

**St. Vincent de Paul Coat Giveaways:** Oct. 11, 3 pm-7 pm at Assumption Catholic School Gym, 5602 S. 22nd St.; Oct. 25, 8 am-1 pm at the Omaha Home for Boys, 4343 N. 53rd St. **Volunteers are needed.** Signup for a 3-4 hour shift Oct. 25, 7:15 am-3 pm. The signup link is in the *HOW YOU CAN HELP!* section at www.ssvpomaha.org/coat-drive--giveaway.html/.





Day of Recollection: Pro Sanctity, Holiness in Everyday Life Tuesday, October 14, 10 am to 3 pm at Broom-tree Retreat, 123 Raphael Circle, Irene, SD 57037. The schedule for the day includes two conferences, Mass, time for Confession, quiet time for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, great food, and conversation. Please bring your Bible. Directed by Jackie Sempek with Fr. Terry Anderson. Jackie Sempek is a long-time Broom-tree staff member and an Institute of the Apostolic Oblates Cooperative Oblate. Register at https://www.broom-tree.org/retreats/scheduled-retreats, Days of Recollection. Questions: broomtree@sfcatholic.org or 605-263-1040.

The End of Life Through the Lens of Faith speaker series: October 12, 19, and 26, 11:30 am-1:00 pm at St. Margaret Mary Church Suneg Center (church basement). Lunch provided to first 130 guests. No RSVP required. Presented by the St. Margaret Mary Pro Life Committee.

- October 12: Planning with the End in Mind: A Gift to Those We Love, with Diane Hendricks, M.S.W.
- October 19: The Cry of the Heart: Co-suffering with the One Who Suffers, with Deacon Steve Doran, M.D.
- October 26: Caregiving at the End of Life: Palliative Care, with Dr. Todd Sauer

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit is at Saints Peter & Paul Church at 36th & X St. in Omaha until October 23. View the exhibit before and after Masses weekdays at 6:30 am, Saturdays 5:30 pm, and Sundays 9 am and 12 pm.

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. Submit intentions: archomaha.org/prayer-requests/



The Men's Support and Accountability Group in English is a weekly support group for men who want to live a life free from pornography. Men interested in attending should call the dedicated line 402-557-5507 and leave a message. The group facilitator is the sole retriever of the messages and will return the call within 48 hours. Information is available online at archomaha.org/familylife/path/. IntegrityRestored.com is another fine online resource for wives whose husbands struggle with pornography and for the men themselves.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat October 24-26 (in Spanish). Healing for women and men who have lost a baby by abortion. For more information on this or other Rachel's Vineyard retreats, please call Sonia at 531-215-3608 (she speaks English and Spanish). https://www.rachelsvineyard.org/

**2025** is a Jubilee Holy Year, the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of our Lord, an "event of great spiritual, ecclesial, and social significance in the life of the Church". The Jubilee Year will conclude in local dioceses on Holy Family Sunday, December 28, 2025, and in Rome on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 6, 2026. usccb.org/jubilee2025

# Archdiocese of Omaha Pilgrimage Sites

There are eight designated pilgrimage sites in the Archdiocese of Omaha. In addition to deepening your faith, a pilgrimage allows you to receive a plenary indulgence. For details on the pilgrimage sites and indulgences: archomaha.org/2025-jubilee

- Omaha Saint Cecilia Cathedral
- Cedar Rapids Saint Anthony Church
- Gretna Holy Family Shrine
- Lynch Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church
- Norfolk Immaculata Monastery
- Saint Helena Immaculate Conception Church
- Schuyler Saint Benedict Center
- Winnebago Saint Augustine Church

**During Pilgrimage Visits** A pious visit includes spending a suitable amount of time during a prayerful visit in Eucharistic adoration, either in exposition or before the tabernacle, meditation, and concluding with praying for the intentions of Pope Francis, the recitation of the Our Father, any legitimate form of the Creed, and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Uniting Oneself Spiritually with Those on Jubilee Pilgrimage** Those who cannot go on pilgrimage or make a visit to a sacred place for serious reasons are able to gain the indulgence wherever they are by uniting themselves spiritually with those who do so, and reciting the Our Father, the Creed, and other prayers connected with the Holy Year while offering up their sufferings or hardships.



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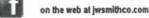
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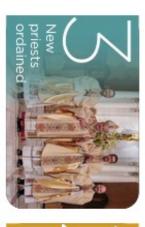
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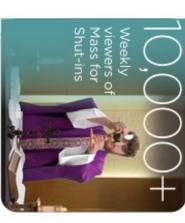




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# **Grateful & Generous**

"How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?" - (Psalm 116:12)

# Stewardship is:

Recognizing that everything we have and are is a gift from God.

Being grateful and generous with our gifts.

Understanding that we are not owners of anything, but stewards of God's gifts.

# The main point of stewardship is:

Helping each other strengthen our relationship with God.

Helping each other get to Heaven!

Understanding that how we use our gifts is our gift back to God.

# Living a stewardship lifestyle means:

Placing our complete trust in God.

Sharing all of our gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Keeping God first in everything and not placing other "gods" before God.

Living a more God-centered and less self-centered life.

Expecting nothing in return and recognizing that no gift is too small to share.

# Prayer ... the Foundation of Stewardship

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances, give thanks..."

- (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

In prayer, we listen for God's response, this is best done in silence.

We open our hearts in gratitude so that they overflow with generosity.

We ask God how He wants us to use our gifts daily.

# Participation ... Responding to God's Call

"The harvest is plenty but the laborers are few." - (Matthew 9:37)

Each person has been given unique gifts.

We are called to nurture and develop our gifts and not keep them hidden or buried.

We work together in a complementary way as one Body of Christ in our parish.

We accept and embrace our role in God's plan.

# Generosity ... Return Our Gifts with Increase

"No one can serve two masters. He will hate the one and love the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." - (Matthew 6:24)

For many of us, God and money run neck and neck as the top priority in our lives.

As Catholics, we consider ourselves generous, but is our giving in proportion

to what we have been given?

"What if you woke up today with only the things you thanked God for yesterday?"