

# Holy Name Catholic Church

# Saint Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament CATHOLIC PARISH



*February,  
Month of the  
Holy Family*

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Jesus,  
Mary,  
and Joseph*

## HOLY MASS

### AND THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

#### 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       |

#### Weekday Masses

|           |           |           |                 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
| Tuesday   | 8:15 a.m. | (English) | St. Philip Neri |
| Wednesday | 8:15 a.m. | (English) | Holy Name       |
| Thursday  | 6:30 p.m. | (Spanish) | Holy Name       |
| Friday    | 8:15 a.m. | (English) | St. Philip Neri |

**Holy Days** Please see the schedule inside the bulletin.

#### 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.

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**Bulletin Announcements:** Please submit requests  
 by **1:00 p.m. Tuesday** to meramm@archomaha.org  
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## Ash Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the 40-day holy season of Lent. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving leading to a new "springtime" of spiritual growth. Masses with the imposition of Ashes:

- 8:15 am Mass (Eng.) at Holy Name
- 2:00 pm Mass (Eng.) at St. Philip Neri
- 5:30 pm Mass (Eng.) at St. Philip Neri
- 7:00 pm Mass (Sp.) at Holy Name



**Mr. Sam Wiegand**

Propaedeutic Year,  
St. Paul Seminary

St. Wenceslaus Parish, Omaha

### **A Prayer for Priests by St. 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.

### **Lenten Abstinence from Meat**

Those aged 14 and older are required to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. There are no exceptions to or exemptions from this expectation.

### **Lenten Fasting**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This consists of one full meal and two smaller meals during the day, without snacks. If one cannot do this for health reasons, they are exempt.

| The First Sunday of Lent   | Altar Servers   | EMHC                            | Reader        | Ushers  | SPN Livestream                 |
|--|---|---------------------------------|---------------|---|--------------------------------|
| <b>Ash Wednesday<br/>Feb. 18, 5:30 pm</b><br>At St. Philip Neri Church | Andrew Sutherland<br>Joel Sutherland                                | Bob Jones<br>Robbie Miller      | Pam Hughes    | Norm Hanson<br>Paul Gray<br>Gayle Haman<br>Joseph Parys | Dan Hooyboer                   |
| <b>February 21, 5:00 PM</b><br>At Holy Name Church                     | <b>Commentator:</b><br>John Mitchell                                | Karen McElroy                   | Jeni Martinez |   |                                |
| <b>February 22, 7:30 AM</b><br>At St. Philip Neri Church               | Andrew Sutherland<br>Joel Sutherland                                | Regina Cronkhite<br>Larry Ziska | Jan Sammons   | Norm Hanson<br>Chuck Livengood<br>Michael Ramsgard      | Tracy & Suzanne<br>Schonberner |
| <b>February 22, 10:00 AM</b><br>At St. Philip Neri Church              | Charles Bohnenkamp<br>Noah Leininger<br>Patrick Reall<br>Sam Treves | Robbie Miller<br>Kirk Utley     | Kelli Peck    | Carl Cramer<br>Debra Cramer<br>Paul Gray<br>Gayle Haman |                                |

**SVDP call coordinator February 16-22:** Cheryl Henkenius    **Immanuel Hospital EMHC February 19:** Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd

### **Bethlehem House Baby Shower at Holy Name**

Throughout the month of February, infant and baby items for mothers and babies staying at Bethlehem House are being collected by the Holy Name Women's Confraternity. Please place items in the baby crib in front of the Mary statue in Holy Name Church. Diapers, wipes, infant clothing, and monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Any donation is appreciated. Bethlehem House gives pregnant women a home, hope, and empowerment rooted in Catholic tradition.



### **Holy Name Women's Confraternity Sunday, February 22, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm in the HN Cafeteria**

All ladies are invited to gather for soup, dessert, games, laughter, and planning. Please join us, we need you!

### **The Annual RAMBLER SWEEPSTAKES and St. Patrick's Day Party: Sunday, March 15, 2:00 pm-6:00 pm in the Holy Name Cafeteria**



There are only 300 sweepstakes tickets sold for \$100.00 each. Each ticket allows entry for 2 adults, 2 meals, open bar, and a chance to win the Sweepstakes. First prize \$10,000, 2nd prize \$500.00, and 3rd-6th prizes \$200.00 each. You need not be present to win. *To purchase a ticket*, you can contact Shawn Peterson at 402-681-0749 or call the Holy Name Rectory. Tickets available after Masses at both parishes and at the upcoming Holy Name Fish Frys.

### **Holy Name Calendar Club Winners - Congratulations!**

|              |                      |       |       |
|--------------|----------------------|-------|-------|
| February 1:  | Susan Voltoline      | \$50  | #1468 |
| February 2:  | Steve Ingram         | \$50  | #406  |
| February 3:  | Chuck Sunday         | \$50  | #661  |
| February 4:  | Terry & Kathy Kocsis | \$50  | #1187 |
| February 5:  | Marie Crann          | \$50  | #1296 |
| February 6:  | Mark Fluckey         | \$100 | #652  |
| February 7:  | Margie Crowe         | \$50  | #1004 |
| February 8:  | Carol Coyle          | \$50  | #1398 |
| February 9:  | Liz Foxhoven         | \$50  | #695  |
| February 10: | Lynda Dietrich       | \$50  | #206  |
| February 11: | Sr. Angeline Hakel   | \$50  | #1141 |
| February 12: | Rissy Smith          | \$50  | #665  |
| February 13: | Dakota Wesslund      | \$50  | #1337 |
| February 14: | Wyatt Ramsey         | \$50  | #1478 |

## Holy Name & St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Events

### Sunday, February 15

8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Pancake Breakfast - SPN Parish Center  
 1:30 p.m. Church cleaning - HN Church  
 3:00 p.m. Baptism Class (Sp.) - HN Cafeteria

### Monday, February 16

6:00 pm Spanish Choir practice - HN Cafeteria

### Tuesday, February 17

9:00 a.m. Great Adventure Bible Study - SPN-BS Parish Ctr.  
 6:30 p.m. Alpha Meeting (Sp.) - HN Cafeteria  
 7:00 p.m. Great Adventure Bible Study - SPN-BS Parish Ctr.

### Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday

3:15 p.m. SVDP Meeting - HN Church Narthex  
 4:00 p.m. SVDP Food Pantry - HN Church Narthex  
 No Religious Ed. Classes

### Thursday, February 19

3:00 p.m. *Lectio Divina* Bible study prayer group (Eng.)  
 - HN Church Chapel  
 7:30 p.m. Music and organ practice - HN Cafeteria & Church

### Friday, February 20

4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Holy Name Fish Fry - HN Cafeteria  
 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - SPN Church  
 6:30 p.m. Lenten Meatless Potluck Dinner - SPN Parish Ctr.

### Saturday, February 21

6:30 p.m. KofC Family Movie Knight! - SPN Parish Center

### Sunday, February 22

2:00 p.m. HN Women's Confraternity - HN Cafeteria  
 2:30 p.m. HN & SPN-BS Liturgy Meeting - HN Choir Loft

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

### Holy Name Parish Gifts: February 8th

|                                 |                    |
|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Budgeted Weekly Operating Costs | \$ 9,476.00        |
| Sunday Tithe Collections        | \$ 3,836.05        |
| Maintenance                     | \$ 152.00          |
| <b>Total Collections</b>        | <b>\$ 3,988.05</b> |
|                                 | \$-5,487.95        |

### Holy Name Catholic Church Online Donations



ParishStaq is the online giving platform for Holy Name Catholic Church. To set up an online gift in ParishStaq, scan the QR code or click the "Online Giving" button at the Holy Name parish website, [holynamemaha.org](http://holynamemaha.org). Or you can ask your bank to send donations automatically to our parish. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam in the Holy Name parish office. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

**Opportunity Scholarships of Nebraska** Scholarship funding for children in private schools is proposed in the state budget to help bridge the gap for Nebraska families until the nationwide scholarship program begins in January 2027. **A vote will be on Feb. 18. Please urge your state senators to pass this funding.** St. Philip Neri Catholic School & Holy Name School are participating schools in this program. [Nebraskaopportunity.org](http://Nebraskaopportunity.org)

## Sacred Liturgies and Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 14

4:00 p.m. HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)  
 5:00 p.m. HN Mass: the people of our parishes

### Sunday, February 15

6:45 a.m. SPN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)  
 7:30 a.m. SPN Mass: Mary Bierma +  
 10:00 a.m. SPN Mass: Jim Tosoni +  
 12:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): The Tejada Vallecillo Family

### Monday, February 16

No Mass

### Tuesday, February 17

8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: Duane Schuchard +

### Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday

8:15 a.m. HN Mass: Alex and Milada Schirger +  
 2:00 p.m. SPN Mass: Clifford and Rosetta Hartin +  
 5:30 p.m. SPN Mass: Mary Tess Wertzberger +  
 7:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): Otilio Del Valle +

### Thursday, February 19

5:30 p.m. HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)  
 6:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): Jesús Luevanos Jr. +  
 7:00 p.m. HN Holy Hour with Vespers (Sp.) & Exposition

### Friday, February 20

8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: John Schaffart Jr. +  
 6:00 p.m. SPN Stations of the Cross

### Saturday, February 21

4:00 p.m. HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)  
 5:00 p.m. HN Mass: Denny Peterson +  
 5:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Nocturnal Adoration (Sp.)-HN Cafeteria

### Sunday, February 22

6:45 a.m. SPN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)  
 7:30 a.m. SPN Mass: Henry Kelly +  
 10:00 a.m. SPN Mass: the people of our parishes  
 12:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): Jesús Luevanos Jr. +

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### St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Support: February 8th

|                                  |             |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Offerings                 |             |
| ParishStaq online offerings      | \$ 1,928.30 |
| Collections from Masses and mail | \$ 6,816.00 |
| Total Weekly Offerings           | \$ 8,744.30 |
| Special Offerings                | \$ 3,830.00 |

### St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Online Donations



ParishStaq is our parish's online giving platform. To set up an online gift in ParishStaq, scan the QR code or click the DONATE button at [saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org](http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org), our parish website. Or you could ask your bank to send donations directly to our parish. If you have any questions, please contact Ted or Mary in the parish office. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



**From our Pastor  
Father Cook**

**Max Brown**

Max Brown is a seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Omaha and he is a member of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish. There is a lovely story about him in the newest *True Voice* magazine, free for your taking near the entrances of our churches. The article speaks about his discernment, a near death experience, and the importance of his Grandpa in his faith life. Please pray for Max; he is concluding his final week of poverty immersion, working with the Missionaries of Charity Sisters (St. Teresa of Calcutta's congregation) in the Bronx, New York. He'll return to St. Gregory Seminary in Seward, NE, to continue his Propaedeutic Year.



**Caroling Bells at SPN Church**

Due to the generosity of parishioners and the funds generated through the bake sales offered by Holy Rosary Circle 2, SPN-BS has the donations necessary to contract with The Verdin Company and purchase a completely new caroling system for the church steeple. The total cost for the system is \$13,990.00. Verdin will begin the installation work on this April 7<sup>th</sup>.



**Advertisers for the Bulletin**

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**Liturgy Planning Meeting**

On Sunday, February 22nd at 2:30 p.m. in the Holy Name Church choir loft, those involved with planning the liturgies, sacred music, and liturgical environment, as well as those who schedule liturgical ministers, are asked to attend their next meeting with Fr. Cook to plan Easter.

**Resetting Parish Sick Lists:** From time to time, we reset the petition in the Mass that includes the names of those asking for our prayers. If you or a loved one would like to be included in our Sabbath petitions, please contact either the Holy Name or St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parish offices and speak with the respective secretary. We are honored and humbled to intercede for our fellow parishioners and suffering neighbors.

**From Sister Beatriz Castañeda, O.S.C.**

Hispanic Ministry  
Holy Name Catholic Church



**Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving: Pillars of Lent**

During Lent, the Church encourages us to practice three fundamental actions: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These three pillars help us draw closer to God and our neighbor, living a more authentic faith.

**PRAYER:** This is sincere dialogue with God. During Lent, we are invited to intensify our prayer life, both personal and communal. We can dedicate more time to daily prayer and participate in Mass. Prayer opens our hearts to God's will, gives us strength to change, and fills us with inner peace.

**FASTING:** This involves depriving ourselves of something we enjoy (such as certain foods) as a sacrifice offered to God. Fasting helps us exercise our willpower and remember that "man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God," (Matthew 4:4). By feeling hunger or giving up a pleasure, we learn to trust God more and rely less on material things. Furthermore, fasting makes us more compassionate, as we can share what we save with those who need it most by depriving ourselves.

**ALMSGIVING:** It is charity towards our neighbor, especially towards those most in need. Giving alms is not limited to financial assistance, but also includes dedicating time, service, and attention to others. During Lent, we are called to be more generous and to practice mercy, for example, by visiting the sick or performing an act of kindness for someone in need. Almsgiving purifies our hearts of selfishness and helps us grow in love for our brothers and sisters.

Living Lent with depth and hope. Lent is not an obligation; it is a unique opportunity for spiritual growth that is well worth taking advantage of. I invite you to live these forty days with profound intention, so that they are not just ordinary days but a true encounter with God. To this end, set small, concrete goals for yourself: dedicate a few extra minutes to prayer each morning, read a passage from the Gospel every day, make some small sacrifice (for example, spend less time on social media), and be more attentive and generous to those around you. You will see that, step by step, God will transform your heart.

Remember that this Lenten journey leads us to Easter, the celebration of Christ's victory over death. The conversion we experience during Lent opens our hearts to receive the light and joy of the Resurrection. Let us live this time with hope, trusting that God accompanies us in every effort and offers us his forgiveness. At the end of Lent, we will be able to celebrate Easter with a renewed heart, having grown in faith, love, and hope.

Cheer up! May this Lent be for you a path of profound conversion and a source of new hope in your life. We invite you to join the community to experience Lent together, reflecting on some biblical passages (in Spanish) and praying together on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm at Holy Name Church.

**Lenten Mornings of Recollection  
with Archbishop Michael McGovern**

- **Saturday, February 21st for Women**

at St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church, 11802 Pacific St.

- **Saturday, February 28th for Men**

at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church, 15353 Pacific St.

*Order of the Morning:* 8:30 am Mass, Refreshments, Talk by Archbishop McGovern, Silence & Confessions, Closing Remarks. (Confessions available 10 am-11:30 am.) There is no cost, but registration is needed for refreshments.

Please register at [archomaha.org](http://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, [phillipsjm1@gmail.com](mailto:phillipsjm1@gmail.com)
- **Classes in SPANISH** - Sister Beatriz Castañeda at [bcastaneda@archomaha.org](mailto: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. Next class March 1.
- **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 class is February 15.

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.



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

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
SUNDAY, FEBR 15TH**



**St PHILIP NERI  
Parish Center  
8200 N 30th St**

**ALSO BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY  
8:00AM - 12 NOON**

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

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



St Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Council #5287  
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**Presents A Family  
Movie Knight**



**Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs**

2009 | PG | 1h 30m

Inspired by the children's book, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*; A local scientist is often regarded as a failure until he invents a machine that can make food fall from the sky. But little does he know that things are about to take a turn for the worst.

**SATURDAY, FEB 21<sup>ST</sup> @ 6:30PM  
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE SPN PARISH CTR**

**Free Will Offering**

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

**11th Annual Feast Day of the Holy Face of Jesus Mass**



**Tuesday, February 17, 6 pm Mass at St Cecilia Cathedral.** 5 pm Confessions, 6 pm Mass, Exposition, prayers, and Benediction.  
**On February 17 at 8:15 am at St. Philip Neri Church,** we will also celebrate a Mass for the Most Holy Face of Jesus. For a nine-day prayer novena: [hisholyface.com](http://hisholyface.com).

**You're Invited to Try Alpha in Spanish**

Alpha is a welcoming place to explore life, faith, and Jesus Christ. Come as you are - no pressure, no commitment, just conversation. **Starting March 3rd at Holy Name Church.** For more information, please call Monica Valles or Miriam Rodriguez at 402-451-6622.

**Holy Name Catholic Church Mass Intentions**

Just a reminder if you would like to have a Mass offered for an intention at Holy Name Catholic Church, please come to the Holy Name office or call Reyna (402-451-6622 ext. 800) to schedule a Mass intention.

**Meatless Potluck Dinners on the Fridays of Lent**

Beginning Friday, February 20, after 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross in St. Philip Neri Church. All are invited!  
Please bring a meatless dish to share.

## Neri Circles: Growing in Faith Together



Beginning this Lent, St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament invites you to join Neri Circles - small gatherings in parishioners' homes where we share a simple meal, pray with Sacred Scripture using *Lectio Divina*, and enjoy meaningful Christian

fellowship. These Circles offer a welcoming place to deepen your relationship with Christ, form lasting friendships, and experience the joy of belonging to a faith-filled community. Whether you are looking to grow spiritually or simply spend time with others who share your faith, Neri Circles are a beautiful way to live our faith together. Join a Circle this Lent and beyond. Contact Robbie Miller - miller.robby@gmail.com or 317-554-9252 (Eng.)

### 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 reflect on the readings for the following Sunday's Mass. *Lectio Divina* is a slow, prayerful method of reading and praying with a short passage of Scripture.

### Small Group Ministry at Holy Name

Starting in Lent: (English) Small group ministry is where faith comes alive through friendship, prayer, and shared life, and offers 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. We are looking for Small Group Leaders. Lead and/or join a small group this Lent and beyond. Contact John Gencarelli at 402-800-3850 or jgencarelli@archomaha.org (Eng.)

**For information on groups in Spanish,** please contact Monica Valles at 402-451-6622 x 802 or mavalles@archomaha.org.

### Women's Connection Gatherings

**March 7, 9:00 am-10:30 am** in the SPN School Cafeteria. Are you looking to meet new people and enjoy good conversation? 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. Please bring a snack to share.

### Stuebenville Youth Conference 2026

**July 17-19, 2026:** At each **Stuebenville Youth Conference**, teens experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ that ignites their faith, strengthens their prayer life, leave as transformed disciple-makers, and empowers them to live on mission long after the conference ends.

**Deposits are DUE by February 16.** Contact John Gencarelli at 402-800-3850 or jgencarelli@archomaha.org.

**Meetings and Fundraiser** dates will be confirmed soon. All participants are expected to attend.

### The Great Adventure Bible Study

The Great Adventure Bible Study (in English) meets Tuesdays at 9:00 am or 7:00 pm in the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Center (church basement). This is the second half of a 24-week study. Questions? Please call Diane Sullivan at 402-305-9297 or Marsha Moon at 402-455-1485.

## Religious Education & Sacramental Prep

**February 18: Ash Wednesday.** No classes. See the Mass schedule in this bulletin or on our website.

**February 25, 6:15 pm: First Communion Parent & Child Sessions** (English & Spanish) in the St. Philip Neri Activity Center. Parents of all children receiving First Communion & their First Communicant child must attend. This is for children attending our Religious Ed program and SPN Catholic School.

**February 25 & March 4: Religious Ed classes** 6:15 pm to 7:45 pm in the St. Philip Neri Activity Center. Please arrive a few minutes early to help us begin on time.

**March 4, 6:30 pm: Confirmation Meeting** for all Confirmation candidates and their parent or sponsor in the SPN Activity Center. ALL Religious Education & SPN School Confirmation candidates and a parent or sponsor are expected to attend.

**Confirmation Retreat - Save the Date! Saturday, March 28** from 10:00 am-4:00 pm at the Pro Sanctity Retreat Center, 11002 N 204th St, Elkhorn, NE. All students from SPN-BS and HN preparing for Confirmation must attend our Confirmation Retreat. This important day of prayer, learning, and community to help candidates grow close to Jesus as they prepare to receive the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation. More details and registration forms will be available soon.

**Catechists & Helpers** We are looking for joyful, faith-filled catechists and classroom helpers to join our Religious Education team in the upcoming school year. To learn more, please contact Monica Valles at 402-451-6622 ext. 804 or mavalles@archomaha.org.

### Young Adults (Ages 21-39)

**VENI Young Adult Holy Hour:** 2nd Friday of the month, 7:30 pm at St. Cecilia Cathedral. Each month over 100 young adults ages 21-39 gather for Eucharistic Exposition, 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>, or join slack <https://archoyoungadults.slack.com/>.

### Little Flowers Girls' Club®

**February 28 & March 14, 9:00 am-10:30 am** in the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Center (church basement). All girls from SPN-BS and HN Parishes are invited. Designed for girls in kindergarten-5th grade, and 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders as helpers.

### Totus Tuus 2026

**June 14-19: Mark Your Calendars!** Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program. It is open to all 1st to 6th graders during the day and 7th to 12th graders in the evening. Information and forms will be available in March.

### FORMED.org

Resources for adults, youth, and children to grow in their relationship with Christ and his Church: Catholic movies, Bible studies, talks, audio books, and spiritual reflections (English and Spanish). FREE for all St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parishioners. Signup at [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup): click "Find Your Parish Subscription," enter your parish St Philip Neri Church, your name, and your email.



## 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)*

**Thanks to our Parishioners who have been so generous with donations to our cause!** Our Parishioners have also been generous with food donations at our boxes in the church. These donations are given to the Holy Name Food Pantry; twice a month I am able to fill up the back of my vehicle. The Holy Name Food Pantry and its clients are thankful for our generous donations of food. We were fortunate enough to receive another \$20,000 matching grant from the Lozier Foundation, so we will need to raise the funds to match their generous contribution. We continue to serve all that we can, and the frequency of calls for assistance is as strong as ever. We averaged 63 calls per month in the last three months of 2025. In our Fiscal Year that ended in September, we helped 160 families with rent, utilities, and miscellaneous household items. It is not unusual for our assistance to be the difference between keeping utilities on and being shut off. Thank you again for helping the less fortunate in our community.

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament SVDP Society

### Holy Name St. Vincent de Paul Pantry

1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 4 pm to 6 pm in the Holy Name Church narthex/lobby. Next date: February 18.

**Benefit for Jennifer Novak Haar** (niece of Terri Herman) February 15, 5:30 pm-8:30 pm at Lord of Love Lutheran Church, 10405 Fort St. Funds will be used for a double lung transplant, high medical bills, and loss of income. The Benefit includes food, silent auction, and a jam session for any musicians who would like to participate. You can donate to Jennifer's GoFundMe at the QR code.



**Mass to Pray for Vocations** Monday, February 16, 5:30 pm at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 102nd & Blondo St., Omaha, followed by a Meeting & Mixer in the Parish Center.

**Come to Me 2026 Healing Retreat:** Saturday, March 14, 10 am to 5:30 pm at St. Wenceslaus Hall, 15353 Pacific St. No cost, but you must *register by March 3* at [archomaha.org](http://archomaha.org) in the "Come to Me 2026 Healing Retreat" section, or call 402-827-3798. This retreat is for all who long for healing of past hurts and want to reclaim their identity as sons and daughters of the Father. Deacon Tim McNeil will speak on God's gift of restoration and mercy through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Fr. Andy Sohm will offer Mass. Confessions, spiritual direction, personal prayer.

**GLOW Benefit Dinner for Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS)** Thursday, February 19: 5:15 pm Cocktails, 6:15 pm Dinner at Embassy Suites Conference Center, 12520 Westport Pkwy, La Vista. Register at [friendsofeps.org](http://friendsofeps.org) or call 402-554-0121.

### Christ Child Society 120th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Champions Run, 13800 Eagle Run Dr. Admission is free, but reservations are required. RSVP at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/ccso/event/120years/>

## St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament KNIGHTS NOTES - SAVE THESE DATES!



- **Sunday, February 15:** Pancake Breakfast.
- **Saturday, February 21:** Family Movie Knight.
- **Sunday, March 8,** 3 pm-6 pm: Chili Cookoff & Feed!

### Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**At Holy Name Church,** Exposition is offered Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please contact the Holy Name parish office for details, 402-451-6622.



**At St. Philip Neri Church,** Exposition is offered Monday through Friday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (the final hour is 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.) in the prayer chapel. 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. For more information, please call/text our coordinator Joann Feller at 402-215-5532.

**Adoration without Exposition** is available anytime. There is a church door with an entry code at SPN and HN Churches. For details and the door code, contact Mary in the parish office.

### Dear Adorers at St. Philip Neri Church,

Hopefully we will warm up a little in February and you can have a better trip to church in the evenings. It's been brutal.

Just so you know, most of the articles I've printed from the *National Catholic Register* are in a binder on the bookshelf. If any are usable to you, please take them. Don't worry about letting me know or bringing them back. Two of the newest articles, from January 26, are biographies, and one is a history of the Hail Mary. Very interesting.

Additionally, the 6 pm hour on Tuesdays and Wednesdays seems to need the most help. If you can squeeze one of those hours into your schedule, call/text me 402-215-5532.

Sincerely, Joann Feller, Coordinator

### 40 Days for Life: February 18-March 29

*40 Days for Life* is a campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful prayer vigil outside abortion centers. Many women choose life if they see people praying outside abortion centers. Sign up at the links below or simply come to pray 8 am to 8 pm.

- **Omaha Vigil** at Planned Parenthood 3105 N 93rd St. Sign up at [40daysforlife.com/en/omaha](http://40daysforlife.com/en/omaha). Questions? Please contact [elizabeth.sambol@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.sambol@gmail.com) or 402-651-4789.
- **Bellevue Vigil** at 1002 W. Mission Ave, Bellevue NE. Sign up at [40daysforlife.com/en/bellevuene](http://40daysforlife.com/en/bellevuene). For questions: 402-399-0299 or [engage@nebraskansembracinglife.org](mailto:engage@nebraskansembracinglife.org).

**Catholic Cemeteries Stations of the Cross on the Wednesdays of Lent** beginning February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in Holy Angels Mausoleum in Resurrection Cemetery, 7800 W. Center Rd. Especially for those experiencing a recent loss.

**Grieving with Hope Retreat:** Saturday, March 7, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Galway Room of St. Patrick Parish in Elkhorn. This is a one-day retreat for those who have lost a loved one. RSVP at [tinyurl.com/gwhstpats2026](http://tinyurl.com/gwhstpats2026). For any questions, please contact Mandy Busch at [mbsch@stpatselkhorn.org](mailto:mbsch@stpatselkhorn.org).

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