

Saint Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament
CATHOLIC PARISH

**Holy Name
 Catholic Church**



At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'" (Matthew 4:1-4)

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**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.

HOLY NAME CATHOLIC CHURCH

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HOLY NAME SCHOOL

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Bulletin Announcements: Please submit requests
 by **1:00 p.m. Tuesday** to meramm@archomaha.org
 or call ext. 721 at either parish office.

Lectio Divina for the First Sunday of Lent, February 22

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Psalm 51 Romans 5:12-19 St. Matthew 4:1-11

Reading & Meditation *Read the Holy Gospel 2-3 times. Reflect in silence.* What words in the Gospel caught my attention, comforted, or challenged me?

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

- “He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.” For what do I hunger? How does God satisfy the hungers of my heart?
- “One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.” How often do I read and reflect on the word of God? How can I listen to God’s word more attentively?
- “Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence.” What worldly things distract me from God? How can I minimize these distractions?

Closing Prayer *After silent reflection, pray the Our Father and Psalm 51.*

Living the Word this Week *How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?* Try to attend Mass one weekday, listening to God’s word attentively and receiving the Eucharist devoutly. <https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-in-english>



Mr. Andrew Melliger
Propaedeutic Year,
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St. Anthony Parish, Columbus

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.

The 2nd Sunday of Lent	Altar Servers	EMHC	Reader	Ushers	SPN Livestream
February 28, 5:00 PM At Holy Name Church		Mary Adams Jane LaHood Vickie Allen	JoAnn Peterson		
March 1, 7:30 AM At St. Philip Neri Church	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Bob Jones Jan Sammons	Bill Cheese	Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard	Katherine Hamilton
March 1, 10:00 AM At St. Philip Neri Church	Abraham Engelkamp Quincy Jacob Philemon Meba Blaise Schildtknecht	Julie Misek Kelli Peck	Sadie Bohnenkamp	Eric Brink Carl Cramer Mark Lampe Joseph Parys	
SVDP call coordinator February 23-March 1: Cheryl Henkenius			Immanuel Hospital EMHC February 26: Rita Livengood		

Bethlehem House Baby Shower at Holy Name Church

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.



Annual Holy Name RAMBLER SWEEPSTAKES & ST. PATRICK’S PARTY: Sunday, March 15, 2 pm-6 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*, call Shawn Peterson at 402-681-0749 or the Holy Name Rectory. Tickets available after Masses at both parishes and at the Holy Name Fish Frys. **Door Prizes Needed:** We are looking for gifts or gift cards to be used as door prizes at the St. Patrick’s Party on March 15. Please call Mary at 402-943-7678.



Holy Name Women's Confraternity

Sunday, February 22, 2:00 pm-4:00 pm in the Holy Name Cafeteria

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

Holy Name Calendar Club Winners - Congratulations!

February 15:	Anna Bavaresco	\$50	#46
February 16:	Dennis Masur	\$50	#583
February 17:	Kay Cordova	\$50	#1239
February 18:	Jan Maly	\$50	#2007
February 19:	Emma Allison	\$50	#862
February 20:	Joanne Edney	\$50	#1120
February 21:	Patrick O’Malley	\$50	#673

You’re Invited to Try Alpha in Spanish at Holy Name Parish.

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

Pray the Holy Rosary

Holy Name & St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Events

Saturday, February 21

9:30 a.m. HN Restore the Glory meeting - HN Field House

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

Monday, February 23

6:00 pm Spanish Choir practice - HN Cafeteria

Tuesday, February 24

9:00 a.m. Great Adventure Bible Study - SPN-BS Parish Ctr.

5:30 p.m. SPN School Board - SPN School Cafeteria

6:30 p.m. Alpha Meeting (Sp.) - HN Cafeteria

7:00 p.m. Great Adventure Bible Study - SPN-BS Parish Ctr.

Wednesday, February 25

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

6:30 p.m. 1st Communion Parent & Child meeting (Eng./Sp.)
- SPN Activity Center

Thursday, February 26

3:00 p.m. *Lectio Divina* Bible study prayer group (Eng.)
- HN Church Chapel

Friday, February 27

4:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Holy Name Fish Fry - HN Cafeteria

5:00 p.m. SPN School Nerf Games - SPN Activity Center

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - SPN Church

6:30 p.m. Lenten Meatless Potluck Meal - SPN-BS Parish Ctr.

Saturday, February 28

9:00 a.m. Little Flowers Girls' Club - SPN-BS Parish Ctr.

Sunday, March 1

1:30 p.m. Church cleaning - HN Church

2:00 p.m. Baptism Class (Eng.) - SPN-BS

SPN = St. Philip Neri Church HN = Holy Name Church

Events are in English unless otherwise noted.

Holy Name Parish Gifts: February 15th

Budgeted Weekly Operating Costs	\$ 9,476.00
Sunday Tithe Collections	\$ 3,414.56
Maintenance	\$ 44.00
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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. Or you can ask your bank to send donations automatically to our parish. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam in the parish office. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

Tithing Envelopes If you have a new address, or would like to be added to or removed from our envelope mailing list, or if you no longer need envelopes because your donations are given online or sent directly from your bank, contact Mary or Ted in the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parish office or Miriam in the Holy Name parish office. As always, donation envelopes are available for your use near church entrances.

Sacred Liturgies and Mass Intentions

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. +

Monday, February 23

No Mass

Tuesday, February 24

8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: Lucille Byrnes +

6:30 p.m. HN Stations of the Cross (Sp.)

Wednesday, February 25

8:15 a.m. HN Mass:

2:30 p.m. SPN Stations of the Cross

Thursday, February 26

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

6:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): Marisela Murillo +

7:00 p.m. HN Holy Hour with Vespers (Sp.) & Exposition

Friday, February 27

8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: Robert & Patricia Beauchene +

6:00 p.m. SPN Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 28

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

5:00 p.m. HN Mass: The Millán Álvarez Family

Sunday, March 1

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: Larry Ellet +

12:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): María de la Luz Velázquez +

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St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament

Parish Support: February 15th

Weekly Offerings

ParishStaq online offerings \$ 3,082.60

Collections from Masses and mail \$ 3,691.11

Total Weekly Offerings \$ 6,773.71

Special Offerings \$ 168.00

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, 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**

Liturgy Planning Meeting

TODAY, Sunday, February 22nd at 2:30 p.m. in the Holy Name Church Choir Loft, those from both parishes who are 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 Holy Week and Easter.

Holy Name Fish Frys

Enjoy Omaha's original and world's best Fish Fry in the Holy Name Cafeteria on the Fridays of Lent. Please invite your family and friends to attend and consider volunteering in some capacity. Food service begins at 4:30 p.m. and concludes at 8 p.m. To volunteer, please call Downey Fitzgerald at 531-375-5872 or send an email to d.fitzgerald@hnmensclub.org

- Feb. 13th Served: 1,428

Serra Award Winners

I wish to announce and congratulate the youth in our family of parishes and schools who are receiving the prestigious Serra Altar Server Award of 2026 on Thursday, March 5th during the Mass with Archbishop McGovern at 6:30 p.m. in St. Wenceslaus Church, Omaha. All are welcome to attend the Mass and reception afterwards. This award is given by the Serra Club to eighth grade students who have proven themselves to be outstanding altar servers. Congratulations to this year's winners: Representing St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish: Charles "Charlie" W. Bohnenkamp and Evan R. Berkey.

From Deacon George Butterfield



Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ. It has been a privilege to be a member of SPN-BS Parish and to serve with you the past three years in the whole family of parishes. My wife, Deb, and I love our parish. The church building is amazing. When I am there a spirit of serenity and joy overwhelms me. You are a wonderful group of Christians and have welcomed us in a beautiful way.

Recently it has become necessary for us to find a closer parish where we can attend a later Mass. This is due to health concerns that make it impossible for us both to attend Mass at 7:30 a.m. We regret this but believe that it will be best for our family.

I have told Father Cook that I am still able to assist with wakes, Stations of the Cross, Baptisms, the Easter Vigil, and anything else he requests of me. I just cannot be there on Sunday morning.

Our prayers, tithe, and best wishes remain with the parish. Perhaps the day will come when our circumstances change. Until then, we give you our love and hope for the future of the parish.

In Christ,
Deacon George Butterfield

**From Ted Snoddy
Business Manager,
St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament
Parish**



Peace be with you. In this week's Gospel reading, Jesus is led into the desert to be tempted by the devil. For forty days and nights Jesus is alone in the barren desert, fasting, and we are told at the end, He was hungry. This hunger meant Jesus was physically exhausted and at His most vulnerable. This is when the devil approaches Him. The devil goes on to offer Him everything of *this* world. Jesus rejects all the offers from the devil and eventually he departs. Jesus relied on the Father to be able to resist temptation and once the temptation had passed, angels came and cared for Jesus.



The Temptation of Christ, by Félix Joseph Barrias

St. John Vianney is often quoted saying, "The devil only tempts those souls that wish to abandon sin and those that are in a state of grace. The others belong to him; he has no need to tempt them." Just as with Jesus, the devil comes to tempt us when we are most vulnerable. Do we respond like Jesus and reject the temptation, or do we open the door a bit, just to listen to the offer? We all know the answer to this question. We all give into temptation. We all sin. How we respond to the sins in our life is what sets us apart from others.

This Lent, I invite you to make time for Confession. Be not afraid. Unburden yourself before the Lord. It doesn't matter if it has been two or twenty years since your last Confession. The Lord will forgive you. There is no sin that can't be forgiven when brought to the Lord with a contrite heart.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a visionary who Jesus revealed His Sacred Heart to, approached Fr. Claude de la Colombiere, the priest whom the Lord wanted to be her spiritual director, and asked for his help. He was skeptical. If Jesus reappeared to her, he told her to ask Jesus what the last mortal sin was that he confessed. She agreed and during the next vision she asked the Lord and He responded, "I don't remember." Our sins aren't just forgiven, they are erased. Find time this Lent to have your sins erased.



The Return of the Prodigal Son, by Rembrandt

Advertisers for the Bulletin

Would you like to help defray the cost of our parishes' bulletins and promote your business or message at the same time? We are accepting advertisers for the back cover of our printed and online bulletins. Please contact the respective parish office for more information: Miriam at Holy Name Church at mxrodriguez@archomaha.org or Ted at St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish at trsnoddy@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
- **Classes in SPANISH** - Sister 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 class is 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 April 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.

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.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

At St. Philip Neri Church

- Friday 6 pm (Feb. 20 - March 27)
- Wednesday at 2:30 pm w/ SPN School students (Feb. 25; March 4, 18, & 25)

At Holy Name Church

- Tuesdays at 6:30 pm (Spanish) (Feb. 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31)
- Friday, March 27, 2 pm (English) with HN School students



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 ages 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. Those unable to fast for health reasons are exempt.

Lenten Morning of Recollection with Archbishop Michael McGovern

- **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 to plan for refreshments. Please register at <https://archomaha.org>.

IPF Lenten Morning of Reflection

On Saturday, March 14, at Christ the King Parish in Omaha, the Institute for Priestly Formation (IPF) is offering a Lenten Morning of Reflection. It will begin with Mass at 8:15 a.m., followed by a light breakfast and a reflection by Fr. Jim Rafferty entitled, "See How Much He Loved Him". There will be time for prayer and contemplation. The morning ends at 10:30 a.m. There is no fee to attend. To register or for more information, visit <https://priestlyformation.org/>.

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

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

Pray ~ Share ~ Belong

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.

Steubenville Youth Conference 2026

July 17-19, 2026: At each **Steubenville 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. 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.

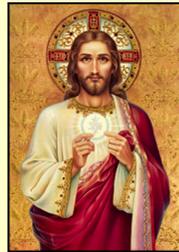
Young Adults (Ages 21-39)

VENI Young Adult Holy Hour: 2nd Friday of the month, 7:30 pm in St. Cecilia Cathedral. Join 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/>.

Religious Education & Sacramental Prep

February 25: First Communion Parent & Child Meetings (English & Spanish) 6:30 pm-7:45 pm in the St. Philip Neri Activity Center. Parent(s) of any child receiving First Communion in St. Philip Neri Church or Holy Name Church this spring & their First Communicant child are required to attend. Please enter through the SPN Activity Center north door.



February 25: 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: Confirmation Parent/Sponsor & Confirmation Candidate Meetings (English & Spanish) 6:30 pm-7:45 pm in the SPN Activity Center. All Religious Education and SPN School Confirmation candidates and a parent or sponsor are expected to attend. Please enter at the SPN Activity Center north door.

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.

Confirmation Retreat - Saturday, March 28 from 10:00 am to 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.

Catechists & Helpers Needed 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.

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 6th-8th 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.

The Great Adventure Bible Study

The Great Adventure Bible Study (in English) continues 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.

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: 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 dates: March 4 and 18.

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 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, time for personal prayer.



Christ Child Society 120th Anniversary Celebration

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

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. Please 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. www.40daysforlife.com/en/omaha. Questions? Contact Liz Sambol at 402-651-4789 or elizabeth.sambol@gmail.com.



- **Bellevue Vigil** at 1002 W Mission Ave. www.40daysforlife.com/en/bellevuene. For more information, contact Nebraskans Embracing Life at engage@nebraskanembracinglife.org or 402-399-0299.

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



- **Saturday, February 21:** Family Movie Knight
- **Sunday, March 8,** 3-6 pm: Chili Cookoff & Feed
- **Wednesday, March 11,** 7 pm: KofC Meeting, Parish Center
- **Saturday, March 21:** Family Movie Knight

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 during Lent, Exposition is offered Monday through Thursday 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (the final hour is 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.) in the prayer chapel. On First Fridays during Lent, Exposition is from 9 a.m. to 6 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 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

Catholic Cemeteries Stations of the Cross on the Wednesdays of Lent at 6:00 pm in Holy Angels Mausoleum in Resurrection Cemetery, 7800 W. Center Rd. The Stations are especially helpful for those who recently lost a loved one.

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. For any questions, please contact Mandy Busch at mbusch@stpatselfhorn.org.

Broom-Tree Retreat Center, Irene, SD

- **Day of Recollection:** Tuesday, March 10, 10 am-3 pm. *Staying Faithful to Our Lenten Penances*, directed by Fr. Joe Forcelle. This one-day retreat includes Holy Mass, two conferences, lunch, Holy Hour, opportunity for Confession.
- **Silent Ignatian Retreats for Men or Women**
Men: Feb. 26-March 1, June 18-21.
Women: April 16-19, May 7-10, June 25-28.

Register at www.broom-tree.org/retreats/scheduled-retreats. For information: broomtree@sfcatholic.org or 605-263-1040.

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40 DAYS OF MERCY

Lenten Devotions & Events at Holy Name & St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament

(HN signifies Holy Name Church; SPN signifies St. Philip Neri Church)

Lenten Observances

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.

Abstinence from Meat

Those 14 and older are required to refrain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Ash Wednesday

Masses & services with the Imposition of Ashes:

- February 18th:
 - In St. Philip Neri Church:
 - 2 p.m. Mass (Eng.)
 - 5:30 p.m. Mass (Eng.)
 - In Holy Name Church:
 - 8:15 a.m. Mass (Eng.)
 - 7:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Regularly Scheduled Confession Times (All Year)

- Thursdays in HN: 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m.
- Saturdays in HN: 4 p.m.-4:45 p.m.
- Sundays in SPN: 6:45 a.m.-7:15 a.m.
- March 10th in HN (Bilingual): 7 p.m.
- By appointment with the priest



The Road to Calvary by Lorenzo Lotto

Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross (Sp.) are held on the following Tuesday evenings in HN Church.

- Feb. 24th; March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st: 6:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross (Eng.) are held w/ our SPN students on the following Wednesday afternoons in SPN Church.

- Feb. 25th; March 4th, 18th, & 25th: 2:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross (Eng.) are held w/ our HN students on the following Friday afternoon in HN Church.

- March 27th: 2 p.m.

Stations of the Cross (Eng.) are held on the following Friday evenings in SPN Church, followed by a Meatless Potluck Supper in the SPN-BS Parish Center (church basement).

- Feb. 20th & 27th; March 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th: 6 p.m.

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Holy Name Fish Frys

For 45 years, Holy Name has hosted a legendary Fish Fry on the Fridays of Lent from 4:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the cafeteria beneath HN church at 2901 Fontenelle Blvd.

- February 13th, 20th, & 27th
- March 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th

Movie Knights

Bring the whole family and enjoy wholesome films and delicious foods from the SPN-BS Knights of Columbus.

- Feb. 21st: 6:30 p.m. (SPN-BS Parish Center)
- March 21st: 6:30 p.m. (SPN-BS Parish Center)

Day of Reflection for Liturgical

Ministers

All Liturgical Ministers (EMHC, Lectors, Ushers, Sacristans, & Sacred Music Ministers) are invited to a day of enrichment in the SPN-BS Parish Center. Enjoy lunch, camaraderie, and stimulating talks in English from Dr. Brandon Harvey. Please register by Thursday, February 26th. To register, use the QR code, visit <https://bit.ly/4tG8Y7M>.

- March 7th: 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. (SPN-BS Parish Center)



Chili Cookoff Contest & Feed

Taste-test all the chilis in the cookoff and vote for your favorite! The event is free, though free-will offerings are welcome. To compete and enter your own world-famous or favorite family chili, contact Tom Sammons at tsammons01@gmail.com. Register no later than 5 p.m. Saturday, March 7th. Sponsored by the SPN-BS Knights of Columbus.

- March 8th: 3 p.m.-6 p.m. (SPN-BS Parish Center)

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Receive forgiveness through various priest confessors.

- March 10th in HN (Bilingual): 7 p.m.

Novena & Solemnity of St. Joseph

Invoke and celebrate the patron Saint of families, households, and the Universal Church, St. Joseph.

- March 10th-18th: Novena Prayers in Spanish in HN: 6:30 p.m. (6 p.m. on March 12th)
- March 19th: Mass in Spanish in HN: 6:30 p.m.

HN St. Patrick's Day Sweepstakes

The annual St. Patrick's Day Sweepstakes Party and prize drawing will be Sunday, March 15th. Tickets are \$100 each and only 300 will be sold. Each \$100 ticket admits two adults to the party, meals for two, two drinks or beers for two, and entry into the sweepstakes drawing. Grand prize is \$10,000; 2nd prize is \$500; and 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th prizes are \$200 each. Winners need not be present to win. To purchase or sell tickets, contact Shawn Peterson at 402-681-0749. Tickets will be available for purchase after all Masses.

- March 15th: 2 p.m.-approximately 4 p.m. (HN Cafeteria)

Best Lent Ever: Consecration

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