

# HOLY GHOST

CATHOLIC CHURCH

5219 SOUTH 53 STREET · OMAHA, NE 68117



*Welcome to Our Parish!*

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening 5:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30 am and 10:00 am  
Weekday Mornings 7:00 am

### PRIEST

Rev. Gregory Benkowski..... Pastor

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# ADVENT

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DECEMBER 11, 2011  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Pastor's Corner

I am really impressed at how smoothly the parish has transitioned into use of revised Roman Missal. There will still be mistakes on my part as I learn the new translation but bear with me! I owe the smooth transition to the fine work the deacons did in preparing lessons on the various parts of the Mass. Even though Masses were quite a bit longer, I believe the time invested by all of us will be well worth it. I am aware that other parishes were not as thorough, but as pastor, I am convinced this small sacrifice in our time will benefit us spiritually as community. It is an education in the most essential aspect of our faith experience: the Eucharist.  
Have a good Advent week,  
Fr. Greg

### Stewardship of Treasure Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$6,400.00
Weekly Offering (December 4, 2011) .....	\$5,122.00
Year- to- Date Budget Needs.....	\$147,200.00
Year- to- Date Collections .....	\$122,757.50
Shortage .....	\$24,442.50

### Children's Collection...

This week the School children and the CCD students collected \$1.37.



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

#### 4 week Friends & Family Program

Weekly groups offering education and conversation about substance abuse for the family and friends of those suffering from addiction. For more information contact Liz at (402) 829-3525 this group:

- Is free and open to anyone in the community (15 and older) who has a loved one with an addiction.
- Will help you learn to provide support to your loved one without enabling their addiction
- Will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM starting January 9th and running through January 30th
- At St. Leo Catholic Church, 1920 North 102nd Street

### Advent Penance Service

#### Schedule for Our Deanery

<b>St. Thomas More</b>	<b>Tues. Dec. 13</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>
<b>St. Stanislaus</b>	<b>Sun Dec. 18</b>	<b>1pm</b>
<b>St. Mary</b>	<b>Tues. Dec. 20</b>	<b>7pm</b>
<b>Holy Cross</b>	<b>Tues. Dec. 20</b>	<b>7pm</b>

### TEAMMATES MENTORING PROGRAM

Holy Ghost Catholic School and TeamMates Mentoring Program encourage YOU to join their team! Right now there are children at Holy Ghost Catholic who would love to have a caring adult spend time with them during the school year. Dr. Tom and Nancy Osborne founded TeamMates in 1991 in an effort to provide support and encouragement to school aged youth. TeamMates asks for 1 hour a week during the school year at our school. Scheduling is flexible and resources are available to you to use during your time with your mentee. Mentors come from all walks of life and all ages. Would YOU be interested in making a difference in the life of a child? It's easy. Go to [www.teammates.org](http://www.teammates.org) or call 1-877-531-8326 for more information and how to apply to be a mentor. You can also call the school office at 402-731-5161 and speak with Mrs. Martin to receive more information.



### PRAY FOR . . .

The following members of our Parish, or loved ones of our Parishioners are now or recently been in the hospital. May our Lord grant them a speedy recovery and return them to their families in perfect health: Shirley Kerkman, Mary Ann Barrett, Mary Lou Mass, Joseph Restivo, Bob Broich, Charles Skokan, Walter Fischer, Bernyce Paltani, Zach Kula, Tasha Linneman, Dwain Mathews, Sandra Sherrell, George Lacroix, Agnes Fader, Anna Travis, Dolores McKenzie, Stanley Kantor, Joann Stoltenberg, Harry Olsen, Mary Lou Mass, Waymon Caron, Shirley Miller, John Grebl, Ed Machacek, Chad Gann, Mary Polzin, Pat Makara, Kathleen ("Kit") Stanesick, Harry Olsen, Pam Martin, Joe Breci, Annabella Zyla, Donald Mathews, Carol Cheloha, Amy Liddell (Daughter of Russ & Cookie Lane), Yvonne Aulner (Mother of Al Aulner), Clarence Matya (Brother of Doralene Marode).

Let us also remember in our prayers the following parishioners that are in care centers, homebound or need healing:

Hattie Smith	Lois Huse	Doralene Marode
Nita Shaw	Debra Iwanski	Mary Lampe
Richard Van Sant	Irene Suchy	Marian Hannan
Louise Chiburis	Jacob Fraser	Caitlyn Thompson
Tony Miratsky	Jim Philbrick	Marian Nekuda
Ida Flott	Mari Ann Wilke	Grant Flott
Margaret Brick	Mike Hunter	Rose Vosik
Eleanor Williams	Ruby Fuller	William Ludemann
Betty Gentile	Raymond Nowak	Marie Pallas
Brassie Mruz	Terry Stillmock	Jean Buechler
Lucille Stuczynski	Luella Eich	Jerry Shavlik
Kathleen Sanden	Peg Sykora	Theresa Mitera
Lena Hughes		

## Parish News:

### Advent Angels



**ADVENT ANGELS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE CHURCH NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 18TH. REMEMBER TO ATTACH THE TAG TO THE UNWRAPPED GIFT. IF YOU DID NOT GET A TAG AND WANT TO HELP, CALL AL or TERRI AULNER 402-734-4557**

### SCRIP

We are selling Scrip again this year. This is a great way to do your Christmas shopping and to have some on hand for a last minute gift throughout the year. Additional order forms can be found on the table in the back of Church or you can pick one up in the School or Business Office. Please return your Scrip order and check to the Parish Business Office or School Office. Please see all ordering information on the Scrip Order Form. **The last day to order Scrip will be December 14th for a delivery before Christmas** however if you would like to order after that date to use through the year, we will still take your orders and get them back to you as soon as possible.

Dana, Holy Ghost Student Council, Staff and Students;

On behalf of my family I'd like to say thank you to all who so graciously donated money and/or gift certificate to us. With Thanksgiving just a few days away, I wanted to say thanks to everyone who helped us in some way these last few weeks. I am humbled by your generosity and thankful to each and every one of you. Zach was certainly surprised by the large get well card as well as the monetary donation. We deeply appreciate your prayers, words of support and all around kindness shown to us during this difficult time.

My family is certainly thankful to God that Zach continues to get better everyday. He is no longer in need of a walker and currently using a cane. The doctor is confident that he will not need any support within the next few months. Multiple Sclerosis has been diagnosed in approximately 10,000 people under the age of 18. Thankfully, we have one of the top doctors in the country treating Zach at the Nebraska Medical Center. We hope and pray that one day soon they will find a cure.

Thank you so very much and my prayers are with you all.

Peace be with you.

Gary Kula and Family

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### Scholarship and Placement Test Schedule For Current 8th Graders Wanting to Attend Area Catholic High Schools Saturday, January 14th

Creighton Prep	8:00 am
Josh Luedtke 402.548.3872	
Duchesne Academy	8:00 am
Meg Jones 402.588.3800	
Gross Catholic	8:00 am
Tim Johnk 402.734.2000	
Marian High School	8:00 am
Molly Woodman 402.571.2618	
Mercy High School	8:00 am
Anne Zadina 402.553.9424	
Mt. Michael	9:00 am
Erie Crawford 402.253.0946	
Roncalli Catholic	8:00 am
Paulette Theisen 402.571.7670	
Skutt Catholic	8:00 am
Tim Bloomingdale 402.333.0818	

### Turkey Dinner

To all who cooked, cleaned, served, baked, collected, ate, brought friends; to all that helped in anyway, **THANK YOU.** I learned through all of you that the turkey dinner is more about fellowship than about raising money. Thank you for your help and encouragement. I look forward to seeing the turkey dinner grow bigger and better each year. This year we were able to clear \$3,634.34.

Travis D. Washington

### SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended our Christmas program! It was nice to have the kids showcase all their hard work. I would also like to thank all the teachers for their support of the program as well as a special thanks to Miss Jodie Heimann and Mr. Jason St. Claire for all their hard work and dedication to this production.

You are invited to the Baby Jesus' Birthday Party. December 20, 2011 at 2p.m. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend 402-731-5161. Everyone is invited and we ask that you bring a toiletry item for the St. Vincent de Paul in lieu of gifts. Hope to see you there!

Our Lansky night will be on the 14th, from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. Please come and join us for pizza.

We are still collecting clean Land O Lake caps, Hy-Vee Receipts, Campbell UPC codes, Our Family UPC codes and Box Tops for Education. Thanks so much to everyone who contributes to our school in this way.

Blessings-  
Dana Martin



### Please pray for our loved ones who are currently serving our Country:

Sean Byers  
Timmy Riskowski  
Jim White  
Nick Burton  
Kevin Kersey  
Bryan Mass  
Dane Flott  
Ty Campbell  
Justin M. Vickers

Michael J. Baker  
Gary Smith  
Andrew Steffensmeier  
Nick Lokamas  
Denise Pohl  
Suzie Homan  
Stephen Gonifas  
Becky White  
Michael Aulner

Timothy Robertson  
Jacob Aulner  
Mike Pihlgren  
Daniel Homan  
Allen M. Novotny  
Joseph M. Vickers  
Tim Gouger  
Michael Warner  
Robert Blume

**PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Holy Ghost Rectory .....731-3176  
 Fax .....738-1409  
 Religious Education Office.....731-3176  
 School Office.....731-5161  
 School Fax number.....731-5174  
 Child Care Center .....731-7929  
 Church Hall.....731-2943

**BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday.....7:30 am to 4:30 pm  
 Friday.....7:30 am to 4:00 pm

(Business Office closed from Noon to 1:00pm for lunch..)  
**\*\*Father Greg is off on Fridays and will not be in the Office.**

*Weekly Schedule....*

*December 12th to December 18th*

Mon. Dec. 12 SVDP 7:00 pm CC  
 Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
 Tue. Dec. 13 School Prayer Service 8:15 am  
 Wed. Dec. 14 CCD Classes 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm  
 Lansky's Night 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
 Thu. Dec. 15 School Mass 8:15 am



*School Lunch Menu*

*December 12th to December 16th*

Mon. Dec. 12 Pizza, Carrot and Cucumber Slices /  
 Dip, Fruit Slushee  
 Tue. Dec. 13 Chicken Pattie Sandwich, Green  
 Beans, Oranges  
 Wed. Dec. 14 Chili /Fritos, Salad, Peaches, Bread/  
 Margarine  
 Thu. Dec. 15 French Toast Sticks, Tri-Potato,  
 Sausage, Grapes  
 Fri. Dec. 16 Macaroni & Cheese, Shrimp Poppers,  
 Green Beans, Pears



We want to thank all of our sponsors on the back of the bulletin. Each week we will feature one particular sponsor. Our feature this week is **CABINET FACTORY OUTLET**. Please show your support to them.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 12, 2011**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Dennis Brennan—Gerri Rewolinski  
**Tuesday, December 13, 2011**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Ben Nicola—Family  
**Wednesday, December 14, 2011**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Tim Mixan—Family  
**Thursday, December 15, 2011**  
 8:15 am †Lynn Kwasniewski—Gary Kwasniewski  
**Friday, December 16, 2011**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am Communion Service  
**Saturday, December 17, 2011**  
 5:00 pm †Patty & Franc Swantek—Family  
**Sunday, December 18, 2011**  
 7:30 am Parishioners  
 10:00 am †Edward Torczon—Family

*If a funeral occurs, the 7 am or 8:30 am Mass Intention that day will be rescheduled at a later date. Please call the Business Office for the new date. Thank You*

**Liturgical Roles**

**5:00 pm Saturday, December 17, 2011**

Altar Servers J. Noordam, A. & A. Slizoski,  
 EMHC S. Rudol, K. Sheldon, K. Smith,  
 M. Townley, Deacon Aulner  
 Gift Bearers M. & L. Dyer  
 Greeters L. McFarland, E. Morley  
 Lector C. Sommer  
 Sacristan K. Schulte

**7:30 am Sunday, December 18, 2011**

Altar Servers D. Colgan, L. Rudol  
 EMHC R. Leininger, M. Pavel, T. Schulte  
 Greeters P. McIntosh  
 Lector T. Riskowski  
 Sacristan C. Colgan

**10:00 am Sunday, December 18, 2011**

Altar Servers L. Gaytan, M. Savine, M. Washington  
 EMHC R. Drexel, J. & K. Koraleski, N.  
 Washington, T. Leininger  
 Gift Bearers R. & G. Sempek  
 Greeters A. Owens, A. Thompson  
 Lector T. Sobczyk  
 Sacristan T. Aulner

Church Cleaning Crew: Crew A: G. Balkus,  
 H. Whitney, J. Kelly, C. Sommer

**Reminder:** If you are assigned to help out with a Liturgical Role at the Masses, please show up at least 10 minutes before Mass. If you cannot be here, PLEASE find someone to replace you.