

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
(except Friday - Communion Service)

PRIEST

Rev. Gregory Benkowski..... Pastor

PEACE ON EARTH



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DECEMBER 25, 2011
NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS



Pastor's Corner

Today we celebrate the birth of our Savior. I hope that all will feel the love of Jesus today and every day of the New Year. Let's keep in prayer all those who have lost loved ones this past year. The first year is always so difficult without that special someone with us anymore. Because of the Incarnation and the Resurrection, we can rest in the hope that we will see our loved ones eventually in God's Kingdom. Have a happy and peace-filled Holy Season.

Fr. Greg

**Holy Ghost Childcare
5310 So. 52nd St
We're now enrolling our
TODDLER PROGRAM!!**

Opened November 1, 2011

Ages 18 mos. To 3 years

Experienced, Well Trained Staff

6 to 1 Child to Teacher Ratios

Developmentally Appropriate and Fun Curriculum

If you're interested in our toddler program or other programs we currently offer, please call the center at (402) 731-7929 and ask for Trina.

Stewardship of Treasure

Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Weekly Offering Needs..... \$

Weekly Offering (December 18, 2011) \$

Year- to- Date Budget Needs..... \$

Year- to- Date Collections..... \$

Shortage \$

NO REPORT DUE TO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Children's Collection...

This week the School children and the CCD students collected \$
Some of their many Acts of Kindness this week are:

Church Renovation

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The USCCB has launched its new line of e-books

The same USCCB resources that help you minister more effectively are now available in e-book format at amazon.com and sony.com. Books are offered in catechesis, evangelization, sacramental practice, Catholic social teaching, marriage and family life and more.



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: **George Kurlmel, Charles Tostenson, Clara Latzel, Sandra Sherrill, Vera Halac, Walter Fisher, Mary Lou Mass, Bernyce Paltani, Zach Kula, Dolores McKenzie, Waymon Caron, Pat Makara, Kathleen ("Kit") Stanesick, Joe Breci, Carol Cheloha, Amy Liddell (Daughter of Russ & Cookie Lane), Yvonne Aulner (Mother of Al Aulner), Clarence Matya (Brother of Dorlene Marode), Shirley Kerkman (Mother of Jodi May), Kristin Schultz (Niece of Johna Belling), Bob Broich (Father of Marita Grebl).**

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

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| Hattie Smith | Lois Huse | Dorlene 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 | Agnes Kolar |
| Betty Gentile | Raymond Nowak | Marie Pallas |
| Brassie Mruz | Terry Stillmock | Jean Buechler |
| Lucille Stuczynski | Luella Eich | Jerry Shavlik |

Parish News:



The Business Office will be closed on December 26th and January 2nd to observe the Christmas and New Years Holidays. We will be in the office to serve you till the end of the day on Friday, December 23rd and back on the 27th thru the 30th. It is our wish that you have a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy , Healthy, and Holy New Year.

**GAME ON - 2012
SAVE THE DATE**

Saturday, February 11, 2012

St John Vianney Parish Hall

\$30 per person

Social Hour/Dinner starts at 6:30pm

Games Start at 7:45pm

This is your invitation to a special night of food, fun and friendly rivalry at **GAME ON!**, an adult game-night event. To join in, just gather a team of eight family members and friends, reserve a table and declare, **GAME ON!** Gather your team now and sign up by calling Johna Belling: (402) 982-9417.

HOLY GHOST FAMOUS CHICKEN DINNER
FRIDAY THE 13TH OF JANUARY
SOCIAL HALL
4:00 PM TO 8:00 PM



**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

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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 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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Joe Sobczyk for making the Deans List at Mount Michael. Joe attained high honors for the first quarter.



SCHOOL NEWS

Merry Christmas from the staff and students at Holy Ghost! We pray that you will have a peaceful and blessed season! School will be back in session on January 4th.

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

Blessings-
Dana Martin



PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Holy Ghost Rectory731-3176
 Fax738-1409
 Religious Education Office.....731-3176
 School Office.....731-5161
 School Fax number.....731-5174
 Child Care Center731-7929
 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 26th to January 1st

Mon. Dec. 26 Business Office Closed
 Child Care Closed
 NO SCHOOL ALL WEEK
 Wed. Dec. 28 NO CCD CLASSES

New Year's Eve celebration

Are you looking to spend a little time in reflection and spiritual renewal before the ball drops on New Year's Eve this year? You are invited to the Pro Sanctity New Year's Eve Celebration on Saturday, December 31, at St. James Catholic Church, 4710 N. 90th St., Omaha. There will be two hours of quiet prayer focused on personal preparation for the New Year from 10:00 p.m.–midnight with confessions available from 10:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m., Mass at midnight, which meets the January 1 obligation, followed by breakfast and fellowship.

Contact Stephanie
 Steph.i.prost@gmail.com
 Or 402-533-4418 for more information



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 **FISHER FIX-TURE COMPANY**. Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Tuesday, December 27, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Wednesday, December 28, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Thursday, December 29, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayers
 7:00 am Communion Service
Friday, December 30, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Saturday, December 31, 2011
 5:00 pm Shirley Cheloha—Family
Sunday, January 1, 2012
 7:30 am Teckla Grzebielski—Family & Friends
 10:00 am Parishioners

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 31, 2011

Altar Servers E. Clausen, M. Rosman, M. Rost
 EMHC K. Adams, J. Belling, T. Padilla, V. Rosman, Deacon Sommer
 Gift Bearers C. & R. Lane
 Greeters D. & D. Ray
 Lector K. Baber
 Sacristan R. Leininger

7:30 am Sunday, January 1, 2012

Altar Servers J. Koraleski, R. Hood
 EMHC B. Neal, K. Tweedy, Deacon Aulner
 Greeters A. Thompson
 Lector D. Nowak
 Sacristan M. Pavel

10:00 am Sunday, January 1, 2012

Altar Servers L. Gaytan, C. Greve
 EMHC R. & D. Massow, D. Steffensmeier, K. McCandless, Deacon Leininger

Gift Bearers L. & E. Wagman
 Greeters L. Dyer, K. Curtis
 Lector C. Massow
 Sacristan T. Aulner

Church Cleaning Crew: Crew C: C. Wiebelhaus, G. Lacroix, G. & N. Byrne

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.