

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

Welcoming the
ROMAN
MISSAL
THIRD EDITION

Thanksgiving
Blessings

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NOVEMBER 20, 2011
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING



Pastor's Corner

We take a one-week break from our presentations on the Roman Missal as we welcome Fr. Bernie Carlin from the Ligourian Fathers. He will share his missionary experiences and invite us to read more in the Ligourian magazine. Welcome Fr. Carlin.

During the final week of the eight-week sessions, Deacon Schulte will examine the new chanting and music that accompanies the change in language we pray. This will take us to the First Week of Advent when all music and prayer changes will take full effect. I think we are ahead of many parishes from what I'm told. We have actually been incorporating the changes after the homilist explains them. If you come to Mass with folks not from the parish, encourage them to use the Mass cards so all will be on the same page.

The Meitler group met Tuesday evening at the Cathedral to present their findings after the first round of discussion with the mid/inner city schools. Each group has been assigned a fresh set of questions to be completed and returned to them by the middle of December. Follow-up meetings will then take place in January. Progress is being made as we continue our journey to discover what will be best for the parishes and schools in our region.

Have a good week!
Fr. Greg

JESUS LIGHT OUR WAY

About 275 pastors, school principals and lay leaders met November 8 to discuss preliminary findings of a Wisconsin-based consulting firm as it directs a study of Catholic parishes and elementary schools in east Omaha. Titled "Parish & School Study: Jesus, Light Our Way," the study area includes 37 parishes and 18 schools east of 72nd Street. The study began with several months of meetings with pastors, principals and lay leaders to discuss the many changes in parish and school life that have taken place over the past number of years in the study area.

In an attempt to keep you informed of the study, the Key Findings report and a copy of a working document titled Criteria for Vital Parishes and Schools are located on www.archomaha.org. To access the documents, see the homepage story titled Planning group gathers to analyze key research findings. Click on Criteria and Findings. These two documents will guide the discussions into next spring. Lastly, you can visit www.archomaha.org to view a video message from Archbishop Lucas about the study. Click the Video tab to watch the video.

Stewardship of Treasure

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

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| Weekly Offering Needs..... | \$6,400.00 |
| Weekly Offering (November 13, 2011) | \$5,454.00 |
| Year- to- Date Budget Needs..... | \$128,000.00 |
| Year- to- Date Collections | \$106,903.50 |
| Shortage | \$21,096.50 |

Church Renovation

\$100.00 In Loving Memory of Diane (Krayneski) Drefs
From John Krayneski, Jr.

Thank You

Just over eleven years ago Amy and I chose Holy Ghost as our parish because her family are parishioners here and it seemed like a great school for our children to receive an excellent Catholic education. As the years go by the list of reasons continues to grow. The night I was injured by random violence was the beginning of our latest addition to the list of reasons why Holy Ghost is a great family to be a part of. Within the first 24 hours we received calls, texts, and gifts from countless families. This doesn't include all of the prayers being offered on our behalf. Then on October 30th we witnessed one of the most amazing things ever. Friends, family, and even strangers joined together with our Holy Ghost family and put together a benefit to help us in our time of need. This was our version of "Footprints". At this time we would like to thank anyone and everyone that had any part in helping us get through this hard time. Thank you for the smiles, hugs, prayers, gifts, and time. We can't even imagine going through this without each and every one of you.

God Bless,
The Gann Family

In Sympathy



May the Lord grant peace and consolation to the family of:

Lillian Grimm



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: **Zach Kula, Tasha Linneman, Dwain Mathews, Sandra Sherrell, George Lacroix, Agnes Fader, 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, Vera Halac, 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) Norbert Selz (Brother of Agnes Fader), Anna Travis.**

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 | 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 |
| Shirley Kerkmann | Kathleen Sanden | Peg Sykora |
| Theresa Mitera | Lena Hughes | |



Advent Angels

Next week St. Vincent de Paul will begin their Annual Advent Angels, sponsoring The Stephen Center and The Bethlehem House. There is a flyer in the back of church with the list of the needs for both centers. When you are out shopping for those on your Christmas list (like on "Black Friday") – remember The Stephen Center & The Bethlehem House.

SCRIP

We are selling Scrip again this year. This is a great way to get your Christmas shopping started. Please see the Scrip order form in the bulletin today. You can return your Scrip order and check to the Parish Business Office or School. Please see all ordering information on the Scrip Order Form.

MEN'S CLUB NEBRASKA FOOTBALL FILMS

Wednesday, November 23RD

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Coach arrives at 7:30 to start the films.

Come at 5:00 and have dinner

(there is always good food and drinks)
and lots of BIG RED football conversations!!

WOMEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Holy Ghost Women's Club would like to invite all the ADULT women of the parish and their guests to our annual Christmas party and luncheon, on Sunday December 4, at 1P.M. in the social hall. Come for a fun afternoon and relax before the holidays. The cost is \$5 per person that can be paid at the door. We will also have an optional \$10 gift exchange. Reservations MUST be made BEFORE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 in order to plan for seating and food. Call Mary Townley @ 734-0589, Michelle Martinez @ 537-8635 or Brenda Tylkowski @ 614-9094 if you plan to attend. Hope to see many of you there!!!!!!



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 Warner

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
Robert Blume

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Today, we take up a Collection that helps fight poverty at its roots. For 40 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has provided funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. The Collection has helped secure funding for low-income day care centers, programs that emphasize education, and affordable housing in low income neighborhoods. It has contributed to efforts to implement laws that enforce fair wages. **Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.**

Duchesne Academy

The following student has attained High Honors for the first quarter:

High Honors
Melissa Ulrich

SCHOOL NEWS

On Tuesday the 8th I and 6 other people attended the Meitler Group Study meeting. During that session we received the initial findings of their study. Much of the information which was shared was what we already knew. We are now in the second phase of the study and we will have more discussions and look to see what we can do to improve upon the situation. We are looking at this very positively and know that Holy Ghost will only benefit from their study. Please continue to pray for our schools and how we can best serve Holy Ghost Parish and our community. Remember too, that you are invited to follow the process of the study on the Archdiocesan website at www.archomaha.org by clicking on the link Parish and School Study: Jesus, Light Our Way.

Please join us for First Friday Adoration on December 2nd at 8:15am. We would love to have you come and pray with our students.

Please mark your calendar for our Christmas Program on December 7th, 7pm. at Gross Catholic in the auditorium. We would love for you to join us and see all the hard work our students have done. See you there!

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

PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Holy Ghost Rectory.....731-3176
 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....

November 21st to November 27th

Mon. Nov. 21 Choir Practice 7:00 pm Church
 SVDP 7:00 pm Child Care
 Tue. Nov. 22 School Prayer Service 8:15 am
 Wed. Nov. 23 NO CCD CLASSES
 NO SCHOOL
 Football Films-Doors open at 5:00 pm
 Coach & films at 7:30 pm
 Thu. Nov. 24 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
Business Office Closed
 NO SCHOOL
 CHILD CARE CLOSED
 Fri. Nov. 25 **Business Office Closed**
 NO SCHOOL
 CHILD CARE CLOSED

School Lunch Menu

November 21st & November 22nd

Mon. Nov. 21 Sausage Pizza, Corn, Applesauce
 Tue. Nov. 22 Hot Dog/Bun, Green Beans, Pumpkin
 Bar, Fruit Slushee

FLU SEASON IS HERE

Please, if you get the flu stay home and get well. It doesn't take very much to spread germs in Church. We have parishioners who would become very ill if they get the flu, so please take time for yourself and others and get well. We will miss you when you are gone and welcome you back when we see you.

GET YOUR FLU SHOT TO PROTECT YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES



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 MAMA'S PIZZA WEST. Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 21, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Tuesday, November 22, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Wednesday, November 23, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service **HAPPY**
Thursday, November 24, 2011 THANKSGIVING
 9:00 am †Ben Nicola—Family
Friday, November 25, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Saturday, November 26, 2011
 5:00 pm Parishioners
Sunday, November 27, 2011
 7:30 am †Rosemary Spaustat—Family & Friends
 10:00 am †Henrietta McCandless—Dave & Kathy
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Liturgical Roles

9:00 am Thursday, Nov. 24, 2011 Thanksgiving
Altar Server M. Washington
EMHC N. Washington, Deacon Schulte
Gift Bearer C. & A. Gann
Lector V. Rosman
Sacristan K. Schulte
5:00 pm Saturday, November 26, 2011
Altar Servers M. Castillo-Grant, E. Clausen, E. Grant
EMHC J. Belling, C. Colgan, C. Novacek, T. Padilla, Deacon Sommer
Gift Bearers B. & M. Drewel & I. Fonfara
Greeters P. McIntosh, S. White
Lector D. Ray
Sacristan K. Adams
7:30 am Sunday, November 27, 2011
Altar Servers N. Ulrich, J. Widhalm
EMHC B. Neal, M. Pavel, Deacon Leininger
Gift Bearers D. & P. Nowak
Greeters A. Thompson
Lector R. Leininger
Sacristan K. Ulrich
10:00 am Sunday, November 27, 2011
Altar Servers M. Kain, M. Savine, M. Washington
EMHC C. Cogan, R. Drexel, K. McCandless, N. Washington, Deacon Aulner
Gift Bearers M. & R. Murphy
Greeters K. Curtis, A. Owens
Lector T. Washington
Sacristan K. Schulte
Church Cleaning Crew: Crew B: C. Colgan, M. Dunbar, J. Alessandro