

HOLY GHOST

CATHOLIC CHURCH

5219 SOUTH 53 STREET · OMAHA, NE 68117



PRIEST

Rev. Gregory Benkowski..... Pastor



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)



Wait for the Lord

• “Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.” *Mk 13:35-36*



Pastor's Corner

This weekend we conclude the presentations on the New Roman Missal. We will address the changes in music in our worship. Throughout the world, the church begins praying the new Missal on this First Sunday of Advent. May it help us to prepare our hearts for the coming of the savior at Christmas.

Special thanks to Travis Washington and all who helped make the turkey dinner a success. So much goes on behind the scenes to prepare a dinner on this scale. I was very impressed with the large number of volunteers in all areas from serving, to preparing, to clean up. It is a good reflection of the parish's commitment to stewardship of time.

Have a good week,
Fr. Greg

Advent Reflection

The New Cassel Retirement Center will present The Ghost of Advent Past, The Reality of Christ Present, Friday, December 2, 2011, 2:00-3:45 p.m. in the New Cassel Auditorium. Deacon Tom Schulte, an inspirational speaker throughout the archdiocese, will look back into Advents of the past in order to re-examine our longing for God. Join us for this Advent reflection as we start a new church year. Benediction will follow in the chapel. Cost is \$5. To register, call 402.390.5339.

Sing in Exultation!

A benefit concert of the Poor Clare Sisters of Omaha will be held Tuesday, December 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Christ the King Church, 654 S. 86th Street, Omaha, featuring the Frontier String Ensemble of the Omaha Conservatory of Music. Admission is free, but donations are greatly appreciated. Please click here for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$
Weekly Offering (February 7, 2011)	\$
Year- to- Date Budget Needs.....	\$
Year- to- Date Collections	\$
Shortage	\$

NO REPORT DUE TO HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



A Note from the Childcare:



There has been a lot of excitement at the childcare this month. We are thrilled to announce the opening of our Toddler Room!! It's been a very long journey but it's finally here. We want to take a moment to thank everyone that donated items, supported us, and worked so hard

on our bridge, as well as other projects needing done to ensure that we were able to open. We are all truly grateful.

The Staff has been having a blast with our new little ones. Just like our preschool, we have been doing lots of art projects and activities surrounding our focus topics for November- Family and Thanksgiving. We also celebrate the little things like National Ice Cream Sundae Day on November 11th. Everyone LOVED the ice cream!! We rounded up November with a Pizza and PJ's party on the 23rd and enjoyed some nice relaxing time with our families over the Thanksgiving holiday. Now with Advent beginning, the children will be learning all about Baby Jesus' birth, Christmas and how it's always better to give than receive. It's a magical time, for sure.

If you or someone you know is looking for a fun place to bring their toddler, preschooler or even a school ager, send them our way! We have plenty of space. Call the center at (402)731-7929. Hope to hear from you soon!

Here's hoping your holiday season is Merry and Bright!
Miss Trina and the HGCCC Staff

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:

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	

Parish News:



Advent Angels

This week St. Vincent de Paul begins their annual Advent Angels. Like last year we are sponsoring the Stephen Center and The Bethlehem House. Each advent angel tag has an item that these Centers need. We ask that you take an angel tag and purchase the item listed.

Do not wrap the items - Do attach the tag. Bring to church no later than December 18th. The gifts you give will go a long way in helping people who have very little this time of year. Thank you for sharing the gift of Christ's love.

Questions/comments: 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. 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. 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

Thursday, December 1st

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 1 P.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!!!!!!

NOVEMBER 27, 2011
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generosity has laid the foundation for important changes in low-income communities all over the United States. Through CCHD, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus' mission to "to bring good news to the poor...release to captives...sight to the blind and let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

LIGURIAN MAGAZINE

Did you sign up for *Liguorian* yet? Last week you heard a special presentation about *Liguorian* magazine. Did you return your envelope? If not, please take a minute to fill it out and drop it in the collection basket.

SCHOOL NEWS

We are very grateful at Holy Ghost for the blessings we have been given! All of our students have been participating in giving projects. We have brought canned food items and toiletries for our St. Vincent de Paul. Additionally, they have had a "Break a Rule" day for one of our graduates. Zach Kula has recently been ill and we as a school wanted to do something for his family. We wanted to get gift cards for their family to be able to go out to dinner once in a while. We thought we would maybe make \$100.00... with the generosity of our students we were able to give the family \$350.00. Again, I am amazed at the giving spirit of the Holy Ghost School and Parish.

Please join us for First Friday Adoration this Friday 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 at 7pm. We will have a musical "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" being directed by Mr. St. Claire and Miss Heimann. We would love for you to join us and see all the hard work our students have done. See you at Gross!

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
Robert Blume
Michael Warner

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....

November 28th to December 4th

Wed. Nov. 30 CCD Classes 6:30 to 7:45 pm
 Thu. Dec. 1 School Mass 8:15 am
 Football Films-Doors open at 5:00 pm
 Coach & films at 7:30 pm
 Fri. Dec. 2 School First Friday Adoration
 8:15 am
 Sun. Dec. 4 Women's Club Christmas Luncheon
 1:00 pm Social Hall

School Lunch Menu

November 28th to December 2nd

Mon. Nov. 28 Crispito Chips/Cheese, Salad,
 Mixed Fruit, Bread/ Margarine
 Tue. Nov. 29 Hamburger/Bun, French Fries,
 Pickle Slices, Peaches
 Wed. Nov. 30 Ravioli, Salad, Applesauce, Bread/
 Margarine
 Thu. Dec. 1 Steak/Cheese Sandwich, Green
 beans, Pears
 Fri. Dec. 2 Chicken Strips, Potatoes/Gravy,
 Tropical Fruit, Bread/Margarine



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 **HEINEMAN HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING, INC.** Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 28, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Carl & Mary Bystrom—Family & Friends
Tuesday, November 29, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Doug & Joyce Stevens—Mary Townley
Wednesday, November 30, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Elizabeth Benkowski—Mary Rudol
Thursday, December 1, 2011
 8:15 am †Rose Grebl—Mary & Jerry Partusch
Friday, December 2, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Saturday, December 3, 2011
 5:00 pm Parishioners
Sunday, December 4, 2011
 7:30 am †Castro/Oropeza Family—Family
 10:00 am †Richard Callahan—Jan Callahan & 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 3, 2011
 Altar Servers C. Nelsen, J. Padilla, M. Shiroyama
 EMHC D. Hurlbutt, A. Jensen, D. Martin,
 K. Smith, Deacon Sommer
 Gift Bearers J. & J. Belling
 Greeters L. McFarland, E. Morley
 Lector K. Baber
 Sacristan K. Schulte
7:30 am Sunday, December 4, 2011
 Altar Servers J. Koraleski, M. Mapes
 EMHC K. Ulrich, M. A. White, Deacon
 Leininger
 Gift Bearers C. Wiebelhaus, L. Soula, K. Tweedy
 Greeters J. Krayneski, Jr.
 Lector D. Nowak
 Sacristan M. Pavel
10:00 am Sunday, December 4, 2011
 Altar Servers C. J. & J. Newell, J. White
 EMHC C. Cogan, K. McCandless, D. Newel
 D. Steffensmeier, Deacon Schulte
 Gift Bearers L. & R. Rudol
 Greeters G. & M. Lackovic
 Lector R. Hood
 Sacristan R. & R. Sempek
 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.