

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

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ADVENT

Prepare



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December 4, 2011
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Greetings from Archbishop Lucas

Greetings in our Savior Jesus Christ.

During this holy season of Advent we remember with gratitude the time leading up to the birth of Jesus. It is a time to also remember the God-given dignity of every human person, including those waiting to be born.

The need for us to protect life in our nation has never been greater. We see that in time of a turbulent economy, abortions often rise. Fears of the cost of health care may even put our elderly brothers and sister at risk of ending their lives prematurely—or worse, having their lives ended for them.

The Archdiocese of Omaha is blessed to partner with a Catholic non-profit media apostolate called *Virtue Media*. Together, we are working to answer God's call to help countless babies, women, and families, while educating our secular culture about the sanctity of all human life.

With our prayers and financial support, *Virtue Media* is able to air powerful, life-affirming messages on popular programs that are viewed by thousands of people around Nebraska. I encourage you to view these sanctity of life TV messages at VirtueMedia.org.

Thanks to your past generosity, *Virtue Media's* compassionate and life-affirming messages have had an amazing impact right here in Nebraska. Women facing unplanned pregnancies find critical support and love, and so choose life for their babies. Many post-abortive parents find hope and healing. And thousands of families are educated about the sanctity of life, often for less than a penny per household.

I ask you now to please support this media campaign with some of the financial blessings God has given you. Pick up a *Virtue Media* envelope and make your donation now. Or, if necessary, take the envelope home and drop it in the mail this week.

Your generous donation for the life-saving work will support airing *Virtue Media* ads right here in the Archdiocese.

May God bless you for your abundant generosity and give us all courage and determination in defending the dignity of every human life, from the moment of conception to natural death.

Sincerely yours in Christ
George J Lucas
Archbishop of Omaha

In Sympathy



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

Kathy Visocky

And

Norbert Selz
(Brother of Agnes Fader)

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$6,400.00
Weekly Offering (November 20, 2011)	\$4,797.00
Year- to- Date Budget Needs	\$134,400.00
Year- to- Date Collections.....	\$111,700.50
Shortage.....	\$22,699.50

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$6,400.00
Weekly Offering (November 27, 2011)	\$5,935.00
Year- to- Date Budget Needs	\$140,800.00
Year- to- Date Collections.....	\$117,635.50
Shortage.....	\$23,164.50

Children's Collection...

The last two weeks the School children and the
CCD students collected \$17.79.

Some of their many Acts of Kindness this week are: Bella helped her sisters and helped the hungry, Mazie watched her sisters and gave Thanksgiving Dinner to the hungry, Cleo played with her dog, Rylie Helped Mom clean and played nice with her sisters, Callaghan set the table, Lucy helped pick up her room, Johnny helped dust the living room.



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: **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, 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 Dorlene Marode).**

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

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	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



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.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"How the Grinch Stole Christmas"

Wednesday, December 7th
Gross High Auditorium.
We would love to have you join us and enjoy our very own performing artists.



CHRISTMAS IN THE FOREST FRIDAY, December 9th SATURDAY, December 10 AT KNOWLES MERCY CENTER

Join us with your family and friends on Friday or Saturday. Walk into the Christmas Story, as you follow the lighted paths in the forest. Experience the manger and holy family, as individuals role-play the Christmas Story. Find the star of Bethlehem, sing carols and pray at the peace fire. End the evening with a warm cup of hot chocolate and cookies.

Pilgrimages into the Forest are every 20 minutes from 5pm to 8pm. Reservations are required.

Please call 402-359-4288

**Cost: \$5.00 per person
(Children 3 and under free)**

Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center ~
2304 Campanile Road, Waterloo, NE
Campanile Road is located 1 mile west of
264th and West Center Road

SCHOOL NEWS

PTO is having their annual Christmas Dinner. We will meet at Spaghetti Works at 6:30pm in Ralston. If you are interested in attending please call the school office to RSVP. This is an adult only evening and everyone purchases their own meal. Please join us!

A Reminder that our Christmas Program is on December 7th at 7pm in the Gross High School Auditorium. We will have a musical "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"! We would love for you to join us and see all our students hard work.

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 canned food item for the St. Vincent de Paul in lieu of gifts. Hope to 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

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 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 5th to December 11th

Mon. Dec. 5 SVDP 7:00 pm CCC
 Tue. Dec. 6 School Prayer Service 8:15 am
 PTO Dinner Spaghetti Works
 Ralston 6:30 pm
 Wed. Dec. 7 School Christmas Program 7:00 pm
 Gross High
 CCD Classes 6:30pm to 7:45 pm
 Thu. Dec. 8 NO Football Films
 Sat. Dec.10 Parish Advent Reconciliation Service
 10:00 am
 Sun. Dec. 11 Retirement Fund for Religious
 Collection

School Lunch Menu

December 5th to December 9th

Mon. Dec. 5 Meatball Sub, Carrots/Cucumber
 Slices/Dip, Peaches
 Tue. Dec. 6 Chicken Fried Steak Sandwich, Pickle
 Slices, Corn, Pears
 Wed. Dec. 7 Macho Nacho Salad, Fruit Sluchee,
 Bread/Margarine
 Thu. Dec. 8 Corn Dog, French Fries, Jello Cup,
 Pears
 Fri. Dec. 9 Hot Dog/Bun, Corn, Tropical Fruit,
 Cookie



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 **PARRA FAMILY DENTISTRY**. Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 5, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Richard Barrett—Don & Missey Vodicka
Tuesday, December 6, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Charles Soula—Barb Vala
Wednesday, December 7, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Dominic Swertzic—Family
Thursday, December 8, 2011
 8:15 am †Erma Shavlik—Betty Gentile
 6:00 pm †Don Trapp—Family & Friends
Friday, December 9, 2011
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Saturday, December 10, 2011
 5:00 pm †Loretta Riskowski—Family & Friends
Sunday, December 11, 2011
 7:30 am Parishioners
 10:00 am †Wayne & Helen Anderson—Family and Friends

Liturgical Roles

8:15 am Thursday, December 8, 2011
All School Ministers

6:00 pm Thursday, December 8, 2011

Alter Server J. & C.J. Newell
 EMHC M. Townley, L. Rudol
 Gift Bearer T. & L. Martinez
 Greeters D. & D. Ray
 Lector D. Nowak
 Sacristan R. Leininger

5:00 pm Saturday, December 10, 2011

Altar Servers C. Greve, M. Partusch, M. Rosman
 EMHC J. Belling, M. Martinez, P. Milobar
 C. Sommer, Deacon Schulte

Gift Bearers K. & V. Rosman
 Greeters C. & R. Lane
 Lector D. Ray
 Sacristan M. Partusch

7:30 am Sunday, December 11, 2011

Altar Servers C. Morrison, N. Ulrich
 EMHC K. Morrison, B. Neal, Deacon Leininger
 Greeters D. Quaiver
 Lector S. Aulner
 Sacristan R. Leininger

10:00 am Sunday, December 11, 2011

Altar Servers M. Castillo-Grant, E. Grant, M. Kain
 EMHC D. & R. Massow, C. Novacek,
 M. Risavi, Deacon Sommer

Gift Bearers T. & R. Ventenilla
 Greeters K. Curtis, A. Owens
 Lector C. Massow
 Sacristan K. Adams

Church Cleaning Crew: Crew D: L. Bridgman, R. & G. Sempek, B. & F. Wieneke, S. Mertlik