

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

Believe



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DECEMBER 18, 2011
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pastor's Corner

As John the Baptist proclaims at the River Jordan, we can only celebrate the Messiah in our lives when we go beyond ourselves to claim the needs of others as our own. In doing for others, we come to know the presence of God in our midst, a presence that we are too often too busy to realize. It is one way of preparing ourselves for the coming of Jesus.

Another very important way is receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have missed Sundays or holy days, the Church requires that one receive the sacrament before receiving the Eucharist at Christmas or any time for that matter. So place yourself in God's good graces this holy season. If you were unable to attend the parish reconciliation service, note the other opportunities offered throughout the deanery.

Have a holy Advent week by unplugging the silly lyrics of Jingle Bells and Rudolph the reindeer, and listen prayerfully to Silent Night and It Came upon a Midnight Clear....

Fr. Greg



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A Life Review Retreat

Join Sr. Ann Marie Petrylka, OSM and Mary Eileen Andreasen at the St. Benedict Center in Schuyler, Nebraska January 6-7, 2012 to examine the spiritual questions of mid-life. January is an excellent time to look back and look forward in faith. There will be presentations, discussions, plenty of quiet time, great food and Mass with the monks. Make a New Year's resolution to follow the path of Christ more closely during the coming years. For more information, contact meandreasen@newcassel.org or 402.390.5339. This retreat is sponsored by New Cassel Retirement Center.

Rest in Peace

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

Valerie & Juliet Potter
(Nieces of Veronica & Ken Rosman)
and
Leo Selz
(Brother of Agnes Fader)

*Advent Penance Service
Schedule for Our Deanery*

St. Stanislaus	Sun Dec. 18	1pm
St. Mary	Tues. Dec. 20	7pm
Holy Cross	Tues. Dec. 20	7pm

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$6,400.00
Weekly Offering (December 11, 2011)	\$6,238.00
Year- to- Date Budget Needs	\$153,600.00
Year- to- Date Collections.....	\$128,995.50
Shortage.....	\$24,604.50

Children's Collection...

This week the School children and the CCD students collected \$1.00.

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: **William Ludemann, Denise Williams, Kenneth Minardi, Amy Fitzgerald, Shirley Kerkman, Mary Ann Barrett, Mary Lou Mass, Joseph Restivo, Bob Broich, Walter Fischer, Bernyce Paltani, Zach Kula, Dwain Mathews, Agnes Fader, Anna Travis, Dolores McKenzie, Stanley Kantor, Joann Stoltenberg, Mary Lou Mass, Waymon Caron, Ed Machacek, Polzin, Pat Makara, Kathleen ("Kit") Stanesick, Harry Olsen, 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	Agnes Kolar
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	Charles Skokan	

Advent Angels



ADVENT ANGELS ARE DUE THIS WEEKEND. THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE AND YOUR GIFT OF CHRIST'S LOVE.



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



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

Separation or Divorce Care

Separation or Divorce is among life's most painful experiences. If you are going through separation or divorce or know someone who is, learn about our special DivorceCare group. It is a place to find help and encouragement.

DivorceCare, a 13 week video seminar and support group for people experiencing divorce and separation will be held on Monday evening beginning January 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 at St. Leo the Great, 1920 North 102 St. [corner of 102 & Blondo].

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression", "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness"

Pre-registration is requested. The cost is \$20.00 and includes the seminar workbook.

For more information, contact: Pat Seier, Family Life Office, Widowed, Divorced & Separated Ministry Coordinator, 402-557-5514 or paseier@archomaha.org.

SCHOOL NEWS

During this time of year it is easy to forget the meaning of Christmas and the many people in our community with needs. As a school we work hard to teach our students that Christmas is not about getting the newest toys or most fashionable clothes. We as a school have also been working on giving to those who are less fortunate than us. This is why we have a birthday party for the Baby Jesus. To remind students that Christmas is about our Saviors birth and giving to others not getting for yourself. If you would like to share this message with us please join us in celebrating with us 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!

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



Liturgical Roles

4:00 pm Saturday, December 24, 2011

Altar Servers E. Ryder, M. Washington, K. Partusch
EMHC D. Newell, V. Rosman, J. Belling,
P. Milobar, Deacon Schulte
Gift Bearers M., C., & K., Martinez
Greeters L. Dyer, K. Heinen
Lector J. Hon
Sacristan M. Partusch

Midnight Saturday, December 24, 2011

Altar Server Deb Ray
EMHC K. Tweedy, Deacon Leininger
Lector T. Riskowski
Sacristan R. Leininger

7:30 am Sunday, December 25, 2011

Altar Servers N. Ulrich, J. Widhalm
EMHC M. A. White
Gift M. & P. Makara
Greeters D. Quaiver
Lector L. Merica
Sacristan K. Ulrich

10:00 am Sunday, December 25, 2011

Altar Servers M. Kain, S. & A. Slizoski
EMHC R. Drexel, C. Colgan, L. Rudol,
S. Rudol, Deacon Aulner
Gift Bearers D. & M. Mendoza
Greeters B. & G. White
Lector K. Baber
Sacristan K. Schulte
Church Cleaning Crew: Crew B: C. Colgan,
M. Dunbar, J. Alessandro



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 **THOMPSON ROOFING**. Please show your support to them.

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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 19, 2011

6:45 am Morning Prayer
7:00 am †John Lewandoski—Family & Friends

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

6:45 am Morning Prayer
7:00 am †Lucille Julis—Family

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

6:45 am Morning Prayer
7:00 am †Ronald Rydberg—Ed Machacek

Thursday, December 22, 2011

6:45 am Morning Prayer
7:00 am †Carl & Mary Bystrom—Family & Friends

Friday, December 23, 2011

6:45 am Morning Prayer
7:00 am Communion Service

Saturday, December 24, 2011

4:00 pm †Dennis & Amy Jo Rewolinski—Geri
Rewolinski & Family
Midnight †Mr. & Mrs. James Conrad & Mr. & Mrs.
Lewis Bobell—Joe & Lois Conrad

Sunday, December 25, 2011 *Merry Christmas*

7:30 am Parishioners
10:00 am †Mike Milobar—Bingo Buddies



Weekly Schedule....

December 19th to December 25th

Mon. Dec. 19 SVDP CCC 7:00 pm
Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Tue. Dec. 20 School Prayer Service 8:15 am
Advent Party 2:00 pm
Wed. Dec. 21 NO SCHOOL—
Back to School Jan. 3rd
NO CCD CLASSES
Sat. Dec. 24 Christmas Vigil 4:00 pm
Midnight Mass 12:00 am
Sun. Dec. 25 *Merry Christmas*
Masses at 7:30 am and 10:00 am

School Lunch Menu

December 19th to December 23rd

Mon. Dec. 19 Cheeseburger/Bun, French Fries,
Peaches, Cookie
Tue. Dec. 20 Crispito Chips/Cheese, Salad, Fruit
Slushee, Bread/Margarine