

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



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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**JANUARY 1, 2012 THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY
OF THE LORD, MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD**



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

January 1 is the oldest celebration of Mary in the Catholic Church. The custom of honoring the Virgin on the first day of the New Year originates in the sixth century, when her celebration was tied to the octave day of Christmas, the eighth day after December 25. In doing so, ancient preachers would remind their congregations about the role that Mary played in the history of salvation. Jesus was born of a woman, and so, as Eucharistic Prayer 4 states, "Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary, he shared our human nature in all things but sin." The human nature of Christ is rooted in his being born like us. As we round out the Christmas celebration with its Octave Day on January 1, we venerate the woman who gave birth to Him.

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

Weekly Offering Needs\$6,400.00
 Weekly Offering December 25, 2011\$6,867.00

Year- to- Date Budget Needs.....\$166,400.00
 Year- to- Date Collections.....\$142,025.50
 Shortage..... \$24,374.50

CHRISTMAS.....\$10,715.00

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....\$6,400.00
 Weekly Offering December 18, 2011\$6,163.00

Year- to- Date Budget Needs.....\$160,000.00
 Year- to- Date Collections\$135,158.50
 Shortage\$24,841.50

Children's Collection...

The last two weeks the School children and the CCD students collected \$6.00
 Some of their many Acts of Kindness are: Cody helped his Mom make breakfast; Haley helped wrap presents.

Church Renovation

\$100.00 In Loving Memory of John Krayneski, Sr.
 from John Krayneski, Jr.
 \$100.00 In Loving Memory of Maxine Podwinski
 from John Krayneski, Jr.

School Renovation

\$50.00 In Loving Memory of Walter M. Rudol, Sr.
 from Larry Rudol



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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: **Shirley Miller, Marie Torczon, George Kurlmel, Charles Tostenon, 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 Doralene 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 | 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 | |

Parish News



The Business Office will be closed on January 2nd to observe the New Year Holiday. We will be in the office to serve you till the end of the day on Friday, December 30th and back on the 3rd. It is our wish that you have 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, JANUARY 13TH
SOCIAL HALL
4:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

Reminder
Candles In the back of Church are \$4.00



May the Lord grant peace and consolation to the family of:
Lillian Dworak
(Mother of Connie Novacek)



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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ADDITION TO THE 2011
CHRISTMAS FLORAL FUND

IN MEMORY: DONOR:
Elizabeth Benkowski Brenda & Don Tylkowski

Theology of the Body Training

On February 11, 2012, the Archdiocese will be offering a training session called Theology of the Body for Teens. While this program is excellent for assisting parents, teachers and catechists with chastity education, familiarizing ourselves with Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body can help us to see both the physical and spiritual aspects of the sacraments, to understand why good music is necessary for the liturgy, to understand the humanity and divinity of Jesus Christ, and to more fully comprehend our eternal destiny. This is why the training session is valuable for both the married and unmarried, as well as those in marriage prep, for catechists for kindergarten to adults, for parents, for clergy, and even for liturgists. Please click here for the registration flyer. Scholarships are available. Please contact Peter Kennedy with any questions at pekennedy@archomaha.org or 402.557.5610.



Happy New Year from the staff and students at Holy Ghost! We pray that 2012 will be a blessed year for you! School will be back in session on January 4th. See you then!

We have lots of great happenings coming very soon! Catholic Schools week will be here before you know it. We will begin with a Pancake Breakfast kickoff. Please join us for a fabulous breakfast in the Social hall on January 29th.

Also, we have begun accepting registrations for the 2012 Game on! Please see the website for more details or contact Johna Belling to register. It is a lot of fun! From the funds we raised last year we were able to purchase 17 new computers with more energy efficient monitors!

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....

January 2nd to January 8th

Mon. Jan. 2 Office Closed
 Tue. Jan. 3 SVDP 7:00 pm CCC
 Wed. Jan. 4 Back to School
 CCD Classes 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm
 Thu. Jan. 5 Football Films doors open at 5:00 pm
 and films start at 7:30 pm
 Fri. Jan. 6 First Friday Adoration 8:15 am

School Lunch Menu

January 4th to January 6th

Wed. Jan. 4 Hot Dog/Bun, Green Beans, Mixed
 Fruit, Animal Crackers
 Thu. Jan. 5 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Pota
 toes/Gravy, Pears, Bread/Margarine
 Fri. Jan. 6 Sloppy Joe, Pickle Slices, Broccoli/
 Cheese, Apple Sauce



Church Support



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 LANSKYS. Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 2, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Tuesday, January 3, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Edna Collins—Susan Peffer
Wednesday, January 4, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Phyllis Mains—Family
Thursday, January 5, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Hubert De Martetaere—Marjorie Caron
Friday, January 6, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Saturday, January 7, 2012
 5:00 pm †Richard Barrett—Bernard & Peggy Nownes
Sunday, January 8, 2012
 7:30 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, January 7, 2012
 Altar Servers C. Christensen, E. Clausen, C. Nelsen
 EMHC D. Martin, M. Martinez, L. Rudol,
 K. Smith, Deacon Sommer
 Gift Bearers C. & A. Gann
 Greeters K. Heinen, P. McIntosh
 Lector C. Sommer
 Sacristan M. Pavel
7:30 am Sunday, January 8, 2012
 Altar Servers C. Morrison, N. Ulrich
 EMHC R. Leininger, M. A. White,
 Deacon Aulner
 Gift Bearers K. & T. Ulrich
 Greeters D. Quaiver
 Lector S. Aulner
 Sacristan T. Aulner
10:00 am Sunday, January 8, 2012
 Altar Servers J. Kaczmarek, M. Kain, M. Ta
 EMHC C. Colgan, R. Drexel, D. Newell,
 C. Cogan, Deacon Schulte
 Gift Bearers S. & M. Morford
 Greeters B. & G. White
 Lector L. Merica
 Sacristan K. Schulte
 Church Cleaning Crew: Crew D: L. Bridgman, R. & G.
 Sempek, B. & F. Wieneke, S. Mertlik

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.