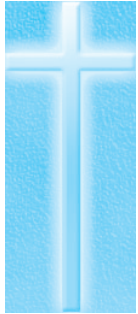


HOLY GHOST

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)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:30 - 5:00 pm
Please feel free to call and make an appointment to celebrate this sacrament.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples are to make arrangements with the parish priest at least six months prior to the intended date. Must also be registered in the parish for at least six months prior to the wedding and attend a marriage pre-session. Please call the parish office for more information or to make an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you wish to have your child baptized, please call Deacon Tim Leininger for details. Baptism is held on the last weekend of the month (at 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday or the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday) unless you make special arrangements. We encourage you to schedule the Baptism even before the baby is born. You must be registered in the parish for at least three months prior to the Baptism. Baptism classes are the first Sunday of each month at 9:00 AM in the Rectory Lower Level. Adults interested in joining the Catholic Faith should call Deacon Tom Schulte.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS

Anyone interested in the Priesthood or Religious Life, please call Fr. Greg at the Parish office or Fr. Paul Hoelsing at the Chancery Office, 558-3100.

HOMEBOUND/HOSPITAL VISITS

If you, a family member, or someone you know, is ill, homebound or hospitalized, who would like to receive the Eucharist please call the Parish Office at 731-3176.

CHILD CARE CENTER

Three and four year old program and before and after school child care.

PRIEST

Rev. Gregory Benkowski..... Pastor

DEACON COUPLES

Deacon Tom & Kathy Schulte 731-3599
Deacon Paul & Jackie Eubanks 932-8533
Deacon Andy & Chris Sommer 733-9430
Deacon Al & Terri Aulner 734-4557
Deacon Tim & Ruth Leininger 731-7474

TRUSTEES

John Martinez Chuck Morrison

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Brenda Tylkowski..... Business Manager
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Bill McDowall..... Men's Club

Ash Wednesday

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FEBRUARY 19, 2012
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pastor's Corner

Next Wednesday we begin the season of Lent with our Ash Wednesday services at 8:15 AM and 6:00 PM. Please note below, the Fast and Abstinence regulations that the Church requires. Let this be a season of prayer, fasting and repentance. There will be many opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Check the bulletin for deanery wide communal services as well. The Holy Ghost Reconciliation service is March 10th at 10:00 AM.

Thanks to the Men's Club and many non-MC members who helped with the pre-Lenten fish fry. As always the "Codfather" Tony Widhalm does a fine job with fried/baked fish and shrimp. In addition to serving we always need help at the end of the evening cleaning up. It's a long season but one which helps build community spirit at Holy Ghost! Have a good week,
Fr. Greg

Lent Begins February 22nd

The Lenten Season for 2012 begins with Ash Wednesday. The Lenten fast and abstinence regulations are printed below: The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason :

- A) Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat, and should fast on Ash Wednesday and each Friday in lent.
- B) Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Hence, on those days they should eat only one meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times on those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of ones 59th birthday.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these minimal penitential practices.



Rest in Peace

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

Msgr. Cyril Werner
and
James Hiykel

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$6,400.00
Weekly Offering (February 12, 2012)	\$6,078.00
Year- to- Date Budget Needs.....	\$211,200.00
Year- to- Date Collections	\$179,373.50
Shortage	\$31,826.50

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

4 week Friends & Family Program

Weekly groups offering education and conversation about substance abuse for the family and friends of those suffering from addiction

This group:

- Is free and open to anyone in the community (15 and older) who has a loved one with an addiction
 - Will help you learn to provide support to your loved one without enabling their addiction
 - Will meet Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 PM starting April 17th and running through May 8th
 - At St. Leo Catholic Church, 1920 North 102nd Street
- For more information contact Liz at (402) 829-3525



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: **Kathy Sanden, George Lacroix, Tom Kosiske, Rob Kastl, Kathleen Johnson, Bernard Convey, Kenneth Minardi, Peg Sykora, Paula Jensen, Penny Julian, Margaret Tostenson, Jim Alessandro, Lois Huse, Marie Torczon, Charles Tostenson Sr., Clara Latzel, Vera Halac, Zach Kula, Kathleen ("Kit") Stanesick, Clarence Matya (Brother of Dordene Marode), Shirley Kerkman (Mother of Jodi May), Kristin Schultz (Niece of Johna Belling), Norbert Steffensmeier (Uncle of Duane Steffensmeier), Marcia Hanson (Sister of Marita Grebl), Rick Lacroix (Son of Joyce & George Lacroix).**

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

Hattie Smith	Dordene Marode	Jerry Shavlik
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	

Children's Collection...

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

Some of their many Acts of Kindness this week are: Seth got a good report card.

Church Renovation

\$25.00 Memorial for Frank Stoysich

Fr. Elmer Endowment Fund

\$10.00 In Memory of Elaine Cunningham (from John Cunningham)

Parish News:

Men's Club Fish Fry

Friday, February 24th
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
In the Social Hall.

Then every Friday during Lent with the exception of Good Friday.

Menu

- Shrimp Dinner: \$8.50
 - Baked Cod Dinner: \$8.50
 - Fried Cod Dinner: \$8.50
 - Combo Dinner: \$9.50
 - Macaroni & Cheese Dinner: \$6.50
 - (Senior's 60+ & children under 12 - \$1.00 discount)
 - Clam Chowder: \$3.00
 - Bowl of Mac and Cheese: \$3.00
 - Desserts: \$1.00
- Dinners include: baked potato, salad/slaw, fruit bar, bread & butter & drink
(No substitutes) & (Takeouts available)

Black and Indian Collection

Next Sunday, our Parish will take up the annual Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Our financial contribution helps to support Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American evangelization programs particularly in the south. Let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection with generous hearts. For more information, go to www.blackandindianmission.org.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS



SOUTH HIGH ALUMNI SPAGHETTI DINNER

The South High Alumni Association will sponsor their Seventeenth Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 4:00—7:30 pm at the South Omaha Sokol Hall, 21st & U Street. Tickets are \$8.00.

Blest Art

On the weekend of Feb. 18th & 19th Blest Art will be visiting our parish after all Masses to display hand-carved olive wood religious art made by Catholics in the Holy Land. Your purchase of these beautiful items will help support Catholic families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem, and help them to continue to earn a living in the land of Christ's birth. Visit Blest Art's Web site at www.BlestArt.org to preview the art that will be available.



Please pray for our loved ones who are currently serving our Country:

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| Sean Byers | Michael J. Baker | Timothy Robertson |
| Timmy Riskowski | Gary Smith | Jacob Aulner |
| Jim White | Andrew Steffensmeier | Mike Pihlgren |
| Nick Burton | Nick Lokamas | Daniel Homan |
| Kevin Kersey | Denise Pohl | Allen M. Novotny |
| Bryan Mass | Suzie Homan | Joseph M. Vickers |
| Dane Flott | Stephen Gonifas | Tim Gouger |
| Ty Campbell | Becky White | Michael Warner |
| Justin M. Vickers | Michael Aulner | Robert Blume |

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Nick Ulrich, who was awarded the Angelo Roncalli Scholarship on Wednesday, January 15th, 2012. In attendance during this very prestigious honor were Tom and Kathy Ulrich (Nick's parents), Father Greg, and Mrs. Martin. Great job Nick! We are all so proud of you!

I frequently think that I am so lucky to get to work in such a fabulous place. I love the people of Holy Ghost, our families, and our students. I was again reminded on Saturday night why I am so fortunate... our Game On fundraiser was a HUGE success. I would like to thank Tom Schulte for all his hard work and efforts to facilitate this spectacular evening filled with food, fun, laughter, and fellowship. There are so many others to thank and I do not want to forget anyone so to everyone who helped in some fashion... THANK YOU!!!!!! We could not have had such a extraordinary evening without you.

We have begun accepting registration for the 2012 - 2013 school year for all grades. Please contact Mrs. Martin for a tour or if you would like any information.

NEW!!! We have begun collecting Bag n Save Receipts. Please bring them in and place them in the basket at the back of church. They can also be put in with any of the other items that you help us collect. :-)) We are still collecting clean Land O Lake caps, 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 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....

February 20th to February 26th

Mon. Feb. 20 NO SCHOOL
 SVDP Meeting 7:00 pm RLL
 Wed. Feb. 22 ASH WEDNESDAY
 Masses at 8:15 am & 6:00 pm
 Thu. Feb. 23 Fish Fry Prep 6:00 pm SH
 Fri. Feb. 24 Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm
 Fish Fry 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm SH
 Sat. Feb. 25 First Reconciliation 9:00 am
 First Communion Rehearsal
 Sun. Feb. 26 Rite of Election at 10:00 am Mass
First Communion 12:30 pm

School Lunch Menu

February 20th to February 24th

Mon. Feb. 20 NO SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S DAY
 Tue. Feb. 21 Eggs, Sausage, Tri Potatoes, Blue
 berry Muffin
 Wed. Feb. 22 Cheese Ravioli, Salad, Apple Sauce,
 Bread/Margarine
 Thu. Feb. 23 Hot Dog/Bun, Corn, Pineapple,
 Animal Crackers
 Fri. Feb. 24 Cheese Pizza, Green Beans, Tropical
 Fruit



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 **OVERHEAD DOOR**. Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 20, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Richard Barrett—Pat Beatry
Tuesday, February 21, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Joseph L. Burghardt—Mira Burghardt
Wednesday, February 22, 2012 ASH WEDNESDAY
 8:15 am †Tim Mixan—Betty Bartman
 6:00 pm †Norma Jean O'Donnell—Neil O'Donnell
Thursday, February 23, 2012
 7:00 am †Teckla Grzebielski—Family & Friends
Friday, February 24, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Saturday, February 25, 2012
 5:00 pm †Ronald Ryberg—Ed Machacek
Sunday, February 26, 2012
 7:30 am †Harriet Zagozda—Bob & Grace Kosiskl
 10:00 am Parishioners
 12:30 pm **First Communion**

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, February 25, 2012
 Altar Servers H. Gann, N. Leutzinger, M. Shiroyama
 EMHC K. Adams, J. Belling, K. Sheldon,
 K. Smith, Deacon Schulte
 Gift Bearers A. & C. Gann
 Greeters L. McFarland, S. White
 Lector J. Hon
 Sacristan M. Partusch
7:30 am Sunday, February 26, 2012
 Altar Servers D. Colgan, R. Hood
 EMHC L. Rudol, K. Tweedy, Deacon Sommer
 Gift Bearers D. & P. Nowak
 Greeters J. Kraineski, Jr.
 Lector C. Sommer
 Sacristan K. Ulrich
10:00 am Sunday, February 26, 2012
 Altar Servers L. Gaytan, S. & A. Slizoski
 EMHC C. Cogan, R. Drexel, K. Morrison,
 D. Newell, Deacon Leininger
 Gift Bearers H. & A. Slizoski
 Greeters D. & D, Ray
 Lector C. Massow
 Sacristan P. Milobar
 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.