

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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MARCH 4, 2012
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Pastor's Corner

Next weekend is the parish Reconciliation service. It's important to receive the Sacrament at least once a year per Church law; but more importantly, to become renewed in spirit as we prepare for Holy Week and the Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. We will have three priests here to welcome you in the Sacrament. If you cannot attend here, do so in one of the neighboring parishes. Those times/dates will appear in future bulletins.

Last week the school parents received a letter regarding future cooperation between the Catholic schools. In an effort to be proactive during the ongoing Meitler school study, we have decided that our current Principal, Mrs. Martin, will also be principal of Sts. Peter and Paul. We strengthen ourselves by sharing personnel/staff and other materials. I'm sure Mrs. Martin will do a fine job bringing us together. Keep in mind however, that this plan is contingent on the number of students that will re-register in both schools for the upcoming school year. No contracts will be signed until we have a better sense for those enrollment numbers. Let's keep all in our prayers as we continue our journey in searching for what's best for ongoing Catholic education in our area. Have a holy Lenten week,
Fr. Greg



Come out and see national Catholic recording artist Donna Cori Gibson in her "Way of the Cross" concert tour! Tickets are only \$5 each! All concerts start at 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 11th: Sts. Peter & Paul Church, 36th & X Streets, Omaha; Tickets can be purchased at the church and Spirit Catholic Radio's Omaha Studios at 13326 A Street.

Thursday, March 15th: St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 11802 Pacific Street, Omaha; Tickets can be purchased at the church, Spirit Catholic Radio's Omaha studios or Omaha Catholic bookstores: Adoremus Books, Cosgrave's and Gloria Deo Catholic Bookstore.

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$6,400.00
Weekly Offering (February 26, 2012)	\$4,817.00
Year- to- Date Budget Needs.....	\$224,000.00
Year- to- Date Collections	\$189,520.50
Shortage	\$34,479.50

Children's Collection...

This week the School children and the CCD students collected \$3.55
Some of their many Acts of Kindness this week are: Cody cleaned his room.

SEVEN DEADLY SINS & SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

During the Lenten season, we follow the tradition of the Church in preparing our hearts for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We undertake different fasting and penitential practices to free ourselves from the bondage of sin and to begin anew with Easter.

One way you can honor your Lenten journey and to fully live the reason for Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection is to join in a study of a new Program at Holy Ghost Parish called "Seven Deadly Sins & Seven Lively Virtues." Occurring during the Octave of Easter and presented by the Author and Host of the new Catholicism Series, Father Robert Barron on DVD, the program focuses on the reason for Christ's actions on our behalf in the events of Holy Week and Easter.

By reflecting on the Seven Deadly Sins and how these gravely sinful habits manifest themselves in our lives, we can come to a deeper understanding of what Jesus asks of us as disciples as he prepares us to go and "Teach the Nations" during the Octave of Easter. In this study, Father Barron also offers the Seven Lively Virtues, which correspond to each deadly sin and gives us a practical means to avoid sin and grow in holiness, thus making us teachers to others in our lives as disciples.

For more information on the Study, or to sign up to participate in this wonderful call to life as a disciple of Christ; contact Deacon Tim Leininger at 402.731.7474. The study will run from 7 to 9p.m., Thursdays starting April 12th and run thru May 24th. Registration is \$20 for Materials.



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: **Pat Makara, Larry Kuhl, Zigmund Chrostek, Kathy Sanden, George Lacroix, Tom Kosiske, Rob Kastl, Kathleen Johnson, Bernard Convey, Kenneth Minardi, Peg Sykora, Paula Jensen, Penny Julian, Margaret Tostenson, Jim Alessandro, Marie Torczon, Charles Tostenson Sr., Clara Latzel, Vera Halac, Zach Kula, Kathleen ("Kit") Stanesick, Clarence Matya (Brother of Dornene Marode), Shirley Kerkman (Mother of Jodi May), Kristin Schultz (Niece of Johna Belling), Norbert Steffensmeier (Uncle of Duane Steffensmeier), Rick Lacroix (Son of Joyce & George Lacroix), William Buckingham (Grandfather of Travis Washington).**

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

Hattie Smith	Dornene 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	Charles Skokan

Parish News:

Men's Club Fish Fry

Friday, March 9th, 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)

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

HOLY GHOST RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Saturday March 10th
10:00 am

ROSARY

The Rosary is said every Sunday morning at
9:30 just before the 10:00 Mass.

Girls Select Basketball Tryouts Marian JR Crusaders

For girls who are interested in attending Marian.

At Marian High School —

4th, 5th and 6th grade 6:30-8:30 PM- Monday
March 5th

7th and 8th grade 6:30-8:30 PM- Wednesday
March 7th

For more info and to preregister please visit
www.leaguelineup.com/marianjrcrusaders



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

Lois Huse

BLEST ART

Please stop by the Social Hall today and visit the display
of beautiful hand-carved religious art from the Holy Land.
Blest Art sells these items to support Catholic families in Beth-
lehem and the surrounding villages. Your support is neces-
sary to help these families to remain in the land of Christ's
birth.

The Holy Family Shrine

Presents: John Dorman from St. Robert's Parish in concert
Sunday, March 11 at 7:30pm. Come enjoy sacred music
while in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Reception
will follow the concert - freewill donation to benefit the
Shrine. 23132 Pflug Rd. in Gretna - 402-332-4565 -
www.hfsgretna.org



Congratulations to Christopher Bayliss who last Thurs-
day received his First Holy Communion, what a wonder-
ful accomplishment in his life, pray for Christopher as he
continues his journey in our faith.

Join us this Friday for First Friday Adoration starting at
8:15a.m. it is a great time of prayer that our students
2nd - 8th grade participate and we would love for you
to come and pray with us as well.

The School will have Stations of the Cross in the church
every Friday during Lent starting at 2:30 p.m., please
join us. Also, please mark your calendar to join us at
2:15p.m. for Living Stations of the Cross on March 28th.
It is always a powerful way to begin the Holy Week we
hope you will be able to participate.

We have many of our middle-school students that are
helping with the Parish Fish Fry's each week. Come and
join us for dinner from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the
Social Hall each Friday during Lent (exception of Good
Friday) and have our students assist you with carrying
your trays, serving you your soft drinks or even bussing
your table.

We continue to accept registrations 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 Re-
ceipts, now until April 15, 2012. Please bring them in
and place them in the school's 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 gallon caps, Campbell UPC codes,
Our Family UPC codes and Box Tops for Education.
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....
 March 5th to March 11th*

Mon. March 5 Men's Club 7:00 pm SH
 SVDP Meeting 7:00 pm RLL
 Tue. March 6 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm TL
 Wed. March 7 Parish Council 7:00 pm RLL
 Thu. March 8 School Mass 8:15 am
 Eucharistic Exposition and
 Adoration 9:00 am to 6:30 pm
 Benediction at 6:30 pm followed
 by Stations of the Cross
 Fish Fry Prep 6:00 pm SH
 Fri. March 9 Stations of the Cross 2:30 pm
 Fish Fry 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm SH
 Sat. March 10 Parish Reconciliation Service
 10:00 am
 Sun. March 11 RCIA First Scrutiny

*School Lunch Menu
 March 5th to March 9th*

Mon. March 5 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/
 Gravy, Mixed Fruit, Bread/Margarine
 Tue. March 6 Hot Dog/Bun, Corn, Peaches, Apple/
 Cinnamon sticks (chips)
 Wed. March 7 Chili Cheese Fries, Salad, Pears, Bread/
 Margarine
 Thu. March 8 Ravioli, Corn, Apple Sauce, Roll/Margarine
 Fri. March 9 Macaroni & Cheese, Shrimp Poppers,
 Green Beans, Grapes



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 **KELLY'S CARPET**. Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 5, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Robert Szymanski—Family & Friends
Tuesday, March 6, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Lois Conrad—Robert & Judith Wickert
Wednesday, March 7, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Donald Yechout—Dasovic Family
Thursday, March 8, 2012
 8:15 am †Lucille Julis—Family
Friday, March 9, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Saturday, March 10, 2012
 5:00 pm Parishioners
Sunday, March 11, 2012
 7:30 am †Dominic & Helen Swertzic—Family
 10:00 am †Walt Rudol—Mary Rudol

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, March 10, 2012

Altar Servers K. & M. Allen, J. Padilla
 EMHC J. Belling, M. Martinez, V. Rosman,
 K. Smith, Deacon Aulner
 Gift Bearers L. & M. Dyer
 Greeters L. McFarland, P. McIntosh
 Lector J. Hon
 Sacristan K. Adams

7:30 am Sunday, March 11, 2012

Altar Servers D. Colgan, D. Ray
 EMHC K. Morrison, M. A. White,
 Deacon Leininger
 Gift Bearers M. & P. Makara
 Greeters D. Quaiver
 Lector S. Aulner
 Sacristan C. Colgan

10:00 am Sunday, March 11, 2012

Altar Servers M. Castillo-Grant, E. Grant,
 M. Washington
 EMHC R. Drexel, J. & K. Koraleski,
 R. Sempek, Deacon Sommer
 Gift Bearers M. & R. Murphy
 Greeters G. & B. White
 Lector T. Washington
 Sacristan T. Aulner

Church Cleaning Crew: Crew A: G. Balkus,
 H. Whitney, J. Kelly

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.