

# 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

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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### Pastor's Corner

These days with school shootings again in the news, we're flooded with articles on the epidemic of bullying all around us. True, this incident in Ohio was a random act and not specifically related to bullying, it still merits our attention. The gospel calls the church to take responsibility in reducing physical and emotional violence in our midst. For many the thought of bullying prompts images of playground fights. But that is far too limited a view. Bullying occurs in the classroom, workplace, homes, even nursing homes. Experts say it even happens in parishes! We can define bullying as intentional, repeated, hurtful acts, words or other behaviors. It can be physical (hitting, or damaging possessions), verbal (name calling or taunting), emotional (threatening) or social (spreading rumors, gossip, or silent treatment). Internet bullying has become the most vicious trend in this kind of cruelty. Web pages, email, blogs, online photos provide an easy, instantaneous way to threaten victims. What I've experienced here over the years could be called "congregational" bullying. It's the act whereby individuals threaten to leave or withhold services if a decision is contrary to their wishes. They may withhold contributions, or attempt to dominate parish meetings, or engage in ridicule of a person or decision. Both the Old and New Testaments are full of examples of bullying, none of them taken lightly. In the Hebrew Scripture, recall the story of Joseph's brothers bullying him, and the guilt they later felt for doing it. Recall the constant bullying of Jesus in the Passion story. In each case, a group relying on its physical superiority to harm the other. None of this is consistent with our duty to love one another or treat our neighbors as ourselves. Maybe another Lenten resolution we might adopt, is to fight against this tendency to behave this way and instead, "love one another as I have loved you." Have a good week,  
Fr. Greg

Next week our parish will take up **The Catholic Relief Services Collection**. The Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. **How will you help?** Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Service Collection and **Jesus in disguise**.

### Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$6,400.00
Weekly Offering (March 4, 2012) .....	\$6,986.50
Year- to- Date Budget Needs.....	\$230,400.00
Year- to- Date Collections .....	\$196,507.00
Shortage .....	\$33,893.00

### Children's Collection...

This week the School children and the CCD students collected \$8.50. Some of their many *Acts of Kindness* this week are: Johnny cleaned the house; Lucy swept the kitchen floor.

### Deanery Reconciliation Services

St. Bernadette	March 6th	7:00 pm
Holy Ghost	March 10th	10:00 am
St. Thomas More	March 29th	7:00 pm
Holy Cross	April 3rd	1:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes	April 3rd	1:30 & 7:00 pm
St. Mary	April 3rd	7:00 pm
Sts. Peter & Paul	No Date or Time set	
St. Stanislaus	No Date or Time set	

### BLEST ART

Blest Art wishes to thank everyone who generously supported the struggling Catholic families of the Holy Land through the purchase of hand-carved olive wood religious art last weekend. If you were not able to visit their display, you can still help by ordering from their website at: [www.BlestArt.org](http://www.BlestArt.org).



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

Jerome Broich  
(Uncle of Marita Grebl)



### 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, Merle Baker, Sean Murphy, Bernard Convey, Larry Kuhl, Zigmund Chrostek, Kathy Sanden, George Lacroix, Tom Kosiske, Rob Kastl, Kathleen Johnson, 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 Dorlene 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	Dorlene 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
Theresa Mitera	Lena Hughes	

## Parish News:

### Men's Club Fish Fry

Friday, March 16th, 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)

**Ladies, please donate a baked good for the Fish Fry's on Friday.**

Drop off during the day in the social hall

### "Ladies Night Out"

Save the date, Saturday-April 21st. Join us for the "Jungle Love" party. Start thinking of a costume.

Dinner, drinks, games, prizes & dancing....for all ladies of the parish & friends....Girls only, all ages welcome.

### June Jamboree

**\$1.00 Raffle Tickets are on the table in the back of Church. Please pick up a raffle ticket envelope and write down the number of the envelope along with your name on the sign in sheet on the table. Sell them as soon as possible and return the money to the Business Office or drop in the collection basket at Mass.**

**Harley Raffle Tickets are also on sale. You can check out Harley Tickets to sell in the back of church this weekend after all Masses. Stop by and see Frank Barone and he will get you set up. Just take the tickets, sell them and turn the money back in to the Business Office as soon as possible.**



**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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### 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 9 pm. Thursdays starting April 12th and run thru May 24th. Registration is \$20 for Materials.

### SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to the Lady Jays 3rd and 4th Grade Basketball team!!!! The ladies have won 1st place in their league play and 2nd place in the CYP tournament. We are so proud of all your hard work and how well you played this year!!!! Go Lady Jays!

Congratulations to the following art contest winners! We are so proud of all of you!!!! Oh Beautiful Nebraska Art Contest 2nd Grade Grand Prize Winner- Benter Mock, 2nd Place Winner Johnny Kaczmarek, and Kindergarten 2nd Place Laura Ruzicka. "Bring Our Missing Children Home Poster Contest" honorable mention Haley Gann, Zoey Huckins, and Justin Kaczmarek. A BIG thank you, too to Mrs. Knott. She is the reason our students do so well in Art!

MEITLER STUDY UPDATE: Last week the Archdiocese sent out a news release stating that they have pushed back the dates of our next discussion from March 13th and 14th and moved them to May 7th and 8th. We feel this is a very good sign that they are looking at all of our feedback and our proposal with careful consideration. Continue to pray for our school and for all the schools involved and that decisions they make are of benefit to our students and staff.

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.

Blessings,  
Dana Martin



**PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Holy Ghost Rectory .....731-3176  
 Fax .....738-1409  
 Religious Education Office.....731-3176  
 School Office.....731-5161  
 School Fax number.....731-5174  
 Child Care Center .....731-7929  
 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 12th to March 18th*

Tue. March 13 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm TL  
 Wed. March 14 CCD Classes 6:30pm to 7:45 pm  
 Women's Club 7:00 pm RLL  
 Fish Fry Prep 6:00 pm SH  
 Thu March 15 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  
 Fri. March 16 School Stations 2:30 pm  
 Fish Fry 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
 Sat. March 17 Josephine & Charles Jensen Baptism  
 2:00 pm  
 Catholic Relief Services Collection  
 Sun. March 18 Cinnamon Roll Sunday  
 RCIA Second Scrutiny  
 Catholic Relief Services Collection

*School Lunch Menu  
 March 12th to March 16th*

Mon. March 12 Chicken & Noodles, Corn, Tropical  
 Fruit, Bread/Margarine  
 Tue. March 13 Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/  
 Gravy, Pears, Bread/Margarine  
 Wed. March 14 Egg Patties, Sausage Patties, Tri-  
 Potato, Cinnamon Roll  
 Thu. March 15 Orange Chicken on Fried Rice, Egg  
 Roll, Fruit Slushee  
 Fri. March 16 Mozzarella Bread Sticks, Salad,  
 Peaches, Cottage Cheese



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 **B. & B. CONCRETE**. Please show your support to them.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 12, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Lillian Grimm-Family & Friends  
**Tuesday, March 13, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Richard Barrett—Bernard & Peggy Nownes  
**Wednesday, March 14, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Rita Dworak—Paul & Jackie Eubanks  
**Thursday, March 15, 2012**  
 8:15 am †Don Williams— Bob & Grace Kosiski  
**Friday, March 16, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am Communion Service  
**Saturday, March 17, 2012**  
 5:00 pm †Ray & Bernice Marshall—Family  
**Sunday, March 18, 2012**  
 7:30 am Parishioners  
 10:00 am †Amy Jo, Dennis, & Joe Rewolinski—Family

*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 17, 2012**  
 Altar Servers J. Noordam, M. Rost, M. Shiroyama  
 EMHC D. Hurlbutt, K. Sheldon, D. Tamayo  
 M. Townley, T. Schulte  
 Gift Bearers M. & B. Drewel & L. Fonfara  
 Greeters K. Heinen & S. White  
 Lector K. Baber  
 Sacristan R. Leininger  
**7:30 am Sunday, March 18, 2012**  
 Altar Servers N. Ulrich, J. Widhalm  
 EMHC R. Leininger, K. Tweedy,  
 Deacon Leininger  
 Gift Bearers B. & B. Kocanda  
 Greeters J. Krayneski, Jr.  
 Lector T. Riskowski  
 Sacristan K. Ulrich  
**10:00 am Sunday, March 18, 2012**  
 Altar Servers J. Kaczmarek, C. Tangeman, J. White  
 EMHC R. Hood, R. & D. Massow,  
 K. McCandless, Deacon Pickett  
 Gift Bearers T. & R. Ventenilla  
 Greeters D. & D. Ray  
 Lector T. Sobczyk  
 Sacristan G. & R. Sempek  
 Church Cleaning Crew: Crew B: J. Alessandro,  
 C. Colgan, M. Dunbar, C. Sommer

**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.