

# 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

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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**MARCH 25, 2012**  
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### Pastor's Corner

The recently released film, "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" is the story of one boy's search for understanding and healing in the wake of the tragedy of 9/11. In the film, eleven-year-old Oskar searches to find the secret of a key his father left behind after his death on 9/11. During his search Oskar meets all kinds of people who greet him with smiles, tears, hugs and prayers. In the course of his search, Oskar begins to understand that he is not alone in his grief and fear, and that others have suffered losses as great and painful as his. As he slowly lets go of his fears he takes the first step in discovering that he is capable of loving and being loved. It was his dad's last challenge for his son--enabling Oskar to carry on by himself, showing his son how to move beyond the worst day of his life, knowing much better ones will follow. In the film, Oskar is very much like the seed in today's gospel. Oskar learns that life demands change, risk and a certain amount of "dying" to our fears, despair and sense of self; but if he, and we, are willing to risk loving and allowing ourselves to be loved, Jesus promises us the harvest of the Gospel wheat. In our willingness to nurture healing and forgiveness with our openness to God's grace and the compassion of others, there will always be new beginnings, second chances. Only by loving is love returned, only by reaching out beyond ourselves do we learn and grow. And, only by giving to others do we receive and rise to new life.

Have a holy Lenten week,  
Fr. Greg

### The Catholic Relief Services Collection

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your generosity will help reunite families, teach valuable life skills to those seeking a better life, and meet the vital humanitarian needs of many people. Please visit [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) to learn how your donations are making a difference.

### Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$6,400.00
Weekly Offering (March 18, 2012) .....	\$4,634.55
Year- to- Date Budget Needs.....	\$243,200.00
Year- to- Date Collections .....	\$206,485.55
Shortage .....	\$36,714.45

### Children's Collection...

This week the School children and the CCD students collected \$4.00

Some of their many Acts of Kindness this week are: Rachel helped her Mommy in the school Library; Sarah helped her Mommy in the school library; Quinten unloaded the dishwasher; Grace helped Mommy in the library.

### Renovation

\$2.00 from Grace Pohl

### Deanery Reconciliation Services

St. Thomas More	March 29th	7:00 pm
St. Stanislaus	April 1st	1:00 pm
Sts. Peter & Paul	April 2nd	7:00 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes	April 3rd	1:30 & 7:00 pm
Holy Cross	April 3rd	1:00 pm
St. Mary	April 3rd	7:00 pm
St. Adalbert	April 4th	1:30 pm

### WATCH SPECIAL HOLY WEEK AND EASTER PROGRAMMING ON EWTN.

Join EWTN in remembering Christ's love for us through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. During Holy Week and Easter, EWTN brings you special programming and live Easter Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Watch EWTN on (local channel information). For more information visit [www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com).



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

Nita Shaw

### 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: **Patty Graham, Ken Micek, Patty Randone, Pat Makara, Sean Murphy, Bernard Convey, Larry Kuhl, Zigmund Chrostek, Kathy Sanden, Tom Kosiske, Kenneth Minardi, Peg Sykora, Margaret Tostenon, Jim Alessandro, Marie Torczon, Charles Tostenon Sr., 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), Judy Miltner (Aunt of Dana Martin).**

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
Lena Hughes	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		

## Men's Club Fish Fry

Friday, March 30th, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
In the Social Hall.

**Our last Fish Fry for the season**  
(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"

Saturday-April 21st. Join us for the "Jungle Love"  
party. Dinner, drinks, games, prizes & dancing....for all la-  
dies of the parish & friends....Girls only, all ages welcome.  
Dinner prices are: \$12:00 adults, \$6:00 under 12. Call Cindy  
Liss at 734-1985 or Mary Townley at 734-0589 to purchase  
tickets. No tickets sold at the door.

## 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 bas-  
ket at Mass. **Harley Raffle Tickets** are also on sale. Contact  
Frank Barone 206-6319, Ron Massow 734-5165 or you may  
stop by the Business Office during regular office hours for  
tickets. Sell your tickets ASAP and return the ticket stub and  
money to the Business Office. Tickets are \$20 for one or three  
for \$50.

## HOLY GHOST FAMOUS CHICKEN DINNER

Friday – April 13th, 4 – 8 PM

4 pc Dinner \$10

2 pc Dinner \$7

2 pc Chicken Strip meal \$4

4 pc Chicken Strip meal \$6

(Includes mashed Potato/Gravy, Vegetable, Roll, Pop)

Take Outs Available

**\*\*Bring your Family, invite your Friends\*\***

## Holy Week Schedule

**Holy Thursday, April 5th** 7:00 pm Mass with  
Adoration immediately following until 10:00 pm

**Good Friday, April 6th** 12:00 Stations of the Cross  
1:00 pm Scriptural Stations of the Cross & Rosary  
3:00 pm Good Friday Service- Passion of the Lord

**Holy Saturday, April 7th** 9:00 am Blessing of  
Easter Food 8:30 pm Easter Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday, April 8th** Masses at 7:30 am,  
10:00 am, and 11:30 am

## SCHOOL NEWS



Congratulations to the  
following Serra Club win-  
ners for this year: Kathryn  
Partusch, Nick Ulrich,  
Emma Ryder, Colin Nelsen,  
Joseph Noordam, and  
Kayla Allen. This is an out-  
standing award given to  
the most committed stu-  
dents for their assistants in  
the celebration of the  
Eucharist. Thank You for  
all that you do.

Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be this Sunday,  
March 25th at 11 am in the school gym. We hope you  
will all be able to join us. It is a fun family activity that  
happens rain or shine because it is indoors! There will be  
food, games, and the children always have so much fun!  
Please join us for Living Stations of the Cross on Wednes-  
day March 28th at 2:15pm. It is a powerful way to  
prepare for Easter and our students work very hard to  
prepare for this traditional performance. We would  
love to have you participate with us!

Our Dollar Raffle is under way. Our students can earn  
prizes and the possibility of days off. Please contact the  
school office with any questions you may have.

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 Receipts,  
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 Educa-  
tion. We are no longer collecting the Hy-Vee receipts,  
that promotion has ended. Thanks so much to everyone  
who contributes to our school in this way.

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  
Lexi Oropeza

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 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**

*Weekly Schedule....*

*March 26th to April 1st*

Mon. March 26 Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
 Wed. March 28 Living Stations 2:15 pm  
                   CCD Classes 6:30 to 7:45 PM  
                   Fish Fry Prep 6:00 pm SH  
 Thu. March 29 Eucharistic Exposition and  
                   Adoration 9:00 am to 6:30 pm  
                   Benediction at 6:30 pm followed  
                   by Stations of the Cross  
                   Parent Teacher Conference  
                   1:30 pm to 8:00 pm  
                   School Closed—Quarter Break  
 Fri. March 30 School Closed —Quarter Break  
                   Fish Fry SH 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm  
 Sat. March 31 Bread Bake SH Selling after Mass  
                   Kyler McShane Baptism 1:00 pm  
 Sun. April 1 **Palm Sunday**  
                   Blessing and Distribution of Palms  
                   Bread for sale after all Masses SH

*School Lunch Menu*

*March 26th to March 29th*

Mon. March 26 Spaghetti/Meatballs, Corn on the  
                   Cob, Apple Sauce, Bread/Margarine  
 Tue. March 27 Turkey Noodle Soup, Turkey Cheese  
                   Wrap, Fresh Pears  
 Wed. March 28 Chicken Pattie/Bun, French Fries, Pickle  
                   Slices, Peaches, Fruit Slushee  
 Thu. March 29 Crispito, Chips/Cheese, Salad, Orange  
                   Slices, Cookie



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 **CABINET FACTORY OUTLET** Please show your support to them.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, March 26, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Sterling Flott—Vince & Myra Amenta  
**Tuesday, March 27, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Deacon Jerome Leininger—Holy Ghost Church  
**Wednesday, March 28, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Magdalene Topping—Family  
**Thursday, March 29, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Frank Kolar—Family & Friends  
**Friday, March 30, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am Communion Service  
**Saturday, March 31, 2012**  
 5:00 pm †Frank Stoysich—Family & Friends  
**Sunday, April 1, 2012 Palm Sunday**  
 7:30 am †Teckla Grzebieski—Family & Friends  
 10:00 pm 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, March 31, 2012**  
 Altar Servers E. & E. Clausen, K. Partusch  
 EMHC J. Belling, C. Colgan, M. Martinez,  
                   M. Townley, Deacon Leininger  
 Gift Bearers V. & K. Rosman  
 Greeters L. McFarland, P. McIntosh  
 Lector T. Riskowski  
 Sacristan M. Partusch  
**7:30 am Sunday, April 1, 2012 Palm Sunday**  
 Altar Servers N. Ulrich, J. Widhalm  
 EMHC K. Tweedy, M. A. White, Deacon Picket  
 Gift Bearers D. Quaiver, C. Wiebelhaus  
 Greeters A. Thompson  
 Lector T. Washington  
 Sacristan R. Leininger  
**10:00 am Sunday, April 1, 2012 Palm Sunday**  
 Altar Servers M. Washington, M. Kain, M. Savine,  
                   H. Hendry  
 EMHC N. Washington, K. & J. Koraleski,  
                   D. Steffensmeier, Deacon Schulte  
 Gift Bearers K. Morrison, K. Heinen  
 Greeters G. & M. Lackovic  
 Lector T. Sobczyk  
 Sacristan K. Schulte  
 Church Cleaning Crew: Crew D: L. Bridgman,  
                   R. & S. 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.