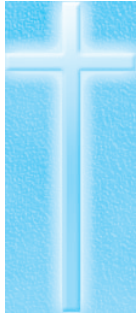


HOLY GHOST

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.

**APRIL 15, 2012 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**

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
(email: BusinessManager@holyghostomaha.org)
Rita Scheiding..... Bulletin Editor & Secretary
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Ellie Morley..Director of Religious Education/Liturgist
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Bill McDowall..... Men's Club

HOLY GHOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Dana Martin..... Principal
Marita Grebl..... Secretary
Nikki Washington..... School Board
Julie Popok..... PTO
Chad Gann Athletic Director
(chad74@cox.net)..... 953-6950

CHILD CARE

Trina Hensley 731-7929

PARISH COUNCIL

Travis Washington..... President
Tony Widhalm..... Vice-President
Lacey Merica Secretary
Diane Quaiver Michelle Martinez
Grant Hon Mike Philbrick
John Cunningham Kim Morrison

BULLETIN NOTICES AND INSERTS DUE

Monday, no later than 8:30 am for notices. All inserts for the bulletin MUST be into the Business office no later than 8:00 AM on **WEDNESDAY** mornings to be inserted into that weeks bulletin.



Pastor's Corner

St. Thomas is the focus of our gospel passage this weekend. Sometimes he gets a bad rap since the most we remember about him is that he was the "doubting Thomas" of Scripture. He just wouldn't believe until he could put the fingers of his hands into Jesus' wounds. He was a man who needed proof, "hard facts." Then don't we all? So we can't be too harsh on Thomas. Who among us hasn't at some time in our life doubted God's presence? We have 2000 + years of history and tradition to build upon. All Thomas had was the hard reality that one of his best friends was dead and he didn't know where to turn. Our gospel challenges us to accept the fact that there is a bit of Thomas in each of us. Let's pray that we can in faith truly say as Thomas eventually did, "Jesus, you are my Lord and my God."

Have a happy Easter week!
Fr. Greg

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs..... \$6,400.00
 Weekly Offering (April 1, 2012) \$5,670.65
 Year- to- Date Budget Needs..... \$256,000.00
 Year- to- Date Collections \$217,679.20
 Shortage \$38,320.80

Children's Collection...

This week the School children and the CCD students collected \$3.35.

Some of their many Acts of Kindness this week are: Sarah helped Dad clean trees; Grace helped Mom clean house; Quinten helped Dad clean out building.

Riskowski Scholarship Fund

\$20.00 Slizoski Family
 \$2.00 Joe Belling

(Joe found a \$2.00 bill and wanted to donate it to school)

Camp Fun & Faith 4th Annual Fundraising Dinner & Silent Auction!

Saturday, April 21,

5:00 p.m. Social Hour and 6:00 p.m. Dinner
 New Building at the Pro Sanctity Retreat Center & Camp
 11002 N. 204th St. Elkhorn, NE.

Come and see the good things God has done! Tickets are only \$20/adult, \$10/child with a family rate of \$60. Honor those who have helped you on the road to holiness by submitting a tribute to them. Let others be inspired by them, too! (Tributes will be printed in the program, and you may submit them even if you are unable to attend.) \$30/quarter-page, \$60/half-page, \$100/full-page. Download registration card or pay online at www.prosanctity.org. Call or email Monica 402-553-4418, camp@prosanctity.org for more information. Support camp development, spend time with your family, and grow in your faith, all in one entertaining night!

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs..... \$6,400.00
 Weekly Offering (April 8, 2012) \$5,229.25
 Year- to- Date Budget Needs \$262,400.00
 Year- to- Date Collections \$222,908.45
 Shortage \$39,491.55

EASTER COLLECTION \$7,429.88

Children's Collection...

This week the School children and the CCD students collected \$10.00

Some of their many Acts of Kindness this week are: Cleo played with her sisters; Bella cleaned the kitchen; Rylie fed the dog.

Renovations

\$100.00 In memory of Ed Torczon
 (Lori & Jerry Brennan)
 \$100.00 In memory of John Krayneski, Sr.
 (from John Krayneski, Jr.)

PORK DINNER

The Notre Dame Sisters and Associates are sponsoring a Pork Dinner at St. Philip Neri Activity Center on Sunday, April 29th, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The price is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children 10 years and under. Drinks and dessert is included in the price of the dinner. There will also be kolaches for sale. This is sponsored to help with the retirement fund for the Notre Dame Sisters.



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: **Marcus Calmer, Joe Hallett, Shirley Hallett, Mary Risavi, Rita Graybill, Kenneth Minardi, Frances Hassman, Wally Fisher, Skylar Riskowski, Patty Graham, Ken Micek, Patty Randone, Pat Makara, Zigmund Chrostek, Kathy Sanden, Peg Sykora, Margaret Tostenon, Marie Torczon, Charles Tostenon Sr., Vera Halac, 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), William Buckingham (Grandfather of Travis Washington), Judy Miltner (Aunt of Dana Martin) Clayton Broich (Uncle of Marita Grebl).**

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		

June Jamboree

The June Jamboree is only a few weeks away. We really need to get going and start gathering items together for the booths. You can bring your items to the rectory during business hours.

\$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. Contact Frank Barone 541-6667, 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.

Harley Raffle Ticket Sales at Sam's Club

Help is needed to sell tickets at Sam's Club on
April 21st and April 28th
From 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
and
May 19th and May 26th
From 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

We are in great need of ticket sellers at these shows. Please give Ron Massow a call and sign up to help. They have done many shows without any or little help. If you sign up for a hour or two we could cover all the hours. **If we don't get help we will have to cancel the shows. Please!!! Please!!! Please!!!**
Help

Ladies Night Out Tickets On Sale In Back Of Church After All Masses

Easter Flower Fund Continued

In Memory of:

Walter Rudol
Rita & Ed Dworak
Ed & Maine Smith
Koraleski/Parys Families

Donor:

Mary Rudol
Their Children
Rita Tomes
Jerry & Kathy Koraleski

Special Intentions

Kathy Piksa



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

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

Please pray for our 8th Graders as they receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will celebrate Wednesday evening at 6pm. Congratulations 8th graders!

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. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are now available for the 2012 - 2013 school year, contact the school office for more information.

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 Education. 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

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....

April 16th to April 22nd

Mon. April 16 SVDP Meeting 7:00 pm RLL
 Tue. April 17 School Prayer Service 8:15 am
 School Board Meeting 7:00 pm TL
 Wed. April 18 **CONFIRMATION 6:00 PM**
 NO CCD CLASSES
 Lansky Pizza Night 4 pm to 9 pm
 Thu. April 19 School Mass 8:15 am
 7 Deadly Sins, 7 Lively Virtues Series
 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm SH
 Fri. April 20 Women's Club 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm SH
 Sat. April 21 Ladies Night Out Dinner 6:00 pm
 (Social Hall reserved all day
 to decorate)
 Sun. April 22 Cinnamon Roll Sunday

School Lunch Menu

April 16th to April 20th

Mon. April 16 Macaroni & Cheese, Corn Dog
 Nuggets, Pears, Mixed Fruit
 Tue. April 17 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Green Beans,
 Apple Sauce, Bread/Margarine
 Wed. April 18 Teriyaki Chicken, Egg Roll, Broccoli,
 Orange, Fortune Cookie
 Thu. April 19 Crispito, Chips/Cheese, Salad, Pears,
 Bread/Margarine
 Fri. April 20 Sub Sandwich, Chips, Carrots and
 Cucumber Slices, Fruit Slushee



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 **KORISKO/LARKIN/STASKIEWICZ FUNERAL HOME** Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 16, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Donald Yechout—DasovicFamily
Tuesday, April 17, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Frank Stoylich, Sr.—Family & Friends
Wednesday, April 18, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †James Wilger—Mary K. & David Smith
Thursday, April 19, 2012
 8:15 am †Harriett Zagozda—Bob & Grace Kosiski
Friday, April 20, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Saturday, April 21, 2012
 5:00 pm †Lucille Julis— Family
Sunday, April 22, 2012
 7:30 am †Daniel Swinarski—Family
 10:00 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, April 21, 2012

Altar Servers J. Noordam, E. Ryder, M. Savine
 EMHC K. Adams, M. Martinez, T. Padilla,
 M. Partusch, Deacon Sommer
 Gift Bearers K. & V. Rosman
 Greeters S. & G. White
 Lector C. Sommer
 Sacristan K. Schulte

7:30 am Sunday, April 22, 2012

Altar Servers J. Koraleski, M. Mapes
 EMHC T. Aulner, B. Neal
 Gift Bearers M. & P. Makara
 Greeters D. Quaiver
 Lector T. Sobczyk
 Sacristan M. Pavel

10:00 am Sunday, April 22, 2012

Altar Servers M. Castillo-Grant, E. Grant, C. Greve
 EMHC C. Cogan, C. Novacek, M. Risavi,
 S. Rudol, Deacon Leininger
 Gift Bearers C. & R. Lane
 Greeters R. Hood, E. Morley
 Lector T. Riskowski
 Sacristan G. & R. Sempek
 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. ~Thank you