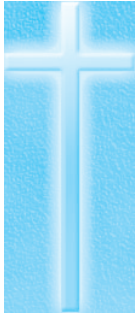


HOLY GHOST

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

Eighteen months to 3 year toddler program, three and four year old program, and before and after school child care. Summer care is also available.

APRIL 22, 2012
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRIEST

Rev. Gregory Benkowski..... Pastor

*We Welcome our
Newly Confirmed*



*Kayla Allen
Lexi Bobier
Emma Clausen
Carly Fonfara
Ashley Gladden
Hazel Larsen
Christopher Newell
Colin Nelsen
MaKenzie Opfer
David Ostblom
Kathryn Partusch
Cole Proksel
Madalynn Ray
Hayley Siedlik
Nicholas Ulrich
Natalie Zamora
RCIA:
Kevin Morley*



Pastor's Corner

Congratulations to our newly confirmed last week. Having been sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the parish now anticipates your ongoing commitment to the faith through greater involvement with the Church. This is not a one-time event, but a life long journey of building the community by sharing your gifts with others. Thanks to those who prepared them both in school and in CCD. Thanks to the seventh-graders for sponsoring the breakfast and to the choir for enhancing our worship.

I have one more thought on our experience of Holy Week. These "high holy days" are the apex of our spiritual journey during the liturgical year. I find it confusing, and saddening, that the Church is filled to capacity at Ash Wednesday services, but the numbers during Holy Week (as well as for Holy Days of Obligation) are meager. Folks really miss out on the most powerful of our liturgies when not attending Holy Thursday, Good Friday or the Easter Vigil. The Lenten journey is incomplete without concluding these six weeks celebrating the Triduum. Do consider this challenge when next Holy Week arrives!

Have a good 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 15, 2012)	\$4,384.30
Year- to- Date Budget Needs.....	\$268,800.00
Year- to- Date Collections	\$227,292.75
Shortage	\$41,507.25

Children's Collection...

This week the School children and the CCD students collected \$9.00

Some of their many *Acts of Kindness* this week are: Rachel helped her Mom unload the dishwasher; Quinten helped his Dad clean the out building; Sarah helped Mom plant flowers; Lucy helped with dishes; Johnny helped move rocks in the flower bed; Bella shared her Birthday gifts; Cleo helped Rylie; Mazie was patient with her sisters; Rylie took care of her dog.



DIVORCE CARE

Separation or Divorce is among life's most painful experiences. If you are going through separation or divorce or know someone who is, learn about our special DivorceCare group. It is a place to find help and encouragement.

DivorceCare, a 13 week video seminar and support group for people experiencing divorce and separation will be held on Monday evening beginning May 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 at St. Patrick's in Gretna, 508 Angus Street, Gretna.

DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression", "New Relationships," "KidCare" and "Forgiveness"

Pre-registration is requested. The cost is \$20.00 and includes the seminar workbook.

For more information, contact: Pat Seier, Family Life Office, Widowed, Divorced & Separated Ministry Coordinator, 402-557-5514 or paseier@archomaha.org.

"All Praise be Yours, My Lord, through All that You Have Made," a one-day retreat with Sister Elizabeth Fuhr, OSF, May 5, 2012, 10 AM, Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler. Imaginative Scriptural prayer and contemplation will help us grow in reliance upon God, even in difficult times, and join Saint Francis and all creation in giving "all praise and all thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ." Program fee: \$ 30. Lunch is available at the Center for \$ 9.76 (includes tax). For more information call (402) 352-8819 or email Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com

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: **Irene Butts, Faith Rost, David Dragon, Marcus Calmer, Joe Hallett, Shirley Hallett, Mary Risavi, Kenneth Minardi, Frances Hassman, Wally Fisher, Skylar Riskowski, Ken Micek, Patty Randone, Pat Makara, Kathy Sanden, Peg Sykora, Margaret Tostenson, Marie Torczon, Charles Tostenson 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), James Short (Father of Dave Newell).**

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
Mari Ann Wilke	Grant Flott	Theresa Mitera
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:

Harley Raffle Ticket Sales at Sam's Club

Help is needed to sell tickets at Sam's Club on
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

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.

APRIL 22, 2012
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION

A warm meal or an extra bag of groceries to make ends meet are just some of the hunger-related services provided by Catholic Charities, the service arm of our diocese. Their food pantries serve people from all walks of life in the Omaha area, and they rely on donations from the community to continue this service. If you have food on your own table, you are blessed, so please be generous in the Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation drive-for-dollars on April 28/29 at our Parish. There will be Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation envelopes available for you to use.

GROSS CATHOLIC

Jr. Cougar Football Sign-up

3rd-8th graders in 2012-13 school year
are encouraged to play!

Thur., April 19th & 26th 6pm -8pm @ Gross

Thur., May 10th & 24th 6pm-8pm @ Gross

Cost: \$100 for 1 player/ \$145 for 2 players

NOTE : PRICE WILL INCREASE TO \$120 & \$165
AFTER MAY 31ST

Contact Tim Johnk for information at 734-2000
or johnk@gcgmail.org

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Kathryn Partusch and Nick Ulrich who were named the 2012 Girl and Boy of the Year. We are so proud of all your accomplishments and know you will go on to be wonderful adults. Blessings!

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Woodman of the World Speech Contest on Thursday April 12, 2012. 8th Grade Hazel Larsen, Kathryn Partusch, Nick Ulrich 7th Grade Emma Ryder, Maya Shiroyama, Sam Slizoski, 6th Grade Emmanuel Grant, Anna Slizoski, Mazie Washington 5th Grade Haley Gann, Nathan Leutzinger, Catie Tangeman. Our winners were Kathryn and Catie. They will represent us on April 17th at St. Matthews in Bellevue. Congratulations to all of our winners!!!!!!

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.

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 or Bag and Save receipts, those promotions have ended. Thanks so much to everyone who contributes to our school in this way.

Blessings,
Dana Martin



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

Ida Flott



**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 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 23rd to April 29th

Tue. April 24 School Prayer Service 8:15 am
 Wed. April 25 CDD Classes 6:30 to 7:45 pm
 Thu. April 26 School Mass 8:15 am
 7 Deadly Sins, 7 Lively Virtues
 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm RLL
 Sat. April 27 Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation
 Collection at Mass
 Sun. April 28 Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation
 Collection at both Masses

School Lunch Menu

April 23rd to April 27th

Mon. April 23 Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Peaches,
 Apple/Cinnamon Stick (Chips)
 Tue. April 24 Eggs, Sausage, Tri-Potato, Cinnamon
 Roll, Oranges
 Wed. April 25 Burrito/Cheese, Salad, Tropical Fruit,
 Cookie
 Thu. April 26 Chicken Fried Steak, Mashed Potatoes/
 Gravy, Fruit Slushee
 Fri. April 27 Hot Ham & Cheese Wrap, Parmesan
 Noodles, Cucumber slices/Broccoli,
 Banana

PLEASE LET US STOP AND THINK WHAT WE WEAR TO CHURCH. IT IS NOT APPROPRIATE TO WEAR SHORT SHORTS, TANK TOPS, HOLY JEANS OR SHORTS, OR LOW CUT TOPS TO CHURCH. DRESS LIKE YOU ARE GOING OUT FOR A NICE DINNER. Thank You



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 **FRANK STOYSICH MEATS**. Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 23, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †John Lewandowski—Family & Friends
Tuesday, April 24, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Magdalne Topping—Family
Wednesday, April 25, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Lois Conrad—Mike & Pat Makara
Thursday, April 26, 2012
 8:15 am †Teckla Grzebielski—Family & Friends
Friday, April 27, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Saturday, April 28, 2012
 5:00 pm Parishioners
Sunday, April 29, 2012
 7:30 am †Don Williams—Bob & Grace Kosiski
 10:00 am †Tim Mixan—Paul & Jackie Eubanks

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 28, 2012

Altar Servers E. Clausen, H. Gann, M. Rost
 EMHC J. Belling, M. Townley, K. Smith,
 D. Tamayo, Deacon Schulte
 Gift Bearers C. & A. Gann
 Greeters D. & D. Ray
 Lector J. Hon
 Sacristan M. Pavel

7:30 am Sunday, April 29, 2012

Altar Servers N. Ulrich, J. Widhalm
 EMHC C. Colgan, R. Leininger,
 Deacon Aulner
 Gift Bearers P. & D. Nowak
 Greeters K. Morrison
 Lector S. Aulner
 Sacristan K. Ulrich

10:00 am Sunday, April 29, 2012

Altar Servers S. Mock, C. Tangeman, M.
 Washington
 EMHC R. Drexel, K. McCandless, D. Newell,
 N. Washington, Deacon Sommer
 Gift Bearers M. & L. Dyer
 Greeters G. & B. White
 Lector T. Washington
 Sacristan T. Aulner

Church Cleaning Crew: Crew D: L. Bridgman
 S. Mertlik, R. & G. Sempeck, B. & F. Wieneke

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.