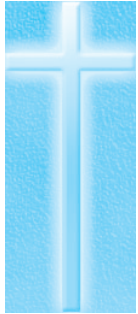


HOLY GHOST

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 week-end 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.

MAY 6, 2012
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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
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Bill McDowall..... Men's Club

HOLY GHOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Dana Martin..... Principal
Marita Grebl Secretary
Nikki Washington..... School Board
Julie Popek..... 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

Abiding in Christ is at the heart of who we are and how we live. When Jesus says in the gospel today, "I am the vine you are the branches" He is proclaiming the true secret of life. There is nothing as important as our union with Christ. We draw life from Jesus as the branch draws its life from the vine. If we try to live any part of our lives outside of our union with Jesus, we're heading down a dead end road. We sin when we think that we only have to bring Christ into parts of our lives, and that we can leave him out of other parts of our life. That is illusion, sin. Let's pray that we realize that Jesus is the true vine and apart from Him we can't be fulfilled.

This week we welcome Fr. Quinlan from Cross International. He brings a wealth of experience in dealing with those in need. Please support him in whatever way you can.

Have a good week,
Fr. Greg

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

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| Weekly Offering Needs..... | \$6,400.00 |
| Weekly Offering (April 29, 2012) | \$5,532.00 |
| Year- to- Date Budget Needs..... | \$281,600.00 |
| Year- to- Date Collections | \$237,482.75 |
| Shortage | \$44,117.25 |

Children's Collection...

This week the School children and the CCD students collected \$6.00
Some of their many Acts of Kindness this week are: Lucy helped clean the house; Johnny cleaned his room.

PRO SANCTITY'S CAMP FUN & FAITH 2012

Pro Sanctity's Camp Fun & Faith 2012 "Day and Overnight" Camp is celebrating 21 years of God's goodness and providence with this year's theme: RACE TO HEAVEN: RUN SO AS TO WIN!!

This local Catholic camp for girls in preschool to high school offers a safe environment for them to grow in their faith and enjoy fun activities (crafts, games, swimming, theater, prayer, Mass, saints, music...) with other girls their age. The camp is sponsored by the Apostolic Oblates and the Pro Sanctity Movement. It is located at 11002 N. 204th Street, Elkhorn, NE 68042—4 1/2 miles north of Maple on Highway 31.

Camper registration began March 1st: Camp dates: June 11-15; Overnight Jr. High Camp: June 18-22; Overnight Camps: June 25-29; July 2-6; July 9-13; July 16-20.

There are also volunteer opportunities available. Please visit www.prosanctity.org/campfunfaith for camp forms or contact Joan at camp@prosanctity.org or (402)553-4418.

St. Peregrine May Gathering

Saturday, May 19

9:30 a.m. Gathering in Chapel

9:45 a.m. Prayer and Presentation

11:00 a.m. Mass with Sacramental

Anointing of the Sick

12:00 p.m. Luncheon in Servite Center

Sr. Marie Micheletto RSM, invites us to celebrate the lives of our loved ones who have passed through this life, and to remember those of us who are presently dealing with cancer. Sr. Marie reminds us that we humans are like tea bags, we don't know our strength until we are in hot water. We are invited to give thanks for the blessings hidden in our challenges and the support we experience in community. It is a special time of input, sharing and support for those suffering from cancer and other serious illnesses and for those who serve as their caregivers. There is no cost for this gathering. RSVP is encouraged to Sr. Zita by May 10.

7400 Military Avenue, Omaha NE 68134
Sr. Zita Sharrow, OSM, St. Peregrine Ministry
(402) 951-3054 E-mail: stperegrine@osms.org
www.osms.org

St. Peregrine is the patron saint of all who suffer from cancer and other serious illnesses.



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: **Peggy Pine, Adrian Gaytan, Christy Ogden, Chris Kerwin, 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, 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), 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:

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| 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 |

Harley Raffle Ticket Sales at Sam's Club

Help is needed to sell tickets at Sam's Club on
May 12th and May 19th
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 at 402-612-5069 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

Sunday, June 3, 2012

The June Jamboree is only a few weeks away. We really need to get going and gather items 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 them in the collection basket at Mass. **Please**, we need these turned in so the ladies can get them taken care of before the last week. **Thank You**

Harley Raffle Tickets are 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.

Along with the raffles there are many other things to do the day of the Jamboree. There will be rides, food, beer garden, bingo, cake walk, and many fun games for the whole family to enjoy on the midway.

Travis Washington is always looking for more help for the day of the June Jamboree. If you have a couple of hours that you can give please call Travis at 402-968-0988. It takes a lot of people to make this a fun and successful day.

HOLY GHOST FAMOUS CHICKEN DINNER

May 11th
Holy Ghost Social Hall
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Holy Ghost Holiday Boutique
October 20th
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

We are looking for crafters and home based businesses to participate!
\$35.00 per table

Please contact:
Julie Popek 402-319-1517
or Carrie Kaczmarek 402-734-2722
To register!

SCHOOL NEWS

Please pray for our 8th Graders as they are preparing for their graduation. We are so proud of all they have done while they have been at Holy Ghost and pray they will have a successful transition as they move into their high school experience. Kayla Allen- Gross, Emma Clausen-Gross, Hazel Larsen- Ralston, Colin Nelsen- Gross, Kathryn Partusch- Gross, and Nick Ulrich- Roncalli. Congratulations class of 2012.

We still have space available in our Summer Extravaganza we will have Vacation Bible School, Hands On Fun Learning, and Sports Camp all rolled into one during the week of June 11th - 15th. Please call the school office for more information or to register we are excited for more students to join us.

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



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
 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....

May 7th to May 13th

Mon. May 7 Men's Club Meeting 7:00 pm SH
 SVDP 7:00 pm RLL
 Choir Practice 7:00 Church
 Tue. May 8 School Prayer Service 8:15 am
 School Board 7:00 pm TL
 Wed. May 9 CCD Classes 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm
 Women's Club Meeting 7:00 pm RLL
 Parish Council Meeting 7:00 pm SH
 Thu. May 10 School Mass 8:15 am
 7 Deadly Sins, 7 Lively Virtues
 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm RLL
 Fri. May 11 **HOLY GHOST CHICKEN DINNER**
4:00 PM TO 8:00 PM SH
 Sat. May 12 5:00 Mass and 8th Grade Banquet
 Sun May 13 *Happy Mother's Day*
 Charles Robinson Baptism 9:00 am

School Lunch Menu

May 7th to May 11th

Mon. May 7 Track and Field day
 Please Bring a sack lunch
 Tue. May 8 Ravioli, Salad, Pears, Roll/Margarine
 Wed. May 9 Macho Nacho, Green Beans, Peaches,
 Cake
 Thu. May 10 Chicken Nuggets, Potatoes/Gravy,
 Tropical Fruit, Bread/Margarine
 Fri. May 11 Hamburger/Bun, Pickle Slices, French
 Fries, Pears



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 **AMERICAN GLASS**. Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 7, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Carl & Mary Bystrom—Family & Friends
Tuesday, May 8, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Nate Bryl—Ron & Carol Patten
Wednesday, May 9, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Frank Kolar—Family & Friends
Thursday, May 10, 2012
 8:15 am †Lillian Grimm—Family & Friends
Friday, May 11, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Saturday, May 12, 2012
 5:00 pm Parishioners
Sunday, May 13, 2012
 7:30 am †Joseph L. Burghardt—Mira Burghardt
 10:00 am †Kelli Patocka—Family & Friends

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, May 12, 2012

Altar Servers C. Greve, N. Leutzinger, J. Padilla, EMHC D. Martin, C. Novacek, M. Risavi, Steve Rudol, Deacon Leininger

Gift Bearer School Gift Bearers
 Greeters R. & C. Lane
 Lector School Lector
 Sacristan R. Leininger

7:30 am Sunday, May 13, 2012

Altar Servers N. Ulrich, M. Washington
 EMHC K. McCandless, K. Ulrich, Deacon Pickett

Gift Bearers D. & P. Nowak
 Greeters D. Quaiver
 Lector T. Washington
 Sacristan M. Pavel

10:00 am Sunday, May 13, 2012

Altar Servers Z. Huckins, C. Tangeman, J. White
 EMHC C. Cogan, R. Drexel, T. Padilla, K. Smith, Deacon Schulte

Gift Bearers T. & L. Martinez
 Greeters L. Dyer, B. White
 Lector J. Hon
 Sacristan G. & R. Sempek

Church Cleaning Crew: Crew B: C. Colgan, M. Dunbar
 Jim Alessandro

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.