

# 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



*Happy Mother's Day*

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**MAY 13, 2012**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## *Deacon's Corner*

Americans have been celebrating Mother's Day officially on the second Sunday of May since 1914, when the untiring advocacy of a woman from West Virginia named Anna Jarvis finally persuaded President Woodrow Wilson to make the day a national commemoration.

Unfortunately, Jarvis — who never married and never had children — spent the last years of her life and everything in her bank account until her death in 1948 on trying, unsuccessfully, to wrestle the day back from the mercantile interests who had commercialized the celebration. In one quote attributed to her, she was particularly disturbed by the rise of store-bought Mother's Day cards: "A printed card means nothing except that you are too lazy to write to the woman who has done more for you than anyone in the world," she said. "And candy! You take a box to Mother — and then eat most of it yourself. What a pretty sentiment."

A caution to us all to resist the commercialization of a day dedicated to celebrating and expressing gratitude to mothers is surely as important today as it was when Miss Jarvis was alive.

In that struggle, though, we Catholic Americans may have an advantage — the echoes of a cultural memory that give the celebration a deeper meaning and context. Catholics have been celebrating a sort of Mother's Day at this time of year since the first few centuries of the Church. The fourth Sunday of Lent, or Laetare Sunday, traditionally was a time to celebrate "mother" Church—and naturally one's own mother.

For Catholics, too, devotion to Mary, the Mother of God, adds another layer of significance to Mother's Day that helps root it in something more substantial than Hallmark and Hershey's. God, creator and lord of the universe, chose to put himself — tiny, needy and helpless — into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering — both physical and spiritual — in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's YES to accept the child from God that became the Savior to us all.

But while many may offer a bleak view of the value of motherhood even questioning whether it is even necessary for children, that attitude of secular society does not appear to resonate with most people's ordinary experience. Consider the viral online popularity of a laundry detergent video ad that portrays the self-sacrificing dedication of moms with Olympic athletes — and closes: "Being a mom is the hardest job in the world. But it's also the best."

A similar sentiment of gratitude with a loftier vision was expressed by Pope John Paul II in his 1995 "Letter to Women." The unique experience of pregnancy, he told mothers, "makes you become God's own smile upon the newborn child, the one who guides your child's first steps, who helps it to grow, and who is the anchor as the child makes its way along the journey of life."

Take those reflections this year to your celebration of gratitude to all the mothers in your life, both spiritual and physical. And make sure you write your own card.

God Bless and Happy Mother's Day!!  
Deacon Tim

## Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$6,400.00
Weekly Offering (May 6, 2012) .....	\$5,338.80
Year- to- Date Budget Needs .....	\$288,000.00
Year- to- Date Collections.....	\$242,821.55
Shortage.....	\$45,178.45

### *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: Johnny fed the dogs; Lucy helped pick up the house.

### ST. LOUIS JESUIT CONCERT

Tickets are now on sale for the St. Louis Jesuit Concert on Sunday, June 10, 3:00 p.m. You may purchase your tickets at the D.J. Sokol Arena/Ryan Center at Creighton University, through ticketmaster.com or at any Baker's Supermarkets, a ticketmaster outlet.

All five original members of the St. Louis Jesuits, Bob Dufford, S.J.; John Foley, S.J.; Tim Manion, Roc O'Connor, S.J. and Dan Schutte will join together for this event.



## 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: **Don Ray, 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), Peggy Miltner (Mother of Dana Martin).**

Let us also remember in our prayers the following parishioners that are in care centers, homebound or need healing:

<b>Hattie Smith</b>	<b>Dorlene Marode</b>	<b>Jerry Shavlik</b>
<b>Lena Hughes</b>	<b>Debra Iwanski</b>	<b>Mary Lampe</b>
<b>Richard Van Sant</b>	<b>Irene Suchy</b>	<b>Marian Hannan</b>
<b>Louise Chiburis</b>	<b>Jacob Fraser</b>	<b>Caitlyn Thompson</b>
<b>Tony Miratsky</b>	<b>Jim Philbrick</b>	<b>Marian Nekuda</b>
<b>Mari Ann Wilke</b>	<b>Grant Flott</b>	<b>Theresa Mitera</b>
<b>Margaret Brick</b>	<b>Mike Hunter</b>	<b>Rose Vosik</b>
<b>Eleanor Williams</b>	<b>Ruby Fuller</b>	<b>Agnes Kolar</b>
<b>Betty Gentile</b>	<b>Raymond Nowak</b>	<b>Marie Pallas</b>
<b>Brassie Mruz</b>	<b>Terry Stillmock</b>	<b>Jean Buechler</b>
<b>Lucille Stuczynski</b>	<b>Luella Eich</b>	<b>Charles Skokan</b>

## Parish News:

### Harley Raffle Ticket Sales at Sam's Club

Help is needed to sell tickets at Sam's Club on  
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 402-541-6667, Ron Massow 402-612-5069 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.**

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### CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN

Next week our parish will take up the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). This Collection communicates the Good News through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our archdiocese, so please be generous in this Collection. OCC is how the Good News gets around to you.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 3019  
FAMILY FOOD NIGHT  
4323 WASHINGTON STREET  
Friday, May 18, 2012  
5:00 pm to 7:30 pm  
Baby Back Ribs Dinner 1/2 Slab  
Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, & Bread  
\$9.00 Take out \$1.00 Extra

### SCHOOL NEWS

I attended with many other parish representatives the final recommendations from the Meitler Group. If you have not yet read the actual plan you can now review it on the archomaha.org website. If you have questions you may contact me at the school office or email me. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Know that Archbishop Lucas will make all final decisions sometime in June. We will keep you up to date as that information comes to us.

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  
Matt Shell

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 Office.**

*Weekly Schedule....*

*May 14th to May 20th*

Tue. May 15 School Prayer Service 8:15 am  
 Wed. May 16 8th Grade Graduation 6:00 pm  
           Lansky's Night 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
 Thu. May 17 HOLY DAY —Ascension of the Lord  
           Masses 8:15 am & 6:00 pm  
           7 Deadly Sins, 7 Lively Virtues  
           7:00 pm to 9:00 pm RLL  
 Fri. May 18 Anderson Wedding Rehearsal  
           5:30pm  
 Sat. May 19 Anderson Wedding 2:00 pm  
           Catholic Communication Campaign  
           Collection at Mass  
 Sun. May 20 Catholic Communication Campaign  
           Collection at both Masses

*School Lunch Menu*

*May 14th to May 18th*

Mon. May 14 Hot Dog/Bun, Corn, Peaches, Apple  
           Cinnamon Sticks  
 Tue. May 15 Orange Chicken over Fried Rice, Egg  
           Roll, Green Beans, Oranges  
 Wed. May 16 Turkey Cheese Wrap, Parmesan  
           Noodles, Carrot Sticks, Fruit Slushee  
 Thu. May 17 Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Corn, Apple  
           sauce Bread/Margarine  
 Fri. May 18 Burrito/Cheese, Salad, Mixed Fruit



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 **FISHER FIX-TURE COMPANY**. Please show your support to them.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, May 14, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Mary Lou Birge—Deb Ray  
**Tuesday, May 15, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Dominic & Helen Swertzic—Family  
**Wednesday, May 16, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Bob Orsi—H. G. Church & School  
**Thursday, May 17, 2012**  
 8:15 am †Frank Stoysich, Sr.—Family & Friends  
 6:00 pm †Rita Dworak—Alice Zvolanek & Penny Burt  
**Friday, May 18, 2012**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am Communion Service  
**Saturday, May 19, 2012**  
 5:00 pm †Mary Larkin— Sandra Jeck  
**Sunday, May 20, 2012**  
 7:30 am Parishioners  
 10:00 am †Mike Milobar—Pat & Dennis Steffensmeier

**Liturgical Roles**

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**8:15 am Thursday, May 17, 2012**

School will take care of all ministers for this Mass

**6:00 pm Thursday, May 17, 2012**

Alter Server D. Colgan, D. Ray  
 EMHC C. Colgan, B. Neal  
 Gift Bearer K. Tweedy, C. Wiebelhaus, L. Soula  
 Greeters A. Thompson  
 Lector S. Aulner  
 Sacristan R. Leininger

**5:00 pm Saturday, May 19, 2012**

Altar Servers C. Christensen, J. Noordam, M. Rost  
 EMHC K. Adams, M. Martinez, D. Tamayo, M. Townley, Deacon Aulner

Gift Bearers R. & T. Ventenilla  
 Greeters K. Curtis, K. Heinen  
 Lector T. Riskowski  
 Sacristan P. Milobar

**7:30 am Sunday, May 20, 2012**

Altar Servers D. Colgan, D. Ray  
 EMHC C. Colgan, B. Neal, Deacon Leininger  
 Gift Bearers K. Tweedy, C. Wiebelhaus, L. Soula  
 Greeters A. Thompson  
 Lector S. Aulner  
 Sacristan R. Leininger

**10:00 am Sunday, May 20, 2012**

Altar Servers H. Hendry, M. Savine, M. Washington  
 EMHC R. Hood, C. Sommer, D. Steffensmeier, N. Washington, Deacon Schulte

Gift Bearers G. & R. Sempek  
 Greeters E. Morley, A. Owens  
 Lector T. Sobczyk  
 Sacristan K. Schulte

Church Cleaning Crew: Crew C: C. Wiebelhaus, G. & N. Byrne, T. Rowland