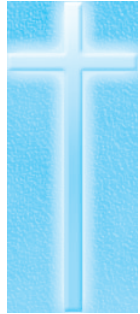


HOLY GHOST

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 24, 2012

NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

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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.

Deacon's Corner

Saturday, June 23rd 2012 is the first day of a special fourteen day period of prayer, education and action called the **Fortnight For Freedom**. The purpose of this special time is to reflect upon and celebrate our most cherished freedom; our freedom of religion. The First Amendment, located in the precious "Bill of Rights" in the U.S. Constitution guarantees individuals the freedom to exercise their religious beliefs. This freedom, this right guaranteed in the First Amendment has come under attack in the past few years by state and local governments and most recently the Federal government. Rather than give you my personal opinion let me share an excerpt from a written statement entitled; Our First, Most Cherished Freedom issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty **Religious Liberty Is More Than Freedom of Worship**

Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans. Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith? Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer, deprived of the essential contribution in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that religious Americans make every day, both here at home and overseas.

What is at stake is whether America will continue to have a free, creative, and robust civil society—or whether the state alone will determine who gets to contribute to the common good, and how they get to do it. Religious believers are part of American civil society, which includes neighbors helping each other, community associations, fraternal service clubs, sports leagues, and youth groups. All these Americans make their contribution to our common life, and they do not need the permission of the government to do so. Restrictions on religious liberty are an attack on civil society and the American genius for voluntary associations.

During this Period of prayer, education and action I encourage everyone to do exactly those things. Pray for our country and our leaders. Educate yourself on the issues confronting our religious freedoms and consider attending a showing of the movie *For Greater Glory* in theaters now. It depicts what can happen when a people's religious freedom is lost. This movie is not intended for children but has a powerful message for adults and is especially pertinent for our times. Then take action to make your voice heard. Resources regarding the Fortnight for Freedom and other information regarding your religious freedom may be found at; USCCB.org

Deacon Aulner

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: Sarah, Quinten, Grace, and Rachel all prayed and helped with Bible School.

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$6,400.00
Weekly Offering (June 17, 2012)	\$4,633.20
Year- to- Date Budget Needs	\$326,400.00
Year- to- Date Collections.....	\$271,424.75
Shortage.....	\$54,975.25

Retrouvaille Retreat:

Four Stages of Marriage – (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille for confidential information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Aug 10-12, 2012, call 1-888-317-5654 or go to www.retrouvaille.org on the web.



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: **Elvira Coco, Katie Heinen, Dori Morong, Donald Williams, Timothy Riskowski, Valerie Abbott, Jeanine Springer, Roseanne Holmes, John Cunningham, Meghan McCune, Martha Payton, Don Ray, Peggy Pine, Adrian Gaytan, Irene Butts, Faith Rost, David Dragon, Marcus Calmer, Joe Hallett, Shirley Hallett, Kenneth Minardi, Wally Fisher, Ken Micek, Kathy Sanden, Peg Sykora, Margaret Tostenson, Marie Torczon, Charles Tostenson Sr., Vera Halac, Kathleen ("Kit") Stanesick, Clarence Matya (Brother of Dornene Marode), Shirley Kerkman (Mother of Jodi May), Kristin Schultz (Niece of Johna Belling), Norbert Steffensmeier (Uncle of Duane Steffensmeier), Clayton Broich (Uncle of Marita Grebl), Peggy Miltner (Mother of Dana Martin), Frances Hassman (Aunt of Fr. Greg).**

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

Hattie Smith	Dornene 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
Mary Louise Whitney		

Parish News:

HOLY GHOST
ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC
TREGARON GOLF COURSE
13909 GLENGARRY CIRCLE
BELLEVUE, NE
AUGUST 18TH

It is never too early to start getting a
foursome together.
There will be more information
forthcoming in the near future.

Coffee & Rolls

Starting Sunday, June 10th
There will be Coffee and Rolls
After the 7:30 am Mass only
In the Social Hall.

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

JUNE JAMBOREE

We are trying to get the final results on the June Jambo-
ree and we ask that if you have any receipts, invoices, or
monies to please turn them in to the Parish Business Office no
later than Monday, June 25th. THANK YOU !



**Please pray for our loved ones who
are currently serving our Country:**

Sean Byers
Gary Smith
Jim White
Nick Burton
Kevin Kersey
Bryan Mass
Dane Flott
Ty Campbell
Justin M. Vickers
Lexi Oropeza

Michael J. Baker
Jacob Aulner
Andrew Steffensmeier
Nick Lokamas
Denise Pohl
Suzie Homan
Stephen Gonifas
Becky White
Michael Aulner
Tyler Pofahl

Timothy Robertson
Matt Shell
Mike Pihlgren
Daniel Homan
Allen M. Novotny
Joseph M. Vickers
Tim Gouger
Michael Warner
Robert Blume
Chase Pofahl

JUNE 24, 2012
NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Today we support the Holy Father in his chari-
table works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken
up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged
victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters
and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope
Benedict XVI has said, "It is necessary above all
that every person be motivated by the authentic
spirit of peace" (Homily, January 1, 2011). Cast
the peace of Christ upon the world—please be
generous in today's Collection.



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

Betty Krayneski
(Mother of John Krayneski, Jr.)

SCHOOL NEWS

As of July 1st the school office will be closed
for the summer. You may however, leave voice-
mail and the calls will be returned as soon as pos-
sible.

Our school carnival has moved and will be the
first week of school. Make plans to join us on Au-
gust 24th at 5:30 pm to have some fun. If you
would like to help or would like to donate items
please contact Heather Slizoski at 402-619-1674
or email her at andyheather@cox.net.

We are still enrolling for the 2012 - 2013
school year for all grade levels. If you would like
to take a tour or have questions please call the
school office 402-731-5161.

We are still collecting clean Land O Lake gal-
lon 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



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....

June 25th to July 1st

Tues. June 26th Child Care:
 Preschoolers, Toddlers and Pre-K have a Pinkalicious/Purple Pajama Party!!

Fri. June 29th Child Care:
 Omaha Children's Museum's Bubble Show to visit—all groups
 Frosty Treats Friday@2:15 pm

Introductory Workshop on Centering Prayer

Saturday, July 14, 2012, 12:00 pm - 4:30 pm, St. Robert Bellarmine Church, parish center in meeting room 3 (take elevator to lower level), 11802 Pacific Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Thomas Hall, the presenter of this workshop, is an instructor since 1997 at Creighton University in the Christian Spirituality Program, a masters program to train spiritual directors and retreat masters. \$25.00 fee (pay at door) includes workshop, book, and 6 continuing sessions. Information: call Marilyn at 402-330-1123 or Diane at 402-330-9968 or email centering@nebraskacontemplativeoutreach.org



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 **THOMPSON ROOFING COMPANY.** Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, June 25, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †John Lewandoski—Family & Friends

Tuesday, June 26, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Tim Mixan—Ann Hudecek

Wednesday, June 27, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Daniel Swinarski—Family

Thursday, June 28, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Donald Mathews—Family & Friends

Friday, June 29, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service

Saturday, June 30, 2012
 5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, July 1, 2012
 7:30 am †Isacca Orpeza—Family
 10:00 am †Rita Dworak—Alice Zvolanek & Penny Bert

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, June 30, 2012

Altar Servers C. Christensen, N. Leutinger, M. Rost
 EMHC R. Leininger, P. Milobar, T. Padilla, M. Townley. Deacon Schulte

Gift Bearers K. & B. Heinen
 Greeters B. & G. White
 Lector J. Hon
 Sacristan M. Pavel

7:30 am Sunday, July 1, 2012

Altar Servers D. Ray, N. Ulrich
 EMHC B. Neal, K. Ulrich, Deacon Sommer
 Gift Bearers P. & M. Makara
 Greeters J. Krayneski, Jr.
 Lector D. Nowak
 Sacristan C. Colgan

10:00 am Sunday, July 1, 2012

Altar Servers L. Gaytan, Z. Huckins, C. Tangeman
 EMHC T. Aulner, C. Cogan, R. & D. Massow
 Deacon Schulte

Gift Bearers D. & D. Newell
 Greeters G. & M. Lackovic
 Lector K. Baber
 Sacristan K. Schulte
 Church Cleaning Crew: Crew A: G. Balkus, J. Kelly, H. Whitney

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.