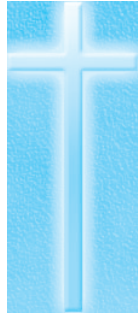


HOLY GHOST

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.

JANUARY 15, 2012
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
 (email: ParishSecretary@holyghostomaha.org)
 Jeff Belling..Director of Grounds & Maintenance
 Ellie Morley..Director of Religious Education/Liturgist
 (e-mail: religiouseducation@holyghostomaha.org)
 Bill McDowall..... Men's Club

HOLY GHOST SCHOOL

Mrs. Dana Martin..... Principal
 Marita Grebl..... Secretary
 Nikki Washington..... School Board
 Julie Poppek..... 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
 Pat Makara

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.



Pastor's Corner

There was an interesting article in the USA Today entitled, "God, religion, atheism 'So what?'" It discusses the reality that there are so many people in American for whom spiritual interest, or thinking about ultimate questions, is minimal. For the 'so what set' Christmas just glides by, a day of good cheer and nothing more. There is no fear for one's salvation. The survey determined that 44% of folks spend no time seeking "eternal wisdom" and feel it is useless to search for meaning in life. They also said they spend no time wondering whether they will go to heaven. Another 6% are totally unconnected to God, a higher power, or any religious identity. Religion is not important in their life. This seems so foreign to all of us who are believers and regularly worship; however, this is our world and we confront these attitudes daily, perhaps in the workplace, and sadly maybe in our children, relatives or friends. Our faith must strengthen us to stand fast against this kind of secularism, and religious indifference. It almost seems as if atheism is less a threat than this kind of religious nonchalance. At least atheists take a clear stand on their convictions, whereas the other folks show no interest in even discussing the matter. As Christians, we can only pray for these folks, and continue to live our faith daily. The Eucharist is the Lord's gift to us, which weekly (daily) provides us with the grace so very much needed in this increasingly pagan world.

Thanks to all of you who sent cards or goodies during the holidays. I hope that your holy season was happy and peace-filled.

Have a good week,
Fr. Greg

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER EDUCATION-FEBRUARY, 2012

Hospice Volunteers are needed to provide companionship and support for individuals living with terminal illnesses and their families. Volunteers choose the hours they are able to serve and determine the geographical location in metro Omaha/Council Bluffs and surrounding area or at Hospice House. Volunteer education sponsored by Alegent Hospice, Methodist Hospice, VNA Hospice, and Hospice House—The Josie Harper Residence will take place in February.

Please call one of the agencies below to request an application. Space is limited.

VNA Hospice	Cindy Calhoun	930-4261
Methodist Hospice	Sara Branstetter	354-3200
Alegent Hospice	Mary Pendell	898-8150
Hospice House	Lydia Aurand	343-8600

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your thoughts , prayers, cards, flowers, food and memorials sent in honor of my step-mother, Shirley Miller.

Thank you to those who made the trip to the Funeral Home and (or) the Church for her services. (I got lost TWICE!) Your kindness touched my heart more than you know.

Michelle Martinez



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: **Lois Huse, Ryan Davenport, Sharon Boukal, Joan Berquist, Marie Torczon, George Kurlmel, Charles Tostenson, Clara Latzel, Sandra Sherrill, Vera Halac, Walter Fisher, Mary Lou Mass, Bernyce Paltani, Zach Kula, Waymon Caron, Pat Makara, Kathleen ("Kit") Stanesick, Joe Breci, Carol Cheloha, Clarence Matya (Brother of Dorene Marode), Shirley Kerkman (Mother of Jodi May), Kristin Schultz (Niece of Johna Belling), Bob Broich (Father 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 | Kathy Sanden | Dorlene Marode |
| Nita Shaw | 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 | Jerry Shavlik |
| Peg Sykora | Theresa Mitera | Lena Hughes |
| Charles Skokan | | |

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$6,400.00
Weekly Offering (January 8, 2012)	\$5,627.00
Year- to- Date Budget Needs.....	\$179,200.00
Year- to- Date Collections	\$153,566.50
Shortage	\$25,633.50

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 put books away; Johnny picked up his room; Bella played with her Sister; Rylie fed the dog; Cleo hugged Uncle Rick; Mazie babysat her Sisters.

**HOLY GHOST
GAME ON! - 2012**

**Saturday, February 11, 2012
St John Vianney Parish Hall**

\$30 per person

Social Hour/Dinner starts at 6:30pm

Games Start at 7:45pm

Dinner, all evening Snacks, and Drinks are provided.

This is your invitation to a special night of food, fun and friendly rivalry at GAME ON!, an adult game-night event. To join in, just gather a team of eight family members and friends, reserve a table and declare, GAME ON!

**Time is getting short,
gather your team now and sign up
by calling Johna Belling:
(402) 982-9417.**

**You may pick up your 2012 calendar in the
back of Church.**

**Your tithing statements will be on the table
in the back of Church the week-end of January
21st and 22nd. If you have any questions
please contact Rita in the Business Office
on Monday, Tuesday or Friday at (402-
731-3176)**

**Woman's Club Annual
VALENTINE'S SALAD LUNCHEON,**

**Sunday, February 12th in the
Church Social Hall, 1PM.**

No cost, just bring one of your favorite salads to share
(pasta, fruit, meat, veggie types)... The ladies will
supply drinks & desserts.

Please RSVP by calling Cindy K @ 339-1570 or
Melissa M @ 714-9945. Adults only please!



**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

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

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul
will hold its Annual Chili Cook-Off
SUNDAY, January 29, 2012
Creighton Prep High School, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.**

Exciting raffle items: Kindle Fire, iPod Touch,
32" Flat Screen TV, Snow Blower and MORE!
Special Guest MC Johnny Ray Gomez! Games
for the kids!

Vote for your favorite chili entry or try the
"house" special! Sample some dessert, and
wash it all down with a cold "beverage"!
Adults \$5, Families \$20, Children 5 and under
eat free.

Proceeds will help support the work of The
Omaha Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Serving the poor in Omaha and surrounding
areas.

For more information contact Anne Severes,
689-3301

SCHOOL NEWS

Join us during Catholic Schools week!!! We are
so excited that Catholic Schools week will be here
soon! Holy Ghost has OPEN HOUSE everyday
during Catholic Schools week so please come and
join us for all the fun activities! Please call the
office for any questions you may have 731-5161.

We are now enrolling for the 2012 - 2013
school year Pre-School - 8th Grades!!! Please join
us for an open house for Pre-School, Pre-
Kindergarten, and Kindergarten on February 6,
2012 from 6pm to 7:30pm. All of our primary
classrooms will be open for you to explore and
we would love to answer any questions you may
have about our programs. We will have our Uni-
form Exchange available for you to see and even
make some purchases. Call the school office to
RSVP 402-731-5161. See you there!

We are still accepting registrations for Game
On which will be held on February 11th. Check
out the school website www.holyghostomaha.org
or call the school office for more details.

We are still collecting clean Land O Lake caps,
Campbell UPC codes, Our Family UPC codes and
Box Tops for Education. These can be placed in
the basket in the back of the church. 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....

January 16th to January 22nd

Mon. Jan. 16 NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Day)
 SVDP Meeting 7:00 pm SH
 Tue. Jan. 17 School Prayer Service 8:15 am
 School Board 7:00 pm Lib.
 Wed. Jan. 18 CCD Classes 6:30 to 7:45 pm
 Lansky's Night 4:00 to 9:00 pm
 Thu. Jan. 19 School Mass 8:15 am

Congratulations

The following students have attained 1st or 2nd honors for the first quarter at Creighton Prep:

Jordan Dugger	10th	First Honors
Robert Grebl	10th	First Honors
Taylor Dugger	12th	Second Honors

School Lunch Menu

January 16th to January 20

Mon. Jan. 16 NO SCHOOL (MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY)
 Tue. Jan. 17 Spaghetti/Meatballs, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Bread Stick
 Wed. Jan. 18 Popcorn Chicken, Potatoes/Gravy, Tropical Fruit, Bread/Margarine
 Thu. Jan. 19 Chicken Taco, Cheesy Tots, Pears, Cookie
 Fri. Jan. 20 Chili Cheese Fries, Salad, Peaches, Bread/Margarine



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 **B & B CON-CRETE**. Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 16, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Tim Mixan—Family
Tuesday, January 17, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Joseph Burghardt—Mira Burghardt
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Don Williams—Bob & Grace Kosiski
Thursday, January 19, 2012
 8:15 am †John Lewandoski—Family & Friends
Friday, January 20, 2012
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am Communion Service
Saturday, January 21, 2012
 5:00 pm †Vernon Grimm—Lillian Grimm
Sunday, January 22, 2012
 7:30 am Parishioners
 10:00 am †Nathan Graybill—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, January 21, 2012

Altar Servers	K. Partusch, A. & S. Slizoski
EMHC	M. Martinez, P. Milobar, M. Partusch, D. Tamayo, Deacon Schulte
Gift Bearers	K. & B. Heinen
Greeters	L. McFarland, S. White
Lector	T. Riskowski
Sacristan	K. Adams

7:30 am Sunday, January 22, 2012

Altar Servers	D. Ray, N. Ulrich
EMHC	B. Neal, M. A. White, Deacon Leininger
Gift Bearers	P. & D. Nowak
Greeters	D. Quaiver
Lector	R. Leininger
Sacristan	T. Aulner

10:00 am Sunday, January 22, 2012

Altar Servers	C. Morrison, J. White, J. Widhalm
EMHC	C. Cogan, K. & J. Koraleski, C. Sommer, Deacon Sommer
Gift Bearers	B. & G. White
Greeters	R. Hood, A. Owens
Lector	F. Barone
Sacristan	K. Schulte

Church Cleaning Crew: Crew B: C. Colgan, C. Sommer, M. Dunbar, J. 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.