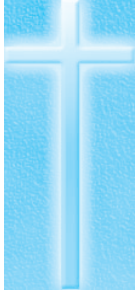


# HOLY GHOST

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)

### NEW PARISHIONERS

We are happy to welcome you to our Holy Ghost family to worship and serve our Lord with us. Our parish is a dynamic, caring community and we look forward to meeting you and including you fully in the life of our parish. Please call the parish office (402 731-3599) and register your family in our parish.

### 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. Please reserve the church before booking your venue (hall) and etc.

### 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 Hoising 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.

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### 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  
 Deacon Bob Pickett ..... 658-6460

### TRUSTEES

John Martinez Chuck Morrison

### PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Brenda Tylkowski..... Business Manager  
 (email: BusinessManager@holyghostomaha.org)  
 Carrie Kaczmarek... Bulletin Editor & Secretary  
 (email: ParishSecretary@holyghostomaha.org)  
 Jeff Belling.. Director of Grounds & Maintenance  
 Bernice Pfeifer..... Director of Religious Education  
 (e-mail: DRE@holyghostomaha.org... 731-5174  
 Chad Gann ..... Athletic Director  
 (chad74@cox.net)..... 953-6950

### PARISH COUNCIL

Tony Widhalm..... President  
 Mike Philbrick ..... Vice-President  
 Lacey Merica ..... Secretary  
 Diane Quaiver Michelle Martinez  
 Heather Slizoski Mike Brewer  
 Gina Childers Michaela Drewel  
 Veronica Rosman Mary Townley

### 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.

### BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

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### Pastor's Corner

As we conclude the Ignite the Faith campaign (even though some of us are on the three year plan of giving), I'd like to reproduce the letter sent to me by the Archbishop commending the parish on its generosity.

"Dear Fr. Benkowski,

I would like to congratulate you and your campaign leadership team and your parishioners at Holy Ghost for your efforts on the Ignite the Faith Capital Campaign. Together, we have contributed more than \$52 million to date in intentions and gifts received that will go directly towards needs in our archdiocese. Those sacrificial gifts have allowed us to further invest in the care of our retired priests, encourage new vocations to the priesthood, strengthen our Catholic schools and invest in faith formation programs for our parishes. This campaign will have a lasting impact on our archdiocese, and I am grateful that you and your parish helped lead us in this historic undertaking. Thank you for your leadership. I ask for your prayers for the continued success of the campaign and that our efforts will truly 'Ignite the Faith' in ourselves and others throughout our parish communities.

With gratitude and the assurance of my prayers, I am  
Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend George Lucas"

Have a good week, and thanks for all those who were so generous in this campaign.  
Fr. Greg



### Rest in Peace

May the Lord grant peace and consolation to the family of  
Aeden Griffis  
(Great-nephew of Tony Widhalm)

### Sidewalk Renovation & Parking Lot Resurfacing Fund

2nd Collection (January 11, 2015): \$254.72  
George & Joyce Lacroix: \$20.00  
Tom & Bridget Neal: \$40.00  
Pete & Tricia Ryder: \$25.00



**Total: \$13,560.96**



### 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: **Margaret Nicola, Danny Watkins (brother of Brenda Tylkowski), Molly Johnson (granddaughter of Peggy Pine), MaryLou Mass, Sally Krance, Lorrie Greve, Rosemary Walker, John Farrell, Janet Nicholas, Shirley Stodolka, Warren Reznicek, Susan Greenhagen, Joe Conrad, Charlotte Vintson (sister of Brenda Tylkowski), Ann Fitzgerald, Joanne Leutzinger, John Skocpol, Kim Hall, Bernie Krawczyk, Ethan Eihersen (great grandson of Dee Clapp), John Farrell, Ed Winkler, Andy Sommer, Frances Hassman (Aunt of Fr. Greg), Cindy Haag, Wally Dudinski, Lucille Stuczynski, Drew Callahan, Ed Hazuka, Gwen Riskowski, Kathy Sheldon, Josh Pickett, Dorene Marode, Bob Crisman, Pam Nowak, Steve Belmudex (brother of Kathy Mentzer and uncle of Michael Balkus), Charles Skokan, Angela Brouwer, Annette Beetham, Rick Becerra, Clarence Matya (Brother of Dorene Marode), Shirley Kerkmann (Mother of Jodi May), Phil Busch (Brother of Norita Byrne)**

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

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|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Debra Iwanski    | Mary Lampe          | Mary Whitney       |
| Richard Van Sant | Irene Suchy         | Ann Zander-Breci   |
| Jacob Fraser     | Edward Machacek     | Mary Ellen Maneman |
| Jim Philbrick    | Marian Nekuda       | Mari Ann Wilke     |
| Grant Flott      | John Cunningham     | Joann Winkler      |
| Margaret Brick   | Marjorie Niedbalski | Joyce Lacroix      |
| Betty Gentile    | Sophie Johnson      | Irene Butts        |
| Marie Pallas     | Terry Stillmock     | Jean Buechler      |
| Patty Dworak     | Peg Walker          | Peg Sykora         |

### Stewardship of Treasure

#### Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$5,200.00
Weekly Offering (January 11, 2015) .....	\$4,806.00
Year- to- Date Budget Needs.....	\$145,600.00
Year- to- Date Collections .....	\$133,633.00
Shortage .....	\$11,967.00

### Children's Collection...

This week the School children and the CCD students collected \$1.00  
Some of their many Acts of Kindness this week are:  
Evangeline took a nap!

## Parish News:

### Ever thought about learning how to knit, or maybe just looking for a winter hobby?

Then join us!

The Holy Ghost Women's Club will host  
Knitting with Prayer

Every third Sunday of the month, starting January 18th  
TODAY!

In the Social Hall from 2p-3p

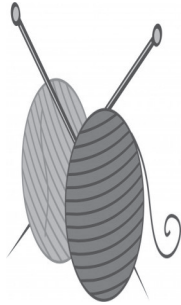
Dianne Quavier will guide us through learning to knit while we listen to prayerful music and share stories with the group.

We are looking for more experienced knitters to help guide the new learners as well. Everyone is WELCOME no matter your skill level. All we ask is that you bring a skein of regular yarn and #8 knitting needles. We will start by making a simple scarf for our first lesson.

Hope you can make it.

If you have any questions, please contact Dianne Quavier at:

dmqua53@gmail.com or Heather Slizoski at: andyheather@cox.net or 402-669-8863.



## Scrip Sales

Holy Ghost will now be selling Scrip gift certificates year round. We will place orders the first Monday of every month. You may put your order in the collection basket or mail/drop it off at the parish office. Order forms can be found on the table in the back of church.

Gift cards make great birthday or Valentine's presents!



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## "Around the parish"

As the New Year starts off, there are promising things to look forward to at Holy Ghost. In January we have a Chicken Dinner and around the corner we have "Game On" and the start of Lent which means "Fish Fry's". To go back a bit, we recently received a donation of a replacement statue of St. Jude which will now reside in the landscape area in front of the church near the ramp. Thanks to Mercedes Michel, in the spring when things warm a bit, that portion of the prayer garden will be completed.

The winter cold came on before we could complete the stone work around the statue of St. Joseph outside so it to will be completed in the spring also. The statue was installed in time and also the memorial plaque commemorating it. Thanks to all who donated their Time, Talent and Treasure on these projects.

"That's what's going on"

## Men's club activities January 2015

At the January Men's Club meeting, the group discussed hosting an NFL Super Bowl gathering in the social hall. The gathering will be open to adult members of the parish. Look for further info in the bulletin. Thanks to all that came out to our Chicken Dinner this past Friday. The food was wonderful, and it's nice to come out of hibernation and enjoy some time together!

The basketball season is in full swing and we could use some help! The gymnasium has games on Tuesday nights, Saturday and Sunday (all day). We need volunteers to help with concessions and admissions. Our numbers are low and we are in a great need for help. Please contact Chad Gann at 402-953-6950 or [chad74@cox.net](mailto:chad74@cox.net) to volunteer or get on the email list. Please help if you can, the funds generated go to help with the parish's needs.



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

Sean Byers  
Gary Smith  
Jim White  
Nick Burton  
Kevin Kersey  
Suzie Homan  
Dane Flott  
Ty Campbell  
Justin M. Vickers  
Tyler Pofahl

Michael J. Baker  
Jacob Aulner  
Mike Vickers  
Nick Lokamas  
Allen M. Novotny  
Joseph M. Vickers  
Stephen Gonifas  
Becky & Zach Spurgeon  
Michael Aulner  
Chase Pofahl

Timothy Robertson  
Matt Shell  
Mike Pihlgren  
Daniel Homan  
Tim Gouger  
Lexi Oropeza  
Lenny Arenas V  
Jesse Gustafson  
Robert Blume

**PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Holy Ghost Rectory .....731-3176  
 Fax .....738-1409  
 Religious Education Office.....731-5174  
 Church Hall.....731-2943

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*Weekly Schedule....*

*January 19th to January 25th*

Wed. January 21st: CCD Class 6:30 - 7:45 pm

Sat. January 24th: First Reconciliation 10 am

SACRAMENT  
 of  
 RECONCILIATION



The Omaha Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Annual  
**CHILI COOK-OFF**  
 Saturday, January 31, 2015  
 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Creighton Prep High School Sullivan Center - 7400 Western Ave.  
 Adults \$10, Families \$35, Kids age 6 and under eat free!

Congratulations to the following students that received honor roll status:

**Gross Catholic High School**  
 Emmanuel Grant, 9th grade  
 Emma Ryder, 10th grade  
 Kathryn Partusch, 11th grade  
 Jacob Kaczmarek, 12th grade

**Mercy High School**  
 Claire Greve, 9th grade



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 **QUALITY DOOR & TRIM**. Please show your support to them.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, January 19, 2015**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Jim Hoing—Family & Friends  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2015**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Brassie Mruz—Mary Rudol  
**Wednesday, January 21, 2015**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Rose Vosik—John & Jimmie Kruntorad  
**Thursday, January 22, 2015**  
 6:45 am Morning Prayer  
 7:00 am †Earl Kidder—Bob & Grace Kosiski  
**Friday, January 23, 2015 No Mass**  
**Saturday, January 24, 2015**  
 5:00 pm †Dolores Doty—Nellie Hadley  
**Sunday, January 25, 2015**  
 7:30 am Parishioners  
 10:00 am †Nathan Graybill—Family & Friends

*If a funeral occurs, the 7 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 24, 2015**  
 Altar Servers A. Baber, P. Kuehn, A. Slizoski  
 EMHC B. Drewel, M. Martinez, H. Slizoski,  
 M. Townley, Deacon Leininger  
 Gift Bearers M. Morford and D. Hurlbutt  
 Greeters A. Fitzgerald  
 Lector M. Drewel  
 Sacristan R. Leininger  
**7:30 am Sunday, January 25, 2015**  
 Altar Servers R. Hood and K. Rosman  
 EMHC B. Neal, K. Ulrich, M. White,  
 Deacon Schulte  
 Gift Bearers L. and M. Dyer  
 Greeters J. Krayneski and D. Quaiver  
 Lector C. Meurrens  
 Sacristan K. Schulte  
**10:00 am Sunday, January 25, 2015**  
 Altar Servers J. DeGeorge, J. Kaczmarek,  
 J. Wallace  
 EMHC C. Novacek, M. Risavi, J. Koraleski,  
 K. Koraleski, Deacon Pickett  
 Gift Bearers L. and E. Wagman  
 Greeters K. Curtis and C. Kaczmarek  
 Lector L. Merica  
 Sacristan T. Aulner  
 Church Cleaning Crew: C. C. Wiebelhaus, G. and N. Byrne, L. Bridgman