

HOLY GHOST

CATHOLIC CHURCH



5219 SOUTH 53 STREET · OMAHA, NE 68117

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 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.

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 1, 2015

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)
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PARISH COUNCIL

Tony Widhalm..... President
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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

Bravo to Pope Francis for his condemnation of the Paris magazine which caricatured the prophet Mohammed as he was on the front cover. Because of the brutality of the crime in Paris, and beheadings in Syria and Iraq, we Westerners are equating the Islamic religion with the extremists who hide behind their "religion" to justify a power grab. In incorrectly equating the violence with Islam, does not give us the right to mock a religion or its leaders. We have to remind ourselves that these attacks are not about religion. When the Ku Klux Klan burns a cross in a black family's yard, Christians aren't required to explain how it isn't really a Christian act. Most people realize that the KKK doesn't represent anything about Christianity. It's the antithesis of it. I'm sure Muslims look forward to the day when terrorists praising Allah, as they debase their true teachings are recognized as thugs disguising themselves as Muslims and shouldn't have to defend themselves. Terrorism is an act against the very religion the terrorists claim to believe. Any religion that requires coercion in accepting its beliefs is not religion, but about leaders/thugs who want power. Let's pray that we can embrace the kind of tolerance of legitimate religion that shares the same goals as others, ultimately about people wanting to live humble moral lives and creating a community that promotes tolerance.

On a lighter note! Hopefully some of you will take up the Men's Club invite to attend the Super Bowl party. I know Mike Makara has been slow cooking some feather bones for some time now!! Come cheer the Patriots on against those dastardly, undeserving Seahawks!!!

Have a good week,
Fr. Greg



Rest in Peace

May the Lord grant peace and consolation to the family
of
Shirlee Steffensmeier

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
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CCD Classes in school
6:30 - 7:45 pm.



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: **Mary Makara (sister in law of Mike and Pat Makara), 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 Vinton (sister of Brenda Tylkowski), Ann Fitzgerald, Joanne Leutzinger, John Skocpol, Kim Hall, Bernie Krawczyk, Ethan Eihersen (great grandson of Dee Clapp), 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, Dorlene Marode, Bob Crisman, Pam Nowak, Steve Belmudez (brother of Kathy Mentzer and uncle of Michael Balkus), Charles Skokan, Angela Brouwer, Annette Beetham, Rick Becerra, Clarence Matya (Brother of Dorlene 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:

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, 201 - June 30, 2015

Weekly Offering Needs..... \$5,200.00
 Weekly Offering (January 25, 2015) \$4,275.00
 Year- to- Date Budget Needs..... \$156,000.00
 Year- to- Date Collections \$141,943
 Shortage \$14,057.00

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 picked up her room!

Parish News:

Sidewalk Renovation & Parking Lot Resurfacing Fund



2nd Collection (January 25, 2015):
\$249.00
Tom & Bridget Neal: \$20.00
Marie Savine: \$10.00
Ludemann Construction: \$10.00
Women's Club Cinnamon Roll Sunday Donation:
\$79.55
Jeanne Bolubasz: \$25.00

Total: \$14,401.39

Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Omaha is searching for individuals to join the operations team to assist in the perpetual maintenance and care of cemetery grounds and facilities. One position is full time, benefit eligible; and, the other is a seasonal gardener position. Please send your resume and inquiries to Catholic Cemeteries, 7710 West Center Road, Omaha, NE 68124, attention General Manager, or call 402-391-3711.

A PARISH MISSION AT ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH

February 15th through February 18th , 2015
41st & J Streets

Mission presented by Redemptorist Father Victor Karls, C.S.s.R.

The mission will be preached evenings beginning at 7pm on Sunday, February 15th through Ash Wednesday, February 18th.

A social, held in the parish hall will follow the evening Mission talks on Sunday through Tuesday.



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

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

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 1, 2015

January 14, 2015

Holy Ghost Parish
ATTN Gregory Benkowski
5219 S 53rd St
Omaha, NE 68117

Dear Fr. Benkowski,

Please extend our sincere gratitude to the parishioners of Holy Ghost for their generous hearts and collecting two truckloads of wish list items as well as \$100 in Kmart gift cards to Bethlehem House on 12/15/2014. Their gifts were appreciated! In-kind donations allow us to continue providing a safe haven for expecting moms, and to assist them in making healthy life choices by offering spiritual, emotional, and material support consistent with our Christian values.

December was a joy filled month. We had much to celebrate! We are incredibly grateful for the generous donations - both in-kind and monetary. The love outpouring makes quite an impression on the ladies living with us. We currently have 10 women and four infants in the house with a fifth baby due mid - February.

Again, we thank you for gifting with us with your financial support to help provide life - affirming options to women in crisis. We are putting your gift to good use in promoting life and providing the support these mothers need to succeed.

Sincerely,

Mary Crosby - Executive Director

Scrip Orders will be placed on Monday, February 2nd. If you did not get your order in please call the parish office by 10 am on Monday. Order forms can be found on the table in the back of church.

PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Holy Ghost Rectory731-3176
 Fax738-1409
 Religious Education Office.....731-5174
 Church Hall.....731-2943

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Weekly Schedule....

February 2nd to February 9th

Mon. February 2nd: SVDP Meeting 7pm - RLL
 Men's Club Meeting 7pm - SH
 Tues. February 3rd: Parish Council Meeting 7pm - RLL
 Wed. February 4th: CCD 6:30—7:45 pm
 Sat. February 7th: Game on - St. John Vianney

The SVDP Food Pantry (2101 Leavenworth St.) is **seeking volunteers** at their new choice-style pantry. Volunteers 1. stock shelves or 2. assist clients in gathering their selected food.

Very enjoyable work!

Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Please call/email our volunteer coordinator,

Karen Lagan
 402-731-2641

Email: TSL68157@aol.com

Thank you!



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 **BUTCH SIMPSON ELECTRIC, INC.** Please show your support to them.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 2, 2015
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Tom Kinsella—Connie Tylski
Tuesday, February 3, 2015
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Rose Vosik—Richard & Gwendolyn Luth
Wednesday, February 4, 2015
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Earl Kidder—George Kurlmel
Thursday, February 5, 2015
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Margaret Tostenson—Family
Friday, February 6, 2015 No Mass
Saturday, February 7, 2015
 5:00 pm Parishioners
Sunday, February 8, 2015
 7:30 am †Dorothy Luksa—Joe & Sandy Yambor
 10:00 am †Erma Shavlik—Emanuel Shavlik

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, February 7, 2015

Altar Servers R. Rosman, E. Ryder, J. Kaczmarek
 EMHC N. Hadley, D. Hurlbutt, M. Martinez,
 P. Sobczyk, Deacon Pickett
 Gift Bearers V. and K. Rosman
 Greeters M. Drewel and C. Kaczmarek
 Lector J. Sobczyk
 Sacristan R. Leininger

7:30 am Sunday, February 8, 2015

Altar Servers H. Becerra and L. Rudol
 EMHC M. Madej, R. Madej, M. White,
 Deacon Leininger
 Gift Bearers L. Soula and C. Wiebelhaus
 Greeters L. Dyer and J. Krayneski
 Lector C. Meurrens
 Sacristan B. Neal

10:00 am Sunday, February 8, 2015

Altar Servers L. Newell, J. Newell, J. Newell
 EMHC K. McCandless, D. Newell, D. Skradis,
 M. Skradis, Deacon Aulner
 Gift Bearers J. Callahan and P. Labanowski
 Greeters K. Curtis and J. Underwood
 Lector J. Kurlmel
 Sacristan K. Schulte
 Church Cleaning Crew: A: G. Balkus, H. Whitney,
 J. Kelly

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.