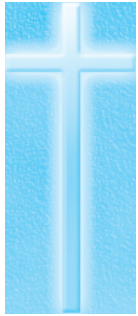


HOLY GHOST

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)

FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT

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FEBRUARY 22, 2015
1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



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Rev. Gregory Benkowski..... Pastor

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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.

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Pastor's Corner

In 1992, Pope John Paul II established the World Day of the Sick. He wrote, "Let it be a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brothers and sisters the face of Christ who by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of humankind." To mark this occasion, this weekend during each of the Masses, after the homily, I will invite anyone who is ill and in need of special prayer, to come forward to receive the Anointing of the Sick. In the context of the Mass, the anointing is a very brief prayer, as I first anoint one's forehead with the words, "through this holy anointing, may the Lord in His love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit." Then I will anoint the palm of your hand saying, "may the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up." The sacrament is no longer exclusively associated with those on their deathbed, and never is given after death. It is a sacrament of healing one's heart and soul when facing serious illness.

Have a good week,
Fr. Greg



Rest in Peace

May the Lord grant peace and consolation
to the families of

Margaret Brick
and
Denise Williams



CCD Classes in school 6:30–7:45 pm.

Stewardship of Treasure

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

Weekly Offering Needs.....	\$5,200.00
Weekly Offering (February 15, 2015)	\$3,640.00
Year- to- Date Budget Needs.....	\$166,400.00
Year- to- Date Collections	\$154,512.00
Shortage	\$11,888.00



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 Ellen Maneman, Rose Walker, 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, 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, Eihan 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, 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	Peg Walker
Jim Philbrick	Marian Nekuda	Mari Ann Wilke
Grant Flott	John Cunningham	Joann Winkler
Peg Sykora	Marjorie Niedbalski	Joyce Lacroix
Betty Gentile	Sophie Johnson	Irene Butts
Marie Pallas	Terry Stillmock	Jean Buechler
Patty Dworak		

Parking Lot Resurfacing Fund



2nd Collection (February 15, 2015):	\$211.37
Tom & Bridget Neal:	\$20.00
Vera Halac:	\$50.00
Marie Savine:	\$10.00
Tricia Ryder:	\$15.00
Lori & Scott Bobier:	\$10.00

Total: \$15,511.62

Please remember to pick up your dishes from the wonderful salads and desserts you have made for funerals and fish fry's.

Thank you for your stewardship!



Parish News:

Black and Indian Mission

Today, our parish will take up the 131st annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

Anyone interested in purchasing Scrip this month will need to have their order in by Tuesday, February 24th. Order forms can be found on the table in the back of Church.

GROSS ROBOTICS -- CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT NIGHT
Thursday, March 5, 2015
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Chick-Fil-A - Bellevue
2016 Cornhusker Rd

Meet and support the next generation of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) professionals at the Gross Catholic High School Robotics Program - Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night as well as enjoy some great food.

The Robotics Program's students and robots will be available the whole evening.

Whether you wish to dine-in the restaurant, place an order online and pickup, visit the drive-thru, or purchase gift cards for a meal at another time, a percentage of all transactions go to support the Gross Robotics Program.



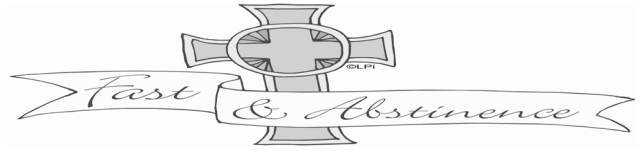
Please pray for our loved ones who are currently serving our Country:

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

FEBRUARY 22, 2015
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Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

The Lenten Season for 2015 began with Ash Wednesday. The Lenten fast and abstinence regulations are printed below:

The Catholic Church asks each member to preserve the penitential character and purpose of Lent. For this reason :

A) Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are bound to abstain from meat, and should fast on Ash Wednesday and each Friday in lent.
B) Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, in addition to abstaining from meat, should fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Hence, on those days they should eat only one meal. Smaller quantities of food may be taken at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at other times on those two days. The obligation of fasting ceases with the celebration of ones 59th birthday.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these minimal penitential practices.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE KRAKOW, POLAND 2016

Pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland for World Youth Day 2016 with 5 days in Rome, Italy.

July 24 - August 6, 2016

Young adults ages 19 - 35 are invited to participate!

Expected cost is \$3,200.

Includes transportation, lodging and WYD food and activities.

WYD Informational Meeting: Tuesday, March 3rd, 2015 at 7:30 pm in the St. Gerald School Library (7859 Lakeview St. Ralston, Ne 68127)

For info contact Jessi Kary at Jessica@prosanctity.org

Catholic Charities is looking for experienced moms to provide mentoring support to pregnant and parenting young women. Mentors enter a friendship role: they give encouragement, demonstrate positive parenting, and simply just listen. We invite you to consider giving your time and talents to make a difference in the lives of these young women and their children. For more information, contact Laurel Determan at laureld@ccomaha.org or 402-829-9283, or Kathy Milbrath at kathym@ccomaha.org or 402-829-9289.

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*Weekly Schedule....
 February 23rd to March 1st*

Mon. February 23rd: Festival Committee Meeting
 7pm - SH

 Wed. February 25th: CCD Classes 6:30 - 7:45 pm

 Thurs. February 26th: The Light Is On
 Reconciliation 5:30 - 6:30 pm
 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm
 Fri. February 27th: Men's Club Fish Fry 4 - 8 pm

The Light Is On

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at
 Holy Ghost
 Thursdays of Lent
 5:30 - 6:30 pm
 Followed by Stations of the Cross

The Light Is On invites Catholics throughout
 the Archdiocese of Omaha to experience God's
 mercy, forgiveness and healing love through
 the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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 **HANSEN
 TOWING**. Please show your support to
 them.



Monday, February 23, 2015
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Bill Dunbar—Family
Tuesday, February 24, 2015
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Michael Gasnick—Family
Wednesday, February 25, 2015
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Ruth McDowell—Frances Hassman
Thursday, February 26, 2015
 6:45 am Morning Prayer
 7:00 am †Luella Eich—Campbell Family
Friday, February 27, 2015 No Mass
Saturday, February 28, 2015
 5:00 pm †Brassie Mruz—SVDP
Sunday, March 1, 2015
 7:30 am Parishioners
 10:00 am †Tom Kinsella—Ann Pietryga

*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 28, 2015

Altar Servers A. Baber, N. Leutzinger, A. Slizoski
 EMHC B. Drewel, R. Leininger, P. Milobar,
 H. Slizoski, Deacon Leininger
 Gift Bearers M. and G. Childers
 Greeters A. Fitzgerald and D. Quaiver
 Lector M. Partusch
 Sacristan M. Grebl

7:30 am Sunday, March 1, 2015

Altar Servers H. Becerra and L. Rudol
 EMHC M. Madej, R. Madej, C. Meurrens,
 Deacon Pickett
 Gift Bearers L. and M. Dyer
 Greeters J. Krayneski
 Lector T. Riskowski
 Sacristan M. Pavel

10:00 am Sunday, March 1, 2015

Altar Servers C. Ludemann, R. Rosman, J. Wallace
 EMHC J. Koraleski, K. Koraleski, J. Bolubasz,
 R. Graybill, Deacon Aulner
 Gift Bearers T. and L. Martinez
 Greeters B. and G. White
 Lector S. Aulner
 Sacristan T. Aulner

Church Cleaning Crew: D: L. Bridgman, R. and G.
 Sempek, S. Mertlik,
 G. Rewolinski

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.