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The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - January 4, 2026

HOLY MASS AND SACRAMENT OF PENANCE REGULAR SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (English) Holy Name
 Sunday 7:30 a.m. (English) St. Philip Neri
 10:00 a.m. (English) St. Philip Neri
 12:30 p.m. (Spanish) Holy Name

Sacrament of Penance

Thursday 5:30 p.m.-6:15 p.m. (Eng./Sp.) Holy Name
 Saturday 4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m. (Eng./Sp.) Holy Name
 Sunday 6:45 a.m.-7:15 a.m. (Eng./Sp.) St. Philip Neri
 Anytime by appointment with a priest.

Weekday Masses

Tuesday 8:15 a.m. (English) St. Philip Neri (All School Mass when SPN Catholic School is in session)
 Wednesday 8:15 a.m. (English) Holy Name (All School Mass when Holy Name School is in session)
 Thursday 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Holy Name
 Friday 8:15 a.m. (English) St. Philip Neri (All School Mass when SPN Catholic School is in session)

Holy Day Masses: Please see the schedule inside this bulletin.

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Bulletin Announcements for St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish:

Please submit requests by **12:00 p.m. Tuesday** to meramm@archomaha.org.

Holy Name Catholic Church (our sister parish): 402-451-6622 www.holynomeomaha.org

Parish Office: 3014 North 45th Street, Omaha, NE 68104 email: mrvallecillo@archomaha.org

Office Hours: Tuesday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. (Closed Mondays)

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, January 4th

Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12
Reading and Meditation *Read the Holy Gospel two or three times. Take some time to reflect in silence.* What words in the Gospel caught my attention, comforted, or challenged me?

Contemplation *Read the Holy Gospel again.* What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

- “We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” How do I show God reverence and homage? How do I show respect for holy things, including God’s Holy Name?
- “When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him.” What people, events, or situations disturb my faith? What resources can I rely on to bring me peace and calm?
- “Go and search diligently for the child.” Where do I go to be in God’s presence? How can I become more aware of the presence of God?

Closing Prayer: After silent reflection, pray the Lord’s Prayer and Psalm 72.

Living the Word this Week: *How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?* Each month this year, pray for the Holy Father’s prayer intention announced through the worldwide prayer network popesprayerusa.net.

The Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for the month of January 2026:

For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



Mr. Peter Ginn
 Propaedeutic Year,
 St. Gregory the Great
 Seminary
 St. Matthew the Evangelist
 Parish, Bellevue

A Prayer for Priests by St. John Vianney

O God, please give your Church today many more priests after your own heart. May they be worthy representatives of Christ the Good Shepherd. May they wholeheartedly devote themselves to prayer and penance, being examples of humility and poverty, shining models of holiness, tireless and powerful preachers of the Word of God, and zealous dispensers of your grace in the Sacraments. May their loving devotion to your Son Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist and to Mary his Mother be the twin fountains of fruitfulness for their ministry. Amen.

Holy Mary, Queen of the Clergy, pray for us.
 St. Joseph, pray for us.

	Altar Servers	EMHC	Reader	Ushers	Livestream
January 11, 7:30 AM The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Regina Cronkhite Mary Todd Larry Ziska	Jan Sammons	Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard	Dan Hooyboer
January 11, 10:00 AM The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	Charles Bohnenkamp Abe Engelkamp Patrick Reall Sam Treves	Bill Schmidt Geri Schmidt	Kelli Peck	Carl Cramer Deb Cramer Paul Gray Gayle Haman	

SVDP call coordinator January 5-11: DeLynne Clausen

Immanuel Hospital EMHC January 8: Bill Cheese



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 11TH



St PHILIP NERI
Parish Center
8200 N 30th St

ALSO BISCUITS & SAUSAGE GRAVY

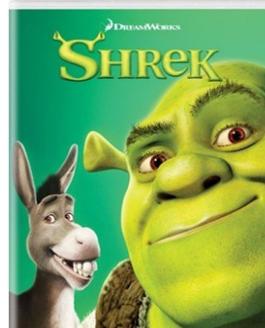
We will also hold a raffle for a \$100 Gift Card – Winners Choice from Parish Scrip Program

8:00AM - 12 NOON

- Adults - \$10
- Kids (5-12) - \$5
- Under 5 – FREE
- **Family Rate - \$25**
- Immediate Family Only Please

Please join our Knights for a hearty Breakfast with Friends & Family, and let us take care of the Dishes

Presents A Family
Movie Knight



SHREK

2001 | PG | 1h 30m |

A mean lord exiles fairytale creatures to the swamp of a grumpy ogre, Shrek. Shrek is told he must go on a quest and rescue a princess for the lord in order to get his land back. On the trip he meets a talking Donkey and other Fairy Tale characters.

SATURDAY, JAN 17TH @ 6:30PM
DOWNSTAIRS IN THE SPN PARISH CTR

Free Will Offering

**Offering "Hots & Brats",
 Fresh Popped Popcorn,
 & Ice Cold Sodas**

Parish Events Calendar

Sunday, January 4 The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

- 6:45 a.m. Confessions (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church
- 7:30 a.m. Mass - SPN Church
- 10:00 a.m. Mass - SPN Church
- 12:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) - HN Church
- 2:00 p.m. Baptism Class (Eng.) - SPN Parish Center

Monday, January 5

No Mass

Tuesday, January 6

- 8:15 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

Wednesday, January 7

- 8:15 a.m. Mass - HN Church
- 4:00 p.m. SVDP Food Pantry - HN Church narthex
- 6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Religious Ed. Classes - SPN Activity Ctr.

Thursday, January 8

- 5:30 p.m. Confessions (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church
- 6:15 p.m. SPN School 1st Communion Parent Mtg.
- 6:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) - HN Church

Friday, January 9

- 8:15 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

Saturday, January 10

- 4:00 p.m. Confessions (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church
- 5:00 p.m. Mass - HN Church

Sunday, January 11 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

After 7:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Masses,
KC Pancake Breakfast - SPN Parish Center

- 6:45 a.m. Confessions (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church
- 7:30 a.m. Mass - SPN Church
- 10:00 a.m. Mass - SPN Church
- 11:00 a.m. Take down Christmas decorations - SPN Church
- 12:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) - HN Church
- 1:30 p.m. Take down Christmas decorations - HN Church

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Masses are in English unless otherwise noted.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of John E. Schaffart Jr. +

and for consolation for his beloved wife Joanne; children Michael (Tammi) Schaffart, Linda (Jason) Lytle, and Mary (Ed) Fink; many grandchildren and great grandchildren, and other relatives.

*Eternal rest grant unto him,
O Lord, and let the perpetual light
shine upon him. And may the souls
of the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

Sacred Liturgies and Mass Intentions

Monday, January 5

No Mass

Tuesday, January 6

- 8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: Tom and Karen Shonquist +

Wednesday, January 7

- 8:15 a.m. HN Mass: Antonio Vallecillo +

Thursday, January 8

- 5:30 p.m. HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)
- 6:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): Jesús Luévanos Jr. +

Friday, January 9

- 8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: Harry Cohen +

Saturday, January 10

- 4:00 p.m. HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)
- 5:00 p.m. HN Mass: people of our family of parishes

Sunday, January 11 The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

- 6:45 a.m. SPN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)
- 7:30 a.m. SPN Mass: Bill Hackenberg +
- 10:00 a.m. SPN Mass: Dale and Teresa Hein +
- 12:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.):

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Parish Support: December 28, 2025

Weekly Offerings

ParishStaq online donations	\$ 1,866
Collections from Masses and mail	\$ 4,686
Total Weekly	\$ 6,552
Special Offerings	\$ 37,866

ParishStaq is our new online giving platform for our parish. If you would like to set up a gift in ParishStaq, scan the QR code or click the DONATE button on our parish website, saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org. Or, you can ask your bank to send automatic checks to our parish. If you have any questions, please contact Mary or Ted in the parish office. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.



Tithing Envelopes If you would like to be added to or removed from our envelope mailing list, or if your donations are given online or sent directly from your bank and you no longer need envelopes, please contact Mary or Ted in the office. As always, donation envelopes are available for your use near church entrances. Thank you for your generosity.

Do You Receive Parish Updates? The fastest way to know what's happening in our parishes is by registering for Flocknote, our parishes' communications app that sends notifications to you by text messages and email. You choose the manner of message delivery (email and/or text messages) and can opt out at any time by texting "stop". Simply scan the QR code on the back of the church pews. It's that easy!



From the Pastor



Blessed Epiphany!

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. From the best research and resources available, the Epiphany was the original feast commemorating the Lord's nativity and His associated manifestations, e.g., His desire to save the gentiles represented by the Magi, His presentation in the Temple, His miraculous Baptism in the Jordan, and His first miracle at the wedding in Cana. Over time, all these events were uncoupled from Epiphany and celebrated in their own unique liturgies throughout the Christmas season, or Christmastide. Today and throughout the Christmastide, Christ is revealed or announced to the whole world - to Jews and Gentiles alike - as the King of kings and the Messiah.

As these Magi bear their familiar gifts, we also offer to every household a gift bag found in containers at the various entrances to the church. Each bag contains blessed chalk and directions on how you can use it to bless your home or apartment for the New Year of 2026. On Epiphany,

the blessing of homes, on whose lentils are inscribed the Cross of salvation, together with the indication of the year and the initials of the three wise men (C+M+B), which can also be interpreted to mean *Christus mansionem benedicat*, written in blessed chalk; this custom, often accompanied by processions of children accompanied by their parents, expresses the blessing of Christ through the intercession of the three wise men and is an occasion for gathering offerings for charitable and missionary purposes, (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy: Principles and Guidelines*, December 2001).

May the blessing inspire us to offer greater Christian hospitality to all whom we meet.

Gratitude

We thank the many parishioners who labored to clean and decorate our churches for Christmas, as well as all the liturgical and sacred music ministers who have prepared for our many extra Masses throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons. Everything was done so beautifully! We are also grateful for the volunteers and donors who helped with our community events for Our Lady of Guadalupe, Posadas, Sunday Vespers, potlucks, etc. Lastly, we recognize the loving efforts of our St. Vincent de Paul Society conferences and the many parishioners who donated to charitable causes and families in need. God bless your generosity!

Christmas' End

The modern Christmas Season officially ends next Sunday, January 11th, with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We need many parishioner volunteers to help take down our Christmas decorations next Sunday at 11 a.m. in St. Philip Neri Church and at 1:30 p.m. in Holy Name Church.

However, the traditional Catholic Christmas Season lasts 40 days until February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. For that reason, we will keep any outdoor Christmas lights on through February 2nd and continue to display any healthy poinsettias during that time.

Classes Resume

Both Holy Name School and St. Philip Neri Catholic School resume this Tuesday, January 6th, the 12th day of Christmas and the original date upon which Epiphany was celebrated. Our shared Religious Education classes also resume at 6:15 p.m. this Wednesday, January 7th, in St. Philip Neri Catholic School building.

Wine and Cheese

All are invited to a wine and cheese reception following the Vigil Mass at 5 p.m. in Holy Name Church on Saturday, January 3rd, the Memorial of the Holy Name of Jesus. The reception will take place in the Holy Name Church narthex (lobby).

Seminary 2nd Collection

The Seminary Collection will be held on the weekend of January 3/4, 2026. One of the men currently studying for and discerning the Priesthood is from our own Family of Parishes. Please pray for Max Brown and all the seminarians, that they clearly hear the Lord's voice. Thank you for donating and funding the costs of our seminarians' education and formation.

Resetting Parish Sick Lists

From time to time, we reset the petition in the Mass that includes the names of those asking for our prayers. If you or a loved one would like to be included in our Sabbath petitions, please contact either the Holy Name or St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parish offices and speak with the respective secretary. We are honored and humbled to intercede for our fellow parishioners and suffering neighbors.

Free Christmas Gifts!

Generous parishioners from SPN-BS Parish have provided free spiritual books for all households at Mass today. "How to Talk About Jesus with Anyone" by Steve Dawson and Cy Kellett is written in English. "Porque Somos Católicos (Why We are Catholic)" by Trent Horn is written in Spanish. Please take a copy from the tables near our churches' main entrances, as well as pick up a complimentary 2026 calendar.

Liturgy Planning Meeting

Please mark your calendars: Those involved with planning the liturgies, sacred music, and liturgical environment, as well as those who schedule liturgical ministers, are asked to attend their next meeting with Fr. Cook to plan Lent. The meeting will occur at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 25th, in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center (church basement).

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal

God bless all who have donated to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for 2025. Please support our new Archbishop and the operations of the archdiocese that helps our schools, seminarians, pastors, and Catholic Charities? So much good is done through the central office of our Archbishop. Please take a moment and consider a pledge today. A gift of just 1% or 2% of our annual income will go a long way.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

• St. Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Parish:

- Current Households Donating: 83
- Gift Total: \$56,947.36
- Financial Goal: \$46,209.96
- **123.2% of Goal**

• Holy Name Parish:

- Current Households Donating: 29
- Gift Total: \$7,740.32
- Financial Goal: \$17,230.28
- 44.9% of Goal

• Total Financial Goal: \$63,440.24

Baptism Classes

Our Baptism preparation sessions in English and in Spanish are for expectant parents and for parents with unbaptized infants or small children under the age of 7, along with their potential godparents.

- **Classes in English** normally occur from 2 p.m.-4 p.m., usually on the First Sunday of every month in the Parish Center (basement) of St. Philip Neri Church.
- **Classes in Spanish** normally occur every other month on a Sunday from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. in the Holy Name Cafeteria.

Participation in one of our preparation classes, either in Spanish or in English, is necessary to schedule a day and time for Baptism in either Holy Name or St. Philip Neri churches. Formal registration and participation in the parish is a prerequisite, and pre-registration is further required to attend the class. Please contact the secretary of your respective parish office, Holy Name or St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament,



Men's Retreat at Broom Tree Retreat Center: January 15-18 or February 26-March 1. All men are invited to start the year off well by taking advantage of this privileged time of retreat. Ignatian Silent Retreats are a privileged time to be with God in the silence, listening for his voice, and welcoming his presence. Whether in the comfort of your private room, during your walks, or more concretely in the Holy Mass, Confession, and Eucharistic Adoration - in the silence God speaks. Retreats begin 6 pm Thursday and end 3 pm Sunday. Register at www.broom-tree.org/retreats/scheduled-retreats or contact broomtree@sfcatholic.org or 605-263-1040.



- **Day of Recollection:** Tuesday, January 13, 10 am-3 pm, *Lord, I Believe, Help My Unbelief: Praying in Difficult Moments*, directed by Fr. Andrew Dickinson. This one-day retreat includes Holy Mass, two conferences, lunch, a Holy Hour, and the opportunity for Confession.
- **4-Day Silent Ignatian Retreats for Men or Women**
Men: January 15-18, Feb. 26-March 1, June 18-21.
Women: April 16-19, May 7-10, June 25-28.

Broom-Tree Retreat Center, Irene, South Dakota

Register at www.broom-tree.org/retreats/scheduled-retreats. For questions: broomtree@sfcatholic.org or 605-263-1040.

to determine future classes and to pre-register.

Becoming Catholic for Youth & Adults

Becoming Catholic (R.C.I.A. or O.C.I.A.) is our process for anyone 8 years and older desiring to receive Baptism as a Catholic. It is also our process for any already baptized, Catholic adults (16 years of age and older) who are still in need of receiving Confirmation, Reconciliation, and/or First Communion. If you or a loved one would like to learn more, please contact the respective parish office **OR** one of our *Becoming Catholic* coordinators:

- **Classes in ENGLISH** - Jodi Phillips, phillipsjm1@gmail.com
- **Classes in SPANISH** - Sr. Beatriz Castañeda at bcastaneda@archomaha.org

High School Youth Ministry

January 23: Please pray for our youth who will be participating in the annual March for Life in Washington DC. The theme is "Life is a Gift". The day's events will include a rally at 11:00 am with speakers and musical guests, followed by the March down a route through the city. The following day, the National Pro-Life Summit will take place at the Grand Hyatt Washington.

Small Groups: We currently have a girls' and a boys' group meeting. These weekly gatherings offer a more personal, faith-filled environment where young people can build stronger connections with their peers and grow deeper in their relationship with Christ. To join a group, use the link to register: <https://shorturl.at/34uxw>. Let's grow together in faith, friendship, and discipleship!

Stebenville Youth Conference 2026

July 17-19, 2026:: At each **Stebenville Youth Conference**, teens experience a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ that ignites their faith, strengthens their prayer life, leave as transformed disciple-makers, and empowers them to live on mission long after the conference ends.

Stebenville Pre-Registration is Open: All incoming & current high school youth are eligible to go. Pre-Registration forms are available NOW. **ALL Pre-Registration forms are due no later than January 9th.** Contact John Gencarelli at 402-800-3850 or jgencarelli@archomaha.org if you need a form.

Young Adults (Ages 21-35)

VENI Young Adult Holy Hour: On 2nd Fridays, 7:30 pm at St. Cecilia Cathedral in Omaha. The 2nd Friday of each month, over 100 young adults ages 21-39 gather for a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, opportunities for Confession, praise and worship, and an exhortation. After the Holy Hour, young adults stick around for pizza and drinks.

For more events in the Omaha area, go to the Omaha Young Adults website <https://www.archoyoungadults.org>, Facebook, Instagram, or join slack <https://archoyoungadults.slack.com/>.

Women's Connection Gatherings

More information on upcoming dates coming soon. Are you looking to meet new people and enjoy good conversation? Join other women from our parish and school for fun, relaxed get-togethers. Think coffee, snacks, laughter, and making new friends - no homework, no pressure. Come as you are. Please bring a snack to share.

Discover the Power of Small Groups

Small groups are where faith comes alive through friendship, prayer, and shared life. Small groups offer a space to grow in faith, support one another, and deepen our relationship with Christ. Whether you're seeking spiritual growth, meaningful community, or a place to belong, small groups are where the Church becomes family. Join a small group and experience the joy of living and faith together. For help finding a small group to fit your needs, contact John at jgencarelli@archomaha.org.

Lectio Divina Prayer Group

Thursdays at 3:00 pm in the Holy Name Church Chapel. All adults from HN and SPN-BS Parishes are invited to a *Lectio Divina* Bible study prayer group (in English). We reflect on the readings for the following Sunday's Mass. *Lectio Divina* is a slow, prayerful method of reading and praying with a short passage of Scripture.

Religious Education & Sacramental Prep

All Religious Ed. classes meet Wednesday, January 7, from 6:15 pm-7:45 pm in the St. Philip Neri Activity Center. Please arrive a few minutes early to help us begin on time.

First Reconciliation Parent Session - Save The Date!

Wednesday, January 28 at 6:15 pm in the St. Philip Neri Activity Center. Parents of all children receiving First Reconciliation in English and Spanish must attend.

Confirmation Retreat - Save the Date! Saturday, March 28

from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Pro Sanctity Retreat Center, 11002 N 204th St, Elkhorn, NE. This important day of prayer, learning, and community will help candidates grow closer to Jesus as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. More details and registration forms will be available after the New Year.

Catechists & Helpers Do you have a heart for children and a love for our Catholic Faith? We are looking for joyful, faith-filled catechists and helpers. For details, contact Monica Valles at 402-455-1289 ext. 804 or mavalles@archomaha.org.

Totus Tuus 2026

June 14-19: Mark Your Calendars! Totus Tuus is a Catholic summer youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic Faith through catechesis, evangelization, Christian witness, and Eucharistic worship. The day program is open to all children entering 1st to 6th grade, and the evening program is for youth entering 7th through 12th grade. Information and forms will be available soon.

Little Flowers Girls' Club®

Information on 2026 dates coming soon. Little Flowers meet Saturdays 9:00 am-10:30 am in the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Center (church basement). All girls from SPN-BS and HN Parishes are invited. Designed for girls in kindergarten through 5th grade, and 6th-8th graders as helpers. To register your daughter, stop by the SPN-BS or HN parish office, or scan the QR code, or register online at saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org, or contact John Gencarelli at jgencarelli@archomaha.org.



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Be Not Afraid Family Holy Hour - The Miraculous Medal

Sunday, January 4, 6 pm at Christ the King Church, 654 S. 86th St. Learn about the fruits of the Miraculous Medal, given to St. Catherine Labouré, and receive a blessed medal. The hour includes the Rosary, opportunity for the Sacrament of Penance, Investiture/distribution of the Miraculous Medal.

Candlelight Mass Thursday, January 22, 7:30 pm at St. Wenceslaus Church, 15353 Pacific St. Praise & worship music at 7 pm. Enjoy refreshments after Mass.



ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY CORNER

For I was hungry and you fed Me, I was thirsty and you gave Me a drink, a stranger and you welcomed Me, naked and you gave Me clothes. (Matthew 25:35-36a)

St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box Donations: Please consider giving as little as \$10 to our SVDP Society to help feed a family for the holidays. Every little bit helps and could make the holidays special for those in need. Thanks for your generosity.

There are boxes at each of the entrances to our church for food donations. These donations are given to our sister parish (Holy Name) for their food pantry. Donations are appreciated and go to help our neighbors in need. Please be generous and pick up some non-perishables to donate when grocery shopping.

These are a few examples of the many calls received at the 211 Center which eventually found their way to our SPN-BS SVdP Society to respond to with kindness, compassion, and what monetary assistance we can provide.

- "I have had 8 strokes in the last 5 months, in and out of hospital, not able to work, applied for disability and haven't heard anything yet, just started receiving ADC, but I need the help. Shutoff is for December 18."
- "I have two daughters, ages 4 and 2. Last year and part of this year I did not have a job. I have been able to find employment, however with the holidays, I haven't been able to become financially secure enough and would appreciate assistance of any kind."
- "I am on medical leave and just fell short on a lot of things after my work comp claim. My injuries aren't work related and my work comp benefits discontinued back in August."
- "I have a disconnect notice I'm scared it's going to turn off and it's getting cold!"
- "I have an overdue plumber's bill that I didn't know I was being charged for, and as soon as I get caught up on bills, my rent is due. My account keeps getting overdrawn and rent is a week away. I'm a single mom with three kids, just trying to get caught up because I won't have rent this month."

The SPN-Blessed Sacrament SVDP is responding to a record number of calls for assistance with the support of our parish family. Together we can bring hope and prayers into the homes of those who are struggling in their unfortunate situations. "We thank you, Lord, for the many blessings we receive from those whom we visit. Help us to love and respect them, to understand their deeper needs, and to share their burdens and joys as true friends in Christ."

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament SVDP Society

Marriage: Source of Hope and Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love. Resources to strengthen your marriage and family and advice for dating couples. foryourmarriage.org

St. Peregrine Mass Saturday, January 17, 11 am at Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel, 7400 Military Ave., Omaha. All are invited to a Mass offered for those who are ill and their loved ones. St. Peregrine is the patron saint of those suffering from cancer and life-threatening illnesses.

KNIGHTS NOTES - SAVE THESE DATES!



- **Saturday, January 10:** Take down outdoor Nativity
- **Sunday, January 11, 8 am-???:** The Knights will continue serving a little past 12 noon to accommodate the helpers taking down Christmas decorations in the church.
- **Wednesday, January 14, 7 pm:** KC Meeting, Parish Center
- **Saturday, January 17, 6:30 pm:** KC Family Movie Knight. Cartoons begin at 6 pm. Hots & Brats, World's Best Popcorn, Ice Cold Sodas. All for a free-will donation.

KC All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast & Gift Card Raffle

Sunday, January 11, 8 am 'til 12 noon? *Since the Christmas decorations in the church will be taken down after 10 am Mass, the Knights will serve breakfast a bit longer so that volunteers can come down after they finish putting away decorations.* Enjoy Fresh Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, & Coffee or Juice, along with Biscuits & Gravy while they last. Strawberry topping & fruit cocktail, too! Adults \$10, Kids (5-12) \$5, Under 5 Free, or \$25 Family Rate! Come and let the Knights make your breakfast and do the dishes, too!

Raffle for a \$100 Gift Card (Winner's Choice) from the parish Scrip program! Raffle tickets: 1 ticket for \$1, 6 tickets for \$5. Winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the Pancake Breakfast. Need Not Be Present To Claim Prize.

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament is normally offered Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. (the final hour being 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.) in the Prayer Chapel. On First Fridays, Exposition is from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the church proper. Come away to a quiet place to adore Our Lord and rest awhile. More dedicated adorers are needed. If you are interested, please call/text our Eucharistic Exposition coordinator Joann Feller at 402-215-5532.



Adoration hours without Exposition are available anytime. There is a church door with an entry code. For details and the door code, please contact Mary in the parish office.

Dear Fellow Adorers,

After our Christmas and New Year's break, Exposition picked up again on First Friday, January 2, from 9 am to 9 pm to begin the New Year.

Merry Christmas!

Joann Feller, Coordinator

SALT (Sages, Advisors, Listeners, Laughters, Teachers, Talkers) Please consider sending a card or note, making a phone call, or visiting one of our SALT members. Please contact Mary in the parish office for contact information. Our SALT members include Vera Agosta, Pat Hodges, Phyllis Huser, Jean Jones, Jim Kimble, Fred Maycock, Mary Miner, Patrick Moore, Rich & Rita Muff, Sharon Olson, Fannie Parker, Carol Parks, Pat Potter, Rosemary Reeves, Carol Schade, Donna Thibodeau, Michael Tillotson, JoAnn Todd, Jane Vlcek.

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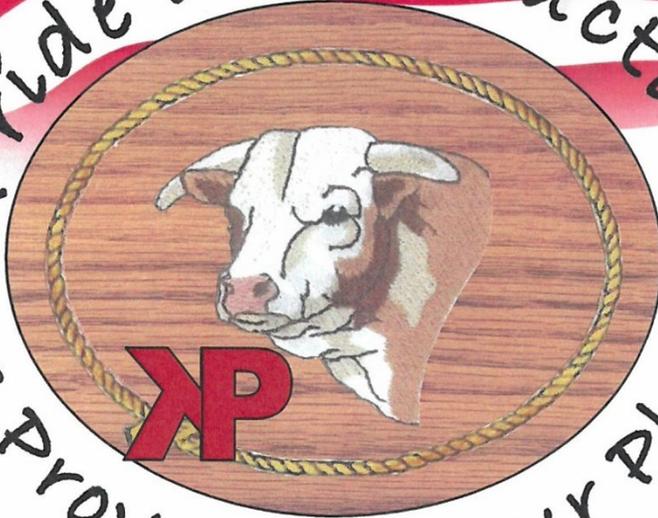
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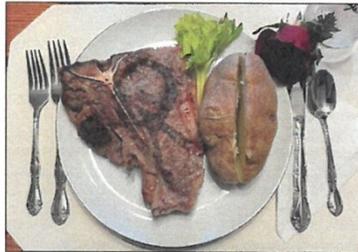
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