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The First Sunday of Advent - November 30, 2025

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:

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

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

November 30th: The First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5, Psalm 122:1-9, Romans 13:11-14, St. Matthew 24:37-44

Reading *Read the Holy Gospel two or three times.*

Meditation *Take some time to reflect in silence.* What words in the Gospel caught your attention, comforted you, or challenged you?

Contemplation What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

- *In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage.* What distracts me from prayer and from spending time in the presence of God? What steps can I take to limit these distractions?
- *They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away.* When have I avoided noticing the needs and concerns of others? How have I let my own desires and preoccupations carry me away from my life of faith?
- *So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.* What can I do this Advent to help prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas? How can I live in expectation of Christ's coming at the end of time?

Closing Prayer: After silent reflection, pray the Lord's Prayer and Psalm 122.

Living the Word this Week *How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?* If possible, spend some quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. <https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-in-english/>



Mr. Max Brown

Propaedeutic Year,
St. Gregory the Great Seminary
St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament
Parish, Omaha

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, Protector of Holy Church, pray for us.

	Altar Servers	EMHC	Reader	Ushers	Livestream
December 7, 7:30 AM 2nd Sunday of Advent	Andrew Sutherland Joel Sutherland	Bill Cheese Jeanette Pinker Bonnie Shea	Jerry Ziska	Norm Hanson Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard	Jim Babcock
December 7, 10:00 AM 2nd Sunday of Advent	Charles Bohnenkamp Abe Engelkamp Philemon Meba Blaise Schildtknecht	Mary Fink Kirk Utley	Kelli Peck	Eric Brink Carl Cramer Debra Cramer Paul Gray	
December 7, 7:00 PM HOLY DAY VIGIL MASS	Simeon Miller Sam Treves	Jan Sammons Robbie Miller Kelli Peck	Larry Ziska	Chuck Livengood Michael Ramsgard Eric Brink Gayle Haman	Dan Hooyboer

SVDP call coordinator Dec. 1-7: Jean Tosoni
Immanuel Hospital EMHC Thursday, Dec. 4: Bill Cheese



Christmas Donations for SPN Catholic School Teachers & Staff
Sponsored by the SPN Home and School Association. Donations accepted by cash, check, or online by December 5. To give online: <https://stphilipneri-blessedsacrament.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/31/responses/new>

Christian Humor

- All my childhood "punishments" have become my adult goals: Eating vegetables, staying home, taking a nap, going to bed early.
- Friend: I thought you were dieting. Me: I am. Friend: But you just had 3 donuts. Me: Yes, but I wanted four!!
- What's it called when a cow spies on you?.... A steak out!!



St Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Council #5287
knights of columbus

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH



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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, November 30

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

4:00 p.m. Advent Vespers - SPN Church

After Vespers: Potluck Dinner - SPN-BS Parish Center

Monday, December 1

Tuesday, December 2

8:15 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

9:00 a.m. *The Chosen, Season 4* - Parish Center

5:30 p.m. Parish Potluck - Parish Center

6:15 p.m. Taking Back Advent - Parish Center

7:00 p.m. Adoration, Confessions - SPN Church

Wednesday, December 3

8:15 a.m. Mass - HN Church

6:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Religious Ed class - SPN Activity Center

Thursday, December 4

5:30 p.m. Confessions (Eng./Sp.) - HN Church

6:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) - HN Church

Friday, December 5

8:15 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. 1st Friday Exposition - SPN Church

Saturday, December 6

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Little Flowers - Parish Center

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Women's Social - SPN School Cafeteria

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

5:00 p.m. Mass - HN Church

Sunday, December 7

6:45 a.m. Confessions (Eng./Sp.) - SPN Church

7:30 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Pancake Breakfast - Parish Center

10:00 a.m. Mass - SPN Church

12:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) - HN Church

2:00 p.m. Baptism Class (Eng.) - Parish Center

4:00 p.m. Advent Vespers - HN Church

7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Holy Day Vigil Mass
- SPN Church

Monday, December 8

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation

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

2:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass (Eng.) - HN Church

7:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass (Sp.) - HN Church

SPN = St. Philip Neri Church HN = Holy Name Church
Masses are in English unless otherwise noted.

Holy Rosary Circle #2 is shouting out A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who came down and bought or donated at our bake sale last Sunday!! Thanks to your tremendous generosity, we collected \$962.00. Thanks to the support of our wonderful parish, we now have a total of \$2,512.00 from all three bake sales to go towards the new chimes!!

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 are sent directly from your bank and you no longer need envelopes mailed, please contact Mary in the office. As always, donation envelopes are available for your use near church entrances. Thank you for your generosity.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AND MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 1

No Mass

Tuesday, December 2

8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: Marguerite Spicer +

Wednesday, December 3

8:15 a.m. HN Mass: Maureen P.

Thursday, December 4

5:30 p.m. HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)

6:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): José Suárez Arechiga +

Friday, December 5

8:15 a.m. SPN Mass: Memorial Society +

Saturday, December 6

4:00 p.m. HN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)

5:00 p.m. HN Mass: people of our parishes

Sunday, December 7

6:45 a.m. SPN Confessions (Eng./Sp.)

7:30 a.m. SPN Mass: Henry Kelly +

10:00 a.m. SPN Mass: Del and Marjie Murphy +

12:30 p.m. HN Mass (Sp.): Vallecillo Sánchez Family

4:00 p.m. SPN Advent Vespers

7:00 p.m. SPN Holy Day Vigil Mass: people of our parishes

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Parish Support: November 16, 2025

Weekly Offerings

ParishStaq online donations \$ 1,611

Collections from Masses and mail \$ 17,980

Total Weekly \$ 19,591

Special Offerings \$ 683

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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society Collection November 29-30, we will take up a second collection for the SVDP Society. The collection will go to the SVDP conference of the church where the Mass occurs. (If a donation is in a parish envelope or a check is written to a specific parish, it will be given to that parish's SVDP Society.) Please give as generously as you are able to for the St. Vincent de Paul Society's worthy cause.

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

Retirement Fund for Religious December 6-7, we will take up a second collection for the Retirement for Fund for Religious to assist retired religious order priests, brothers, and sisters.

From the Pastor

Rite of Welcoming & Acceptance

On the First Sunday of Advent, the Church performs the Rite of Welcoming and Acceptance for Catechumens, adults who wish to become baptized and fully initiated Catholic Christians. Today, we welcome Sklyer Spoonmore, Dan Schildtknecht, and Justin Losch, who have been attending our *Becoming Catholic (OCIA)* sessions. We will carry out this ritual during our 10 a.m. Mass today, Nov. 30th. Please pray for and encourage and welcome them.

Happy New Year!

Ok, today isn't January 1st, but it is the first day of Advent. That means it's the first day of our new liturgical year! Our weekday readings will now come from Cycle II, found in volume three of the four volume Lectionary set. In terms of the Sunday readings throughout 2026, we enter Cycle A. It mostly features passages from the Gospel of Matthew.

Advent Distinctiveness

Our four weeks of Advent, which comes from the Latin verb *advenire* (to come towards), turns our attention toward the three comings of Christ: 1. His initial coming in the Incarnation as the "Word made flesh", 2. His eventual return in the Second Coming at the end of time, and 3. His present coming in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist.

Advent has its own character and flavor. More joyful than Lent because of the eventual birth of Christ, Advent is still a penitential season. Violet vestments are worn to signify the call to repentance and conversion, and, except for Feasts and Solemnities, we do not sing the jubilant *Gloria* at Sabbath Masses.

The utilization of the organ, piano, and other instruments and the decoration of the sanctuary with flowers are omitted entirely, or, if truly necessary, are used in moderation and in a way that doesn't anticipate or usurp the festivity rightly held at Christmas. For this reason, we'll sing the common parts of the Mass a cappella or with light accompaniment throughout these four weeks; moreover, we'll use the simple and ancient melodies from the *Missa pro Defunctis* found in the Roman Missal itself and use some Greek and Latin. As part of the Universal Church and as a bilingual community, we'll sing the *Kyrie Eleison* (Lord, Have Mercy) in Greek during Advent; during Advent and the Christmas seasons, we'll also sing the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) in Latin. Speaking of Latin...

Alma Redemptoris Mater

There are four traditional Marian anthems sung during Night Prayer, each with their own season. We will chant the *Alma Redemptoris Mater* at the end of all our Masses during the Advent and Christmas seasons. It will precede any final recessional hymn, and copies of this Marian prayer can be found in your pews.

No More Announcements Before Masses

At the request of members of our Pastoral Council and additional parishioners, we are going to forego all announcements before Masses during the Advent and Christmas seasons. We will evaluate this change but may omit these announcements even beyond the Christmas Season. Parishioners thought that the announcements were distracting and sometimes felt overwhelming. The humble, quiet season of Advent seems as good a time as any to implement this change. And, as good as silence is in preparing the soul to hear God speak, other parishioners suggested musical preludes before Masses may help people dispose themselves to worship. During the Christmas season, therefore, our choirs will lead a prelude of some kind before Masses.

With this change, it will become more important than ever that you consult our two primary vehicles of communication: our church bulletins and Flocknote. Our bulletins are available in printed form in both churches and are available electronically through our parish websites. Sign up for Flocknote by scanning the QR code on the back of a church pew and you'll receive parish news and updates via texts and/or emails. With winter coming, signing up for Flocknote is also the most reliable way to know of cancellations due to inclement weather, etc.

Of course we will continue to post flyers on our church billboards, but I urge you to develop the custom of taking a bulletin and/or signing up for Flocknote. To help with this, I hope our ushers and greeters will consider passing out bulletins to people as they depart from any given Mass and wish them a blessed day.

I know this change may cause frustration for some of you who are accustomed to Mass announcements but please continue to submit your advertisements and news to our parish secretaries and they will gladly disseminate the information through our bulletins, Flocknote, and billboards.

Solemn Vespers & Benediction

Throughout Advent, join in Solemn Chanted Evening Prayer, aka Vespers, and Eucharistic Exposition on Sundays at 4 p.m.

- Nov. 30th and Dec. 14th: 4 p.m. in SPN Church
- Dec. 7th and 21st: 4 p.m. in HN Church

"Taking Back Advent" & Confession

Prepare for Christmas through our "Taking Back Advent" event in English on THIS Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, in the SPN Church basement (parish center), unless otherwise noted.

- 5:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner – Bring a side dish to share!
- 6:15 p.m. Reflection on Advent by Dr. Brandon Harvey
- 6:45 p.m. Examination of Conscience
- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (SPN Church) and, simultaneously, a movie suitable for children (SPN Basement)

Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Prepare your hearts for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and attend the Novena conducted in Spanish in HN Church.

- Dec. 3rd; 5th, 6th, 9th-11th: 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4th: 6:00 p.m. in HN Church
- Dec. 7th: 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 8th: 6:15 p.m.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal

As we enter this Holy Season of Advent, may we ponder all the Lord has given us. Let us ask Him to prepare our hearts and minds so that we may gratefully give back to Him and His Church. I invite you to make a prayer and/or financial pledge for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. With your help, I know we will meet our goals and surpass them! Forms and envelopes are available on the tables at the entrances of the church. Thank you for taking part in this vital effort.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

- **Holy Name Parish:**
 - Current Households Donating: 11
 - Gift Total: \$5,935.00
 - Financial Goal: \$17,230.28
- **St. Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Parish:**
 - Current Households Donating: 58
 - Gift Total: \$27,425.55
 - Financial Goal: \$46,209.96
- **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 a Baptism in either HN or SPN 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, 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

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 way of SMS text messaging and emails. You choose email and/or text messages and can opt out at any time by texting "stop". Simply scan the QR code on church pews.



Legacy Reflection: Did You Know that You Can Create a Fund in The Catholic Future Foundation?

The Catholic Future Foundation of Northeast Nebraska can help you establish a fund to benefit St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament. The fund can be in your family's name, or you can choose to honor or memorialize someone who has made a difference in your life. A minimum is required to start a fund, and anyone can add to the fund in any amount.

Also, by including in your will or trust a bequest to your family's fund with the Catholic Future Foundation you are ensuring St. Philip Neri – Blessed Sacrament are supported in perpetuity. Over 60 families have established a fund in the Catholic Future Foundation.

To learn more about how you can positively impact the future of our church and help transform lives, please contact Bonnie Nebuda, *Foundation Officer*, by phone at 402-557-5650 ext. 1917 or by email at blnebuda@archomaha.org.

Stewardship Reflection "Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42) People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

Our Family Giving Christmas Tree will be up by this Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent.

The deadline to return wrapped gifts is Sunday, DECEMBER 14.

1. Please select as many gift tags as you'd like.
2. Purchase the gift on the tag (new items only, please).
3. Wrap the gift. (Sale tags may be left on clothing.)
4. Attach the gift tag to the wrapped gift *with the child's name showing*.
5. Bring the gift to the church or parish office **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 14!**

Please share Christ's love by giving a Christmas gift to a family in need in our parish and school. Thank you for your generosity!



High School Youth Ministry

Christmas Party - Wednesday, December 10, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the SPN-BS Parish Center under the church. All High School youth from SPN-BS and HN are invited to join us for a Christmas Party potluck. John will provide the main dish, but bring a side dish to share, and a wrapped white elephant gift for our Gift Exchange & a few reindeer games.

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!

Steubenville Youth Conference 2026

July 17-19, 2026:: At each Steubenville 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.

Steubenville 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 by January 9th. Contact John Gencarelli at 402-800-3850 or jgencarelli@archomaha.org if you need a form.

Young Adults (Ages 21-39)

VENI Young Adult Holy Hour: 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 Gathering

Saturday, December 6, 9:00 am-10:30 am in the SPN School Cafeteria. 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.

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 will reflect on the readings for the following Sunday's Mass. *Lectio Divina* (meaning "divine reading") is a slow, prayerful method of reading and praying with a short passage of Scripture.

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.

Religious Education & Sacramental Prep

Religious education classes:

- **Wednesday, December 3:** Classes meet 6:15 pm-7:45 pm in the St. Philip Neri School Activity Center.
- **Religious Ed. classes moved to Thursday, December 11, 6:15 pm at Holy Name Church** for Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration. (No classes Wednesday, Dec. 10.)

Catechists & Helpers Needed Do you have a heart for children and a love for our Catholic Faith? We're looking for joyful, faith-filled volunteers to join our Religious Education team as catechists and classroom helpers. Contact Monica Valles 402-455-1289 ext. 804 or mavalles@archomaha.org.

Advent: Rethinking the Season

Tuesday, December 2: Join us as we enter Advent with intention. Parish Potluck 5:30-6:15 pm in the St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Center. The main dish will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. At 6:15 pm, we'll reflect on the meaning and mission of Advent, with a short examination of conscience. At 7:00 pm, Confessions and quiet prayer in the church. The church will remain open until 8:30 pm for quiet prayer. Activities and a movie will be available for young children. *You are welcome to come for Confession and quiet prayer only at 7:00 pm in the church.*



Little Flowers Girls' Club®

Saturday, December 6, 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.



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 to 12th grade. Information and forms will be available soon.

WELCOME to Our Parish Family!

We are so glad you are here! Whether you are a longtime parishioner, a new member, or just visiting, please know that you are a cherished part of our faith community. Our parish family is built on prayer, service, and fellowship. We hope you feel at home with us. If you have any questions, would like to become more involved, or need information about the Sacraments, please call the parish office - we would be glad to help. Together, let us grow in faith, share Christ's love, and walk this journey as one family in Christ.

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 Adorers, The current articles have been replaced with some lighter human-interest stories about Sr. Jean Dolores (Loyola), Wichita walking neighborhoods, and a priest whose father rides shotgun on his Last Rites calls. Nice variety. Enjoy and God Bless You! Your Coordinator, Joann Feller

The Chosen, Season 4: Dec. 2, 9, 16, & 30, 9 am-11 am in the Parish Center. (All Tuesdays in December except Dec. 23. Sorry, no evening sessions.) *The Chosen* series is about the Apostles Jesus chose. It includes scenes and dialogue taken directly from Sacred Scripture, but it also includes scenes and dialogue not in the Bible. It makes Jesus and his Apostles come alive with their thoughts, actions, and emotions. This is a movie for adults. No registration - just come and enjoy, even if you have not seen previous seasons. Questions? Call Marsha Moon at 402-455-1485.

SALT (*Sages, Advisors, Listeners, Laughers, Teachers, Talkers*) Please consider writing a note, calling, or visiting one of our SALT parishioners. For contact information, please contact Mary in the parish office. Thank you to all who are helping them stay in touch with their parish. Our SALT members include Theresa Andrews, Gerald & Pat Hodges, Phyllis Huser, Jean Jones, Jim Kimble, Fred Maycock, Mary Miner, Rich & Rita Muff, Sharon Olson, Bob & Fannie Parker, Carol Parks, Pat Potter, Rosemary Reeves, Carol Schade, Donna Thibodeau, Michael Tillotson, JoAnn Todd, Jane Vlcek.

Formed.org Catholic Bible studies, video, movies, audio, and children's resources. Our parish has a subscription to Formed. To sign up, go to formed.org/signup, enter your parish St Philip Neri Church, your name, and email.

Pray Compline (Night Prayer) this Advent

Prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas by joining Archbishop Michael McGovern in praying Compline, or night prayer during Advent. Set aside quiet time at the end of each day. A prayer guide is at Archomaha.org/advent.

Compline, from the Latin word "*completorium*," means to complete or fill up. Compline is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, a set of daily prayers that includes Psalms, Scripture readings, and hymns offered at specific times each day. Compline provides a simple spiritual way to close the day. It allows for reflection and the opportunity to draw closer to God in the moments before sleep.

KNIGHTS NOTES

KNIGHTS - SAVE THESE DATES !!!

- **Sunday, November 30, 10 am:** Knights Mass. Reserved pews for Knights & Families.
- **Saturday, December 06, 10 am:** Set up Outdoor Nativity
- **Sunday, December 07: KC Pancake Breakfast.** We need everyone's help to have a successful Breakfast!
- **Saturday, December 13, 6 pm: KC Family Movie Knight**



THANK YOU to all who attended the November 9th KC Pancake Breakfast! We were able to donate \$800 to help SPN/Roncalli students travel to the March for Life on January 24, 2026. Thank you also to Mitzi LeClair and Panan Gray for baking the homemade biscuits for us to enjoy! **THANK YOU!**

Red Cross Blood Drive Thanks: **THANK YOU** to all who donated blood at the November 15th Blood Drive! We collected 25 pints!! Great job!! Save a life! Give blood!



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)

SUCCESS! Once again our SPN-Blessed Sacrament parish family has stepped up and delivered for the less fortunate in our community who were in need of jackets, coats, and all things warm for the upcoming winter. We collected and delivered over 17 large bags of winter accessories for the annual SVDP Coat Giveaway at the Omaha Home for Boys Saturday, October 25. The building was filled with families and individuals grateful for the change to replace or replenish their winter wardrobes and prepare for the cold North winds coming our way. Together we provided 4,272 children and adults with coats, hats, gloves, and scarves free of charge, helping them to stay warm through the winter months. Many thanks and blessings to all who participated in our Annual Winter Coat Drive!

With changes coming in the SNAP (food stamp) benefits and reduction in the LIHEAP (low income energy assistance) program, it becomes even more urgent to support those living on the edge with donations to our utility and rental assistance and Holy Name Food Pantry. We continue to receive calls for help from families who are one misfortune away from falling behind on rent and utilities and just need a little support to make it to the next pay check. Please keep our less fortunate neighbors in your thoughts and prayers as we celebrate the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season.

The SPN-Blessed Sacrament SVDP Society 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 with 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

Taking Back Advent



Tuesday, December 2nd
5:30-8:30 pm

Potluck and Advent Reflection with Dr. Brandon Harvey & The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Advent is a season of preparation.

In the busyness of shopping, decorating, and planning, it's easy to lose sight of what we're truly preparing for. Advent invites us to slow down, refocus, and ready our hearts to receive the greatest gift God offers us at Christmas: His Son, Jesus.

Let's enter this season with intention, hope, and expectation.

- 5:30 pm to 6:15 pm: Potluck dinner in the SPN Parish Center
- 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm: Reflection on Advent by Dr. Harvey
- 6:45 pm to 6:55 pm: Examination of Conscience
- 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm: The Sacrament of Reconciliation in the Church.
- 7:00 - Movie in SPN Parish Center Under the Church (For Children)

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!

The Church will be available for silent prayer until 8:30 pm.

Nativity Ballet Saturday, Dec. 20, 3:00 pm
 at The Garden Theater, 3125 Oak View Dr. Omaha, NE, 68144. If you are looking for a family- friendly event to get your heart ready for the Christ Child, please come support the dancers of Marigold Dance Academy as they perform *Love Made Visible*, an original **Nativity Ballet** (about 45 min.-1 hour show). Tickets are just \$10 (lap babies are free). Tickets can be reserved online at www.marigolddance.weebly.com

V2 Camp Registration NOW OPEN!

Virtus et Veritas V2 Camp is excited to once again to open registration early to allow families to take advantage of a payment plans to spread out the cost over several months. Contact V2 Ministries: info@v2ministries.org or 401-915-0482 if you have any questions. v2ministries.org/adventures

Camp Dates: Week 1: July 19-25, Week 2: July 26-August 1. **Campers:** Boys entering 6th to 9th grade in Fall 2026. **Youth Leaders:** Young men entering 10th-12th grade in Fall 2026. **Adult Volunteers:** Age 19 and older. *Must be Safe Environment Certified before date of camp. **Location:** Camp Kateri Tekakwitha, 1305 Road 3, McCool Junction, NE 68401. **Cost:** \$625 through Dec. 31, \$725 through May 31. *Scholarships available.

Shower Christ's Little Ones

You are invited to participate in an
Advent Baby Shower

November 30th through December 24th, 2025

During this Advent Season, as we anticipate the good news and great joy of our Savior's birth, please express this joy with gifts for his little ones.



"LOVE FROM HIS CRIB STILL WARMS THE WORLD."

- | Suggested Gifts | |
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| ■ Dreft/laundry detergent | ■ Baby gates |
| ■ Dryer sheets | ■ Teething Toys |
| ■ Multi-surface cleaners | ■ Baby Monitors |
| ■ 13 gallon trash bags | ■ Infant Tylenol |
| ■ Toilet paper | ■ Infant Saline |
| ■ Paper towels | ■ Winter/seasonal clothing |
| ■ Brooms/dust pans | ■ newborn- 24 mos, |
| ■ Diapers: Size 2, 5 & 6 | ■ 12-24 months |
| ■ Pull-ups: 3T/4T, 4T/5T | |

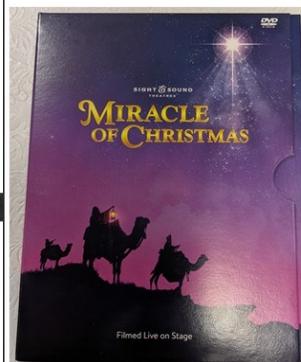
*Please leave unwrapped, new or gently used items in the crib by the Mary statue.
 Thank you!*

GIFTS WILL BE DONATED TO THE BETHLEHEM HOUSE (2301 S. 15TH ST).



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This holiday season, travel back in time to Bethlehem as the original Christmas story unfolds all around you. Journey alongside Mary and Joseph, a flock of surprised shepherds, and three wisemen—along with their camels! Experience this cherished holiday production, filmed in front of a live audience at Sight & Sound Theatres in Branson MO.

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2025 Events in Advent & Christmas for HN and SPN-BS Parishes

Sunday Vespers w/ Benediction

Join in Solemn Chanted Evening Prayer, aka Vespers, and Eucharistic Exposition at 4 p.m.

- Nov. 30th and Dec. 14th: 4 p.m. in SPN Church
- Dec. 7th and 21st: 4 p.m. in HN Church

“Taking Back Advent” & Confession

Prepare for Christmas through our “Taking Back Advent” event in English on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd, in the SPN Church basement, unless otherwise noted.

- 5:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner - Bring a side dish to share!
- 6:15 p.m. Reflection on Advent by Dr. Brandon Harvey
- 6:45 p.m. Examination of Conscience
- 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (SPN Church) and, simultaneously, a movie suitable for children (SPN Church Basement)

Novena of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Prepare your hearts for Our Lady of Guadalupe and attend the Novena conducted in Spanish in HN Church.

- Dec. 3rd; 5th, 6th, 9th-11th: 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 4th: 6 p.m. in HN Church
- Dec. 7th: 11:45 a.m.
- Dec. 8th: 6:15 p.m.

Sol. of the Immaculate Conception

(Holy Day of Obligation)

- Dec. 7th
 - 7 p.m. Vigil Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church - Attendance at this Mass counts for either the Sabbath obligation OR the Immaculate Conception obligation BUT not both

- Dec. 8th
 - 8:15 a.m. Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - 2 p.m. Mass (Eng.) in HN Church
 - 7 p.m. Mass (Sp.) in HN Church



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Celebrate the Empress of the Americas! All events and liturgies will take place in Spanish and inside HN Church, unless otherwise noted.

- December 11th Vigil Events:
 - 6:30 p.m. Rosary w/ R.E. Children
 - 7:15 p.m. Performance (Children’s Choir)
 - 7:30 p.m. Music (Holy Name Choir)
 - 8 p.m. Presentation
 - 8:30 p.m. Rosary & Novena Prayers
 - 9:30 p.m. Aztec Dance
 - 10 p.m. Vigil Mass & Mañanitas
 - 11 p.m. Reception (HN Church Basement)
- December 12th
 - 8:15 a.m. Mass (Eng.) (SPN Church)
 - 6:30 p.m. Rosary (Sp.) (HN Church)
 - 7 p.m. Mass (Sp.) (HN Church)
 - Reception 8 p.m. (HN Church Basement)



2025 Events in Advent & Christmas for HN and SPN-BS Parishes

Traditional Posadas

Take part in the age-old custom of Las Posadas! All Posadas will take place at 6:30 p.m. in the HN Cafeteria.

- Dec. 16th, 17th (R.E. Classes), 19th and 20th

Decorate & Clean Our Churches

Everyone is invited to come and help clean and decorate HN Church and SPN Church for Christmas. We will be sweeping, dusting, polishing the pews, washing interior windows, cleaning the choir loft, etc. Cleaning solutions, polishes, and rags will be provided; please bring gloves, if desired.

- December 21st:
 - 11 a.m. Decorating/Cleaning in SPN Church
 - 1:30 p.m. Decorating/Cleaning in HN Church



Sol. of the Nativity of the Lord - Christmas (Holy Day of Obligation)

- December 24th:
 - 4 p.m. Vigil Mass (Eng.) in HN Church
- December 25th:
 - 7:30 a.m. Mass at Dawn (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - 10 a.m. Mass During the Day (Eng.) in SPN Church
 - 12:30 p.m. Mass (Sp.) in HN Church



Important Christmas Octave Details

Weekday Masses: Every day in the Christmas Octave is celebrated like Christmas Day!

- Dec. 26th: Morning Mass is CANCELED
- Feast of the Holy Family:
 - Dec. 27th Mass (Eng.) in HN Church at 5 p.m.
 - Dec. 28th Masses (Eng.) in SPN Church at 7:30 a.m. & 10 a.m.; Mass (Sp.) in HN Church at 12:30 p.m.
- Dec. 30th Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church at 8:15 a.m.
- Dec. 31st Mass (Eng.) in the HN Church Prayer Chapel at 8:15 a.m.

Parish Offices Closures: Both the HN and SPN-BS Parish Offices will close at 12 noon on Dec. 24 through January 4, 2026. Phone messages will be checked daily but non-emergencies will be attended to after Jan. 4th, 2026.

Sol. of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

- December 31st:
 - 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (Eng.) in SPN Church
- January 1st:
 - 10 a.m. Mass (Bilingual) in HN Church

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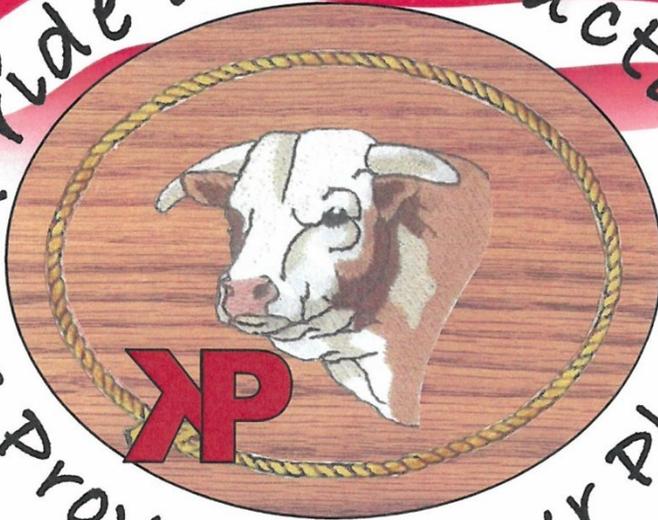
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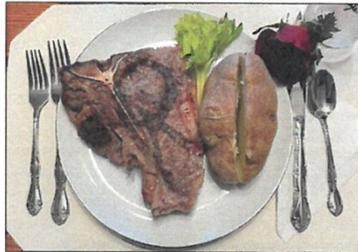
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