

PARISH DIRECTORY

Permanent Deacons

Don Cowles..... 402-333-4652
 Michael DeSelm..... 402-333-3603
 Joe Kulus..... 402-333-8531

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Parish School.....402-330-4356

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Extended Care Program.....402-330-5297

Christy Stevenson.....Director

Parish Pastoral Ministry..... 402-697-7514

Mary Stieren, Director.....Rose Berkey

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday..... 5:00 PM, 6:30 PM

Sunday..... 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM,

..... 10:30 AM, 12:00 noon, 5:30 PM

Daily

Monday-Friday,.....6:45 AM

Monday-Saturday,.....8:30 AM

Holy Days

Vigil (evening before)..... 5:30 PM

6:45 AM, 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM, 7:00 PM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism— Pre-baptism classes are required. Please

schedule classes prior to the child's birth.

Call 330-0304 for dates/times.

Matrimony—Make arrangements at least 6 months

in advance. Call 330-0304 for information.

Reconciliation—Saturdays before the 8:30 AM Mass

and 3:30 PM to 4:45 PM or by appointment.

HELP LINES

Alcoholics Anonymous 402-556-1880

AL-ANON 402-553-5033

Domestic Violence 402-558-5700

Elizabeth Ministry 402-697-7514

Gamblers Anonymous 402-978-7557

Helping Hands 402-697-7514

Prayer Chain 402-333-3603

Project Rachel 402-398-5555

Youth Emergency Services 402-578-7233

BeFriender Ministry 402-697-7514

Caring For Others 402-697-7514

EPS 402-554-0121

Parent Assistance Line 402-397-9909

Parish Council

John Andreasen, Lisa Daub, Jennifer Dowd,

Roger Hansen, Christine Farrell, Sandra Lane,

Pat Nelson, Dave Peters, Karen Stevens

Doug VanDyke and Gary Venhaus

Vocation Contact:

Fr. Paul Hoelsing- 402-558-3100

**ST. WENCESLAUS
 CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Epiphany of the Lord
 January 8, 2012**

15353 Pacific Street, Omaha, NE 68154

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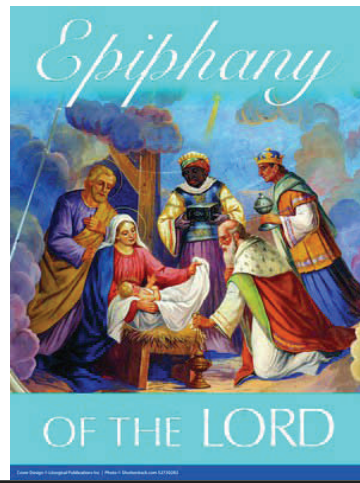
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Rev. Tom Bauwens, Pastor

Rev. Kizito Okhuoya, Associate Pastor

Rev. Bernie Byrne, Senior Associate

Rev. Michael Mukasa, Visiting Priest



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Wenceslaus Parish community seeks to continue the mission of Jesus Christ by sharing the Good News of God's unconditional love through vibrant worship, life long faith formation and opportunities for service.



**Come as a Guest
 Leave as a Friend**



Engraved bricks are being sold as a fundraiser for an Eagle Scout project for the re-landscaping of the prayer garden on the southwest side of the school. You may purchase a brick for your family, in memory of a loved one, or for your business. It is a wonderful holiday gift! *See the table in the back of church for order forms and more details.*



**The name of your
 Committee appears here...**

Pantry Sunday is this Sunday. Please be generous to those less fortunate. Also, your help is needed to sort the food and load the van after the noon Mass. Thank you!

Develop Friendships, Character and Leadership! Join the NEW Boys/Young Men's Leadership Program – Columbian Squires. Wednesday, January 4th and 11th, 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Social Hall B – Open House and Organizational Meeting. Come learn about the Knights of Columbus youth organization for Catholic boys/young men 10-18 years old. For more information call Tim Sweeney at 703-598-8196 or Mark Pelan at 402-933-5520.



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. And give us peace. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.



Today's Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Contrasting Forces

Matthew draws a dramatic contrast between the power of Herod (so paranoid that he killed his own family members) and the helpless vulnerability of the child. The cruel Herod has force, cunning and no problem with lying. He gets what he wants — instantly. The infant has nothing but bewildered human parents. But other forces are at play here: Herod underestimates the force of divine protection.

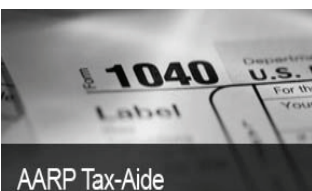
Into this little drama step the Magi. Imagine how the “practical” folks would have reacted to their journey. “You are going *where?*” “Following a *what?*” The skeptical who did not join them have been immortalized in legends like the Russian Babouscka. Such stories prompt us to ask: What risk do we avoid? What risk are we glad we took? Matthew names the Gentiles as first to recognize Jesus, a gift not only to the Jews, but also to the world.

Children in the family may want to create guiding stars like the Magi's by cutting them from cardboard, covering them with foil, and hanging them from the ceiling or lights by threads. It is customary to bless your home today. Ask for God's protection for the house and those it shelters, writing in chalk over the main entrance the year and the traditional initials of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) with a small cross between each, like this: 20 C + M + B 12. © 2011 Liturgy Training Publications. 1-800-933-1800. Written by Kathy Coffey. Illustrated by Paula Wiggins. The English translation of the response to the Invitation to communion from *The Roman Missal* © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Permission to publish granted by the Archdiocese of Chicago, on May 13, 2011.

Catholicism

The sixth DVD for the Catholicism program will be shown on January 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. In this DVD titled, “A Body Both Suffering and Glorious—The Mystical Union of Christ and the Church”, Fr. Barron answers clearly the question “What is Church?” Fr. Barron presents the reality of the Church as “one, holy, catholic and apostolic” and explores the Catholic conviction that the life and presence of Christ continues to embrace humanity in all its joys and sorrows through the presence of the Church. Journey to Rome, New York City, Sao Paulo, Manila, Namugongo and Uganda.

From the desk of the Parish Nurse: Please use caution when out in the winter weather; dress your children and yourselves accordingly--wearing layered clothing, gloves, hats, etc. Always use caution when traveling during inclement weather...even walking can be dangerous if you are not careful!



AARP Tax-Aide is looking for volunteers to help those with lower incomes to file their federal and state income tax forms. This is a free service. Training is available. If you are interested or have questions please contact Jon Christopherson at 402-333-0567 or jchristopherson@gmail.com.

VOCATIONS - Trust the Promise: Consider your life committed to Christ as a priest, brother, sister or deacon. For more information contact Fr. Paul Hoelsing at 402-558-3100 or Fr. Tom, Fr. Kizito or Fr. Bernie at our parish 402-330-0304.

VOCATIONS CORNER: Do not be afraid to go out into the streets and public places like the first apostles, who preached Christ and the good news of salvation in the squares of cities, towns and villages. This is no time to be ashamed of the Gospel. It is the time to preach it from the rooftops. Do not be afraid to break out of comfortable and routine modes of living in order to take up the challenge of making Christ known in the modern metropolis. Blessed John Paul II

LITURGY CORNER

The Lord's Prayer and the Embolism

The Communion Rite begins with the Lord's Prayer. In the revised translation of *The Roman Missal*, the words of the Lord's Prayer have not changed for the liturgical assembly. However, there are changes to the words of the priest celebrant. These changes include the invitation to pray the Lord's Prayer as well as, to the part he prays before we pray the doxology: “*For the kingdom, / the power. . .*”

The invitation by the priest to pray the Lord's Prayer names why we pray this prayer. First, Christ Jesus, in Matthew's account of the Gospel, invited us, or commanded us, to pray as he prayed to his Father. Second, he himself taught us to pray this prayer. He modeled prayer for us, by praying himself. In the Lord's Prayer itself, we pray for the kingdom, or reign, of God to come. We pray for God's kingdom to become present here and now. How it is in heaven, we pray, will become present to us on earth. Finally, the doxology, that is, the final part proclaimed by priest and people, rightly calls us to offer glory and praise to God, under whose authority, rule, and power we disciples live. Following the Lord's Prayer is the Sign of Peace. God's kingdom, rule, and power is one of peace, of true communion with and among human persons. Only the Triune God can give us the peace, communion, and “daily bread” we need. Preparing Your Parish for the Revised Roman Missal: Homilies and Reproducibles for Faith Formation © 2011 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 3949 South Racine Avenue, Chicago IL 60609; 1-800-933-1800; www.LTP.org. Excerpts from the English translation of *The Roman Missal* © 1973, 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation (ICEL). All rights reserved. The copyright notice must appear with the text. Published with Ecclesiastical Approval (Canon 823, 1).

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY—January 9, 2012
 6:45 a.m. +Walter Staiert
 8:30 a.m. +Louie Werderitch

TUESDAY—January 10, 2012
 6:45 a.m. +Pat Hoke
 8:30 a.m. +Amelia Bojkowski

WEDNESDAY— January 11, 2012
 6:45 a.m. +Roger Wiedel
 8:30 a.m. +Shelly Billerbeck

THURSDAY—January 12, 2012
 6:45 a.m. +Lois Lesenyie
 8:30 a.m. +Jack Schaeffer

FRIDAY—January 13, 2012
 6:45 a.m. +Joseph Corbitt
 8:30 a.m. +Amelia Bojkowski

SATURDAY—January 14, 2012
 8:30 a.m. +Helen Peterson
 5:00 p.m. +Bill Brock
 6:30 p.m. +Darrell Craig

SUNDAY—January 15, 2012
 7:30 a.m. +Joan Gradoville
 9:00 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. +Keith Faur
 12:00 p.m. +George Semarad
 5:30 p.m. +William Goraliski



PARISH CALENDAR



Sunday, January 08, 2012
Monday, January 09, 2012
 9:15AM Cry Rm, SH-A: Mom's Time Out
 7:00PM Cry Rm: Family Baptism Class

Tuesday, January 10, 2012
 12:15PM Human Needs Mtg.
 2:55PM Cry Rm: Rosary
 7:00PM RM 7-SH-B: AA Mtg.
 7:00PM Media Rm: Finance Comm. Mtg.

Wednesday, January 11, 2012
 7:00PM RM 7-SH-B: Catholic Daughters Mtg.

Thursday, January 12, 2012
 7:00PM SH, SH-A: Adult Choir practice p.m.
 6:30PM Comm Rm: RCIA
 7:00PM RM 7-SH-B: Quilt Ministry Mtg.
 7:00PM Parish Council Mtg.

Friday, January 13, 2012
 9:30AM SH-A: Bible Study

Saturday, January 14, 2012
 8:00AM Gym: Basketball
 5:00PM RM 6/SH-C: CLOW

Sunday, January 15, 2012

- **USED UNIFORM SALE** - Drop off date is Monday, January 23rd from 2:30-6:00 p.m. in the Community Room.
- Sale date is Tuesday, January 24th 7:00-9:00 a.m. and 2:30-6:00 p.m. in the Community Room. Please have your items tagged and ready at the drop off time. You may print off instructions and tags from the St. Wenceslaus website.
- For additional questions contact: Erin Anderson 402-964-2220 erinanderson2@yahoo.com, Cody Everett 402-896-3567 codyandtom@cox.net or Julie Krupicka 402-963-9434 juliekrupicka@tconl.com

The Approved Parish Council Minutes are now posted on our website at www.stwenceslaus.org

VOCATIONS '31' CLUB

The following members of the Vocations 31 Club have agreed to pray for vocations on the days indicated. Please pray for an increase in vocations.

7 th	Ray Huelskamp	11 th	Bob Simmons
7 th	Janet Sorensen	11 th	Jo Wagner
8 th	Hal Freeman	11 th	Karen Stevens
8 th	Missi Schembari	12 th	Mat Balcetis
9 th	Dick Stemm	12 th	Angie Trautman
9 th	Sharon Wilwerding	12 th	Mark & Lynne Capoun
10 th	Mary Baum	13 th	Jim Haiar
10 th	Maureen Reininger	13 th	Pat Greenwood
10 th	Rich Kalal	Traveling Vocations Crucifix	
10 th	Dan Bleyhl	Family: Del and Vicki Herout	
10 th	Marguerite Whetstone		

"LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY," Part 1, for women, a 12 week program introducing Ignatian prayer and spirituality, will begin on Wednesday, January 18th, at 9:30 a.m. in the Cry Room. Entitled Praying Christian Virtues, Part 1, begins the series teaching us how to further develop our prayer life through the teachings of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Daily Scripture reading based on a virtue of the week in part 1 prepares us for part 2, "My 19th Annotation" (the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius), and part 3, "Discernment and Gifts of the Spirit." Newcomer or previous participant, you are invited to join us and grow in faith, hope and love of the Holy Trinity. For questions or to register please call parishioner Julie Wilson at 402-334-9430.

Information Night: Monday, January 16th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Gerald Fellowship Hall, 96th and Q, for men and women. A video on the prayer series will be viewed. Come if you have questions or would like to learn more about the prayer series.



In Loving Memory

+Marty Connealy
 Father of Terry & Mick Connealy
 Grandfather of Madison, Logan, Conor, Declan, Jack & Julia Connealy



Join the Knights of Columbus! We are a Catholic, Family, Fraternal organization dedicated to serving the Church and Community. In the words of Pope John Paul II, the Knights are "the strong right arm of the Church." Meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room. For more information, contact Rod Hofschulte at 402-510-7250 or Mark Pelan at 402-650-4746.



Weekly Stewardship Need: \$57,000
Last Weeks Stewardship: \$115,104
Year To Date Budget: \$1,425,000
Stewardship Received: \$1,303,383

PERPETUAL ADORATION



Listed are the times when an adorer is needed. If these hours do not fit your schedule, we invite you to take any of the 168 weekly hours. Call the captain of the day and time you desire or call Julie Miller at 402-491-4183 if you have other adoration questions.

MON. 2 am, 3 am, Call Michelle 402-778-1183
 TUES. 1 am, 2 am, 9 am, 8 pm, Call Dorothy 330-8064
 WED. 1 am, 2 am, 3 am, 2 pm, Call Julie 402-491-4183
 THUR. 1 am, Call Julie 402-491-4183
 FRI. 2 am, 11 am, 5 pm, 8 pm, Call Ron 402-289-4038
 SAT. 4 pm, Call Dorothy 402-330-8064
 SUN. Call Julie 402-334-9430

If you would like to be a captain for Wednesday or Thursday please call Julie Miller at 402-491-4183. The captains are responsible for taking calls for their assigned days.

Attention Young Adults in your 20s and 30s

We know that we have young adults in our parish but our database does not have the correct address if they have moved out of their parent's home. If you are interested in participating in activities for young adults please send Cheryl your contact information. We plan to gather a group of young adults who can help develop Young Adult Ministry in our parish. Call 402-330-9620 or e-mail pouline@stwenc.creighton.edu if you would like to help with this ministry.

Readings for the Week of January 8, 2012

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
 Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1:9-20/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Email bulletin inserts to:

bulletin@stwenceslaus.omhcoxmail.com

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Sunday, January 15th

Deadline is Monday, January 9th at noon.

Lay Ministers for January 14th & 15th

SATURDAY 5:00 PM

PRIEST CELEBRANT: Fr. Bernie

SACRISTAN:.....J. Morss

EMHC'S: Deacon D. Cowles, S. Watton, E. Mueller, D. Lang, J. Birkel, D. Morss, L. Wieger, G. & J. Siedelmann, S. Ludvik, L. Scherer, M. Smith, A. & T. Barton, K. Kaster

K. Lang.....LECTORS.....L. Wellendorf

M. Wellendorf.....SERVERS.....M. Thiele

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

B. & E. Birkel, B. & D. Thiele, B. & R. Wellendorf, C. & E. Wieger

SATURDAY 6:30 PM

PRIEST CELEBRANT: Fr. Bernie

SACRISTAN:.....D. Morrow

EMHC'S: Deacon D. Cowles, C. Dunn, J. Klemme

D. Eastlack.....LECTORS.....C. Kujawa

N. Wagner.....SERVERS.....L. McGrath

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

S. Bolmeier, L. Brinkman, C. & K. & N. Gollhofer

SUNDAY 7:30 AM

PRIEST CELEBRANT: Fr. Kizito

SACRISTAN:.....J. Haiar

EMHC'S: Deacon J. Kulus, A. & D. Ostronic

C. Kulus.....LECTORS.....D. Brabec

S. Sloboth.....SERVERS.....A. Bianchi

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

J. Bausback, D. Kaspar, D. Kusmierski, P. Shotkoski

SUNDAY 9:00 AM

PRIEST CELEBRANT: Fr. Kizito

SACRISTAN:.....C. Pluta

EMHC'S: Deacon J. Kulus, M. & B. Hursh, R. Seggerman, J. Mack, A. & M. Stanek, C. Talley, K. & M. & M. Weaver, N. Thelen

PYX: I. Braunger, B. Carter, B. Eastlack

L. Capoun.....LECTORS.....M. Capoun

A. Capoun.....SERVERS.....O. Stanek

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

F. Berrent, J. Brandl, C. Bredemeyer, S. Howard, P. & T. Montgomery, M. Moore

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

PRIEST CELEBRANT: Fr. Michael

SACRISTAN:.....M. Garcia

EMHC'S: Deacon M. DeSelm, H. Plagge, N. Wortmann,

G. & P. Allgeier, M. Williams, D. Hogan, B. & R. Hansen, S. Dobel, L. Haeffner, E. Boetel, M. Phelps, A. Ruff, T. Sweeney

M. Buresh.....LECTORS.....J. Buresh

M. Henry.....SERVERS.....N. Williams

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

M. Arkfeld, K. & S. Clark, C. & J. McHale, T. O'Grady, P. Rossbach

SUNDAY 12:00 NOON

PRIEST CELEBRANT: Fr. Michael

SACRISTAN:.....J. DeSelm

EMHC'S: Deacon M. DeSelm, K. Moragues, J. Beulke, B. Cagle, D. Slattery, M. Baratta, D. McKernan

M. Plozay.....LECTORS.....T. Connealy

E. Baratta.....SERVERS.....M. Connealy

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY

M. & J. Curran, S. McNamara, D. & B. Young

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

PRIEST CELEBRANT: Fr. Kizito

The eight area Catholic high schools will offer their Scholarship and Placement Test to current 8th graders on Saturday, January 14th. The test is used in the admissions process and to determine scholarship winners.

Creighton Prep 8:00 a.m. 7400 Western Avenue Josh Luedtke: 402-548-3872	Duchesne Academy 8:30 a.m. 3601 Burt Street Meg Jones: 402-558-3800
Mount Michael 9:00 a.m. 22520 Mount Michael Road Eric Crawford: 402-253-0946	Gross Catholic 8:00 a.m. 7700 S. 43rd Street Tim Johnk: 402-734-2000
Mercy High School 8:00 a.m. 1510 S. 48th Street Anne Zadina: 402-553-9424	Roncalli Catholic 8:00 a.m. 6401 Sorensen Parkway Paulette Theisen: 402-571-7670
Marian High School 8:00 a.m. 7400 Military Avenue Molly Woodman: 402-571-2618	Skutt Catholic 8:00 a.m. 3131 S. 156th Street Tim Bloomingdale: 402-333-0818

Red Cross Blood Drive
February 4, 2012
Sign up at redcrossblood.org or call Jackie at 402-333-2404

Caring For Others: Caring For Others is a ministry that offers assistance to those who need transportation, meals, cleaning, yard work, a visitor etc. If you or someone you know is in need of help or if you would like to volunteer for this ministry please call Mary at 402-697-7514.

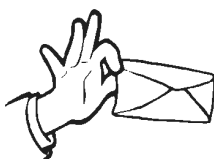
Please Complete our Parish Survey
Speak now, shape tomorrow!



We want to hear from you as we plan the future of St. Wenceslaus Parish. **Your voice is important.** Parish leaders have created a survey which will be used to help set the direction of our parish for the next 10 years. Please complete this survey online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5BZSGPS> when you have time. All parishioners 14 and up are invited however there will be paper surveys available in the foyer of the church for those who would prefer that option.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE DINNER: Nebraskans United for Life invites you to their 39th Annual Celebration of Life Dinner on January 14th. Rita Diller from Planned Parenthood will be the keynote speaker. It will be held at the Scott Conference Center at 6450 Pine Street. The cost is only \$45. To get your ticket or for more information call 402-399-0299.

4 Stages of Marriage - The 4 stages of marriage are: Romance, Disillusionment, Misery and Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Do not give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 17th-19th call 1-888-317-5654.



Our aim is to have your tithing records as accurate as possible. Please use your assigned envelopes when donating to the church. This will help us tremendously. Thank you!

HUMAN NEEDS NICHE

Want to help out but do not know where to start?

Welcome to the Human Needs Niche.

Here you will find various activities within our community.

Enjoy your service!

January's Charity

Emergency Pregnancy Services: Any donations received in the special collection envelope this month will go to Emergency Pregnancy Services.

Midwest Dog Rescue Network: Like dogs? Midwest Dog Rescue Network is composed of people that help rescuers help dogs that would otherwise "fall through the cracks" because they are not purebreds. For more information contact midwestdogrescuenetwork.com, or 402-659-9228.

Our community thanks you and appreciates you!
The Human Needs Committee

PRIMETIMERS

January 17th: CHILI COOK-OFF. Start breaking out those old favorite recipes or looking for a new one to try. Who knows, you just might be a winner!!! Your pot of chili will be your admission. If you are not bringing chili, the cost will be \$5.00 for members; \$7.00 for guests. Checks payable to Primetimers must be in by January 12th. Send to Aaron Faltin, 1623 N. 150th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68154 (use envelopes provided, if possible). We will gather at 6:30 p.m. and eat at 7:00 p.m. with entertainment to follow.

February 21st: POT LUCK. Plans for this evening have been changed. We will have an evening of good food with plenty of time to visit old friends and meet new people as well. No entertainment. Admission will be a dish to serve eight people. We will gather at 6:30 p.m. and eat at 7:00 p.m. ON TAP: Casino Night, Hobo Night and much, much more. Stay tuned!

Any questions about Primetimers, call Larry or Sharon Wilwerding at 402-330-3518 or Mike or Cathy Bilgere at 402-333-7511.