

Dear Parishioners,

This Friday we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. Our Mass schedule will be Thursday evening at 7:00 and Friday at 8:15 am and 7:00 pm.

Thanks to all who have purchased raffle tickets for our upcoming September-Fest! Please be sure to purchase tickets to increase your chances of winning! Our first prize this year is \$5,000, second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. Your participation in our raffle is key to achieving our goal of \$50,000 this year. With everyone's help, we can make this year's festival our most successful yet! To date we have sold 51 tickets - only 1,949 more to go! You may purchase tickets at the parish office or pick up a "September Fest" envelope at the door of Church. Each envelope contains 5 raffle tickets. Also in the envelope is an order form. When you sell or purchase the 5 tickets – you can sell or purchase more by completing the order form and sending it along with the money to the parish office. We will mail the ticket stub to you (or your friends or neighbors).

Please remember in your prayers this week our students, faculty and staff as they prepare to begin a new school year. In an effort to get to know our school families better, Fr. Gama and I will be hosting each grade level and their families to dinner. You will be receiving invitations in the mail in the upcoming days. Please be sure to RSVP so that we can order and prepare food!

Blessings,
Fr. John

**Question of the Week – Name someone who is courageous.
When have you needed courage?**

Reading 1 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

Reading 2 Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Reflection: There are really two stories in today's gospel. One is about Jesus; the other, about Peter. As the gospel begins, Jesus is alone in prayer. His disciples are in a boat crossing the Sea of Galilee. In the dark of night, a storm threatens the boat. Just as the boat is about to be swamped, Jesus comes to rescue his disciples. He is walking on the water!

The second story tells how Peter's faith is put to the test. He thinks that he can join Jesus, walking on the stormy waters. But when Peter is out of the boat, surrounded by the menacing waves, he has second thoughts. In his fear, he begins to sink. After saving Peter, Jesus asks him why he doubted and did not trust him.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF JULY 27 - AUGUST 2
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$13,007.18
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$12,823.03
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$184.15
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$113,145.80
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$97,058.37
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$16,087.43

DID YOU KNOW... THERE ARE ONLY 41 DAYS UNTIL SEPTEMBER FEST? Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 20 and Sunday, September 21. We have great weather on order so invite your family and friends to join us! Raffle tickets on sale now!

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE! The parish website address has changed slightly. The present SPN-BS website has been converted to the newest eCatholic version 5.0. What does this mean for you & how does it impact you & all of those who visit the website? Ideally it should make the appearance of the website a little easier to navigate & see the different categories / buttons that are available. Our website address is: <http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/> Special thanks to Dustin Hillman for installing the latest upgrade to our website.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: AUGUST 15 ASSUMPTION OF MARY
VIGIL: AUGUST 14 7:00 PM – NEED VOLUNTEERS
AUGUST 15 8:15 A.M. – NEED VOLUNTEERS

7:00 P.M. – ALTAR SERVERS: NEED VOLUNTEERS
LECTOR: Ilene Sedlaceck
DEACON Al LeClair

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Bob and Betty Jones

MUSICIANS: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies

AUGUST 16/17

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Autumn Rose Barnes, Jackson Cramer
10:30 AM: Mia Dolan, Tysen Holmstedt

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Casey Kubes, Tim Spiker
10:30 AM: Isaac Parys, Sam Parys

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly
7:30 AM: Peg Ricketts
10:30 AM: Todd von Kampen

DEACON: 5:00 PM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
10:30 AM: Deacon Al LeClair

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Theresa O'Neill, Jim Shepherd, Diane Sullivan
7:30 AM: Merl Core, Marsha and George Moon, Michelle Zuber, Sue Schartz
10:30 AM: Bev Baer, Cathy Fluckey, Bob and Marj Ryckman

GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM: O'Neill Family
7:30 AM: Haines Family
10:30 AM: Hansen Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Colleen Monti and the High School Choir
10:30 AM: Drew Neneman

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: DeLynne Clausen, Bruno Kozimor, Laurel Hamilton, Dorie Mittlieder, Dorothy Polan

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Joni Locher
7:30 AM: Patty Wiederholt
10:30 AM: Kara Rief

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Liz Maycock, Glenda Merwald

IMMANUEL EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Rita Livengood, Lois Waltermeyer

USHERS: 5:00 PM: Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer
7:30 AM: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood
10:30 AM: Tom Mendicino, Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Carl Cramer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF ROSINA BORYS AND BEVERLY CULP. Rosina is the mother of Marie Anderson. She was buried from here this past Wednesday. Beverly is the mother/mother-in-law of Cheryl and Kevin Kavanaugh. Funeral services for Beverly are pending.

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED EMILY ROSE RECH and pray for her parents, David and Elizabeth Rech who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Emily was born on July 24, 2013 and baptized by Fr. John on August 9, 2014.

SPECIAL THANKS TO TIM SCHATZ! As you may have noticed our St. Vincent de Paul barrels have turned into beautiful wooden boxes! Thank you Tim for creating the beautiful boxes for our donations to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

SPEAKING OF DONATIONS TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL... There is an urgent need at the Food Pantry for everything! Especially - mac 'n cheese, pancake or baking mix, bottled juice, canned beans (pinto, red, black, great northern, all), rice & personal care items; shampoo, deodorant, toothbrushes. ALSO, as your garden starts producing more than you & your neighbors can use... please consider donating any excess fruits & vegetables to the pantry. If there is a big amount to

be picked up; please contact the pantry & they will arrange to pick it up. Otherwise, donations can be taken to the pantry at 2101 Leavenworth during regular business hours. Everything is greatly appreciated & they will assure you nothing is wasted.

AUGUST DINING GROUP: Cat Fish Lake in Bellevue, NE on Tuesday, August 19th at 6pm. Please come join us. RSVP to Maria at mhackenbergh@hotmail.com or 402-493-5697.

The Mission of St. Philip Neri School is to build the body of Christ by promoting academic, social and spiritual growth in a challenging educational environment.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAMANTHA SMITH, OUR PE TEACHER, WHO BECAME MRS. SAMANTHA TIETZ OVER THE SUMMER!

K AND 7TH GRADE PHYSICAL FORMS All students entering kindergarten and 7th grade must have a physical prior to the first day of school.

SIGN UP NOW - SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING CLASS Monday, August 18 in the SPN School Library from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. It is FREE to St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parishioners who plan to volunteer in the school, coach an athletic team, work in the cafeteria, chaperone your child's field trip, or be a room parent. All Parents, guardians, or family members MUST take a Safe Environment Training Class & be certified to be able to work with the students at St. Philip Neri School and St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish. Please call 402-455-1290 or email: spndresamhensel@gmail.com to register.

THE 1ST HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING of the 2014-2015 school year is scheduled for Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 pm at school. Please mark your calendar so you don't miss it!

GOAL IS TO TEACH GIRLS FROM PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE ABOUT THEIR CATHOLIC HERITAGE, FAITH, AND TRADITIONS. The St. Philip Neri Little Flowers Girls Club is based on the spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux. They will meet in the library after school from 3:15 – 4:45 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting in September. Registration forms are by the doors of Church.

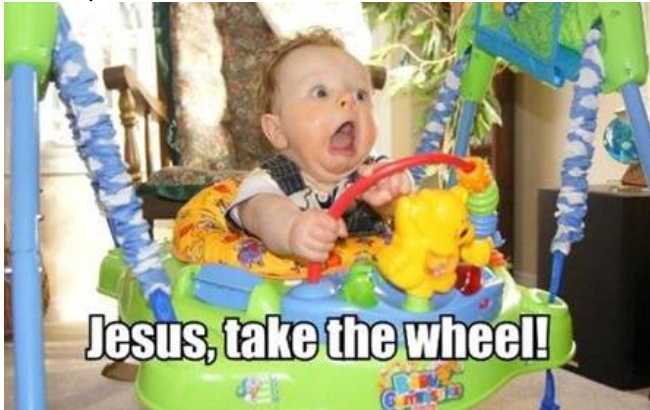
THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR VOLLEYBALL! There are registration forms by the doors of Church.

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 11 - 17

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Mary Beth Clark +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Donald Jensen +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Martin Marko and Gabriella Sebastian +
	7:00 PM	Joe Giitter Int. Jacob Needham Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Gary and Jackie Peck +
	7:00 PM	Sandra McGonigal Maresh +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joe Thibodeau + Deceased Members of the Weber Family +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Our Parish Family
	10:30 AM	Tom Dowd Jr. + Phil Cushing +

CHRISTIAN HUMOR "Life is a spiritual journey, and, no, we're not "there" yet!



THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: AFTER ALL MASSES

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – DURING 10:30 MASS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12

NOON **SENIOR CITIZENS POTLUCK AND BINGO – Parish Center**

7:00 P.M. **FINANCE COMMITTEE – Activity Center Meeting Room**

7:00 P.M. **BAPTISM CLASS – Parish Center Library**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

5:45 P.M. **PRE-K CLASS DINNER – Parish Center**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

REHEARSAL – RATH/RASMUSSEN

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 A.M. **MR. AND MRS. PETER GILES 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

2:00 P.M. **JESSICA RATH AND DANA RASMUSSEN – WEDDING**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – In front of School

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – During 10:30 Mass

THE MAGIS CLINIC, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY ALEGENT HEALTH, is offering free back-to-school physicals, vaccinations & school supplies for children with or without insurance on Saturday, August 16 from 8:30-1 at Creighton Family Healthcare-Florence Clinic, 7909 N. 30th St. Call 402-717-0380 for an appointment. Appointments are required. Bring a copy of your child's current immunization record.

PONCA HILLS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BAR-B-Q is Sunday, August 17th from noon – 6 pm at the Fire Barn;

12919 Ponca Rd. Food, Games, Raffles, Bingo, Refreshments AND water fights! Come, join in the fun!

EPS SHOT-GUN SHOWDOWN -- last call! 4 some not needed -- we will pair you up for an afternoon of fun & a delicious dinner afterwards. Sunday, August 17 at Miracle Hills Golf Course with a 12 noon check in 1 pm shot gun start. \$100 for 18 holes of golf, cart & dinner. Register by August 13 by contacting tomandgerry2000@yahoo.com

SING OF THE GLORY OF GOD, August 22 – 24, Retreat at St. Benedict Center, with internationally known musician (St. Louis Jesuits) & composer of liturgical music Fr. Bob Dufford, SJ. This retreat is a prayerful reflection on the greatness of God & on God's saving power for all of us, no matter where we are in life. We have reasons to find hope & rejoice. For more information, call (402) 352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

4TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST FOR LIFE at the Creighton Prep Sullivan Center on Saturday, August 23 - 9a.m. Featured speaker Rebecca Kiessling author of "Conceived in Rape; A Story of Hope", honored by Feminists for Life as one of their internationally- named "Remarkable Pro-Life Women". For tickets call EPS 402-554-0121 or go to www.essentialps.org

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH DEMENTIA Fall Series begins at the Servite Center 74th & Military on the 1st Thursday of the month (9/4) from 10:30 – noon. This 4 part educational series is designed for caregivers who are interested in learning about the different types of dementia, as well as how to manage symptoms. The 4 sessions will include information about Dementia Basics, Mystery and Reality of Living with Different Dementia's, Person Centered Care, and Compassionate Care. Contact Sr. Margaret Stratman at 402-951-3026 or scc@OSMS.org to register.

MOST OF US HAVE HAD EXPERIENCES WHEN WE KNEW GOD WAS SAYING SOMETHING SPECIFIC TO US, EVEN THOUGH WE HEARD THE WORDS ONLY IN OUR HEARTS. GOD CAN SPEAK IN THIS WAY EVEN WHEN WE ARE NOT AT PRAYER. BUT A MATURE PRAYER LIFE WILL MAKE OUR SOULS MORE SENSITIVE TO THESE DIRECT INSPIRATIONS, AND CREATE MORE ROOM FOR GOD TO SPEAK DIRECTLY MORE OFTEN.

THE TOOLS OF THE SPIRITUAL CRAFT, September 5 – 6, retreat at St. Benedict Center, with Trappist Father Michael Casey, Ph.D., from Australia, one of today's foremost writers & teachers of Benedictine spirituality. At the end of the Prologue of his Rule, Saint Benedict speaks about making progress in faith & good living. What he probably means is advancing in faith through good living. In his much-neglected fourth chapter On the Implements of Good Works, he lists 74 means by which we can upgrade the quality of our life & our faith. In these days together we will discuss some aspects of Benedict's program of practical good living in the light of contemporary experience. For more info., call (402) 352-8819.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION The mission of the Catholic Grandparents Association (CGA) is to help grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer in the heart of family life. Living in ever changing times, grandparents' love and devotion to their grandchildren is a constant. It is a grandparent's vocation to guide and support their grandchildren as they pass from childhood to adulthood. If you are interested in more information or starting a chapter of Catholic Grandparents in your parish, contact Kay Buhrman at the Family Life Office, 402-551-9003, ext 1304.