

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank our newly elected parish council officers: President: Larry Ziska, Vice President: Fred Maycock, and Secretary: Kathy Rossitto. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with our parish community!

We were blessed to be able to complete some long overdue projects in our school this summer. We updated our fire panel bringing it up to code, we installed a dishwasher from Blessed Sacrament in our cafeteria, the second floor and gym were painted and a keyless entry system was installed to make our school more secure. AND... as you can see work on the new playground is underway. Thank you to all who shared their time, talent, and treasure to make these improvements possible! It takes a great deal of work to keep a parish and school safe, up to date and well maintained and your help in accomplishing these tasks is much appreciated!

Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets.....

Blessings,

Fr. John

Question of the Week – What image of God's kingdom speaks to you?

Reading 1 Isaiah 22:19-23

Reading 2 Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

Reflection: Jesus challenges his disciples with the question "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter, the spokesman of the group, replies, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." As soon as Simon confesses this deep faith, Jesus changes his name to Peter, which means "rock." Peter is to be the firm foundation on which Jesus will build his Church. Jesus also gives him the symbolic "keys of the kingdom of heaven." Peter would have the authority of leadership in the Church after Jesus' ascension. Today, the Pope with the bishops, the successors of Peter and the apostles, exercise that same authority.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF AUGUST 10 - AUGUST 16
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$72,256.79
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$58,028.58
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$14,228.21
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$200,031.30
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$167,223.39
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$18,912.28

DID YOU KNOW... Did you know? We fell short on our Christmas in July appeal for the school by over \$3,000.00. It's not too late to give. Just drop your donation off at the rectory, school, or in the Sunday collection. Be sure to write Christmas in July on the envelope. Thank you!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

AUGUST 30/31

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Emmet Lampe, Keegan Sullivan
10:30 AM: Tanner Muhlecke, Jerad Peck

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Jarrad Borosko, Aaliyah Green
10:30 AM: Tysen Holmstedt, Aydin Meehan

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly
7:30 AM: Bruno Kozimor
10:30 AM: Jan Sammons

DEACON: 5:00 PM: Deacon Al LeClair
7:30 AM: Deacon Al LeClair
10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCS: 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe Sarah Bohnenkamp, Diane Sullivan, Need a volunteer
7:30 AM: Bob & Betty Jones, Dorothy Polan, Bonnie Shea
10:30 AM: Rich McShane, Dave Parks, Bob & Marj Ryckman

GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Lampe Family

7:30 AM: Polan Family

10:30 AM: Ryckman Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends

10:30 AM: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Dave Parks, George & Marsha Moon, Roy Edwards, Bev Baer

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Susan Matsunami

7:30 AM: Bonnie Shea

10:30 AM: Penny Nelsen

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Patty Wiederholt, Joann Feller

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Kathy Rossitto, Dorie Mittlieder

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: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF RANDY BRUNGARDT SR. AND DONA LEININGER. Randy is the father/grandfather of Trina & Wyatt Brungardt. Dona Leininger is the mother/mother-in-law of Theresa and Mick O'Neill and the grandmother of Sean. Dona was buried from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sutton, NE this past Saturday.

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED KINLEY RENEE PHALEN & pray for her parents, John & Kristina Phalen. Parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Kinley was born on May 30, 2014 & baptized by Fr. John on August 17, 2014.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH IS A DAY TO CELEBRATE! Celebrate what - you say!?! Fr. John's 29th + tax birthday!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? We will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches and to be introduced to some of our parish members. The sessions also are opportunities for you and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. The first session is Sept. 4th at 7 pm in the Parish Center. Please give me a call if you have questions or would like further information at 402-981-3372 or email at Tamatha.Buell@gmail.com

THE LAZY CRAZY DAZE OF SUMMER 500 CLUB WINNERS ARE:
 \$120 Joan Kelly, \$72 Rich McShane, \$32 Jacquie Dahlin
 \$24 Betty Borchman, Chuck Livengood, Joe Thibodeau
 \$20 Jeanne Little, Tom Sammons
 \$15 Betty Jones, Neil Dopheide, Rob Barrett

YES! WE ARE HAVING A COUNTRY STORE AT OUR SEPTEMBERFEST! GARDENERS AND CRAFTERS! We need your donations of plants, produce, jams, jellies, relishes and hand crafted items for the festival Country Store in September. So make plans now; more details later for drop off times.

WALKERS ARE WELCOME! The HILLS OF FLORENCE CHALLENGE is not just for runners! It is a 5K Run/Walk! Enjoy a leisurely walk up & down the Hills of Florence then bring out your lawn chair, stay & have dinner, hear The PERSONICS & watch the HUSKERS on the big screen – Saturday, Sept. 20th!

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 25 - 31

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Del Murphy +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Thursday	8:15 AM	Rosemary Schuhardt +
Friday	8:15 AM	Angie Pane +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Desiree Jarecki Int. Kevin Kacirek +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Kathleen Stubbs + Eleanor Smith +
	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Lastovica + Jearld Colling +

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.

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!

...LAST CALL New this year is a little girls club (grades K-4) focused on saintly & virtuous role models. We will sing songs, make crafts & deepen our Catholic faith! Registration forms for Little Flowers are due by August 22nd! Any forms turned in after that date will have an additional charge. We look forward to starting on Sept. 17th with St. Catherine of Sienna & the Sunflower! Extra forms are on hand in both parish & school offices. Please contact Amanda Sherer at 712-216-1713 if you have any questions. Saint Therese pray for us! Also new, we are asking for a few sponsors to "Sprout a Flower". The cost of the program is \$25 per child. Your donation would allow some children to participate that otherwise do not have the means to do so. Currently, we have 4 children that are in need. Thank you so much!

CHRISTIAN HUMOR The Stages Of Motherhood

- 4 Years Of Age: My Mommy can do anything.
- 8 Years Of Age: My Mom knows a lot! A whole lot
- 12 Years Of Age: My Mother doesn't really know quite everything.
- 14 years Of Age: Naturally, Mother doesn't know that, either.
- 16 Years Of Age: Mother? She's hopelessly old-fashioned.
- 18 Years Of Age: That old woman? She's way out of date.
- 25 Years Of Age: Well, she might know a little bit about it.
- 35 Years Of Age: Before we decide, let's get Mom's opinion.
- 45 Years Of Age: Wonder what Mom would have thought about it.
- 65 Years Of Age: Wish, I could talk it over with Mom.

WE NEED HOMES FOR OAK SINGLE PEDESTAL TEACHER DESKS...

Also double pedestal formica covered desks... AND For those of you, who purchased a pew, cut it down and need ends – we do have some. Please contact Larry Ziska at 402-968-5090.

IF YOU BROUGHT A SALAD OR DESSERT FOR A FUNERAL LUNCH – THANK YOU! PLEASE STOP DOWN IN THE PARISH CENTER AND PICK UP YOUR BOWL OR PAN. Also, while you are in the Parish Center - check the lost and found to see if anything is yours!

JOIN THE AUGUST DINING GROUP Will meet on Tuesday, August 26th at 6pm at Cat Fish Lake in Bellevue, NE. Please come join us. RSVP to Maria at mhackenberg@hotmail.com or 402-493-5697.

THERE WILL BE A COMMUNITY MEETING TO ADDRESS CRIME ISSUES IN THE FLORENCE AREA at the Universal College of the Healing Arts, 8702 N. 30th St. on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 7pm. Councilman Pete Festersen will be there as well as a representative of the Omaha Police Department. Please spread the word about the meeting--everyone is welcome to join us!

Heavenly Father, we might be shocked if your Son came back today and attracted people who live differently from the way we live. Give me the grace to be accepting of all whom you have created in love. Help me to love the way Jesus loves so I can treat people with love and kindness. I ask this in Jesus's name. Amen.

**THE WEEK AHEAD
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: AFTER ALL MASSES

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

6:30 P.M. **BOY SCOUTS** – Parish Center

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26 HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. JOHN!

8:15 A.M. **GRADES 1 – 4 SCHOOL MASS** - Church

7:00 P.M. **SCHOOL BOARD** – Activity Center Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

8:15 A.M. **GRADES 5 – 8 SCHOOL MASS** - Church

5:45 P.M. **1ST GRADE CLASS DINNER** – Parish Center

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** – Church

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29

RECTORY CLOSED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses

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

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.

SEPARATION OR DIVORCE is among life's most painful experiences. If you are going through separation or divorce or know someone who is, learn about our special DivorceCare group. It is a place to find help & encouragement. DivorceCare, a 13 week video seminar & support group for people experiencing divorce & separation will be held on Thursday evening beginning Sept. 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 at **St. John Vianney Church**, 5801 Oak Hills Dr. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce & recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" & "Forgiveness" Pre-registration is requested. The cost is \$20 & includes the seminar workbook. For more info., contact: Kay Buhrman, Family Life Span, & Bereavement Coordinator at 402-551-9003 Ext. 1304 or ekbuhrman@archomaha.org

THE TOOLS OF THE SPIRITUAL CRAFT, Sept. 5 – 6, retreat at St. Benedict Center, with Trappist Father Michael Casey, Ph.D. At the end of the Prologue of his Rule, St. Benedict speaks about making progress in faith & 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.

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE MINISTRY to the widowed, divorced & separated will be offering **Coping With Life Alone** sessions at St. Patrick Church, 508 W. Angus St., Gretna on Mondays at 7 p.m., Sept. 8 – Oct. 13. The sessions are designed to help adult individuals work through the trauma of divorce, separation or the loss of a spouse through death & are open to individuals of all faiths. This peer-to-peer ministry of people caring for people is sponsored by The Beginning Experience Team of Omaha. Cost is \$20. Scholarships available; please ask if needed, we do not want anyone to stay away because of money. Pre-registration required. For more info., call Kay Buhrman, Family Life Span, & Bereavement Coordinator at 402-551-9003 Ext. 1304 or visit www.beginningexperienceofomaha.org

THE LEGACY OF VATICAN II – YEAR THREE – DEI VERBUM AND ITS DESCENDANTS Saturday, Sept. 13 from 8-12:30 p.m. in the Ahmanson Ballroom, 4th floor of the Harper Center, 20th & Cass Sts, Creighton University Campus. Fr. Ronald Witherup, S.S., currently Superior General of the Society of the Priests of Saint Sulpice, is a leading Catholic Bible scholar, a noted author & lecturer who will give two presentations: "The Development of Dei Verbum" and "The Legacy of Dei Verbum: notably Benedict XVI's *Verbum Domini*."

We invite all persons who want to know more about Vatican II or the Catholic Church's teaching on Scripture to join us in studying, reflecting upon & celebrating the tremendous Legacy of Vatican II as a central expression of the Catholic character of the University's identity & mission. Co-sponsored by the Barbara Reardon Heaney Chair, The Center for Catholic Thought, & The Graff Chair for Catholic Theology. Please visit <http://www.creighton.edu/vaticanii/> for more information or call Carol Krajicek at 402-280-3056.

"Alpine Europe," visiting Germany, Austria & Switzerland: Come along April 20-30, 2015, to some of the most scenic places in all of Europe. We'll visit Heidelberg, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Oberammergau, Munich & so much more! Mass each day in great churches & Cathedrals along the way. Cost is \$3,799 with departure from Omaha. For a brochure & more information, contact Fr. Dan Guenther, Immaculate Conception Parish, P O. Box 658, Cherokee, Iowa 51012 or call 712-225-4606 or email frdanguenther@gmail.com

THE MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION (CGA) is to help grandparents pass on the faith & keep prayer in the heart of family life. Living in ever changing times, grandparents' love & devotion to their grandchildren is a constant. It is a grandparent's vocation to guide & support their grandchildren as they pass from childhood to adulthood. If you are interested in more info. or starting a chapter of Catholic Grandparents in your parish, call Kay Buhrman ph# 402-551-9003, ext 1304.

THESE PEACHES ARE DELICIOUS! PRE-ORDER NOW In September, we will drive to Colorado to gather crates of tree-ripened, huge, Colorado West-Slope peaches. \$32 per crate plus \$5 freight (or buy on fundraising-day for \$35 + shipping) Pick them up at the Florence Mill Farmers Market, 9102 N. 30th St. on Sept. 7 (fresh from the tree and still in the truck). All proceeds go toward support & restoration of the historic Florence Mill!