

**Dear Parishioners,**

Thank you for all the cards and well wishes I received for my birthday. I feel truly blessed to be part of such a thoughtful and caring community.

We have received approval from the city for our parking project! Work will most likely begin the end of September and hopefully be completed by the end of October. We will have 21 additional parking spaces on the south side of the park.

Thanks to all of our school families for attending our Wednesday night dinners. We are happy to have the opportunity to get to know you better!

On September 20, we will have our first "Halfway to Heaven Hill Challenge" a 5 K (3.1 miles) race throughout the scenic Florence area. You do not have to be a professional runner to participate in this event. Walkers are welcome! There is also a 2 mile "mercy route" or shortcut for those who do not want to run or walk as far! You may sign up by going to the link on our website. The challenge begins at 5:30 on Saturday evening. Check-in begins at 4:00 in the Activity Center parking lot.

Congratulations and thank you to our school board officers: President: Bruno Kozimor, Vice President: Dave Bohnenkamp and Secretary: Mary Fink. Also, last week I incorrectly listed our parish council vice president. The vice president of parish council this year is Julie Bohnenkamp.

**Blessings,**  
Fr. John

### **Question of the Week – What obstacles do you encounter in your discipleship?**

**Reading 1 Jeremiah 20:7-9**

**Reading 2 Romans 12:1-2**

**Gospel Matthew 16:21-27**

**Reflection:** Jesus corrects Peter who did not understand when Jesus said he would go to Jerusalem to suffer, die, and rise again. Peter, like many others, expected Jesus to be a conquering Messiah. Then Jesus tells Peter that he is not judging by God's standards but by man's. Peter had not yet realized that Jesus was going to save us by the cross, and that every disciple must also accept the cross. It will be a part of the life for all his disciples, for all who follow him.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 23
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$33,792.91
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$5,290.29
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$28,502.62
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$233,824.21
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$171,933.65
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$47,994.93

**DID YOU KNOW... WE SELL NERI DOLLARS EVERY WEEKEND AFTER MASS?** You can purchase Neri Dollars for grocery stores such as Hy-Vee, Bakers, No Frills/Bag N Save, Fareway, and Whole Foods! We also have Target and Wal-Mart. Wal-Mart Neri Dollars can be used at Sam's Club. Neri Dollars can be used just like cash or a credit card for all your purchases including prescriptions, gas, and stamps. Use Neri Dollars as a way to set up your budget for groceries, home improvements, and gift giving. In 1995, Circle 7 started selling only Baker's Grocery Certificates – Neri Dollars. At that time the profits averaged between \$700 - \$800 per month. Today, our profits are still between \$700 - \$800 per month. Please look at the Neri Dollars on hand and pre-order lists and consider buying and using Neri Dollars. Don't see the name of the business you need on the Neri Dollar pre-order list? You can go to the Great Lakes Scrip website – [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) and see the list of all the retailer "gift cards" that are available. You can pre-order the cards you need on Sunday and have them by the end of the week. Wouldn't it be great to see the Neri Dollars program give our parish a check for \$12,000 next June? This is a great way to give back to our parish without taking additional money out of your pocket.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**SEPTEMBER 6/7**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Dominic Martello, Natalie Ruckman  
10:30 AM: Nick Meier, Jacob Rankin

**CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Autumn-Rose Barnes, Casey Kubes

10:30 AM: Mia Dolan, Alex Brock

**LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Michele Kinghorn

7:30 AM: Ilene Sedlacek

**10:30 AM:** Todd von Kampen  
**DEACON:** **5:00 PM:** Deacon Fred Hendricks  
**7:30 AM:** Deacon Fred Hendricks  
**10:30 AM:** Deacon Fred Hendricks  
**EMHCS:** **5:00 PM:** Juli Bohnenkamp, Sarah Bohnenkamp, Diane Sullivan, Mary Ann Taylor  
**7:30 AM:** Madelaine Adler, Merl Core, Kathy Rossitto, Norine Hoffman  
**10:30 AM:** Bev Baer, Kelli Brock, Mary Fink, Cathy Fluckey  
**GIFT BEARERS:** **5:00 PM:** Martello Family  
**7:30 AM:** Breikreutz Family  
**10:30 AM:** Brock 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:** Joni Locher  
**7:30 AM:** Nancy Core  
**10:30 AM:** Jane Cheese  
**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** April Collamer, Sharon Olson  
**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Bill Cheese, Dick Hays  
**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 DONALD KREIGLER, MARK ADLER, REBECCA BENCKER, AND SR. AGNES MARIE OSTRY.** Donald is the husband of Margaret. There was a celebration of his life at his home this past weekend. Mark is the brother/brother-in-law of Larry & Marcia Adler, uncle of Joel & Brandy Adler, & nephew of Leonard & Bill Adler. He was buried from here this past Saturday. Rebecca is the mother/mother-in-law of Dale & Juanita Bencker. She was buried from Olive Crest United Methodist Church this past Saturday. Sr. Ostry served as a Notre Dame Sister for 74 years & 46 years as a teacher. She was buried from Notre Dame Chapel this past Saturday.

**WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED SAMANTHA THAO TAYLOR & pray for her parents, Paul & Anh.** Parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Samantha was born on June 16, 2014 & was baptized by Fr. Bob English on August 23, 2014.

#### **FAMILY FORMATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2014-15**

Registrations are still welcome & I would like to urge you to get your registrations in ASAP. There are activities scheduled that you are missing out on & have missed out on during the month of August. The September calendar will be communicated to all registered parents of students soon. Fr. John & Fr. Gama are hosting dinners for all families in our 5 day school & our Family Formation program. Grade 2 will be hosted next. Confirmation information will be distributed September 7th at our Confirmation Family Class. Don't miss out on any more of the fun! Get those registrations turned in. The student Family Formation Religious Education registration papers can be picked up in the Parish Office. You can also download them from the SPN-BS website at <http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/religious->

[education](#) ; or contact me directly & make arrangements to receive the materials. Thanks & God Bless. ~ Sam Hensel  
**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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Tamatha.Buell@gmail.com)

**BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD PICK UP A CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETIN!** The bulletins come in two groups: one for ages 3-6 & one for ages 7-12. Both bulletins are filled with pictures, codes, puzzles, seek-and-finds, mazes, dot-to-dots, hidden pictures, word games and more. A quiet, fun way to teach children in worship & teach them the Bible.

**PRAY AND PLAY GROUP** Come join us Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. In the Parish Center for prayer & coffee – bring your kids.  
**Warning!** This is a laid back group of moms who gather together for prayer & fellowship but have young, sometimes "energetic" kids. Please call Jeanie at 402-350-5509 for more information.

**SEPTEMBER FEST CAR SHOW** - If you or your family or friends have classic cars you would like to show off, please call Tim Kiuntke at 402-571-8600 or Kathy Rossitto at 402-571-8161.

**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. 20<sup>th</sup>!

**SPROUT A FLOWER!** You've read by now that we are starting a Little Flowers Girls Club. The cost of the program is \$25 per child for the year. We have several girls that need a sponsor! By "sprouting" a flower this would allow some children to participate that otherwise do not have the means to do so. Please think about being a sponsor & call Amanda Sherer soon. 712-216-1713

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** After every flight, pilots fill out a form, which conveys to mechanics, problems encountered during the flight. The mechanics respond in writing what action was taken. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humor! Here are some actual logged complaints and problems submitted by pilots & the solutions by mechanics. (P=the problem; S=action taken by mechanics.)  
P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.  
S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.  
 S: Something tightened in cockpit.  
 P: IFF inoperative.  
 S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.  
 P: Number 3 engine missing.  
 S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.  
 P: Aircraft handles funny.  
 S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious  
 P: Target radar hums.  
 S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.  
 P: Mouse in cockpit.  
 S: Cat installed.  
 P: Dead bugs on windshield.  
 S: Live bugs on back-order.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SEPTEMBER 1 – 7**

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Don Pulte +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Zetta Wiater +
Friday	8:15 AM	Mary and Ed O'Connor +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Elizabeth Lastovica + Phil Cushing +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Our Parish Family
	10:30 AM	Tom Dowd Jr. + John Waltermeyer +

**ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL**

**“WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE; WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY, WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER; TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.”**

**WELCOME TO MRS. DEB VAMOSI** who is student teaching in the fifth grade. She will be here for the first semester.

**“ANYONE WHO THINKS THE ART OF CONVERSATION IS DEAD, OUGHT TO TELL A CHILD TO GO TO BED”**

**~ROBERT GALLAGHER**

**HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR’S CASH FOR STUDENTS**

**PROGRAM** begins Sunday, September 1st and continues through Tuesday, December 31, 2013 and includes all fourteen Omaha and Council Bluffs Hy-Vee stores. Here’s how it works: Parents, grandparents, staff and administrators shop at any of the Hy-Vee stores. Please turn in your receipts to the school. Hy-Vee records and totals the receipts collected by each school and agrees to donate \$1.00 for every \$200.00 spent. The maximum award to be donated per school is \$2,000.00.

**TARGET CREDIT CARD** – If you have a Target Credit Card, make sure that you designate St. Philip Neri as your school. Target donates 1% of your purchases to St. Philip Neri. Check the Target website to make sure your percentage is going to St. Philip Neri School.

**AS YOU ARE CLEANING YOUR CLOSETS & GETTING YOUR WINTER CLOTHES OUT, PLEASE REMEMBER** - The SVDP truck will be in the SPN Church parking lot for Bundle Sunday on Oct. 25-26.

**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!

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 31**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD: AFTER ALL MASSES**

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 – LABOR DAY**

**RECTORY CLOSED – NO SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

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

6:00 P.M. **ARTS & ENVIRONMENT MEETING** – Parish Center Library

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

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

5:45 P.M. **2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE CLASS DINNER** – Parish Center

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD:** After Mass

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PICNIC** – Rossitto Compound

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 – GRANDPARENT’S DAY**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – in front of School

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD:** After all Masses

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

11:30 A.M. **CONFIRMATION FAMILY CLASS** – Parish Center

**HELP IS NEEDED MAKING CALLS** Sept. 3-12 at Spirit Catholic Radio 13326 A St. Volunteers are needed to make friendly, outbound reminder calls the week before the Fall Care-a-thon. You will be calling friends & listeners of the station reminding them to tune in during the Care-a-thon & pray for its success. You will read from a script. We need to fill 2-hour shifts – but you can give more or less time. To schedule a time to volunteer or if you have questions, call Cheryl at 402-571-0200.

**LEARNING TO LIVE WITH DEMENTIA** Fall Series begins at the Servite Center 74<sup>th</sup> & Military on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.beginningexperienceofomaha.org)

**FALL PREVENTION PRESENTATION** Tuesday, Sept. 9 The Visiting Nurse Association's (VNA) next senior speaker's series is Fall Prevention. The speaker series is designed to offer information & education for seniors, caregivers & healthcare professionals to navigate the changing landscape of healthcare & on maintaining their independence while remaining safe in their own home. The Fall Prevention presentation with Lauren Wright PT is Tuesday, Sept. 9, 11:30 am – 1 p.m. at the VNA headquarters, 12565 W. Center Rd, Suite 100. All presentations are free and include lunch. Registration is required.

**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, 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Harper Center, 20<sup>th</sup> & 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.

**THE 37TH ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER FOR EDUCATION** is Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Embassy Suites, La Vista. This annual celebration of Catholic education provides an opportunity to publicly recognize the dedication of individual educators within the Catholic school system, to thank those who support our schools & to raise scholarship funds for low-income students to attend our schools. Scholarship funds raised are partially matched by the Children's Scholarship Fund of New York. The outstanding educators being honored at this year's event are: **Administrators of the Year** Kayleen Wallace, St. Joan of Arc School, Omaha & Terry Kathol, Cedar Catholic Junior/Senior High School, Hartington **Educators of the Year – Secondary** John Gathje, Mount Michael Benedictine School, Elkhorn & Julie Blaser, Scotus Central Catholic Junior/Senior High School, Columbus **Educators of the Year – Elementary** Mary Holtmeyer, St. Pius X / St. Leo School, Omaha Carol Korth, Holy Family School, Lindsay **Educators of the Year – Special Education and Inner City** Funded by the Maginn Family Foundation Diane Cochran, Madonna School, Omaha Miki Theiler, All Saints School, Omaha

**BUS TRIP TO SEE FATHER CRAIG'S HOMETOWN AND FARM.** Bus trip also includes visits to area Churches. Mass will be celebrated in Hartington with lunch followed by a visit to the farm & visits to churches in Bow Valley, Saint Helena, & Fordyce. Bus trip is on October 15<sup>th</sup>. Bus will leave St. Leo's parking lot at 8 a.m. & will return at 6 p.m. Bus trip is \$50 per person & that includes lunch. Please call St. Leo's to reserve your spot on the bus - 402-397-0407.

**"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](mailto:frdanguenther@gmail.com)

## ALWAYS THERE

Hello God, I called tonight to talk a little while. I need a friend who'll listen to my anxiety and trial... You see, I can't quite make it through a day just on my own...

I need you love to guide me, so I'll never feel alone. I want to ask you please to keep my family safe and sound. Come and fill their lives with confidence for whatever fate they're bound. Give me faith, dear God, to face each hour throughout the day, and not to worry over things I can't change in any way. I thank you God, for being home and listening to my call, for giving me such good advice when I stumble and fall. Your number, God, is the only one that answers every time. I never

get a busy signal, never had to pay a dime. So thank you, God, for listening to my troubles and my sorrow. Good night, God, I love you too, and I'll call again tomorrow.