

Dear Parishioners,

I am very happy to introduce SYMBOLON to our parish community! SYMBOLON is a series of presentations designed to give you an overview of the Catholic faith. There are 20 presentations available that you may view on your computer, tablet or phone at your leisure. Designed for people who have complicated work schedules that make it difficult to attend our regularly scheduled faith formation offerings, this series will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith at your leisure. To watch them, simply go to our parish website, click on the SYMBOLON icon and register with your e-mail address and create a password. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith!

The 2014-15 Archbishops' Annual Appeal is just beginning in our parish. You will receive information in your homes this week. The Annual Appeal funds many ministries, programs and services, many of which serve our parish in some form or another. If everyone participates in this year's appeal, we will have no trouble reaching our goal of \$ 30,707.59

I am getting very excited about our upcoming SeptemberFest. I hope to see all of you there! I know it will be a fun day for the entire family. Since we are changing things up a bit, we have outlined the weekend for you on the insert in the bulletin. Please attend and give us your feedback. It is important to us as we move ahead and make plans for future events. We still need volunteers to assist with various duties connected with the Festival. Please consider helping us for a few hours. Call the Rectory if you would like additional information about how you can help.

Blessings,

Fr. John

Question of the Week – Who carries a cross today?

Reading 1 Numbers 21:4b-9

Reading 2 Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel John 3:13-17

Reflection: Today's gospel offers us a great insight into Jesus' teaching. In response to the searching questions of the Pharisee Nicodemus, who came to see him under cover of night, Jesus leads him gradually into the deeper truths about God's love for us. We hear Jesus explain so beautifully that "God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world," but to save the world. And why? Because "God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son..." (John 3:16). In other words, God would do anything for us!?

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 6
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$16,140.27
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$15,191.75
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$948.52
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$266,675.72
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$206,666.42
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$60,009.30

DID YOU KNOW... OUR SCHOOL RECEIVED A CHECK FROM TARGET STORES FOR \$1,169.02? If you have a Target Credit Card, please make sure that you designate St. Philip Neri as your school & ask your family & friends to do so too! Target donates 1% of your purchases to St. Philip Neri. There is no limit on the amount we can receive! Check the Target website to make sure your percentage is going to St. Philip Neri School.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

SEPTEMBER 20/21

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Jarrad Borosko, Izzy Briamah

10:30 AM: Bode Bench, Steven Hensel

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Keegan Sullivan, Grace Treves

10:30 AM: Annie vonKampen, Ben vonKampen

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Theresa O'Neill

7:30 AM: Alyce Kozimor

10:30 AM: Dave Parks

DEACON: 5:00 PM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

7:30 AM: Deacon Alan LeClair

10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Juli Bohnenkamp, Sarah Bohnenkamp, Jacquie Dahlin, Diane Sullivan

7:30 AM: Regina Cronkhite, Maria Hackenberg, Sue Schartz, Mary Todd

10:30 AM: Bill Cheese, DeLynne Clausen, Roy Edwards, Rose Peck

GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Treves Family

7:30 AM: Kathy Rossitto

10:30 AM: Cheese Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Drew Neneman

10:30 AM: Colleen Monti and the High School Choir

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Madelaine Adler, Mary Breitkrutz, Regina Cronkhite, Mary Ann Taylor

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Susan Matsunami

7:30 AM: Patty Wiederholt

10:30 AM: Mary Parsons

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Liz Maycock, Glenda Merwald

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

ITS SEPTEMBER & ONCE AGAIN WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THE 500 CLUB. A signup sheet that explains the 500 Club is enclosed in the bulletin. The highlights of the club are: Eleven chances every month to win cash, an annual donation to the Parish that comes from your membership fees (this has averaged \$4,000) and a delicious appreciation dinner. Questions - call Jim or Jacquie Dahlin at 402-455-2744.

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 SEPTEMBER FEST! GARDENERS AND CRAFTERS! Please drop off your donations of plants, produce, jams, jellies, relishes & hand crafted items on Friday, Sept. 19 from 3 – 6 pm or Saturday, Sept. 20 from 8:00 am until noon.

... AND WE NEED DESSERTS TOO! Bakers of the parish – please contact Mitzi at 402-455-9294 to coordinate the baking of desserts for our pork dinner!

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!

IT TAKES MANY VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE OUR SEPTEMBER FEST A SUCCESS! Please take a moment to look at the signup sheet in church & see if you could help us out. It will be a fun way to spend a few hours!

TOMMY J. NASTASE 3RD PASTA DINNER & SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER Sunday, Sept. 28th from 3–6 pm in the Parish Center. Come help Tommy & enjoy good food & good company! All proceeds will go directly to medical & living expenses.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Seems an elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor & the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%. The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor & the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased you can hear again." To which the gentleman said, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around & listen to the conversations. I've changed my will five times!"

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 8:15 AM
 Tuesday 8:15 AM
 Wednesday 8:15 AM
 Thursday 8:15 AM
 Friday 8:15 AM
 Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday 7:30 AM
 10:30 AM

SEPTEMBER 15 – 21

Communion Service
 Emilia A. Hernandez +
 Mary Matthews Int.
 Dona Leininger +
 Mark Adler +
 Ed O'Connor +
 Sandra McGonigal Maresh +
 Anthony & Margaret Gubbels +
 Pat and Peg Ricketts Int.
 Ed Schonberner +
 Our Parish Family

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? It is not too late to join us as we 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 sessions are every Thursday 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

THIS WEEK ON THE R.C.I.A. JOURNEY...

“The Church Jesus founded is one, holy, catholic and apostolic. Apostolicity holds together the other three marks. Apostolicity is the guarantee of the one, true Church, in which our hope for Heaven may be assured of reaching its goal.”
 Please join us on Thursday night at 7 pm in the Parish Center as we continue on the journey of faith.

This week's discussion will center on:

- Identifying the true Church Jesus founded
- The Church is one
- The Church is holy
- The Church is catholic
- The Church is apostolic, built by Jesus on his apostles
- The significance of the four marks: The Catholic church is the true Church

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.”

PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OUR ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, Sept. 18th from 5:00 - 7:00. Visit the classrooms & enjoy a free hot dog dinner!

HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR’S CASH FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM began Sunday, Sept. 1st & continues through Tuesday, Dec. 31st, & includes all 14 Omaha/Council Bluffs Hy-Vee stores. Here’s how it works: ANYONE who shops at any of the Hy-Vee stores can turn in receipts to the school. Hy-Vee records & totals the receipts collected by each school & agrees to donate \$1 for every \$200 spent.

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: AFTER ALL MASSES
CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD - During
 10:30 Mass

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:15 A.M. **GRADES 1 – 4 SCHOOL MASS** - Church
 9:00 A.M. **LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY** – Parish Center
 7:00 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Activity Center Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

8:15 A.M. **GRADES 5 – 8 SCHOOL MASS** - Church
 9:00 A.M. **“MOM’S” GROUP** – Parish Center
 3:15 P.M. **LITTLE FLOWERS** – Parish Center
 5:45 P.M. **4TH GRADE CLASS DINNER** – Parish Center

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** - Church
 5:00 P.M. **OPEN HOUSE** – St. Philip Neri School
 7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – in front of School
NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After Mass
 5:30 P.M. **SEPTEMBERFEST – HALFWAY TO HEAVEN HILL OF FLORENCE CHALLENGE, THE PERSONICS, AND HUSKERS ON THE BIG SCREEN** – Activity Center Parking Lot

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 – CATECHIST SUNDAY

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses
CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD – During
 10:30 Mass
 12 - NOON **SEPTEMBERFEST – CAR SHOW, GAMES & INFLATABLE’S, NERF GAMES, COUNTRY STORE, RAFFLES, & PORK DINNER** – Activity Center & Parking Lot – Parish Center

MATER FILIUS OF NEBRASKA is seeking a house mother for women in crisis pregnancies. This would be a live-in position so all rent, food, & utilities are provided along with a negotiable salary. We are a faith-based Catholic apostolate. For more info. please contact materfiliusne@gmail.com

Thomas More Society-Omaha Fundraiser Banquet

The Thomas More Society a not-for-profit, national public interest law firm that exists to restore respect in law for life, marriage & religious liberty will host a fundraiser banquet at St. Robert Bellarmine Mainelli Center, 11802 Pacific St, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on September 18th. Clarke Forsythe from Americans United for Life will speak about his recently published book; *Abuse of Discretion: The Inside Story of Roe v Wade*. For underwriting expenses, sponsored tables or digital AD copies for the dinner program book, please contact Cathy at thomasmoresociety.org@gmail.com

JOIN IN THE CHURCH’S LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND SUNDAY NIGHT VESPERS held weekly beginning Sept. 21, 7 pm in Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel at St. Cecilia Cathedral. Come; chant the Church’s universal evening prayer using the Mundelein Psalter – the breviary set to simple chanting tones. For more info. contact merubisbauer@archomaha.org or call 402-553-5524, ext. 2.

THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, AT 6:30 P.M. in the fellowship hall at St. Gerald’s Church. If you are currently a grandparent, in name or in spirit, please join us in the beginning stages of this very special organization. Questions? Call Kay Buhrmann at 402-551-9003, ext. 1304 or Vicki Hegarty 402-880-6318.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT AK-SAR-BENS RIVER CITY RODEO on Sat., Sept. 27 from 7 am – noon. Kiwanis Tent – Lot D at the Century Link featuring The Pancake Man. All proceeds benefit the Kiwanis Children Programs.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR Join the St. Margaret Mary Prayer Group to deepen your spiritual life on Monday, Oct. 6 from 9:30 – 11AM in the St. Margaret Mary Church Suneg Center, lower level at 6116 Dodge St. Prepare to have your heart opened to a greater awareness of the Holy Spirit in your life. Men & women of all ages are welcome. Childcare is provided. Register by calling Lucretia at 402-558-8299.

2014 CHIC BOUTIQUE IS SET for Thursday, Oct. 9th from 5 - 9 p.m. Registrations for vendors are NOW online! Apply online at www.stroberts.com - the link is on the right side of the page in the Quick Links section. For questions, please contact: Katie Kwiatek - Chairwoman - at chicboutique@stroberts.com

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 15th. 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.

THE ASSURE WOMEN’S CENTER IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. This Center is where women can get pregnancy tests, help, support, hear the Gospel message, take parenting classes, "shop" (with earned vouchers & points) for baby clothes & items, etc. Their passion is to save the unborn!

Here are their statistics - year to date:
 1,555 Pregnancy Tests
 1,182 Positive – 76% (373 Negative – 24%)
 1,052 Decisions for Life - 89%

There are a lot of lives being saved! Praise God! For more info., their website is assureomaha.com or call 402-390-9700.

2014 September Fest

Saint Philip Neri – Blessed Sacrament Parish

Saturday, September 20 Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy the evening!

Halfway to Heaven Hill Challenge - Check in: 4 – 5:15 pm Race starts at 5:30 pm

The Personics - Music will start at 6 pm!

Husker Football - Nebraska vs. Miami, FL - Game will be shown on the Big Screen!

Calcutta – Pickles – Raffle Tickets - “Split the Pot” Calcutta – try your luck with pickles – and get your raffle tickets for a chance at \$5,000, \$1,000 or \$500!!!

We will be hosting a Beer Garden and food will be available for purchase!

On the menu we have: chili, tamales, turkey legs, corn on the cob,
popcorn, wings, chips n’ cheese.

Please note! 31st will be closed from Mormon to Grebe from 5:00 – 10:00 pm.

Sunday, September 21 12 – Noon – 6 pm

Pork Dinner - Serving dinner from 12-noon till 5:00 pm in the Activity Center.

\$10 – Adults \$5 – Children ages 5 - 12 ages 4 & under – Free

Pork Loin, Red Potatoes, Brats, Kraut & Dumplings, Green Beans,
Choice of German Chocolate Cake, Angel Food Cake, Apple Dessert
Coffee, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Water

Contact Mitzi LeClair at 402-453-9294 if you would like to bake something for our Dinner!

Country Store - Plants, produce, jams, jellies, relishes and hand crafted items

GARDENERS & CRAFTERS! You can drop off your donations of plants, produce, jams, jellies, relishes and hand crafted items on Friday, Sept. 19 from 3 – 6 pm or Saturday, Sept. 20 from 8 – 12 noon.

Bingo - Play bingo in the Activity Center meeting room!

Meat/Grocery Raffle - Buy a raffle ticket to win a package of meat or bag of groceries!

Special Raffle – Stop by and buy a chance to win the prize of your choice!

Drawings will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Activity Center.

Car Show – Still time to shine up your ride, bring it here & show it off!

North side of Church

Beer Garden – Check out our great selection of brews!

Calcutta – Pickles – Raffle Tickets - “Split the Pot” Calcutta – try your luck with pickles – and get your raffle tickets for a chance at \$5,000, \$1,000 or \$500!!! Drawing for Calcutta at 5:15 p.m. and Raffle drawing at 5:45 p.m.

Games and inflatable’s for kids! - Play from 12 – noon until 4:30 pm. Tickets and wristbands will be on sale at the ticket booth. Tickets are 50 cents each and the wristbands are \$8. Each game will require 1 – 4 tickets. Wristbands give unlimited access to the inflatable’s. Tickets will be used for the games and inflatables only.

Outside Food will include: Popcorn, Cotton Candy, Chips n’ Cheese, and more!

Please note! 31st from State to Grebe & Grebe 30th – 31st will be closed from 12-noon - 6:00 pm.