

**Dear Parishioners,**

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! This week we wish Joel Adler good luck as he begins his new job at the Immanuel Fontenelle Home. We are grateful for all of the hard work and time that Joel has given our parish and school families for the last 9 years! Joel's last day will be this Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Thank you again to all who have contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We are currently at 50% of our goal. If you have not yet contributed, please be sure to return your pledge card. If everyone contributes a little bit, we will easily reach our goal. If you have misplaced your pledge card, please pick up one by the doors of Church.

Thank you to all who joined us for the delicious 500 Club Dinner! Thank you to Jim and Jacquie Dahlin for their hard work heading up The 500 Club for many years. Special thanks to Lucia and Ted St. Cyr for agreeing to be our new chairs for this Parish fundraiser!

We have a new welcoming committee for the parish. Thank you to Andy and Sarah Bohnenkamp and Aaron and Renee Eames for heading up this committee. All newly registered families will receive a personal visit and welcome package with information about St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Church and School. If you know of anyone that may benefit from a visit by the welcoming committee, please contact the Parish Office.

**Blessings,**  
**Fr. John**

**Question of the Week –Whom does your family consider as  
"neighbors"? How can you expand whom you call neighbor?**

**Reading 1 Exodus 22:20-26**

**Reading 2 1 Thessalonians 11:5-10**

**Gospel Matthew 22:34-40**

**Reflection:** When you heard the Pharisee's question to Jesus, did you know what the answer would be? If not, now would be a good time to learn the answer by heart. Which is the greatest commandment? Jesus quotes the law of love in two parts. First we must love God with our entire selves. Out of that love of God grows the love of others. We must love our neighbors with as much care and concern as we have for ourselves. Does it seem very easy to love? As we try to do it, we will find it can be very difficult.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 18
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$13,966.60
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$62,800.88
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$48,834.28)
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$389,568.52
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$406,487.00
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$16,918.48)

**DID YOU KNOW...** The parish uses a level payment plan for electricity use with OPPD? The amount per month for all facilities is \$3,380.00 or \$40,560 per year. We are blessed to have heating and cooling systems available to us. Your support in covering this cost is greatly appreciated by all that attend school, work, volunteer, and visit our facilities. Thank you!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:****NOVEMBER 1/2**

**ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM:** Emmet Lampe, Kycie Negus

10:30 AM: Annie vonKampen, Ben vonKampen

**CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM:** Autumn-Rose Barnes, Jackson Cramer

10:30 AM: Sam Parys, Isaac Parys

**LECTORS: 5:00 PM:** Rob Barrett

7:30 AM: Peg Ricketts

10:30 AM: Todd von Kampen

**DEACON: 5:00 PM:** Deacon Fred Hendricks

7:30 AM: Deacon Alan LeClair

10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

**EMHCs: 5:00 PM:** Angie Bahle-Lampe, Jim Shepherd

Theresa O'Neill, Matt Swoboda

7:30 AM: George and Marsha Moon,  
Kathy Rossitto, Mary Todd

10:30 AM: Bill Cheese, Mary Fink,  
Fannie Parker, Rita Ziska

**GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM:** Lampe Family

7:30 AM: Little Family

10:30 AM: Religious Education Class

**MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM:** Kim Becker, Bryan Kinghorn and Friends

10:30 AM: Joan & Todd vonKampen,  
Kevin Throne, and Friends

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

**NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM:** Susan Matsunami  
**7:30 AM:** Nancy Core  
**10:30 AM:** Jane Cheese

**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Jim Dahlin, April Collamer  
**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Roy Edwards, Rich McShane  
**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

**ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH IS CURRENTLY SEEKING A MAINTENANCE PERSON TO MAINTAIN THE PHYSICAL STRUCTURES, GROUNDS, AND EQUIPMENT AT OUR SCHOOL AND PARISH.** Interested applicants are invited to send a resume to: Fr. John Andrews; 8200 N. 30<sup>th</sup> St.; Omaha, NE 68112. If you have questions or need more information, please call 402-455-1289.

**500 CLUB NEWS** (The Club that gives back) Thank you to the 500 Club Dinner Committee: Jim & Jacquie Dahlin, Shelly & Doug Speir, & Dorie & Duane Mittlieder who worked so hard to give our 500 Club members & their guests such an enjoyable evening. We had many compliments on the delicious dinner (free to paid members) that was catered by Mark Tussey of Tussey's Casual Grill. Congratulations to our \$25.00 winners - Loraine Benton, Mary Luttrell, Marcia Marshall, Marcella Hendricks, Bobbi Gatrost, & Shirley Coniglio. Thank you all for your support of this club & thanks to all our new members who joined - Welcome aboard! ~ Ted & Lucia St. Cyr

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY IS THIS WEEKEND.** There is a truck in the SPN back parking lot this weekend to collect clothing & other household items. Great time for cleaning out the closets to get ready for winter!

**OCTOBER DINING GROUP** Wednesday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm at The Depot (formerly Gurneys Restaurant ) Missouri Valley Ia. Take Mormon Bridge Road to Crescent, IA take left onto Old Lincoln Hwy. into Missouri Valley. The restaurant is on the left. Please come join us! RSVP to mhackenberg@hotmail.com

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

Of all the teachings of the Catholic Church, the ones that give many non-Catholics the most trouble tend to center on Mary. In fact, one of the most misunderstood dogmas in the Church is that of Mary's Immaculate Conception, which the vast majority of non-Catholics (and not a few Catholics) think refers to the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ. But that's not the only problem. "What's all the fuss about Mary and the saints?" many wonder. "Why do Catholics pray to her? Do they think she's a goddess? Doesn't all this attention to Mary take away from a relationship with Jesus?"

For Catholics who know and love Mary, such questions sound almost irreverent. She is so important in both theological considerations and popular devotions; her presence in the life of a Catholic can seem second nature. And yet, despite her prominence, what the Church actually teaches about Mary can sometimes be a bit confusing—or even misunderstood. If we are to truly understand and appreciate the one whom the poet William Wordsworth called, "Our tainted nature's solitary boast," then we need to learn who Mary really is and the essential role she plays in the life of every Christian. Devotion

to Mary and the saints is one way that Catholics come to know and love God and more deeply appreciate the great gift of salvation.

Please join us on Thursday night at 7 pm in the Parish Center as we discuss 'Mary and the Saints: Our Spiritual Mother and the Communion of Saints'

This week's video/discussion will center on:

The four basic dogmas the Church teaches about Mary:

- How Jesus is at the heart of everything Catholics believe about Mary
- Why Catholics don't worship Mary and the saints, but honor them as models for all Christians
- What Catholics really mean when they say they "pray to" Mary and the saints
- Why Mary is the "Queen of Heaven"

The mysteries of the rosary

What role Mary should play in the life of every believer

**JOIN US FOR ROLLS AND COFFEE** - Beginning the first Sunday in November – Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> & the first Sunday of every month after, we are going to offer rolls, coffee & juice after the Masses on Sunday in the Parish Center. Please stop down after Mass & meet new parishioners or catch up with old friends. We will accept free will donations to help defray the costs.

#### **OUR SEMINARIAN, PAT NIELDS WILL CELEBRATE HIS BIRTHDAY**

**NOVEMBER 6.** We would like to shower Pat with birthday wishes and prayers. This is a big year for him as he will be ordained a transitional deacon in the spring. The address is as follows: Pat Nields; Kenrick Glennon Seminary; 5200 Glennon Drive; St. Louis, Missouri 63119.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL DODGE BALL**

**TOURNAMENT** will take place on Saturday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>. **Mass on Saturday, Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> will be at 4 p.m.** There will not be a 5 pm Mass. Mass time is changed for that day only! The Dodge Ball Tournament is sponsored by the Home and School & all proceeds will benefit the Home and School Projects. Talk with your family & friends & get a team together! Watch the bulletin for details on registering your teams!

**ON SUNDAY, NOV. 9<sup>TH</sup>, COME & ENJOY "SOUP SUNDAY" FROM 11:30 – 4 pm!** Enjoy several varieties of soup – Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Broccoli Cheese, Reuben, & more. Try one or try them all! Homemade breads! Variety of cookies!

**RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Sat., Nov. 22 from 7am till 12 Noon** at the SPN Activity Center. Please consider donating. Give blood, give the gift of life! Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. Donor Sign-ups starting soon! For more info. call Rob Barrett at 402-451-1524 or Myron Smedra at 402-457-5622.

**ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE Nov. 22 & 23** in the Parish Center!

**CALLING ON ALL CRAFTER'S, BAKERS AND VENDORS!!** If you are a crafter or vendor & want a table or tables at our Annual Altar Society Bake Sale & Boutique on Nov. 22 & 23, please call Bev Baer 402-650-1104 to reserve your table now. We need all bakers of the parish to please donate homemade baked goods for the bake sale. More information will come later for the bake sale. This, & yearly dues are the Altar Society's main source for income so please plan to support this event. Thank you.

**OCTOBER CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY – FEED THE HUNGRY** We are at an all-time high in pantry attendance & at an all-time low with Food Bank availability. In the last 12 months, we have provided food to almost 20,000 individuals from 8,373 homes in Omaha.

Immediate needs as of Oct.18 at the SVdP Food Pantry

1. Canned Goods: Canned Fruit, Canned Soups, Canned Main Dishes (like Ravioli and Spaghetios) Canned Vegetables--a variety is always appreciated – we usually get corn and green beans...carrots, peas, asparagus, etc. are a blessing for our clients
2. Toilet paper
3. Pancake mix..we have found this is a very desirable items for our clients--the "just add water" kind
4. Personal care items---shampoo, bar soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste
5. Monetary donations for fresh meat and milk. (We also appreciate Aldi, Dollar Tree, and Hy-Vee gift cards for weekly specials.)

~ God bless you, Cindy Jandrain

SVdP Food Pantry Coordinator

Please place your donations for the SVdP Food Pantry in the boxes in Church. Our SVdP Parish Committee will make sure it gets to the Food Pantry! Thank you for your generosity!

**LOOKING FOR A ST. PHILIP NERI T-SHIRT AND A BLUE AND GOLD STRIPED SOCCER SHIRT** from the late 1990's or early 2000's for a special project. If you have either/or both of these & don't mind parting with them, please call Marcia Cusic at 402-455-1050.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**OCTOBER 20 – OCTOBER 26**

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Burree Family Int. Ray Golden +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Burree Family Int. Therese Peklo +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Burree Family Int. Marilyn Schmitz +
Friday	8:15 AM	Marjie Murphy Int. Burree Family Int.
Saturday	5:00 PM	Dona Leininger + Fred Kinghorn + Elizabeth Lastovica +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Wilcox Family Int. Our Parish Family
	10:30 AM	Al Culp + Phil Cushing +

**DID YOU KNOW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** provides \$10,000 per month to Mother Teresa's Order that helps the poor around the world...Join us, contact Rich McShane for more information at 402-680-2743.

**FOR SALE** John Deere Tractor 955 Front end loader & rear blade - 1300 hours For more information, please call the Parish Office at 402-455-1289.

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** Three men were sitting on a park bench. The one in the middle was reading a newspaper; the others were pretending to fish. They baited imaginary hooks, cast lines, & reeled in their catch. A passing policeman stopped to watch

the spectacle & asked the man in the middle if he knew the other two. "Oh yes" he said "They're my friends." "In that case," warned the officer, "you'd better get them out of here!" "Yes, sir" the man replied, & he began rowing furiously.

**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 HUMBLLY WITH GOD."**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO EARNED A PLACE ON THE FIRST QUARTER PRESIDENT AND PRINCIPAL LIST AT RONCALLI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.** The students who have earned a place on the President's List have maintained all A's for the quarter. The students on the Principal's List have maintained A's & B's for the quarter.

President's List – **Katherine Anielak, Keara Rankin, Lydia Rowe**

Principal's List – **Allison Hughes, Andrew Johnson, Abigail Ramsgard, Justin Wiesner-Davis, Caleb Bohnenkamp**

**MAKE A NOTE!** Thursday, October 30 – **Last Day for Shorts!** Early Dismissal on October 30<sup>th</sup> for Parent Teacher Conferences and NO School on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**THE SPN STUDENT COUNCIL IS COLLECTING NAMES OF ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED MILITARY MEMBERS TO HONOR ON VETERAN'S DAY.** Student Council members will write the names of all Military Members on Red Hearts. The heart will be hung on the wall by the cross in the Front Lobby of the school. Names can be emailed to Cheryl Swanson at [ceswanson@schools.archomaha.org](mailto:ceswanson@schools.archomaha.org) You can also put the names in an envelope with Cheryl Swanson's name on it in the collection basket. Names should be received by Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>.

**HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR'S CASH FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM** began Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> & continues through Tuesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, & 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 & agrees to donate \$1 for every \$200 spent.

**MERCY HIGH SCHOOL INVITES 6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup>, & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GIRLS & THEIR PARENTS TO AN OPEN HOUSE** at 48<sup>th</sup> & Woolworth, Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 12:30 – 3 p.m. Special information presentation at 1:30 p.m. Please call 402-553-9424 or visit <http://www.mercyhigh.org> for more information.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 – PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY** – in Church Parking Lot

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD: AFTER ALL MASSES**

9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION – CONFIRMATION PREP** – SPN School

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27**

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

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

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. **“MARY” BIBLE STUDY** – Parish Center  
 7:00 P.M. **SCHOOL BOARD** – Activity Center Meeting Room

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

- 8:15 A.M. **GRADES 5 – 8 SCHOOL MASS** - Church  
 9:00 A.M. **“MOM’S” GROUP** – Parish Center  
 6:30 P.M. **FAITH FORMATION – CATECHIST** – SPN School

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30**

- 6:00 A.M. **“COME AND SEE” MEN’S FAITH FORMATION** – Parish Center  
 8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** - Church  
 1:00 P.M. **EARLY DISMISSAL – SPN SCHOOL – PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**  
 7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 – NO SCHOOL  
PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT 1 PM****SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY**

- SPECIAL COLLECTION - SEMINARY**  
**HONEY SUNDAY** – Knights will sell honey after Mass  
**NERI DOLLARS SOLD:** After Mass  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS! - FALL BACK ONE HOUR - BE SURE TO GET YOUR EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP ☺**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 – DAY OF THE DEAD – ALL SOULS DAY**

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – In front of School  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION - SEMINARY**  
**HONEY SUNDAY** – Knights will sell honey after Mass  
**NERI DOLLARS SOLD:** After all Masses  
 9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** - School  
**CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – During 10:30 Mass

**QUILT SHOW - - - UNITED WE STITCH** Mormon Trail Center 32<sup>nd</sup> & State St. Oct. 3 – 30<sup>th</sup> 9 am – 9 pm.

**JOIN US TODAY AS DIANE GUBBELS SHARES HER “STORIES OF INSPIRATION.”** As a talented designer & appliqué artist, Diane allows her creative spirit to speak through her quilts, using fabric & design. Inspired by her mother, she learned the art of sewing & is passionate about quilting. Diane’s quilts are inspired by many life experiences which become “music in my soul,” she says. Sharing the ‘music’ is her goal. **Sunday, Oct. 26 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. No Admission Fee - Free Will Offering Requested St. Benedict Ctr., Schuyler, NE 402-352-8819**

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE AQUINAS FORUM**, on Tuesday, Oct. 28, 7 p.m., at Gloria Deo, 13065 W. Center Rd. Bill Beckman, director of the Archdiocesan Office of Evangelization &

Catechetics, will present **“Blessed Pope Paul VI: A Steady Hand in Turbulent Times.”** The years from 1963 to 1978 were marked by immense change & challenge in the United States & throughout the world. The Church was not immune. Pope Paul VI, who was beatified by Pope Francis on Oct. 19, 2014, proved an able captain of the barque of Peter as he safely guided the holy Church through the narrows & straits of a turbulent time. We’ll consider events of his reign, honor his memory, & come to know him as a defender of faith & family & patron for the new evangelization. *Free & open to the public; freewill offerings welcome. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.*

**ST. CECILIA CATHEDRAL CHOIR & TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL CHOIR with Orchestra** presents “Requiem Mozart” as part of the observance of the Commemoration of All Souls, Sunday, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m. at St. Cecilia Cathedral. Admission is free.

**AT HOLIDAY TIME, MANY PEOPLE ARE DEALING WITH LOSS & ARE OFTEN CAUGHT IN A DILEMMA** between the need to grieve & the pressure to get into the spirit of the season. Holidays or not, it is important for us all to find ways to take care of ourselves. This provides a great opportunity to learn how others deal with the holidays when you have suffered a loss. Hope to see you there! **Grief Share** will welcome people facing the holidays after the death of a loved one. **DivorceCare** will welcome people experiencing the pain of separation or divorce. Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 7p.m. at St. Leo the Great, 1920 N. 102<sup>nd</sup> St. Please call Kay Buhrman at 402-551-9003 ext. 1304 to register or email [ekbuhrman@archomaha.org](mailto:ekbuhrman@archomaha.org)

**ACAPPELLA OMAHA CHORUS OF SWEET ADELIN’S INTERNATIONAL PRESENTS ITS 2014 FALL SHOW – REFLECTIONS** featuring a Cappella Harmony in a Variety of Musical Tastes & Genres! Sat., Nov. 15 at 7 pm at the Papillion/LaVista High School; 84<sup>th</sup> & Centennial Sts. Get your tickets (\$15 ea.) from Deb VanErdewyk or another chorus member, or log onto AcapellaOmaha.com, visit the Box Office the night of the performance.

**PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS MASS** St. Bernard’s Church (3601 N. 65<sup>th</sup> St.) is hosting the Archdiocese of Omaha Pregnancy & Infant Loss Mass on Monday, Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Join Fr. Walter Nolte & the Archdiocese Children’s Choir for this special Mass of comfort, healing & hope as we celebrate & honor our children. A light reception will follow in the school basement with resources offering outreach & education. For more info. contact Kay Buhrman or Elizabeth Abbott at 402-551-9003, ext. 1306.

**PREPARE FOR THE SEASON OF THANKSGIVING by attending “A Day of Gratitude”... A retreat day at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center** on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The art of thanksgiving is so much more than a spiritual discipline or cultural tradition emphasized during the month of November. True thanksgiving is a gift of grace as it enables you to connect more genuinely with God. Come away with us for a day of purposeful gratitude & rediscover often forgotten reasons for personal thanksgiving. Savor & cherish the bountiful gifts God has given you during this reflective & prayer filled day of refreshment, rest & renewal. **Facilitator: Nancy Greenberg** has steadily moved away from many years of leadership involvement in teaching, prayer & worship, & has evolved into helping people be still and hear God. **Fee: \$40 includes continental breakfast & lunch.** To register call 402-359-4288 or go online to our website at [www.kmscenter.org](http://www.kmscenter.org)