

Dear Parishioners,

The Altar Society is hosting a bake sale and boutique in our Parish Center this weekend. Please stop by and see what they have to offer for your Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas gift giving.

The Advent season is just around the corner! Advent is a time to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. One way that we can do that is to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation. This sacrament gives us many strengths and graces to truly live a Christ-like life. Please mark your calendars for our Parish Reconciliation Service which will be held on **Wednesday, December 10 at 7:00 p.m.** We will have several priests joining us from our deanery.

This year for Advent in our parish, we will be displaying a **presepio** by the St. Joseph's altar. We will be adding pieces and scenes each week during the Advent season. A Nativity scene features a manger, angels, shepherds, and kings; however a presepio includes the Nativity scene surrounded by statues and houses representing everyday life. The symbolism is that Christ was born into the real world and lived among everyday people. Presepi were modeled after the local villages where people lived. By the 17th century, making a presepio during the Christmas season became commonplace in nearly every Italian home.

Blessings,
Fr. John

Question of the Week – Jesus asks us to care for the “least” as we would care for him. Who are considered the “least” in your neighborhood?

Reading 1 Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Reading 2 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel Matthew 25:31-46

Reflection: Today, on the feast of Christ the King, we read that a ruler or leader should be like a shepherd. The leader is to care for all the people and protect them. And a wise and loving ruler knows that what is important for the people is equally important for their leader. In today's gospel, the ruler is also a judge. At the last judgment, Christ is pictured as the king who judges the nations. How does he judge? On the basis of care and concern for the needy. Did you notice in the gospel that all the people were surprised at the king's answer to their questions? How lucky we are to have Jesus tell us what they did not seem to know, that when we do for others, we do to him, and that we will be judged on our works of mercy and justice. Take a moment to think about these works that the gospel mentions. Ask Christ to reign and rule in your heart and in the whole world.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11 - NOVEMBER 16
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$15,173.07
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$58,566.94
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$43,393.87)
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$550,711.88
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$542,480.12
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$8,231.76

DID YOU KNOW... The weather affects the church's ability to stay current on bills? Our Sunday collection averages about \$10,000 per week. With the snow fall last Saturday and icy streets Sunday morning, our collection was only \$4,948.00. This is less than 50% of our average. Please don't forget your November 16th Sunday envelope! To avoid these types of decrease in revenue, you can help by making your donation consistent using Online Giving. When our revenue is consistent, we are able to ensure the needs of the church and school are met. Thank you!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

THANKSGIVING – NOVEMBER 27 9:00 A.M.

NEED VOLUNTEERS!**NOVEMBER 28/29**

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Jarrad Borosko, Jackson Cramer
10:30 AM: Sam Parys, Mia Dolan

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Kycie Negus, Keegan Sullivan
10:30 AM: Isaac Parys, Jerad Peck

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Theresa O'Neill

7:30 AM: Larry Ziska

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, Juli Bohnenkamp,
Diane Sullivan, Mary Ann Taylor

7:30 AM: George and Marsha Moon, Dorothy Polan,
Kathy Rossitto

- 10:30 AM:** Roy Edwards, Fannie Parker, Marj and Bob Ryckman
- GIFT BEARERS:** **5:00 PM:** O'Neill Family
7:30 AM: Polan Family
10:30 AM: Religious Education Class
- MUSICIANS:** **5:00 PM:** Drew Neneman
10:30 AM: Joan and Todd von Kampen, Kevin Throne and Friends
- COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Bev Baer, Roy Edwards, George and Marsha Moon, Dave Parks
- NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** **5:00 PM:** joni Locher
7:30 AM: Bonnie Shea
10:30 AM: Jane Cheese
- COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Nancy Bohnenkamp, Joann Feller
- IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Bill Cheese, Dave Parks
- 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

RON... THANKS FOR 60 GLORIOUS YEARS! ~ JOYCE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FR. GAMA! Fr. Gama will celebrate his birthday on Thanksgiving Day this year. Please help us wish him a very happy birthday!

THE THANKSGIVING SEASON IS AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR ME TO THANK THE MANY EME'S who so faithfully bring me communion every week. May God bless them for their kindness.

~ Warner Moss

STOP AND SHOP THE ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE

Today, Nov. 22 & 23 in the Parish Center! You are sure to find unique Christmas gifts or a sweet dessert for your Sunday and Thanksgiving dinner.



OUR OWN DEACON FRED HENDRICKS WILL AGAIN BE PERFORMING today with the Voices of Omaha in the 46th Annual Performance of Handel's Messiah today, Sunday, November 23 at 3 p.m. at the Holland Performing Arts Center. Free Admission.



THANKSGIVING IS FAST APPROACHING... Plan to attend 9:00 a.m. Mass on Thanksgiving Day & bring your special breads along for a blessing. There will be baskets in front of the altar for you to set your breads in & Father will bless them during Mass.

JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW OUR THANKSGIVING COLLECTION WILL GO TO OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Money contributed in the Thanksgiving collection is used to support the work of our parish St. Vincent De Paul Society. During the last twelve months, we have received 693 calls for assistance with utilities, food, rent, & other expenses from individuals & families living within our parish boundaries. The St. Vincent De Paul Society responded to these requests in various ways including direct financial assistance of \$30,351 to the poor in our community. There are currently 19 members of the society who help in various ways including collecting food & clothing, home visits,

call coordination, & working at the pantry. Please contact Bill Cheese at 402-571-1574 if you are interested in learning more about the work of the society or volunteering. Currently the Food Bank supplies are critically low.

THE NEED IS GREAT! Please bring one food item



(such as: peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, canned soup, fruit or vegetables) for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Barrels in Church. We would appreciate any loose change or a dollar bill in the Poor Box. Thank you to those who faithfully support our work both financially & through contributions of food & clothing.

THE FAMILY GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE WILL GO UP NEXT WEEKEND – THANKSGIVING WEEKEND! ...and it will be up until all the names are gone. If you prefer, there will be a can located on the railing next to the tree for your monetary donations. **The deadline for the return of wrapped gifts is Sunday, Dec. 14.**

The procedure for the Christmas gifts is as follows: 1) Pick gift tag from the tree. Please don't lose the tag! 2) Buy gift named on tag – **NEW ITEMS ONLY** (these are gifts). 3) Wrap gift. Sale tags may be left on clothing. 4) Reverse the gift tag with child's name showing only & use as a nametag on the gift. 5) Bring the gift back to Church **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 14!** Please help the less fortunate of our Parish with a Christmas gift.

OUR AM AND PM "MARY" BIBLE STUDY WILL BE CULMINATING WITH THE MOVIE, "MARY OF NAZARETH" WHICH CAME OUT LAST YEAR.

We are inviting all parishioners to watch it with us Monday, Dec. 1 at 9 a.m. at Notre Dame - use the West door, or Tuesday, Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. in Parish Center. The movie is about 2 1/2 hours long. If you have ???'s, call Marsha Moon 455-1485 or Diane Sullivan 571-2078.

IF YOU ARE A LECTOR AND/OR EMHC, YOU ARE INVITED TO A "READ AND FEED" on Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center. We will have a light supper of soup & bread then renew our commitments to read the words of our Lord & serve our parishioners the Body and Blood of Christ. This is a chance to meet & welcome our newly commissioned. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert to share.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! GET OUT YOUR DUST RAGS & MOP BUCKETS & JOIN IN THE FUN! We will be cleaning St. Philip Neri Church on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 9 a.m. **Plan on staying** after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Dec. 21 to decorate the church for Christmas. Many hands make light work!

AS WE GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON, we are preparing a list of parishioners who live either in independent or assisted living who would enjoy a card or letter from their friends at St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament. If you know of anyone, please drop a note in the collection basket or call the Rectory with their name & address. Due to confidentiality, we need the permission of the person or a family member to publish their name & address. The list will be in the December 7th bulletin.

DO NOT DECORATE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE until you check out the Cookie Walk & Christmas Tree raffle in the Parish Center on Dec. 6/7. **NO NEED TO BAKE CHRISTMAS COOKIES** because you can buy all you need at the Cookie Walk & Christmas Tree raffle in the Parish Center on Dec. 6/7! Altar Society Circle 1 is sponsoring the Annual Cookie Walk & has

added something new - **we will raffle off 3 live Christmas trees from Frosty Pines & host an ornament sale.** We have acquired a collection of wonderful ornaments that will be available for sale at the Cookie Walk. So - don't bake or decorate till you check out the Cookie Walk/Christmas tree raffle & ornament sale in the Parish Center on December 6/7 after all Masses. Oh! – Ho – Ho - HO... And there will be Caroling after the 5:00 & the 10:30 Masses!

IF THE ONLY PRAYER YOU SAID WAS THANK YOU, that would be enough. ~ Meister Eckhart

DID YOU KNOW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS distributes almost two million special Knights of Columbus rosaries at the rate of some 10,000 per month, especially to new members? Contact Dave Bohnenkamp for more info 402-515-6142.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 24 – NOVEMBER 30

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Del Murphy + Fallon Carl +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Fr. Gama Int. Fr. John Int.
Thursday	9:00 AM	John Jefferson Wooden + Jearld Colling +
Friday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joe Thibodeau + Don Pulte +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
	10:30 AM	Valerie Massengale + Dorothy Rule +

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Answering the phone, the priest was surprised to hear the caller introduce herself as an IRS auditor. "But we do not pay taxes," the priest said. "It isn't you, Father, it's one of your parishioners, Sean McCullough. He indicates on his tax return that he gave a donation of \$15,000 to the church last year. Is this, in fact, the truth?" The priest smiled broadly. "The check hasn't arrived yet, but I'm sure I'll have it when I remind dear Sean."

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 SPN 8TH GRADE VOLLEYBALL TEAM! Our team went undefeated in all PAL & GSA league matches this fall, And...also took first at the Cougar Classic & GSA tournament!

Remember students - that "you don't know unless you GO".....so "GO" for everything! Finish out your 8th grade year strong & thanks for some fantastic memories!! Parents, thanks for all of your support.....you were wonderful! Also...Hats Off and Special Thanks to our Great Coaches!!!

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE is today, Sunday, Nov. 23, 12-2:30 p.m. For more info., contact the recruitment director, [Molly Adams Woodman](#), at 402-571-2618, ext. 1161 or visit Marian online at www.marianhighschool.net

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 & agrees to donate \$1 for every \$200 spent.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – At all Masses

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses

ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE AND BOUTIQUE – Parish Center

RCIA – RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

9:00 A.M. **LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY –** Parish Center

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

7:00 P.M. **"MARY" BIBLE STUDY –** Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27



NO SCHOOL – RECTORY CLOSED

9:00 A.M. **MASS -** Church

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28

NO SCHOOL – RECTORY CLOSED

8:15 A.M. **COMMUNION SERVICE -** Church

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses

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

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE! The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 1st.

EACH WEEK IN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MASS YOU HEAR "NERI DOLLARS ARE FOR SALE IN BACK OF CHURCH."

What does this mean and why do we sell them every week?
This is a parish fundraiser managed by Joni Locher & her circle. Neri Dollars are gift cards for grocery and department stores, home improvement stores, and even restaurants. You can make purchases by using the "Neri Dollars" gift cards just like cash & even pay your Kohl's Charge Card bill with Neri Dollars. Neri

Dollars can be used for prescriptions, postage stamps, and even gas! You can use Neri Dollars gift cards for online purchases. We have most area grocery stores **on hand** along with Home Depot, Kohl's, and ... The Wal-Mart gift cards can be used at Sam's Club. There are **pre-order forms** at the doors of Church that you can turn in on Sunday with the payment & have your gift cards by the end of the week – or pick them up the next Sunday after Mass. If you don't see what you need on the pre-order form, go to www.glscrip.com There you will find a list of participation retailers. This is a great resource for gifts for out of town friends & relatives.

Why is your participation important?

The Neri Dollar Coordinator purchases the gift cards at a reduced rate & sells them for face value. Some merchants give us as much as 10%, 12% or more. Every year the Parish receives a check from the profits of this very worthy fundraiser. This is a great way to give back to our parish without taking additional money out of your pocket.

STOCK UP NOW! As you prepare for Thanksgiving & Christmas shopping, review the pre-order form for Neri Dollars. The last day to pre-order before Christmas will be Sunday, Dec. 14th!

FREE ORGAN CONCERT BY MARIE RUBIS BAUER will be held Sunday, Nov. 23, 3 p.m. at St. Cecilia Cathedral, 701 N. 40th St. Marie will perform both modern & ancient music, including compositions by living composers: Estonian Arvo Pärt; Swede, Erland Hildén; Frenchman, Olivier Latriy & Renaissance Italian composers, Claudio Merulo & Antonio Cavazzoni interspersed with Gregorian Chant.

UNDER THE MOTTO, "CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL," THE GREATEST VARIETY EVER OF HANDMADE CRAFTS will be for sale at St. Benedict Ctr., 4 miles north of Schuyler on Hwy 15, from **Nov. 30 to Dec. 14**. Shop in a peaceful atmosphere for unique gifts like wall hangings, quilts, Christmas decorations, woodworking, blown glass, homemade honey products, jewelry, & homemade bakery! Opening times are Monday - Friday, 2 – 6:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 10 a.m. to 7p.m. *On some days, a great buffet lunch will be served.* Please inquire! The gift shop will be open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Saturday 9:30–10:45 a.m. & 1–4 p.m.; & Sunday 1–3 p.m. In addition, there will be an opportunity to view a colorful display of beautiful **nativity scenes** from all-over the world! There is **no admission fee** for craft show & exhibit. The **Christmas Pageant on Saturday, Dec. 6**, at St. Benedict Ctr. will be titled, "**The Angel Who Came Late.**" Schuyler Life Teen members will act out a story, designed *new & different every year*, which brings home impressively what the Christmas message is all about. The shows will take place indoors in the chapel. Afterwards, there will be hot chocolate, cider & coffee, homemade Christmas cookies, & a Christmas story. Shows begin **at 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.** Admission for adults is \$3, for children \$1

Visit Nativity Scenes, Nov. 30 – Dec. 14; Jan. 2 – 8, 2015, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. at St. Benedict Center. Everyone is invited to make a pilgrimage to St. Benedict Center, at the beginning of the *Year of the Family*, to view a wonderful display of nativity scenes from the Holy Land, from Africa, Asia, South & North America & Europe & to pray for our families. No admission fee. **God Loves a Cheerful Giver (cf. 2 Corinthians 9:7)** – An Advent getaway for *young adults* (ages 18-35), December 6, St. Benedict Center, Schuyler. The Advent season invites us to

note & accept God's many gifts to us &, in turn, to share with others from the fullness we have received. We will look to Saint Nicholas as an example of a cheerful giver. This day of reflection, facilitated by a team of monks, includes talks, sharing, personal prayer time, Mass and a delicious lunch. Fee: \$ 10. *For more information, call St Benedict Center 402-352-8819.*

CHRISTMAS IN THE FOREST – Friday, DEC. 12 p.m. & Saturday, Dec. 13 from 3-8 p.m.. Come join us in the woodlands for this annual tradition! A family oriented event, this is a meaningful opportunity to live the Christmas story. Both the young & the young at heart enjoy this cherished event. From the crisp, fresh winter air to the live animals at the manger, & the warm glow of the peace fire...this is truly a time to make memories as you gather with family & friends. This one hour experience includes Christmas cookies & hot chocolate at the conclusion of your pilgrimage. Reservations are required (call 402-359-4288). Pilgrimages take place every 20 minutes. Fee is \$5 per person, children 5 & under are free.

Mark your calendars! *The dates below do not include all of the group & committee meetings – or any personal commitments or parties!* TIS' THE SEASON!

Nov. 29 & 30 - Advent Baby Shower Begins

Dec. 1 - Parish Office Closed

Dec. 1 - "Mary of Nazareth" Movie – Notre Dame – 9 a.m.

Dec. 2 - Read & Feed - Lectors & EMHC's - Parish Center – 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 3 - Pray, Shop, Eat – St. Benedict's Center, Schuyler

Dec. 3 - Knights Meeting - Set up outdoor Nativity -6:30 p.m.

Dec. 6 - Deep Clean Church – 9 a.m.

Dec. 6 & 7- Cookie Walk – Ornament Sale – Christmas Tree Raffle – After all Masses in the Parish Center

Dec. 7 - Rolls and Coffee after all Masses in the Parish Center

Dec. 7 - Knights Aluminum Can Collection – in front of School

Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy Day of Obligation – Mass at 8:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Dec. 9 - "Mary" Movie – Parish Center – 7 p.m.

Dec. 10 - Parish Penance Service – Church - 7 p.m.

Dec. 11 - SPN School Christmas Program - Activity Center - 7 p.m. Afternoon Dress Rehearsal – Time – TBA

Dec. 13 - Movie Knight – Parish Center – After 5:00 Mass

Dec. 13 & 14 - Special Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious - After All Masses

Dec. 14 - Knights Pancake Breakfast - Parish Center – 8 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Dec. 14 - Return wrapped gifts - deadline for Christmas Giving Tree

Dec. 19 - School Christmas Break Begins

Dec. 20 - Knights Aluminum Can Collection – in front of School

Dec. 21 - Decorate Church for Christmas – After 10:30 Mass

Dec. 24 - Children's Choir Christmas Mass – 4 p.m. – Mass at 7 p.m. and Midnight

Dec. 25 - Mass times: 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 26 - Communion Service

Dec. 31 - Mass – 5:00 p.m.

January 1, 2015 – Mass – 9:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed Dec. 24th – Jan. 2nd.