

Dear Parishioners,

As we continue with the season of Advent, please be sure to join us for our parish reconciliation service on Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for us as a parish to prepare for Christmas!

A reminder that Monday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our Mass schedule will be Monday at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

In this week's bulletin, take time to read the insert as we begin our third corporal work of mercy, "clothe the naked". As a parish, we will be collecting clothes and other items for infants and children up to age 5 for the Bethlehem House. Let us continue to pray for one another during this Advent season, that the Lord will fashion us and reshape us so that we might be prepared to welcome Christ, our Savior!

Blessings,

Fr. John

Question of the Week – John the Baptist pointed to Jesus. Who has pointed to Jesus for you?

Reading 1 Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Reading 2 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel Mark 1:1-8

Reflection: In this gospel reading Mark introduces John the Baptist as the messenger of the Messiah, sent by God to prepare his path. John preaches a baptism of repentance and the forgiveness of sins in the desert by the River Jordan. The coming Messiah will baptize with the Holy Spirit. He is mightier than John or any of the prophets before him.

Let us prepare for Jesus' coming as John taught the people to prepare: with repentance for our sins, with welcoming hearts, with unselfish love, and with generosity for one another.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF NOVEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 30
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$22,661.75
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$15,515.74
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$7,146.59
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$555,133.86
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$547,307.19
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$7,859.67

DID YOU KNOW... Someone will win a new car in February? Our annual Mardi Gras is set for Saturday, February 14th and we will be raffling a brand new car again this year. Watch for details on how to purchase raffle tickets for this and many other great prizes!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

DECEMBER 8 7:00 PM

ALTAR SERVERS: Need Volunteers

LECTOR: Dorie Mittlieder **DEACON** Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: Betty & Bob Jones, Dorothy Polan, Kathy Rossitto

GIFT BEARERS: Religious Education Class

MUSICIANS: Bryan Kinghorn & Friends

DECEMBER 13/14

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Emmet Lampe, Natalie Ruckman

10:30 AM: Hannah Kimble, Caden Tussey

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Autumn-Rose Barnes, Izzy Braimah

10:30 AM: Bode Bench, Steven Hensel

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Rob Barrett

7:30 AM: Peg Ricketts

10:30 AM: Rita Ziska

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, Jacquie Dahlin,

Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda

7:30 AM: Madelaine Adler, Merl Core,

Regina Cronkhite, Sue Schartz

10:30 AM: Trudie Ahlstrom, DeLynne Clausen,

Dave Parks, Nancy Ryckman

GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Lampe Family

7:30 AM: Haines Family

10:30 AM: Taborsky Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Colleen Monti & the High School Choir

10:30 AM: Fr. John, Deanna Reilly, the Children's Choir

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Madelaine Adler,

Mary Breitkrutz, Regina Cronkhite

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Susan Matsunami

7:30 AM: Mary Todd

10:30 AM: Mary Parsons

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Anne Massengale, David Krueger

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

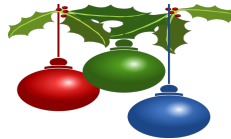
10:30 AM: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke,

Carl Cramer

OOOPS... CIRCLE #2 OVERLOOKED PRINTING THE RESULTS OF OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST IN OCTOBER. We want to *Thank* everyone that came, bought raffle tickets & volunteered to help us. We made \$376 on the quilt raffle that was won by Mary Simpson & made \$420 from the breakfast for a grand total of \$796. **THANK YOU!!**

THE FAMILY GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE IS UP! ...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 on 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.



DO NOT DECORATE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE until you check out the Cookie Walk & Christmas Tree raffle in the Parish Center this weekend.

NO NEED TO BAKE CHRISTMAS COOKIES because you can buy all you need at the Cookie Walk & Christmas Tree raffle. 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 this weekend after all Masses. Oh! – Ho – Ho - HO... And there will be Caroling after the 5:00 & the 10:30 Masses!

IT IS TIME TO RELAX AND TAKE A BREATH!

KC Movie Knight Saturday, Dec. 13th in the Parish Center. The feature will be "THE SANTA CLAUS" *What if your Dad was Santa Claus?!* Cartoons will start after the 5pm Mass, with the Movie starting at 6:30pm. Featuring fresh-cooked "Hots & Brats", Cold Sodas, and "The World's Best Popcorn" - all for a Free Will Donation.

ON SUNDAY, DEC. 14TH LET THE KNIGHTS COOK BREAKFAST FOR YOU! **KC All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast** in the Parish Center 8am till 12:30pm Come & Let the Knights make your breakfast; do the dishes, & help our seminarian as well! Fresh Pancakes with strawberry topping, Sausages, Eggs, Fruit Cocktail & Coffee or Juice - Along with Biscuits & Gravy (while it lasts) Adults - \$7; Kids (5-12) - \$5 Under 5Free - or \$20 Family Rate!! *All Proceeds to support SPN Seminarian Pat Nields!*

LEAVE YOUR PURSE/WALLET AT HOME AND CARRY YOUR NERI DOLLARS/GIFT CARDS TO SHOP AT ALL THE AREA GROCERY STORES & MOST RETAIL STORES: Bakers, No Frills, Whole Foods, Hy-Vee, Bag & Save and Wal-Mart/Sam's Club. We have many

restaurants on hand – including our neighborhood - Tussey's Casual Grill. Check the preorder form for gift ideas. **Next Sunday, Dec. 14 will be the last day for preorders if you need them before Christmas!** Any questions, please don't hesitate to stop & ask one of the sellers after Mass or call the Parish Office.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY TO HELP DEFRAY SOME OF THE COSTS OF DECORATING CHURCH AND THE POINSETTIA'S FOR THE ALTAR THIS CHRISTMAS, please put your donation in an envelope & mark it "Christmas Flowers" & place it in the collection basket. If you would like to donate "in honor of..." or "in memory of..." a special loved one, please note that also. Minimum suggested donation per poinsettia is \$8.

AGAIN THIS YEAR, DURING THIS ADVENT SEASON, we are hosting our Annual Advent Baby Shower. Please bring your new or gently used baby items to Church & place them in the baby crib on the floor near the statue of Mary. All items will be donated to the Bethlehem House.

THANK YOU TO THE LECTORS AND EMHC'S WHO ATTENDED THE "READ AND FEED". Special Thanks to Mitzi LeClair for feeding us & Kathy Rossitto & Colleen & Tony Monti for coordinating the event. If you could not attend, please pick up the 2015 Lector book & EMHC & Lector guidelines in the Sacristy. Please review the guidelines & call the Parish Office with any questions you may have.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! MARDI GRAS WILL BE FEBRUARY 14, 2015!

MASS INTENTIONS		DECEMBER 8 – DECEMBER 14
Monday	8:15 AM	Del Murphy + Michelle Rohlfing +
	7:00 PM	Fred Kinghorn + Joe Thibodeau +
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Joe Reeves + Ed O'Connor +
	8:15 AM	Lorraine Demulling + Bob Lawler +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Mary Beth Clark + Agnes Jensen +
	8:15 AM	Gary & Jackie Peck + Margery Jones +
Thursday	5:00 PM	Aggie Lohmeier + Deceased Members of the Weber Family +
	7:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
Friday	10:30 AM	Dorothy Rule + Jearld Colling +
	10:30 AM	

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Part of a flight attendant's arrival announcement: "We'd like to thank you folks for flying with us today. And, the next time you get the insane urge to go blasting through the skies in a pressurized metal tube, we hope you'll think of US Airways."

DID YOU KNOW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS supports the Bishops Mission Fund annually? Contact Myron Smedra for more info 402-457-5622.

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."

MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS has scheduled three concerts on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 2 p.m. Ms. Kristin Parent's students will perform at St. Stephen the Martyr, 16701 S St. At 5 p.m. Mr. Thaden's students will perform at St. Margaret Mary Raynor Center. At 7 p.m., Mr. Irvin's students will perform at Roncalli Catholic High School.

SPN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: ARE WE THERE YET? This year's Christmas program is a collection of readings & hymns from The Christmas story, with a theme of "Going On A Journey". The K-6 grade Christmas program is on Thursday, Dec. 11th in the Activity Center at 2:15 p.m. (Dress Rehearsal) & 7 p.m. *We hope you can join us!*

TOILETRIES AND BABY ITEMS The SPN students, Pre-K – 6th grades will be collecting toiletry items for Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. The 7th & 8th graders will be collecting baby items for Essential Pregnancy Service. These items will be collected until Friday, Dec. 12th. If you would like to donate, please drop off your items at the school office.

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, DECEMBER 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – in front of School

COOKIE WALK, TREE RAFFLE, ORNAMENT SALE – Parish Center

ROLLS AND COFFEE - After all Masses in the Parish Center

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** - School

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8 FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

7:00 A.M. **KINGHORN GARDENS MEETING** – Parish Center

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

7:00 P.M. **MASS** – Church

7:00 P.M. **BOY SCOUTS** – Parish Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

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

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

7:00 P.M. **BAPTISM CLASS** – Parish Center Library

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

9:00 A.M. **"MOM'S" GROUP** – Parish Center

7:00 P.M. **PARISH PENANCE SERVICE** - Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:00 A.M. **"COME AND SEE" MEN'S FAITH FORMATION** – Parish Center

2:15 P.M. **SPN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM DRESS REHEARSAL** – Activity Center

7:00 P.M. **SPN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** – Activity Center
NO RCIA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - At Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVIE KNIGHT – Parish Center

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

WRAPPED GIFTS FOR FAMILY GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE MUST BE RETURNED TODAY!

SPECIAL COLLECTION – RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS - At all Masses

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST – Parish Center

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses

9:30 A.M. **CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE** - Church

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

6:00 P.M. **YOUTH GROUP** - School

MAKE MEMORIES THIS CHRISTMAS! Frosty Pines is a choose & cut Christmas Tree Farm located just north of Omaha on Highway 75. Come out to Frosty Pines with your family, roam around our thousands of trees on over 15 acres & pick the perfect one for you! We will cut it for you, haul it down to your car, & help tie it on.

ADVENT WREATHS, CHRISTMAS CENTERPIECES, & MEMORIAL WREATHS designed with locally grown evergreens & decorated in your choice of color scheme are available starting at \$35.00. Call parishioner, Jeanne O'Connor at 402-637-8181. Guaranteed to last 3 weeks with daily watering. The Altar Society receives a 10% donation of all purchases.



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St Philip Neri -Blessed Sacrament
Council #5287

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This Christmas, the snow hits the fan!

When Santa slips and falls from
Scott Calvin's roof on Christmas Eve,
he finds himself magically recruited
to take his place!!

What if your dad was Santa Claus?

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Starting Our 2nd Decade

Saturday, Dec 13, 6:30 pm

Downstairs In The Parish Center

**Free Will
Offering**

**Offering "Hots & Brats",
Fresh Popped Popcorn,
& Ice Cold Sodas**



St. Philip Neri Parish - Council #5287

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Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Dec 14th



**St PHILIP NERI
Parish Center
8200 N 30th St**



Biscuits & Sausage Gravy (While it Lasts)

**8:00 am
to
12:30 pm**



**Adults (13 & over) \$7.00
Kids (5-12) \$5.00 / Under 5-Free
or \$20.00 Family Rate**

All Profits to Support SPN Seminarian - Pat Niels