



**Question of the Week – Whom do you consider a wise person?
 Where do you seek wisdom?**

Reading 1 Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14

Reading 2 Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel Luke 2:22, 39-40

Reflection: The home of the Holy Family was a simple one. Jesus was a child who laughed and cried and played as other children do. Under the care of Mary and Joseph, Jesus learned about God's covenant with the chosen people. He prayed with his parents in the synagogue. In a family warmed with faith and love and peace, he grew in wisdom, age, and grace.

Families are made up of people who belong to and care for one another in good times and in bad. Luke's Gospel reminds us that Jesus understood what it means to be a part of a family. Ask him to help you to grow as he did, in wisdom, so that the grace of God will rest upon you too.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF DECEMBER 7 - DECEMBER 13
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$54,321.00
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$57,900.35
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$3,579.35)
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$672,191.22
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$656,347.94
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$15,843.28

DID YOU KNOW... We are very close to the middle of our fiscal year and we are doing great? Thanks to your weekly giving, incredible efforts at the annual Fall Festival, various fundraisers and dedication to the support of our parish we are within budget after the first 6 months! As a parish, this is an accomplishment we can all be proud of! Happy New Year and let's have a great 2015!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

DECEMBER 31 5:00 P.M. NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL MINISTRIES

MUSICIANS: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends

JANUARY 1 9:00 A.M.

ALTAR SERVERS: Cady Bencker, Wyatt Brungardt

LECTOR: Ilene Sedlacek **DEACON** Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: DeLynne Clausen, Marj Ryckman, Bob and Nancy Ryckman
MUSICIANS: Joan and Todd von Kampen, Kevin Throne

JANUARY 3/4

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Ryan Pfeiffer, Amir Ring
 10:30 AM: Ben von Kampen, Annie von Kampen
CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Zach Cypress, Cheyanne Jones
 10:30 AM: Sam Parys, Isaac Parys
LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten
 7:30 AM: Peg Ricketts
 10:30 AM: Todd von Kampen
DEACON: 5:00 PM: Deacon Alan LeClair
 7:30 AM: Deacon Alan LeClair
 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Juli Bohnenkamp, Jim Shepherd, Mary Ann Taylor
 7:30 AM: Merl Core, Regina Cronkhite, Bonnie Shea, Michelle Zuber
 10:30 AM: Trudie Ahlstrom, Roy Edwards, Rita Ziska, Rich McShane
GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Lampe Family
 7:30 AM: Huber Family
 10:30 AM: Taborsky Family
MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Colleen Monti & the High School Choir
 10:30 AM: Kim Becker & Family
COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bill Cheese, Norine Hoffman, Mary Todd
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Jim Dahlin, Sharon Olson
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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF PATRICIA WALKER. She was buried from our Parish this past Saturday.

SPECIAL THANKS TO COLLEEN AND TONY MONTI, KATHY ROSSITTO, RAYLYN RAMSGARD, ISABELLA RAMSGARD, LILY SPEVAK, CHRISTY MINER, RICH MCSHANE, AND RICK WATSON for decorating the Church so beautifully for Christmas. Thank you to Bryan and Michele Kinghorn and Kinghorn Gardens for the beautiful wreaths hanging behind the altar.

THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU WHO DONATED MONEY FOR POINSETTIAS AND DECORATIONS. The poinsettias on the altar for Christmas are in honor of or in memory of these loved ones: Kathleen W. Smith's family, Pauline Steiha, Max Mailander, Andrew Mailander, William Mailander, Joe and Ethel Mailander, Jim and Pat Williams, Agnes Reinhart, Tom Dowd Jr., Marge Moss, Bob, Lula, and Virginia Todd, Joe and Alice Murphy, For the Living and Deceased Members of the Marshall and Mausbach Families, Bertha McCants and Sons (Larry, Gregory and Frankie), Al Little, Deceased Members of the Pleiss and Schaffart Families, Greg Pinker, George and Betty Gubser, Lumir and Mike Pinker, Dale Taylor, Sharon Lemkau, Jim Kubes, Beatrice Gama, Richard d'Autremont, Lisa Cronkhite, Dwight Kreps, Daniel Morrissey, Leo and Dorothy McGrain,

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

You will soon be receiving information about our Mardi Gras Celebration and Raffle "A Taste of Italy". We have great prizes for our raffle including a brand new 2015 Chrysler 200 Limited, Groceries for a year, Gas for a year, a cleaning package and even 4 tickets to the Taylor Swift concert in October and more!

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 29 – JANUARY 4

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
Wednesday	5:00 PM	Tess Lawler + Gary and Jackie Peck +
Thursday	9:00 AM	Maureen Harrington and Family Int. Bob Beck +
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society
Saturday	5:00 PM	Elizabeth Lastovica + Dorothy Rule +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Kathy Rossitto Int. Micki Marr +
	10:30 AM	Janet Funderberg Int. Jensen Family Living and Deceased

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Two golfers met at the club. "I heard about your terrible tragedy last week," said one. "Yes," said the other sadly, sipping his drink. "I was playing a two-some with Winthrop, & he dropped dead on the ninth hole." "I understand you carried him all the way back to the clubhouse too," the first man said sympathetically. "That must have been very difficult, considering Winthrop weighed over two hundred & fifty pounds." "The carrying wasn't that hard. It was putting him down at every stroke, then picking him up again that wore me out."

DID YOU KNOW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS donates over \$1 million to Special Olympics each year? Help us do more, call Andy Bohnenkamp for more info. 402-889-2279.

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."

HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR'S CASH FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM ends Tuesday, Dec. 31st. Please remember to save your Hy-Vee receipts dated up through Dec. 31st for SPN School. Please turn in your Hy-Vee receipts to school on Monday, January 5th.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS The eight area Catholic high schools will offer their Scholarship & Placement tests to current 8th graders on Saturday, Jan. 10th. The tests are used in the admissions process & to determine scholarships.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH. To kick off this very special week, we will be celebrating Mass as a community on Jan. 25th at 10:30 a.m. The students will be participating in the Mass & sharing their special gifts with us. Please mark your calendar now so that you don't miss out. It is a beautiful Mass that celebrates Catholic education & one of the many reasons our students attend St. Philip Neri School, faith formation & spiritual growth. There will be breakfast after the Mass too. We hope that you can join us.

SAVE THE DATE! KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP will be held on

Wed., March 11, 2015. Please encourage your friends & neighbors to send their children to St. Philip Neri School & attend our Kindergarten Round-Up. Please call the school if you have any questions, 402-455-8666.

CALENDAR CHANGE The last day of school will be Wednesday, May 20th. There will be an All School Mass at 2 p.m. to celebrate our year.

A Prayer for our Troops

Your goodness is so great! You have stored up great blessings for those who honor you. You have done so much for those who come to You for protection, blessing them before the watching world. You hide them in the shelter of Your presence, safe from those who conspire against them... So be strong and take courage, all you who put your hope in the Lord.

Psalm 31:19-20, 24

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

PLAN AHEAD!

NERI DOLLARS WILL NOT BE SOLD!

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 – NEW YEAR EVE

5:00 P.M. **MASS** - Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1 - NEW YEAR'S DAY!

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – in front of School

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES

ROLLS AND COFFEE – After Mass in the Parish Center

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

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

Feast of the Holy Family: Karly Jurgensen Concert today, Sunday, December 28th Karly Jurgensen, noted for her work with Manheim Steamroller, will perform at 12:30 p.m., at Holy Family Shrine, 23132 Pflug Rd., Gretna. Mass will follow the concert at 2:00 p.m.

THINKING ABOUT GOING BACK TO COLLEGE? Join College of Saint Mary for Walking Woman Transfer Day, Wednesday, Jan. 7, from 2–7 p.m. Visit CSM.edu/Transfer or call 402-399-2355 to reserve your personal, one-on-one appointment. Time set aside just for you to talk to faculty, enrollment counselors & financial aid experts. Learn about our degree programs in the health professions, business, education, & more.

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH DEMENTIA Spring Series begins at the St. Timothy's Lutheran Church on the 2nd Wednesday of the month (1/14) from 10 – 11:30 a.m.. 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 Chris Lund, Director of Lay Ministry at 402-391-1144 or CLUND@ST-TIMOTHYS.COM to register.

K OF C COUNCIL 10305 PRESENT A "CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH" 11 A.M. Sunday, Jan. 18th at St. John the Baptist Church; Schwertley Hall; 215 N. 13th St.; Fort Calhoun. Guest Speaker: Dr. Coleen Kelly Mast "Four Heart Healthy Habits of Holiness" Tickets: \$15 per person, \$60 family of 6, \$150 for a reserved Table, \$200 for a sponsor table. Tickets available at: Cosgraves, Gloria Deo, & Adoramus in Omaha. Call Phil Tamisiea 402-690-2072 or St. John the Baptist 402-468-5348 for more information.

DISCERNMENT RETREAT II at the St. Benedict Ctr. in Schuyler, Jan. 23 – 25. This retreat for women will help, at any stage of your life, to learn the fine art of listening & responding deeply to God's call in your life. Teresa Monaghan, AO, Fr. Thomas Leitner, OSB, & a team of consecrated & lay women will present & invite you to apply many useful "tools for discernment." They will share life stories & give a chance for personal input & reflection. The schedule includes silence, Mass, Confession, sharing, brief conferences, & spiritual direction with retreat directors. Call 402-352-8819 to register.

SAVE THE DATE! "KEEP THE HEAT ON!" Chili Cook Off Jan. 31, from 5-8 p.m. at Creighton Prep to benefit the **SVDP Emergency Assistance Fund**. Sample & vote on FIFTEEN unique chili recipes. Fantastic raffle items & entertainment! Celebrity Chefs! Face painting for the kids! Also available: Hot dogs, delicious desserts (including Village Inn pies), soda, & beer. Proceeds will help us help those who desperately need to keep their heat or electricity on or avoid eviction. *To be a contender* or to find out more, check our website at svdpomaha.com or call Mary Egan at 402-850-0033. Join the fun, have some chili & help "KEEP THE HEAT ON"! See you there!!

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 27-29 RETREAT FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING INFERTILITY. Rebecca Royse will present: Life-Giving Love: Infertility & the Sacrament of Marriage. Rebecca combines her personal experience of infertility with her knowledge gained from her current graduate studies. If you are currently experiencing infertility, primary or secondary, including repeat miscarriages, please join us for this weekend retreat. More details & registration will be available by Feb. 1. For more information, contact Reggan at rksimons@archomaha.org or 402-551-9003 ext. 1300.

BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS. Join others in peaceful prayer to end abortion on Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. - 1p.m. in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 3105 N. 93rd St. in Omaha or Fridays & Saturdays at the Abortion & Contraception Clinic of Nebraska at 1002 W. Mission Ave. in Bellevue. Priests lead group prayer from 11 - noon on Thursdays at Planned Parenthood & Fridays in Bellevue. Prayer volunteers are also needed on Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Bellevue. Prayers are offered at the Omaha Planned Parenthood on Saturday mornings from 10 -11 a.m. as well. For more information visit www.RespectLifeOmaha.com or contact Elizabeth Abbott at emabbott@archomaha.org or 402-551-9003 ext. 1306.