

**Dear Parishioners,**

Last Saturday, we had Tanzania Night while in Omaha. It was fabulous! During Holy Mass we had the second reading in Swahili, and some Swahili songs. It was surprising to hear our children reading and singing in Swahili while they have never gone to Tanzania or any of the East African countries. Wasn't it amazing? Later on we had time to test Tanzanian food cooked in Omaha; by the sisters from Tanzania and some of you. Wasn't it beautiful?

God is so great. He unite us together in Jesus Christ our Lord.

I take this opportunity to thank everyone of you for coming and participate fully on that occasion. Personally I could not think of having many people like that. Some told me later on that they had to leave because they did not have place to stay. I am sorry for them that they missed what they wanted to hear and test.

To those who planned, bought food, cooked and arranged everything for Tanzania Night; thank you very much. You have shown how cooperative we are. It was your idea that we had such a thing; and through SPN Home and School you made it possible. Thanks for our pastor who is always accepting our ideas which unites us together as one family. He accepted your idea and let you work on it; and you have done it very well indeed. You brought Tanzania to Omaha. That was very interesting indeed.

For me that was the work of the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that help us to talk in tongues. Therefore, that was evangelization. You have gathered together people from many places. They admired how we do things in our parish; that everyone, from children to the oldest participate in what we decide to do. You have really shown that "We are marching in the light of God" as our children were singing on that Tanzania Night.

**Thank you so much and God bless you.**

**Father Gama**

**Question of the Week – Jesus asked "What are you looking for?"  
How would you answer?**

**Reading 1 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

**Reading 2 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20**

**Gospel John 1:35-42**

**Reflection:** The reading tells us about the call of the first disciples. Followers of John the Baptist responded to the gentle invitation of Jesus; they came and stayed the whole day with him. Then these disciples called their friends to join them. One of them was Simon. Jesus told him that he would be called Peter, or Cephas, a Greek word for "rock." One day the Church would be built on the rocklike faith of Peter.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF JANUARY 4 - 10
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$5,551.20
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$11,060.31
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$5,509.11)
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$743,647.83
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$684,912.04
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$58,735.79

**DID YOU KNOW...** We had a great Christmas!?! Due to the incredible generosity of our parishioners, we will exceed our budgeted Christmas collection this year! Christmas envelopes are still coming in and we are already over our goal of \$35,000! Thank you!!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**JANUARY 24/25**

**ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM:** Izzy Braimah, Aaliyah Green

**10:30 AM:** Alex Brock, Tina Buller

**CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM:** Emmet Lampe, Natalie Ruckman

**10:30 AM:** Hannah Kimble, Caden Tussey

**LECTORS: 5:00 PM:** Hugh Reilly

**7:30 AM:** Alyce Kozimor

**10:30 AM:** Rita Ziska

**7:30 AM:** Deacon Alan LeClair

**10:30 AM:** Deacon Fred Hendricks

**EMHCs: 5:00 PM:** Angie Bahle-Lampe, Jim Shepherd, Diane Sullivan, Matt Swoboda

**7:30 AM:** Maria Hackenberg, Norine Hoffman, Bruno Kozimor, Michelle Zuber

**10:30 AM:** Trudie Ahlstrom, Kelli Brock, Cathy Fluckey, Nancy Ryckman

**GIFT BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Lampe Family  
7:30 AM: Haines Family  
10:30 AM: Wolodkewitsch Family

**MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: Kim Becker and Family  
10:30 AM: Fr. John, Deanna Reilly, Deb VanErdwyke and the Children's Choir

**NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Lynn Ingraham  
7:30 AM: Judy Bahle  
10:30 AM: Jane Cheese

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

**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Ziska, Patty Wiederholt

**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

**VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK** There will be a second collection for the seminarian fund this weekend at all the Masses. This fund helps educate our seminarians, assists with the cost for tuition, room & board. The best way to help promote vocations is to encourage our young people to consider a life as a priest, brother or sister. If you know of someone that would make a good priest or sister, ask them to think about it. Let us remember Pat Niels who is currently in the seminary. You can write him at: Pat Niels 5200 Glennon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119.

**NEW! WOMEN'S IGNATION PRAYER/STUDY GROUP** Come LEARN & PRAY the St. Ignatius way: "for everyday living"! Tues. 9 - 10:30 am Jan. 20 thru May 12 in the Parish Center. Optional childcare & book cost. Call Erin 402-455-4270 or Lisa 402-455-6066.

**JANUARYS DINING GROUP:** SGT PEPPERS 13760 Millard Ave. at 6pm on Thurs. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> - weather permitting. Everyone is welcome. Come & enjoy each other's company. Please RSVP to Maria at [mhackenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:mhackenberg@hotmail.com) or 402-493-5697.

**WANTED! Volunteers that would like to work basketball games on Saturday and Sundays.** We have several games in January in our Activity Center & need help with the book & the board, & the concession stand. If you are a high school student or school parent that need hours or an adult who would just like to help out. **YES – this does count for volunteer hours needed for school families!** We are willing to train! Please contact Shelly Philbin at 402-991-6150 or 402- 740-5670 or email her at [spnactivity@gmail.com](mailto:spnactivity@gmail.com)

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** "Two guys on a double bike were pedaling up a hill. It took forever to get to the top. When they finally got to the top the first guy said in a pant, "whew, that was so hard." The second replied, "If I hadn't been pushing the brakes the whole time we would have rolled down backwards."

#### MARDI GRAS IS FEBRUARY 14, 2015!

You will not want to miss our fabulous evening of great food, music, **exciting trivia game** and of course, our raffle drawing. Raffle tickets are now on sale! There are great prizes 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! Stop by the table on the Mary side in Church for tickets or more information. There are also envelopes labeled "Mardi Gras" by the doors of Church with raffle and dinner tickets and information.

#### MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 19 - 25

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Betty Stackhouse +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Ed O'Connor +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Dona Leininger +
Friday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joe Thibodeau + Del Murphy +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Josie Golwitzer + Dr. John MacRae Williams +
	10:30 AM	Elizabeth Lastovica + Dorothy Rule +

**DID YOU KNOW THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** provide support for Vatican Radio and Television? Help us spread the Good News! Contact Dave Bohnenkamp for more info 402-515-6142.

#### 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."**

**Pro-Life Student Essay Contest** All 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students living or attending Catholic school/religious formation in the Archdiocese of Omaha are eligible to participate in the Pro-Life Student Essay Contest. Cash prizes will be given to the top three winners in each grade, & the first place winners will compete in the statewide completion for additional awards. The contest begins Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> & ends March 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Elizabeth Abbott with questions: [emabbott@archomaha.org](mailto:emabbott@archomaha.org); 402-551-9003 ext. 1306 or visit [www.RespectLifeOmaha.com](http://www.RespectLifeOmaha.com) for more information & the registration form.

#### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>.

To kick off this very special week, we will be celebrating Mass as a community on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> 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 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. We hope that you can join us. **Please make a note: There will be early dismissal (1:00 p.m.) for the Students on Friday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>.**

**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.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS ALUMINUM CAN DRIVE.** REMEMBER; half of the funds are donated to the SPN Tuition Assistance Fund and half is used for Scholarship(s) for SPN Grads continuing on to a Catholic High School. For more information, Please Contact One of Our Knights!

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 18**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – SEMINARY –** At all Masses

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES**

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 19**

**NO SCHOOL – TEACHERS IN SERVICE**

7:00 P.M. **BOOK STUDY –** Parish Center

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20**

9:00 A.M. **WOMEN'S IGNATION PRAYER/STUDY GROUP –** Parish Center

7:00 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING –** Activity Center Meeting Room

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21**

3:15 P.M. **LITTLE FLOWERS –** Parish Center

6:00 P.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION –** Circle of Grace – School

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

7:00 P.M. **RCIA –** Parish Center

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK OFF!**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES**

8:00 A.M. **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BREAKFAST -** SPN Parish Center

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

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

**DAY OF PENANCE** Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> is the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings legalizing abortion during all nine months of pregnancy (Roe v. Wade & Doe v. Bolton). The U.S. Bishops have designated Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> as a day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, & of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. Please offer some form of prayer & penance on this day, & attend Mass to pray for an end to this atrocity.

**March for Life** will take place in Washington, D.C. on Thursday, Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please pray for all of those attending this event. Watch EWTN beginning at 8 a.m. for live coverage of the March for Life. Other pro-life event coverage information is available at [www.EWTN.com](http://www.EWTN.com)

**ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER** Sunday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, at the LaVista Embassy Suites. Cocktail hour is from 5-6 p.m. with Dinner beginning at 6 p.m. The speaker will be actress & vocalist Lauren Roman. She brings a strong personal witness about going through an abortion at the age of 18 & how she turned her life around after that traumatic experience. The banquet is again dependent on your generosity, & a free will offering will be requested. This is our largest fundraiser of the year, & the proceeds fund

three EPS clinics in Omaha & Bellevue. To make a reservation, simply call the EPS office at 402-554-0121 or go to <http://www.ministrysync.com/event/?e=7546>

**GRIEFWORK SERIES** Thursday, Jan. 29, 10 – 11:30 a.m. \$10 **Understanding the Grieving Heart** - Did you know there is a difference between grief & mourning? Did you know there are no fewer than 16 different types of grief & that misperceptions about the grieving process? Exploring the answers to these questions may provide you with some insights to your own grief journey or enable you to help someone else through theirs. **Maria Farrell**, Director of GriefWork, presenter on human development and the family Servite Center of Compassion, 7400 Military Ave. Call 402-951-3026 or email [scc@osms.org](mailto:scc@osms.org), or visit [www.osms.org](http://www.osms.org)

**"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](http://svdpomaha.com) or call Mary Egan at 402-850-0033. Join the fun, have some chili & help "KEEP THE HEAT ON"! See you there!!

**Pro-Life Mass and Walk for Life** sponsored by Nebraska Right to Life will be at 10 a.m. on Sat., Jan. 31 at the State Capitol in Lincoln. A Pro-Life Mass will be held prior to this event at 9 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church (across the street from the Capitol at 14<sup>th</sup> & K Streets). At the conclusion of the Walk for Life, Mario St. Francis will be the Keynote Speaker at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Union located at 14<sup>th</sup> & R Streets.

**Walk for Life and Youth Summit** The Archdiocese of Omaha Respect Life Apostolate is providing transportation from Omaha to the Walk for Life (sponsored by Nebraska Right to Life) in Lincoln on January 31<sup>st</sup> for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade. After the Walk, the Respect Life Apostolate will host a Youth Summit at the UNL Newman Center. For additional information & registration call Hannah Keisling at 651-331-0971.

**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](mailto: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. 93<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.RespectLifeOmaha.com) or contact Elizabeth Abbott at [emabbott@archomaha.org](mailto:emabbott@archomaha.org) or 402-551-9003 ext. 1306.