

**Dear Parishioners,**

This week throughout the Archdiocese of Omaha, we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week. We are very blessed to have a vibrant Catholic school as part of our parish and we express our gratitude to our dedicated teachers and staff who share their time, talent and treasure to provide a quality Catholic education for our students.

I would like to share a few facts about our Catholic schools that might be of interest to you:

There are 70 Catholic schools in our archdiocese: 29 urban elementary schools and 9 urban high schools; 24 rural elementary schools and 8 rural high schools. There are approximately 19,000 students enrolled in these 70 schools. Students consistently score above average on standardized tests. The composite ACT score for the nation is 21.0, for the state of Nebraska 21.7 and for the Archdiocese of Omaha, the composite ACT score is 24.6.

Thank you to all of our parishioners, parents and friends who support Catholic education in our parish and throughout the archdiocese!

Blessings,  
Father John

**Question of the Week – When have you experienced the Kingdom of God?****Reading 1 Jonah 3:1-5,10****Reading 2 1 Corinthians 7:29-31****Gospel Mark 1:14-20**

**Reflection:** Today's gospel reading recounts how Jesus calls his first disciples Simon and Andrew, James and John. His herald, John the Baptist, has been put in prison. Jesus urgently calls people to repent and believe in the Good News. Like the Ninevites in the first reading, the four fishermen immediately respond to God's call. They leave their boats and their nets in order to follow Jesus right on the spot. "I will make you fishers of men," Jesus promises his new disciples. They take his words to heart and make following him their first priority in life.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF JANUARY 11 - 17
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$18,010.98
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$54,554.15
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$36,543.17)
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$776,499.80
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$739,466.19
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$37,033.61

**DID YOU KNOW...** Last year's Mardi Gras net income was \$50,677.755? Please help us meet and *exceed* our goal by purchasing Raffle Tickets, Dinner Tickets or making a donation for the Underwriting of this Parish event!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:****JANUARY 31/FEBRUARY 1**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Autumn-Rose Barnes, Genesis Mulcahy  
10:30 AM: Bode Bench, Emily Crowe

**CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Jayden Mulcahy, Kobe Mulcahy  
10:30 AM: Steven Hensel, Aydin Meehan

**LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Theresa O'Neill  
7:30 AM: Jan Sammons  
10:30 AM: Bill Cheese

**DEACON:** 5:00 PM: Deacon Alan LeClair  
7:30 AM: Deacon Alan LeClair  
10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

**EMHCs:** 5:00 PM: Jacquie Dahlin, Ellen Russell,  
Diane Sullivan, Matt Swoboda  
7:30 AM: Marsha and George Moon,  
Sue Schartz, Mary Todd  
10:30 AM: Bev Baer, Tamatha Buell,  
Fannie Parker, Dave Parks

**GIFT BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: O'Neill Family  
7:30 AM: Sammons Family  
10:30 AM: Cheese Family

**MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: High School Choir  
10:30 AM: Joan and Todd von Kampen and  
Kevin Throne

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

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** DeLynne Clausen,  
Dorothy Polan, Laurel Hamilton, Bruno Kozimor, Dorie Mittlieder  
**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Ziska, Patty Wiederholt  
**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Rita Livengood,  
Lois Waltermeyer

**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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB AND SHARON BLOECHLE ON THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>!** Please help us shower them with best wishes for their anniversary by sending cards to: 11118 N. 62<sup>nd</sup> St.; Omaha, NE 68152-1472. PS...the flowers on the altar are a special gift to Bob and Sharon from a special person!

**DEACON CHUCK IS RECUPERATING AT IMMANUEL FONTENELLE HOME.** Help us make his day even more marvelous by showering him with get well wishes. His address is: 6809 N. 68<sup>th</sup> Plaza; Room 172; Omaha, NE 68152.

**IT IS NOT TOO LATE! WOMEN'S IGNATIUS PRAYER/STUDY GROUP**  
Come LEARN & PRAY the St. Ignatius way: "for everyday living"  
Tues. 9 -10:30 am Jan. 20-May 12 in the Parish Center.  
Optional childcare & book cost. Call Erin 402-455-4270 or Lisa 402- 455-6066.

**WANTED! Volunteers that would like to work basketball games on Saturday and Sundays.** We have several games 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 call Shelly Philbin at 402-991-6150 or 402- 740-5670.

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** A husband asks: Why do you weep & snuffle over a TV program and the imaginary sadness of people you have never met? Wife: For the same reason you scream & yell when a man you don't know makes a touchdown.

**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 information. There are also envelopes labeled "Mardi Gras" by the doors of Church.

**MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 1**

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Bob Needham Int. Elizabeth Lastovica +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Lexington Family Living and Deceased +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Students, Staff, and Teachers of St. Philip Neri School Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
Saturday	5:00 PM	Dona Leininger + Dorothy Rule +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Bob Welker +
	10:30 AM	Jensen Family Living and Deceased + John Kirchofer +

**DID YOU KNOW THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** was started by a Catholic priest for Catholic families? Contact Bruno Kozimor

for more info. at 402-455-3994.

**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 began 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 TODAY, 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. It will be 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 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>.**

**CREIGHTON DENTAL SCHOOL WILL PROVIDE FREE PREVENTIVE DENTAL CARE** to uninsured children ages 3 to 14 years old on **Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.** There are over 50 appointments available for this event. Appointments can be made by called Creighton Children's Dental Clinic at **402-280-2863.**

**KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP** will be held on Wed., March 11. 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.** Half of the funds are donated to the SPN Tuition Assistance Fund & 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 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**

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**MONDAY, JANUARY 26 – FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE DAY**

- 2:15 P.M. **ALL SCHOOL ROSARY – Church**
- 7:00 P.M. **BOY SCOUTS – Parish Center**

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**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27 – SPIRIT DAY**

- 9:00 A.M. **WOMEN'S IGNATIUS PRAYER/STUDY GROUP – Parish Center**
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7:00 P.M. **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** – Activity Center Meeting Room

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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28 – BUDDY DAY**

6:00 P.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** – Catechist Meeting – School

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**THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 – SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY**

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30 – HEALTH AND SAFETY DAY**

1:00 P.M. **EARLY DISMISSAL** – SPN School

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 31**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT MASS – HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES – HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – In front of School

**ROLLS AND COFFEE** – In the Parish Center after all Masses

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

**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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**MARIE WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26 – 30.**

She will return on Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you need Neri Dollars, please call Joni Locher 402-453-8393.

**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 abound 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, 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! 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 web site 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"!

**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 info. & registration call Hannah Keisling at 651-331-0971.

**CELEBRATING CONSECRATED LIFE!** Notre Dame Sisters

OPEN HOUSE 3501 State St. Sunday, Feb. 8, 2 to 4 p.m. Prayer & Program at 3 p.m. Tours, refreshments, information on Consecrated Life. Please use the West Entrance.

**BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS.** Join others in peaceful prayer to end abortion on Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 3105 N. 93<sup>rd</sup> St. 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.

**ANNULMENT SEMINAR – Feb. 12 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church at 6:30 p.m.**

Deacon Ron Ryan from the Omaha Archdiocese Tribunal Office will talk about Canon Law & the theological reasons for obtaining an annulment. Time will be available for a Q & A about the annulment process. Contact Kay Buhrman, Coordinator, Life Span & Bereavement at 402-551-9003, ext 1304 or email [ekbuhrman@archomaha.org](mailto:ekbuhrman@archomaha.org) for more information or to register.

**AN EXCELLENT WAY TO END VALENTINE'S WEEKEND!**

Sunday, Feb. 15 at 5 p.m., an exquisite marriage enrichment dinner will take place at St. Benedict Center, 4 mi. N. of Schuyler on Hwy. 15, under the motto, **Tables for Two**. Married couples are invited to join Kory & Julie Delkamiller as they take to the "marriage road" RV style! Couples will jump on board the 29' Sunsetter with Kory & Julie, while enjoying a delicious four-course meal prepared by Mark & Patty Bosh. Seating is one couple per table. Mass in the chapel at 7:30 p.m. for those interested in attending. Cost is \$60 per couple. Early bird rate, register before Jan. 30, is \$55. Seating is limited. Reservations must be made in advance by calling or contacting St. Benedict Center 402-352-8819.

**FOR ADULTS WHO ARE DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR LEGALLY SEPARATED**

A Beginning Experience (BE) Weekend retreat for the widowed, separated & divorced is planned for **Feb. 27 to March 1** at the Archdioceses Retreat Center, St. Joseph's Hall, 3330 N. 60 St. The weekend begins Friday evening at 7 p.m. & ends Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. This retreat is designed to be a time to heal & a time to turn the pain of loss into an adventure of grace. The retreat is open to individuals of all faiths. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$100 semi-private or \$125 private sleeping room. For more info. & an application call/email Kay Buhrman at the Family Life Office at 402-551-9003 Ext. 1304, or visit

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