

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to all who helped to prepare the delicious dinner before our reception at the Cathedral last Sunday for our RCIA team! Please remember in your prayers Brian, Briahna and Carrie as they continue to prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

As most of you know, our school principal, Mrs. Terri Anderson, has decided not to return next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for her committed service to our school. Her leadership and guidance will be missed and we are grateful for all that she has done to bring us to where we are at this point. Please pray for the search committee as we begin the process of hiring a principal for next year.

Preparations have begun for our Annual Roast Beef Dinner to take place on Sunday, March 29th. Thank you to Jan and Tom Sammons for chairing this event. There are sign-up sheets in the pews of Church. Be sure to plan to shop the Holy Rosary Bake Sale the weekend before!

Finally, I am looking for two couples who would be willing to chair and oversee the preparations for our upcoming Fall Festival. If you are interested in helping in this capacity, please contact me at the rectory or by e-mail. It is a great way to meet lots of new people and to assist in the mission of our parish!

**Blessings,
Father John**

Question of the Week – How do you listen to God’s beloved Son?

Reading 1 Genesis 22:1,2,9A,10-13,15-18 Reading 2 Romans 8:31B-34

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Reflection: The story of Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountain is a preview of great things to come. With his amazed disciples looking on, Jesus is suddenly dressed in dazzling white and his face shines like the sun. He is speaking with the long-dead prophets Moses and Elijah. These two Old Testament figures represent the Law and the Prophets. They are interrupted by a majestic voice from a cloud. And the voice says that Jesus is God's beloved Son. The bedazzled disciples are told to "Listen to him."

Like us, Peter, James, and John could not understand everything about Jesus overnight. It was only after his death and resurrection that they understood the meaning of his Transfiguration. Only then did they realize what it meant for the Son of Man to rise from the dead.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 - 22
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$31,674.23
WEEKLY EXPENSES	(\$46,280.45)
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$14,606.22)
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$911,323.42
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$876,844.18
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$34,479.24

DID YOU KNOW... The deadline for filing taxes is only 6 weeks away? A tax refund is the perfect opportunity to make a charitable donation. Please keep our church in mind when filing your taxes and consider what tax deductible donation you would like to make for next year's tax return. Thank you!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

MARCH 7/8

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Aaliyah Green, Emmet Lampe
10:30 AM: Ben vonKampen, Annie vonKampen

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Izzy Braimah, Jackson Cramer
10:30 AM: Jerad Peck, Jacob Rankin

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Rob Barrett

7:30 AM: Larry Ziska

10:30 AM: Todd vonKampen

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,
 Jacquie Dahlin, Matt Swoboda

7:30 AM: Norine Hoffman, George & Marsha Moon,
 Sue Schartz

10:30 AM: Bev Baer, Tamatha Buell,
Fannie Parker, Nancy Ryckman

GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Lampe Family

7:30 AM: Breikreutz Family

10:30 AM: Linder Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Joan and Todd vonKampen,
Kevin Throne and Friends

10:30 AM: Kim Becker and Family

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Lynn Ingraham

7:30 AM: Mary Todd

10:30 AM: Mary Tracy

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Madelaine Adler,
Mary Breikrutz, Regina Cronkhite, Mary Ann Taylor

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Anne Massengale, Rita Ziska

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 FAMILIES OF

**SHARON CAHOW, PETER BURKE, ART BARNES,
MIKE DONAHOE AND JOSEPHINE GARGETT.**

Sharon is the mother of Sean and Scott and the sister/sister-in-law of Shirley Moos and Bill and Madelaine Adler. Visitation with the family will be today, Sunday from 5-7

p.m. at Roeders 108th St. Chapel with a prayer service at 7.

The funeral for Sharon will be here at 10 a.m. on Monday.

Peter is the brother-in-law of Karen Burke. The funeral service for Peter is Tuesday, March 3 at 11 a.m. at John A. Gentleman - 72nd St. Chapel. Art is the husband of Chris, the father of Abby Barnes, and the grandfather of Autumn-Rose and Amber Lynn. He was buried from here this past Friday. Mike is the brother-in-law of Caryn and Larry Pfeifer and Teresa and Larry Swoboda. He was buried from St. John's Church in Fort Calhoun this past Tuesday. Josephine is the mother/mother-in-law of Fred and Margie Gargett. She was buried from St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bellingham, WA.

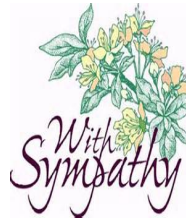
PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND - THAT MAN IS YOU! - The men's ministry program that has swept across our Archdiocese and the country. We meet Thursday mornings in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center from 6 - 7:30 a.m.

A LADDER TO HEAVEN surveys the spiritual giants of the two thousand years of Catholicism (culminating in Blessed John Paul II) to develop a pathway to God for men in the modern world. It is designed to provide a structure to your spiritual life not only now, but also well into the future.

Session 4: Step 3 - Blessed are the Meek

- The Devil as an Obstacle in the Spiritual Life
- The Temptation of Man
- Secularization of Society
- Living Our Lives Immersed in God
- The Medieval Mind
- The Transcendentals
- Prayer and the Human Brain

Contact Tom Carney at 402-578-6879 with any questions.



LOOKING FOR A SIMPLE WAY TO DRAW CLOSE TO JESUS BY GIVING TO OTHERS THIS LENT? As suggested in the flier in the bulletin a few weeks ago...we are inviting you to write letters for the different people in our Works of Mercy. This week our Mercy Letters go out to the elderly and lonely in our parish & families. "Thinking of you" cards are a good way to convey our care & concern.

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 concessions 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 visit <https://spnvolunteers.ivolunteer.com/> to volunteer or call Shelly Philbin at 402-991-6150 or 402- 740-5670.

DID YOU KNOW THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS membership is available to practicing Catholic men 18 and older? Contact George Moon at 402-455-1485 for more information.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Before going to Europe on business, a man drives his Rolls-Royce to a downtown New York City bank and asks for an immediate loan of \$5,000. The loan officer, taken aback, requests collateral. "Well then, here are the keys to my Rolls-Royce," the man says. The loan officer promptly has the car driven into the bank's underground parking for safe keeping and gives the man the \$5,000. Two weeks later, the man walks through the bank's doors and asks to settle up his loan and get his car back. "That will be \$5,000 in principal, and \$15.40 in interest," the loan officer says. The man writes out a check and starts to walk away. "Wait, sir," the loan officer says. "You are a millionaire. Why in the world would you need to borrow \$5,000?" The man smiles, "Where else could I find a safer place to park my Rolls-Royce in Manhattan for two weeks and pay only \$15.40?"

MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 2 - 8

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Don Pulte + Cecelia Buurree Int.
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
Thursday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Friday	8:15 AM	Dona Leininger + Buurree, Wilcox, Wilds Families Int.
Saturday	5:00 PM	Elizabeth Lastovica + Bonnie Bonacci +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Peg Ricketts Int.
	10:30 AM	Joe Reeves + Lila Ramsgard +

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."

REPRESENTATIVES FROM RONCALLI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, MERCY HIGH SCHOOL AND CREIGHTON PREP visited our school on Feb. 11th to award academic scholarships to six of our 8th grade students.

**RONCALLI: Riley Doran Robert Doran
Emmet Lampe Ben vonKampen**

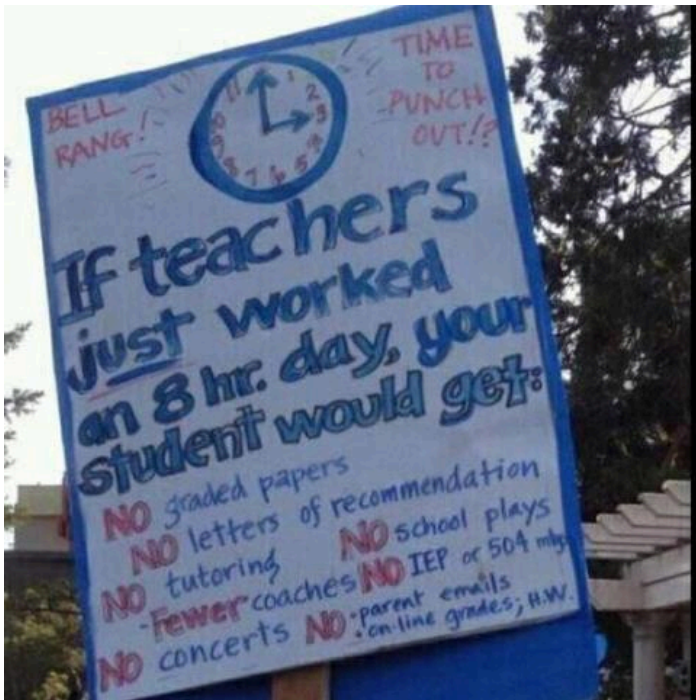
MERCY: Claire Fink
CREIGHTON PREP: Tanner Muhlecke

We are very proud of these students & congratulate them on their accomplishments.

SPN SPELLING BEE Monday, Jan. 26 St. Philip Neri School held our annual Spelling Bee. Representing 4th grade was Hunter Campbell & Andrew Fink; Sophia Mason & Sophia Wagoner-Straub represented the 5th grade. 6th graders representing their class were John Plewa & Veronica Rohlfing. Steven Hensel & Adrianna Krueger were the 7th grade representatives. Representing their 8th grade class were Natalie Ruckman & Ben vonKampen. Congratulations to our school winners **Ben vonKampen** in first place & **John Plewa** in second place.

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK is celebrated in Nebraska the week of March 2 - 6. The teachers & staff at St. Philip Neri School are truly amazing! They spend countless hours preparing for the students & creating a learning environment that is engaging & fun.

Please remember our teachers & staff in your prayers.



THE STUDENTS OF ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL WILL HAVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY during Lent at 2:30 p.m. in Church. We hope that you can join us.

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.

Pro-Life Student Essay Contest All 7th-11th 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 deadline is March 25th. Contact Elizabeth Abbott with questions: emabbott@archomaha.org; 402-551-9003 ext. 1306 or visit

www.RespectLifeOmaha.com for more info. & the registration form.

THE WEEK AHEAD
SUNDAY, MARCH 1

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION - in front of School

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES

ROLLS AND COFFEE – In the Parish Center after all Masses

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

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 A.M. **PSALMS – STUDY GROUP** – Seven Oaks

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

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

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

6:00 P.M. **ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT** – Parish Center Library

7:00 P.M. **PSALMS – STUDY GROUP** – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

6:00 A.M. **TMIY – A LADDER TO HEAVEN** – Parish Center

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

END OF THIRD QUARTER – School

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

2:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Church

7:00 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Church

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

RCIA – FIRST SCRUTINY – At Mass

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SPRING AHEAD! DON’T FORGET TO RESET YOUR CLOCKS BEFORE YOU GO TO BED!

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 – DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES

9:00 A.M. **CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS** – School

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

ROAST BEEF DINNER – PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29!

DON’T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE THIS LENT. INSTEAD, DO SOMETHING LIFE CHANGING. Join Matthew Kelly, the best-selling Catholic author in America, on a life-changing journey through your Best Lent Ever. Each week, participants will receive short videos & inspiration from Matthew that explain the genius of Catholicism

& empower them to become the best-version-of-themselves. It's simple & completely FREE, the only cost is your commitment to live better each day this Lent. Go to dynamiccatholic.com & click on for **The Best Lent Ever**

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

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. 93rd 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 or contact Elizabeth Abbott at emabbott@archomaha.org or 402-551-9003 ext. 1306.

JOIN IN THE WEEKLY CHURCH'S LITURGY OF THE HOURS AND SUNDAY NIGHT VESPERS Sunday, March 1, 7p.m. in Our Lady of Nebraska Chapel at St. Cecilia Cathedral. Come, chant the Church's universal evening prayer using the Mundelein Psalter – the breviary set to simple chanting tones. For more info, contact merubisbauer@archomaha.org or call 402.553.5524, ext. 2.

THE DROP BOX Hundreds of babies are abandoned on the streets of Seoul, South Korea every year, but one brave man has made it his mission to save them. Watch the trailer for The Drop Box, an inspiring film about Pastor Lee Jong-rak, who set up a "drop box" to rescue & care for these babies. This Focus on the Family film event is coming to theaters **March 3-5.**

NEBRASKANS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY Lobby Day is Wed., March 4th 10 am Rally & Lobby Training - Gather in the basement of St. Mary's Church At 14th & K St., Lincoln (across from the Capitol). 11:45 am Luncheon with Senators Gather in room 1023 of the Capitol. Lunch is free for citizen lobbyists. 1:30 pm Judiciary Committee Hearing Following the luncheon, we'll go together; the repeal bill may be debated at this hearing. Attire: T-shirts with writing are not permitted at the Capitol. Pro-repeal buttons will be provided for you to wear. A van from Seven Oaks will be going to the event. Call Sr. Rosalee at 402-619-9273 for reservations. A free will offering will be accepted to help pay for gas.

HEIRLOOM WRITING WORKSHOP Thurs., March 5 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fee: \$40 includes continental breakfast & lunch Have you been considering handing down a gift to your loved ones other than the typical material possessions? The most endearing - & enduring - legacy you can leave your family is your story. Join facilitator Elizabeth Mack as she

guides you through the process of compiling & writing your life story. The only experience necessary is life! Facilitator Elizabeth Mack (MA, BFA) has taught Creative Nonfiction Writing and English at UNO, Creighton University, and Metropolitan Community College. To register online go to: www.kmscenter.org & click on **Retreat Registration** or call 402-359-4288 to make your reservation & then mail in your registration fee (check written out to Sisters of Mercy) to Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center, 2304 Campanile Rd, Waterloo, Ne. 68069.

THE JOY OF CREATIVITY March 6–8 We are made in the image of God; we are created to create. Awaken the joy of creativity using the playful, intuitive SoulCollage® process to create personal cards for prayer, meditation & reflection. By exploring the Source of joy, we will learn how to cultivate joy & even experience a foretaste of the joy of heaven! Jodi Blazek Gehr, Educator, SoulCollage facilitator & Benedictine Oblate. To register call St. Benedict Ctr., Schuyler 402-352-8819.

AN EVENING OF IRISH FUN! St. Bernard School on Sat., March 7th 6-11 p.m. Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner & Live Irish Music Call the Rectory at 402-551-0269 by March 1st.

ST. LEO CHURCH PARISH LENTEN MISSION with Steve Angriano A Lenten intergeneration opportunity including music, stories, prayer & fellowship. Parish Mission: Mon-Wed, March 9-11 1:30-2 pm (mini-Mission) 7 – 8:30 pm with a Youth Presentation on Sunday, March 8, 7 – 8:30 pm Free will offering will be accepted. For more info., call the Parish Office at 402-397-0407 or email: janet@stleo.net

SPIRITUAL REFLECTION "Prayer is the light of the spirit" From a homily by Saint John Chrysostom, bishop (Supp. Hom. 6 De precatone: PG 64, 462-466) Prayer and converse with God is a supreme good: it is a partnership and union with God... I do not mean the prayer of outward observance but prayer from the heart, not confined to fixed times or periods, but continuous throughout the day and night.

Our spirit should be quick to reach out toward God not only when it is engaged in meditation; at other times also, when it is carrying out its duties, caring for the needy, performing works of charity, giving generously in the service of others, our spirit should long for God, and call him to mind, so that these works may be seasoned with the salt of God's love, and so make a palatable offering to the Lord of the universe. Throughout the whole of our lives we may enjoy the benefit that comes from prayer if we devote a great deal of time to it.

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS – "A Personal View from our Southern Border." Sr. Mary Kay Meagher, ND, will give firsthand account of insights gained during her two weeks of volunteer service in El Paso, Texas. March 19, 7- 8:30 p.m. at Seven Oaks at Notre Dame dining room, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole, 35th & State. Call 402-982-9933 for more info.

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION 2015 in St. Elizabeth Ann's Parish Center (114th & Fort) on Saturday, March 21 from 8:30-12:30. Our speaker this year is Karen Dwyer, PhD, author of *WRAP Yourself in Scripture*. She will teach us a method for reading & praying Scripture called WRAP - an acronym that stands for Write, Reflect, Apply & Pray. The goal of WRAP is to foster a personal encounter & relationship with Jesus Christ through the Scriptures. Cost is \$20 which includes her book.

To register, please contact Jo Kusek at 402-572-0369 or jkusek9212@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF OMAHA

Would like to invite you to Good Friday Stations of the Cross at Calvary Cemetery. It has been a Catholic Tradition to keep vigil with Jesus Christ at different times & ways during Holy Week. Walking & praying the Stations of the Cross is one way we can keep vigil with Christ & those who have gone before us as we wait in great hope of the Easter Resurrection promised by our Lord. Come & keep vigil with us at Calvary Cemetery in this ancient prayer from 12:30 - 2 pm. Walking, praying & singing in our faith as we remember those who kept the vigil before us. For further info, please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com