

**Dear Parishioners,**

A special thank you to all who have contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. We are currently at 85.5% of our goal we only have \$4,462.59 to go! Out of 504 parishioners who received the appeal, only 110 have responded, or about 22% of our parish. If you have not contributed yet, and have misplaced your pledge card, please be sure to stop by the Parish Office and we will provide one for you. We would like to reach 100% of our goal this year.

The Parish Reconciliation Service will be on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to join us.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for March 29<sup>th</sup> for our annual Roast Beef Dinner. We will be serving from 11:30 a.m. until 6:00. Special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Sammons, the Knights of Columbus, and to all who help to support this annual dinner which helps to meet our operating costs for the year.

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!

I will be out of the office from Wednesday, March 11 until Thursday, March 19 for the annual Religious Education convention. Fr. Gama will be covering for me in my absence.

**Blessings,  
Father John**

**Question of the Week – Where do you see zeal for God's work?**

**Reading 1 Exodus 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17    Reading 2 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**

**Gospel John 2:13-25**

**Reflection:** Watch out for Jesus in today's gospel! He has come up to the temple at Passover time and he is very angry about what he sees there. So he brandishes a whip to drive the money-changers and sacrificial animals out of the temple. "Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" he says with frightening authority. His disciples attribute his emotional outburst to zeal or intense passion for the house of God.

When the Jews ask him for a sign of his authority, Jesus speaks of the temple of his body. He prophesies that if they destroy this temple, he will raise it up in three days. They do not understand that he is speaking of his crucifixion and resurrection.

**PARISH SUPPORT      WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23 – MARCH 1**

<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$21,120.43</b>
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$24,909.11)</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$3,788.68)</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$930,716.82</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$910,415.20</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$20,301.62</b>

**DID YOU KNOW...** Our Neri Dollars made over \$10,000 for the parish last year? Thank you to all those who buy Neri Dollars and a BIG thank you to those that record keep, negotiate with vendors, drive miles to pick up, and sell every week! We couldn't do it without you!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:****MARCH 14/15**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Natalie Ruckman, Keegan Sullivan  
10:30 AM: Nick Meier, Tanner Muhlecke

**CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Dominic Martello, Kaycie Negus  
10:30 AM: Alex Brock, Tina Buller

**LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly  
7:30 AM: Hank Henkenius  
10:30 AM: Dave Parks

**DEACON:** 5:00 PM: Deacon Alan LeClair

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10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

**EMHCs:** 5:00 PM: Jacquie Dahlin, Jim Shepherd,  
Diane Sullivan, Matt Swoboda7:30 AM: Merl Core, Maria Hackenberg,  
Mary Todd, Michelle Zuber10:30 AM: Trudie Ahlstrom, Mary Fink,  
Cathy Fluckey, Rita Ziska

**GIFT BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Bahle Family  
7:30 AM: Huber Family  
10:30 AM: Wolodkewitsch Family

**MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: Colleen Monti & the High School Choir  
10:30 AM: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends

**NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Susan Matsunami  
7:30 AM: Patty Wiederholt  
10:30 AM: Penny Nelsen

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** DeLynne Clausen, Laurel Hamilton, Bruno Kozimor, Dorie Mittlieder, Dorothy Polan

**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Liz Maycock, Glenda Merwald

**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

**THANK YOU TO THE ANONYMOUS DONOR FOR THE AUDIO/VIDEO EQUIPMENT FOR OUR PARISH CENTER!** Special thanks to Tom Rezac, Jason Minchow, Kevin Moon, Mathew Baer, & Tim Kiuntke for spending their Saturday - giving their time & talents installing the audio/video equipment!

**FEBRUARY 500 CLUB WINNERS** \$140.00 - Dorie Mittlieder  
\$72.00 - Phyllis Coe, \$32.00 - Lucia St. Cyr  
\$24.00 - Donna Thibodeau, Kevin Hughes, Josephine Luttrell  
\$20.00 - Martha Jones, Betty Andresen  
\$15.00 - Colleen Minturn, Rich McShane, Neil Dopheide

**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 5: Step 4 – Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness**

- A Light Regarding the Mystery of God and Man
- Man Has a Consuming Thirst for God
- God's Inscription on our Hearts
- The Science Behind Finding a Partner
- Spiritual Worship through the Body
- Our Deepest Desire
- The Love of Silence

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

**NEXT WEEK, OUR PARISH WILL TAKE UP THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION** which supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, & Christ's love & respect to all people. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection & **help Jesus in disguise.**

**KC All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast** Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center (Church Basement) from 8am - 12:30pm

Come, Let the Knights make your breakfast & do the dishes! Fresh Pancakes (with Strawberry Topping) Sausages, Eggs, Fruit Cocktail, & Coffee or Juice. Biscuits & Gravy - while it lasts! Adults \$9; Kids (5-12) \$5; Under 5 Free or \$25 Family Rate!!

**Mens Nite Out & Wild Game Feed** Venison? Elk? Turkey? Rabbit? Duck? Pheasant? Who Knows? Bring your favorite dish to share on Saturday, March 21 in the Parish Center. It's a Potluck meal ... so bring your favorite Wild Game dish! (Or non-game dish, or even a dessert!) Serving at 7pm - ??? If you need to cook first, please plan accordingly. A Free Will Offering to cover cost of supplies, sodas, beer, etc. will be accepted. Sponsored by KC Council #5287

**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...And this week our Mercy Letters go out to expectant mothers and families. Just look around you in church and see the families attending with their children in tow. Send a letter complementing on their great efforts to be good parents.

(P.S. Maybe you'll receive a letter.)



**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** A famous art collector is walking through the city when he notices a mangy cat lapping milk from a saucer in the doorway of a store and he does a double take. He knows that the saucer is extremely old and very valuable, so he walks casually into the store and offers to buy the cat for two dollars.



The store owner replies, "I'm sorry, but the cat isn't for sale. The collector says, "Please, I need a hungry cat around the house to catch mice. I'll pay you twenty dollars for that cat." And the owner

says "Sold," and hands over the cat. The collector continues, "Hey, for the twenty bucks I wonder if you could throw in that old saucer. The cat's used to it and it'll save me from having to get a dish." To which the owner says, "Sorry buddy, but that's my lucky saucer. So far this week I've sold sixty-eight cats."

**PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THE ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT ROAST BEEF DINNER** on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> in the SPN Parish Center. Special thanks to Tom & Jan Sammons for again chairing this event. It takes your help to make this a success! There are signup sheets in the Church pews. Please review the times & duties on the signup sheet & pick a time where you will be able to help. If you can't give of your time, we will also need homemade salads & desserts to serve at the dinner. You can drop off your homemade salads & desserts in the Parish Center on Saturday after 4 pm or on Sunday morning. Please place your signup sheet in the collection basket or the baskets by the doors of Church.



**DOES YOUR SPRING CLEANING INCLUDE GETTING RID OF "STUFF"?**

Do you have clean, gently used clothing, coats or household items and want to find them a good home? You are in luck! The weekend of April 18/19, St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck in our parking lot to accept your clean, gently used donations.

**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](http://dynamiccatholic.com) & click on for ***The Best Lent Ever***

**MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 9 – 15**

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Michael Giütter Int. Annie Finsilver Int.
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Mary Beth Clark + Jensen Family Living & Deceased
Thursday	8:15 AM	Josephine Golwitzer + John E. Schaffart Sr. +
Friday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
Saturday	5:00 PM	Jaimie Leonardo + Joyce Markworth +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Tricia Ricketts Int. Greg Pinker +
	10:30 AM	John Kirchofer + John Jefferson Wooden +

**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."**

**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 note that there is no school for the current Pre-K & Kindergarten students on this day. Please call the school if you have any questions, 402-455-8666.

**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 deadline is 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 info. & the registration form.

**LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB:** Do you want your daughter to be strengthened in the virtues and have a greater knowledge of the saints? If so, Little Flowers is the perfect thing for her! This is

an all girls club that focuses on the saints as real role models for virtues, while gaining a strong self-esteem in being a young Catholic girl. Each month's virtue will have a petal to be sewn together to make a flower sash. This is available for Pre K-4<sup>th</sup> grades, meeting once a month after school. Cost is \$20. 3-5 parent volunteers are needed. Please call Amanda Sherer 1-712-216-1713 if you have any questions, an interest for your daughter to join us next school year or/and if you are interested in volunteering. Any parishioners (homeschooled or public schooled) are welcome to join. God bless!

**THE WEEK AHEAD****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

**MONDAY, MARCH 9**

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

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

6:30 P.M. **BOY SCOUTS** – Parish Center

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10**

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

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

7:00 P.M. **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** – Activity Center Meeting Room

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

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

9:00 A.M. **KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP** – School

7:00 P.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** – Parish Center

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12**

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

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

9:30 A.M. **SPEECH CONTEST** – School

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

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

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**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES** at Mass

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES** at all Masses

**RCIA – 2<sup>ND</sup> SCRUTINY** - During 7:30 Mass

8:00 A.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
– Parish Center

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES**

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

**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.

**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](mailto:janet@stleo.net)

**The Vision of Pope Francis: A Church of Mercy and of the Poor** March 13–15, retreat at *St. Benedict Ctr., Schuyler*, with Fr. Andy Alexander, SJ. In the year since he was elected, Pope Francis' simple message of mercy, service, & renewal has spread to every corner of the world. Through his gentle demeanor, selfless actions, & welcoming call for service to others, Pope Francis has captured the attention of a world longing for an authentic message of hope. Spend a weekend listening to & praying with what he has to say. For more info., call 402-352-8819 or visit [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com)

**THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION** invites you to join them at a special Mass just for grandparents & their grandchildren on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Gerald's at 9602 Q St. After Mass there will be a reception in the social hall for all attending. Any questions call Kay Buhrman at 402-551-9003, ext. 1304 or Vick Hegarty at 402-880-6318.

**FR. RHEO OFALSA WILL PRESENT A "DAY OF RECOLLECTION"** on March 18, at St. Peter Church, 27<sup>th</sup> & Leavenworth. The day will begin at 9:30 & include Mass, Confessions, Group Prayer, Quiet Reflection & Eucharistic Benediction. Bring a sack lunch. Beverages & dessert will be provided. A good will offering will be accepted. For more info, call 402-556-8898.

**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, 35<sup>th</sup> & State. Call 402-982-9933 for more info.

**WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION 2015** in St. Elizabeth Ann's Parish Center (114<sup>th</sup> & Fort) on Saturday, March 21 from

8:30-12:30. The speaker is Karen Dwyer, PhD, author of *WRAP Yourself in Scripture*. WRAP- an acronym 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 & includes her book. To register, please contact Jo Kusek at 402-572-0369 or [jkusek9212@yahoo.com](mailto:jkusek9212@yahoo.com)

**Contemplative Photography – The Play of Shadow and Light**, March 21 Shadows & light are intricately woven together in our day to day lives of sight & in our psyches as well. We usually gravitate to the light, shadows bring beauty & interest to our world & can be rich subjects for photography. Bringing the openness of contemplative photography, we invite the shadow to play, be photographed, & speak its beauty. Please bring your own camera, laptop computer to upload your pictures & paper for journaling. Program fee: \$30. Lunch is available at the Center for \$10.02 (includes tax). For more information call 402-352-8819 or visit [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com)

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A VETERANS SECTION "HAVEN OF HEROES" WITHIN RESURRECTION CEMETERY** as a tribute to those who have bravely served our country through military service. Eligibility for interment within the section will be for any military veteran as determined on the form DD-214, who is otherwise eligible for interment within our Catholic cemeteries. To learn more, please contact a Family Service Representative at 402-391-3711.

**Freedom is not Free.**

Please continue to pray for our service men and women, our veterans and their families.

**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](mailto:jtardy@catholiccem.com)

**"The Way of the Cross"** at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center on Wed., April 1 at 10 a.m. Join facilitator Sr. Colette Baldwin, RSM outdoors in the Peace Forest on a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer & meditation as we reflect on the suffering & death of Jesus Christ. Please be sure to come dressed to go outdoors for walking the stations. Coffee & rolls will be served indoors immediately following. Reserve by calling 402-359-4288. All are welcome! Free Will Offering. The Center is 1 mile west of 264<sup>th</sup> & W. Center Rd.

**"Finding the Sacred in Depression and Anxiety" Retreat** Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center - Sunday, April 12 at 4 p.m. - Monday, April 13 at 4 p.m. Is there hope for freedom from depression? Yes! In this overnight retreat, Author/Facilitator Sharon Highberger shares her inspired spiritual pathway of complete healing from over 50 years of clinical depression, concluding with a Mandala Prayer. **Fee: \$95** includes meals, private room & retreat. Call 402-359-4288 or email [kmscenter@mercywmw.org](mailto:kmscenter@mercywmw.org) for more info. or to register.