

**Dear Parishioners,**

I am very pleased to announce that we have hired a new principal for our school! Mary Simerly will be joining our staff next year. She comes to us with many years of teaching experience and is very excited about joining our community! Please see her bio below as we welcome her to our parish and school family:

I am originally from Kansas City, KS but have called Omaha my home for the past 26 years. I did my undergraduate studies at Kansas University and the University of Nebraska Omaha. My master's degree was earned through Concordia University. My educational career includes two years as the 4th grade teacher at St. Richard's, one year as 5th grade teacher at St. Stephen the Martyr and eighteen years as 8th grade (middle school social studies) teacher at St. Stephen the Martyr.

I have a daughter, Kellie, who is a freshman in college, a son, Daniel, who is a sophomore in high school and a son, Seth, who is in 6th grade. Their various activities keep me busy, but I truly relish being their cheerleader!

I am very excited to be the new principal of St. Philip Neri. I look forward to working with Fr. John, the teachers, students and parents to continue the excellent religious and academic education that St. Philip is known for!

Omaha Gives! is a 24-hour giving event on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from midnight to midnight. Last year 53 donors gave \$6,273.00 and we received 13% total matching funds of \$1,004.44 for a total \$7,130.24. All monies raised through OmahaGives will go toward the parish operating expenses. Please mark your calendars for May 20<sup>th</sup> and donate to OmahaGives!

It is the time of year when we are seeking nominations for Parish Council and the Board of Education. This year we are in need of three candidates for the Board of Education and four candidates for the Parish Council. If you are interested in running for these positions, please let me know at the parish office or contact our Board of Education President, Bruno Kozimor or our Parish Council President, Larry Ziska.

I am still in need of two couples who would be willing to oversee our parish festival this year. If you would be interested in helping out your parish in this capacity, please let me know no later than May 1. It is time to start planning!

**Blessings,  
Father John**

### **Question of the Week – What does your parish do for ecumenism and interfaith relations?**

***Reading 1* Acts 4:8-12    *Reading 2* 1 John 3:1-2    *Gospel* John 10:11-18**

**Reflection:** When Jesus wanted to describe himself, he did not compare himself to a magnificent king or a powerful ruler. He said, "I am the good shepherd." And the people of his time knew immediately that he was speaking of a humble caretaker of the flock that depended on him for survival. Some shepherds work only for pay and leave their sheep unprotected. The good shepherd lays down his life to save them. No one forces him to do so. He chooses to give his life for the sheep he knows by name and loves to the end.

The Good Shepherd looks forward to the day when all people will "be one flock." They will recognize his voice and be gathered into his fold.

<b>PARISH SUPPORT</b>	<b>WEEK OF APRIL 12 - 18</b>	<b>DID YOU KNOW...</b> The St. Philip Neri Home and School Committee will be hosting a FUNdraising for the Future event on Wednesday May 20 <sup>th</sup> . Our students will be participating in a Walk-A-Thon through Florence. Each student will be asking family and friends to sponsor them as they head out to conquer 100 miles! Please watch for the students to be calling or knocking on your door. Or, if you would like to directly sponsor a student, please call the school at 402-455-8666.
<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$47,860.98</b>	
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$59,723.54</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$11,862.56</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,093,100.74</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,096,201.91</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$3,101.17)</b>	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:****MAY 2/3****ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM:** Emmet Lampe, Kaycie Negus**10:30 AM:** Sam Parys, Isaac Parys**CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM:** Wyatt Brungardt, Dillon Dierks**10:30 AM:** Emily Crowe, Steven Hensel**LECTORS: 5:00 PM:** Hugh Reilly**7:30 AM:** Alyce Kozimor

**10:30 AM:** Jan Sammons  
**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, Kim Hill, Jim Shepherd, Diane Sullivan  
**7:30 AM:** Bob and Betty Jones, Bruno Kozimor, Bonnie Shea  
**10:30 AM:** Kelli Brock, DeLynne Clausen, Roy Edwards, Rita Ziska  
**GIFT BEARERS:** **5:00 PM:** Lampe Family  
**7:30 AM:** Schonberner Family  
**10:30 AM:** Brock Family  
**MUSICIANS:** **5:00 PM:** Drew Neneman  
**10:30 AM:** Kim Becker  
**NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** **5:00 PM:** Joni Locher  
**7:30 AM:** Nancy Core  
**10:30 AM:** Mary Tracy  
**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Mary Fink, Kathy Rossitto  
**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** April Collamer, Jim Dahlin  
**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Nancy Core, Theresa O'Neill  
**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 invite all of your friends and join us** for a great time at the Notre Dame Sister's Czech Pork Dinner today, April 26 – 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. – St. Phillip Neri Activity Center. Enjoy live Czech music, kolaches, crafts and visiting with friends

**A WARM MEAL OR AN EXTRA BAG OF GROCERIES TO MAKE ENDS MEET:** these are just some of the hunger-related services that Catholic Charities will be able to continue to provide because of the generosity of the parishioners of our parish. This weekend will have a special collection for the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Catholic Charities Hunger Doesn't Take a Vacation" drive-for-dollars.

**KC Movie Knight** Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Parish Center. This month's feature; *"The Iron Giant"* During the Cold War of the '60s, a boy makes friends with a giant alien robot that a paranoid government agent wants to destroy. Cartoons will start after the 5pm Mass, with the Movie starting at 6:30pm. Featuring fresh-cooked "Hots & Brats", Cold Sodas, and "The World's Best Popcorn" All for a Free Will Donation.

**THE ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES ROSE DRIVE IS MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND,** May 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. After all Masses, our Knights of Columbus invite you to select a lovely long stemmed rose in return for your \$5.00 donation to EPS. Giving EPS roses is a wonderful way to acknowledge special people in your life while helping expectant women choose life for their little ones.

**THE PASTORAL COUNCIL & BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NOMINEES** for the upcoming elections to be held this May. To be an eligible candidate you must be at least 18 years old & a registered St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parishioner. Elected members will serve for a minimum of 3 years & can be re-elected for an additional 3 year term. If you would like to nominate someone, there are nomination forms available in Church. If you wish to be considered in the

election, please call the Parish Office & submit your full name & your phone number. We will also require a bio. You may also contact Larry Ziska, current Parish Council president at zziska@aol.com via email or ph# 402-451-3189 or Bruno Kozimor, current School Board president at 402-455-3994 with your nominations. If you have any questions regarding the Pastoral Council & Board of Education, please do not hesitate to call Larry or Bruno.

**THE GARDEN ANGELS ARE GETTING BUSY.** If you would like to help defray the costs of beautifying our grounds, please drop your change in the water cans by the doors of Church or you can put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. If you would like to help by pulling weeds, planting, or watering, please call the Parish Office.

#### CHRISTIAN HUMOR

"YOU KNOW THAT IT'S SPRING WHEN....

- Your heat is too hot, but your air conditioner is too cold.
- You leave the office at lunch & don't want to go back.
- You want to spend time alone watching the grass grow.
- You find yourself obsessively counting robins.
- You feel a sudden uncontrollable urge to clean your closet.
- You start sneezing at the mere mention of pollen.
- You feel like jogging around the block – until you try it.
- You go for a drive in the car just to open the sunroof.
- You have a craving for fresh strawberry shortcake.
- You decide to wash and wax the car - at home - by hand.
- The birds are building a nest in your mailbox.
- You leave the windows wide open just to smell the fresh breeze.
- You splash in the rain puddles and hope no one sees you.
- You even like dandelions – almost.
- You visit the local lawn and garden shop just to browse. You come home with fertilizer, tomato plants, and a garden hose.
- You buy new lawn furniture even though you don't need it.

#### MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 26 – MAY 3

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	David A. Kleueter + Del Murphy +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Agnes Jensen + Warner Moss +
Thursday	8:15 AM	William Karolski + Swoboda Family Living and Deceased
Friday	8:15 AM	Gene Leininger + SPN Teachers and Staff Int.
Saturday	5:00 PM	Francis Hoer + Jensen Family Living and Deceased
Sunday	7:30 AM	Bob Beauchene + Mary Clare Bolan +
	10:30 AM	John Kirchofer + Joseph Troia +

#### 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 HUMBLY WITH GOD."

**ONE OF OUR DEAR TEACHERS AND LONG TIME PARISHIONERS, MRS. THERESA O'NEILL**, will be retiring at the end of this school year. She has taught our resource students for the last seventeen years. She will be greatly missed by all. After years of dedication to our students & parish school, we wish her a very happy, healthy, & relaxing retirement. In appreciation of her love & concern for her students & co-workers, we would like to create a book of memories for her. Please send cards, photos, letters or emails to our school office: 8202 N. 31 St., Omaha, NE 68112 - Attn: Donna Weaver or if you prefer to email Donna at [dmweaver@schools.archomaha.org](mailto:dmweaver@schools.archomaha.org). We are very excited for Theresa to start a new chapter of her life & hope that you will help us remind her of her chapter here at St. Philip Neri School.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** The last day of the 2014-15 school year will be Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The students will have an end of the year Mass at 2 p.m. on Wednesday with dismissal at 3:15. Little Flowers Girls Club will meet on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> instead of Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB:** Get those Registration Forms in soon to ensure your spot for next year! We meet once a month after school for about 1 1/2 hours. We have fun making crafts, singing & playing while learning about a different saint & virtue each month. For girls in grades K-4th grade. We'd love to have you join our group! Call Amanda Sherer for more information 712-216-1713.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUNE 1 – 5 AT COOPER FARM!** Please pick up the registration forms at the doors of Church. We need volunteers to assist the station & team leaders – high school students are welcome. Also, need an adult volunteer for pre-school. Parents - VBS **does** count for "volunteer hours" for next school year!

**TOTUS TUUS 2015** June 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> for grades 7-12 & June 22<sup>nd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> for grades 1-6 at St. Bernard's! Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) is a fun & energetic parish based summer catechetical program, for grade school & high school youth. There are registration forms by the doors of Church or call Katie Galloway at 402-551-0269 or email [kgalloway@stbernardomaha.org](mailto:kgalloway@stbernardomaha.org)

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### SUNDAY, APRIL 26

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION AT ALL MASSES**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

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

11:00 A.M. **NOTRE DAME SISTER'S PORK DINNER** – Activity Center

##### MONDAY, APRIL 27

**NO SCHOOL** – Faculty Retreat

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

##### TUESDAY, APRIL 28

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. **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** – Activity Center Meeting Room

##### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

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

6:30 P.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CATECHIST MEETING**

##### THURSDAY, APRIL 30

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

##### FRIDAY, MAY 1

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

**MAY CROWNING** – Following Mass in Rosary Garden

##### SATURDAY, MAY 2

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVIE KNIGHT** – Parish Center after Mass

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

##### SUNDAY, MAY 3

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

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES**

**ROLLS AND COFFEE RECEPTION** – After all Masses in the Parish Center

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

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

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS (and pray for good weather)!** The Parish Picnic will be Sunday, May 24 after the 10:30 Mass.

Father, may the families of our military personnel—their spouses, children, and parents—cast all their cares and burdens upon You. Instead of being worried or filled with anxiety, may they pray about everything that concerns them and everything that concerns their soldiers' life and deployment. As You promised, then cause Your peace, which surpasses all understanding, to guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Grant all our military troops this same peace, and let them feel the love we have for them even though we are far apart. 1 Peter 5:7, Amplified; Philippians 4:6-7

**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.

**MARITAL FIRST RESPONDERS TRAINING**, at St. Leo the Great on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 10 – 1. Cost is \$20.00 & includes lunch. Preregistration is required. Call Kay Buhrman, Coordinator Family Life Span & Bereavement at 402-551-9003, ext. 1304 or email at [ekbuhrman@archomaha.org](mailto:ekbuhrman@archomaha.org). This class will give you

more confidence & effectiveness in dealing with people who talk to you about marital problems, from everyday complaints to major crises. This workshop teaches you how to be more intentional in conversations, how to be more useful, how to avoid common mistakes, how to keep boundaries, and how to steer someone to professional help when needed. Knowing how to react to people struggling in their marriages could be the difference between someone leaving a marriage or staying.

**MERCY HIGH SCHOOL'S SPRING CONCERT** Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m. in Franey Hall at the school, 1501 S. 48<sup>th</sup> St. Admission is free & open to the public.

**LEARNING TO LIVE WITH DEMENTIA SERIES** FREE educational series especially for CAREGIVERS who are interested in learning about the different types of dementia as well as how to manage symptoms. Saturdays – May 2 & June 6 from 9:30-12:30 at St. Vincent de Paul Church at 14330 Eagle Run Drive. The information & sharing helps participants understand how to give the best possible care to loved ones. Participants are asked to attend both sessions. For more info. or to register contact Wendy Everson at [everson@svdpomaha.org](mailto:everson@svdpomaha.org) or call 402-496-7988.

**SEPARATION OR DIVORCE** is among life's most painful experiences. If you are going through separation or divorce or know someone who is, learn about our DivorceCare group. It is a place to find help & encouragement. DivorceCare, a 13 week video seminar & support group for people experiencing divorce & separation features nationally recognized experts on divorce & recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression", "New Relationships," "KidCare" & "Forgiveness" starts Wed., May 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 at St. Vincent de Paul, 14330 Eagle Run Dr. Fee is \$20 & includes workbook. Pre-registration is requested. For more info, contact: Kay Buhrman, 402-551-9003, ext. 1304 or [ekbuhrman@archomaha.org](mailto:ekbuhrman@archomaha.org).

**THE SERVITE CENTER OF COMPASSION OFFERS SUPPORT TO HELP THOSE DEALING WITH DEMENTIA IN LOVED ONES.** The group meets with facilitator Nancy Flaherty, MS, CDP, the first Thursday of each month, beginning Thurs. May 7<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30 a.m., at 7400 Military Ave. There is no cost. For more info. or to register, call Sr. Margaret Stratman at 402-951-3026 or [scc@osms.org](mailto:scc@osms.org)

**"MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCHEON"** to be held at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Featuring Guest Speaker Margie McMenamin-Walker.* For Teenage to Adult Women. Enjoy a delicious home cooked meal, an inspirational presentation, & time to relax & reflect at this special place. Invite a mother, older daughter, or grandmother to join you for bits of wisdom & understanding from our guest presenter. COME gift yourself time to treasure your maternal call. Reservations required - call 402-359-4288. \$20 per person. Knowles Mercy Center is 1 mile west of 264<sup>th</sup> & W. Center Rd.

**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST**, Sunday, May 10, 9-11:30 a.m., St. Benedict Center, Schuyler. Come & treat your mom on her special day to an excellent breakfast, prepared by Mark Bosh & team. At 8:30 a.m., there will be an opportunity to attend Mass at St. Benedict Center. Reservations need to be made in advance. \$12/person, Kids ages 4-10 \$5; ages 3 & under: free. For more information call 402-352-8819 or email [Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com](mailto:Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com)

**TUSSEY'S MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH** Sunday, May 10 Early notice - make your reservations now! There will be savory & sweet offerings to make every mom happy (plus she gets a free mimosa!). Call today - 402-884-2288.

**ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY AD IN THE OMAHA WORLD-HERALD** Show your support for motherhood by listing your name or that of a special person in the Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> edition of the Omaha World-Herald. Indicate which section you wish the name is to be listed: General, Memorial or Honor. Suggested tax-deductible donation is \$15 per name of 27 characters, including spaces. For info. call (402) 399-0299, or visit [www.nufl.org](http://www.nufl.org)

"When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness. Moreover, the Lord invites each of us to behold ourselves and each other with the same wonder and awe." - 2014-15 Respect Life Program flyer, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE AQUINAS FORUM**, a Catholic lecture series for inquiring minds on Tues., May 28, 7 pm, at Gloria Deo 13065 W. Center Rd. Author & Catholic convert Shaun McAfee presents "Filling our Father's House: What Converts Can Teach Us About Evangelization." Free & open to the public; free will offerings welcome.

**PEACE, JOY, AND HARMONY FOR SINGLES...OF ALL AGES**, May 30, one-day retreat for singles at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Srs. Patricia Throener & Lee Agnes Hodapp, SSSF. Using a mug as a metaphor of life, is yours filled with clutter & emptiness or with peace, joy, & hope? Does it (your life) hold stale things that need to be discarded, contents that are readily shared for the good of others, times & activities that bring you into deeper relationship with God? Come, spend the day exploring & listening to God's voice within you. Format will include talks, sharing, personal prayer & reflection, real life stories, & visual demonstrations. Program fee: \$30. Lunch is available at the Center for \$10.29 (includes tax). For more information, call 402-352-8819 or visit [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com)

**National Sidewalk Counseling Symposium – Chicago, IL** July 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Open to any pro-lifer interested in sidewalk counseling! Attendees are given the tools & knowledge needed to stand on the sidewalk with confidence & integrity, & to represent the mercy & love of Christ to mothers, fathers, & abortion clinic workers. As Eric Scheidler put it, "You never fail when you go out to the abortion clinic. Failure is impossible if you're there with Christ." Fee is \$50. Scholarships available. For more info. or to register, call 651-797-6361, or call Nebraskans United for Life at 402-399-0299 or Mary Jane Ziola at [maryjanez4life@msn.com](mailto:maryjanez4life@msn.com) for info. on carpooling.

**SPRING CLEANING...FOR YOUR LAWN!** Dethatching, mowing, trimming, & general cleanup... And we cover when you go out of town! Call SPN Alum Nick Swoboda at 402-670-3047.

**FREE ORGANIC COMPOST** Resembles Black Dirt for gardens - must come out & pick it up. Call Rose Edwards at 402-571-2171.

**NEED A COUPLE OF VOLUNTEERS TO DRIVE RESIDENTS OF SEVEN OAKS** Should be able to drive small bus. No CDL required. Please call Cheryl Poulin at Seven Oaks ph# 402-451-4477.