

Dear Parishioners,

This year we are very happy to offer a bible study on the Acts of the Apostles. I invite you to join us in learning more about our faith and finding or renewing the joy and love of our faith and the courage to spread the word of the Gospel. It is a twenty week program with ten sessions before Christmas and ten sessions after Christmas. There are sign up sheets at the doors of Church. Please contact Marsha Moon at 402-455-1485 or Diane Sullivan at 402-571-2078 if you have any questions.

Our Fall Festival is fast approaching! The Halfway to Heaven 5K Hill Challenge will be on Sat., Sept. 19 at 9 a.m. with a Kids 100 yard Dash at 10 a.m. You can sign up for the run/dash by going to <https://runsignup.com/Race/NE/Omaha/Halfway2HeavenHillChallenge5K> Sunday, Sept. 20th will be filled with family fun including a Car Show and Shine, Country Store, Bingo, and Games for the entire family. The Raffle tickets are available at the doors of Church. When you sell a ticket, be sure to write your name and phone number on the back of the ticket stub. The seller of the winning tickets will win also! The raffle makes up a large portion of our profits for the Festival. Thank you in advance for selling and purchasing tickets!

The playground for the school is taking a step closer to becoming a reality. The fence posts have been set and soon the fence will be installed around the area and along the concrete wall. The next step will be to install the equipment. This will require digging holes and pouring concrete. * * If anyone is interested in helping with this step of the project, please contact the Parish Office. * *

**Blessings,
Father John**

Question of the Week – How does Jesus sustain your life today?**Reading 1 1 Kings 19:4-8****Reading 2 Ephesians 4:30-5:2****Gospel John 6:41-51**

Reflection: When a teacher introduces a completely new idea, students sometimes resist it. They may complain "I don't get it. It doesn't make sense to me." When Jesus began teaching the Jews that he himself was the "bread that came down from heaven," they muttered and murmured in complaint. They thought they knew who Jesus was. But Jesus responds by promising them that if they eat the living bread, they will live forever. He will give his flesh for the life of the world.

In the Eucharist, we experience the truth of Jesus' promise. We receive the living bread and know that we shall live forever.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF JULY 27 – AUGUST 1
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$23,654.51
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$19,560.22
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$4,094.29
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$106,074.47
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$98,835.94
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$7,238.53

DID YOU KNOW... THAT OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF WILL HAVE EXTRA HELP getting what they need because of your generosity to our "Christmas in July" giving tree? We received over \$3000 in donations to help with the cost of First Aid/CPR classes for our teachers, first aid & PE supplies, library books, & other misc. needs - along with donations of markers, band aids, first aid tape, reams of paper, post it notes, & teacher lounge supplies – just to mention a few. Thank you for your continued support!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**AUGUST 15/16****ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM:** Ryan Pfeiffer, Amir Ring**10:30 AM:** Jayden Mulcahy, Genesis Mulcahy**CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM:** Ryan Greenwood, Dominic Martello**10:30 AM:** Cady Bencker, Kobe Mulcahy**LECTORS: 5:00 PM:** Jerry Bexton**7:30 AM:** Ilene Sedlacek**10:30 AM:** Todd von Kampen**DEACON: 5:00 PM:** Deacon Alan Le Clair**7:30 AM:** Deacon Alan LeClair**10:30 AM:** Deacon Fred Hendricks**EMHCs: 5:00 PM:** Angie Bahle-Lampe, Jim Shepherd,**7:30 AM:** Madelaine Adler, Merl Core, Kathy Rossitto, Michelle Zuber**10:30 AM:** Mary Fink, Dave Parks, Ellen and Wayne Russell**GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM:** Lampe Family**7:30 AM:** Haines Family**10:30 AM:** Taborsky Family**MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM:** Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies**10:30 AM:** Bryan Kinghorn and Friends**NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM:** Joni Locher**7:30 AM:** Patty Wiederholt

10:30 AM: Kara Rief
COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Kelli Brock, Betty and Bob Jones, Joni Locher
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Liz Maycock
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 FAMILY OF JOHN GUBBELS. John is the husband of Judy, brother-in-law of John & Joanne Schaffart, and uncle, great uncle of Mary, Ed, Clare, Andrew, Gianna, and Peter Fink. He was a long time parishioner of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish. John was buried from here this past Friday.

WE WANT YOU... FOR CUB SCOUTING! Enjoy a variety of fun activities, learn teamwork, enjoy the outdoors, and much more! If you are a boy in grades 1-5, come join us! Our first monthly pack meeting is Sunday, August 9 at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. If you are a current Scout, former Scout, or just want to see what it is all about, we would love to see you there! For more information, contact Jim McGovern at 402-679-6887 or Ed Fink at 402-203-2497.



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BIBLE STUDY
 Let us go back to the roots of our faith. Let us renew the joy of our faith. Let us find the courage to fulfill our faith. Let us spread the love of our faith. **TODAY'S WORLD NEED A RESURGENCE OF THEIR LONG AGO MESSAGE.**

Come and study the Acts of the Apostles and fall in love again with Jesus so that we, too, can spread his word with courage, joy, and love. Cost is \$7 for the workbook. Sign up at the doors of Church for this 20 session program!

MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 10 - 16

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Mary Beth Clark + Don Pulte +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Bev Rawley +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Friday	8:15 AM	Gary and Jackie Peck +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Donna Leininger + Patrick Marley Int.
Sunday	7:30 AM	Jean Brandl + Agnes Moon +
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int.

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

ARE YOU ON THE RIGHT ROAD TO HEAVEN?

LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB: The time has come!! Get those Registration Forms in ASAP to ensure your spot for next year!

We meet once a month after school for about 1 1/2 hours, on the 3rd Wednesday. We have fun making crafts, singing & playing while learning about a different saint & virtue each month while deepening our Catholic faith. For girls in grades K-4th grade, we'd love to have you join our group! Registration forms are due by Aug. 28th. Any forms turned in after that date will have an add'l charge. We look forward to starting on Sept. 16th with St. Faustina, the lily & mercy for our virtue. Can't get much better than that!! Extra forms are on hand in both parish & school offices. Again this year, we are asking for a few sponsors to "Sprout a Flower". Depending on the year of the child the cost is from \$25-30. Your donation would allow some children to participate that otherwise do not have the means to do so. Please contact Amanda Sherer if you have any questions 712-216-1713. Saint Therese pray for us!

**THE WEEK AHEAD
 SUNDAY, AUGUST 9**

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

6:30 P.M. **FALL FESTIVAL PLANNING MEETING – Parish Center**

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

9:00 A.M. **ALTAR SOCIETY LEADERS MEETING – Parish Center**

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Three lunatics approach their Asylum doctor with a request for a weekend pass to the local city. "That's impossible says the doctor. You're all nuts. You'll get lost & never come back." But, the lunatics wouldn't relent until finally, exasperated, the doctor says "OK! If you can answer a simple question I'll sign the pass." He turns to the first lunatic & says "What's three times three?" The lunatic starts counting on his fingers "3, 7, 19, 38? Is it 128?" The doctor shakes his head & turns to the next lunatic: "What's three times three?" The lunatic immediately shouts "WEDNESDAY!" The doctor, beginning to get disgusted turns to the last lunatic: "What's three times three?" The lunatic thinks for a moment & then asks for a pencil & a piece of paper. That provided, she writes for some time furiously, & finally looks up & says "Nine." The doctor is amazed, but true to his word he begins filling out the pass. As he's writing he says "This is incredible, you've always been thoroughly insane. How'd you do it?" The lunatic responds, "Oh, it was easy I divided 128 by Wednesday!"

DO YOU HAVE GENTLY USED WOMEN'S OR BABY APPAREL AND ACCESSORIES THAT ARE LOOKING FOR A NEW HOME? How about decorative household items? Christian books, plants, dishes, etc? Consider donating these items to the Humble Lily, a unique second hand boutique & meeting place operated by Bethlehem House, a home for expectant mothers. The boutique will be opening this August & is in need of items to sell. Some newly purchased goods are also needed. For a complete list of items & if you are able to donate, please contact Renee Eames at 402-455-2314 & she will pick up your items.

HOME FOR SALE! 8219 No. 30 St. 2 bedrooms, with a non-conforming 3rd basement bedroom, 1 bath, wood floors, detached 1 car garage, \$70,000. For more info. or to schedule a time to see it, call Gordon Haman Realty at 402-451-5858.

KINGHORN GARDENS IS LOOKING FOR GARDENERS & GARDEN INSTALLATION CREW MEMBERS to work with our horticulturalists. This job involves working in both residential & commercial gardens. If you are interested in working outdoors, rolling up your sleeves, & enjoying the beauty of nature, call Michele or Dan at 402-457-6492 for further information or refer to our website at kinghorngardens.com

VINCENTIAN TUESDAYS AT STORZ TROPHY ROOM, BREW AND GRILL! Every Tuesday is Vincentian Tuesday at the Storz Trophy Room, Brew and Grill on the Omaha Riverfront. 10% of sales will come back to St. Vincent de Paul! Stop by, enjoy the fare, & support the St. Vincent de Paul Society!

WIDOWED, DIVORCED & SEPARATED (WDS) will celebrate Mass Friday, Aug. 14, 6:30 p.m. at the Papillion City Park Shelter. Following Mass, a potluck dinner, chicken, lemonade, & paper products will be provided by WDS. Please RSVP to [Kay Buhrman](mailto:Kay.Buhrman@archdiocese.org) at 402-551-9003, ext. 1304 by Aug. 10. Family members are invited.

ANNUAL BARBEQUE FESTIVAL Ponca Hills Volunteer Fire Department Sunday, Aug. 16 from Noon – 6 p.m. at the Ponca Fire Station 12919 Ponca Rd. Food – Games – Raffles – Bingo – Refreshments - Water Fights

RETRouvaille OF NEBRASKA WEEKEND Aug. 21-23 Retrouvaille offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, & a loving relationship in your marriage. This program is not a spiritual retreat, sensitivity group, seminar, nor social gathering. For confidential information about, or to register for, the upcoming weekend, please call 888-317-5654 or visit retrouvaille.org

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.

God of compassion, we pray for military personnel, offered for the sake of others, and separated from family and loved ones. Care for them; meet their needs. Grant them courage, compassion, strength, and all they need for living of these days. Sustain them through their every trial. Remind them of the humanity they share even with those who are called "the enemy;" through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen

FIND BALANCE IN OUR LIVES St. Benedict is the master of balance. He teaches us 'discretion:' not too little, not too much of anything, without being mediocre. He encourages us to go with the flow of the day's & the night's natural rhythms, of summer & winter, of hunger & satisfaction, of sleeping & being awake, of praying & working (*ora et labora*). This allows us to conquer exaggerations of any kind. The retreat, with Fr. Mauritius Wilde is a great opportunity to reflect on our way of life. Aug. 28-30 at the St. Benedict Ctr. Schuyler, NE 402-352-8819.

HOLY NAME CHURCH WILL BE HOLDING THEIR 2ND ANNUAL PARISH FIESTA Sunday, Aug. 30th, 12:30 p.m.-? at Holy Name 2901 Fontenelle Blvd. Come & enjoy an afternoon with family & friends. Games, cake walk, bounce houses, music & a raffle at the end of the day will be some of the main events. Hot dogs, hamburgers, ribs, & delicious authentic Mexican food will be available. You don't want to miss it!

PLANNING LIFE'S ENCORE – A RETREAT DAY ON RETIREMENT Tuesday, Sept. 1st 8:30 – 3:30 at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center (1 mile west of 264th & W. Center Rd.) Retirement is the life phase of freedom to focus on meaning & purpose beyond one's career. Financial planners advise on monetary decisions but the question remains, "What would I love to do with my time & money?" Keeping busy is not the same as having a meaningful life. Participants will leave with an understanding of the importance of finding "purpose" in the retirement years. Guest Presenter Nancy Hemesath, MA, certified life coach, engages people in creating a life full of meaning & joy during the next phase of living. Life's encore is the opportunity to use time & talent in new & creative ways. Fee: \$40 includes continental breakfast & lunch. To reserve: call 402-359-4288 or email kmscenter@mercywmw.org or go to www.kmscenter.org to learn more about this program & others offered at the Center.

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI PARISH IS TURNING 50 IN 2016! St. Robert Bellarmine parish will be holding events, including an all-school reunion, Sept. 19, 2015. Please help us to include as many past graduates as we can. If you are an alumni, the parent of a graduate, visit their website www.stroberts.com/school & click on the "School Alumni" heading. Fill out the alumni form as we work to gather current contact information. "Like" us on Facebook to help spread the word. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at 402-333-8989.

