

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who helped to make our parish festival a success. As you know we depend on the revenue of our festival to meet our annual budgetary needs. Special thanks to Rick and Lori Elliott and Kim and Bryan Hill for chairing this year's festival. Thank you also to all who purchased and sold raffle tickets.

Blessings,
Father John

Question of the Week – How does your parish help children to come closer to Jesus?

Reading 1 Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Reading 2 James 3:16-4:3

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Reflection: When people suspect that something bad is about to happen, fear sometimes causes them to stick their heads in the sand and pretend that everything will remain the same. When Jesus tried to tell his disciples about how he would soon suffer and die, they were afraid to ask him any questions. They acted as though everything would stay the same. They even argued about who was the greatest among them. So Jesus corrected them by saying that whoever wanted to be the greatest would have to be the servant of all.

Embracing a small child, Jesus told the disciples, "Whoever welcomes a child such as this welcomes me." He wanted them to understand that they were to be willing servants with the childlike qualities of innocence, honesty, and lack of pretension. Jesus identified himself with the innocent child who is completely dependent on God.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK SEPTEMBER 6 – 12

WEEKLY REVENUE	\$14,684.39
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$2,685.08
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$11,999.31
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$252,403.14
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$224,794.74
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$27,608.40

DID YOU KNOW... This weekend is our Annual Parish Festival! This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year & will have a significant impact on meeting our budget. Please join in the fun and help make our Festival a success! If you are unable to attend but would like to help out, you can make a donation to help offset the cost of food, rides, permits, & other related expenses by contacting the Parish Office. A HUGE thank you to all of our volunteers!!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

SEPTEMBER 26/27

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Ryan Pfeiffer, Amir Ring
10:30 AM: Stephen Hensel, Aydin Meehan

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Keegan Sullivan, Craig Taylor
10:30 AM: Jerad Peck, David Taylor

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten
7:30 AM: Hank Henkenius
10:30 AM: Rich McShane

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

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Juli Bohnenkamp, Jacquie Dahlin, Wayne Russell, Diane Sullivan
7:30 AM: Merl Core, Kathy Rossitto, George and Marsha Moon
10:30 AM: Mary Fink, Rita Ziska, Marj and Bob Ryckman

GIFTBEARERS: 5:00 PM: Bahle Family
7:30 AM: McDonald Family

10:30 AM: Ryckman Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends

10:30 AM: Colleen Monti and Church Ladies

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Joni Locher

7:30 AM: Judy Bahle

10:30 AM: Penny Nelsen

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Kelli Brock, Betty and Bob Jones, Joni Locher

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Jacquie Dahlin, Charlie Buell

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Bill Cheese, Dave Parks

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

SEPTEMBER DINING SELECTION: Bohemian Café 1406 S. 13th St. Wednesday, Sept. 23rd 6pm Please come and join us! We enjoy having new faces around the tables. RSVP to Maria Hackenberg at 402-493-5697 or mhackenberg@hotmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS		SEPTEMBER 21 - 27
Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Winkleman Family Living and Deceased
Wednesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Joe Davitt
Thursday	8:15 AM	John Treves Int. Mrs. Pape Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Mary Beth Clark + Del Murphy +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Our Parish Family Int.
Sunday	7:30 AM	Peg Ricketts Int. Jean Brandl + 10:30 AM Ida Murphy + John Cronin Int.

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

“Show me the path where I should walk, O Lord; point out the right road for me to follow.” Psalm 25.4

Our school theme this year is:

“Are You on the Right Road to Heaven?”

Fr. John, Fr. Gama, Mrs. Simerly, and our teachers will focus on the following: Confession, Daily Prayer, the Mass, the Bible, Spiritual Reading, Fasting, and the Rosary.

HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR’S CASH FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM began Tuesday, Sept. 1st & continues through Thursday, Dec, 31, & includes all fourteen Omaha & Council Bluffs Hy-Vee stores. **Here’s how it works:** Parents, grandparents, staff & administrators shop at any of the Hy-Vee stores. Please turn in your receipts to the school. Hy-Vee records & totals the receipts collected by each school & agrees to donate \$1 for every \$200 spent. The maximum award to be donated per school is \$2,000.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES**
- CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD – During 10:30 Mass**

12 - NOON **SEPTEMBER FEST – PARISH FESTIVAL**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 8:15 A.M. **GRADES K – 4 SCHOOL MASS – Church**
- PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME – School**
- 7:00 P.M. **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BIBLE STUDY – Parish Center**
- 7:00 P.M. **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – Activity Center Meeting Room**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- 8:15 A.M. **GRADES 5 - 8 SCHOOL MASS – Church**
- 9:00 A.M. **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BIBLE STUDY – Seven Oaks**
- 6:00 P.M. **DINING GROUP - Bohemian Café**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

7:00 P.M. **RCIA - Parish Center**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

NO SCHOOL – Teacher In Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

3:00 P.M. **SCOUTS - Parish Center**

CHRISTIAN HUMOR: On a drive in the country, a city man noticed a farmer lifting a pig up to an apple tree and holding the pig there as it ate one apple after another. “Maybe I don’t know what I’m talking about, the city man said, “but if you shook the tree so the apples fell to the ground it would save a great deal of time” “Time,” the famer replied. “What does time matter to a pig?”

40 DAYS FOR LIFE is a focused pro-life campaign with a vision to access God’s power through prayer, fasting, & peaceful vigil to end abortion. The mission of the campaign is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused 40 day campaign of prayer, fasting, & peaceful activism, with the purpose of repentance, to seek God’s favor to turn hearts & minds from a culture of death to a culture of life, thus bringing an end to abortion. The fall campaign runs from Sept. 23 – Nov. 1. Members of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish are asked to pray at Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93rd St, just north of 93rd & Maple) on Sat. from noon - 1p.m. Check <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/omaha/> for more info. Call Mary Fink at 402-614-7677 to sign up for a Sat..

MEN’S FAITH FORMATION INVITATION That Man is You! – Becoming a Man After God’s Own Heart -- is back with new content, just in time for the Jubilee Year of Mercy announced by Pope Francis this year. The year will be dedicated to “walking the talk” & providing men the opportunity & framework to build out their very own spiritual plan of life. “Come and see” (John 1:46) the latest from That Man is You! A thoroughly & solidly Catholic men’s faith formation program ultimately designed around a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, so that He can take us further. This Fall’s 12-week program, entitled The Spirit of Nazareth, begins Thursday mornings, Sept. 24th at 6- 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. See week one’s key topics below for more info. & call Tom Carney with questions 402-578-6879.

Session 1: Apostles of a New Springtime

- St. Callixtus--From Scoundrel to Sainthood
- Apostles of a New Springtime
- The Three Wisdoms of Understanding
- A Personal Invitation from Christ
- Sacrifice and Authentic Male Leadership
- The Three Roles of Men
- Choosing a Path

SAVE THE DATE! 500 Club Appreciation Dinner is on Saturday, October 17, 2015!