

Dear Parishioners,

There was a discussion at the Social Justice meeting last Monday evening with Omar Gutierrez and a question was asked “What can we do for our pastor?” Omar’s response was “Pray for him on Monday.” The media portrays men, esp. dads, as idiots. Our priests ‘father’ us and need our prayers and encouragement. They may be the only father figure for many “kids” in their flock.

Here are ten reasons you need to pray for your pastor and all priests today.

1. **Sunday is a tiring day.** Sunday’s a long day because it never begins on Sunday. Pastors prepare all week, often with a focused preparation on Saturday night. Then, they are “on the clock” all of Sunday – welcoming people, hearing prayer concerns, listening to complaints, answering questions, shaking hands, hugging necks, checking in with the worship team, responding to unexpected needs, etc., etc., etc. And all of that takes place before preaching the Word!
2. **Preaching is draining.** Pastors work hard to prepare their message, and then they have the challenge of presenting the Word of God in a clear, concise, challenging way. *It’s the Word of God they teach* – and that truth carries with it a heaviness that’s hard to explain unless you’ve been there.
3. **No sermon is perfect.** Pastors are often their worst critics. They are never fully pleased with what they said, and some of them let their mistakes and miscues bounce around in their head for days. Mondays sometimes become a day to beat themselves up.
4. **Weekend strain on a pastor’s family is real.** The pastor’s so busy on the weekend that he often has less time with his family. Meanwhile, they watch him find time to minister to others in the congregation – and they long for that attention. Monday’s regrets can be painful for the pastor.
5. **Somebody probably shared a burden yesterday.** Sunday may be the only time when members have an opportunity to tell the pastor something face-to-face. A marriage has split up. A husband has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. A child has admitted that he’s gay. The burdens they hear about on Sunday can make Monday a painful day.
6. **Somebody may have complained yesterday.** It happens, even while the pastor is headed to the pulpit. There are times church members verbally and publicly attack pastors just prior to the service. Frankly, the complaints just get old – and it’s not surprising that some pastors want to quit today.
7. **Somebody didn’t show up yesterday.** Pastors often recognize who’s there and who’s not there on Sunday. They look for the regulars, and they miss them when they’re not there. Maybe they expected a guest to attend, but he didn’t show up. Or, perhaps the attendance numbers were just down again. When people don’t attend, they wonder why... and they often take it personally.
8. **Nobody responded to the gospel on Sunday.** Every preacher wants his church to respond to the gospel in clear and uncompromised obedience. When they sense that no one has heard and responded to the Word, their passion for preaching can quickly become a heart of despair.
9. **Nobody prayed with him yesterday.** This one might sound minor, but it’s not insignificant. The pastor leads in prayer, prays for others, and hears prayer concerns all day on Sunday – but few people put their arms around a pastor and say, “Let me just pray for you today.” Even in the midst of the Sunday crowd, the pastorate can, in fact, be very lonely.
10. **Monday, he starts it all over again.** Regardless of what happened yesterday, the pastor must begin a new workweek today. The needs of the congregation and the world are real. Ministry must take place, and sermons must be prepared. The grind is again upon the local church pastor – and he needs your prayer.

What would you add to this list?

(The above was reprinted from ChuckLawless.com Good insights written by a Southern Baptist.)

Blessings to each of you!**Question of the Week – What do you want most from Jesus today?**

Reading 1 Isaiah 53:10-11

Reading 2 Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel Mark 10:42-45

Reflection: We can often recognize those who are considered great in the world by the number of people they have serving and protecting them. Jesus teaches his disciples that it cannot be like that with them. He has come not to be served but to serve others, especially the poor and those who need healing. His greatness is seen most clearly in his laying down his life for others.

Through Baptism we share in the Church's ministry to serve all who are in need. We share Christ's mission of working for peace and justice in our homes, our parish, and our world.

| PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OCTOBER 4 - 10 | | DID YOU KNOW... This school has more new iPads? Thanks to a very generous donation last spring the school will be adding 10 new iPads bringing the total count to 30. Having iPads in each classroom is critical to remaining competitive with other schools. Hopefully one day we will reach the goal of having one for each student. Thank you again to our generous donor and to our Home and School Association for helping raise the funds!! |
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| WEEKLY REVENUE | \$14,908.92 | |
| WEEKLY EXPENSES | \$8,787.82 | |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | \$6,121.10 | |
| YEAR TO DATE REVENUE | \$345,739.74 | |
| YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES | \$337,731.77 | |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | \$8,007.97 | |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

OCTOBER 24/25

- ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Clint Dierks, Ryan Greenwood
 10:30 AM: Cady Bencker, Wyatt Brungardt
- CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Cheyanne Jones, Keegan Sullivan
 10:30 AM: Caden Tussey, Annie von Kampen
- LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten
 7:30 AM: Larry Ziska
 10:30 AM: Todd von Kampen
- DEACON:** 5:00 PM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
- EMHCs:** 5:00 PM: Jim Shepherd, Diane Sullivan, Matt Swoboda, Mary Ann Taylor
 7:30 AM: Madelaine Adler, Bruno Kozimor, Sue Schartz, Michelle Zuber
 10:30 AM: Tamatha Buell, Rich McShane, Bob and Marj Ryckman
- GIFTBEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Lampe Family
 7:30 AM: Schonberner Family
 10:30 AM: Ryckman Family
- MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: Joan von Kampen and Friends
 10:30 AM: Kim Becker
- NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Lynn Ingraham
 7:30 AM: Judy Bahle
 10:30 AM: Penny Nelsen
- COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Norine Hoffman, Mary Todd
- COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Ziska, Jacquie Dahlin
- IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Dorie Mittlieder, Kathy Rossitto
- 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 REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF ED MAGUIRE, brother of longtime parishioner, Louise Strehle. Please remember him and his family in your prayers.

I SPOKE WITH DEACON CHUCK, he wanted me to let you know that he misses you and wants to THANK YOU for all the birthday wishes sent his way. His son told him he received more birthday cards this year than he has in the past five years. Deacon Chuck said I could pass on his cell phone number to you – in case you want to give him a call sometime. It is 402-708-7766. He also asked “how could a room full of married people be empty? It is because there is not a single person there!” 😊

KC HALLOWEEN MOVIE KNIGHT Saturday, Oct. 24 in the Parish Center. This month's feature; Disney's "*Hocus Pocus*" 3 *outlandishly wild witch sisters return to Salem Massachusetts on Halloween night* 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.

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

THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR HAS BEEN MOVED TO THE FALL! It will run from Oct. 26th – 28th during library class & after school until 3:45 & Oct. 29th during parent teacher conferences from 2 until 6:30 p.m. The Book Fair needs volunteers to sell books to the students. Please call the school at 402-455-8666 to volunteer. You must be safe environment certified to volunteer. You can leave a message for Mrs. Clayton or contact her by email at: (crclayton@schools.archomaha.org), pass-a-note, &/or stop by the library before & after school.

TRICK-OR-TREAT We will be celebrating Halloween on Wed., October 28th. Students in grades K-5 may bring a costume to school to dress up in for the parade. The parade will start at 2:45 pm in the Activity Center.

EARLY 1:00 PM DISMISSAL on Thursday, October 29th. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from 2 to 4:30 pm & 5:30 to 8 pm. **NO SCHOOL** – on Friday, October 30th

DIG OUT THOSE PANTS The last day to wear shorts is Wed., Oct. 29th. Pants and/or skirts/jumpers (for girls) must be worn after this date. Skirts & jumpers may only be purchased at Dennis Uniform.

GO UNDERGROUND 7TH & 8TH GRADE ALL PARISH RALLY extreme Hide & Seek: Early Church Sunday, Nov. 1st. 2–5 p.m. Mass included. St. Robert's Cafeteria Registration forms are at the doors of Church. Come & experience what it is like to have to hide out to practice your faith.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL WHO SERVE OUR NATION either militarily or diplomatically: that they may fulfill their duties honorably and return safely to their families.

“RECEIVE THE GIFT.” Please be generous to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. Your contribution is one way to serve as Christ’s disciple and to participate in continuing the saving work begun by Jesus. Our parish goal is \$31,123.24. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to help us reach our goal!

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 19 - 25

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| Monday | 8:15 AM | Communion Service |
| Tuesday | 8:15 AM | PJ Int. Nathaniel Treves Int. |
| Wednesday | 8:15 AM | Winkelman Family Living and Deceased |
| Thursday | 8:15 AM | Eleanor Smith + Mary Beth Clark + |
| Friday | 8:15 AM | Our Parish Family Int. |
| Saturday | 5:00 PM | John and Joann Schaffart Int. Margaret Pleiss + |
| Sunday | 7:30 AM | Bev Rawley + Colleen Minturn + |
| | 10:30 AM | Del Murphy + Mrs. Nyla Hussey + |

MEN’S FAITH FORMATION That Man is You! – Dedicated to “walking the talk” & providing men the opportunity & frame work to build out their very own spiritual plan of life. “Come & 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. Join us **TUESDAY** mornings from 6- 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Have questions? Call Tom Carney at 402-578-6879.

Session 5: Using Money for Others

- Solomon: From Wisdom to Greed
- Success and Generosity and Their Effects
- Financial Stress in the Family Life
- Worldly Success and Spiritual Disharmony
- Turning to Charity
- Re-forming One’s Spiritual Life
- Finances: A Way to God
- How Do I Use/Abuse Money?

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Special Collection at all Masses

8:00 A.M. **CIRCLE 2 PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Parish Center

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES

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

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

6:00 A.M. **THAT MAN IS YOU** - Parish Center

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

7:00 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Activity Center Meeting Room

7:00 P.M. **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BIBLE STUDY** – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

9:00 A.M. **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BIBLE STUDY** – Seven Oaks

3:15 P.M. **LITTLE FLOWERS MEETING** – Parish Center

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

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

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

MOVIE KNIGHT - Parish Center after 5:00 p.m. Mass

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

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

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

THE SOUP’S ON SOUP SUNDAY SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 8TH HAS BEEN POSTPONED!! No date has been set as of yet. Watch the bulletin for updates.

KNIGHTS—OLLIE WEBB HONEY SUNDAY will be the weekend of Nov. 7th & 8th.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Two policemen called the station on their radio. "Hello. Is this the Sarge?" "Yes?" "We have a case here, Sarge. A woman has shot her husband dead for stepping on the floor she had mopped." "Have you arrested the woman?" "No sir. The floor is still wet."

40 Days for Life, 40 Days of prayer & fasting for an end to abortion. Stand & peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93rd St.) & the Abortion and Contraception Clinic of Nebraska (1002 W. Mission Ave., Bellevue). **Our parish’s scheduled upcoming prayer times are from noon-1 p.m. in front of Planned Parent-hood (3105 N. 93rd St.) on the following Saturdays: Oct. 24th, and 31st.** Please call Mary Fink at 402-614-7677 to sign up for prayer time. If you’d like more info. or would like to volunteer to help, please visit www.40DaysforLife.com/Omaha

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF OMAHA WOMEN’S DAY OF RECOLLECTION, "Celebrating Your Feminine Genius," is Saturday, Oct. 31, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at St. Patrick Parish Center, 508 W. Angus Rd., Gretna. Day begins with Mass & includes continental breakfast & lunch.