

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal! Our parish is currently at 67.8% of our goal. We have raised \$21,090 out of our goal of \$31,123.24. If you have not already contributed to this worthy appeal, I invite you to prayerfully consider doing so. If you have misplaced your envelope and intention card, you may pick one up in Church or the parish office. If everyone participates, we will have no trouble reaching our goal this year.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for our Annual Dodge Ball Tournament on Saturday, November 7th. Mass will be moved to **4:00 p.m. on this day only** to accommodate the tournament.

And finally, thank you to all for your prayers during this last week while I was in the hospital, after the doctor discovered a clot in one of my veins. Thanks to Fr. Gama for covering for me and thank you for your continued prayers in the days ahead as the doctors decide best how to treat it.

Blessings,
Fr. John

Question of the Week – When does being Jesus’ disciple require courage?

Reading 1 Jeremiah 31:7-9

Reading 2 Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel Mark 10:46-52

Reflection: When someone calls attention to himself in a crowd, others sometimes say, "Stop making a spectacle of yourself!" In today's gospel story, it is the blind beggar Bartimaeus who is irritating the crowd. He is shouting so persistently to Jesus that the people are embarrassed by this public display of neediness. They attempt to shush him. But Bartimaeus shouts, "Son of David, have pity on me!" Jesus hears the beggar's plea and restores his sight. He tells Bartimaeus that his own faith has healed him.

We all suffer from blindness of one kind or another because we fail to see things as Jesus does. "I want to see" should be our daily prayer to him.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK	OCTOBER 11 - 17	DID YOU KNOW... We are one step closer to completing the playground. Thanks to the hard work of several volunteers, a "back breaking" amount of fill dirt has been added to playground area. Just a few more steps and the project will be complete. If you would like to help with moving the gravel and sand in place, please call the Parish Office. Thank you to everyone that has donated funds and/or their hard work to make this project a success. The kids are going to love it!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$13,675.01	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$69,291.09	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$55,616.08)	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$371,627.89	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$409,454.08	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$37,826.19)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

OCTOBER 31 / NOVEMBER 1

- ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Genesis Mulcahy, Jayden Mulcahy
10:30 AM: Bode Bench, Nick Meier
- CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Kobe Mulcahy, Amir Ring
10:30 AM: Sam Parys, Isaac Parys
- LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Rob Barrett
7:30 AM: Dorie Mittlieder
10:30 AM: Rich McShane
- DEACON:** 5:00 PM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
- EMHCs:** 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle Lampe, Mary Ann Taylor
Wayne and Ellen Russell
7:30 AM: Bev Demkowski, Bruno Kozimor,
Maria Hackenberg, Dorothy Polan
10:30 AM: Kelli Brock, DeLynne Clausen,
Cathy Fluckey, Fannie Parker
- GIFTBEARERS:** 5:00 PM: O’Neill Family
7:30 AM: Polan Family
10:30 AM: Brock Family
- MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: Drew Neneman

10:30 AM: Joan von Kampen

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Susan Matsunami

7:30 AM: Nancy Core

10:30 AM: Jane Cheese

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bev Baer, Roy Edwards, George and Marsha Moon, Dave Parks

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Jim Dahlin, April Collamer

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

HAPPY 60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY to John and Margaret (Babe Welchert) Manson! The couple were married on November 5, 1955 at St. Philip Neri Church where they are still parishioners. They will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary with their family - 6 children & their spouses, 8 grandchildren & 1 great grandchild. Please help us shower them with best wishes by sending cards to 7615 N. 58th St. Omaha, NE 68152.

In September, 2014, Deacon Al LeClair was diagnosed with lung cancer. This was successfully treated with chemo and radiation. However, in June of this year, bladder cancer was discovered. Al was not tolerating chemo well this time and so the treatment was stopped. Further tests revealed that new lung, liver, and bone cancer had developed. Unfortunately, the treatment for him would be too hard to handle.

Since October 9th, he has been on hospice care in their home. He doesn't get out much as riding in the vehicles is difficult. His spirits are high, and enjoys visiting though it is limited.

Phone calls, emails, and cards are welcome and appreciated at 402-455-9294, aleclair48@msn.com, or 3482 Martin Ave, Omaha, NE 68112.

Please keep Al and our family as well as cancer victims and their families in your prayers.

Many blessings to all,
Mitzi LeClair

A LATE, BUT VERY GRATEFUL THANK YOU to the 54 women who made cakes or desserts or salads for Colleen Minturn's funeral. And thank you so much to all 9 helpers who helped by checking the food tables – making sure they were full of food, to the water servers, to the dish washers - your support is awesome! What a beautiful showing of support for a great lady! It is so easy to help & your help is always needed - to add your name to the "Funeral Book" to be called upon to make a salad or cake for a funeral - Just call me at 402-571-8161 & leave your name & number. You will be added to the book. This is a wonderful way to help a family in their grief. ALSO...Please be sure to check the Parish Center for your pans, bowls, or trays – we will be calling you again!
~ Kathy Rossitto

OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HAVE A BUSY MONTH AHEAD!

They will be selling raffle tickets for a chance at a \$100 Neri Dollar Grocery Gift card (\$1 ticket/6 for \$5) at the doors of Church before & after Mass. The drawing will be at the Nov. 15th Pancake Breakfast. On Sat. & Sun. – Oct. 31 / Nov. 1 & Nov. 7/8, the Knights will also be at the doors of Church scheduling appointments for the Knights of Columbus-Red Cross Blood Drive taking place in the Activity Center on Saturday, Nov. 22. Also on Nov. 7 & 8, the Knights will be selling Honey to benefit the Ollie Webb Center for \$5 per bottle.

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. The Spirit of Nazareth - "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 6: Giving God Your Time

- Henry VIII: Consumed by Pride
- Control vs. Prayer
- We Can Do Nothing Without God
- Time Spent With God: Statistics

- A Look at the TMIY Man's Spiritual Life
- Lessons from the Woman at the Well
- Building a Spiritual Schedule

33 Days to Morning Glory Time of Evil, Time of Grace! Saint John Paul II, marked ours is a time of extraordinary evil. "Where sin abounded, grace abounded all the more" (Rom 5:20). How do we tap into the amazing graces? First, we go to the Immaculate Heart of Mary to lead us to the Heart of Jesus. The saints (de Monfort, Kolbe. Mother Teresa, JP II) will be teaching us that she is the quickest, easiest, surest way to the fire of love that burns in the Heart of Jesus.

Prepare to give yourself to Jesus through Mary following the book **33 Days to Morning Glory** by Fr. Michael Gaitley & its DVDs & group-retreat materials. We will read, ponder & meet **six** times Tues. 9:15 - 10:45 am. Nov. 3rd thru Dec. 8 Or Sat. 9:00 - 10:30 am. Nov. 7th thru Dec 12 In the Parish Center (Church basement) Books are \$30 or we have donated copies & child care too! Call Erin 402-619-3523

CALLING ON ALL CRAFTERS, BAKERS AND VENDORS!! If you are a crafter or vendor & want a table or tables at our annual Altar Society Bake Sale & Boutique on Nov. 21st & 22nd, please call Bev Baer 402-650-1104 to reserve your table now. We will need all bakers of the parish to please donate homemade baked goods for the sale. They will need to be dropped off in the Parish Center (basement of the church) between 3 & 5 pm on the 21st. This & the yearly dues are the Altar Society's main source of income, so please plan to support this event.

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 Thursday, Oct. 29th. Pants and/or skirts/jumpers (for girls) must be worn after this date. Skirts & jumpers may only be purchased at Dennis Uniform.

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR BASKETBALL! Pick up registration forms at doors of Church today!

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL INVITES 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH, GRADE GIRLS & their parents to an Open House at 48th & Woolworth on

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 1

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Jack and Ann O'Connor +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Gary and Jackie Peck + Sharon Miller +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Winkelman Family Living and Deceased Don Pulte +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Marjie Murphy Int. Iona Dempsey +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Jean Brandl + Jim Murray +
	10:30 AM	Al Culp + Dave and Carol Parks Int.

IT IS TIME TO FALL BACK! Saturday Night, Oct. 31st ends Daylight Savings Time! Be sure to set your clock back one hour before heading to bed!

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES

- 9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** - School
- CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – During
10:30 Mass
- 3:00 P.M. **SCOUTS** - Parish Center

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- 6:00 A.M. **THAT MAN IS YOU** - Parish Center
- 8:15 A.M. **GRADES K – 4 SCHOOL MASS** – Church
- 7:00 P.M. **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** – Activity Center Meeting Room
- 7:00 P.M. **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BIBLE STUDY** – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** – Church
- 1:00 P.M. **EARLY DISMISSAL – PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES** - School
- 7:00 P.M. **RCIA** - Parish Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31 – HALLOWEEN

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY

3RD ANNUAL COED DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT Sat., Nov. 7 at 5 pm in the St. Philip Neri Activity Center. Coed teams of 6 with a min. of 3 females. Get your team together & sign up today at: <http://spndodgeball3.brownpapertickets.com> Not a player but would like to support SPN Home and School? Email spn.homeandschool@gmail.com to find out how! Spectators are welcome! \$2 admission \$10 per family. Concessions will be available! Music, Fun, Food!!!

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.

MAKE A CHILD'S LIFE JOYFUL! Again this year we are collecting for Operation Christmas Child in the basket under the St. Joseph altar. Remember to keep items small enough to fit into a shoe box. We can use large shoeboxes, toys – small dolls, toy trucks, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up & make noise (with extra batteries), school supplies – pens, pencils, crayons, markers, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads, solar calculators, coloring & picture books, hygiene items – toothbrushes, mild bar soap, combs, washcloths, & other items including t-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hairclips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries). Please do not donate used or damaged items; war-related items such as guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out of date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; or breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans. *Items must be dropped off by Nov. 15th.* Questions? Please call SPN Royal Neighbors coordinators, Marsha Moon 455-1485, DeLynne Clausen 455-9610 or Raylyn Ramsgard 689-8681.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Two little boys, Titus & Abe, ages 3 & 5, are excessively mischievous. They are always getting into trouble & their parents know if any mischief occurs in their town, the two boys are probably involved. The boys' mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually. The mother sent Titus in the morning, with Abe to see the preacher in the afternoon. The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the younger boy down & asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?" Titus's mouth dropped open, but he made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open. So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?!" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more & shook his finger in the boy's face & bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD?!" The boy screamed & bolted from the room, ran directly home & dove into his closet, slamming the door behind him. When Abe found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?" The younger brother, gasping for breath, replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time!" "GOD is missing, & they think WE did it!"

Jelly, Cereal, Rice, Soup, Vegetables or Fruit) for our St. Vincent

de Paul Food Box in Church next weekend. Any loose change or dollar bills dropped in the Poor Box would also be appreciated.

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 Saturday: Oct. 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

ABIDE, an hour of contemporary praise & worship music, Eucharistic Adoration, & a short teaching by Fr. Kevin Joyce, is today, Sunday, Oct. 25, 7-8 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 14330 Eagle Run Dr. For more info., contact the Parish Office at 402-496-7988.

BRAIN FITNESS AS WE AGE If you'd like to learn about reducing risks that threaten brain health & about strategies to enhance brain fitness as we age, come to St. Wenceslaus Church on Monday, Oct. 26, 7-8:30 p.m., 15353 Pacific St. The presenter is Barb Bayer, an advanced practice registered nurse who retired from UNMC after over 25 years of working in the Division of Geriatric Psychiatry.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE AQUINAS FORUM, a Catholic lecture series for inquiring minds on Tues., Oct. 27, 7 p.m., at Gloria Deo, 13065 W. Center Rd. Dr. Ed & Jeanne Gatz, will present "How My Miraculous Healing Led to the Canonization of St. Jeanne Jugan." St. Jeanne Jugan is the foundress of the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Aquinas Forum at Gloria Deo is free & open to the public; free will offerings welcome.

PRO LIFE BANQUET & CONFERENCE Oct. 30 & 31 Cornhusker Hotel Lincoln, NE A wonderful opportunity to join with our Bishops & hundreds of other pro-life individuals in celebrating the dignity of human life & rejuvenation for our pro-life efforts moving forward. For more info. or to register go to www.necatholic.org

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.

Additional Prayer Opportunities to End Abortion Join other pro-lifers in peaceful prayer on Mondays & Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 3105 N. 93rd St. when open appointment times for abortions are available at this location. A priest or other volunteer leads prayers during the 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. prayer hour on Thursdays. You are also invited to pray on Fridays (7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.) & Saturdays (7:30 – 10 a.m.) at the Abortion and Contraception Clinic of Nebraska at 1002 W. Mission Ave. in Bellevue. Priests lead group prayer from 11 a.m. to noon on Fridays in Bellevue. Prayer volunteers are also especially needed on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 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 Whitney Bradley at wabradley@archomaha.org or 402-551-9003 x1306.

PRESENTATION AND REFLECTION ON POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL

Dr. Roger Bergman, Director of the Creighton University Peace and Justice Studies Program, will give a presentation & reflection on Pope Francis' Encyclical "*Laudato Si'*: Care of our Common Home, Wed., Nov. 4, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Wenceslaus Church, 15353 Pacific St. The presentation aims to acquaint participants with the main themes & perspectives of the encyclical, & to encourage personal & group reading & discussion of the encyclical. For more info, call Mary Eileen at 402-991-3425.

THOMAS MERTON AND PROVEN SPIRITUAL TOOLS OF THE

MONASTIC TRADITION Retreat Fri/Sat., Oct. 30/31 with Sr.

Mary Margaret ("Meg") Funk, OSB, we will pause in our journey to celebrate Merton's legacy & how teachings from the monastic tradition are thriving today.

In his address to Congress on Sep. 24, Pope Francis talked about several great Americans who were able, by hard work & self-sacrifice, to build a better future & who shaped fundamental values, which will endure forever in the spirit of the American people. One of these men & women, whom the Pope upheld as models for us & who inspire us "to draw upon our deepest cultural reserves," was Thomas Merton with his "capacity for dialogue & openness to God."

Thomas Merton's 100th birthday would have been in 2015. Friday night will be a tribute to Thomas Merton focusing on his book, *Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander*. On Saturday, we will retrieve, reclaim & re-appropriate the desert contemplative tradition. Thoughts Matter: we will be introduced to the Matter Series. Finally, we will ponder Thomas Merton's wisdom: What would he do today in 2015? "Meg" will facilitate a lively audience response to her presentations.

CHANTING AS PRAYER St. Augustine says: "Singing belongs to the one who loves" and, "He who sings prays twice."

Retreat Fri.-Sun, Nov. 6-8 with Fr. Mauritius. Chanting is the daily exercise of the Benedictine monks. St. Benedict reminds us that we stand "in the presence of the angels" when we sing. This retreat is for all who love to sing (not necessarily for those who feel they are perfect in singing). How can we enhance our prayer by making full use of our voice? How can we express ourselves by singing, so that "our minds are in harmony with our voices," as St. Benedict puts it? We want to make psalmody, Gregorian Chant, & other Church music vehicles for our journey to God. To register for the above retreats at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, NE call: 402- 342-8819.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS Anyone suffering loss & feeling the pressure of getting into the spirit of the holiday season is invited to St. Gerald Church on Tues., Nov. 10, 7 p.m., 9602 Q St. It is a valuable time to learn how others have dealt with the holidays after loss. GriefShare welcomes people suffering the death of a loved one & DivorceCare welcomes those who are separated or divorced. To register or for more info, call [Kay Buhrman](mailto:Kay.Buhrman@archomaha.org) at 402-551-9003, ext. 1304.