

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Let us pray for all of our family members – especially those in need of our prayers – those overseas, those who are serving, those in hospitals and nursing home and anyone who might be struggling at this time.

As we prepare to welcome 2016 and as we make New Year’s goals and resolutions, let us remember to pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance. We pray that the New Year will be a time of spiritual growth for all of us as we walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Please be sure to turn in your survey. If you did not receive one or cannot locate your copy, please pick one up at the doors of Church or the Parish Office.

Blessings,
Fr. John

Question of the Week – What causes people to lose Jesus? To find Him?

Reading 1 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Reading 2 Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Reflection: Can you identify with Jesus in this wonderful story from Luke's Gospel? Jesus at the age of twelve is on the verge of becoming a man in the Jewish society of his day. He and his parents have traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. After the departure of Mary and Joseph, Jesus remains behind in the Temple. There he amazes the religious teachers with his wisdom and intelligence.

When Jesus' parents discover him missing, they are upset. Jesus explains the importance of putting God first in our lives. When we do this, everything else in life will fall into place.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK	DECEMBER 13 - 19	DID YOU KNOW... St Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish is amazing because of you? We had an amazing year and it is all because of your sacrifices. Thanks to your volunteer hours for fundraisers, cleaning, serving on boards, helping at school, coaching, participating in Mass, prayers and adoration, our parish is a wonderful place to be! Thank you for being a member of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$51,872.33	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$61,655.70	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$9,783.37)	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$604,816.99	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$626,572.55	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$21,755.56)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

DECEMBER 31 / JANUARY 1

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Autumn-Rose Barnes, Grace Treves

9:00 AM: Robert Schonberner,

Marianna Stevenson

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Ilene Sedlacek

9:00 AM: Larry Ziska

DEACON: 9:00 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Mary Fink, Bob and Betty Jones,

Bob and Marj Ryckman

Need 2 volunteers

9:00 AM: Tamatha Buell, Bev Demkowski,

Rita Ziska, Need 3 Volunteers

GIFTBEARERS: 5:00 PM: Need Volunteers

9:00 AM: Need Volunteers

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Need Volunteers

9:00 AM: Need Volunteers

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Kathy Rossitto

JANUARY 2/3

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Jayden Mulcahy, Kobe Mulcahy

10:30 AM: Bode Bench, Emily Crowe

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Genesis Mulcahy, Ryan Pfeiffer

LECTORS:

10:30 AM: Steven Hensel, David Taylor

5:00 PM: Rob Barrett

7:30 AM: Peg Ricketts

10:30 AM: Dave Parks

DEACON:

10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs:

5:00 PM: Theresa O’Neill, Ellen and Wayne

Russell, Mary Ann Taylor

Need 2 volunteers

7:30 AM: George and Marsha Moon,

Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd,

Norine Hoffman, Need 1 volunteer

10:30 AM: Bev Baer, Kelli Brock, Roy Edwards,

Rich McShane, Need 2 volunteers

GIFTBEARERS:

5:00 PM: Bahle Family

7:30 AM: Haines Family

10:30 AM: Brock Family

MUSICIANS:

5:00 PM: Joan von Kampen and Friends

10:30 AM: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: DeLynne Clausen, Dorothy Polan,

Laurel Hamilton, Bruno Kozimor

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

THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU WHO DONATED MONEY FOR POINSETTIAS AND DECORATIONS. The poinsettias that are on the altar for Christmas are in honor of or in memory of these loved ones: Russell Family, Ament Family, Fr. Wortmann, Francis Kammerer, Ruby Kammerer, Dorothy Hackenberg, Matthew Kammerer, Daniel Kammerer, Barbara Kammerer, Mary Rydl, Deceased Members of the Poell and Pfeifer Families, Wagner/Pruss Families, Dale Taylor, Sharon Lemkau, Katie Bieker, Schyima Raines, Lorraine Vandevender, Pleiss and Schaffart Families, Dwight Kreps and Deceased Family Members, Richard d'Autremont, Cheryl Standish, Beatrice Gama, Leonard and Eleanor Lamp, Jay and Cecile Appleby, Harold and Margaret d'Autremont, SPN-BS Catechists, SPN-BS Clergy and Staff, SPN School Staff, Bill Sammons, Jerry and Katie Zenk, Todd Fehrman, Dan Cuva, Bob Schartz, Jim and Phil Williams, Marshall and Mausbach Families Living and Deceased, Ray Mensen, Gary Mensen, Larry Mensen, Mark Mensen Jr., Bob and Lula Todd, Laura Mills Hemphill, Gene and Celeste Larkin, Daniel Morrissey, John Gubbels, Kathleen W. Smith's family, Pauline Steiha, Max Mailander, Andrew Mailander, William Mailander, Joe and Ethel Mailander, Zaccone Family – Living and Deceased.

MEN'S FAITH FORMATION That Man is You! – will return on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH** from 6- 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Please plan on joining us!

CHRISTIAN HUMOR A policeman parked his police van in front of the station, while gathering his equipment, his K-9 partner Tops was barking. He saw a little boy staring in at him, "Is that a dog you got back there?" he asked. "It sure is," the policeman replied. Puzzled, the boy looked at him and towards the back of the van. Finally he asked; "What did he do?"

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE! If the weather is bad and school has been canceled, we will not have Mass or Communion Service that day.

QUILTERS ALERT! The Altar Society will be hosting a Quilt Show & Salad Luncheon on April 30, 2016. Please contact Kathy Rossitto at 402-571-8161 for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 28 – JANUARY 3

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Betty Louk + Mary Beth Clark +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Janine Davitt PJ Int.
Thursday	5:00 PM	Bev Rawley + Deacon Al LeClair +
Friday	9:00 AM	Grace Treves Int. Deceased Members of Circle 1
Saturday	5:00 PM	Emmett and Iona Dempsey + Dorothy Rule +
Sunday	7:30 AM 10:30 AM	Our Parish Family Joan Durr Int. Al Little +

**"Let Every Day Be Christmas"
by Norman Wesley Brooks**

Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.

The good you do for others is good you do yourself.

Peace on Earth, good will to men,
kind thoughts and words of cheer,
are things we should use often and not just once a year.

Remember too the Christ-child, grew up to be a man;
to hide Him in a cradle, is not our dear Lord's plan.
So keep the Christmas spirit, share it with others far and near
from week to week and month to month,
throughout the entire year.

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

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES:
Dec. 21st – Jan. 3rd - Christmas break
Jan. 4, 2016 - Classes resume

HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR'S CASH FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM continues through Thursday, Dec. 31st. Be sure to turn in all your Hy-Vee receipts dated Dec. 31st & before by January 3rd.

**THE WEEK AHEAD
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

NO NERI DOLLARS SOLD

NO FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

5:00 P.M. **VIGIL MASS - Church**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:00 A.M. **MASS - Church**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

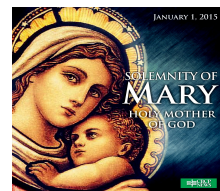
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**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – During
10:30 Mass**

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

**NEW YEARS VIGIL MASS: 5:00 PM
NEW YEARS DAY –
SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS: 9:00 AM**

There will be the regular Mass schedule for the weekend of January 2nd and 3rd.



The Parish Office will be closed January 1st.