

**Dear Parishioners,**

Mardi Gras is quickly approaching! Can you believe that it is less than 25 days away? We need your help in selling raffle tickets and in purchasing dinner tickets! Both may be purchased at the parish office, in church after Mass or by calling the Parish Office at 402-455-1289 and we will mail them to you! Our raffle this year has some great prizes. Thanks for your help in supporting this year's event!

I am still in need of a few people who would be willing to help organize several boxes of materials, photos, meeting minutes, etc. If you would be willing to help out with this task, I would greatly appreciate it. Please give me a call at the Parish Office.

After Mardi Gras comes Lent. This year I would like to offer a simple supper after our Stations of the Cross which are each Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m. Mark your calendar now for February 12 - the first Friday of Lent. We will have stations at 7:00 followed by a pot-luck. Please bring your favorite meatless dish to share and the recipe. We will collect the recipes and compile them into a book to share. If you don't cook, please feel free to join us for fellowship and conversation after we pray this ancient prayer of the church. We will also offer Stations of the Cross with the students of our school at 2:30 p.m. in church.

**Blessings,  
Fr. John**

## **Question of the Week – How do you "proclaim peace" in your life, as Jesus did?**

**Reading 1 Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

**Reading 2 Acts 10:34-38**

**Gospel Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

**Reflection:** We all want to be recognized for who we really are. Today's gospel reading describes that memorable day when Jesus had the joy of being recognized by John the Baptist and approved by God as "God's beloved Son." Although Jesus did not need to be baptized (since he was without sin), he wanted to identify himself as closely as possible with God's people.

Take a few minutes today to be thankful for your Baptism. Ask Jesus to help you recognize yourself more deeply as a beloved daughter or son of God.

<b>PARISH SUPPORT WEEK</b>	<b>DECEMBER 27 – JANUARY 2</b>	<b>DID YOU KNOW... WE HAVE COMPILED A WISH LIST FOR NON-BUDGETED NEEDS IN OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL?</b>
<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$16,195.92</b>	Many people sometimes wish to purchase specific items rather than donate money. This week's highlighted item is funds to cover sending three of our school staff to the National Catholic Educators Association Convention. If you would like to contribute to this or any items on the list, please stop by the Parish Office.
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$19,594.25</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$3,398.33)</b>	Thank you for your continued support!
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$660,453.17</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$652,231.15</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$8,222.02</b>	

### **LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

#### **JANUARY 16/17**

<p><b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> 5:00 PM: Dominic Martello, Kaycie Negus 10:30 AM: Isaac Parys, Annie von Kampen</p> <p><b>CANDLE BEARERS:</b> 5:00 PM: Autumn-Rose Barnes, Jackson Cramer 10:30 AM: Nick Meier, Sam Parys</p> <p><b>LECTORS:</b> 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten 7:30 AM: Larry Ziska 10:30 AM: Todd von Kampen</p> <p><b>DEACON:</b> 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks</p> <p><b>EMHCs:</b> 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Kim Hill, Juli Bohnenkamp, Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda, Need 1 volunteer 7:30 AM: Madelaine Adler, Regina Cronkhite, Betty Jones, Bev Demkowski, Need 2 volunteers</p>	<p>DeLynne Clausen, Cathy Fluckey, Need 2 volunteers</p> <p><b>GIFTBEARERS:</b> 5:00 PM: Lampe Family 7:30 AM: Schonberner Family 10:30 AM: Taborsky Family</p> <p><b>MUSICIANS:</b> 5:00 PM: Joan von Kampen and Friends 10:30 AM: Kim Becker</p> <p><b>NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:</b> 5:00 PM: Joni Locher 7:30 AM: Patty Wiederholt 10:30 AM: Kara Rief</p> <p><b>COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:</b> Bill Cheese, Norine Hoffman, Mary Todd</p> <p><b>COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:</b> Liz Maycock, Patty Wiederholt</p> <p><b>IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:</b> Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd</p>
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**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

**CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO CHARLIE AND MARY BIERMA AND DON AND RUTH MCGONIGAL!** Charlie and Mary celebrated 65 years of wedded bliss on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and Don and Ruth celebrated 70 years of wedded bliss on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please shower Charlie and Mary and Don and Ruth with best wishes by mailing a card to Charlie and Mary Bierma; 5828 Read St.; Omaha, NE 68152 and Don and Ruth McGonigal; 5207 Raven Oaks Drive; Omaha, NE 68152-1748.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE COLLECTING ALUMINUM CANS EVERY WEEKEND DURING 2016.** Please bring your cans with you to Mass & place them in the trailer in the Church Parking Lot.

**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 13: To Hear the Voice of God**

- The Conscience: Hearing God’s Voice
- The Call: To Be Holy and One with Christ
- A Call within a Call: Mother Teresa’s Story
- The Call to Sainthood
- Learning to Hear and Respond to God’s Voice
- How God Speaks to Us

**KC MOVIE KNIGHT** Saturday, Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. This month’s feature; Pixar’s *“Inside Out”* After young Riley moves from Midwest to San Francisco, her emotions conflict. 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.

**CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS RETREAT** Beginning **January 19<sup>th</sup>**, join us!!! **Tuesdays** at 9:15 am for a 10 week small-group DVD retreat based on the popular book *Consoling the Heart of Jesus* by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Gain new insights into Jesus, His most Sacred Heart and His Divine Mercy. We will be meeting in the Parish Center. There is an optional book fee & child care. If you have any questions, please call Erin 402-619-3523.

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** A woman is cooking eggs in the kitchen when her husband comes running in. Immediately, he sees the eggs and gasps in horror. "Be careful! CAREFUL! Put in some more butter! Oh, my GOSH!" The wife, startled at her husband's violent reaction, dashes to

the fridge to get some butter. "You're cooking too many at once. TOO MANY! Turn them! TURN THEM NOW!" The wife, concerned by the status of her husband's mental state, forgets about the butter and goes running to the eggs. "WE NEED BUTTER! Are you CRAZY??? Where are we going to get the butter? They're going to stick! HURRY!" The wife runs to the fridge. "CAREFUL about the eggs! CAREFUL. You NEVER listen to me when you're cooking! Never! Turn them quickly! Oh not that quickly, don't you know how to cook? Are you insane? Turn the EGGS!" At this point, the wife gasps, "What is WRONG with you? I know how to cook eggs." The husband simply smiles and replies, "I just wanted to show you what it feels like while I'm driving with you in the car."

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

MASS INTENTIONS		JANUARY 11 - 17
Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Mary Beth Clark + Lester Davitt
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Joan, Greg, & John Lastovica +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Deceased Members of the Gibilisco Family
Friday	8:15 AM	Zachary Treves Int. PJ Int.
Saturday	5:00 PM	Our Parish Family Int.
Sunday	7:30 AM	Fr. Dan Kampschneider Int. Donna Sobotka +
	10:30 AM	Winkleman Family Living and Deceased Deacon Al LeClair +

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

Preorder forms for gift cards we do not keep on hand can be located at the back of the church. All preorder forms need to be turned into the Parish Office by Monday, 4 pm in order to be received in the week the order was placed.

Preorder  
 New Vendors: Village Inn \$25.00  
 Krispy Kreme \$10.00



**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.

**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

**THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 18.**  
 The teachers have an In-Service day.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot

**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES - SEMINARY**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER THE 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, JANUARY 12

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

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

7:00 P.M. **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** - Parish Center

7:00 P.M. **BAPTISM CLASS** - Parish Center

7:00 P.M. **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Activity Center Meeting Room

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

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

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

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

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

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

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 A.M. **ALTAR SOCIETY LEADER MEETING** - Parish Center

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot

**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT MASS – ONE ROSE/ONE LIFE**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**MOVIE KNIGHT** - Parish Center – After 5:00 p.m. Mass

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot

**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES - SEMINARY**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** - School

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**NEBRASKAN'S UNITED FOR LIFE** 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Celebration of Life Dinner, Jan 15, 6PM Social, Dinner with silent & oral auction.

**BETHLEHEM HOUSE VOLUNTEER LAUNCH DAY:** Whether you are a seasoned Bethlehem House Volunteer or if you've been hoping to learn more about our opportunities to serve women & families in crisis, please join us at our 2016 Volunteer Launch Day on Sat., Jan. 16, from 9 - 11 a.m. at St. Columbkille, 200 E 6th St, Papillion in the lower level. A continental breakfast will be served & breakout discussions offered with information about our various guilds & committees. Both leadership & committee roles are available. We hope you will attend & bring a friend! RSVP by calling 402-502-9224 or online at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F044DACAC2FAAF85-2016](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F044DACAC2FAAF85-2016) before January 15. For more information about Bethlehem House, visit [BethlehemHouseOmaha.org](http://BethlehemHouseOmaha.org)

**FACING SLAVERY TODAY** January is the National Human Trafficking Awareness month. The Omaha Coalition on Human Trafficking is sponsoring a prayer service entitled "Facing Slavery Today" for victims & perpetrators of human trafficking & for all those working to end human trafficking. The Coalition on Human Trafficking was initially begun by the Women Religious in Omaha - the Servite, Mercy, & Notre Dames Sisters. The prayer service will be held on Saturday, January 16 from 10-11 a.m. at St. Pius X Church, 6905 Blondo St. Please join us. All are welcome.

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**YOUR PRAYERS MATTER.  
YOUR SACRIFICES MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

### Did Pope Francis's US visit inspire you to follow his example? Not sure where to start?

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops invites you to join **9 Days for Life**, a period of focused prayer & action from **Sat., January 16 – Sun., January 24**. Answer Pope Francis's call to stand for life using **simple, enjoyable, & quick suggestions!** Download a free app ([iTunes](#) / [GooglePlay](#)) or a [printable version](#) of the novena, or **sign up for daily email or text message at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)**—or [join on Facebook!](#) Each day focuses on a **different aspect of respecting each other's God-given dignity**—from the beginning of life to the end of life. We also invite you to **share the experience!** [Gather](#) family & friends together in prayer, discussion, &/or action; attend local parish or diocesan events; or [post on social media](#) why you're participating. Use the hashtag **#9DaysforLife** & tag **@USCCB** on **Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook**. **We'll select from the best posts to share!**

**FR. CUSACK AT ST. LEO'S** Fr. Tom Cusack is a priest with the Columban Fathers and has been invited to speak at all the masses at St. Leo Church on the weekend of January 16/17. This includes Saturday, 5:00 pm, Sunday, 8:00 am, 10:00 am, Noon and 5:30 pm. He will speak on the sanctity of human life with special emphasis, but not exclusively, as it pertains to the unborn child. Fr. Cusack has been involved with right-to-life activities for over 35 years by conducting pro-life retreats, including one at St. Leo's over 20 years ago.

Please continue to pray for our military and their families.

**MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH IS HOSTING SWEET LIFE!**

Dessert Comedy Theatre on Friday, Jan. 22, at Florence City Hall. Enjoy a fun evening of clean, family-friendly comedy & music while indulging in a beautiful array of scrumptious desserts. It's a sweet treat your family, friends, neighbors, & co-workers! Doors open & dessert will be served at 6, the show starts at 7. Tickets are \$15 in advance or if still available can be purchased at the door for \$20. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call the Mount Olive office at 402-455-8700.

**COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION IN OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS –**

Your help is needed to stop comprehensive sex education (CSE) in the Omaha Public Schools (OPS). As noted by the [Catholic Education Resource Center](#), "...today's typical programs are not designed to warn the kids away from permissive & harmful sex experiences at all. Rather, what they really aim at is breaking down traditional morality & sexual inhibitions..." Catholics, particularly those who live within the OPS district, are strongly encouraged to show up at one (or more) of the upcoming School Board meetings in opposition to the implementation of CSE. There is no need to address the Board; however, patrons who also desire to do so should plan to arrive by 6 p.m. & complete a pink request sheet which is turned into the Board secretary by 6:20 p.m. The next OPS Board meetings will be Jan. 20 in the TAC building at 3215 Cuming Street.

**MEN'S JUBILEE OF MERCY**, formally known as the Heartland Men's Conference, *Men of Mercy, Men of Prayer* is Saturday, Feb. 27 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Christ the King Church. For more info. contact Beth Carlsson: [bccarlson@archomaha.org](mailto:bccarlson@archomaha.org) or 402-557-5610 or to register online visit [www.regonline.com/mensjubilee](http://www.regonline.com/mensjubilee)

**MAGNIFICAT - OMAHA, NE WOMEN'S BREAKFAST SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27** Magnificat-Omaha is hosting a breakfast for women to share together in that same spirit of gratitude & praise of God, Sat., Feb. 27 at 9 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. After the meal, there will be a time of prayer for the needs of all present & an opportunity to hear Sr. Ann Shields experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life. \$15 fee. **To Register:** Send \$15 per person via check by Sat., Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> to Magnificat; c/o Kathy Wheeler; 830 S. 122<sup>nd</sup> St.; Omaha, NE 68154

PRE-PAID REGISTRATION ONLY, NO WALK-INS

**In case of inclement weather**, your payment will be considered a donation to Magnificat-Omaha. Our expenses stay the same so we will not be able to give refunds. **Scholarships Available Questions?** Call Kathy Wheeler 402-657-3835 or **Email** [magnificatomaha@gmail.com](mailto:magnificatomaha@gmail.com) **Priests & Religious: No Charge**

**You know the Jeff Foxworthy "you may be a red neck if:?"**

This is "The Church may be too cold if...":

1. Your eyelids freeze together!
2. The tears rolling down your cheeks freeze!
3. The priest is wearing ear muffs and mittens saying Mass and serving communion!
4. The parishioners go outside to warm up then come back in to hear the rest of the Mass!