

**Dear Parishioners,**

Only 19 days until Mardi Gras! Please help to support this major fund-raiser for our parish and school by purchasing your tickets today and returning your raffle tickets.

Q: When is Mardi Gras?

A: Saturday, February 6 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass

Q: Where will Mardi Gras be held?

A: In the Activity Center

Q: What is on the menu?

A: Our menu this year features Shrimp Creole, Blackened Chicken and Fettuccini Alfredo with Broccoli, a wonderful spread of appetizers and more.....

Q: Will there be trivia again?

A: Yes, there will be trivia. We have shortened the rounds so that people will not have to be out late.

Q: How much are tickets?

A: Tickets are \$50 per person, \$90 a couple and \$350 for a table of 8. Raffle tickets are \$50 each.

Q: Where do I purchase tickets?

A: You may purchase dinner and raffle tickets after Mass or by calling the parish office at 402-455-1289. You may also purchase raffle tickets from any St. Philip Neri student.

Again, I hope to see you at our 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mardi Gras celebration.

**Blessings,**

**Fr. John**

**Question of the Week – How does your parish support married couples’ commitment? How do you?**

**Reading 1 Isaiah 62:1-5**

**Reading 2 1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

**Gospel John 2:4-11**

**Reflection:** The Old Testament reading today celebrates the "marriage" of Israel with the Lord. In the gospel reading, Jesus and his friends are taking part in a wedding celebration at Cana. Everyone is having a grand old time until the wine runs out. Then Jesus, in what is described as the first of his signs (miracles), turns six jars of water into choice wine! Everyone is astonished. But turning the water used for Jewish rituals into wine, Jesus gives God's people a sign that the Messiah has come. Later the disciples would recognize Jesus as the Bridegroom of the Church, the new people of God.

<b>PARISH SUPPORT WEEK</b>	<b>JANUARY 3 – 9</b>	<b>Did You Know...</b> Our On-line giving membership continues to grow? Using the website or the OLG App on your smartphone allows you make donations, pay tuition, pay your cafeteria or preschool/ daycare bill, & you can even purchase raffle tickets for our fast approaching Mardi Gras! Win the trip of a lifetime, groceries for a year, gas for a year & many other great prizes simply by going to the website or using the App. Don't forget to tell your friends & family. They can use the website or App as well to purchase raffle tickets. Let's make this the best Mardi Gras yet!
<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$18,007.53</b>	Thank you for selling those raffle tickets!
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$8,437.69</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$9,569.84</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$694,833.39</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$664,508.39</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$30,325.00</b>	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**JANUARY 23/24**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Amir Ring, Craig Taylor  
 10:30 AM: Ryan Pfeiffer, David Taylor  
**CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Jackson Cramer, Cheyanne Jones  
 10:30 AM: Bode Bench, Steven Hensel  
**LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Rob Barrett

**7:30 AM:** Bruno Kozimor  
**10:30 AM:** Bill Cheese  
**DEACON:** 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks  
**EMHCs:** 5:00 PM: Jacquie Dahlin, Wayne and Ellen Russell, Jim Shepherd, Mary Ann Taylor, Need 1 volunteer  
**7:30 AM:** Dorothy Polan, Kathy Rossitto,

Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd,  
Michelle Zuber, Need 1 volunteer  
**10:30 AM:** DeLynne Clausen, Mary Fink,  
Bob and Marj Ryckman  
Need 2 volunteers

**GIFTBEARERS:** **5:00 PM:** Treves Family  
**7:30 AM:** Polan Family

**10:30 AM:** Ryckman Family  
**MUSICIANS:** **5:00 PM:** Drew Neneman  
**10:30 AM:** Colleen Monti, Tom Locher,  
Deb Van Erdewyk, Deanna Reilly

**NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** **5:00 PM:** Lynn Ingraham  
**7:30 AM:** Judy Bahle  
**10:30 AM:** Jane Cheese

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

**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Ziska, Charlie Buell

**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Roy Edwards, Rich McShane

**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 FAMILIES OF KIRK CASEY, ELIZABETH ORGAN, RITA SHEPHERD AND ROBERT EATON .** Kirk is the son of Doug and Sally Casey. He was buried this past Monday.

Elizabeth raised her family at St. Philip Neri. She was buried in Houston, Texas this past Saturday.

Rita is the sister/sister-in-law of Jim and Carol Wonder. The funeral for Rita will be Monday at 10 a.m. at Roeder 108<sup>th</sup> St. Chapel with private interment.

Robert is a long time parishioner of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament. There will be a graveside service for Robert at Forest Lawn Cemetery on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m..

**WE RECEIVED A CALL FROM DEACON CHUCK WESKIRCHEN THIS PAST WEEK.** He wanted to make sure everyone is marvelous here & to tell everyone Hello. He also wanted to know how a room full of married people could be empty... there is not a single person in there.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO OUR ANNUAL ADVENT BABY SHOWER!** Your generosity was overwhelming! All the items have been donated to the Bethlehem House.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE COLLECTING ALUMINUM CANS EVERY WEEKEND DURING 2016.** The money collected from the aluminum cans is used for scholarships for St. Philip Neri School students going on to area Catholic High Schools. Please bring your cans with you to Mass & place them in the trailer in the Church Parking Lot.

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

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** A police officer in a small town stopped a motorist who was speeding down Main Street. "But officer." the man began, "I can explain, ". "Just be quiet," snapped the

officer. "I'm going to let you cool your heels in jail until the chief gets back..." "But officer, I just wanted to say...." "And I said to keep quiet! You're going to jail!" A few hours later the officer looked in on his prisoner and said, "Lucky for you that the chief is at his daughter's wedding. He'll be in a good mood when he gets back." "Don't count on it," answered the fellow in the cell. "I'm the groom."

**MEN'S FAITH FORMATION** That Man is You! – The Spirit of Nazareth -"Come & See" (John 1:46) Join us **TUESDAY** mornings from 6- 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Center.

**Session 14: The World in Which We Live**

- We Were Created for this Time
  - Popes and the World
  - A French Philosopher's Denial of God and Love
  - The Radical Feminism of Simone De Beauvoir
  - The Changing Modern Family
  - What Freedom in the Modern World Looks Like
- Have questions? Call Tom Carney at 402-578-6879.

**CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS RETREAT** Beginning **Jan. 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.

**JANUARY DINING GROUP** is going to Parker's Smokehouse – 7425 Pacific St. on Monday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Hope to see lots of new & regular smiling faces. RSVP to mhackenberg @hotmail.com or 402-493-5697.

**MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 18 - 24**

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Del Hein +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Bev Rawley + Eddie Spellman Int.
Thursday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Bob Beauchene + Maxine and Vince McMahon +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Iona Dempsey + Joe Thibodeau +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Patrick Marley Int. Gina Meier
	10:30 AM	Gary and Jackie Peck + Ed Huser +

**BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7 p.m. beginning February 12 - the first Friday of Lent. We will have stations at 7 followed by a pot-luck. Please bring your favorite meatless dish to share & the recipe. We will collect the recipes & compile them into a book to share. If you don't cook, please feel free to join us for fellowship & 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.

~ 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 Krispy Kreme \$10

**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

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ZACH TREVES AND JOSEPH RHODS** who earned 2<sup>nd</sup> Honors at Creighton Prep for the first semester... AND **CLAIRE FINK** who achieved Honor Roll First Honors at Mercy High School. We are proud of you!

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>.** To kick off this very special week, we will be celebrating Mass as a community on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The students will be participating in the Mass & sharing their special gifts with us. Please mark your calendar now so that you don't miss out. It is a beautiful Mass that celebrates Catholic education & one of the many reasons our students attend St. Philip Neri School, faith formation & spiritual growth. We hope that you can join us.

**A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS!**

Grab your friends and join us on January 29 for JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT BASKETBALL at Roncalli Catholic as the Crimson Pride basketball team takes on Gross Catholic. Go Pride! Admission to the game is free if you wear a shirt or sweatshirt representing your school. Varsity Girls at 5:45 & Varsity Boys at 7 p.m. For additional info., please contact T.J. Orr, Director of Admissions and Recruitment, at 402-571-7670 ext. 103 or [torr@roncallicatholic](mailto:torr@roncallicatholic)

**GIVE KIDS A SMILE** annual event offered by Creighton University School of Dentistry on Saturday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 12 - noon. Uninsured children between 3 & 14 years old will receive free preventive care (exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride varnish & dental sealants). Parents/legal guardians: call 402-280-2863 to make an appointment.

**SAVE THE DATE! KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP** will be held on Wed., March 9, 2016. Please encourage your friends & neighbors to send their children to St. Philip Neri School & attend our Kindergarten Round-Up. Please call the school if you have any questions, 402-455-8666.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot  
**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT MASS – ONE**

**ROSE/ONE LIFE**

**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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18**

**NO SCHOOL** – Teacher In Service

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**

- 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. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Activity Center Meeting Room

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20**

- 8:15 A.M. **SCHOOL MASS – GRADES 5 – 8** - Church
- 9:00 A.M. **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BIBLE STUDY** – Seven Oaks
- 3:15 P.M. **LITTLE FLOWERS** - Parish Center

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21**

- 8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** - Church
- 7:00 P.M. **RCIA** - Parish Center

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot  
**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot  
**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**
- 9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** - School
- CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – During 10:30 Mass
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**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!** Down load 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](#)—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!**

**MIRIAM GROSSMAN, M.D., AUTHOR OF "YOU'RE TEACHING MY CHILD WHAT?"** A Physician Exposes the Lies of Sex Education & How They Harm Your Child" will be speaking about the hypocrisy & harmfulness of Comprehensive Sex Education in Omaha today, Sunday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> from 3-4:30 p.m. at Liberty Christian Center, 5616 L St. (old Ryan High School). Parents, grandparents, & concerned citizens, arm yourselves with the information & strategies you need to [protect the children!](#)

**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.

**EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS – "COME TO THE FEAST"** Hunger Collaborative. Presented by Craig Howell, Shared Services Coordinator of Hunger Collaborative. Jan. 21, 7- 8:30 p.m. at Seven Oaks at Notre Dame dining room, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole. For more info., call 402-982-9933.

**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.

**DISCOVER YOUR PERSONALITY & SPIRITUALITY CONNECTIONS** Saturday, Jan. 23 8:30 am - 1pm You may wonder – how do my personality & spirituality interface? Using the Enneagram Personality System, we will explore that question. The Enneagram is an insightful tool for self-understanding & self-acceptance, as well as personal transformation & deepening of one's relationship with God. Cost is \$40. Presenter is Sr. Margaret Stratman,

**JAN. 30<sup>TH</sup> IS THE WALK FOR LIFE** St. Columbkille is taking a bus to the Walk. \$15 a person. Please contact Mike & Lynn Jones at [michaelynn@centurylink.net](mailto:michaelynn@centurylink.net) for more info. or to claim a seat!

**PRO LIFE MASS** 9 a.m., St. Mary's Church, (14th & K Streets)  
**NEBRASKA WALK FOR LIFE** 10 a.m. — North side of the State Capitol Building – March to the Nebraska Student Union where the Keynote will be given by Sue Thayer, Former Storm Lake, Iowa Planned Parenthood Director  
The WALK FOR LIFE is **Sponsored by Nebraska Right to Life**  
402-438-4802 \* [www.nebraskarighttolife.org](http://www.nebraskarighttolife.org)

**THE GIFT OF RECONCILIATION**, Feb. 5 - 7, weekend retreat at *St. Benedict Ctr*, Schuyler with *Prior Fr. Mauritius Wilde, OSB, Ph.D.* Unresolved conflicts, hanging on to past hurts—all this makes us bitter & drains our energy. Reconciliation instead brings peace & joy. How can we be reconciled with our neighbors & ourselves? In this retreat we reflect on our lives, examine our conscience, & look for ways to deeply accept the reconciliation that comes from God through Jesus Christ. Opportunity for Confessions. Friday, 7:30 p.m., to Sunday, after lunch. For more info. call 402-352-8819.

**Valentine's Day Dinner**, Feb. 14, 5 p.m., at *St. Benedict Center*, Schuyler. Married couples are invited for Mass at the chapel of St. Benedict Center, followed, at 6 p.m., by a delicious & festive four-course Valentine's Day Dinner prepared by Mark & Patty Bosh. Advance Reservation & Pre-payment Required. For more info. call 402-352-8819 or visit [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com)

#### A LENTEN MISSION OF MERCY

St. Pius X Church 6905 Blondo St. 3 Mondays @ 7:00 PM Refreshments offered at 6:30 & 8:00 in the church narthex

**Feb. 15** - Jack Jezreel: A Faith that Does Mercy  
The Gospel invites us to a great love that can transform our hearts & transform the world. In this Extraordinary Year of Mercy, come hear a word about how the faith links us with each other & with all those who struggle, & how we might embrace a life-giving commitment to mercy-in-action.

**Feb. 22** - Frank Runyeon: The Letter of James,  
Works of Mercy

**Feb. 29** - Archbishop George Lucas: Jesus, the Face of the Father's Mercy

**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 Carlson: [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** 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

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we will not be able to give refunds. **Scholarships Available**  
**Questions?** Call Kathy Wheeler 402-657-3835.