

Dear Parishioners,

A special thanks to all who helped make our 15<sup>th</sup> Mardi Gras a success! Although the final numbers are not yet in, it was a successful turnout. Special thanks to our Home and School Association and our School Board for calling our families. Thanks to all who helped decorate, cook, and clean up, to those who helped with trivia, to those who attended and to all who purchased raffle tickets. It takes much work, time and sacrifice to raise \$50,000 for our school each year. The cost to educate a student at St. Philip Neri School is over \$5,000 per year. Tuition covers only half of this cost and so we make up the difference through major fundraisers such as Mardi Gras and of course, the parish helps to financially support the school as part of our mission of forming and educating disciples. We are blessed to have a vibrant Catholic School in our parish and blessed to have such dedicated teachers and staff. During this Lenten season, please pray for our teachers, staff, students and parents. Let us also remember in our prayers those who have gone before us, those who have made great sacrifices for our school and parish. And lastly, let us pray for ourselves that we might be good stewards of what has been handed on to us so that we in turn might pass those gifts on to those who follow us.

Blessings,  
Fr. John

**Question of the Week – Name some of the hungers that people experience. How can we nourish them?**

**Reading 1 Deuteronomy 26:4-10**

**Reading 2 Romans 10:8-13**

**Gospel Luke 4:1-13**

**Reflection:** Lent is a period of forty days during which the whole Church renews itself through prayer and fasting. Today we are reminded that the Israelites wandered for forty years in the desert after God led them out of captivity. We are now observing the forty days of Lent. During the Easter Triduum, we will celebrate being led from slavery into freedom.

According to today's gospel, Jesus retreated to the desert for forty days to prepare for his mission after being baptized by John the Baptist. Luke dramatically describes what happened to Jesus while he was alone in that deserted place. The devil tempts Jesus with promises of bread (a symbol for material comforts), of power (authority over others), and of false glory (to be gained by daring to test God). But Jesus defeats the devil by defending himself with God's word from the Old Testament. Even then the devil does not give up. He "awaits another opportunity" to tempt Jesus.

<b>PARISH SUPPORT WEEK</b>	<b>JANUARY 31 – FEBRUARY 6</b>	<b>DID YOU KNOW... IT IS TIME TO START THINKING ABOUT THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR?</b>
<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$16,881.89</b>	Pre-School registration begins February 29 <sup>th</sup> and Kindergarten Round Up is March 9 <sup>th</sup> . Encourage your family, neighbors and friends to take a look at our school. We offer an academically challenging, faith based education. For more information and for a tour of our school, please call our school office at 402-455-8666.
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$19,264.35</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$2,382.46)</b>	<i>The value of a Catholic education is priceless!</i>
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$790,046.13</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$777,294.77</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$12,751.36</b>	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**FEBRUARY 20/21**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Ryan Pfeiffer, Amir Ring  
10:30 AM: Steven Hensel, David Taylor

**CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Cheyanne Jones, Dominic Martello  
10:30 AM: Bode Bench, Emily Crowe

**LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Rob Barrett  
7:30 AM: Ilene Sedlacek  
10:30 AM: Rich McShane

**DEACON:** 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

**EMHCs:** 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Kim Hill, Theresa O'Neill, Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda, Need 1 volunteer  
7:30 AM: Dorie Mittlieder, Dorothy Polan,

Need 2 volunteers

10:30 AM: Kelli Brock, Dave Parks, Ellen and Wayne Russell, Need 2 volunteers

**GIFTBEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Treves Family  
7:30 AM: Polan Family  
10:30 AM: Brock Family

**MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: Fr. John and the Children's Choir  
10:30 AM: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies

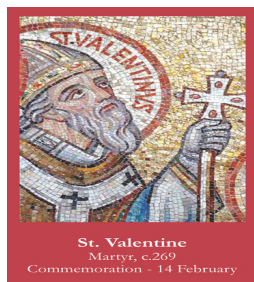
**NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Susan Matsunami  
7:30 AM: Patty Wiederholt  
10:30 AM: Mary Tracy

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Mary Fink, Kathy Rossitto

**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Liz Maycock, Patty Wiederholt  
**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd  
**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

**PRAYER TO ST. VALENTINE**

O St. Valentine, lover of Christ and of the Church, we ask your intercession that we may learn how to love God above all things, and to selflessly love one another. O glorious St. Valentine, pray for us, that we too may have the steadfast faith of the martyrs.



**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 18: Receiving the Gift of Mary**

- Incorporating Mary into Your Spiritual Life
- Accepting Mary into Our Homes
- Mary as our Spiritual Mother
- Learning from Christ through Mary
- Mary as our Guide to God
- Consecrating Ourselves to Mary
- Recommendations of Marian Devotions

Have questions? Call Tom Carney at 402-578-6879.

**KC MOVIE KNIGHT** Saturday, Feb 20 in the Parish Center. This month's feature; *“Goosebumps”* Author *R. L. Stine's imaginary demons are set free on a small town.* 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!

**FEBRUARY DINING GROUP** Join us on Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 pm at Lil Burro Mexican Restaurant 12510 So. 29<sup>th</sup> Ave. (29<sup>th</sup> and Capehart Rd) Bellevue, NE. Everyone is welcome! Please let us know if you are joining us – RSVP to Maria Hackenberg at mhackenberg@hotmail.com or call 402-493-5697.

**JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS** each Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. We will have stations at 6:30 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.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** Our parish is joining other Christians in participating in 40 Days for Life, 40 Days of prayer & fasting for an end to abortion, which is taking place now until March

20<sup>th</sup>. You're also invited to stand & peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93<sup>rd</sup> St.) & the Abortion and Contraception Clinic of Nebraska (1002 W. Mission Ave., Bellevue) & to help spread the word about this important community outreach. **Our parish's scheduled upcoming prayer times are from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in front of Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93<sup>rd</sup> St.) on the following Fridays: Feb. 19, Feb. 26, Mar. 4, Mar. 11, & Mar. 18.** Please call Mary Fink at 402-614-7677 to sign up for one or more days of prayer time. You may also contact the campaign team at 402-399-0299 or [40DaysOmaha@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysOmaha@gmail.com). This local campaign is sponsored by Nebraskans United for Life.

MASS INTENTIONS		FEBRUARY 15 – 21
Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Swoboda Family Joan Treves
Wednesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int Kristina Spencer
Thursday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Friday	8:15 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Winkleman Family Michael L. McGargill +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joe Thibodeau + Dorothy Rule +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Aaliyah Matthews Int. Tom and Jan Sammons Int.
	10:30 AM	PJ Int. Ed Huser +

~ NERI DOLLAR NEWS ~

**DURING LENT**, please think about some of the gift cards we carry that you can use at local restaurants.

Restaurants who serve fish:  
 Bonefish Grill    Tussey's  
 Red Lobster    Long John Silver's

Restaurants who serve pasta:  
 Carrabba's    Tussey's  
 Olive Garden

We will carry Long John Silver's only during Lent. They are sold in increments of \$10.00.

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** The comments of a young mother: Before I got married, I had six theories about bringing up children. Now I have six children and no theories.

**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

**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, FEBRUARY 14 ST. VALENTINE'S DAY**

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot
- BLACK AND INDIAN MISSIONS – SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES**
- 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
- 5:00 P.M. **RCIA – RITE OF ELECTION** – Parish Center

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15 PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**NO SCHOOL – Teacher in Service – School of Faith** – Activity Center

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16**

- 6:00 A.M. **THAT MAN IS YOU** - Parish Center
- 8:15 A.M. **SCHOOL MASS – GRADES K – 4** - Church
- 9:15 A.M. **CONSOLING THE HEART BIBLE STUDY** - Parish Center
- 7:00 P.M. **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BIBLE STUDY** - Parish Center
- 7:00 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Activity Center Meeting Room

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

- 8:15 A.M. **SCHOOL MASS – GRADES 5 – 8** - Church
- 9:00 A.M. **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BIBLE STUDY** – Seven Oaks
- 3:00 P.M. **LITTLE FLOWERS** - Parish Center
- 7:00 P.M. **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Activity Center Meeting Room

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

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

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

- 2:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Church
- 6:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Church  
**POTLUCK** following in Parish Center
- 7:00 P.M. **HOME AND SCHOOL FAMILY GAME NIGHT** - School

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot
- NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**
- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVIE KNIGHT** – Following 5:00 Mass in the Parish Center

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**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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**WILL IT BE YOUR BEST LENT EVER?** That is entirely up to you. Lent is not just about giving things up. Lent is about doing something. Doing something bold. Becoming a better husband, father, wife, mother, friend, etc.. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's email program Best Lent Ever®. Each day you'll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly & a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Using Matthew's new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus* as their guide, they will take you on a 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself – in a deeply personal way. Sign up at [DynamicCatholic.com/Lent](http://DynamicCatholic.com/Lent) The program is free! ...and YES there are still copies of *Rediscover Jesus* available at the doors of Church!

**A LENTEN MISSION OF MERCY**

St. Pius X Church 6905 Blondo St. 3 Mondays @ 7PM  
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

**PONCA HILLS CHILI FEED** on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 5-7:30 p.m. at the Ponca Hills Fire Barn located on Ponca Road. \$10 Adults, \$5 for 5-12 years old & free for under 5

**10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL POP, POPS & POPCORN CONCERT** Wed., Feb 24 at 7 p.m. in the Roncalli Catholic Student Center. Roncalli is please to offer an evening of popular music encompassing various subgenres from Broadway to British Rock. All of the ensembles will perform, as well as many soloists & small groups. Come grab a soda & popcorn & enjoy a colorful colorful evening of entertainment. \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. For more info. email [music@roncalli.catholic.org](mailto:music@roncalli.catholic.org)

**MEN'S JUBILEE OF MERCY**, formally known as the Heartland Men's Conference, *Men of Mercy, Men of Prayer* is Sat., 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 [ww.regonline.com/mensjubilee](http://ww.regonline.com/mensjubilee)

**FINDING GOD IN TROUBLES TIMES: SCRIPTURAL APPROACHES** Feb. 26-27 Where is God in Suffering? Does Scripture present God as cause of suffering or as help in suffering? Reflect on your faith & how suffering hurts or enhances relationship with God & with Jesus. Prepare by reflecting on Fr. Hauser's book

*Finding God in Troubled Times.* To register call St. Benedict Ctr., Schuyler at 402-352-8884

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

**LENTEN DAYS OF REFLECTION:** February 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm & March 1 at 7pm at St. Francis Borgia in Blair. "Rich in Mercy: Discovering the Heart of Jesus" Omar Gutiérrez will explore what mercy means by delving into meditations of Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Francis on mercy. Using Church teaching, scripture, art, and literature Omar will invite participants to enter into this Year of Mercy with the hope of encountering Jesus so as to be the face of mercy to others.

**MARIAN JR. CRUSADERS GIRLS BASKETBALL** Tryouts are at Marian High School; 7400 Military Ave.

3-4<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts are 5:00-6:15 Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

7-8<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts are Monday March 7<sup>th</sup>

(7<sup>th</sup> 6:15-7:30) (8<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:00)

5-6<sup>th</sup> grade tryouts are Wednesday March 9<sup>th</sup>

(5<sup>th</sup> 6:15-7:30) (6<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:00)

Register at [www.leaguelineupmarianjrcrusaders.com](http://www.leaguelineupmarianjrcrusaders.com)

*We encourage girls to also play for their school teams!*





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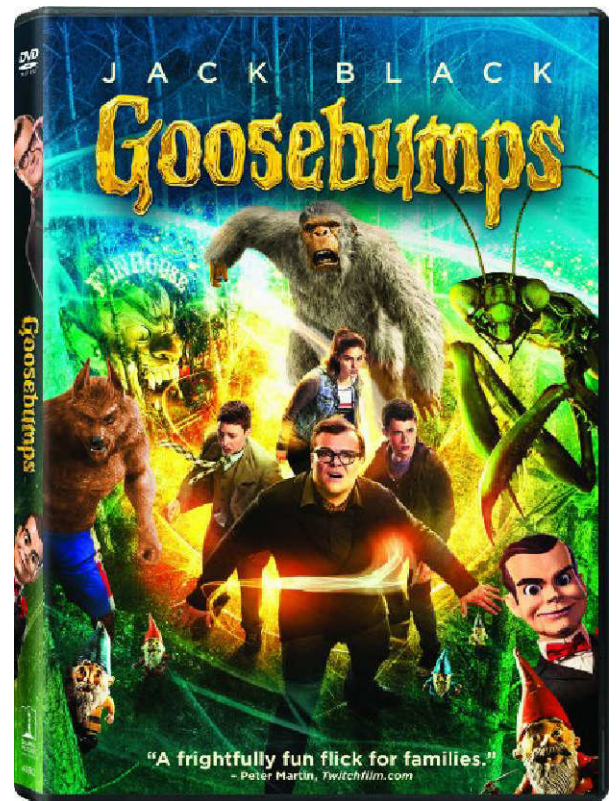
# Movie *Knights* Presenting

R.L. Stine's  
"GOOSEBUMPS"

PG | 103 min | Adventure, Comedy, Fantasy

A teenager teams up with the daughter of young adult horror author R. L. Stine after the writer's imaginary demons are set free on the small town of Madison, Delaware.

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Starting Our 2nd Decade



**Saturday, Feb 20, 6:30 pm**

Downstairs In The Parish Center

**Free Will  
Offering**

**Offering "Hots & Brats",  
Fresh Popped Popcorn,  
& Ice Cold Sodas**