

POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER

2.) THE NEXT FINGER IS THE INDEX. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TEACH YOU, INSTRUCT YOU AND HEAL YOU. THEY NEED THE SUPPORT AND WISDOM TO SHOW DIRECTION TO OTHERS. ALWAYS KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

3.) THE FOLLOWING FINGER IS THE TALLEST. IT REMINDS US OF OUR LEADERS, THE GOVERNORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE AUTHORITY. THEY NEED GOD'S GUIDANCE.

4.) THE FOURTH FINGER IS THE RING FINGER. EVEN THAT IT MAY SURPRISE YOU, IT IS OUR WEAKEST FINGER. IT SHOULD REMIND US TO PRAY FOR THE WEAKEST, THE SICK OR THOSE PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS. THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS.

1.) THE THUMB IS THE CLOSEST FINGER TO YOU. SO START PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO YOU. THEY ARE THE PERSONS EASIEST TO REMEMBER. TO PRAY FOR OUR DEAR ONES IS A "SWEET OBLIGATION."



5.) AND FINALLY WE HAVE OUR SMALLEST FINGER, THE SMALLEST OF ALL. YOUR PINKIE SHOULD REMIND YOU TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF. WHEN YOU ARE DONE PRAYING FOR THE OTHER FOUR GROUPS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR OWN NEEDS BUT IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE. AND ALSO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRAY FOR YOUR OWN NEEDS IN A BETTER WAY.

Question of the Week – Jesus welcomed sinners. Do you find this comforting or challenging? Why?

Reading 1 Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

Reading 2 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Reflection: Religious people often criticized Jesus for eating and associating with sinners. But these people did not realize that everyone needs God's mercy and love. In today's gospel story, Jesus wants us to know what God's mercy is like. When anyone sins and is sorry for that sin, God rushes out at top speed to embrace that person. Even when we feel that we may be undeserving of God's love, Jesus tells us that God rejoices like the father in the gospel story.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK FEBRUARY 21 – 28

WEEKLY REVENUE	\$00,000.00
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$13,665.74
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$4,443.40
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$861,148.63
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$858,025.58
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$3,123.05

DID YOU KNOW... THAT FRED, MARIE AND SAM HAVE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES?

They are: Fred – fddoran@archomaha.org
 Marie – mlmcfarland@archomaha.org
 Sam – slhensel@archomah.org

Please correspond with Fred, Marie and Sam using the new archdiocese email addresses. If you misplace this message, please note they are also on the cover of the bulletin. Blessings!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

MARCH 12/13

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Kristen Ellett, Gracie Murphy
 10:30 AM: Mason Bliss, Tiana Earlywine
CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Alex Negus, Keegan Sullivan
 10:30 AM: Andrew Fink, Sophia Minturn
LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Rob Barrett
 7:30 AM: Ilene Sedlacek

DEACON: EMHCs:

10:30 AM: Jan Sammons
 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Theresa O'Neill,
 Wayne & Ellen Russell,
 Mary Ann Taylor
 7:30 AM: Norine Hoffman, Bruno Kozimor,
 Bonnie Shea, Dorothy Polan, Mary odd
 10:30 AM: DeLynne Clausen, Roy Edwards,

Mary Fink, Rich McShane,
Need 1 volunteer

- GIFTBEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Treves Family
7:30 AM: Polan Family
10:30 AM: Sammons Family
- MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: Joan von Kampen
10:30 AM: Colleen and the Church Ladies
- NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Susan Matsunami
7:30 AM: Mary Todd
10:30 AM: Mary Tracy
- COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Kelli Brock, Betty & Bob Jones,
Joni Locher
- COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Rita Ziska, Dave Krueger
- IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Dorie Mittlieder, Kathy Rossitto
- 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

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 21: Fidelity to Your State-In-Life

- The Two Greatest Saints are Parents
- Mary: Pure from Conception
- St. Joseph: God's Image on Earth
- The Holy Family as a Model
- Pathways to Holiness
- Families: Special Missionaries
- The Call of Spiritual Mentors

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

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 also offer Stations of the Cross with the students 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 20th. You're also invited to stand & peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil 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) & to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Our parish's scheduled upcoming prayer times are from 9 – 10 a.m. in front of Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93rd St.) on the following Fridays: March 11, & March 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 This local campaign is sponsored by Nebraskans United for Life.

HOLY ROSARY CIRCLE #2 IS INVITING YOU TO COME DOWNSTAIRS FOR THE ANNUAL BAKE SALE after all Masses the next weekend, March 12/13. We will have many homemade goodies for you to donate for the Roast Beef Dinner, your Easter Celebration, or for your own personal enjoyment. Let us do the baking for you.

Mens Nite Out & Wild Game Feed March 12 in the Parish Center It's a Potluck meal... so bring your favorite Wild Game dish! (Or non-game dish, or even a dessert!) Serving at 7pm . If you need to cook first, please plan accordingly. A Free Will Offering to cover cost of supplies, sodas, beer, etc. will be accepted. Sponsored by KC Council #5287

ROAST BEEF DINNER - MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK Our annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20th from 11:30 - 6 p.m. Please sign up to volunteer using the signup sheets in the pews or contact Jan Sammons at jansam24@hotmail.com or call 402-453-8520. You can put the signup sheets in the collection basket or mail them to the Parish Office. There will be a special collection each Sunday to pick up the signup sheets. Many volunteer to help out via a parish organization & we appreciate your participation. Also, we will be needing the donation of homemade salads & desserts. Watch the bulletin for more information on dropping off your salads & desserts.

HELLO GARDENERS,

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to start planning your garden! Please remember your St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish when you have extra. We have church ladies willing to take and can whatever you cannot use, they will “can it”, and prepare it to sell at the church festival.

Mark your calendars! Fall Festival is September 18!

ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH Invites Children to Cave Quest VBS: Following Jesus, the Light of the World! A summer kids' event called Cave Quest VBS will be hosted at **Cooper Farm** from **June 13 - 17, 2016**. At Cave Quest, kids explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make & dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, & test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home & play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Cave Quest is for kids from **Pre-K to 4th Grade** & will run from **9AM to Noon** each day. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer in this event contact Sam Hensel at 402-455-2190 or Cell# 402-714-1582, e-mail slhensel@archomaha.org

THE NEED IS GREAT! Everyday our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers receive calls requesting assistance – for rent, utilities, food & much more. We received word that the SVdP pantry is currently in need of hearty soups & canned main meals – especially chunky soups, stews, chicken & dumplings, Progresso soups (not the lite), & canned chili. Please bring one food item for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Barrels in Church for this

weekend. We would also appreciate it if you could drop some loose change or a dollar bill in the Poor Box.

~ 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.



MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 6 - 13

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int.
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Giitter Family March Birthdays Int Joe Reeves + Robert J. McGargill +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Fr. John Int. Tommy Mills +
Friday	8:15 AM	Mary Beth Clark + Winkleman Family Living and Deceased
Saturday	5:00 PM	John E. Schaffart Sr. + Helen Shadle +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Trisha Ricketts Int. Rebecca Pfeiffer
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family

"The mercy of God is his loving concern for each one of us. ...he desires our wellbeing and he wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful. ...Just as he is merciful, so we are called to be merciful to each other." Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus, no. 9

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Sergeant: Private, I think the enemy soldiers are hiding in the woods. I want you to go in there and flush them out for us.

Private: Okay, sir, but if you see a bunch of guys running out the woods, don't shoot the one in front.

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 THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS WHO WILL RECEIVE THE SERRA CLUB ALTAR SERVER AWARD:

Emily Crowe Nick Meier Isaac Parys
Robert Schonberner Keegan Sullivan Grace Treves
These students will be honored at a special celebration Mass on Tuesday, March 8th at St. Thomas More Church.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP will be Wed., March 9 from 9 to 11 am in the school library. Please call the school office to reserve your spot. There is a \$50.00 non-refundable fee that is due when you register your child. This fee will be applied to your tuition. Please bring your child's original birth certificate with the raised seal, immunization records & Baptismal Certificate

to Kindergarten Round-Up. Copies will be made & returned to you that day. Please encourage your friends & neighbors to send their children to St. Philip Neri School & attend our Kindergarten Round-Up. **Current Kindergarten & Pre-School will not have class on March 9th.** Please call the school with any questions you may have 402-455-8666.

Important dates in March for our School Families!

- Monday, March 7th - Pre-school open enrollment begins
- Wednesday, March 9th - Kindergarten Round-Up 9 - 11 am
- Friday, March 11th - 1pm dismissal; End of the 3rd quarter
- Thursday, March 17th - Speech Contest at 9:30am
- Friday, March 18th - Stations of the Cross at 2:30
- Monday, March 21st - Walkathon Kick Off at 2:30pm
- Tuesday, March 22nd - 3rd quarter report cards go home Wed., March 23rd - Tues., March 29th - Easter Break
- Wednesday, March 30th - Classes resume

LITTLE FLOWERS: It is that time again to fill out Registration Forms! If you are interested in participating in Little Flowers during the 2016-2017 school year, please complete our form available at the doors of Church & in the parish office. We would love to have additional grandmas & moms to help us lead our meetings, so let us know if you are interested in that as well! We typically have about 2 dozen girls & meet only once a month. Little Flowers is a Girls Club based on the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux & her yearning to bring more souls to Jesus. We focus on other women saints, virtues, & bible verses while singing songs, playing games, & completing crafts. If you want to know more or come to one of this year's meetings to check it out, please call Amanda Sherer for details. (712-216-1713)

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

3-4th grade tryouts are 5:00-6:15 Sunday, March 6th
7-8th grade tryouts are Monday March 7th
(7th 6:15-7:30) (8th 7:30-9:00)

5-6th grade tryouts are Wednesday March 9th
(5th 6:15-7:30) (6th 7:30-9:00)

Register at www.leaguelineupmarianjrcrusaders.com

We encourage girls to also play for their school teams!

HUMMEL DAY CAMP IS A WEEK-LONG NATURE BASED CAMP for kids in 1st - 7th grades. The camp includes: Archery, Wilderness Skills, Outdoor Cooking, Arts & Crafts, Nature Hikes, Campfire Songs, & Water & Mud Activities. St. Philip Neri School will have Week 7- July 25th - July 29th. Week 7 online registration begins Tuesday, March 22 at 8 am. Patrons may also register in person at any Community Center at 8 am, where cash, checks & credit cards are accepted. The camp fee is \$95. For any child that receives Free or Reduced Lunch through the schools, the Camp fee is lowered to \$50. Families need to call the Florence Community Center starting now & ask for a "Reduced Fee Pass" put onto their household & also find out how to submit documentation. Then they will be able to register like normal the day of registration. Immediately upon registering online, parents should receive a payment receipt emailed to them. For questions about registration call the Florence Community Center at (402) 444-5216.

THE WEEK AHEAD**SUNDAY, MARCH 6**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER THE MASSES

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

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. **BAPTISM CLASS** - Parish Center Library

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

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

9:00 A.M. **KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP – NO CURRENT PRE-SCHOOL OR KINDERGARTEN CLASS** - School

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

7:00 P.M. **KNIGHTS MEETING** - Parish Center

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

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

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

1:00 P.M. **EARLY DISMISSAL** – School – End of 3rd qtr.

2:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Church

6:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Church
POTLUCK following in Parish Center

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

CIRCLE 2 BAKE SALE - Parish Center

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEN'S KNIGHT - Parish Center after Mass

BE SURE TO "SPRING AHEAD" ONE HOUR BEFORE BED

SUNDAY, MARCH 13 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

CIRCLE 2 BAKE SALE - Parish Center

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

ST. MARY CHURCH, 2302 Crawford St. in Bellevue is having a Lenten mission March 7-9 with two sessions each day, 9:20 a.m. & 7 p.m. Fr./Dr. Richard Sparks, C.S.P. is guiding the mission with a theme of "Being Catholic in the 21st Century: What Really Matters?" All are welcome.

*May no Soldier go unloved. May no Soldier walk alone.
May no Soldier be forgotten, Until they all come home!*

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES TO OFFER STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT Please join us each Wednesday in Lent from 5:30-6:15 pm in Holy Angels Mausoleum for Stations of the Cross. We will pray for those who have gone before us, & for Christ to heal us as we carry & place our grief at the foot of His cross. Good Friday Stations of the Cross will be held at Calvary Cemetery at 3 pm. For more info, please contact Deacon Jim Tardy at 402-391-3711 or jtardy@catholiccem.com

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE LIVING ROSARY Priests, consecrated women, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, & members of parishes & metro area Catholic high schools will lead the prayers to support the culture of life. Come to Christ the King on Sunday, March 13, at 2pm. For more information, contact Whitney Bradley at 402-551-9003 or wabradley@archomaha.org

ST. LEO PARISH LENTEN MISSION with Mike Patin: March 14 - 16 - 1:30 - 2:30 pm (Mini Mission) & 7 - 8:30 pm (Evening Session). Join us for "A Call to Reality Living", a multi-generational mission which includes stories, prayer & fellowship at St. Leo Church, 1920 N. 102nd St. Mike will also offer a special Youth Presentation "Deal or No Deal" on Sunday, March 13 from 7- 8:30pm. Please call 402-397-0407 with questions.

"EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS" – "Protecting Vulnerable Children and Adults: Knowing your Role". Training Specialist Nick Zadina will provide information about child & elder abuse & neglect. He will discuss the importance of reporting, the role we all play in protecting vulnerable adults & children, & explain how Project Harmony addresses some of the difficulties that come with investigating these sorts of allegations. The mission at Project Harmony is to end abuse & neglect, come & learn how you can be a part of this mission. March 17th, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Seven Oaks at Notre Dame, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole. For more info, call 402-982-9933.

PILGRIMS OF GOD – JOURNEY OF FAITH We are pilgrims on a journey of faith. Maureen Hoffmann from Walnut, Iowa will discuss "packing wisely, obstacles to anticipate & essential travel tips". 15th Annual Women's Morning of Reflection at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 114 & Fort. Sat., March 19 - 8:30 Mass until 12:30 p.m. \$15 includes a light breakfast. Contact Jo at 402-572-0369/ jkusek9212@yahoo.com