

Dear Parishioners,

Alleluia, He is Risen! May the peace and joy of the Risen Lord be with you and your families during this blessed season. Congratulations to Mark Santee, Carrie Bowery, and Randi Holloway who received the sacraments of Christian initiation at the Easter Vigil. Special thanks to our RCIA team who helped to prepare them and for all who prayed for them and walked with them on this part of their faith journey.

A special thank you to all who helped to make our Holy Week liturgies so special and meaningful, especially our musicians and environment committee. Thank you for sharing your gifts and talents with your parish family.

As we enter into this new liturgical season, we pray that our works of prayer, fasting and almsgiving will continue to bear fruit in our lives and the lives of others!

Blessings,

Fr. John

Question of the Week – What in our faith do you find hard to understand? How do you help others to understand the Catholic faith?

Reading 1 Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Reading 2 Colossians 3:1-4 or
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

Gospel John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12

Reflection: Alleluia! Imagine how you would have felt if you had been Mary Magdalene or Peter or John on that first Easter morning. What thoughts and emotions would the sight of that empty tomb have aroused in you? At first, Mary Magdalene thought that Jesus' enemies had stolen his body. Heartbroken, she ran to tell Peter and John. They raced to the tomb and found that the burial wrappings, which had encased Jesus' body, were cast aside. Seeing this, they believed.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK	MARCH 13 - 19	DID YOU KNOW...
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$10,107.74	We are 3/4 of the way through our fiscal year and our bottom line is basically even? This means our expenses are equal to our income and we have not had to borrow any money from savings!
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$58,230.68	Our Easter collection will have a significant impact on the remainder of our fiscal year. Our budgeted amount for Easter is \$20,000. Your dedication and support of our Parish is very much appreciated. We wish you a blessed Easter! Thank you!
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$48,122.94)	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$970,991.83	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$957,191.89	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$13,799.94	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

APRIL 2/3

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Wyatt Brungardt, Cheyanne Jones

10:30 AM: Aydin Meehan, Sophia Minturn

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Grace Treves, Lydia Treves

10:30 AM: Jayden Mulcahy, Caden Tussey

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly

7:30 AM: Ilene Sedlacek

10:30 AM: Kelli Brock

DEACON: 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Jacquie Dahlin, Kim Hill, Jim Shepherd,

Matt Swoboda, Mary Ann Taylor

7:30 AM: Madelaine Adler, Bob and Betty Jones,

Mary Todd, Larry Ziska

10:30 AM: Trudie Ahlstrom, Cathy Fluckey,

Dave Parks, Nancy Ryckman,

Need 1 volunteer

GIFTBEARERS: 5:00 PM: Treves Family

7:30 AM: Schonberner Family

10:30 AM: Brock Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Drew Neneman

10:30 AM: Colleen and the Church Ladies

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Lynn Ingraham

7:30 AM: Nancy Core

10:30 AM: Jane Cheese

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Mary Fink, Kathy Rossitto

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Sharon Olson, April Collamer

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 FAMILY OF DANIEL LYNCH SR. Daniel is the father of Danny Lynch. He was buried from here this past Monday.

SPECIAL THANKS TO JAN AND TOM SAMMONS FOR CHAIRING THE ROAST BEEF DINNER and to each of you who helped in any way to make it a success – by cooking, bringing a salad or dessert, volunteering to work, or attending the dinner. It was a huge success! The raffle brought in \$167. The winners of the Godfather's Pizza Gift Cards were: \$25 - Mike Ramsgard

and Jim Currie, \$75 - Randy Stamp, and \$150 - Tracy Bahle. Thanks to your support, we were able to make \$5,558.42 for our parish operating budget.

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES - Please join us during 10:30 Mass today, Sunday for Children's Liturgy of the Word - We will view the 2nd part of the Animated Passion of Christ "Christ has Risen".



THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU WHO DONATED MONEY TO PURCHASE FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR EASTER

in honor of or in memory of these loved ones: The Simpson Family, Ausencia & Dorothy Rivera, Meww & Irene Shepherd, Linda Hernandez, Alan LeClair, Joseph C. Thibodeau, Duane Lang, Anna Kolde, Virginia Anderson, Herbert Robinson, Bruno Frank Kozimor, Emelia Robinson, Charles & Elaine Holderness, The Aleman & Hernandez Family, Jim Clifford, Judy Lewis, Mom & Dad, Linda Clifford, Rich Orris, John & Agnes Schaffart, Francis & Margaret Pleiss, Bill Bourke, Debbie Warbelton, Vincent & Maxine McMahon & Family, Robert Beauchene & Family, Bob Piser, Coleen Sutherland, The Livengood Family Living & Deceased, Chuck Massengale Sr., Valerie Massengale, Connie Lee, Nick Lee, Greg Pinker, Joe & Ethel Mailander, Max Mailander, Andy Mailander, Bill Mailander, Pauline Stieha, Dale Taylor, Sharon Lemkau, Cloudt Family, Todd Fehrman, Leo & Dorothy McGrain, Grandpa Bill Bohnenkamp, The Kelly Girls, John A. Gubbels, Deceased Members of the Schaffart & Gubbels Family, Ruby Halama, Olivia Christopher, Leimbach & Wright Families, Living & Deceased Members of the Gatrost & Geier Families, Al Little, Deceased Members of the Pfeifer & Poell Families, Beatrice Gama, Richard d'Autremont, Fr. John Andrews, Fr. Tino Gama, Deceased Members of the Lamp & d'Autremont Families, Daniel Morrissey, Jim Kubes, Phil & Ruth Hughes, Elmer & Hazel Werth, Becky & Jerry Hughes, & Mary Ann Holmgren.



DO YOU HAVE CLEAN, GENTLY USED CLOTHING, COATS OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS & WANT TO FIND THEM A GOOD HOME? You are in luck! The weekend of April 16/17, St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck in our parking lot to accept your clean, gently used donations.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR

- When computing, whatever happens, behave as though you meant it to happen.
- When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.
- The first place to look for information is in the section of the manual where you'd least expect to find it.
- When the going gets tough, upgrade.
- For every action, there is an equal and opposite malfunction.
- To err is human...to blame your computer for your mistakes is even more human, it's downright natural.
- The number one cause of computer problems is computer solutions.
- A complex system that doesn't work is invariably found to have evolved from a simpler system that worked just fine.
- A computer program will always do what you tell it to do, but rarely what you want it to do.

~ NERI DOLLAR NEWS ~

DO YOU HAVE A SPRING PROJECT COMING UP OR THINKING OF DOING SOME REMODELING? We can order Lowe's, Menards, or Home Depot. They come in increments of \$25 to \$500 to \$1000.

Please keep in mind that since the Rectory is closed on Mondays, all Special preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.



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 24: The Vineyard of the Family

- A New Age for Christianity
 - Being Workers in the Vineyard of the Family
 - Living out God's Call to Us
 - Walking the Path of Holiness throughout Life
 - Promoting the Seven Steps
 - The Challenges of the Apostle to the Family
 - Be Not Afraid - Moving Forward with God's Grace
- Have questions? Call Tom Carney at 402-578-6879.

HAVE YOU WONDERED "WHAT HAPPENS IF...?" Do you have a good understanding of Palliative Care and Hospice Care? Are you making the right decisions at the right time? Do you wonder where the best place is to get the right answers? Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 16th & watch the bulletin for more details about the workshop in the Parish Center with Dr. Sauer.

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

THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

- Sixth Grade - 2nd Honors: **Zac Logan, Sophia Mason, Dru Oxenrider, David Taylor**
- Seventh Grade - 2nd Honors: **Jackson Cramer, Emily Crowe, Sam Parys, Jerad Peck, John Plewa, Annie von Kampen**
- Eighth Grade - 2nd Honors: **Sydney Campbell, Mia Dolan, Adrianna Krueger, Isaac Parys, Genesis Mulcahy, Kaycie Negus, Keegan Sullivan, Grace Treves, Gina Troia**

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLAIRE FINK for attaining First Honors & **ASARAR GONY** for attaining Second Honors at Mercy High School for the Third Quarter. We are proud of you!

MODERN WOODMEN OF AMERICA SPEECH CONTEST On March 17, 12 students from 5th-8th grades represented their classes & presented speeches following the theme "Hunger in America." The following students were representatives of their classes:

5th Grade: **Tiana Earlywine, Andrew Fink, Lydia Treves;**

6th Grade: **Sophia Mason, Dru Oxenrider, David Taylor;**

7th Grade: **Emily Crowe, Ryan Greenwood,**

Annie von Kampen;

8th Grade: **Kaycie Negus, Grace Treves, Gina Troia.**

Congratulations on a job well done as you represented your respective classes. The winners moving on to District competition are 1st place - **Annie von Kampen**, 7th grade

2nd place - **Grace Treves**, 8th grade

3rd place - **Tia Earlywine**, 5th grade

Congratulations ladies!

STUDENTS MAY BEGIN WEARING UNIFORM SHORTS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST. All shorts must be purchased from Dennis Uniform.

BECOME A PARENT AMBASSADOR! What is a Parent Ambassador? A Parent Ambassador is responsible for contacting one or two of our new families over the summer & welcoming them to SPN. The Parent Ambassador becomes a resource & point of contact for the new family as they transition into St. Philip Neri School. Please call Mrs. Simerly at school at 402-455-8666 or email her at mrsimerly@schools.archomaha.org if you want to be a Parent Ambassador. It's easy, fun & a wonderful way to earn service hours.

NOW IS THE TIME! Please put your SPN "Enrolling Now" sign in your yard. If you don't have one & would like one, please call the Parish Office at 402-455-1289.



"WALK TO THE BEAT"

On April 29th the students of St. Philip Neri will be walking in the Florence neighborhood

moving to groovy music, while directly being involved in raising money to make their school a better place. Our goal this year is to raise \$12,000. We are asking for your prayers and monetary donations in any increment.

To donate - mail your donation to:

**St. Philip Neri Home and School,
8202 N. 31st St., Omaha, NE 68112**

100% of the money raised will be used for the school.

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 **5th 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

ATTENTION 8TH GRADE STUDENTS ATTENDING A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEXT FALL!!! The Knights of Columbus Council #5287 is awarding several scholarships for those attending a Catholic High school next fall. There will be two (2) \$500 scholarships awarded. To qualify, you must be related to a Knights of Columbus member (does not have to be from our parish, can be living or deceased). There will be two (2) \$300 aluminum can scholarships awarded. You do not have to be related to a Knights of Columbus member. Please see Mrs. Simerly, Mrs. Hensel or email bohenkamp.dave@gmail.com for application(s). You can apply for one or both (if you qualify). The deadline to return a completed application is April 15th.

SUMMER 2016 CAMP MOUNT MICHAEL is an overnight summer fun camp for boys age 7-14. For nearly 50 years, Camp Mount Michael, Elkhorn, NE, has been providing boys summers filled with outdoor adventure & new friendships. Activities include campouts, horseback riding, archery, swimming, hiking, Olympic Day, & so much more! For a registration packet, contact Mr. Dylan Parlor, Camp Director, at 402-238-1457 or camp@mountmichael.org

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL WILL BE OFFERING A VARIETY OF SUMMER CAMP opportunities for 3rd - 8th grade students. Basketball, Soccer, Softball & Volleyball camps will be offered. Eligible participants include students entering grades 3rd - 8th in the 2016-17 school year. Camp registration forms & details may be found at www.mercyhigh.org in the "Camps" tab. To register for camps & remit payment, please go to the following link: bit.ly/2016mercysummercamps Deadline to register is Tues., May 3rd. Questions? please contact Jeff Burkey at Mercy High School at 402-553-9424 or email : burkeyj@mercyhigh.org

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FEEDER TEAM This is for any girl who will be in 5th-8th grades for the 2016-17 school year & is interested in playing basketball for the feeder teams for the Mercy basketball program. Sign up will be completed online. Deadline for signing up is May 20th. Please follow the link to sign up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0B4FAAA62DA5FC1-jrmonarchs The clinic will begin on Sept. 17th & run every Sat. (unless otherwise noted) from 9- 10:30 a.m. Practice/Tryouts for League Play will begin on Nov. 14th - time TBA. CYO League play will begin the 1st week of Dec. Cost will be \$100 - \$175 based on the number of participants that sign up. Includes the cost of the clinic, league, tournaments & uniforms. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Stara by email at staras@mercyhigh.org

MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 28 - APRIL 3

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Kathy Jones Int. Meg Collins Int
Wednesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Betty Louk +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joe Thibodeau + Winkleman Family Living and Deceased
Sunday	7:30 AM	Mathilda Kramer + Margaret Manson +
	10:30 AM	PJ Int. Geri Yanes +

THE WEEK AHEAD**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NO NERI DOLLARS SOLD

MONDAY, MARCH 28

NO SCHOOL - PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

TUESDAY, MARCH 29

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

NO SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 A.M. **CLASSES RESUME** - School

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 31

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 1

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 2

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SUNDAY, APRIL 3

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

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

Our Second Graders will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 10 at 10:30 Mass.

Our Eighth Graders will have Confirmation Practice on Sunday, April 17th – at 11:30 a.m. Confirmation will be Wednesday, April 20th – at 7:00 p.m. in Church.

THE NEED IS GREAT! Please Bring One Food Item (example: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Rice, Canned Soup, Vegetables or Fruit) for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Box in Church next weekend. Any loose change or dollar bills dropped in the Poor Box would also be appreciated.

BAILEYS AND SHUCKS RESTAURANTS will donate 10% of the total ticket price to the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry on Tuesday, April 5!

SVDP PANTRY SUMMER VOLUNTEERS At least two of our volunteers who help every Tuesday & Thursday have summer commitments & won't be able to help as consistently. Can you or someone you know help fill the gap? High school & college age students are

welcome during the summer. Call Karen Langan for more info. at 402-731-2641.

FREE ORGANIC COMPOST Resembles Black Dirt for gardens – Tilled shavings & horse manure – must come out & pick it up. Call Rose Edwards at 402-571-2171.

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH DEMENTIA SERIES This is a FREE educational series designed especially for CAREGIVERS (who cannot attend sessions during the work week) who are interested in learning about the different types of dementia as well as how to manage symptoms. The dates are: Saturdays – April 2 & May 7 from 9:30-12:30 at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church at 510 N. 93rd St. The information and sharing helps participants understand how to give the best possible care to loved ones. Participants are asked to attend both sessions. For more info. or to register contact Chris Lund at CLUND@ST-TIMOTHYS.COM or call 402-391-1144.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – APRIL 3 DAY OF GRACE PROGRAM Christ the King Church 654 S. 86 St. 2 – 6 pm The Chaplet of Divine Mercy along with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be at 3 pm & Holy Mass at 5 pm. For more info. call 402-498-9871.

A DAY AWAY: CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER SATURDAY, APRIL 9

"Love one another as I have loved you" invites us all to be caregivers – of parents, of children, of each other. AND please note – also gives of care to ourselves. What does the "who," "how," "when" of care look like & feel like? Inquire here!

Consider gifting a caregiver you know with this day. Cost: \$25 To register, contact Sr. Margaret Stratman at Servite Center of Compassion 402-951-3026.

SPIN: SPIRITUAL INTIMACY IN MARRIAGE RETREAT, April 9 - 10, weekend retreat, co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Omaha & the Pro Sanctity Movement, at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, with John Gresham, Ph.D., & his wife Mary Jane. Married couples grow in spiritual intimacy with each other & with the Lord when they pray together. This retreat teaches some simple methods for praying together & gives opportunities to practice them as a couple. Everyone from newlyweds to older married couples will learn some spiritual practices that will help them to enter more fully into the grace of their sacrament of matrimony. For more info., call 402-352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

HOLY SPIRIT ALIVE: SPIRITUAL RENEWAL IN YOUR LIFE, FAMILY AND PARISH, April 23, with Fr. Jeffrey P. Lorig. "When you send forth your Spirit, they shall be created; and you shall renew the face of the earth" (Psalm 104). In preparation for Pentecost, this 1-day retreat will be an opportunity to let the Holy Spirit come to life in one's personal prayer life, family, & parish. When our life with God is fully alive, there's no stopping the Holy Spirit from transforming & building up the people around us. Fee: \$30. Lunch is available for \$10.50 (includes tax). For more info. call 402-352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

Jesus, Prince of Peace, you have asked us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. We pray for our enemies and those who oppose us. With the help of the Holy Spirit, may all people learn to work together for that justice which brings true and lasting peace. To you be glory and honor forever and ever.

