

Dear Parishioners,

I wanted to take some time in this week’s column to share some information regarding essential tremor which I was diagnosed with over 15 years ago.

Essential tremor (ET) is a neurological condition that causes a rhythmic trembling of the hands, head, voice, legs or trunk. Some even feel an internal shake. It is often confused with Parkinson’s disease although ET is eight times more common, affecting an estimated 10 million Americans alone. Because of stereotypes and a lack of awareness, many people with ET never seek medical care though many would benefit from treatment.

Essential tremor is a life-altering condition that makes everyday living a test of ingenuity, perseverance and self-esteem. Daily activities such as writing a letter, dressing and eating cause frustration that can lead to stress with temporarily worsening tremor. While a cure for ET has not yet been found, medications may help improve quality of life. If ET is mild and not bothersome, one may not need treatment. However, if ET interferes with the ability to work, perform daily activities, or interact socially, one may want to consider available therapies. The goal of treatment is to reduce the severity of tremor to improve daily functioning such as eating, drinking, writing, and typing, as well as to reduce social embarrassment.

Medications are estimated to be effective for about 50 percent of patients and they rarely completely eliminate tremor; therefore, it is important to have realistic expectations about drug therapy.

Please know that I am grateful for your prayers and for your help in distributing communion and for being faithful to your assigned times. I share this information to keep you informed. Essential tremor is progressive, but it is not life-threatening. There are many heavier crosses that people are struggling with every day. Let us continue to pray for one another and be a source of strength and support for one another on our journey of faith - one of the many strengths of our parish family!

**Blessings,
Fr. John**

Question of the Week – Describe the spiritual inheritance you hope to leave to your family and friends?

Reading 1 Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Reading 2 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

Reflection: As so often happens, Jesus tells a parable because someone has asked him a question. A man wants him to settle a squabble about an inheritance, but Jesus will have no part of it.

Concern about money prevents people from focusing on the reign of God. The parable of the rich farmer shows how foolish it is to keep piling up possessions. Right when the greedy man is gorging himself on food and drink, he dies. Death prevents any chance of reform.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF JULY 17 - 23		DID YOU KNOW... THAT OUR PARISH FALL FESTIVAL WILL BE SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24? Plans are being made that will surely make our festival the talk of the town! New this year we will celebrate Mass in the Grass! Our Beer Garden will be a great place to watch the Huskers with your friends! You should be receiving your letter in the mail with an opportunity to buy raffle tickets. Please help us get the word out! It is truly a party for the entire community!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$18,481.47	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$4,942.59	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$13,538.88	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$38,528.86	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$72,957.83	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$34,428.97)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

AUGUST 6/7

- ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Amir Ring, Craig Taylor
 10:30 AM: Sophia Minturn, Jerad Peck
CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Autumn-Rose Barnes, Kobe Mulcahy
 10:30 AM: Tiana Earlywine, Ryan Greenwood
LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly
 7:30 AM: Ilene Sedlacek

DEACON:

EMHCs:

- 10:30 AM: Jan Sammons
 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Kim Hill, Theresa O’Neill, Jacquie Dahlin, Mary Ann Taylor, Need 1 volunteer
 7:30 AM: Regina Cronkhite, Larry Ziska, Bob and Betty Jones, George Moon, Need 1 volunteer

- 10:30 AM:** Kelli Brock, Tamatha Buell, Ellen and Wayne Russell, Need 2 volunteers
- GIFTBEARERS:**
 - 5:00 PM:** Lampe Family
 - 7:30 AM:** Haines Family
 - 10:30 AM:** Taborsky Family
- MUSICIANS:**
 - 5:00 PM:** Colleen and the Church Ladies
 - 10:30 AM:** Kim Becker, Deanna Reilly, Deb Van Erdewyck
- NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:**
 - 5:00 PM:** Lynn Ingraham
 - 7:30 AM:** Nancy Core
 - 10:30 AM:** Jane Cheese
- COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Kathy Rossitto, Mary Fink
- COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Sharon Olson, April Collamer
- IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Bill Cheese, Dave Parks
- 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, Mark Lampe

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE PARISH SUMMER SALE! Special thanks to each of you who worked the sale. It really does take many hands to make the sale happen and we could not do it without you!

COME JOIN IN THE FUN! Our Fall Festival is Sept. 24th & filled with things to do! It's an all day affair, starting with our 5K Hills of Florence Challenge, a great cook-out, music, games, & activities. An expanded country store you MUST explore! We will have Mass on the Grass & an evening with Huskers on the screen, snacks, & refreshments in our beer garden! Welcoming volunteers – 1st come, 1st serve – pick you're an activity you enjoy!

*It's a party for our entire community!
Bring your family, friends and neighbors!*

ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH MAKE UP THE ALTAR SOCIETY. If you don't belong to a Circle, you are considered an inactive member. We collect inactive dues (\$10) this time each year so we can pay for the Altar Breads, Missals and other special projects in the parish. Please send your dues (\$5 for active members/\$10 for inactive members) to the Parish Office or put them in the collection basket at church with "Altar Society" noted on the envelope. Thank you to those who have already donated!

ATTENTION CRAFTERS! Your talents are needed for the Fall Festival Country Store! As you are making items, please remember items are needed for the Country Store. We plan for this to be the BIGGEST & BEST Festival Country Store!

CHRISTIAN HUMOR The room was full of pregnant women & their partners, & the class was in full swing. The instructor was teaching the women how to breathe properly, along with informing the men how to give the necessary assurances at this stage of the plan. The teacher then announced, "Ladies, exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial.

And, gentlemen, it wouldn't hurt you to take the time to go walking with your partner." The room got quiet. Finally, a man in the middle of the group raised his hand. "Yes?" replied the teacher. "Is it all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

Mass Intentions August 1 – 7

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Donna Sobotka + PJ +
Thursday	8:15 AM	John Gubbels + Amie Forget' Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joe Thibodeau + Iona Dempsey +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Rod Manson + Patricia Sedlacek +
	10:30 AM	Sam and Marie Troia Int.

THE NOTRE DAME SISTERS HAVE BEEN SERVING FOR MORE THAN 105 YEARS IN THE FLORENCE AREA, Omaha & throughout the Midwest. They have invited more than 130 volunteers to attend an appreciation event in our Parish Center to express their gratitude to them for their assistance in helping the Sisters in their ministries, including Safe Homes, the Coalition on Human Trafficking, Notre Dame Housing, Social Justice education, tribal reservation ministry, international relief work, & prayer ministry. If you would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities with the Notre Dame Sisters, please contact Scot Adams, P.h.D. at 402-455-2994 or sadams@notredamesister.org

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 4TH IS REGISTRATION NIGHT FROM 4PM - 7PM! All prior year's tuition, service hours & childcare fees must be paid in full for your child(ren) to be registered on Aug. 4th. All families are expected to pay the registration fee & first month's tuition on that night unless prior arrangements have been made with the Tuition Assistance Board. The pre-registration fee &/or kindergarten registration fee that you paid last spring will be deducted from the amount you owe on registration night. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 402-315-3500.

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR SPN VOLLEYBALL! Registration forms are available at the doors of Church. Please pick up the form & return it to the SPN School office by August 10th!

**THE WEEK AHEAD
SUNDAY, JULY 31**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

4:00 P.M. **REGISTRATION FOR 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR** - School

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

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SEVEN OAKS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION CELEBRATION – Parish Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! There will be an Altar Society Leader Meeting on Saturday, August 13th at 9 a.m. in the Parish Center.

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

If you are going to be making Purchases at Old Navy, Gap, Or Banana Republic; **PLEASE** consider buying Neri Dollar Gift Cards to use for your



Purchases. They are offering almost 20% discount on their gift cards. Cabela’s is offering 14%. This back to school special is for 2 weeks only! This amount of discount is HUGE so please plan your purchase and use Neri Dollars!

Thank you again to those of you who have registered for the Bakers Community Rewards program. We have received the check for this quarter for \$83.14! If you have not enrolled in the program, the website is:

www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards Go to the above website to sign in or create an account. Be sure to enter the NPO number 14158. ...also...

If you have a smart phone, **please** consider putting the “TAGG” app on your phone! **“Together A Greater Good”**
There is no cost to you!

The Parish will receive 5% of your purchases from the charitable-minded businesses each month. We must have a minimum of 20 “TAGG’s” per month to continue with the program.

All special preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS AND BAKERS:

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish is making a change in our annual Altar Society Bake Sale and Boutique. It is now going to be a Craft Show and Bake Sale, held in our Activity Center on Sat., November 19, 2016. We are still asking all women to please bake for this **ALL DAY EVENT**. We will need items to be dropped off Friday evening at the Activity Center. ALL proceeds from the bake sale & table rentals will go to the Altar Society’s funds to help pay for Hosts (Altar Breads), Missals, & other Altar Society funded events.

If you are a CRAFTER & interested in a table or tables for the Craft Show, please contact Beverly Baer at 402-650-1104 or email at bbaer1234@aol.com for details. There is a deadline for registrations so don’t wait. Spaces will be filled on a first come-first serve basis & are open to the public.

TEMPORARY CHANNEL FOR MASS FOR THE SHUT-INS People wanting to view the Omaha Serra Club’s Mass for Shut-Ins will have to tune into a different channel each Sunday, July 17 through Aug. 21 as NBC-TV covers sports, including the 2016 Summer Olympics.

Usually broadcast on WOWT Channel 6 for the homebound & people in hospitals & nursing homes, it will temporarily move to WOWT’s affiliate, “Antenna TV,” which is available through Cox Cable-Omaha, Channel 126; Century Link-Omaha, Channel 9; & through TV antennas on Channel 6.3. It will continue to be aired at 10:30 a.m.

The Mass also is available every Sunday via the Archdiocese of Omaha’s website at archomaha.org/news/gallery. It will return to WOWT-Channel 6 on Aug. 28.

PLEASE BRING ONE FOOD ITEM (example: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Rice, Canned Soup, Vegetables or Fruit) for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Barrels in Church next weekend. Any loose change or dollar bills dropped in the Poor Box would also be appreciated.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP If your cancer has come back, or you’re living with chronic cancer treatments, this group will focus on ways to help you feel better, cope with cancer, deal with treatment, & lift each other’s spirits. The group meets the second & fourth Tuesday of each month, 4:00-5:30 p.m., at the Servite Center of Compassion, 7400 Military Ave.

THE SERVITE CENTER OF COMPASSION offers support to help those dealing with dementia in loved ones. The group meets with facilitator Nancy Flaherty, MS, CDP, the first Thursday of each month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at 7400 Military Ave. There is no cost. To register, call Sr. Margaret Stratman at 402-951-3026.

Tongues as of Fire Aug. 5-7 with Fr. Bob Dufford, SJ Weekend retreat at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, NE What do I see, hear, smell, etc.? Fr. Bob will use specially composed instrumental music and texts to help retreatants enter into moments in the life of Jesus. Please bring your iPod, iPad, MP3 player, or computer. (CD players may also be used but only for a few.) To register, call 402-352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

BENEFIT FOR JEREMY ADLER at The Forgot Store on August 6th will be a Beer Frisbee Tourney & Spaghetti Feed. An account has been set up at US Bank for Jeremy Adler. You can donate at any US Bank location.

SS. PETER & PAUL PARISH FESTIVAL IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 12-8 p.m. at the church, 5912 S. 36th St. There will be food, beer, rides, prizes, & live music. This year features a \$10,000 grand prize drawing. For more info, call the Parish Office at 402-731-4578.

The Florentine Players Present – RUN FOR YOUR WIFE Aug. 11-13 7 p.m. at the Florence Hall Bottomless Beer & Pop \$5, Friday only: 402BBQ Food Truck from 6-7 p.m. Tickets: \$10 ea., \$8 for seniors (65+) For reservations call 402-455-6341.

SEPT. 22-24 MADE IN HIS IMAGE: HUMAN DIGNITY IN A SECULAR WORLD The conference will focus on topics that pose important ethical questions for us as Catholics in our modern, secular age. The conference portion will consist of a Thursday evening event & presentations on Fri. & Sat. The banquet portion will be the annual Bishops' Pro-Life Reception & Dinner. Up to 10.25 CEUs available for eligible healthcare professionals. For more information, visit family.archomaha.org/respecting-life/conference/

