

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday Pope Francis will canonize Blessed Mother Teresa. Her works of charity, mercy, and kindness have served as an inspiration to countless people throughout the world. May her words of wisdom and holy example guide us on our own journey of faith.

Please remember me in your prayers this week as I make my annual retreat. Thank you all for your birthday wishes, cards, and gifts. It is truly a blessing to be 31 plus 10 plus 7.

**Blessings,
Fr. John**

Question of the Week – What makes a Saint?

There are three steps necessary for a person to become a saint. First, the person must be named Venerable, which means he or she exhibited heroic virtues in life. Before moving on to beatification, the person must have a miracle attributed to him or her. Once such a miracle is confirmed, the person is known as Blessed. For the final step before canonization, the individual must have yet another miracle attributed to his or her intercession —unless he or she was a martyr for the faith. Only then is a person canonized and added to the list of saints.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF AUGUST 21 – 27		DID YOU KNOW... Our school has brand new religion books?!? Due to the enormous generosity of one of our parishioners, we were able to purchase \$7,000.00 in new religion books for our students. Our school is truly the best! Thank you to all that make St. Philip Neri School possible. You are making a difference!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$14,537.56	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$11,315.96	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$3,221.60	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$151,101.81	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$187,000.88	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$35,899.07)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

SEPTEMBER 10/11

- ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Kristen Ellett, Gracie Murphy
10:30 AM: Wyatt Brungardt, Kobe Mulcahy
- CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Amir Ring, Craig Taylor
10:30 AM: Sam Parys, Ryan Pfeiffer
- LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten
7:30 AM: Larry Ziska
10:30 AM: Kelli Brock
- DEACON:** 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
- EMHCs:** 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Kim Hill, Theresa O'Neill, Diane Sullivan, Wayne Russell, Jeanette Pinker
7:30 AM: Norine Hoffman, Mary Todd, Bob and Betty Jones, George and Marsha Moon
10:30 AM: Bev Baer, Roy Edwards, Mary Fink, Fannie Parker, Rick McShane, Dave Parks
- GIFTBEARERS:** 5:00 PM: O'Neill Family
7:30 AM: Kathy Rossitto
10:30 AM: Wolodkewitsch Family
- MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies
10:30 AM: Kim Becker and Friends
- NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Joni Locher
7:30 AM: Mary Todd
10:30 AM: Kara Rief
- COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** DeLynne Clausen, Laurel Hamilton, Bruno Kozimor, Dorothy Polan
- COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Rita Ziska, David Krueger

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

- AUGUST 500 CLUB WINNERS - \$130-** Kathy Rossitto, \$70 - Rob Marshall, \$30 - Tom Locher, \$25 - Jim Dahlin
\$20 - Jane Colling, Ann Taylor, Tom Sammons
\$15 - Bobbi Gatrost, Judy Bahle, Mary Johnson, Patricia Adams

We receive the gifts of God with a grateful spirit. St. Jude, help us to see the blessings that surround us and give us life. We offer you our prayer of thanksgiving. Give us the grace to be forever thankful for God's love and mercy, and the gift of life each day. May this gratitude inspire us to give generously of ourselves to others—in our actions, in our prayers, and in our fortune however small that may be. Be with us now, St. Jude. Linger with us in gratitude, and let thanks fill our hearts, washing away our pains and troubles. May we desire nothing except to be in God's presence, and to learn from you to be an example of hope, love, and thanksgiving to everyone we meet. Amen.

BIBLE STUDY ON MATTHEW begins this week on Tuesday, Sept. 6 in the Parish Center at 7PM. ***** There will **NOT** be a class at Seven Oaks on Wednesday mornings. **We will meet on Wednesday in the Conference room of the School Activity**

Center at 9:00 AM. Please remember to come! It is an exciting look into the growth of our Church right after Jesus ascended into Heaven.

WISDOM & WORKS of MERCY Beginning Sept. 13th, join us!!! Tuesdays at 9:15 am in the Parish Center for a small-group DVD & book by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC The Most Holy Trinity brings our faith from our heads, to our hearts, & into our lives. Optional book fee & child care For more info., call Erin [402-619-3523](tel:402-619-3523)

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!*

Mass Intentions September 5 - 11

Monday	8:15 AM	No Mass or Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Thursday	8:15 AM	No Mass or Communion Service
Friday	8:15 AM	No Mass or Communion Service
Saturday	5:00 PM	Our Parish Family Int.
Sunday	7:30 AM	Patricia Sedlacek + Renie Murray + Joe Reeves + Mary Beth Clark +
	10:30 AM	

CHRISTIAN HUMOR

- I find it ironic that the colors red, white & blue stand for freedom, until they're flashing behind you.
- Today a man knocked on my door & asked for a small donation towards the local swimming pool, so I gave him a glass of water.
- I changed my password to "incorrect" so whenever I forget it the computer will say, "Your password is in-correct."
- Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- Doesn't expecting the unexpected mean that the un-expected is actually expected?
- Television may insult your intelligence, but nothing rubs it in like a computer.

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. If you have any extra produce – (that you are not saving or canning for our Fall Festival), the pantry could use it! Any loose change or dollar bills dropped in the Poor Box would also be appreciated.

ST. PHILIP NERISCHOOL

“Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord”

HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR’S CASH FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM begins Thursday, Sept. 1st & continues through Saturday, Dec. 31, & includes all fourteen Omaha & Council Bluffs Hy-Vee stores. **Here’s how it works:** Parents, grandparents, staff & administrators shop at any of the Hy-Vee stores. Please turn in your receipts to the school. Hy-Vee records & totals the receipts collected by each school & agrees to donate \$1 for every \$200 spent. The maximum award to be donated per school is \$2,000.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & PLAN TO ATTEND the Open House at St. Philip Neri School on Thursday, September 8 from 5-7 p.m.

GIRLS’ RELIGIOUS AWARDS is a national award program for girls ages 7-18 and is open to all Catholic girls of the Archdiocese. It is strongly encouraged that new adult advisors attend the orientation meeting on Thursday, Sept. 22. This meeting will begin at 7pm at the Office of Evangelization & Catechesis located at 3300 N. 60 St. in Mercy Hall. Questions? Please contact Beth Carlson: 402-557-5610 or bccarlson@archomaha.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD – During 10:30

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – LABOR DAY!

NO SCHOOL

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

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PLEASE REMEMBER TO PLAN TO DONATE TO THE COUNTRY STORE AT THE FALL FESTIVAL WHEN HARVESTING YOUR GARDENS OR SPLITTING YOUR PLANTS. This is sure to be the biggest and best Country Store ever - with your help and donations!

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

No Frills and Bag & Save Neri Dollars **can** be used at Family Fare! Family Fare does not accept Food 4 Less gift cards. We have *on hand* – Neri Dollars for all local area grocery stores in \$25, \$50, & \$100 gift cards. Check the on-hand and pre-order list located at the doors of Church for all your shopping needs.



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.

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.

VIGIL FOR LIFE MASS AND ROSARY PROCESSION SEPT. 3 AT 8 am – 12 pm Join Archbishop Lucas in a pro-life prayer vigil Mass & rosary procession on Sat., Sept. 3, 8 a.m. at St. Mary Church, 2302 Crawford St., Bellevue. The procession will lead to the local abortion facility under the supervision of the Bellevue Police Department. Exposition of the Eucharist with the rosary will be offered in the church for those unable to process. A reception will follow the closing Benediction.

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH DEMENTIA SERIES The Servite Center of Compassion is offering a two part educational series designed for caregivers. The series is the second Saturday of the month, Sept. 10th & Oct. 8th, 9:30 am - 12:30 p.m., 7400 Military Ave. Please plan to attend **BOTH** sessions. This program is especially for working persons who cannot attend the series during the work week. To register, contact: Sr. Margaret Stratman at 402-951-3026 or

PLEASE JOIN US! Sunday, Sept. 11th St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Bazaar, 106 N. 4th St., Petersburg, NE with Mass at 10 a.m., Meal from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Meal (Free Will Donation) in Werner Hall, serving: Pork Loin, Sausage, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, cucumbers, tomatoes & desserts. Kids' Activities & Social Garden begin at 1 p.m. includes Auction, Parish Raffle, & Quilt Raffle.

Ignatian Spirituality Opportunity at Creighton Prep

CP Parents Praying with St. Ignatius invites Prep student parents, grandparents, alumni parents & friends of Prep to participate in a unique adaptation of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Fr. Kevin Schneider, SJ, & the Facilitator Team will lead you in prayer & discussion of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius & share ways to apply this very practical, Catholic spirituality to everyday life. Periodically, members of the Prep Jesuits, faculty, staff & administration serve as guest speakers, sharing their spiritual journey & how they integrate their faith with their work. We meet on the second Monday of each month from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Chapel at Prep, 7400 Western Ave., (accessed through the east doors to the building). Scheduled prayer meetings are: Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 6, Mar 13, Apr 10 & May 8. You are welcome to join us for any or all of the meetings. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Lisa Scherer (lscherer3885@gmail.com or 402-630-6171).

UPCOMING RETREATS AT ST. BENEDICT CENTER, SCHUYLER, NE, Register at www.StBenedictCenter.com For more information, call 402-352-8819.

Praying with our Senses: Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord, Sept. 16-18, with Benedictine Oblate Jodi Blazek Gehr. "Make prayer the first step in anything worthwhile that you attempt" (St. Benedict). God created us in our bodies to fully experience the world through our senses of taste, touch, smell, sight & hearing. By using our senses, in conjunction with our emotions, imagination, creativity & intuition, we can grow in connection to self, God & others. Engage your senses in diverse prayer practices like Visio and Lectio Divina, journaling, guided meditation, contemplation & Mass, using words, images, music, creativity, & movement. The retreat is a great opportunity to reflect on our way of life. Starts Friday at 7:30 PM.

Transitioning into the Third Chapter of Life, Oct. 1-2, with Sr. Marie Micheletto, RSM & life coach Nancy Hemesath, M.A. This is an opportunity to explore the spiritual & psychological riches available in retirement years. Extended life expectancy potentially offers years of growth, creativity, contribution to our communities, & deepening our relationship with Christ. Designed to support participants to shape the life they will love to live physically, mentally, emotionally, & spiritually. Begins Sat. at 9:30 AM.

Contemplative Photography: Seeing With the Eyes of the Heart, Oct. 8, with Rita Otis. Seeing & taking photographs with the eyes of the heart is photography as meditation – contemplative photography. It is an "easy focus" way of photography that is about invitation rather than capture. This retreat offers ways to strengthen the spiritual muscle of seeing with the heart. Participants need to bring their own camera & journal. A lap top to download photos is optional. Program fee: \$30. Lunch is available for \$10.50 (includes tax).

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY SEEKING A JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH for the 2016-17 season. Interested candidates should send a resume & cover letter to Jeff Burkey at burkeyj@mercyhigh.org

"EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS" – "About the Death Penalty: Repeal or Retain?" Presented by Ellen Moore, Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) & "Retain a Just Nebraska" who will help us understand this history, learn death penalty facts, & **untangle the ballot language** so we can vote our conscience on Nov. 8th. Join us on Sept. 15, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Seven Oaks at Notre Dame, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole. For more information, call 402-982-9933.

EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT THE DENTENTION OF ASYLUM-SEEKING MOTHERS & CHILDREN by attending an information session on Thurs., Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Urban Abbey, 1026 Jackson St.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT THE ASSOCIATE PROGRAM OF THE NOTRE DAME SISTERS. Associates of the Notre Dame Sisters are men & women who feel called to live out their Baptismal commitment through the Notre Dame Sisters' charism, tradition, history & mission. Join us on Sept. 22, from 7-8 p.m. at the Notre Dame Sisters' Campus at 3501 State St. Enter by the west door. Please RSVP by contacting Mary Brown at 402-455-2994 x101 or email mbrown@notredamesisters.org



SEPT. 22-24 MADE IN HIS IMAGE: HUMAN DIGNITY IN A SECULAR WORLD 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/

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.

People are often unreasonable and self-centered
FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY
 If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives
BE KIND ANYWAY
 If you are honest, people may cheat you
BE HONEST ANYWAY
 If you find happiness, people may be jealous
BE HAPPY ANYWAY
 The good you do today may be forgotten
DO GOOD ANYWAY
 Give the world your best and it may never be enough
GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY
 for you see, in the end it is between
YOU AND GOD
 It was never between you and them anyway

-Mother Teresa

