

Dear Parishioners,

Recently you received a letter from Archbishop Lucas asking for your generous support of the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal funds many ministries which serve our parish such as religious education programs, youth ministry, sacramental preparation, food pantries, and Catholic education. Your support assists in the continuation of the tradition of charity and stewardship. Please use this week as a time to reflect on the gifts we have received, pray about how God wants us to use those gifts, and respond with the amount we will give back to support our archdiocesan Church. As this appeal continues, please consider the many ways you have been blessed. May we discover the treasure that comes from giving of our selves and taking care of those around us. Our parish goal for this campaign is \$31,440.00.

The 5K Halfway to Heaven Hills of Florence Challenge and Parish Festival is fast approaching. Our committee is finalizing their plans to make this the best festival yet. Please plan to spend the entire day with us and be sure to invite your family and friends to join in the fun.

Blessings,

Fr. John Andrews

Question of the Week –Why do we pray the rosary?

You've probably heard the expression knock on wood. But what you might not know is that one derivation of this popular saying refers to one of our own Catholic traditions—the recitation of the rosary. The rosary was a physical representation of inner faith, and it was natural to touch it when you were in distress or pain. “Knocking” rosary beads together, people said, was a sure means to get an answer to your prayer!

It comes from a Latin word, *rosarium*, meaning “a garden of roses,” which doesn’t sound as if it has very much to do with praying. But in the 13th century, a garland of roses was used as a crown for a secular lady, and that practice was extended to statues of Mary; so the devotion to her took on the name of that garland.

So why the rosary now? Part of the answer has to do with its very intimacy. The rhythm of the prayers, coupled with the fact that many Catholics have been reciting them since early childhood, makes the rosary a familiar touchstone in a world that often feels very unfamiliar and chaotic indeed.

Moreover, one of the truths of the Catholic Church is that it is an incarnational Church, concerned with articles of daily life: with bread, wine, homes, and relationships. The fact that the rosary is an object, part of the material world, can help to celebrate the incarnational side of our religion—and remind us all of where we started, and who we are.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4 - 10	DID YOU KNOW...
WEEKLY REVENUE \$15,359.43	The sponsorship for our Parish Festival next Saturday is doing great? So far we have received \$2,700.00 toward general festival expenses and \$600.00 toward Hill Challenge expenses! Raffle ticket sales are currently over \$7,000.00!! If you would like to sponsor the Parish Festival or the Hill Challenge, please contact Marie at the Parish Office.
WEEKLY EXPENSES \$16,370.71	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) (\$1,011.28)	Thank you to everyone working so hard to make our Festival a success! This is gonna be a good one!!!
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE \$180,617.01	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES \$229,863.65	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) (\$49,246.64)	

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Fest

See you on September 24th! You can't win if you don't play! Get your raffle ticket today!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
5:00 PM:
ALTAR SERVERS: Autumn-Rose Barnes,
 Wyatt Brungardt
CANDLE BEARERS: Jackson Cramer,
 Marianna Stevenson
LECTORS: Hugh Reilly
EMHCs: Jacquie Dahlin, Theresa O'Neill,
 Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda,
 Ellen Russell
GIFTBEARERS: O'Neill Family
MUSICIANS: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends
NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Susan Matsunami
USHERS: Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek,
 Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25
7:30 AM:
LECTORS: Richard Henkenius
EMHCs: Regina Cronkhite, Bev Demkowski
 Maria Hackenberg,
 Bonnie Shea, Michelle Zuber
GIFTBEARERS: McDonald Family
NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: Judy Bahle
USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek,
 Chuck Holderness,
 Chuck Livengood

10:30 AM:
ALTAR SERVERS: Tiana Earlywine,
 Andrew Fink
CANDLE BEARERS: Ryan Greenwood,
 Sophia Minturn
LECTORS: Rich McShane
EMHCs: Trudie Ahlstrom,
 DeLynne Clausen,
 Mary Fink, Cathy Fluckey,
 Fannie Parker,
 Nancy Ryckman
GIFTBEARERS: Ryckman Family
MUSICIANS: Colleen Monti
 & the Church Ladies
NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: April Collamer
USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock,
 Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer,
 Mark Lampe

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bill Cheese, Norine Hoffman, Mary Todd
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Larry Ziska, Charlie Buell
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—THURSDAY, SEPT. 22: Roy Edwards, Rich McShane

If you and your family would like to bring the gifts to the altar during Mass, please call the Parish Office and give your name, Mass time preference, and email address – if you have one! We would love to add you to the schedule!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF DONALD NELSON, MANUEL ROSAS, JOANN BARRETT, FR. DONALD ZENK AND JIM GRAVES.
 Donald Nelson is the father – father-in-law of Chris and Sam Berkey, and grandfather of Carl, Eli, Claire and Evan Berkey. He was buried from Assumption Church.
 Joann Barrett is the mother-mother-in-law of Rob and Linda Barrett. There was a Celebration of Joann's Life Funeral Mass in Minnesota.
 Manuel Rosas is the father-father-in-law of Judy and Pat Haines, Lupe and Ana Rosas, and Juanita and Dale Bencker. Grandfather of Julian Rosas. He was buried from here this past Monday.
 Fr. Donald Zenk is the uncle of Jan and Tom Sammons. The funeral Mass was celebrated for Fr. Zenk this past Saturday in Austin, Minnesota.
 Jim is the husband of Sue Graves. The visitation with the family will be here from 5 – 7 p.m. today with the rosary at 7 p.m. The funeral service will be here tomorrow, Monday, Sept. 19 at 10:30 a.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PARISH FESTIVAL!
 You can drop off your items for the Country Store on Friday, Sept. 23rd from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. & again from 6 – 8 p.m. AND on Saturday, Sept. 24th from 8 – 11 a.m.
 There will be designated Handicapped Parking spots in front of the Activity Center & in the Presbyterian Church parking lot. Bring your lawn chair & join us for Mass on the Grass (In the Rosary Garden) at 5 p.m.

COME JOIN IN THE FUN! Our Fall Festival is Sept. 24th! 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 (Bring your lawn chair!) & an evening with Huskers on the screen, snacks, & refreshments in our beer garden!

WE NEED YOU!!! VOLUNTEERS...
 Please pick an activity that you would enjoy and call...

Games Emily O'Neill 402-616-0078 or Sarah Bohnenkamp 402-889-3697
Food Bruno Kozimor 402-455-3994 or Larry Ziska 402-451-3189
Country Store-Sweet Shop Marsha Moon 402-455-1485 or DeLynne Clausen 402-455-9610
Beer Garden David O'Neill 402-933-8192 or Rock Cramer 402-455-0432
Set Up and Clean Up Tim Kiuntke 402-571-8600
Where you need me most! Rick Elliott 402-573-6627 or Kim Hill 402-573-9467

Be sure to get your ticket for a chance to win \$2,500!!!
\$20 per chance!
 \$2,500 Grand Prize \$1,000 Second Prize
 \$500 Third Prize
 4th Prize is 1/4 of a hog (processed meat)
 5th through 10th prize is a choice of \$50 Neri Dollars
It's a party for our entire community!
Plan to bring your family, friends and neighbors!

SUPPORT OUR CUB SCOUTS! Cub Scout Pack 2 will be selling popcorn at the Festival this year! Come by & pick up a great gift tin, some microwave popcorn for snacking, or even some popping corn for making at home! This is our main fundraiser for the year, & helps us provide a great program for our K-5 boys. We will also be selling our popcorn at the doors of Church after Mass next weekend.

JOIN THE DINING GROUP AT JIM AND JENNIES GREEK VILLAGE; 3026 N. 90th St. on Wednesday, Sept. 28th at 6 p.m. Please RSVP to Maria Hackenberg at ph# 402-493-5697 or mhackenberg@hotmail.com

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS: NEED SERVICE HOURS? We need assistance with the volleyball games! Call Shelly at 402-740-5670 or email: spnactivity@gmail.com

Mass Intentions September 19 - 25

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Pat and Peg Ricketts Int. Donna Sobotka +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Mary Beth Clark + Sandra McGonigal Maresh +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Deacon Al LeClair + Mary Beauchene Int.
Saturday	5:00 PM	John Gubbels + Deceased Members of Circle #1 +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Bev Rawley + Tammy Gatrost +
	10:30 AM	Del Murphy + Greg Pinker +

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL ADULTS
Sponsored by That Man is You!
The Bible and the Virgin Mary
 DISCOVER

- Mary’s Scriptural Role in Salvation History
- Christ as the New Adam, Mary as the New Eve
- Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant
- Mary as Perpetual Virgin
- Mary as Our Mother

PROGRAM INFORMATION
 In this beautiful & awe-inspiring series based on Dr. Scott Hahn’s book *Hail, Holy Queen*, watch the Mary of doctrine & devotion come alive in a powerful, new way! Presented by Matthew Leonard, executive director of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, this study will present new discoveries to even the most well-read Catholics.
 When? Saturday mornings (12 sessions) beginning Oct. 1
 Where? Parish Center
 Schedule: 7:00 am – Gather/social
 7:30 am – 30 minute program video
 8:00 am – small group discussion
 8:30 am – dismiss

Program cost -- \$15 for participant books
 Please email or call Tom Carney to sign up or with any questions. 402-578-6879 or carneytom@yahoo.com

CHRISTIAN HUMOR I was reading an article last night about fathers and sons, and memories came flooding back of the time I took my son out for his first drink. Off we went to our local bar, which is only two blocks from the house. I got him a Miller Genuine. He didn't like it, so I drank it. Then I got him an Old Style; he didn't like it either, so I drank it. It was the same with the Coors and the Bud. By the time we got down to the Irish whiskey, I could hardly push the stroller back home.

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

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

PLEASE NOTE! PICTURE DAY at our school is Tues., Sept. 20th. All students in grades Pre-school through 8th grade will have their picture taken. Students are asked to either "dress up" or come in uniform that day. If you have any questions, please call the school office at 402-315-3500.

CALLING FOR FALL FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS

- We are in need of 2-liter pop, cookies for the cookie walk, tricycles, & pop up tents. Drop off the pop & cookies in the Activity Center on Thursday from 7:30-9:30 & 2:30-4:30 or Saturday morning.

You will receive one volunteer hour per donation.

- We still need many volunteers for the game booths. All time slots are available.

Please contact Sarah Bohnenkamp 402-889-3697 or Emily O’Neill 402-616-0078 if you have any questions or want to volunteer!

CLASS WITH THE MOST VOLUNTEERS WILL WIN A PIZZA PARTY!

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.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

EMHC’S MEETING - Sacristy - After Both Masses

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION KICK OFF** - School

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

6:30 P.M. **CUB SCOUTS** - Parish Center

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 8:15 A.M. **GRADES K – 4 SCHOOL MASS** – Church
- 9:15 A.M. **WISDOM AND WORKS OF MERCY BIBLE STUDY** - Parish Center Stage
- 7:00 P.M. **MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY** - Parish Center
- 7:00 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Activity Center Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 8:15 A.M. **GRADES 5 – 8 SCHOOL MASS** – Church
- 9:00 A.M. **MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY** - Activity Center Meeting Room
- 3:15 P.M. **LITTLE FLOWERS MEETING** - Parish Center

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** – Church
- 7:00 P.M. **RCIA** - Activity Center Meeting Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

NO SCHOOL – Teacher in Service

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

HILLS OF FLORENCE CHALLENGE AND PARISH FESTIVAL

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

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.

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 & best Country Store ever!

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS!
 St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Annual Altar Society Craft Show and Bake Sale, will be in our Activity Center on Sat., Nov. 19. 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 The deadline for registrations is fast approaching. Spaces will be filled on a first come-first serve basis & are open to the public.

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.

Celebrate The Jubilee Year of Mercy with the Life In The Spirit Seminar 2016
 You are invited to join the St. Margaret Mary Charismatic Prayer Group & deepen your spiritual life.
 When: Monday, September 19, 9:30 – 11:00 AM
 Where: St. Margaret Mary Church Suneg Center, lower level, 6116 Dodge St.
 Prepare to have your heart opened to a greater awareness of the Holy Spirit in your life. Free to all, men and women of all ages are welcome. Childcare is provided. To register via email, please contact khavranek@yahoo.com or call 402-681-3743

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

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

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~
 Now available!



We can pre-order \$10 Potbelly Sandwich Shop cards & we will receive a 8% rebate! Check the on-hand and pre-order list located at the doors of Church for all your shopping needs.
 All preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

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/

ST. JAMES 2ND ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE led by Fr. Toby on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 12:30 p.m. This peaceful, family-friendly event will begin at St. James with sack lunches for those who pre-register. Participants will then take part in a prayerful procession to Planned Parenthood on 93rd and Maple. Immediately following, Essential Pregnancy Services, located next to Planned Parenthood, invites participants for a light reception & open house. A bus will be available to transport participants who are not walking to Planned Parenthood & will also take all participants back to St. James. Parking is also available at Hope Evangelical Church. RSVP requested to stjamesforlife@gmail.com

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.

HEART OF A CHILD MINISTRIES gives pro-life presentations to schools & youth groups throughout the archdiocese. Junior high & high school age students have the opportunity to see live ultrasounds in the Nebraskans United for Life Ultrasound RV. We use professional ultrasound technicians, pro-life speakers & educators & volunteer drivers & pregnant women to bring forth this ministry. We are currently looking for new drivers & pregnant women to volunteer for our upcoming school year presentations beginning in October through May. If you are pregnant during this time & would like to show our youth the awesome miracle of life, or have experience driving large vehicles & helping to bring this presentation & ultrasound RV to schools & parishes, please call Nikki Schaefer, Director of Heart of a Child Ministries, at 402-968-5308. No special licensing necessary. More info. can also be found at www.HeartofaChildMinistries.org

SPN-BS FALL FESTIVAL TICKET/WRISTBANDS

PRE-SALE

TICKET SALES

PRE-SALE: 50 tickets for \$20.00 or 25 tickets for \$10.00

DAY OF: 50 tickets for \$25.00 or 25 tickets for \$12.50 or .50 each

*WRISTBAND SALES:

PRE-SALE: \$12.00

DAY OF: \$13.00

COMBO DEAL:

PRE-SALE: Wristband and 10 tickets: \$16.00

DAY OF: Wristband and 10 tickets: \$18.00

***WRISTBANDS WILL GIVE YOU UNLIMITED ACCESS TO NERF WARS AND
INFLATABLE FUN ALL DAY!**

Tickets can be redeemed for games, inflatable, nerf wars, cotton candy and ice cream



Pre-orders must be submitted by cash or check by Thursday, September 22nd.

For non SPN students, please mail your order and cash/check to:

St. Philip Neri School, Attn: Mary Fink 8202 N 31st St 68112.

Pre-orders can be picked up at the ticket sales booth day of the festival.

Family Name: _____

Number of tickets: _____ Number of wristbands: _____

Number of Combo Deals: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

**PLEASE CALL SARAH BOHNENKAMP 402-889-3697 OR EMILY O'NEILL 402-616-0078
TO VOLUNTEER OR WITH QUESTIONS.**

WILL YOU JOIN

The St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament 500 Club (NEW member sign-up*)

The 500 Club is a group of people, parishioners and non-parishioners that are interested in helping St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament financially and at the same time be eligible each month to win a cash prize.

Whether or not you are lucky enough to win a cash prize, you will be a winner. Almost half of your monthly dues are returned to the parish financial fund. In June the Club presented a check in the amount of \$3500.00 to the parish.

In addition, paid up members are invited as guests to the annual Appreciation Dinner held in October. At the dinner, a special drawing of six \$25 prizes is held for those fully-paid members in attendance.

Shortly after the 2nd Sunday in each month, 11 numbers are drawn from the paid-up pool. Members assigned to those numbers will receive an amount based on the number of paid members for that month.

For a nominal \$65 per year, you have 141 chances to be a winner. You may choose to pay semi-annually (\$32.00), or annually (\$65.00).

The new year begins October 1st. Dues (identified for the 500 Club) may be dropped in the collection basket or mailed to Lucia St. Cyr, (500 Club Coordinator) at 3714 Mormon St., Omaha, NE 68112. For more information, call one of the 500 Club coordinators.

Ted or Lucia St. Cyr
402-455-9859

Fill out the form below, attach your payment and mail or drop in the collection basket.

NEW member name:

Address:

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone Number: _____ **Pay Semi-Annually:** _____ **Annually:** _____

**Note: NEW members only, current members will receive renewal sign-up forms in the mail*