

Dear Parishioners,

Again a very special thank you to all who helped with this year’s Fall Festival! In spite of the rain, a good time was had by all. Thanks again to Rick and Lori Elliott and Bryan and Kim Hill who chaired this year’s festival and to all who helped in any way.

Thank you also to those who have contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. This appeal is every Catholic’s opportunity within the Archdiocese of Omaha to share in the work and the mission of the Church. We have currently received \$4,460 or 14.2% towards our goal of \$31,439.81. Your gift makes a real difference in the lives of many who are supported by our archdiocesan programs in spirituality, education, and outreach. With everyone’s help, we will easily be able to achieve our goal this year! Please remember to turn in your pledge card. You may mail it directly to the archdiocese or place it in the collection basket. If you have misplaced your card, please let me know and I will provide you with a new one.

Many have asked why we are bringing the water and the wine to the altar. The General Instruction on the Roman Missal (GIRM) paragraph 48 states that in the preparation of the gifts, the bread and the wine with water are brought to the altar. If you are scheduled to bring up the gifts, please bring up the water, wine and hosts that are on the offertory table.

Blessings,

Fr. John Andrews

Question of the Week – What is a Vocation?

In religious talk, the word *vocation* refers to three different things:

First is the common Christian vocation, which comes with baptism and is shared by all members of the Church. It consists in the commitment of faith and what follows from it: loving and serving God above all else, loving and serving neighbor as oneself, and collaborating in continuing the redemptive work of Christ, which is the mission of the Church.

The second meaning is state in life. A "state" puts some flesh on the bones of the common Christian vocation. It’s a broad, overarching commitment to a particular Christian lifestyle. As such, a state in life sets someone choosing it on a path that will shape his character through the countless choices and actions required to follow it to the end. The clerical life, the consecrated life, the state of marriage, and the single lay state in the world are states in life.

Third is personal vocation. It’s the unique combination of commitments, relationships, obligations, opportunities, strengths, and weaknesses—understood as representing God’s will—in and through which the common Christian vocation and a state in life are expressed by someone (priest, religious, layperson) trying to know and live the life God has in mind for him. It is the singular, unrepeatable role in his redemptive plan that God intends for each of us.

"Every life is a vocation," Pope John Paul II says. And so it is—a *unique, personal vocation*.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18 - 24		DID YOU KNOW... The 500 Club donation to St. Philip Neri-Blessed
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$43,031.49	Sacrament this year was \$3500.00? From now until the end of
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$11,444.12	October, we are signing up new & returning members. The
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$31,587.37	membership donation per person is \$65 for the year. Every
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$236,029.51	month we draw 11 winners with prizes ranging from \$130 to
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$303,269.59	\$15. The monthly prize money is determined each year by the
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$67,240.08)	number of members. If you win, checks are mailed to your home.
		There is a signup sheet in this bulletin – Sign up today!

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!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
5:00 PM:
ALTAR SERVERS: Grace Murphy,
 Lydia Treves
CANDLE BEARERS: Kristen Ellett,
 Cheyanne Jones
LECTOR: Theresa O'Neill
EMHCs: Jacquie Dahlin, Juli Bohnenkamp,
 Kim Hill, Mary Ann Taylor
 Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda
GIFTBEARERS: Treves Family
MUSICIANS: Colleen Monti
 & the Church Ladies
NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Susan Matsunami
USHERS: Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek,
 Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9
7:30 AM:
LECTOR: Ilene Sedlacek
EMHCs: Regina Cronkhite, Bonnie Shea,
 Bev Demkowski, Dorothy Polan
 Maria Hackenberg,
 Michelle Zuber
GIFTBEARERS: Breitreutz Family
NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Mary Todd
USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek,
 Chuck Holderness,
 Chuck Livengood

10:30 AM:
ALTAR SERVERS: Tiana Earlywine,
 Andrew Fink
CANDLE BEARERS: Ryan Greenwood,
 Sophia Minturn
LECTOR: Dave Parks
EMHCs: Trudie Ahlstrom,
 Mary Fink, Cathy Fluckey,
 Fannie Parker, Rita Ziska,
 Nancy Ryckman
GIFTBEARERS: Sammons Family
MUSICIANS: Kim Becker
NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Kara Rief
USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock,
 Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer,
 Mark Lampe

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Kelli Brock, Bob and Betty Jones, Joni Locher
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Rita Ziska, Dave Krueger
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6: Dorie Mittlieder, Kathy Rossitto

Mass Intentions October 2 - 9

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	William and Doralyn Huerter + Jack and LaVeta Danek +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Jack and Ann O'Connor + Mary Beth Clark +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Donna Sobotka + Colleen Minturn +
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Dorothy Rule + Deacon Al LeClair +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
	10:30 AM	Joe Reeves +
	AM	Colleen Minturn +

year by the number of members. If you win, checks are mailed to your home. In addition to the monthly winners, the 500 Club sponsors a dinner every October to thank our members for their support. There is no charge to current members to attend this dinner. Ted and I would like to thank all those who signed up for the 2015/16 year. Your dinner invitations have been mailed. So if you did not receive your invitation, please give us a call. If you would like to join, **as a new member**, there is a signup sheet in this week's bulletin. If you have any questions, please give us a call - Ted & Lucia St. Cyr, 402-455-9859.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF MARY LE CLAIR. Mary is daughter-in-law of Keith Le Clair and the sister-in-law of Mitzi Le Clair. Mary was buried from St. Bernard's Church this past Thursday.

29TH ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN Defend life & join in the Life Chain today, Sunday, Oct. 2nd from 2-3 p.m. Please note that this year our parish will be standing on the north side of Dodge St., going west from 62 St. You may obtain signs just before the event at the parking lots of St. Margaret Mary Church & the 8712 Building. All signs should be returned to the people or pick up sites from which they originated. Please contact Whitney Bradley, Respect Life Apostolate Coordinator with questions: wabradley@archomaha.org; 402-551-9003 x1306.

FALL LEAVES ARE FALLING IN THE COLOR OF GREEN ON THESE SEPTEMBER 500 CLUB WINNERS!

- \$130 - Evelyn Duckworth, \$70 - Therese O'Neill,
- \$30 - Nancy Core, \$25 - Joann Feller,
- \$20 - Don Schettler, Rita Livengood, Kelly Jones,
- \$15 - Robert Berry, Jim Lastovica, Rosemary Turner

You can be a winner and see your name in lights....okay see your name in the bulletin! The 500 Club membership drive is now until the end of October for new and returning members!
 The membership donation per person is \$65 for the year. Every month we draw 11 winners with prizes ranging from \$130 to \$15. The monthly prize money is determined each

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN OTHER CHRISTIANS DURING 40 DAYS FOR LIFE. Our parish will be praying at Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93rd St.) on **Sunday, October 16th from 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Please consider signing up to pray for one hour. Contact Mary Fink: 402-614-7677. For more information on the campaign, contact Liz at Lizm54@cox.net

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

Week 2:

- The Story of the Annunciation
- How Scripture connects Mary with the other great mothers of salvation history like Sarah, Rebekah, and Hannah
- Reflect on how Mary’s famous *Magnificat* prayer is connected to the Old Testament
- Introduction to typology and its importance in reading the Bible

Please email or call Tom Carney to sign up or with any questions. 402-578-6879 or carneytom@yahoo.com

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH IS OUR FIRST ST. PHILIP NERI "JIMMY JOHN'S" NIGHT. Support St. Philip Neri School & enjoy a great dinner from Jimmy John's anytime between 4:00 & 9:00 PM on Oct. 4th. Let the clerk know you are there to support **St. Philip Neri School** & they will give 15% of the proceeds back to our school. This offer is only good at the Jimmy John's at 7406 N. 30th St. in the shop or drive through. Come out & support St. Philip Neri School! Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE "OUR FAMILY" LABEL FUNDRAISER. We have been notified that this program has been discontinued. We will no longer collect the Our Family bar codes.

HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR’S CASH FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM continues through Saturday, Dec. 31, & includes

all fourteen Omaha & Council Bluffs Hy-Vee stores. **Here’s how it works:** Anyone who shops at any of the Hy-Vee stores can turn in their 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, OCTOBER 2

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

COFFEE AND ROLL RECEPTION AFTER MASS - Parish Center

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** – School

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:15 A.M. **GRADES K – 4 SCHOOL MASS** – Church

9:15 A.M. **WISDOM AND WORKS OF MERCY BIBLE STUDY** - Parish Center Stage

4:00 P.M. **SPN SCHOOL NIGHT AT JIMMY JOHN’S**

6:00 P.M. **ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT MEETING** - Parish Center Library

7:00 P.M. **MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY** - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

9:00 A.M. **MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY** - Activity Center Meeting Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** - Activity Center Meeting Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

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NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION – 2ND AND 8TH GRADES ONLY** – School

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

CHRISTIAN HUMOR “Poor old fool,” thought the gentleman as he watched an old man trying to fish in a puddle of water outside of the bar. He decided to invite the old man inside for a drink. As they sipped their whiskeys, the gentleman thought he’d humor the old man & asked, “So how many have you caught so far?” The old man replied, “You’re the eighth today.”

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



We can pre-order \$10 Potbelly Sandwich Shop cards & we will receive an 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.

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS AND BAKERS:
 St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Annual Craft Show and Bake Sale, will be held in our Activity Center on Sat., November 19. We are still asking all women to please bake for this ALL DAY EVENT. Items will need 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.

PONCA HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE - PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, Oct. 7 from 7a.m. until 1 p.m. All you can eat - Free will offering accepted! Fire Equipment will be on display!

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, current 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 members in attendance. Each month, 11 winners are drawn. For a nominal \$65 per year, you have 141 chances to be a winner. If you win, checks are mailed to your home. You may choose to pay semi-annually (\$32.00), or annually (\$65.00). The new year begins October 1st. The deadline to join is October 25, 2016. 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 the 500 Club coordinators: Ted or Lucia St. Cyr at 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 member’s** only, current members will receive renewal sign-up forms in the mail