

Dear Parishioners,

Special thanks to all who sent cards and well-wishes for Clergy Appreciation Day and for all who expressed their sympathy at Buddy’s passing. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

Please note that next week we will have a communion service on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday due to the Clergy Conference in Columbus. The Archbishop has called us together to discuss several items including how best to allocate our priests and utilize them most effectively.

Thanks to all who have donated to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. If you have not already done so, please be sure to send in your pledge card. Even if you decide not to make a monetary contribution to the appeal, I would ask that you send in your card pledging your donation of prayers and support to the mission of the archdiocese of which we are all a part!

Blessings,

Fr. John Andrews

Question of the Week – What does the Rosary Mean to You?

The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. Pius XII called it a compendium of the gospel. The main focus is on Jesus—his birth, life, death, and resurrection. The “Our Fathers” remind us that Jesus’ Father is the initiator of salvation. The “Hail Marys” remind us to join with Mary in contemplating these mysteries. They also make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly and heavenly existence. The “Glory Bes” remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

The rosary appeals to many. It is simple. The constant repetition of words helps create an atmosphere in which to contemplate the mysteries of God. We sense that Jesus and Mary are with us in the joys and sorrows of life. We grow in hope that God will bring us to share in the glory of Jesus and Mary forever.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF OCT. 1 - 8		DID YOU KNOW... as we enter into the 2 nd financial quarter, we are doing so with quite a deficit? We currently have a \$26,013 deficit and our upcoming expenses are going to increase this number. Obviously, this is not a good scenario. Please pray about your donation to our parish. If all of us contribute a little more each week (no matter how small), we will be able to sustain ourselves into the future. Please be generous! Thank you for your continued support!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$59,433.73	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$11,032.84	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$48,400.89	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$313,712.81	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$339,725.91	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$26,013.10)	

HOLY ROSARY CIRCLE #2 IS SPONSORING THE PANCAKE MAN Today, Sunday, Oct. 16 from 8 a.m. until noon in the Parish Center. Please stop by with your family, be entertained & enjoy a delicious breakfast.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A 500 CLUB MEMBER?
 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 October 25th for new & 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. We also sponsor a dinner in October to thank our members. If you would like to join, **as a new member**, please do so by October 25th. If you have any questions, please give us a call – Ted & Lucia St. Cyr, 402-455-9859.

FAITH FORMATION : *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*
Sponsored by That Man is You!

In the Parish Center, Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m.

Week 4:

- Answer those who say Jesus insults Mary at Cana
- Connect the “woman” of Genesis, Revelation, and Cana
- Understand why the Church Fathers refer to Mary as the “New Eve”
- Discover who the true Bridegroom and Bride are at Cana

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

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL WHO SERVE OUR NATION either militarily or diplomatically: that they may fulfill their duties honorably and return safely to their families.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22	7:30 AM:	10:30 AM:
5:00 PM:		ALTAR SERVERS: Nick Meier, Sam Parys
ALTAR SERVERS: Autumn-Rose Barnes, Clint Dierks	LECTOR: Jan Sammons	CANDLE BEARERS: Jerad Peck, Craig Taylor
CANDLE BEARERS: Kobe Mulcahy, Need a Volunteer	EMHCs: Norine Hoffman, Larry Ziska, Bob & Betty Jones, George & Marsha Moon	LECTOR: Bill Cheese
LECTOR: Rob Barrett	GIFTBEARERS: Sammons Family	EMHCs: Bev Baer, Cathy Fluckey, Nancy Ryckman, Mike Holmgren, Roy Edwards, Dave Parks
EMHCs: Juli Bohnenkamp, Jacquie Dahlin, Kim Hill, Theresa O'Neill, Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda	NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Judy Bahle	GIFTBEARERS: Ryckman Family
GIFTBEARERS: O'Neill Family	USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood	MUSICIANS: Kim Becker
MUSICIANS: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends		NERI DOLLAR SELLER: April Collamer
NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Lynn Ingraham		USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe
USHERS: Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer		

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: DeLynne Clausen, Laurel Hamilton, Bruno Kozimor, Dorothy Polan
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Larry Ziska, Charlie Buell
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20: Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd

Mass Intentions October 17 – 23

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Thursday	8:15 AM	Nathaniel Treves Int. Jeanne Danek +
Friday	8:15 AM	Sharon's Special Intention Jack and Ann O'Conner +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Vincent & Maxine McMahon + Iona Dempsey +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Our Parish Family
	10:30 AM	Manuel Rosas + Laura Potter +

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.



Do you ever wish you could “get more” out of Mass?
 Learning more about the Mass is well worth our time and effort. For the Mass has been at the very center of Christian worship since the time of the apostles. It is the celebration of the Eucharist that Jesus instituted at the Last Supper. So important is the Mass that Vatican II called it the “source and summit” of the Christian life. On one hand, our entire lives are directed toward the Mass; on the other, we find the spiritual strength, guidance and support we need to live our daily lives from the Mass.
 If you would like to take a deeper look at the Mass, please join us Thursday Oct. 20th at 7 pm in the Activity Center Meeting Room. We will focus on the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Once we are nourished by God's word in the Liturgy of the Word we now prepare to be nourished by Christ's body and blood in the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR “This house,” said the real estate salesperson, “has both its good points & its bad points. To show you, I'm honest, I'm going to tell you about both. The disadvantages are that there is a chemical plant one block south & a slaughterhouse a block north.” “What are the advantages?” inquired the prospective buyer. “The advantage is that you can always tell which way the wind is blowing.”

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




We now have a limited number of \$25 & \$10 Panera Gift Cards on hand! Check the on-hand & 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.*

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 19 HOUSEHOLDS WHO SHOPPED AT BAKERS (Dillons/Kroger Family of Stores) during the 3rd quarter (7/1/2016-9/30/2016) and are participating in the **Bakers Community Rewards Program** – designating our Parish as their non-profit of choice to receive rewards! Our Parish (Neri Dollars) will receive a check in the amount of \$120.30 within 30 days! Thank you for your support of our parish! If you have not signed up for the Bakers Community Rewards program – there are instructions at the doors of Church. A customer must have 3 things to register:

- ✓ You must have a “Plus Card”, which is available at any Bakers Store.
- ✓ A valid email address, which can be obtained from any free online service and can be anonymous.
- ✓ A personalized account at their website, which can be anonymous.

If you would like assistance setting up an online account, or have general questions about the program, please feel free to contact Bakers at 1-800-576-4377, option 3 or speak with a Neri Dollar Seller.

This is a great way to give back without taking additional money out of your pocket!

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

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

IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER FOR SPN SCHOOL:

- October 17th - No School - Teacher Work Day
- October 21st - 6th Grade Vocations Day
- October 25th - 1st quarter report cards go home
- October 27th - 1:00 dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 28th - No School
- October 31st - Halloween! Classroom parties will be in the afternoon.
- October 31st - Last day for uniform shorts

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 16

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot
NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

8:00 A.M. **CIRCLE 2 – PANCAKE MAN BREAKFAST** - Parish Center

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

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

7:00 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** - Activity Center Meeting Room

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

3:00 P.M. **LITTLE FLOWERS MEETING** - Parish Center

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

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

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00 P.M. **THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY BIBLE STUDY** - Parish Center

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT MASS: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

500 CLUB DINNER - Parish Center following 5:00 Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

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

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS: THE WIZARD OF OZ
 Oct. 28, 29, Nov. 4 & 5 at 7 p.m. & Oct. 30 at 2 p.m.
 Tickets: Adults: \$12, Children & Students: \$8,
 Mercy Students: \$6
 Get your tickets at <http://mh6395.booktix.com/>

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE AQUINAS FORUM, A CATHOLIC LECTURE SERIES FOR INQUIRING MINDS on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m., at Gloria Deo, 13065 W. Center Rd. Rev. Gary Coulter, Director of Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly, will present, "Jesus the Bridegroom," based in part on Dr. Brant Pitre's book of the same title. Fr. Coulter will discuss how the life of Christ & his crucifixion are nothing less than the greatest love story ever told. Free & open to the public; free will offerings welcome.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE (BE) WEEKEND RETREAT For Adults who are Divorced, Widowed or Legally Separated. Friday, Oct. 28th at 7pm - 4pm Sunday, Oct. 30th at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center, St. Joseph's Hall, 3300 N. 60th St. The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. This weekend retreat is designed to be a time to heal & a time to turn the pain of loss into an adventure of grace. Open to individuals of all faiths. Pre-registration is required. Space is limited. Cost is \$100 to \$125 [semi-private or private sleeping room]. For more info. & an application, visit www.beginningexperienceofomaha.org Pre-register by Oct. 20th by calling Denise Carlson at 402-551-9003 ext. 1304 or dmcarlson@archomaha.org

SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO PRESENTS THE CATHOLIC ANSWERS CONFERENCE, Saturday, Oct. 29th at DJ Sokol Arena. Learn how to share the faith with others from speakers Patrick Coffin, Trent Horn, Tim Staples, Karlo Broussard & Christopher Check, as heard on the hit radio program Catholic Answers Live! Archbishop Lucas & Bishop Conley will also be speaking. Learn how to be an evangelist & leave feeling on fire for your faith! Doors open at 9am & the conference will be from 10 am - 4:30 pm. Lunch & conference materials provided. Parking is free. Add'l information including how to purchase tickets is available at spiritcatholicradio.com or call 855-571-0200.

NOTRE DAME SISTERS TO HOST 3RD ANNUAL COMMUNITY LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY, NOV. 3RD, at the Omaha Field Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to benefit their sponsored ministry, Notre Dame Housing Inc. Notre Dame Housing, Inc. provides safe & affordable living for older adults in the heart of Omaha's Florence neighborhood. The community is one of respect, love & independence, encouraging growth of body, mind & spirit. Residents are offered life enrichment, health, wellness & supportive services to improve their quality of life, allowing them to live independently & age in place. (www.ndhinc.org) Keynote speaker is Earl Redrick, local HUD Field Office Director & emcee Michael Lyon, KIOS-FM Morning Host. Free to attend! For more info, or to reserve your seat, please contact Mary Brown at 402-455-2994 or mbrown@notredamesisters.org

HOW DO YOU MEND A BROKEN HEART? Widowed, Separated, Divorced – Coping Sessions Coping is a peer ministry— people caring for people. Meet with a trained group of men & women who are themselves either divorced, separated, or widowed. Fall Sessions begin Monday,

Nov. 7th & are each Monday – Nov. 14, 21, 28 & Dec. 5, 12 from 7 – 9 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; 5419 N. 114 St. For more info contact Denise Carlson at 402-551-9003 ext. 1304 or dmcarlson@archomaha.org

REMEMBRANCE MASS: FOR THE LOSS OF CHILDREN Those who have experience the loss of a child before birth or during infancy are invited to join Fr. Michael Voithofer at St. Gerald's Parish for a Mass in remembrance of children on Nov. 15th at 7pm. This special Mass will offer comfort, healing, & hope as we celebrate & honor our children. Those who have not experienced a loss but wish to honor these children & families are also welcome. For more info, contact Whitney Bradley at wabradley@archomaha.org or 402-551-9003 x1306.

RETREATS AT ST. BENEDICT CENTER, SCHUYLER, NE, 'Totus Christus' Retreat: Nov. 11-13, with Fr. Francis A. Nigli from St. Wenceslaus Parish. "I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). A retreat for those who want More! Enrich your prayer-life, your marriage, your family-life, your everyday-life! Living In Faith Everyday! That's Life! Too good to be true? Hmm, maybe, just maybe. There is only one way to find out: "Come, and you will see" (John 1:39). Starts Friday, 7:30 PM.

Amazing Grace: The Gold in Our Brokenness, Nov. 19, with Sr. Colette Baldwin, RSM. In the Japanese tradition, you never throw the broken parts of a pot away, but save each piece & put them back together using gold. Psalm 51 asks us to bring the "shattered parts" of our lives to God for recreating. This is an experiential retreat with time for prayer, input, reflection, quiet & sharing. Fee: \$30. Lunch is available- \$10.50 (incl. tax).

Christmas Craft Show: a special two-week opportunity to do Christmas shopping Nov. 27 - Dec. 11, M-F 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Large variety of crafts & gifts made by area artists will be on sale. Book - Gift Store will be open M-F 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. 9:30-10:45 a.m., 1-4 p.m.; Sun. 1-3 p.m.

Visit Nativity Scenes: Nov. 27 - Dec. 18; Jan. 2-5, 2017, 8 a.m. to 7p.m. Everyone is invited to make a pilgrimage to St. Benedict Center, at the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, & view God's Love made visible in nativity scenes from the Holy Land, from Africa, Asia, South & North America & Europe. No admission fee. For more info. regarding any of the above events, call 402-352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE JANUARY 25 - 30, 2017

Join the Archdiocese of Omaha for a 6 day pilgrimage to Washington D.C. & Philadelphia where we will March for Life, pray for an end to abortion, & visit the shrines of American saints John Neumann & Katherine Drexel. High school youth & adult chaperones can visit RespectLifeOmaha.com for more information & to register. Or contact Whitney Bradley at wabradley@archomaha.org or 402-551-9003 x1306.