

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you again to Mr. and Mrs. St. Cyr and her faithful workers and to all of our 500 Club members for joining us for a wonderful dinner last Saturday evening. Please remember you can still join the 500 Club. We are still accepting members. We have about 150 members now and our goal is to have 500 members in our 500 Club. Your support goes a long way to help our parish and school!

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal and to all who have returned their pledge cards! We are currently at 60% of our goal!

Enclosed you will find a novena to pray as we approach the end of our election season. I encourage all of our parishioners to please join me in praying this novena and to vote on Election Day.

Blessings,

Fr. John

God speaks to us in many ways, including through the Sunday Scripture readings.

First Reading

Wisdom 11:22—12:2

God is merciful because all things were created by God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 145:1-2,8-9,10-11,13,14

Sing praise to God, who is faithful.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2

Paul tells the Thessalonians to remain faithful to Christ until Christ comes again.

Gospel Reading

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honor the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house. Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree. Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.



ALL SAINTS DAY – November 1 On this All Saints Day, we join our prayers of gratitude to all the holy saints. We rejoice with our newest saints that have recently been canonized and praise the honor the Church has bestowed upon them. Holy Saints of God, we delight in God’s goodness, rejoice in God’s mercy and celebrate God’s incredible love. Teach us to live as you lived – always thinking of others, always recognizing our weaknesses, always witnessing God’s gifts. Pray for us that we too, may someday be among God’s Holy Ones. Amen.

We need Liturgical Ministers for all All Saints Day Masses!

Mass will be celebrated on Monday, October 31 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 1 at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Please call the Parish Office to volunteer!

<p>LITURGICAL MINISTERS: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 5:00 PM: ALTAR SERVERS: Zach Cypress, Kristen Ellett</p> <p>CANDLE BEARERS: Marianna Stevenson, Craig Taylor</p> <p>LECTOR: Jerry Bexten EMHCs: Kim Hill, Mike Holmgren, Wayne and Ellen Russell, Diane Sullivan, Mary Ann Taylor</p> <p>GIFTBEARERS: Bahle Family MUSICIANS: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends</p> <p>NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Joni Locher USHERS: Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer</p>	<p>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 7:30 AM:</p> <p>LECTOR: Ilene Sedlacek EMHCs: Regina Cronkhite, Dorothy Polan, Bob & Betty Jones, Maria Hackenberg, Dorie Mittlieder</p> <p>GIFTBEARERS: Breitreutz Family</p> <p>NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Nancy Core USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>	<p>10:30 AM: ALTAR SERVERS: Andrew Fink, Kobe Mulcahy, CANDLE BEARERS: Amir Ring, David Taylor</p> <p>LECTOR: Kelli Brock EMHCs: Trudie Ahlstrom, Roy Edwards, Mary Fink, Fannie Parker, Rita Ziska Nancy Ryckman</p> <p>GIFTBEARERS: Taborsky Family MUSICIANS: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies</p> <p>NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Jane Cheese USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe</p>
<p>COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bill Cheese, Norine Hoffman, Mary Todd COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Sharon Olson, April Collamer IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3: Nancy Core, Theresa O’Neill</p>		

Mass Intentions October 31 – November 6

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
	7:00 PM	Church Mouse Int.
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Bev Rawley +
	7:00 PM	Our Parish Family
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Poor Souls + Fr. John +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Gary Ferraguti + Donna Sobotka +
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Ray Mensen + Glenda Merwald and Bob McGargill +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Mike Weston + Jim Graves +
	10:30 AM	Deacon Al LeClair + Robert Kimmell +

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 6:

- The nature and the role of dogmas
- The dogma of Mary’s Perpetual Virginit
- Mary’s true interior, spiritual identity
- Old Testament foreshadowing of Mary’s perpetual viginity
- Answers to the objection of Jesus’ “brethren”
- St. Jerome’s answers to the claim Mary and Joseph had sexual relations after the birth of Jesus

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



BUNDLE SUNDAY is this Weekend – Oct. 29/30! Looking for a home for the gently used items your wanting to get rid of? Go

get them & bring them back to the St. Vincent de Paul truck in our parking lot before it leaves on Sunday afternoon!
 Many in our community can’t afford winter wear like coats, hats, gloves, & boots. Donate new or gently used coats & other cold weather gear at a SVdP store or call for a pick-up at your home – 402-341-1688. The Coat Giveaway Day is Saturday, Nov. 5th.
 There is a great need for essential foods. Please fill our barrels in Church with canned soup, fruit, tomatoes, & other items. If you prefer, drop some change in the Poor Box & help our Vincentians help others!

Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin..
 God lifts you up,
 takes you in,
 and washes all
 the dirt off of you.
 He opens you up,
 touches you deep
 inside and scoops
 out all the yucky stuff
 - including the seeds of doubt, hate, greed,
 etc. Then He carves you a new smiling
 face and puts His light inside you to shine
 for all the world to see.



NOW IS THE TIME TO FALL BACK! ... and get an extra hour of sleep! Before going to bed on Saturday, Nov. 5th, be sure to set your clocks back one hour.

~ NERI DOLLAR NEWS ~

As you plan your holiday meals and create your Christmas gift giving lists, be sure to check out the Neri Dollars on hand and pre-order lists. If you don't see what you need, be sure to go online to: www.shopwithscrip.com and check out the retailer list. All preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.



CHRISTIAN HUMOR A jogger running down a country road is startled as a horse yells at him, "Hey, come over here buddy!" The jogger is stunned, but runs over to the fence where the horse is standing & asked, "Were you talking to me?" The horse replies, "Sure was man, I've got a problem. I won the Kentucky Derby a few years ago & this farmer bought me & now all I do is pull a plow & I'm sick of it. Why don't you run up to the house & offer him \$5,000 to buy me. I'll make you some money cause I can still run." The jogger thought to himself, "Boy, a talking horse!" Dollar signs started appearing in his head. So he runs to the house & the old farmer is sitting on the porch. The jogger tells the farmer, "Hey man, I'll give you \$5,000 for that old broken down nag you've got in the field." The farmer replies, "Son, you can't believe anything that horse says. He's never even been to Kentucky."

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER FOR SPN SCHOOL:

- November 16 – First Reconciliation Family Class 6:30 p.m.
- November 17 – Health Screenings 1st – 6th & 8th
- November 22 – 2nd Quarter Progress Reports go home
- November 23-28 – Thanksgiving Break
- November 29 – Classes Resume

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.

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS AND BAKERS:

St. Philip Neri Blessed Sacrament Parish is making a change in our annual Alter Society Bake Sale and Boutique. It is now going to be a Craft Show and Bake Sale. This will be held in our Activity Center on Saturday, 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 and table rentals will go to the Alter Society's funds to help pay for Hosts, Missals, and other Alter Society funded events. If you are a CRAFTER and 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 and it is open for the public, it is not just for our parishioners. Watch the bulletin next week for the announcement for our bakers to bring baked goods and parishioners to attend either or both aspects of this event.



TEAM UP WITH OUR KNIGHTS AND THE RED CROSS !

As the holiday season approaches, give the perfect gift. Give Blood. Knights of Columbus Blood Drive is Saturday, Nov. 12 from 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Activity Center. To schedule your appointment, go to www.redcrossblood.org & use sponsor code: 009603 If you have any questions or need more info, call Myron Smedra at 402-457-5622.

Give Something that Means Something.

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

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

CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO OUR KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

Michelle Thomsen for being named this week's Star 104.5 Teacher of the Week! Chris & Ricki from the morning show came to surprise her with the honor. And boy was she surprised! Check it out at 104.5.com or the Facebook

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. which 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, & 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

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY –
Truck in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

NO FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN

7:00 P.M. **ALL SAINTS DAY VIGIL MASS – Church**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY

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

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

7:00 P.M. **ALL SAINTS DAY MASS – Church**

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS DAY

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

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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

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SPECIAL COLLECTION – Archdiocese for Military Services, USA

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HONEY SUNDAY –
Knights will be selling Honey at the Doors of Church

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - School

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

IS YOUR CHILD AN ARTIST? Have you always wanted to learn how to draw? Give Mary Wolford a call at 402-370-6475. Mary teaches private drawing lessons to all ages!

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