

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we begin the liturgical season of Advent! It will be a very busy season of preparation. I will be hearing Confessions on Wednesday, November 30 and again on Wednesday, December 21 from 6:30 -7:30 p.m. in Church.

Please plan on attending our Parish Open House on Friday, December 2 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Office and Rectory. We will host a Christmas Market. Unique gift items will be available for purchase. We will also be accepting gifts for the Sienna/Francis House – Nebraska’s largest shelter. The need is great especially with cold, winter weather upon us. Tuesday, Nov. 29th has been designated “Giving Tuesday” and the Sienna/Francis House is turning it into “Giving Twos Day!” Please help me help them by doubling your donation at our Open House by giving two cans of vegetables, two cans of coffee, or even two pairs of jeans or socks. We will take one of whatever you would like to donate, but two will double the fun. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the season and give back to our community.

Communication is the topic for our Parish Mission. Take time for you and plan to join us for all or part of the mission which will take place on December 4 - 6. We communicate with our family, friends, co-workers and most of all, God on a daily basis. I hope you will learn with me, how to communicate more effectively with God and our neighbors. It is free and open to everyone. Please invite your family and friends to join us.

Blessings,
Fr. John

**God speaks to us in many ways,
including through this Sunday’s Scripture readings.**

Waiting, hoping and preparing.

Reading 1 Isaiah 2:1-5

Reading 2 Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Question of the Week – What is the season of Advent?

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin advenio, “to come to”, and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ’s birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His Second Coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

First We Fast, Then We Feast - that is why Advent has traditionally been known as a “little Lent.” As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF NOV. 13 - 20		DID YOU KNOW... only 4 weeks left in the 2016 tax year? If you
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$10,107.30	are still considering which charitable organization to contribute
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$68,030.81	to please consider St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish!
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$57,923.51)	Thank you in advance for any amount you can contribute!
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$407,034.81	Your contributions are greatly appreciated!
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$539,526.72	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$132,491.91)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

5:00 PM:

- ALTAR SERVERS:** Dillon Dierks,
Marianna Stevenson
- CANDLE BEARERS:** Jackson Cramer,
Zach Cypress
- LECTOR:** Jerry Bexten
- EMHCS:** Wayne and Ellen Russell,
Jeanette Pinker, Jennifer Russell,
Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda
- GIFTBEARERS:** Lampe Family
- MUSICIANS:** Colleen Monti &
The Church Ladies
- NERI DOLLAR SELLER:** Lynn Ingraham
- USHERS:** Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek,
Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

7:30 AM:

- LECTOR:** Ilene Sedlacek
- EMHCS:** Bob and Betty Jones,
George and Marsha Moon,
Norine Hoffman, Mary Todd
- GIFTBEARERS:** Huber Family
- NERI DOLLAR SELLER:** Nancy Core
- USHERS:** Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek,
Chuck Holderness,
Chuck Livengood

10:30 AM:

- ALTAR SERVERS:** Isabella Ramsgard,
Abigail Russell
- CANDLE BEARERS:** Lucius Moreno,
Frances Holmstedt
- LECTOR:** Bill Cheese
- EMHCS:** Trudie Ahlstrom,
Tamatha Buell,
Mike Holmgren, Dave Parks
Cathy Fluckey,
Nancy Ryckman
- GIFTBEARERS:** Taborsky Family
- MUSICIANS:** Bryan Kinghorn
& Friends
- NERI DOLLAR SELLER:** Kara Rief
- USHERS:** Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock,
Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer,
Mark Lampe

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: DeLynne Clausen, Laurel Hamilton, Bruno Kozimor, Dorothy Polan

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Sharon Olson, April Collamer

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1: Roy Edwards, Rich McShane

Mass Intentions November 28 – December 4

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Anthony & Margaret Gubbels + Don Beiber +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Joe Rossitto + Helen Shadle +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Swoboda Family Living & Deceased
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society
Saturday	5:00 PM	Iona Dempsey + Louis & Florence Schaffart +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Monica Matthews Int. Mike Weston +
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family

THE FAMILY GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE IS UP ...and it will be up until all the names are gone. If you prefer, there will be a can on the railing next to the tree for your monetary donations.

The deadline for the return of wrapped gifts is Sunday, Dec. 11. The procedure for the Christmas gifts is as follows:

- 1.) Pick gift tag from the tree.
Please don't lose the tag!
- 2.) Buy gift named on tag –
NEW ITEMS ONLY (these are gifts).
- 3.) Wrap gift. Sale tags may be left on clothing.
- 4.) Reverse the gift tag with child's name showing only & use as a name tag on the gift.
- 5.) Bring the gift back to Church **NO LATER THAN DEC. 11!**
Please help the less fortunate of our Parish with a Christmas gift.



FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL ADULTS

Sponsored by That Man is You!

The Bible and the Virgin Mary

Week 10:

- Mary's new name
- God's fitting reason for Mary's Immaculate Conception
- The response to common objections regarding the Immaculate Conception

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

A BIG "THANK YOU" goes to the entire parish for helping make the Alter Society's First Annual Craft and Bake Sale a HUGE success!! It was a blessing to see everyone from our parish pulling together to work & shop as one. From the Knights & their families that helped set up, tear down & clean up, to all of our incredible bakers that brought in a huge variety of wonderful baked goods that we sold making \$1,063! Special recognition goes to Estelle D'Autremont & her daughter Rita that made & sold the beautiful raffle items. The donation from the raffle was \$200! Lynn Ingraham, Kathy Rossitto & Marsha Moon did a fantastic job of coordinating the concessions, & scheduling the help for the bake sale. Concessions total was \$158! Total for space/table rentals was \$875! After expenses, the grand total was \$2,156! I was grateful to see our parishioners shopping at the craft show because if the vendors don't sell, they won't come back & we need them as much as they need us. I am truly blessed & proud to be a part of this wonderful parish family! I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. Without all of you, this just wouldn't have happened!! **THANK YOU!!!**

~ Beverly Baer

CHRISTIAN HUMOR

Why can't you take a turkey to church?
They use FOWL language.

Why did they let the turkey join the band?
Because he had the drumsticks.

Why do pilgrims pants keep falling down?
Because their belt buckles are on their hats!

What sound does a space turkey make?
Hubble, Hubble, Hubble!

What was the turkey looking for at ToysRus?
Gobbleheads

THE HOLIDAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING & you will need that special pan or bowl! Please stop down in the Parish Center & get your special pan or bowl. Special thanks to each of you who made a salad or dessert for the funeral lunches.

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

We now have \$10 Target 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.

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

NO SCHOOL – TEACHER IN SERVICE

Teacher and Catechist Re-Charge – Parish Center

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

RCIA – Activity Center Meeting Room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

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

6:00 P.M. **OPEN HOUSE AND CHRISTMAS MARKET** – Parish Office - Rectorry

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION - Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

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

7:00 P.M. **PARISH MISSION** – Parish Center

On Dec. 3 & 4, we will welcome Fr. Nick Cirillo from the Bridgeport, CT Diocese, as he celebrates all the Masses this weekend with us. His message will focus on how God communicates with us & our response. Join us at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4 in the Parish Center, Fr. Nick will lead a follow-up discussion & Q & A session.

On Monday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. meet with us in the Parish Center, as Mark Bonkiewicz with Dynamic Consulting, Inc. discusses key elements of productive communications & how you can apply them to your daily interactions.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center, Trooper Kevin Chase, Community Service Officer with the Nebraska State Patrol Troop A, will be sharing with you how to keep our children safe while surfing the net. He will share his expertise & experiences, & will offer useful information and brochures for our parents to take home, that will assist in getting the conversation started about the dangers our children may face when online.

Please plan to join us for one or all of the Parish Mission sessions, as we learn how to communicate with God and our neighbor more effectively. Our Mission is free and open to the public. Please invite your family and friends to join you. Refreshments will be served.

THE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF OMAHA INVITES THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES to join us each Wednesday through Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. in Holy Angels Mausoleum at Resurrection Cemetery. We will pray for your peace & healing as we await the coming of the Christ Child.

MINNE LUSA HOUSE 2016 CRAFT FAIR Dec. 1-3 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Minne Lusa House 2737 Mary St. Fantastic selection of locally crafted holiday items.