

Dear Parishioners,

Our Parish Mission begins today. Fr. Nick Cirillo will be celebrating the Masses this weekend. He will also lead the first gathering for our Mission on the topic of Communication tonight (Sunday) in the Parish Center at 7 p.m. Fr. Nick is the pastor of St. Edward the Confessor Parish in New Fairfield, CT. He studied at St. John Fisher Seminary Residence prior to entering Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Fr. Nick completed his licentiate in Dogmatic Theology at Gregorian University. Monday evening, we will also gather in the Parish Center at 7 p.m. with Mark Bonkiewicz. Mark is the President of Dynamic Consulting, Inc. He has served at Omaha Serra Club president, Membership and Programs Vice President, and as trustee. Mark will discuss key elements of productive communications and 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 and experiences, and 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 join us for all or part of the mission.

**Blessings,
Fr. John**

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

God's kingdom is at hand – it is here.

Reading 1 Isaiah 11:1-10

Reading 2 Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Matthew 3:1-12

Question of the Week – What is the Immaculate Conception?

It's important to understand what the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception is and what it is not. Some people think the term refers to Christ's conception in Mary's womb without the intervention of a human father: but that is the Virgin Birth. Others think the Immaculate Conception means Mary was conceived "by the power of the Holy Spirit," in the way Jesus was, but that too, is incorrect. The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain. That's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF NOV. 20 - 26	DID YOU KNOW... only 3 weeks left in the 2016 tax year? If you
WEEKLY REVENUE \$16,111.01	are still considering which charitable organization to contribute
WEEKLY EXPENSES \$7,283.18	to please consider St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish!
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) \$8,827.83	Thank you in advance for any amount you can contribute!
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE \$423,145.82	Your contributions are greatly appreciated!
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES \$546,809.90	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) (\$123,664.08)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7 7:00 PM:

NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL MINISTRIES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 7:00 PM:

ALTAR SERVERS - CANDLE BEARERS: NEED VOLUNTEERS

LECTOR: Alyce Kozimor

EMHCs: DeLynne Clausen, Regina Cronkhite, Bev Demkowski, Bruno Kozimor, Kathy Rossitto, Larry Ziska

GIFTBEARERS: McDonald Family **MUSICIANS:** Colleen & the Miss Conceptions

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10	7:30 AM:	SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 10:30 AM:
<p>5:00 PM: ALTAR SERVERS: Amir Ring, Craig Taylor CANDLE BEARERS: Wyatt Brungardt Kobe Mulcahy LECTOR: Theresa O'Neill EMHCs: Jacquie Dahlin, Kim Hill, Mary Ann Taylor, Jennifer Russell, Wayne and Ellen Russell GIFTBEARERS: Bahle Family MUSICIANS: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Susan Matsunami USHERS: Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer</p>	<p>LECTOR: Hank Henkenius EMHCs: Bob and Betty Jones, George and Marsha Moon, Dorie Mittlieder, Bonnie Shea GIFTBEARERS: Haines Family NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Mary Todd USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>	<p>ALTAR SERVERS: Alex Negus, Maykayla Smedra CANDLE BEARERS: Nick Meier, Sophia Minturn LECTOR: Hugh Reilly EMHCs: Bev Baer, Kelli Brock, DeLynne Clausen, Roy Edwards, Rita Ziska, Fannie Parker GIFTBEARERS: Ryckman Family MUSICIANS: Kim Becker and Friends NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Terri Herman USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe</p>

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Mary Fink, Kathy Rossitto
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Rita Ziska, David Krueger
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8: Nancy Core, Theresa O'Neill

Mass Intentions December 5 - 11

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Bob and Lula Todd +
	7:00 PM	Del Murphy +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Renie Murray +
		Jean Brandl +
	7:00 PM	Don Beiber +
Friday	8:15 AM	Joe Reeves +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Francis and Margaret Pleiss +
		Gerald Todd +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Bev Rawley+
	10:30 AM	Mary Beth Clark +

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.



OUR PARISH KNIGHTS ARE RAFFLING OFF A \$100 GROCERY GIFT CARD! Raffles will be sold for \$1/ticket; or 6 chances for \$5 after each Mass until Dec. 18th. The winner will be drawn at the **December 18th KC Pancake Breakfast.**

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL ADULTS
Sponsored by That Man is You!

The Bible and the Virgin Mary
Week 11:

- The dogma of the Assumption
- John's vision of "the woman clothed with the sun" in Revelation 12
- Old Testament imagery in Revelation identifying Mary as Daughter Zion, the Queen-Bride of Israel, and the Mother of the Church
- The fulfillment of the "first gospel" in the battle of Revelation 12
- More Old Testament foreshadows of Mary's Assumption

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

CHRISTIAN HUMOR At an art gallery, a woman & her 10-year old son were having a tough time choosing between two paintings. They finally chose & went with the autumn themed one. The gallery owner saw that they preferred the autumn scene as opposed to the floral one. He asked them why & the boy said, "because this painting is wider so it will cover the three holes I put in the wall."

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

As you plan your holiday meals & purchase your Christmas gifts, 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.



LUCKY 500 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER \$130 - Julie Lee, \$70 - Rob Barrett, \$30 - Emily Livengood, \$25 - Diane Sullivan, \$20 - Bruno Kozimor, Pat Goebel, \$15 - Florence Fitzgerald, Barb Mensen, Marcia Marshall, Mary Jane Miner, Barry Fluckey

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

REFRESHMENTS IN THE PARISH CENTER – After 7:30 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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

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

6:00 P.M. **ARTS & ENVIRONMENT MEETING** – Parish Center

6:30 P.M. **KNIGHTS SET UP NATIVITY**

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

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

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

7:00 P.M. **VIGIL MASS** – Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

7:00 P.M. **MASS** – Church

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Church

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 A.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 – Religious Retirement

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVIE KNIGHT - Parish Center after 5 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES – Religious Retirement

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

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

SOME “THANK YOUS” FROM OUR PARISH KNIGHTS...

... to all who supported the Honey Sunday fundraiser for the Ollie Webb Ctr. We sold 6 cases of honey (72 bottles) & raised \$365. ...to all who contributed to our recent “Coats for Kids” project. We were able to buy 4 cases of coats & distributed them students at SPN & Florence Schools. The leftover coats will be given to the SVdP Society. ...also to everyone who attended our November Pancake Breakfast! We raised over \$850 for future projects!

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON with the Omaha Men’s Barbershop & Women’s Sweet Adeline’s Choruses & other quartets (over 80 voices on stage!). Free Benefit Concert w/donations contributed to the Salvation Army. Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m. at Faith Westwood Methodist Church, 4814 Oaks Lane.

“Expand Your Horizons” – “Pope Francis: The Joy of the Gospel.” Presented by Roger Bergman, director of Justice & Peace Studies at Creighton University, will “unpack” the **JOY OF THE GOSPEL** written by Pope Francis. **Dec. 15, 7- 8:30 p.m.** at Seven Oaks, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole. Call 402-982-9933.

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.

MAKE MEMORIES THIS CHRISTMAS!

Frosty Pines is a choose & cut Christmas Tree Farm located just north of Omaha on Hwy 75.



Come out to Frosty Pines with your family, roam around our thousands of trees on over 15 acres & pick the perfect one for you! We will cut it for you, haul it down to your car, & help tie it on.

ADVENT & MEMORIAL WREATHS & CHRISTMAS CENTERPIECES

designed with locally grown evergreens & decorated in your choice of color scheme are available starting at \$35. Call Parishioner, Jeanne O’Connor at 402-637-8181. Guaranteed to last 3 weeks with daily watering. The Altar Society receives a 10% donation of all purchases.