

**Dear Parishioners,**

You will be receiving information very soon in the mail about our upcoming Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. This year, we are hosting it at Nelson Mandela Elementary. As you know, our Mardi Gras celebration is an annual Parish fundraiser. Please pray for the success of our Mardi Gras. We will be having a raffle. The Grand Prize is \$5,000.00. Raffle Chances are \$25 each. Reservations will be accepted and raffle tickets will be sold after each of the weekend Masses until the event or you can pick them up at the Parish Office.

**Blessings,  
Fr. John**

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

***God's plan in Christ begins to unfold in human history.***

**Reading 1** Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

**Reading 2** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

**Gospel** John 1:29-34

**Question of the Week – How is a Lectionary arranged?**

A Lectionary is arranged in two cycles, one for Sundays and one for weekdays.

The Sunday cycle is divided into three years, labeled A, B, and C. 2017 is Year A. 2018 will be Year B, 2019 will be Year C, etc. In Year A, we read mostly from the Gospel of Matthew. In Year B, we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. In Year C, we read the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season in all three years. The first reading, usually from the Old Testament, reflects important themes from the Gospel reading. The second reading is usually from one of the **epistles**, a letter written to an early church community.

The weekday cycle is divided into two years, Year I and Year II. Year I is read in odd-numbered years (2017, 2019, etc.) and Year II is used in even-numbered years (2018, 2020, etc.)

<b>PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF JAN. 1 – 7</b>		<b>DID YOU KNOW...WE HAVE COMPILED A WISH LIST FOR NON-BUDGETED NEEDS IN OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL?</b> Many times we are asked if there are specific needs that one can purchase rather than donate money. This week's highlighted item: Funds to cover three members of our school staff to attend National Catholic Educators Association Convention in St. Louis, MO in April. If you would like contribute to this, please stop by the Parish or School Office. Thank you!
<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$9,562.10</b>	
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$11,289.67</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$1,727.57)</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$644,832.90</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$689,757.92</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$44,925.02)</b>	

<p><b>LITURGICAL MINISTERS:</b> <b>SATURDAY, JANUARY 21</b> <b>5:00 PM:</b> <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> Autumn-Rose Barnes, Zach Cypress <b>CANDLE BEARERS:</b> Gus Lampe, Marianna Stevenson <b>LECTOR:</b> Pam Hughes <b>EMHCs:</b> Juli Bohnenkamp, Jeanette Pinker, Jim Shepherd, Mary Ann Taylor, Diane Sullivan, Matt Swoboda <b>GIFTBEARERS:</b> Lampe Family <b>MUSICIANS:</b> Bryan Kinghorn and Friends  <b>NERI DOLLAR SELLER:</b> Diane Weber <b>USHERS:</b> Dave Sedlacek, Rock Cramer, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright,</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 22</b> <b>7:30 AM:</b>  <b>LECTOR:</b> Alyce Kozimor <b>EMHCs:</b> Bev Demkowski, Bob and Betty Jones, Bruno Kozimor, Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd <b>GIFTBEARERS:</b> Huber Family  <b>NERI DOLLAR SELLER:</b> Judy Bahle <b>USHERS:</b> Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM:</b> <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> Tiana Earlywine, Jerad Peck <b>CANDLE BEARERS:</b> Abigail Russell, Maykayla Smedra <b>LECTOR:</b> Bill Cheese <b>EMHCs:</b> Kelli Brock, DeLynne Clausen, Cathy Fluckey, Rich McShane, Rita Ziska, Need a Volunteer <b>GIFTBEARERS:</b> Taborsky Family <b>MUSICIANS:</b> Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies <b>NERI DOLLAR SELLER:</b> April Collamer <b>USHERS:</b> Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe</p>
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**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Mary Fink, Kathy Rossitto  
**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Ziska, Charlie Buell  
**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, JANUARY 19:** Mike Holmgren, Dorie Mittlieder, Kathy Rossitto

**Mass Intentions JANUARY 16 - 22**

Monday	8:15 AM	No Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Abby Burree Int. Dale Hein +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Hazel Burree Int. Jim Graves +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Rod Manson + Don Potmesil +
Friday	8:15 AM	Bev Rawley + Vincent & Maxine McMahon +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday	7:30 AM	Jerry Goeken + Joe Rossitto +
	10:30 AM	Greg Haney + Living and Deceased of the Bender Family

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF FRED BONACCI.** Fred is the father of Freddie Bonacci. He was buried from here this past Saturday.

**THANK YOU! EME'S, LECTORS, MUSICIANS, AND USHERS!**  
 Please join us for a Soup Supper & meeting on Wed., January 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.  
*We appreciate all you do! Thank you!*

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades only - School

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**

**NO SCHOOL – TEACHER IN SERVICE**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18**

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

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

3:00 P.M. **LITTLE FLOWERS** – Parish Center

6:30 P.M. **APPRECIATION SOUP SUPPER** for EME's, Lectors, Musicians, and Ushers – Parish Center

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19**

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

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

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** - Trailer in Parking Lot

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – at Mass

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**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**NOTE!** The next edition of "That Man is You (!)" on the Sacraments will begin again on Saturday, Jan 28 in the Parish Center. Watch the bulletin for more details.

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** A drunk stumbled out the door of the bar. He stood on the corner waiting for the light. He wife calls & asks if he is drunk. The man replies, "Of course not!" Being suspicious that he is drunk, she says, "Okay then, tell me where you are & I will come get you." The drunk replies, "I am at the corner of WALK & DON'T WALK!"

**ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL**

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

**IMPORTANT DATES IN JANUARY:**

- Jan. 16 - No School – Teachers In Service
- Jan. 29 - Start of Catholic Schools Week

**THE SCHOOL LIBRARY** is looking for gently loved jigsaw puzzles & educational board games! Please drop them off at the school office with a note for our librarian, Mrs. Clayton.

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SAVED HY-VEE RECEIPTS.** The contest is over. We will let you know when we receive the award check!

**SAVE THE DATE! KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP** will be Wed.,

March 8. Please encourage your friends & neighbors to consider St. Philip Neri School! Please call the school at 402-315-3500 if you have any questions. There will not be Pre-School or Kindergarten classes on Wed., March 8.

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

As part of your New Year's Resolution, resolve to use Neri Dollars for all your grocery shopping and gift giving needs!



All preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

**“EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS”** – “The Immediate Need for Community Engagement.” Presented by Preston Love, Jr., a UNO Adjunct Professor of black politics & political science as well as a community & political activist, will speak of his crusade & community activism for the economic inclusion & health of his beloved North Omaha & ask you to join in on the dialogue. **Jan. 19, 7- 8:30 p.m.** at Seven Oaks at Notre Dame, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole. Call 402-982-9933 for more information.

**CHILI COOK-OFF!** Mary Our Queen School Cafeteria on Sat., Jan. 21 Get your recipes ready & bring your appetite! Entrants set up between 5 & 6 – doors open at 6 p.m. Tasting at 6:30 with judging ending at 7:30. We need to help decide which parishioner makes the best pot of chili this side of Texas! Cash prizes awarded! Proceeds will go to the Archdiocese of Songea – Tanzania (via Fr. Gama) RSVP to Ginny at 402-333-1117 or [gmmc@cox.net](mailto:gmmc@cox.net)

**ON MONDAY, JAN. 23<sup>RD</sup>, THE 7 A.M. MASS AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH WILL BE OFFERED FOR AN END TO ABORTION & RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE** as Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> is the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings legalizing abortion during all nine months of pregnancy (Roe v. Wade & Doe v. Bolton). Since Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> falls on a Sunday this year, the U.S. Bishops have designated Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> as the “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” It is a day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, & of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. Please offer some form of prayer & penance on this day, & attend Mass to pray for an end to this atrocity.

**A CANCER SURVIVORS MASS** will be held Jan. 26 at 7 pm at St. Leo the Great Parish 1920 N. 102<sup>nd</sup> St. Survivors & care givers are invited to attend. Please call 402-397-0407 for more info.

**THE 44TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE** will take place in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for all of those attending this event. Watch EWTN beginning at 8 a.m. for live coverage of the March for Life. Other pro-life event coverage information is available at [www.EWTN.com](http://www.EWTN.com)

**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF**

to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Creighton Prep on Saturday, Jan. 28 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Raffles, Silent Auction, Celebrity Judges, & People's Choice Awards Chow down on great chili, hot dogs, nachos, and DESSERTS. Adult & family friendly beverages available. Need more info? See our website at [svdpomaha.com](http://svdpomaha.com) or call 402-779-8499. Check the website for Chef Competitor entry forms!



**SET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER: A PROGRAM TO ORGANIZE FINANCES & ESTATE PLAN** Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Benedict Center in Schuyler 1-day workshop with Columbus attorney, James A. Fehringer. If you have possessions, you have an estate. Their orderly care during your lifetime represents financial management. Their disposition after your lifetime is called estate settlement. Deciding in advance how this will be done is known as estate planning. Capitalize on this opportunity to learn how to plan your estate. A thorough analysis of asset ownership, Wills, Trusts, Asset Management Powers of Attorney, Health Care Powers of Attorney, Long-Term Care Protection & Charitable Gift Planning will be presented. Fee: \$30. Lunch is available at the Center for \$10.50 (includes tax). For more information call (402) 352-8819.

**THE 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES BENEFIT DINNER** will be held at the La Vista Embassy Suites (12520 Westport Parkway) on Sunday, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. & will feature Ryan Bomberger. Contact EPS for more info at 402-554-0121 or [www.friendsofeps.org](http://www.friendsofeps.org)

**MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** will hold a Benefit Dance and Silent Auction on Friday, Feb. 3, 7:30-10:30 pm, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center, 5419 N 114 ST, with music by the Nebraska Wind Symphony **Swingtones**. Free dance instruction is 6:15-7:15 pm. Tickets at the door for \$15 each for adults; \$10 for seniors & students. Beverages & desserts available for free-will donations. Funds raised enable students with need to participate in band at their school. More info at the Music in Catholic Schools website or 402-557-5600.

**YOU'RE INVITED!! JOIN US FOR A WINTER CRAFTING DAY** sponsored by St. James Seton Home and School. Bring your crafts (scrapbooking, sewing, yarn, or whatever) & join us for a day of fun, food, & crafting! Saturday, Feb. 11 at the St. Elizabeth Ann Parish Center, sessions are all day from 9am - 10pm for \$35, or half day either 9am-3pm or 4pm-10pm, each \$20. Registration fee includes your own 5' round table, lunch and/or dinner, snacks & prizes. Receive a \$5 discount if registered by Jan. 18. Contact Jen at 402-250-0775 or [jeremyjenlist@cox.net](mailto:jeremyjenlist@cox.net) for more info. & a registration form.

We hope to see you there!

