

Dear Parishioners,

There are only 20 more days until Mardi Gras! If you have not yet purchased your raffle tickets, there is still time! Please stop by the table by the Mary statue or see the Neri Dollar seller to purchase your raffle tickets or your reservation. If you have tickets and have not turned them in, please be sure to drop them in the collection basket or by the Parish Office. You may also purchase tickets the night of Mardi Gras. Tables are still available as well. Please be sure to join us for a fun evening of delicious food, good company and dancing! We have fantastic items for our Silent Auction including original – one of a kind - art created by our imaginative students. The Mardi Gras is a major fund raiser for our parish. Your support of this evening will help us in the next few months with daily operating expenses. I appreciate your continued support of our Parish!

**Blessings,
Fr. John**

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

We are all called to be children of the light.

Reading 1 Isaiah 58:7-10

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel Matthew 5:13-16

Question of the Week – Adults: In what way might you be hiding the light of Christ from others? What could you do to improve this?

Children: Who helps you to grow strong in your faith?

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF JAN. 22 –28		DID YOU KNOW... THIS IS THE FIRST MARDI GRAS TO BE CELEBRATED AT A DIFFERENT VENUE? Our Mardi Gras has sold out the last few years. We were looking for a larger venue so you could invite more of your family and friends to join you for a great evening. Dr. Touhey will be there to offer tours of Nelsen Mandela Elementary! Even though it may not be much bigger, it will be a great evening of fun – so invite your family and friends to join us!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$15,894.91	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$2,988.20	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$12,906.71	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$691,174.99	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$766,870.41	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$75,695.42)	

<p>LITURGICAL MINISTERS: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 5:00 PM: ALTAR SERVERS: Autumn-Rose Barnes, Jackson Cramer CANDLE BEARERS: Kristen Ellet, Ryan Pfeiffer LECTOR: Pam Hughes EMHCs: Juli Bohnenkamp, Jennifer Russell, Wayne and Ellen Russell, Jim Shepherd, Mary Ann Taylor GIFTBEARERS: Bahle Family MUSICIANS: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Joni Locher USHERS: Dave Sedlacek, Rock Cramer, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright</p>	<p>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 7:30 AM: LECTOR: Hank Henkenius EMHCs: Maria Hackenberg, Dorothy Polan, Kathy Rossitto, Larry Ziska, Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd GIFTBEARERS: Haines Family NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Mary Todd USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>	<p>10:30 AM: ALTAR SERVERS: Tiana Earlywine, Andrew Fink CANDLE BEARERS: Ryan Greenwood, Sam Parys LECTOR: Dave Parks EMHCs: Bill Cheese, Mary Fink, DeLynne Clausen, Bev Baer, Jan Sammons, Need a Volunteer GIFTBEARERS: Doran Family MUSICIANS: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Terri Herman USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe</p>
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COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Kelli Brock, Bob and Betty Jones, Joni Locher
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Rita Ziska, David Krueger
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9: Roy Edwards, Rich McShane

Mass Intentions February 6 - 12

Monday	8:15 AM	No Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Special Intention Poor Souls
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Thursday	8:15 AM	SPN School Teachers Int. Joe Reeves +
Friday	8:15 AM	Vincent & Maxine McMahon +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Mary Beth Clark + Gary Ferraguti +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Bev Rawley + Merl Core +
	10:30 AM	Phil Cushing + Anthony F. & Patricia Poloncic +

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PRAYERS the parish said for me during my 3 hospital stays. I am getting better daily. Special thanks to Mary and Judy for taking care of the prayer line. If you need prayers, you may call me now – 402-453-5461 for immediate prayers on the prayer line.
~ Rosemary Cushing

JOIN US FOR AN 11-WEEK JOURNEY THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS each Saturday morning at 7 a.m. in the Parish Center.

The Bible and the Sacraments.

Week 3: *The Waters of Salvation:*

- How Baptism joins us to the Mystical Body of Christ
- Why Baptism is necessary, but merely the first step in the process of salvation
- Why we're still subject to the effects of the Original Sin of Adam and Eve
- The Old Testament foreshadowing's of Baptism
- Why the Church baptizes infants
- How Christ fulfills all the Old Testament types of Baptism

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

Is your New Year's resolution to be more organized? You can keep your resolution & help your parish... We have Container Store \$25 Gift Cards – on hand!!!



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

THE DINING GROUP WILL BE GOING TO CATFISH LAKE; 1006 Cunningham Rd. in Bellevue on Monday, Feb. 13th at 6pm. Please come and Join us! RSVP to Maria Hackenberg at 402-493-5697 or mhackenberg@hotmail.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - SCOUT SUNDAY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS** - School

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD -

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

4:00 P.M. **JIMMY JOHN'S NIGHT** – 30th St. Jimmy John's - Until 9:00 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KNIGHTS AND WIVES DINNER – KNIGHTS MEETING** – Parish Center

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION - Trailer in Parking Lot

7:00 A.M. **BIBLE STUDY** – Parish Center

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

PARISH COUNCIL STEWARDSHIP FAIR – Parish Center after 5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

PARISH COUNCIL STEWARDSHIP FAIR – Parish Center after all Masses

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

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

CUB SCOUTS BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET – Parish Center

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

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

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR PRE-SCHOOL will begin on February 13 for current students & parishioners. Open registration begins on February 21st. Please tell your neighbors & friends about our great school!

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.

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 Kinderaarten classes on Wed.. March 8.

MARIAN JR. CRUSADER GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS are scheduled: 3-4th grade - Sunday, March 5th from 5-6:15pm,
7th grade – Monday, March 6th from 6:15-7:30,
8th grade – Monday, March 6th from 7:30-9pm,
5th grade – Wednesday, March 8th 6:15-7:30pm
6th grade – Wednesday, March 8th 7:30-9pm.

The makeup date or call back date is Wednesday, March 16th. The Marian Jr. Crusader program is for girls that want to play competitive basketball with other girls that are interested in attending Marian High School.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Dentist: Little Johnny, you're not brushing your teeth very well. Do you know what comes after decay? Little Johnny: De 'L'?

"HOW PROTECTING THE FAMILY PROTECTS SOCIETY" Pro Life Brunch with Tom Venzor, Executive Director, Nebraska Catholic Conference on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, Schwertley Hall, Fort Calhoun. For Tickets call: Phil Tamsiea 402-690-2072, St. John's Church 402-468-5348 or St. Francis Borgia Church 402-426-3823.

VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER, Feb. 12 at 5 p.m., Married couples are invited for Mass at the chapel of St. Benedict Center, followed, at 6 p.m., by a delicious & festive four-course dinner prepared by Mark & Patty Bosh. Advance Reservation & Pre-payment Required.

PRAYER: RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD IN CREATION, Feb. 17 - 18, with Fr. Richard J. Hauser, SJ, S.T.L., Ph. D. Develop a deeper understanding of the dynamics of personal prayer in order to improve the quality of our own prayer. Special emphasis will be placed on prayer as responding to the word of God in creation. Texts for prayer & reflection will be taken from Scripture, Pope Francis, Thomas Merton & Ignatius Loyola. Friday, 7:30 p.m., to Saturday, closing with Mass at 4 p.m.

ORA ET LABOR: HOW TO FIND BALANCE IN OUR LIVES, Feb. 24 - 26, with Fr. Mauritius Wilde, OSB, Ph.D., from Rome/Italy. Saint Benedict is the master of balance. He teaches us 'discretion:' not too little, not too much of anything, without being mediocre. He encourages us to go with the flow of the day's & the night's natural rhythms, of summer & winter, of hunger & satisfaction, of sleeping & being awake, of praying & working (ora et labora). This allows us to conquer exaggerations of any kind. The retreat is a great opportunity to reflect on our way of life. Friday, 7:30 p.m., to Sunday, after lunch.

For more information or to register, call 402-352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

MEN'S LENTEN OVERNIGHT RETREAT AT KNOWLES MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTER There are a few spots left in our annual men's retreat to be held Friday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. to Saturday, Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. Open to men of all Christian faiths who would like to grow spiritually, this retreat provides opportunities for faith sharing & prayer during the Lenten season. Guest facilitator, Fr. Kevin Schneider SJ, is a member of the Jesuit Community at Creighton Prep, where he is the assistant director of spiritual development for parents, faculty, staff, & alumni. Fee of \$95 includes room, Friday evening appetizers, & Saturday breakfast & lunch. An optional \$40 overnight stay is available on Saturday evening until noon Sunday & includes continental breakfast. Call 402-359-4288 to check availability & to register. Knowles Mercy Center is located 1 mile west of 264th & W. Center Road.

HEIRLOOM WRITING RETREAT a retreat day at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center (located 1 mile west of 264th & W. Center Rd). **Thursday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fee: \$45 includes continental breakfast & lunch.** Have you been considering handing down a gift to your loved ones other than the typical material possessions? The most endearing - & enduring - legacy you can leave your family is your story. Join our facilitator as she guides you through the process of compiling & writing your life story. **Guest Presenter Elizabeth Mack, MA, BFA**, has taught Creative Nonfiction Writing & English at UNO, Creighton University, and Metropolitan Community College. Call now to reserve 402.359.4288 or go to: www.kmscenter.org for more info.

MAGNIFICAT-OMAHA* INVITES ALL WOMEN TO A BREAKFAST with guest speaker Debbie Herbeck on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at St. Robert Bellarmine Church –the Mainelli Center. Debbie will share the story of her conversion from Judaism to her personal encounter with Jesus the Messiah & to the Catholic Church. You will be inspired by Debbie's joyous message from her many books, including those written with her husband EWTN show host Peter Herbeck. Cost: \$20. For Reservations & more info.: Go to: www.MagnificatOmaha.org or call Kathy 402-657-3835. *Magnificat-Omaha is an archdiocesan-wide Catholic women's organization focused on evangelization.

ST. THOMAS MORE WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Feb. 28 – March 5. The tournament is open to 3rd through 8th grade boys & girls who currently play for PAL or CYO league teams. Please contact Jamie Grzebielski (jamiejo123@hotmail.com) with any questions or to register.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center (located 1 mile west of 264th & W. Center Rd.) **Thurs., March 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fee: \$45 includes continental breakfast & lunch.** During this holy season of Lent join Fr. Dick Hauser, SJ for a 'Day of Reflection'. Be inspired to be renewed in the spirit. Like spring itself each Lenten Season can be a time for spiritual rebirth & renewal. Explore aspects of this renewal as we journey towards Holy Week. **Facilitator Fr, Dick Hauser, SJ**, has been at

Creighton University since 1972, & has served as chair of the Theology Department & Rector of the Jesuit Community, & is currently Associate Director of the Masters Program in Christian Spirituality. Call now to reserve your spot 402-359-4288 or go to www.kmscenter.org for more information.

HEIRLOOM WRITING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT KNOWLES MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTER Family stories passed from one generation to the next serves as a means of communicating issues, faith, & values that hold importance in our lives & that of our family members. The most endearing & enduring legacy you can leave your family is your story. Join us on Thurs., March 5 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. to start to process, compile, & write your life story. Fee of \$40 includes continental breakfast & lunch. Facilitator Elizabeth Mack will

guide you through the process. The only experience necessary is life! Elizabeth Mack (MA, BFA) has taught Creative Nonfiction Writing & English at UNO, Creighton University, & Metropolitan Community College. Call 402-359-4288 or email kmscenter@mercywmw.org for more information or to register. Knowles Mercy Center is located 1 mile west of 264th and West Center Road.

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH in Omaha has an opening for **Director of Religious Education**. All applications can be sent to Fr. Craig Loecker at fatherloecker@yahoo.com or to St. Leo the Great Church. The position would begin July 1st. A job description can be found at St. Leo the Great website. www.stleo.net A masters degree is preferred.



February 25
6 P.M.



**At Nelson Mandela Elementary
6316 North 30th Street**

Dancing with the Stars

Seating is limited!

\$50 per person.

Raffle tickets on Sale Now!

\$25 per chance!

Do not need to be present to WIN!

Grand Prize: \$5,000

**2nd Prize: \$2,400 in Grocery Gift Cards
(Neri Dollars)**

**3rd Prize: \$1,000 in Gas Gift Cards
(Neri Dollars)**

Get your tickets today!

**Purchase Dinner and Raffle tickets at the Parish Office (8200 N. 30th St.)
and at the weekend Masses!**