



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

Jesus is the Living Water.

Reading 1 Exodus 17:3-7

Reading 2 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Question of the Week –

Adults: When you are tempted to try to satisfy your “thirst for meaning” through some other means, what keeps you coming back to the living water of intimacy with Christ? Through what means do you experience Christ’s power in your life: Sacraments? Scripture? Prayer? Others?

Children: How do you experience Jesus helping and loving you?

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF MARCH 5-11

WEEKLY REVENUE	\$15,369.71
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$17,215.25
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$1,845.54)
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$815,046.02
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$904,122.40
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$89,076.38)

DID YOU KNOW... IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SUPPORT OUR MARDI GRAS ?

We budgeted \$50,000 for our Mardi Gras fundraiser. We fell short in our fundraising efforts with the net profit of approximately \$18,000. If you would like to help make up this shortfall, please place your donation in an envelope marked Mardi Gras and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support. We couldn't do it without you!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

5:00 PM:

ALTAR SERVERS: Abigail Russell,
Lydia Treves

CANDLE BEARERS: Wyatt Brungardt,
Lydia Treves

LECTOR: Rob Barrett

EMHCs: Jeanette Pinker,
Wayne and Ellen Russell,
Jim Shepherd, Diane Sullivan,
Mary Ann Taylor

GIFTBEARERS: Treves Family

MUSICIANS: Kim Hill

NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Joni Locher

USHERS: Vern Andersen, Rock Cramer,
Jim Coe, Ron Allbright

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

7:30 AM:

LECTOR: Peg Ricketts

EMHCs: Bev Demkowski,
George and Marsha Moon,
Dorothy Polan, Kathy Rossitto,
Mary Todd

GIFTBEARERS: Breitreutz Family

NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Judy Bahle

USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek,
Chuck Holderness,
Chuck Livengood

10:30 AM:

ALTAR SERVERS: Isabella Ramsgard,
Maykayla Smedra

CANDLE BEARERS: Need a Volunteer,
Frances Holmstedt

LECTOR: Rich McShane

EMHCs: Tamatha Buell, Bill Cheese,
DeLynne Clausen, Dave Parks,
Nancy Ryckman,
Rita Ziska

GIFTBEARERS: Doran Family

MUSICIANS: Children's Choir

NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Jane Cheese

USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock,
Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer,
Mark Lampe

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Kelli Brock, Bob and Betty Jones, Joni Locher

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Larry Ziska, Charlie Buell

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, MARCH 23: Nancy Core, Theresa O'Neill

***** PLEASE NOTE! WE ASK THAT THE GIFTBEARERS ASSIGNED TO EACH MASS CHECK IN WITH THE USHERS BEFORE MASS – SO THAT THE USHERS KNOW THAT YOU ARE HERE TO TAKE UP THE GIFTS. THANK YOU!**

Mass Intentions March 20 - 26

Monday	8:15 AM	No Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Monica Wilcox Int. Jack and Ann O'Connor +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Fr. John Andrews Int.
Thursday	8:15 AM	Laura Potter + Kingsley & Tootie Smith +
Friday	8:15 AM	Francis Pleiss +
Saturday	5:00 PM	John Gubbels + Iona Dempsey +
Sunday	7:30 AM 10:30 AM	Our Parish Family Mitzi Le Clair and Family Int. Elsie Bohnenkamp +

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF MICK O'NEILL. Mick is the husband of Theresa O'Neill. Services for Mick are pending.



A WE BIT 'O GREEN FOR THESE MARCH 500 CLUB WINNERS!

- \$130 - Nancy Hendricks, \$70 - Caryn Pfeifer,
- \$30 - Diane Sullivan, \$25 - Mary Todd,
- \$20 - Rosemary Reeves, Rob Barrett
- \$15 - Judy Gubbels, Gladys Goeken, Rich McShane, Joan Kelly, Don Schettler

MARCH'S SELECTION FOR THE DINING GROUP is Tussey's! 9229 Mormon Bridge Plaza on Tuesday, March 28th at 6 pm Please RSVP - ALL are VERY WELCOME! mhackenberg@hotmail.com or 402-493-5697



LENTEN ACTIVITY

As a practice of prayer, fasting & almsgiving, a Parish Pastoral Council member will lead the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary during Lent starting at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, 7 & 10 a.m. on Sunday. Please plan to join us!

HOW TO PRAY THE ROSARY You will find pocket size pamphlets by the doors of Church which contains easy to read step by step instruction on how to pray the rosary including prayers and the mysteries.

DO YOU FIND IT EASY TO PRAY? In our busy lives, prayer is seen as a luxury, when in reality it is at the foundation of a healthy spiritual life. The good news is that you can overcome your difficulties with prayer, & it is easier than you might think. Over the course of 8 weeks, the **Oremus** study program teaches you the essentials of an effective & fruitful prayer life.

Where: St. Philip Neri Activity Center Kids Welcome
When: 3:30 pm - 5 pm March 3 – April 27
 (1 week off—Holy Thursday).
Materials: Workbook (\$13 optional)

Each session: See a 30 minute video of Fr. Toups' talk, use workbook with reflection questions & Lectio Divina & pray together. (Daily scripture/prayer encouraged.) For more info, call: Judy Smedra 402-457-5622 or 402-670-1368 Or email: msmedra98@gmail.com

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THE ROAST BEEF DINNER on Palm Sunday, April 9 in the SPN Parish Center a success! There are signup sheets in the Church pews. Please review the times & duties on the signup sheet & pick a time where you will be able to help. If you can't give of your time, we will also need homemade salads & desserts to serve at the dinner. You can drop off your salads & desserts in the Parish Center on Saturday after 4 pm or on Sunday morning. Please place your signup sheet in the collection basket or the baskets by the doors of Church.

**THE WEEK AHEAD
SUNDAY, MARCH 19**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS** - 2nd & 8th Grade only - School

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

MONDAY, MARCH 20

NO SCHOOL – FACULTY RETREAT

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

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 MEETING** – Activity Center Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

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

3:30 P.M. **OREMUS – GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER** – Activity Center Meeting Room

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

2:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Church

6:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND POTLUCK** – Church and Parish Center

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN

COLLECTION - Trailer in Parking Lot
 7:00 A.M. **BIBLE STUDY** – Parish Center
 5:00 P.M. **DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT** – SPN School Activity Center
NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER BOTH MASSES

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot
 8:00 AM - **SPN-BS 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD**
 8:00 PM
RCIA – 2nd Scrutiny at 7:30 p.m. Mass
NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS
 9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS** – 2nd & 8th Grade only - School
CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD – During 10:30 Mass

SPN’s Week for Hummel Day Camp is July 24-28! Registration is March 21st at 8 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 26 at Cooper Farm!

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 9: Spiritual Healing:

- The difference between mortal and venial sin
- The connection between Penance and the rest of the Sacraments
- A true understanding of God’s mercy
- The primary purpose of Anointing of the Sick
- Old Testament roots of the Anointing of the Sick

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Melissa went up to her college professor, ready to contest the grade she received in the class. “I don’t understand why my grade was so low. How did I do on my research paper?” After staring at her with a blank look, the professor responded, “Actually, you didn’t turn in a research paper. You turned in a random assemblage of sentences. In fact, the sentences you apparently kidnapped in the dead of night & forced into this violent & arbitrary plan of yours clearly seemed to be placed on the pages against their will. Reading your paper was like watching unfamiliar, uncomfortable people interacting at a cocktail party that no one wanted to attend in the first place. You didn’t submit a research paper, you submitted a hostage situation.”

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

LOOKING FOR A GREAT PLACE TO EAT THIS LENTEN SEASON, please check out some of the gift cards we carry that you can use at local restaurants.



Restaurants who serve fish:

Bonefish Grill Tussey’s
 Red Lobster

Restaurants who serve pasta:

Carrabba’s Tussey’s Olive Garden
All preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

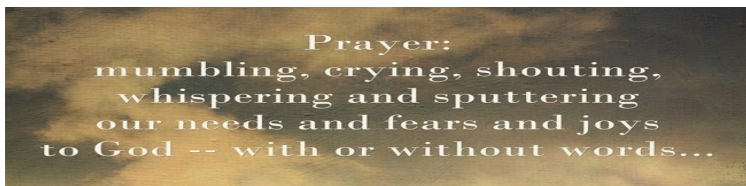
“Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord”

PLEASE NOTE! THE SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER HAS OFFICIALLY CHANGED TO 402-315-3500. The old school phone will no longer automatically transfer over to the new number.

OPEN REGISTRATION FOR PRE-SCHOOL IS NOW! Please tell your neighbors & friends about our great school!

PRO-LIFE ESSAY CONTEST Give voice to your pro-life values! The Archdiocese Pro-Life Essay Contest is now taking entries from students in grades 7-11. Prizes range from \$20-\$40, & first place entries will be submitted to the Knights of Columbus statewide contest. For the writing prompt & submission details, contact Whitney Bradley, Respect Life Apostolate Coordinator, at wabradley@archomaha.org or call 402-551-9003 x1306.

FROM MARCH 1 - APRIL 6, YOU’RE INVITED TO JOIN OTHER CHRISTIANS FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE, forty days of prayer & fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand & peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil at the two abortion facilities in Omaha & Bellevue: Planned Parenthood (3105 N 93rd St.) & the Abortion & Contraception Clinic of NE (1002 W Mission Ave. Bellevue). **St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish’s vigil hours are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 26 at Planned Parenthood.** Please contact Mary Fink at 402-516-8756 to sign up for an hour of prayer. 40 Days For Life is an internationally-organized, peaceful effort comprised of three components: prayer & fasting, peaceful vigils, & community outreach. Since the first coordinated campaign effort, 40 Days For Life reports 12,668 lives saved from abortion – that we know of – & the closing of 73 abortion facilities. Nebraskans United for Life is mobilizing local efforts in the Omaha & Bellevue area for the tenth year. For more international campaign results, visit www.40DaysForLife.com



Lenten Fish Fries, March 24, 4:30 to 8 p.m., at *St. Benedict Center*, Schuyler, sponsored by the Benedictine monks of Christ the King Priory. Alaskan Pollock buffet. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12; children ages 5 & under are free.

The Mighty One Has Done Great Things for Me (Luke 1:49), March 25, 1-day retreat with *Sr. Colette Baldwin, RSM*. At midpoint of Lent, we meet Mary on this feast of the Annunciation, who has spoken her yes to God & sings her praise for God's greatness & mercy. This day invites us to review the manifold gifts of God to us, who too have been loved into life &, like Mary, don't know what our yes to God will mean. Our lives have been blessed with God's greatness, mercy & wonders. Lent invites us to recall this & to praise God, while we continue the Journey with Jesus through dying to self & rising to greater freedom, consolation & new life. Fee: \$30. Lunch is available for \$10.50 (incl. tax).

For more info. about the above retreats, call 402-352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

FRY-DAY NIGHT LENTEN FISH FRY – March 24th, 31st, & April 7th from 5–8 p.m. at Schwertley Hall; St. John the Baptist Catholic Church; 215 N. 13 St.; Fort Calhoun

NFP WINE AND CHEESE A date night for engaged & married Couples on Sat., March 25th at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Parish Center; 16701 "S" St. Social hour followed by presenters sharing their stories & explaining what the Catholic Church teaches with regard to family planning. Also, Creighton Model & Couple to Couple League teachers will explain these two methods of Natural Family Planning. No cost to attend. RSVP: NFPWINE@GMAIL.COM

PLEASE JOIN US! St. John's Annual Spring Breakfast Sunday, April 2 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Werner Hall, 106 N. 4th St., Petersburg, NE **Serving:** Pancakes, French Toast, Sausage, Fruit, & Dessert

PRO-LIFE LIVING ROSARY Represent our Parish at the Living Rosary on Sunday, April 2 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Peter's Church, 2706 Leavenworth St.

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE NOTRE DAME SISTERS for an evening of merriment & thanksgiving at our 23rd Annual Celebration of Spirit Dinner! This event will honor Jo Williams with our Mother Qualberta Service Award & celebrate all of our guests for being faithful servants of the Lord. Sunday, April 2 from 4-7:30 p.m. Social Hour|Silent Auction|Dinner|Program St. Robert Bellarmine Social Hall 11802 Pacific St. Tickets: \$85 per person / \$680 per table RSVP by March 24 to Mary Brown at 402-455-2994 or online at www.notredamesisters.org by clicking on the "Donate Now" link in the top right corner (please put the names of guests attending in the comment section). Cocktail Attire

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON will be held on Saturday, April 8 in St. Elizabeth Ann's Parish Center from 9:15 to 12-Noon. (8:30 a.m. Mass also

available) Our speaker is Sr. Marie Micheletto, RSM. Sr. Marie invites us to pray together over God's enduring love for us & our return of this love through mercy, gratitude & hope. \$15 for presentation & a light breakfast. Please contact Jo at 402-572-0369 or jkusek9212@yahoo.com to register.

SEEKING TRUTH - Isaiah the Prophet Sept - March 2017-18 Register Now at www.seekingtruth.net Thursday afternoon or evening live classes or on-line classes or start a FREE parish program of a past course.

LACE UP YOUR SHOES & GET REGISTERED TODAY! 2017 Claussen-Leahy Maverick Run Sat., April 22nd at the Baxter Arena. Registration information online at OMavs.com or call 402-554-3689 or email: unowalk@unomaha.edu

HEART OF A CHILD MINISTRIES IS A PRO-LIFE, NON-PROFIT REGISTERED 501-C3 IN THE STATE OF NEBRASKA.

The ministry began through the prayer of a seven year old child. She wished to raise money for the pro-life cause by making & selling a Pro-Life Prayer Pillow. Over \$20,000 in pillow proceeds have since been donated to pro-life organizations to help foster a culture of life.

In April 2016, the Archdiocese of Omaha confirmed that the work of Heart of a Child Ministries is in accord with teachings & pastoral practices & follows the Magisterium of the Catholic Church.

Heart of a Child school presentations evolved from the Pro-Life Prayer Pillow ministry.

Our team approach in the classroom incorporates prayer, action & truth as a way of forming a culture of life in our youth.

We have three age appropriate presentations for grade school, middle school & high school with all ages witnessing a live ultrasound of an unborn baby with the help of pregnant volunteers & professional sonographers. Over 1,500 children have had the opportunity to participate in this powerful, life changing Prolife workshop.

We are currently borrowing a portable ultrasound machine through a doctor's group & have use of it until March 29th.

A kind donor has challenged us to raise \$5,000 in 30 days that will be matched in order to allow us to purchase our own portable ultrasound unit.

We also must purchase other supporting devices such as a projector & audio-visual equipment necessary for the presentations.

Please prayerfully consider helping us to continue to bring the Truth to our Youth in more classrooms locally & across the country.

Donations may be sent to:

Heart of a Child Ministries; 4040 County Rd 29; Kennard, NE 68034

Please contact Nikki Schaefer with any questions:

Nikki@HeartofaChildMinistries.org