



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

*We are children of the Light.*

**Reading 1** 1 Samuel 16;1b, 6-7, 10-13a

**Reading 2** Ephesians 5:8-14

**Gospel** John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Question of the Week –**

**Adults:** Share how you, as a child of the light, in the power of Christ, produce goodness, Justice, and truth for the world. What specific actions do you take to do this??

**Children:** What are the things that Jesus wants you to do as his friend?

<b>PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF MARCH 12-18</b>		<b>DID YOU KNOW... REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR HAS BEGUN?</b> Now is the time to tell your neighbors and friends the great things about our school! St. Philip Neri School provides a high quality education that focuses on the academic, social and spiritual growth of all students. Now enrolling for Pre-K through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade!
<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$12,015.58</b>	
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$65,322.58</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$53,307.00)</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$827,061.60</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$968,962.48</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$141,900.88)</b>	

<p><b>LITURGICAL MINISTERS:</b>  <b>SATURDAY, APRIL 1</b>  <b>5:00 PM:</b>  <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> Dillon Dierks, Craig Taylor  <b>CANDLE BEARERS:</b> Autumn-Rose Barnes, Clint Dierks  <b>LECTOR:</b> Pam Hughes  <b>EMHCs:</b> Jacquie Dahlin, Kim Hill, Jennifer Russell, Jim Shepherd, Diane Sullivan, Matt Swoboda  <b>GIFTBEARERS:</b> Bahle Family  <b>MUSICIANS:</b> Children's Choir  <b>NERI DOLLAR SELLER:</b> Susan Matsunami  <b>USHERS:</b> Vern Andersen, Rock Cramer, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, APRIL 2</b>  <b>7:30 AM:</b>   <b>LECTOR:</b> Ilene Sedlacek  <b>EMHCs:</b> Regina Cronkhite, Maria Hackenberg, Norine Hoffman, Jan Sammons, Bonnie Shea, Larry Ziska  <b>GIFTBEARERS:</b> Schonberner Family   <b>NERI DOLLAR SELLER:</b> Nancy Core  <b>USHERS:</b> Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM:</b>  <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> Sam Parys, Ryan Pfeiffer  <b>CANDLE BEARERS:</b> Carly Berkey, Andrew Fink  <b>LECTOR:</b> Kelli Brock  <b>EMHCs:</b> Trudie Ahlstrom, Bev Baer, Mary Fink, Cathy Fluckey, Rich McShane, Fannie Parker  <b>GIFTBEARERS:</b> Wolodkewitsch Family  <b>MUSICIANS:</b> Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies  <b>NERI DOLLAR SELLER:</b> Kara Rief  <b>USHERS:</b> Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe</p>
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**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Mary Breitkrutz, Mike Holmgren, Ellen and Wayne Russell  
**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Sharon Olson, April Collamer  
**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, MARCH 30:** Dorie Mittlieder, Kathy Rossitto

**\*\*\* 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 27 – April 2**

Monday	8:15 AM	<b>No Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Laura Potter +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	John and Joann Schaffart Int.
Thursday	8:15 AM	Jane Bomer Int. Special Friends Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Jerry Goeken +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Tammy Gatrost + Iona Dempsey +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Betty Core + Stella Kozimor +
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family

**THIS WEEKEND, OUR PARISH WILL TAKE UP THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION** which supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, & Christ's love & respect to all people. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection & **help Jesus in disguise.**

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

**HOLY ROSARY CIRCLE #2 IS INVITING YOU TO COME DOWNSTAIRS FOR THE ANNUAL BAKE SALE NEXT WEEKEND** after Mass! We will have many homemade goodies for you to donate for the Roast Beef Dinner, your Easter Celebration, or for your own personal enjoyment.



**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: msmendra98@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.

**TIME TO SPRING CLEAN!** Do you have clean, gently used clothing, coats or household items & want to find them a good home? You are in luck! The weekend of April 22/23, St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck in our parking lot to accept your clean, gently used donations.

**THE WEEK AHEAD  
SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES** – Catholic Relief Services

8:00 AM - **SPN-BS 40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL**  
8:00 PM **AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

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

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 27**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 28**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29**

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

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 30**

8:15 A.M. **SPECIAL FRIENDS - 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

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 31**

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

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

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

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

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

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**CIRCLE 2 BAKE SALE –** Parish Center

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

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

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER BOTH MASSES**

**CIRCLE 2 BAKE SALE –** Parish Center

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

**RCIA –** 3<sup>rd</sup> Scrutiny at 10:30 a.m. Mass

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

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](http://www.40DaysForLife.com)

**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!

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #5287** is offering 5 scholarships (between \$200 - \$500 each) to current 8<sup>th</sup> graders going on to a Catholic High School next year. Applications are available at the SPN school office, Religious Ed teacher or by contacting Dave Bohnenkamp ([bohenkamp.dave@gmail.com](mailto:bohenkamp.dave@gmail.com) or 402-515-6142) Applications are due by April 14, 2017.

**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](mailto:wabradley@archomaha.org) or call 402-551-9003 x1306.

**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 10: Brides and Bridegrooms:*

- The nuptial nature of creation
- God as a family of persons
- Marriage as the primordial Sacrament of creation
- Marriage as an icon of God's love throughout Scripture
- The marriage of Christ to the Church and the New Covenant Sacrament

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** My brain travels at the speed of light...One second it's here & the next it's 186,000 miles away.

**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. today, Sunday, March 26 at Planned Parenthood.** 40 Days

~ **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.*



**TAKE A STEP TOWARD STAYING HEALTHY AND ACTIVE** Be smart: do more for your cardiovascular health! Advanced ultrasound technology looks inside your arteries for signs of plaque buildup - 9 out of 10 cardiovascular doctors support preventive screenings for those with key risk factors. They

are coming to us! Thursday, March 30 in our Parish Center. To register for your appointment and to receive a special \$10 discount, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)

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

**PLEASE JOIN US!** St. John’s Annual Spring Breakfast Sunday, April 2 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Werner Hall, 106 N. 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**WOMEN’S MORNING OF REFLECTION AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON** will be held on Saturday, April 8 in St. Elizabeth Ann’s

available) Our speaker is Sr. Marie Micheletto, RSM. Sr. Marie invites us to pray together over God’s enduring love Parish Center from 9:15 to 12-Noon. (8:30 a.m. Mass also 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](mailto:jkusek9212@yahoo.com) to register.

**LACE UP YOUR SHOES & GET REGISTERED TODAY!** 2017 Claussen-Leahy Maverick Run Sat., April 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Baxter Arena. Registration information online at [OMavs.com](http://OMavs.com) or call 402-554-3689 or email: [unowalk@unomaha.edu](mailto:unowalk@unomaha.edu)

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

**ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT ROAST BEEF DINNER  
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP**

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017 11:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Dishwasher	_____ 11:30–2:00 p.m.	_____ 2:00–4:00 p.m.	_____ 4:00–6:00 p.m.
Food Server	_____ 11:30–2:00 p.m.	_____ 2:00–4:00 p.m.	_____ 4:00–6:00 p.m.
Dining Room Help	_____ 11:30–2:00 p.m.	_____ 2:00–4:00 p.m.	_____ 4:00–6:00 p.m.
Kitchen Clean-up	_____ 6:00 p.m. until finish		
Dining Room Clean-up	_____ 6:00 p.m. until finish		
Set-Up Crew	_____ 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 8 <sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center		
Shuttle Volunteer	_____ Shuttle seniors to and from dinner	_____ Take meals to seniors	
Put Me Anywhere	_____ 11:30–2:00 p.m.	_____ 2:00–4:00 p.m.	_____ 4:00–6:00 p.m.

**\*\* PLEASE DONATE HOMEMADE SALADS AND DESSERTS. \*\***  
BRING TO PARISH CENTER THE MORNING OF SUNDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> .

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring this with you to Mass next weekend and place it in the Collection Basket or bring it or mail it to the Parish Office. Thank you!