

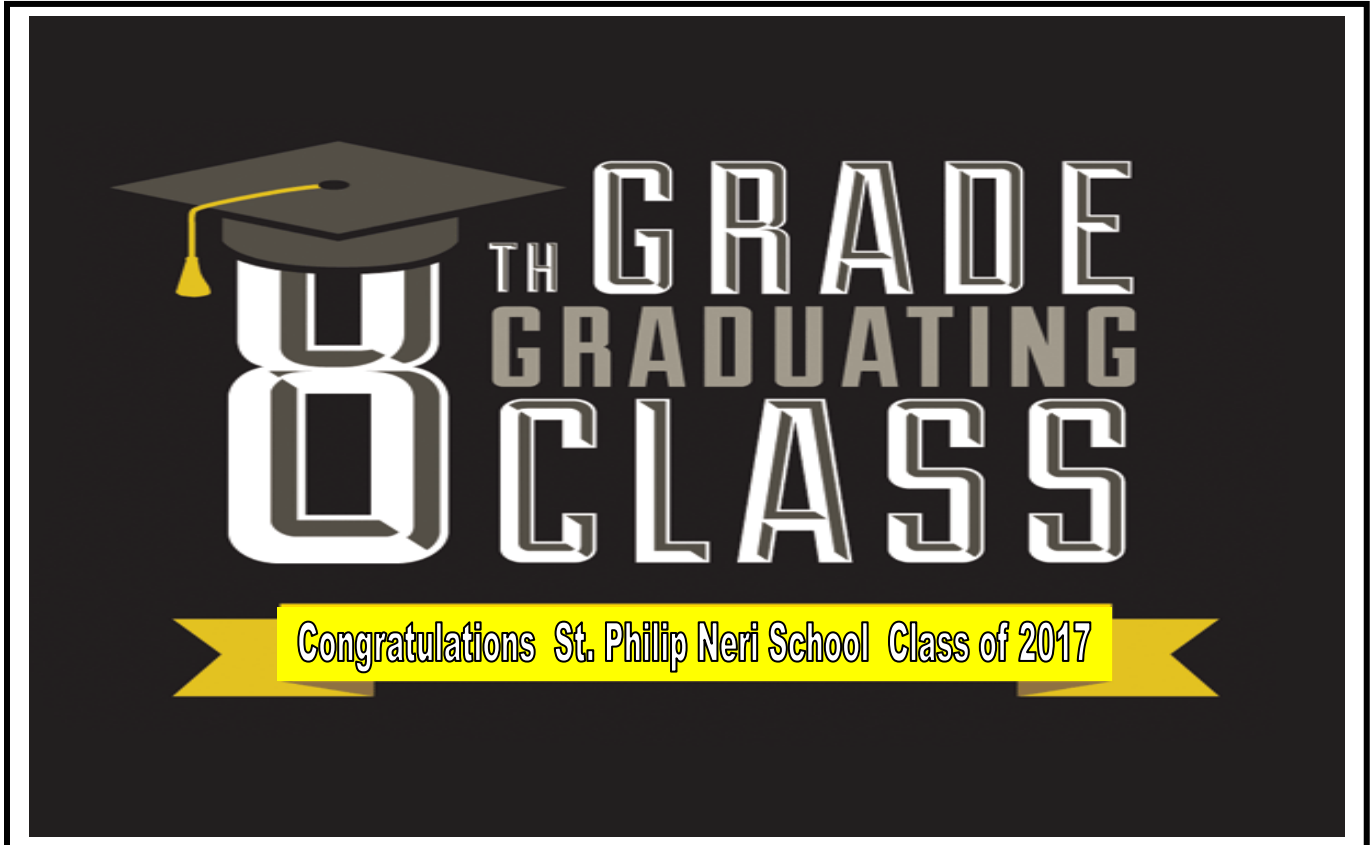
THE LOVE OF GOD MAKES US DO GREAT THINGS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 21, 2017

## ST. PHILIP NERI – BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

<http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/>

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish in communion with the Roman Catholic Church and faithful to our Holy Father strives to: support one another, be prayerful people of God, show our love through outreach, educate our parishioners in our faith and sow seeds of hope through prayerful and joyful celebration of the Eucharist so that we might love God, love others and form disciples.



**Jackson Harold Cramer  
Ryan Lawrence Greenwood  
Luke Tarsicius Kelly  
Nicholas Andrew Meier  
Samuel James Parys  
John Michael Plewa  
Travon Anthony Smith**

**Emily Mae Crowe  
Jayden Victoria Herweg  
Dominic Salvatore Martello  
Kobe Kenneth Mulcahy  
Jerad Arthur Peck  
Amir Mathiange Ring  
Craig Edward Taylor**

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,  
who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope,  
encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Our thoughts and prayers go with you always.

God bless!

**A PRAYER FROM POPE FRANCIS**

Blessed Virgin Mary of Fatima, with renewed gratitude for your motherly presence,  
we join in the voice of all generations that call you blessed.

We celebrate in you the great works of God, who never tires of lowering himself  
in mercy over humanity, afflicted by evil and wounded by sin, to heal and to save it.  
Accept with the benevolence of a Mother this act of entrustment that we make in faith today,  
before this your image, beloved to us.

We are certain that each one of us is precious in your eyes  
and that nothing in our hearts has estranged you.

May that we allow your sweet gaze to reach us and the perpetual warmth of your smile.

—from *Mother Mary: Inspiring Words from Pope Francis*

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

*We have the spirit of truth to guide us.*

**Reading 1** Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17

**Reading 2** 1 Peter 3:15-18

**Gospel** John 14:15-21

**Question of the Week –**

**Adults:** Which one of the promises in today's Gospel gives you the most hope?

**Children:** Jesus is "the way, the truth, the life" and he asks us to do as he does. How do you try to follow Jesus' way?

**PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF MAY 7-13**

<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$12,887.82</b>
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$000.00</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$12,887.82</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$1,053,256.91</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,124,418.60</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$71,161.69)</b>

**DID YOU KNOW... MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> IS THE ANNUAL OMAHA GIVES CAMPAIGN?**

You do not have to wait until Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> to donate!  
Gifts can be made today or you can schedule your donation  
to draw on May 24<sup>th</sup> by going on line to: "omahagives24.org".  
There are hourly drawings that will make your donation go further.  
If you prefer, we will accept donations through the Parish Office  
as part of this fundraising campaign.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS: ASCENSION OF THE LORD, THURSDAY, MAY 25 7:00 P.M.**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Lilly Bauer, Frances Holmstedt

**LECTOR:** Ilene Sedlacek

**MUSICANS:** Colleen & the Church Ladies

**EMHC's:** Regina Cronkhite, Norine Hoffman, Mike Holmgren,  
George & Marsha Moon, Bonnie Shea

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**SATURDAY, MAY 27**

**5:00 PM:**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jackson Cramer,  
Kobe Mulcahy

**CANDLE BEARERS:** Amir Ring,  
Jordan Rogers

**LECTOR:** Hugh Reilly

**EMHCs:** Jacquie Dahlin, Theresa O'Neill,  
Wayne and Ellen Russell,  
Jeanette Pinker, Matt Swoboda

**GIFTBEARERS:** Bahle Family

**MUSICIANS:** Kim, Deanna, Deb

**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:**

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

**SUNDAY, MAY 28**

**7:30 AM:**

**LECTOR:** Alyce Kozimor

**EMHCs:** Bob and Betty Jones,  
Bruno Kozimor,  
Jan Sammons,  
Mary Todd, Larry Ziska

**GIFTBEARERS:** McDonald Family

**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:**

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

**10:30 AM:**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Ryan Pfeiffer,  
Isabella Ramsgard

**CANDLE BEARERS:** Maykayla Smedra,  
David Taylor

**LECTOR:** Rich McShane

**EMHCs:** Bev Baer, Kelli Brock,  
Bill Cheese, Dave Parks,  
DeLynne Clausen,  
Nancy Ryckman

**GIFTBEARERS:** Taborsky Family

**MUSICIANS:** Colleen & the Church Ladies

**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:**

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

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Mary Fink, Kathy Rossitto, Mary Ann Taylor  
**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Ziska, Charlie Buell  
**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, MAY 25:** Roy Edwards, Rich McShane

**Mass Intentions May 22 - 28**

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Mary Beauchene Int.
Wednesday	8:15 AM	SPN Students & Staff
	7:00 PM	SPN Graduates Int.
Thursday	8:15 AM	Del Murphy +
	7:00 PM	Special Intention for Families
Friday	8:15 AM	Jeanne Holzapfel Int.
Saturday	5:00 PM	Iona Dempsey + John Gubbels +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Dot Luers + Stella Kozimor +
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH PICNIC** after 10:30 Mass on **TODAY**, Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> for our Parish Potluck and Social. Those with last names beginning with...A – L, please bring a dessert to share & those with last names beginning with M – Z, please bring a side dish or salad to share. The Knights of Columbus will be grilling brats & hot dogs. Circle #10 will provide tea & cold drinks.

**A VERY HAPPY 80<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO LIZ MAYCOCK!** Liz will be 80 years young on May 24. Please join us in showering Liz with birthday wishes by sending a card to Liz Maycock; 5116 Raven Oaks Dr., Omaha, NE 68152.



**Omaha Gives!** is May 24, 2017. In the past, we have encouraged our parishioners & friends of the Parish to give during Omaha Gives! However, this year there are no matching funds, only hourly prizes for organizations that have the most donors in an hour. Additionally, there is a processing fee taken from each donation. So if you were considering making a donation during Omaha Gives! please consider sending a check directly to the Parish Office instead so we can maximize the donation. That being said, please spread the word about the opportunity to donate during Omaha Gives! to your friends & via social media to encourage new donors.



**PLEASE JOIN THE DINING GROUP AT FAT SHACK**  
 7440 No. 30<sup>th</sup> St.  
 on Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
 Everyone is Welcome!

RSVP mhackenberg@hotmail.com or 402-493-5697

**THE GARDEN ANGELS ARE GETTING BUSY.** If you would like to help defray the costs of beautifying our grounds, please drop your change in the water cans by the doors of Church or you can put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. If you would like to help by pulling weeds, planting, or watering, please call the Parish Office.

**THE PARISH SUMMER SALE WILL BE FRIDAY, JUNE 2 FROM 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M. AND SATURDAY, JUNE 3 FROM 9 A.M. TO 2 P.M.**

We will have 2 “drop off” dates for you to make donations to the sale. Please drop off your clean, gently used household items, baby items, toys, tools, furniture, clothing, etc. in the Activity Center - NO paint, pesticides, toxins – or old tv sets or desks on Saturday – May 27 from 8 – 11 a.m & Tuesday – May 30 from 5 – 7 p.m. We also need volunteers to help fill the timeslots – to work the sale & also set up & take down the sale. We are hoping to only schedule volunteers for 2 or 3 hour shifts. If you are a school parent or student who needs service hours, this is a great way to get them. Many hands make light work! ...and besides we always have a lot of fun!!!

Our goal this year is \$5,000.00!  
 Please call the Rectory at 402-455-1289, or email Marie at [mlmcfarland@archomaha.org](mailto:mlmcfarland@archomaha.org) if you are interested in helping with this.

**HELLO FELLOW PARISHIONERS!**

It is registration time for our CCD/Family Formation Classes. If anyone in your family or anyone you know (K-8<sup>th</sup> grade) is interested in learning more about our Catholic faith or receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation, please contact Emily Bazer at 402-612-9679 or at the Parish Office 402-455-1289 or email: [emily.bazer@gmail.com](mailto:emily.bazer@gmail.com) There are orange registration forms at the entrances of Church. Please note! There is an Early Bird Special for those who register before July 1<sup>st</sup>! ~ God Bless, Emily Bazer

**ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL**

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

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- Monday, May 22 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship Presentation & Sending Forth Ceremony at 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 23 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Last Day of School
- Wednesday, May 24 - Last Day of School – 1:00 p.m. Dismissal  
 - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation at 7p.m.

**SPN SUMMER CARE** will be open Monday – Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. The first day will be June 1<sup>st</sup> & the final day will be Aug. 11<sup>h</sup>. We will be closed the week of July 3-7. The registration fee is \$50 (per child) & pre-payment is required.  
 Full time: \$25/day (4-5 days a week)  
 Part-time: \$33/day (1-3 days a week)



We accept T-20/Childcare assistance program. Your child will need a sack lunch daily. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Holzapfel at 402-315-3500.

**SPRING CLEANING?** We are looking for “gently used” toys for our PreKindergarten & After Care programs. If you have something to donate, please call Mrs. Holzapfel at 402-315-3500.

**LITTLE FLOWERS:** It is that time again to fill out Registration Forms! If you are interested in participating in Little Flowers during the 2017-2018 school year, please complete our form available at the doors of Church & in the parish office. We would love to have additional grandmas & moms to help us lead our meetings, so let us know if you are interested in that as well! We typically have about 2 dozen girls & meet only once a month. Little Flowers is a Girls Club based on the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux & her yearning to bring more souls to Jesus. We focus on other women saints, virtues, & bible verses while singing songs, playing games, & completing crafts. If you want to know more or come to one of this year’s meetings to check it out, please call Amanda Sherer for details. (712-216-1713)

**UNWANTED UNIFORMS?** If you have any uniforms that you no longer need, we would love to take them off of your hands! Please turn your laundered uniforms that are in good shape into the office.

**ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH** Invites Children to Maker Fun Factory VBS: Created by GOD Built for a Purpose - WOW God! WOW God! WOW God! A summer kids’ event called Maker Fun Factory VBS will be hosted at **Cooper Farm** from **June 26 - 30**. Imagine a world where curious kids become hands on inventors who discover they are lovingly crafted by God. Creativity will be sparked with interactive decoration & experiences. Maker Fun Factory, is for kids from **Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade &** will run from **9AM to Noon** each day. For more info., or if you would like to volunteer contact Emily Bazer at 402-612-9679.

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** A chemical engineer, electrical engineer, & a Microsoft engineer are on a road trip. The car breaks down. The electrical engineer looks under the hood & can’t find anything wrong. The chemical engineer checks the oil & fuel & can’t find anything wrong. The Microsoft engineer says, “Close all the windows & try again.”

**THE WEEK AHEAD**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 21**

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

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**LITTLE FLOWERS PRESENTATION** and Special Collection at 10:30 Mass

**NO CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**PARISH PICNIC – AFTER 10:30 MASS**

**MONDAY, MAY 22**

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 23**

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

7:00 P.M. **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** – Activity Center Meeting Room

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24 – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!**

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

1:00 P.M. **EARLY DISMISSAL** - School

7:00 P.M. **SPN SCHOOL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MASS AND GRADUATION** – Church and Parish Center

**THURSDAY, MAY 25 – ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

8:15 A.M. **MASS** – Church

7:00 P.M. **MASS** – Church

**FRIDAY, MAY 26**

6:00 P.M. **DINING GROUP – FAT SHACK**

**SATURDAY, MAY 27**

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

9:00 A.M. **CIRCLE 10 MEETING** – Parish Center

**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT MASS – CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**SUNDAY, MAY 28**

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES – CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**NO CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FR. MARIO WILL BE CELEBRATING MASS IN THE CHAPEL AT FOREST LAWN CEMETERY ON MONDAY, MAY 29<sup>TH</sup> AT 9 A.M.**

**~ NERI DOLLAR NEWS ~**

Mother’s Day, Graduations, Weddings, Birthdays, & Father’s Day! One stop shopping when you use Neri Dollars. Check out the on-hand & pre-order gift cards. Buy your cards after Mass today!



*Wal-Mart cards can be used for purchases at Sam’s Club. All special preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.*

**FREE ORGANIC COMPOST** Resembles Black Dirt for gardens – Tilled shavings & horse manure – must come out & pick it up! Call Rose Edwards at 402-571-2171.

**FATIMA CENTENNIAL U.S. TOUR FOR PEACE** featuring the International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima  
March 2016 - December 2017

O Queen of the Rosary, Sweet Virgin of Fatima, who has deigned to appear in the land of Portugal, we beg you to watch over our dear homeland and assure its moral and spiritual revival. Bring back peace to all the nations of the world so that all, our own nation in particular, may be happy to call you their Queen and the Queen of Peace. Amen.

Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for our country.

Our Lady of Fatima,

obtain for all humanity a lasting peace. Amen.

World Apostolate of Fatima U.S.A.

PO Box 976, Washington, NJ 07882

[www.fatimatourforpeace.com](http://www.fatimatourforpeace.com)



**FATIMA CENTENNIAL U.S. TOUR FOR PEACE**

The tour of the world-famous International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima is a nation-wide call to prayer and penance for peace in our nation and conversion of hearts. That's because prayer is more powerful than any army on earth. Our Lady promised, "in the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph." The tour and your prayers will create an outpouring of grace

to allow Our Lady of Fatima to claim her dominion over our country through her Immaculate Heart. Experience the graces and blessings of Fatima. The tours will be at the following Churches on the following dates. For more info., contact the Church or go online to: [fatimatourforpeace.com](http://fatimatourforpeace.com)

May 22 – St. Vincent de Paul Church – Seward, NE

May 23 – St. Therese Church – Lincoln, NE

May 24 – St. Benedict Church – Nebraska City, NE

May 25 – Our Lady of Lourdes Church – Omaha, NE

May 26 – St. Bridget/St. Rose Church – Omaha, NE

May 27 – St. Joan of Arc – Omaha, NE

May 28 – St. Stephen the Martyr Church – Omaha, NE

May 29 – St. Isidore Church – Columbus, NE

May 30 – St. Gerald Church – Omaha, NE

**THIRD ANNUAL GLOW 'N' GO 5K RUN/WALK** June 2, 8 p.m.  
Aksarben Village Grab your friends & your glow gear & lets gLoW uP tHe NiGhT!!

**8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STRAWBERRY BRUNCH FUNDRAISER**, Saturday, June 10, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. St. Wenceslaus School Gym  
Guest Speaker: Sharon Doran, presenting "Looking at the Lady in the Mirror", Musical entertainment, mimosa or lemonade & a fabulous brunch, silent auction & raffle.  
Tickets: \$40 plus a personal care item for the Food Pantry. All proceeds benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry. For questions & reservations, please contact: Rose Berkey at [rberkey1@cox.net](mailto:rberkey1@cox.net) or 402-334-8781.

**BRUSH UP NEBRASKA PAINT-A-THON** Need your house painted? At no cost! You could qualify. Apply Today! Call 402-965-9169 for more information.

Upcoming Events at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, NE.  
June - July 2017

**The Spiritual Exercises for Smarties** June 1–4 with Fr. Larry Gilg. St. Ignatius writes in his Spiritual Exercises that the most important thing is not to know much, but to sense & taste the presence of God. "Smarties" long to know beyond the logical, reasonable unsatisfying. "Smarties" know they don't know. A morning & afternoon presentation will be offered, plus the Eucharistic Liturgy & an evening session for clarification & questions, but not necessarily answers. This is a great opportunity to reflect on our way of life. Starts Thursday at 6 p.m.

**The Joy of the Third Commandment: Retrieving the Sabbath in the Spirit of Moses, Jesus, and Pope Francis**, June 24, 1 day with Fr. Dennis Hamm, SJ, Ph.D. What was, and is, the Jewish meaning of 'keeping the Sabbath'? What is Jesus' attitude toward the Sabbath commandment? What might be our best practice of keeping the spirit of Sabbath today? Why does Pope Francis emphasize Sabbath in *Laudato Si'*? This day of reflection & prayer will help us recover the meaning of Sabbath & take it personally. Fee: \$30. Lunch is available for \$10.50.

**Spousal Prayer: A Way to Marital Happiness**, July 1-2, with Deacon James Keating, Ph.D. Christ is eager to assist married couples in deepening their intimacy with one another & Himself, as it is only in & from Holy Communion that Christians can be sent to serve the needs of their children & the poor in generous hospitality. This retreat for married couples includes talks, personal & couple reflection time, Mass & Reconciliation. Saturday, 9 a.m. - Sunday, after lunch.

**Investing in the Journey**, July 8, 1 day retreat for divorced or widowed people, with Sr. Marie Micheletto, RSM, M.A., L.P.C., LMHP. The changes around & within oneself when one is divorced or widowed are multiple. This workshop, designed with you & those changes in mind, will be about naming & claiming losses internal & external; identifying ways of dealing with the losses, the fears, & the moving on; claiming the positive memories; & utilizing your spiritual life as support for the journey. Fee: \$30. Lunch is available for \$10.50.

**Delving Deeper Into Sacred Scripture**, July 14 - 15, with Sharon Doran, the teaching director of Seeking Truth Catholic Bible Study. Pope St. Gregory said, "Holy Scripture is a stream in which the elephant may swim and the lamb may wade." Whether you are an elephant who wants to dive deep or a lamb who wants to initially get its feet wet, this summer time refreshment in God's Word is for you. Dive deeper into Sacred Scripture & into God's Love for you during this mini Biblical School, which includes teaching, discussion & personal prayer, all in a relaxed retreat setting. Friday, 7:30 p.m., to Saturday, closing with Mass at 4 p.m.

For more info on the above retreats, call 402-352-8819 or visit [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com)