

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Kestermeier who will be here for our annual mission appeal. The purpose of this appeal is to raise money for Ocer Campion Jesuit College in Gulu, Uganda. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Thank you to all who worked to make last week's auction a success. We will have final numbers in the days ahead. I would like to extend special thanks to Larry Ziska and Mitzi LeClair for their numerous hours and hard work preparing Blessed Sacrament School, Church, and Rectory for the auction. This was no small task.

This year's Fall Festival/SeptemberFest will be coming up soon. We are making plans for a great weekend of fun activities for all ages. You will be receiving a letter soon about the raffle. This year our grand prize is \$5,000, with a 2nd prize of \$1,000 and a 3rd prize of \$500. The tickets cannot be mailed. You can pick up an envelope with tickets at the doors of Church. Also, you will receive a letter and raffle ticket purchase card in the mail. Please return the purchase card and/or raffle ticket stubs along with the money to the Rectory office by mail or in the Sunday collection basket. Your help in selling and purchasing tickets is greatly appreciated. Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you at Septemberfest!

Fr. John

Question of the Week – Reflect on what you consider your treasure.

Reading 1 1 Kings 3-5, 7-12

Reading 2 Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Reflection: Matthew's gospel stacks one parable of the Kingdom on another. He wants Christians to understand that seeking, working, and praying for the Kingdom of God is the heart of Jesus' Good News. When we seek the Kingdom before all else, we are like a merchant who sells everything to buy a pearl of great price. Like Jesus, we value God's love and God's will above any earthly treasure.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF JULY 13 – 19
Weekly Revenue	\$65,962.23
Weekly Expenses	\$57,958.66
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$8,003.57
Year to Date Revenue	\$80,992.74
Year to Date Expenses	\$65,704.35
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$15,288.39

DID YOU KNOW... Last year we did not use any money from our endowment accounts. This allowed us to withdraw \$50,000 in July to cover our summer expenses. We are off to a good start! Thank you to all that have contributed to our Parish or Educational Endowment Funds!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF ROSEMARY SCHUCHARDT AND DR. MILTON SWARTZ. Rosemary is the mother/mother-in-law of Jim & Roxanne. She was buried from Christ the King Catholic Church in Cozad, NE. Milt was living in Colorado near his daughter this past year. There will be visitation with rosary at 7 p.m. on Friday, August 1 here at St. Philip Neri with the funeral on Saturday, August 2nd at 10 a.m.

A WARM WELCOME TO ANN AND TRAVIS MUSIL who joined our parish family recently. We also welcome their daughter, Kate Maree Musil and pray for her parents who are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Kate was born on May 8, 2014 and baptized on July 20, 2014 by Fr. Gama.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR ALL THE PRAYERS, offers of help and particularly, Circle 2 for food and Circle 1 for cookies. You all showed us – “Parish Family”. Phil would have loved it all. ~Rosemary Cushing

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE! The parish website address has changed slightly. The present SPN-BS website has been converted to the newest eCatholic version 5.0. What does this mean for you & how does it impact you & all of those who visit the website? Ideally it should make the appearance of the website a little easier to navigate & see the different categories / buttons that are available. Our website address is: <http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/> Special thanks to Dustin Hillman for installing the latest

upgrade to our website.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: AUGUST 2/3

- ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Aaliyah Green, Dominic Martello
10:30 AM: Bode Bench, Nick Meier
- CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Keegan Sullivan, Grace Treves
10:30 AM: Steven Hensel, Hannah Kimble
- LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Michele Kinghorn
7:30 AM: Alyce Kozimor
10:30 AM: Rick McShane
- DEACON:** 7:30 AM: Deacon Al LeClair
10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
- EMHCs:** 5:00 PM: Tahlyr Banks, Jim Shepherd, Diane Sullivan, Matt Swoboda, Mary Ann Taylor
7:30 AM: Bruno Kozimor, George and Marsha Moon, Mary Todd
10:30 AM: Trudie Ahlstrom, Cathy Fluckey, Fannie Parker, Rita Ziska
- GIFT BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Treves Family
7:30 AM: McDonald Family
10:30 AM: Wolodkewitsch Family
- MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM:
10:30 AM:
- COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Kelli Brock, Bob and Betty Jones, Joni Locher
- NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Lynn Ingraham
7:30 AM: Nancy Core
10:30 AM: Jane Cheese
- COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** April Collamer, Jim Dahlin
- IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Mary Todd, Bonnie Shea
- USHERS:** 5:00 PM: Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer
7:30 AM: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood
10:30 AM: Tom Mendicino, Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Carl Cramer

THE 500 CLUB JULY FIRECRACKERS ARE: \$140 Carl Sedlacek, \$72 Marie McFarland, \$32 Jacquie Dahlin, \$24 Jane Vlcek, Donna Sobotka, Florence Fitzgerald, \$20 Kevin Hughes, Mary Jane Miner, \$15 Marcella Hendricks, Regina Cronkhite, Cathy Fluckey

CHRISTIAN HUMOR A Sunday school class was learning about the disciples. The teacher asked if any of the children remembered anything about Matthew. One five-year-old replied, "He was one of the opossums, and he was a taxi man."

The Mission of St. Philip Neri School is to build the body of Christ by promoting academic, social and spiritual growth in a challenging educational environment.

THIS IS THE FINAL WEEK FOR OUR CHRISTMAS IN JULY TREE!

Please visit one of the trees & pick an ornament to help the staff at our school replenish their supplies over the summer. You can drop your donation off at the rectory or just put it in the collection basket. The tree will be up through the end of the week. Help us give our students & staff a Very Merry Christmas in July!

SIGN UP NOW - SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING CLASS Monday,

August 18 in the SPN School Library from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. It is FREE to St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parishioners who plan to volunteer in the school, coach an athletic team, work in the cafeteria, chaperone your child's field trip, or be a room parent. All Parents, guardians, or family members MUST take a Safe Environment Training Class & be certified to be able to work with the students at St. Philip Neri School and St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish. Please call 402-455-1290 or email: spndresamhensel@gmail.com to register.

THE GOAL IS TO TEACH GIRLS FROM PRE-K TO 4TH GRADE ABOUT THEIR CATHOLIC HERITAGE, FAITH, AND TRADITIONS. The St. Philip Neri Little Flowers Girls Club is based on the spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux. They will meet in the library after school from 3:15 – 4:45 on the 3rd Wednesday of each month starting in September. Registration forms are by the doors of Church.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR VOLLEYBALL! There are registration forms by the doors of Church.

MASS INTENTIONS**JULY 28 – AUGUST 3**

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Mary Beth Clark +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Angie Pane +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Friday	8:15 AM	Zetta Wiater + Maxine & Vincent McMahan +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Elizabeth Lastovica + Dolores Bridgeford +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Steven Pelan + Gary & Jackie Peck +
	10:30 AM	Tom Dowd Jr. + Mrs. Nyla Hussey +

LET'S HELP STOCK UP THE PANTRY AT THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WAREHOUSE BY BRINGING FOOD ALL THIS MONTH TO CHURCH!

They are in dire need of: canned tomatoes & tomato sauce, canned fruit, canned meat: tuna & chicken, & saltine crackers. Please put the food in the barrels near the front doors of Church – & maybe line the food up the aisle towards the altar!

THE WEEK AHEAD**SUNDAY, JULY 27**

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1**FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**

7:00 P.M.

VISITATION AND ROSARY FOR

DR. MILT SWARTZ

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2

10:00 A.M.

FUNERAL FOR DR. MILT SWARTZ

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – in front of School

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses

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

IT'S REALLY HOT! Have you got your coat? Bring it to Skate Daze at 132nd & B on Aug. 9 from 10 - noon & get a certificate for a free root beer float from Culver's! It's the **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Coats for Floats**. They're collecting new or gently used coats to be distributed to those in need this winter.

You also can donate other places from July 21 to Aug. 8. Just look for the blue donation barrels at:

Art FX - 4142 S. 144th St., next to Charlie's on the Lake
Access Bank locations - 87th & Dodge & 140th & W. Center
Meineke Car Care - 90th street just south of Fort
Stories Coffeehouse - 180th and Pacific

This event is sponsored by Omaha area Culver's. Questions? 402-689-3301 or svdpomaha@hotmail.com

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

VENDORS ARE NEEDED FOR THE HEARTLAND FAMILY FESTIVAL ARTS & CRAFTS show, Saturday, Aug. 2, 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored & supported by the Archdiocese of Omaha, this ecumenical event for families will draw thousands. Games, face painting, bounce houses, magician & celebrities, Colin Raye concert, & fireworks. Most child or family related articles or activities can be sold. Contact John at 402-510-3426 to reserve your 10'x10' indoor booth in air-conditioned Sokol Hall next to Morrison Field, Creighton Campus.

YOUTH SERVE FUNDRAISER FOR SEVEN OAKS OF FLORENCE.

Rummage and Bake Sale...August 2nd, Donations accepted at 7:00 am. Sale 8:30am until 2:30pm. St. Mary's Parish Center (2302 Crawford St. Bellevue) We need your donations to make this sale a success. Early donations can be dropped off at 808 Willow Ave.

RONCALLI 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR FAMILY FUN FESTIVAL AT RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL on Sunday, August 3. Mass will be on-campus at 11 a.m. with activities until 6 p.m. The festivities will include live bands, children's activities, food vendors, a beer garden & tours of the school. Admission is FREE! Contact Julie Grosse-Rhode at jgrosserhode@roncallicatholic.org for additional information.

25TH ANNUAL SWING WITH PRIDE – AUGUST 4

It's time to make your reservations for Roncalli Catholic's 25th Annual A. Len Leavitt Memorial Swing with Pride Golf Open! Set for Monday, August 4 at The Players Club at Deer Creek, this annual event unites 200+ current parents, past parents, friends of the school and alumni for a day of fun on the greens. Register online at roncallicatholic.org under the Giving tab.

A social hour, silent auction, raffle giveaways and dinner program will follow the golfing portion of the fundraiser.

Participants pay just \$125 each or \$500 for foursomes. Proceeds benefit the 350 students of Roncalli Catholic.

Contact Julie Grosse-Rhode at golf@roncallicatholic.org or (402) 571-7670.

CHANGE OF SEASON: CHRIST'S USE OF AGRICULTURE IN PARABLES, Aug. 8-10, retreat at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Father Ralph O'Donnell. The Lord uses parables in instructing his disciples. Being blessed with rural, agricultural surroundings, we will have a look together at how the change of

season can enrich our own discipleship. With the backdrop of Colfax County's fields, join us in the quiet of St. Benedict Center to reflect on how the word has been planted in our hearts & to acknowledge how it grows, develops, & matures through the Spirit's presence in our lives. The retreat shows how we can support this process in our day-to-day living. For more info., call (402) 352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

FOR ADULTS WHO ARE DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR LEGALLY SEPARATED A Beginning Experience (BE) Weekend retreat for the widowed, separated & divorced is planned for **Aug. 8-10** at the Archdiocese Retreat Center, St. Joseph's Hall, 3330 N. 60 St. The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death is one of life's most traumatic experiences. This retreat is designed to be a time to heal & a time to turn the pain of loss into an adventure of grace. Open to individuals of all faiths. Pre-registration required. Cost is \$100 semi-private or \$125 private sleeping room. For more info. & an application, visit www.beginningexperienceofomaha.org or call/email Kay Buhrman at the Family Life Office at 402-551-9003 Ext. 1304, ekbuhrman@archomaha.org

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, August 23 - 9a.m. **4th Annual Breakfast for Life** at the Creighton Prep Sullivan Center. Featured speaker Rebecca Kiessling author of "Conceived in Rape; A Story of Hope", honored by Feminists for Life as one of their internationally- named "Remarkable Pro-Life Women". For tickets call EPS 402-554-0121 or go to www.essentialps.org

SPIRITUAL JOURNALING RETREAT DAY ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 4 FROM 10 - 2 AT THE KNOWLES MERCY CTR. Keeping a personal journal is a constructive way to record how God has blessed us, helped us to experience God's presence, & to seek God's leading. Join Cheryl Paden, retired RN, Pastor, free-lance writer & speaker for this day of experiencing the joy of journaling. Fee: \$25 includes lunch. Call 402-359-4288 for more info. or to register.

THE NEBRASKA STATE PATROL MOTOR ASSIST PROGRAM IS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS. The Patrol is very protective of the volunteers & will not ask them to do anything they are uncomfortable with. Volunteers are trained in CPR, AED, & Radio Procedure – since the vans have State Patrol radios. Since volunteers are not Law Officers, they do not chase/arrest speeders or come in contact with criminals. They do assist stranded motorist, change tires, take drivers to get gas – or transport them to a safe haven, work or home. They also tag abandoned vehicles. Men & women are welcome! To find out more, contact Patrol Dispatch at 402-331-3333 & ask for Lt. Bridges, Capt.. Konfrst, or the Duty Officer.

OPEN YOUR HEART & HOME TO HOST A KOREAN EXCHANGE STUDENT. What better way to bring another part of the world to your home & school, than to host a foreign exchange student! By hosting a young ambassador 4th through 10th grade, you & your family will be able to gain a better understanding of another country, its culture, & society – in a very personal way. You will also be able to impart on the exchange student a better awareness of America & share your faith. Experience God working in the hearts of the future leaders of Korea. Broaden your perspectives & gain a lifelong friendship across the globe. Please call our local coordinator Annie Distefano at 402-880-1397 or Mrs. Haewon Park at 800-521-6640 for more information &/or to become a host family.