

Dear Parishioners,

In response to the escalating violence in Iraq, parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Omaha will join parishes throughout the United States in a Day of Prayer for Peace. Today we remember in prayer Christians who are being persecuted for their faith in the Middle East:

Lord, the plight of Iraq is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you, Lord, to spare the lives of the Iraqi people, and to grant them patience, and courage to continue their witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; grant Iraq and its people the peace and stability that will enable them to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy. Amen.

I appreciate everyone sending in their raffle ticket orders! Please continue to keep them coming as we want to make this year's September-fest a huge success!

This week we welcome our grade school students back! Our all-school Mass will be at 8:15 on Thursday.

Blessings,
Fr. John

**Question of the Week – Where does it hurt?
How can God heal the hurt?**

Reading 1 Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Reading 2 Romans 11:13-15,29-32

Gospel Matthew 15:21-28

Reflection: In the gospel reading, Jesus meets up with a very determined Canaanite woman who begs him to help her troubled daughter. Since the woman was a Gentile, the apostles wanted to send her away, but Jesus continued to speak with her. Besides her great faith and courage, the woman also showed tremendous love for her child. She was willing to risk rejection for breaking through the barriers of convention to ask for help. She truly believed that Jesus could help her daughter, and despite what seemed like his initial reluctance, she simply wasn't going to give up. She persisted, even begging him. Eventually Jesus praised her undaunting faith and healed her daughter. Jesus' reply is one we would all love to hear: "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done as you wish."

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF AUGUST 3 - AUGUST 10
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$14,628.71
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$7,354.78
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$7,273.93
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$127,774.51
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$104,413.15
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$23,361.36

DID YOU KNOW... ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL BEGINS THE 2014-2015 SCHOOL YEAR ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH? ...and our second grade class is full! We have 4 new staff members. The new staff is: Miss Angela Richard (7th grade), Mrs. Anne Miller (Music), Mrs. Deb Bliss (Teacher Assistant - Kindergarten) and Ms. Denise Smith (Teacher Assistant - 2nd grade).

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

AUGUST 23/24

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Izzy Braimah, Dillon Dierks

10:30 AM: Bode Bench, Tina Buller

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Dominic Martello, Grace Treves

10:30 AM: Stephen Hensel, Hannah Kimble

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten

7:30 AM: Larry Ziska

10:30 AM: Kelli Brock

DEACON: 7:30 AM: Deacon Al LeClair

10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Tahlyr Banks, Sarah Bohnenkamp,
Juli Bohnenkamp,

Matt Swoboda, Mary Ann Taylor

7:30 AM: Regina Cronkhite, Maria Hackenberg,
Bruno Kozimor, Sue Schartz

10:30 AM: Trudie Ahlstrom, Mary Fink, Rose Peck
Nancy Ryckman

GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Treves Family

7:30 AM: Little Family

10:30 AM: Doran Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends

10:30 AM: Kim Becker and Family

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Merl and Nancy Core, Marcia Cusic, Mary Fink, Kathy Rossitto

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Lynn Ingraham

7:30 AM: Judy Bahle

10:30 AM: Mary Parsons

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Jacquie Dahlin, Charlie Buell

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Theresa O'Neill, Nancy Core

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: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF BRUNO MBUMI, ADELIO "DAN" TOSONI, AND WAYNE DOWNING. Bruno is the uncle of Fr. Gama. Dan is the father/father-in-law of Jim and Jean Tosoni and the grandfather/great grandfather of Sarah and Joe Parys, Isaac, Sam, Abel, Titus, and Solomon Parys. Dan was buried from St. Pius X this past Saturday. Wayne is the husband of Diana. The visitation for Wayne will be Monday at 7 pm at Roeders. The funeral will be at 10 am Tuesday here at St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament.

WE WELCOME THE NEWLY BAPTIZED JAYDEN RAY PARKS and pray for her mother, Veronica Parks. Parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. Jayden was born on July 2, 2014 and baptized by Fr. Gama on August 10, 2014.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? We will soon begin a new journey in faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches and to be introduced to some of our parish members. The sessions also are opportunities for you and others that you may wish to invite, to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. The first session is September 4th at 7 pm in the Parish Center. Please give me a call if you have questions or would like further information at 402-981-3372 or email at Tamatha.Buell@gmail.com

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.

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 402-455-2190 or email: spndresamhensel@gmail.com to register.

THE 1ST HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING of the 2014-2015 school year is scheduled for Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 pm at school. Please mark your calendar so you don't miss it!

NEW THIS YEAR IS A LITTLE GIRLS CLUB (GRADES K-4) focused on saintly & virtuous role models. We will sing songs, make crafts & deepen our Catholic faith! Registration forms for Little Flowers are due by August 22nd. Any forms turned in after that date will have an additional charge. We look forward to starting on September 17th with St. Catherine of Sienna & the Sunflower! Extra forms are on hand in both parish & school offices. Please contact Amanda Sherer if you have any questions 712-216-1713. Saint Therese pray for us! Also new, we are asking for a few sponsors to "Sprout a Flower". The cost of the program is \$25 per child. Your donation would allow some children to participate that otherwise do not have the means to do so. Currently, we have 4 children that are in need. Thank you so much!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	8:15 AM
Tuesday	8:15 AM
Wednesday	8:15 AM
Thursday	8:15 AM
Friday	8:15 AM
Saturday	5:00 PM

AUGUST 18 - 24

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Carl and Barb Moraczewski + Ed O'Connor +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Students, Teachers and Staff of St. Philip Neri School
Thursday	8:15 AM	George "GW" Allen + Ro Reeves Int. Del Murphy + Brod O'Flynn +
Friday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Holmstedt Family Int. Janet Funderberg Int. James D. Slaven +

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Little Johnny had finished his summer vacation and gone back to school. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that he was misbehaving. "Wait a minute," she said. "I had Johnny with me for three months and I never called you once when he misbehaved."

WE NEED HOMES FOR OAK SINGLE PEDESTAL TEACHER DESKS...

Also double pedestal formica covered desks... AND For those of you, who purchased a pew, cut it down and need ends – we do have some. Please contact Larry Ziska at 402-968-5090.

IF YOU BROUGHT A SALAD OR DESSERT FOR A FUNERAL LUNCH – THANK YOU! PLEASE STOP DOWN IN THE PARISH CENTER AND PICK UP YOUR BOWL OR PAN. Also, while you are in the Parish Center - check the lost and found to see if anything is yours!

CHANGE OF DATES! THE KNIGHTS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 has been postponed to Tuesday, August 19. It will be in the Parish Center at 7 pm. Please plan on attending.

AUGUST DINING GROUP WAS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 19 will now meet on Tuesday, August 26th at 6pm at Cat Fish Lake in Bellevue, NE. Please come join us. RSVP to Maria at mhackenberg@hotmail.com or 402-493-5697.

KC MOVIE KNIGHT IS BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR! Saturday, Aug. 23 in the Parish Center. The feature will be "ZATHURA". 2 brothers and their sister endure dangers in space while playing the game of Zathura! (From the people that brought you "Jumanji") Cartoons will start after the 5pm Mass, with the

movie starting at 6:30pm. Featuring fresh-cooked “Hots & Brats”, Cold Sodas, and “The World’s Best Popcorn” all for a Free Will Donation.

THERE ARE ONLY 34 DAYS UNTIL SEPTEMBER FEST? ARE YOU A RUNNER? DO YOU LIKE A CHALLENGE? HALFWAY TO HEAVEN HILLS OF FLORENCE CHALLENGE! How about a relaxing evening... enjoying the music of The Personics & watching Nebraska Football on the big screen? Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 20 & Sunday, September 21. We have great weather on order so invite your family & friends to join us! Raffle tickets on sale now!

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: AFTER ALL MASSES

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD – DURING 10:30 MASS

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

4:00 P.M. **ICE CREAM SOCIAL – SPN School**

6:00 P.M. **SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING CLASS – SPN School Library**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00 P.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – Parish Center**

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – Early Dismissal - Noon – SPN School

5:45 P.M. **KINDERGARTEN CLASS DINNER – Parish Center**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

ALL SCHOOL MASS – Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

9:00 A.M. **ALTAR SOCIETY LEADERS MEETING – Parish Center**

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After Mass

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVIE KNIGHT – Parish Center

SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses

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

SING OF THE GLORY OF GOD, August 22 – 24, with Fr. Bob Dufford, SJ. This retreat is a prayerful reflection on the greatness of God & on God’s saving power for all of us, no matter where we are in life. We have reasons to find hope & rejoice. For more info., call (402) 352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

4TH ANNUAL BREAKFAST FOR LIFE at the Creighton Prep Sullivan Center on Saturday, August 23 - 9a.m. 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

LEARNING TO LIVE WITH DEMENTIA Fall Series begins at the Servite Center 74th & Military on the 1st Thursday of the month (9/4) from 10:30 – noon. This 4 part educational series is designed for caregivers who are interested in learning about the different types of dementia, as well as how to manage symptoms. The 4 sessions will include information about Dementia Basics, Mystery and Reality of Living with Different Dementia’s, Person Centered Care, and Compassionate Care. Contact Sr. Margaret Stratman at 402-951-3026 or scc@OSMS.org to register.

THE TOOLS OF THE SPIRITUAL CRAFT, Sept. 5 – 6, retreat at St. Benedict Center, with Trappist Father Michael Casey, Ph.D. At the end of the Prologue of his Rule, St. Benedict speaks about making progress in faith & good living. What he probably means is advancing in faith through good living. In his much-neglected fourth chapter On the Implements of Good Works, he lists 74 means by which we can upgrade the quality of our life & our faith. In these days together we will discuss some aspects of Benedict’s program of practical good living in the light of contemporary experience. For more info., call (402) 352-8819.

SEPARATION OR DIVORCE is among life’s most painful experiences. If you are going through separation or divorce or know someone who is, learn about our special DivorceCare group. It is a place to find help & encouragement. DivorceCare, a 13 week video seminar & support group for people experiencing divorce & separation will be held on Thursday evening beginning Sept. 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 at **St. John Vianney Church**, 5801 Oak Hills Dr. DivorceCare features nationally recognized experts on divorce & recovery topics. Seminar sessions include “Facing My Anger,” “Facing My Loneliness,” “Depression,” “New Relationships,” “KidCare” & “Forgiveness” Pre-registration is requested. The cost is \$20 & includes the seminar workbook. For more info., contact: Kay Buhrman, Family Life Span, & Bereavement Coordinator at 402-551-9003 Ext. 1304 or ekbuhrman@archomaha.org

THE BEGINNING EXPERIENCE MINISTRY to the widowed, divorced & separated will be offering **Coping With Life Alone** sessions at St. Patrick Church, 508 W. Angus St., Gretna on Monday evenings at 7 p.m., Sept. 8 – Oct. 13. The Coping Sessions are designed to help adult individuals work through the trauma of divorce, separation or the loss of a spouse through death. These sessions are open to individuals of all faiths. This peer-to-peer ministry of people caring for people is sponsored by The Beginning Experience Team of Omaha. Cost is \$20. Scholarships available; please ask if needed, we do not want anyone to stay away because of money. Pre-registration is required. For more info., contact Kay Buhrman, Family Life Span, & Bereavement Coordinator at 402-551-9003 Ext. 1304 or visit www.beginningexperienceofomaha.org

THE MISSION OF THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION (CGA) is to help grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer in the heart of family life. Living in ever changing times, grandparents’ love and devotion to their grandchildren is a constant. It is a grandparent’s vocation to guide and support their grandchildren as they pass from childhood to adulthood. If you are interested in more information or starting a chapter of Catholic Grandparents in your parish, contact Kay Buhrman at the Family Life Office, 402-551-9003, ext 1304.