

Dear Parishioners,

The Corporal Works of Mercy

Beginning in October, our parish and school will be focusing on the Corporal Works of Mercy. These works have their roots in Scripture. Perhaps the most well known passage is Matthew 25:31-46: When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, "Come you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

The Corporal Works of Mercy are: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick, to care for the imprisoned, to shelter the homeless and to bury the dead. Practicing these works of mercy helps us to grow in virtue, integrity and holiness. Throughout the course of history, many saints have devoted themselves to the practicing of a specific work and many religious communities and orders have been founded for the sole purpose of practicing these works. Quite often in our daily lives in the midst of all the demands and busyness that we face, we have a desire to practice these works and yet so often we don't know where to begin and so it becomes one of those things that we hope to get around to someday. Hopefully, this year in our parish and school, that someday will become today. Practicing these works is one way to come together as a community as we follow the words and life of Jesus Christ.

Each month we will focus on a different work of mercy. There will be a bulleting insert giving some background and suggested ways to live out the specific work for the month. Our prayers of the Faithful will include petitions for various needs related to the specific work of mercy for the month and our liturgical music will reference the various works as well. I hope that you will find this focus helpful for your spiritual growth and that this common focus will be helpful as a starting point to talk about our faith.

Blessings,

Fr. John

Question of the Week – When have you been a witness to God's generosity?

Reading 1 Isaiah 55:6-9

Reading 2 Philippians 1:20c-24

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16a

Reflection: Our ideas of justice are sometimes selfish and petty when we compare them to God's justice. That is why some people are surprised that Jesus would tell a story in which five groups of workers who began at different times should all be paid the same at sundown.

Yet Jesus points out that those who worked all day received a fair wage and a wage they agreed on from the start. The landowner, who represents God in the story, asks "Are you envious because I am generous?" The answer for many people is yes. They have forgotten that God's ways are not our ways. They do not remember that the blessings of God's kingdom are a gift to us.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7 - SEPTEMBER 13
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$21,084.61
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$4,322.10
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$16,762.51
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$290,000.33
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$210,988.52
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$79,011.81

DID YOU KNOW... we are changing the way we do auto withdrawals for tuition. We will be switching to our Online Giving website for this service. Instead of tuition payments being withdrawn on the 20th of each month, you will have the opportunity to choose from multiple days. Also, you can choose from a checking, savings or credit card to make your payment. Please contact Fred Doran at the Parish Office for more information.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

SEPTEMBER 27/28

- ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Autumn-Rose Barnes, Casey Kubes
 10:30 AM: Alex Brock, Jacob Rankin
- CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Emmet Lampe, Natalie Ruckman
 10:30 AM: Annie vonKampen, Ben vonKampen
- LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten
 7:30 AM: Richard Henkenius
 10:30 AM: Kelli Brock
- DEACON:** 5:00 PM: Deacon Alan LeClair
 7:30 AM: Deacon Alan LeClair
 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
- EMHCs:** 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Mary Ann Taylor, Jacquie Dahlin, Diane Sullivan
 7:30 AM: Norine Hoffman, Dorie Mittlieder, Dorothy Polan, Bonnie Shea
 10:30 AM: Rich McShane, Rose Peck, Marj and Bob Ryckman
- GIFT BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Lampe Family
 7:30 AM: Sammons Family
 10:30 AM: Ryckman Family
- MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: Kim Becker
 10:30 AM: Children's Choir, Fr. John, Mrs. Reilly
- COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** DeLynne Clausen
 Bruno Kozimor, Laurel Hamilton, Dorie Mittlieder, Dorothy Polan
- NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Joni Locher
 7:30 AM: Judy Bahle
 10:30 AM: Penny Nelsen
- COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Jacquie Dahlin, Charlie Buell
- IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Nancy Core, Theresa O'Neill
- 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

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO JIM AND PHYLLIS COE

FROM ALL OF US AT ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT! May you be blessed with many more years of happiness.

THE MONEY TREE LEAVES ARE FALLING ON OUR SEPTEMBER 500 CLUB

- WINNERS** \$140 Elizabeth Barnhart \$72 Rosemary Turner
 \$32 Alice Huber \$24 Bobby Gatrost, Olga Bello, and Fred Hendricks
 \$20 Kevin Throne, Betty Borchman
 \$15 Phyllis Coe, Kelly Jones, Nancy Hendricks

ITS SEPTEMBER & ONCE AGAIN WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN THE 500 CLUB.

A signup sheet that explains the 500 Club is enclosed in the bulletin. The highlights of the club are: Eleven chances every month to win cash, an annual donation to the Parish that comes from your membership fees (this has averaged \$4,000) and a delicious appreciation dinner. Questions - call Jim or Jacquie Dahlin at 402-455-2744.

TOMMY J. NASTASE 3RD PASTA DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

FUNDRAISER Sunday, Sept. 28th from 3-6 pm in the Parish Center. Come help Tommy & enjoy good food & good company! All proceeds will go directly to medical & living expenses.

THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN THIS PARISH.

Come find where your talents can best be used by attending the Ministry Fair on the lawn on the north side of church after all Masses on the weekend of October 4/5. Questions? Call Kathy Rossitto at 402-571-8161 or Deanna Reilly at 402-571-9319.

AS YOU ARE CLEANING YOUR CLOSETS & GETTING YOUR WINTER CLOTHES OUT, PLEASE REMEMBER - The SVDP truck will be in the SPN Church parking lot for Bundle Sunday on Oct. 25-26.

THIS WEEK ON THE R.C.I.A. JOURNEY...

We have explored the 4 Marks of the Church and this week we will explore our Church as a building. Ever wonder how the curtain changes on the altar? Ever wonder about a certain statue? Ever wonder what the symbols at the back of Church mean? If so, then please join us on Thursday night at 7 pm in Church as we explore all the things that make St. Philip Neri Church special.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR A young boy enters a barber shop & the barber whispers to his customer, "This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it to you." The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand & two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over & asks, "Which do you want, son?" The boy takes the quarters & leaves. "What did I tell you?" said the barber. "That kid never learns!" Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store. "Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?" The boy licked his cone & replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game is over!"

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	St. Jude for KR Giitter Family September Birthdays Int.
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Thursday	8:15 AM	Del Murphy + Fr. Dan Kampschneider Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Angie Pane +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Dona Leininger + James Yost +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Marie Carmen + Dr. Milt Swartz +
	10:30 AM	Janet Funderberg Int. Don Pulte +

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

“WE ARE CALLED TO ACT WITH JUSTICE; WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE TENDERLY, WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER; TO WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD.”

HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR’S CASH FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM began Sunday, Sept. 1st & continues through Tuesday, Dec. 31st, & includes all 14 Omaha/Council Bluffs Hy-Vee stores. Here’s how it works: ANYONE who shops at any of the Hy-Vee stores can turn in receipts to the school. Hy-Vee records & totals the receipts collected by each school & agrees to donate \$1 for every \$200 spent.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 – CATECHIST SUNDAY

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: AFTER ALL MASSES

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

12 - NOON **SEPTEMBER FEST – CAR SHOW, GAMES & INFLATABLE’S, NERF GAMES, COUNTRY STORE, RAFFLES, & PORK DINNER** – Activity Center & Parking Lot – Parish Center

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:15 A.M. **GRADES 1 – 4 SCHOOL MASS** - Church

9:00 A.M. **LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY** – Parish Center

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

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

9:00 A.M. **“MOM’S” GROUP** – Parish Center

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

6:30 P.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** – SPN School

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After Mass

6:00 P.M. **YOUTH GROUP – SKINNY BONES**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses

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

CHILDREN’S CHOIR – During 10:30 Mass

3:00 P.M. **PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER** – Parish Center

PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT AK-SAR-BENS RIVER CITY RODEO on Sat., Sept. 27 from 7 am – noon. Kiwanis Tent – Lot D at the Century Link featuring The Pancake Man. All proceeds benefit the Kiwanis Children Programs.

POTTERY TOUR Oct. 4 & 5 Check out the website for more information - www.omahanorthhillspotterytour.com A must stop on the tour is Dennison’s Pottery located on No. 47th. Dennison’s host several artists, food, wine, bonfire complete with chairs, live music, & a beautiful fall day is on order.

FLORENCE BLVD. NEIGHBORHOOD TOUR Sunday, Oct. 5 at 12 pm. Tickets \$10 or 2 for \$15 available on the day of the event at Miller Park Pavilion.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR Join the St. Margaret Mary Prayer Group to deepen your spiritual life on Monday, Oct. 6 from 9:30 – 11AM in the St. Margaret Mary Church Suneg Center, lower level at 6116 Dodge St. Prepare to have your heart opened to a greater awareness of the Holy Spirit in your life. Men & women of all ages are welcome. Childcare is provided. Register by calling Lucretia at 402-558-8299.

2014 CHIC BOUTIQUE IS SET for Thursday, Oct. 9th from 5 - 9 p.m. Registrations for vendors are NOW online! Apply online at www.stroberts.com - the link is on the right side of the page in the Quick Links section. For questions, please contact: Katie Kwiatek - Chairwoman - at chicboutique@stroberts.com

BUS TRIP TO SEE FATHER CRAIG’S HOMETOWN AND FARM. Bus trip also includes visits to area Churches. Mass will be celebrated in Hartington with lunch followed by a visit to the farm & visits to churches in Bow Valley, Saint Helena, & Fordyce. Bus trip is on October 15th. Bus will leave St. Leo’s parking lot at 8 a.m. & will return at 6 p.m. Bus trip is \$50 per person & that includes lunch. Please call St. Leo’s to reserve your spot on the bus at 402-397-0407.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 14TH ANNUAL HIGH TEA AT RONCALLI CATHOLIC ON SUNDAY, NOV. 2. Reservations must be in by Friday, October 17. For add’tl info. contact Julie at 402-571-7670 ext. 113 or hightea@roncallicatholic.org Visit the High Tea web page at <http://www.roncallicatholic.org/Giving/FundraisingEvents/HighTea.aspx>