

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who helped work so hard to make our parish festival a big success! Our total profit was approximately \$33,800.

Our parking project has experienced a delay. Due to the rains, we will be taking bids in December or January and begin work in March.

I encourage all of our parishioners to check out SYMBOLON on our parish website. There are 20 presentations explaining various topics of the Catholic faith that you may watch at your convenience on your computer, phone or tablet. Also, please be sure to join us on Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30 in the parish center for a refresher course on the Catholic faith. Next week's topic will be: 'Why Do I Need the Church? The Mystery of the Catholic Church'. All are welcome to join us!

Blessings,

Fr. John

Question of the Week – How does your parish respond to the Lord's call to work in his vineyard? What care does the vineyard need today?

Reading 1 Ezekiel 18:25-28

Reading 2 Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Reflection: Jesus tells a parable to a group of religious leaders. He wants them to figure out which one of the sons did his father's will. Was it the one who said yes but never showed up? Or was it the one who said no but later repented and carried out the father's wishes. Sometimes people can deceive us by smooth talk. But God is never deceived. Like Jesus, our lives can be a "yes" to God the Father in word and deed.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14 - SEPTEMBER 20
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$20,082.18
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$76,600.40
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$56,518.22
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$310,090.00
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$293,823.53
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$16,266.47

DID YOU KNOW... Our Festival raffle brought in \$17,440? This is double from last year's raffle. Thanks to all that worked so hard selling tickets!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

OCTOBER 4/5

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Jackson Cramer, Dillon Dierks
10:30 AM: Tysen Holmstedt, Aydin Meehan

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Aaliyah Dierks, Kycie Negus
10:30 AM: Tanner Muhlecke, Nick Meier

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Rob Barrett
7:30 AM: Alyce Kozimor
10:30 AM: Rich McShane

DEACON: 5:00 PM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
7:30 AM: Deacon Alan LeClair
10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Juli Bohnenkamp, Sarah Bohnenkamp, Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda
7:30 AM: Betty and Bob Jones, Bruno Kozimor, Mary Todd
10:30 AM: Rose Peck, Kelli Brock, Bill Cheese, DeLynne Clausen

GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Bohnenkamp Family
7:30 AM: McDonald Family

10:30 AM: Brock Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Colleen Monti & the Church Ladies
10:30 AM: Joan & Todd von Kampen & Kevin Throne & Friends

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: Nancy Core
10:30 AM: Jane Cheese

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Jim Dahlin, Sharon Olson
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Dorie Mittlieder, Kathy Rossitto
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

TODAY IS THE TOMMY J. NASTASE 3RD PASTA DINNER & SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER 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.

THE FUNERAL FOR KAY HOULIHAN will be Tuesday, Sept. 30th here at St. Philip Neri Church at 11 a.m. Visitation will begin at the John A. Gentleman 72nd Street Chapel on Monday, Sept. 29th at 4 p.m. with a Wake Service at 7 p.m.

THE DINING GROUP IS GOING TO HENRY'S DINER in Crescent, Iowa On Tuesday, Sept. 30th at 6 pm. Please come to join us! RSVP to mhackenberg@hotmail.com or 402-493-5697. Directions for those who might not know where Henry's Diner is located - across the Mormon Bridge to Crescent. Take a left at the stop sign (t-intersection) and go about 3 blocks. It is on the left (west) side of the street.

PRAYER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 40 Days for Life began on Sept. 24th & runs through Nov. 2. This campaign focuses on prayer & fasting, community outreach & peaceful vigil as we pray for an end to abortion. You're invited to stand & peacefully pray during this 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Abortion & Contraception Clinic of Nebraska (1002 W. Mission Ave., Bellevue) & Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93rd St.), & also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. **Our parish's specific prayer times are from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in front of Planned Parenthood on these upcoming Fridays: October 3, October 10, October 17, October 24 & October 31.** You may sign up via Sign Up Genius, or by calling Mary Fink at 402-614-7677. For more info., contact the campaign team at 402-399-0299 or 40DaysOmaha@gmail.com This local vigil is sponsored by Nebraskans United for Life.

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.

MEN'S FAITH FORMATION INVITATION Looking for a spiritual fitness workout? "Come and see" (John 1:46) the new men's faith formation program beginning Thursday mornings, Oct. 16 at 6:00 to 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. This Fall's 8-week program by Crossing the Goal Ministries (www.crossingthegoal.com), of EWTN television and radio fame, will focus on the Our Father. Former NFL wide receiver Danny Abramowitz and team (Peter Herbeck, Curtis Martin, and Brian Patrick) will present a hard hitting look at Catholic spirituality for men. Forward moving and no nonsense, they will lay out a powerful game plan for incorporating the wisdom of the Our Father into everyday life. With solid Catholic teaching from Scripture, the Catechism, the Saints, and more they will show how to become the man Christ calls us to be and will give us the tools to make it happen. Please call Tom Carney with any questions – 402-578-6879.

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.

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...

"I'm spiritual, but I'm not religious."

How many times have you heard someone say something along those lines? In our day and age, that stance is popular, especially among people who have stopped attending church but who continue to believe in God (or at least a "higher power"). When someone tells us that they just don't want to be tied to rules and regulations, or that they prefer to have a "personal relationship" with Jesus, but that they don't need the Church, what should be our response?

Merely telling them that they are wrong isn't going to be convincing. We have to take the time to explain how religion and spirituality are intricately interwoven, as well as how Jesus never expected us to follow a spiritual path without a community: the Church. We need to point out that the truly spiritual life is, as Jesus himself said, like a vine in which he is the trunk and we are the branches. We are interconnected through our beliefs, our worship, and our desire to know and understand the truth. And once we understand the truth, we realize that it is as impossible to be spiritual without being religious as it is to swim without getting into the water.

Please join us on Thursday night at 7 pm in the Parish Center as we discuss 'Why Do I Need the Church? The Mystery of the Catholic Church'

This week's video/discussion will center on:

- The mystery of the Church and what it means in our lives
- How the Church has two dimensions: human and divine
- The three ways the unity of the Church is made manifest
- The four marks (or chief characteristics) of the Church
- Why Jesus established only one Church
- How the Church can be holy when it is filled with sinners
- What it means when we say the Church is apostolic
- Why we call the Church "Catholic"

CHRISTIAN HUMOR A man in a hot air balloon realized he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a man below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him half an hour ago, but I don't know where I am." The man below replied, "You are in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You are between 40 and 42 degrees north latitude and between 58 and 60 degrees west longitude." "You must be an engineer," said the balloonist. "I am," replied the man, "but how did you know?" "Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I am still lost." The man below responded, "You must be a manager." "I am," replied the balloonist, "how did you know?" "Well," said the man, "you don't know where you are or where you are going. You made a promise which you have no idea how to keep, and you expect me to solve your problem. The fact is you are exactly in the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault."

CONGRATULATIONS TO ESTER LOCHER! After cheering on her family at the Halfway to Heaven Hills of Florence Challenge on Saturday, Ester ran the Omaha Marathon on Sunday & finished 9th overall in the Full Female event & 4th in her age group. Ester has qualified to run the Boston Marathon. Way to Go Ester!

MASS INTENTIONS		SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 5
Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Swoboda Family Living & Deceased
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society
Thursday	8:15 AM	Zetta Wiater + Ray Golden +
Friday	8:15 AM	Dona Leininger + Gina McMahan + Vince & Maxine McMahan +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Elizabeth Lastovica + Daniel Morrissey +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Mary Bolan + Pat Costanzo +
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family

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 HUMBLLY 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 & agrees to donate \$1 for every \$200 spent.

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

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

11:00 A.M. **KAY HOULIHAN FUNERAL**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1 RECTORY CLOSED

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

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

5:45 P.M. **6TH GRADE CLASS DINNER** – Parish Center

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Mass in Church

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After Mass

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – in front of School

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses

MINISTRY FAIR – Outside – North side of Church – After all Masses

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** - School

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

PLEASE NOTE THE RECTORY IS CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, OCT. 1ST.

2014 PRO-LIFE BANQUET AND CONFERENCE will be held Oct. 3rd & 4th & will be an opportunity for learning, inspiration, & rejuvenation for our pro-life efforts. Friday evening’s banquet & Saturday’s conference will be held at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln, NE. All three Nebraska bishops will be present Friday evening for banquet featuring Dr. Francis Beckwith as keynote speaker. Saturday’s conference is filled with timely & helpful topics & outstanding local & national speakers. For more info. & to register, visit www.nebcathcon.org or call 402-477-7517.

PONCA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT’S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE AND “ALL YOU CAN EAT” BREAKFAST is Sunday, Oct. 5 at the Fire Station; 12919 Ponca Rd. from 7 am – 1 pm. Free Will Offering will be accepted!

POTTERY TOUR Oct. 4 & 5 Check out the website for more information - www.omahanorthhillspotterytour.com Take the free self-guided tour with 4 stops & 18 clay artists. Enjoy the work of nationally recognized potter, wine tasting, & local history along the scenic highway.

ST. JOHN CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL 11120 Calhoun Rd. Sunday, Oct. 5 from 4 – 7 pm. Spaghetti Dinner, Raffle & Entertainment for kids.

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. Men & women of all ages are welcome. Childcare provided. To register call Lucretia at 402-558-8299.

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

BUS TRIP TO SEE FR. CRAIG’S HOMETOWN, FARM & area Churches. Mass will be celebrated in Hartington with lunch followed by a visit to the farm, a visit to Msgr. Wortman’s home parish & gravesite, & visits to churches in Bow Valley, Saint Helena, & Fordyce. Reservation deadline is October 6th. 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 & includes

lunch. Please call St. Leo's to reserve your spot on the bus at 402-397-0407.

2014 September Fest

Saint Philip Neri – Blessed Sacrament Parish

We were blessed with beautiful weather for both days of our event! We were also blessed with the participation and support we received from our parishioners and friends of our Parish.

Saturday Halfway to Heaven Hills of Florence Challenge

Thank you to all of the sponsors, runners, walkers, and volunteers! We had 84 finishers (90+ signed up)!

Please support our sponsors!

Hy-Vee Drug Town	Harold's Koffee House	Cubby's Convenience Shops
Tussey's Casual Grill	Bazer's Sign and Design	The Cabin
David O'Neill - Hauptman, O'Brien, Wolf & Lathrop	Locher Pavelka Dostal Braddy & Hammes, LLC	

The Top 10 finishers were:

Top Ten Overall	Top Ten Men	Top Ten Women
1 Matthew Ramsgard 23:25:00	1 Matthew Ramsgard 23:25:00	1 Mary Sutherland 24:11:00
2 Mary Sutherland 24:11:00	2 Michael Sutherland 26:01:00	2 Lisa Dempsey 26:24:85
3 Michael Sutherland 26:01:00	3 Luke Biesanz 26:17:00	3 Amy Locher 27:15:00
4 Luke Biesanz 26:17:00	4 Emmet Lampe 26:20:00	4 Jami Bahle 28:38:00
5 Emmet Lampe 26:20:00	5 John Bahle 26:24:82	5 Sadie Bohnenkamp 29:39:00
6 John Bahle 26:24:82	6 Mike Ramsgard 27:01:00	6 Klaudia Pistejova 30:25:00
7 Lisa Dempsey 26:24:85	7 Matt Bohnenkamp 27:57:00	7 Emily O'Neill 31:01:00
8 Mike Ramsgard 27:01:00	8 Aaron Eames 28:31:00	8 Elizabeth Krueger-Morisch 31:05:00
9 Amy Locher 27:15:00	9 Joe Rosas 30:04:00	9 Angie Lampe 31:17:00
10 Matt Bohnenkamp 27:57:00	10 Jason Ryba 30:41:00	10 Rachel Dempsey 33:54:00

We welcome your comments and suggestions for next year's run. Please send them to h2hhc5k@gmail.com

After the run, it was a nice night to partake of beverages and delicious food in the parking lot while watching the Nebraska vs. Miami game on the big screen (after darkness set in)... and to listen and dance to The Personics. Congratulations to Jessie Logan who won \$160.00 on the Calcutta drawing Saturday night!

Sunday

Games for kids of all ages, "Rocky's" Beer Garden and Kevin's Nerf Wars, in the parking lot and Parish Center! Pork Dinner, Country Store, Raffles, and grocery raffle in the Activity Center. Kathy with her famous "Calcutta" jar and folks selling pickles roaming the parking lot and Activity Center made it a great day for the entire family!

Congratulations to Henry Kelly who won \$238.00 on the Calcutta drawing Sunday!

The Big 10 Raffle was actually The Big 20 Raffle after generous "Friends of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament" donated prizes.

The Big 20 Winners include:

1. Nebraska vs. Minnesota Football Ticket Package - Regina Cronkhite
2. Mama's Pizza Gift Card and Tickets to the Funny Bone - Marie Troia
3. Gift Card to Tussey's and Tickets to the Funny Bone - Jan Sammons
4. "Stay-cation" Ramada Plaza - Coco Key Water Resort - Marcia Marshall
5. Tickets to the Omaha Playhouse - Wheatfield's Almond Butter Bread & Caramel Apple Pie - Pam Hughes
6. Premium Brake Package & Gold Car Washes - Jeanne Garcia

Richard and Viv Fehrman
First Choice Metal Refinishing LLC - Kevin Beauchene - **Specializing in Metal Refinishing and Restoration**
Forest Lawn Cemetery - **Don't Do Drugs – We can wait!!**
Jerry and Kathy Fox
Mama's Pizza
Leone McCarthy - Continued Success to St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish
Francis and Imogene McGovern
My Hometown LLC - Fred and Julie Doran
Bob and Marcia Marshall
Rich and Rita Muff
Dave and Carol Parks
Larry and Caryn Pfeifer
Patricia Potter
Kelly and Amanda Sherer
Hugh Spellman - **Thanks to ALL Priests/Nuns who have served here!**
Donna Thibodeau
Rosemary B. Turner
Tussey's Casual Grill - **Thanks for your business!**
Greg and Diane Weber
WOW! Cut and Styles - **Let us WOW! You**

FRIENDS OF ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT

David and Pat Adams
Anonymous
Jim and Phyllis Coe
Rosemary Ryan
R. E. and Betty J. Watson Jr.

Special thanks for contributions to our raffle and dinner!

Mary Andrews
Omaha Community Playhouse
Kevin Corcoran
State Senator Tanya Cook – District 13
The Durham Museum
Friends of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament
Funny Bone Comedy Club
Richard and Sam Hensel
Lauritzen Gardens
Lois Leimbach
Mama's Pizza
Mouth of the South
Opera Omaha
Papio Fun Park
The Rose Theater
Rotella's Bakery
Sgt. Peffer's
Omaha Symphony
Wheatfield's Eatery and Bakery
Patty Wiederholt
Upstream Brewing Company
Vala's Pumpkin Patch

Please note the businesses that supported our September Fest and support them! I also want to thank each of the volunteers, Tom and Patty Carney for the use of the inflatable screen, and those who donated items to the Country Store and our Dessert table! We are grateful to all who participated in and supported this year's September Fest. If we have forgotten anyone – please know it was an oversight and not intentional. It was a great Parish event and we are looking forward to next year.

~ **Father John**