

Dear Parishioners,

In an effort to keep everyone informed about our parish and school finances, I will be publishing a quarterly financial report. As you know from the bulletin, we have made it through the first quarter and are in the black for the first time in many years! This is due in large part to trimming waste where we can and using our resources more effectively. It is due also in large part to your generosity. We depend upon the Sunday collection to meet the daily expenses that are involved with running a parish and school.

I thought the following numbers might be of interest to you:

For the 2013-2014 fiscal year, we have a summary of donations to our parish and school:

Out of 817 families/donors:

398 gave \$0
82 gave \$1 - \$100
20 gave \$101 - \$199
61 gave \$200 - \$499
73 gave \$500 - \$999
99 gave \$1,000 - \$1,999
39 gave \$2,000 - \$2,999
16 gave \$3,000 - \$3,999
9 gave \$4,000 - \$4,999
8 gave \$5,000 - \$5,999
9 gave \$6,000 - \$10,000
3 gave over \$10,000

Total: \$580,829.99

The cost to run our parish and our school each year is \$1,300,000. The money for the improvements that we have done this past year has come from bequests, wills, grants and special gifts. It is not good fiscal policy to depend upon these sources of revenue for the general operating budget and I am trying to move us away from that practice. The principal in our parish endowment is \$307,000 and the principal in our school endowment is \$391,000. They generated a revenue of \$45,636 and \$11,972 respectively. These revenues are market based and have no guaranteed increase from year to year. The remainder of the budget is met through tuition at \$400,000, fund-raising at \$170,000, Sunday giving at \$614,000 and other operating revenues such as groups and clubs, Activity Center rentals and concessions, etc. at \$66,000.

Every year we have the opportunity to reflect on and to reevaluate our giving. The following chart provides some guidelines as you decide on the proportion of your income to give. As Christians we are called to tithe, to give 10% of our income to our parish and to other charities. Please consider taking a step – whether by contributing at the next higher level or by contributing the amount you choose as appropriate. God has blessed us with a beautiful church and school and a vibrant faith community. In order to maintain our facilities, I invite every family to prayerfully consider the amount of their Sunday giving. With everyone's help, we will be able to remain in the black for the remainder of the fiscal year.

If you have any questions regarding the financial affairs of our parish, or if you would like to discuss specific giving opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact me in person.

**Blessings,
Fr. John**

 SHARING OUR GIFTS WITH OUR PARISH									
APPROXIMATE HOUSEHOLD INCOME		WEEKLY GIVING TO OUR PARISH THROUGH THE SUNDAY ENVELOPE							
Per Hour	Per Year	1.5% Weekly	2.0% Weekly	2.5% Weekly	3.0% Weekly	3.5% Weekly	4.0% Weekly	4.5% Weekly	5.0% Weekly
\$5	\$10,000	\$3	\$4	\$5	\$6	\$7	\$8	\$9	\$10
\$7.50	\$15,000	\$4.50	\$6	\$7.50	\$9	\$10.50	\$12	\$13.50	\$15
\$10	\$20,000	\$6	\$8	\$10	\$12	\$14	\$16	\$18	\$20
\$12.50	\$25,000	\$7.50	\$10	\$12.50	\$15	\$17.50	\$20	\$22.50	\$25
\$15	\$30,000	\$9	\$12	\$15	\$18	\$21	\$24	\$27	\$30
\$17.50	\$35,000	\$10.50	\$14	\$17.50	\$21	\$24.50	\$28	\$31.50	\$35
\$20	\$40,000	\$12	\$16	\$20	\$24	\$28	\$32	\$36	\$40
\$22.50	\$45,000	\$13.50	\$18	\$22.50	\$27	\$31.50	\$36	\$40.50	\$45
\$25	\$50,000	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35	\$40	\$45	\$50
\$30	\$60,000	\$18	\$24	\$30	\$36	\$42	\$48	\$54	\$60
\$35	\$70,000	\$21	\$28	\$35	\$42	\$49	\$56	\$63	\$70
\$40	\$80,000	\$24	\$32	\$40	\$48	\$56	\$64	\$72	\$80
\$45	\$90,000	\$27	\$36	\$45	\$54	\$63	\$72	\$81	\$90
\$50	\$100,000	\$30	\$40	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80	\$90	\$100

Question of the Week – How does your faith influence your citizenship?

Reading 1 Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Reading 2 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

Reflection: Jesus too is full of surprises! When his enemies think they have laid the perfect trap for him, Jesus doesn't get caught. His questioners ask whether it is against God's law to pay taxes to the Roman emperor, a pagan ruler. If Jesus says yes, he will be in trouble with the Romans. If he says no, he will be in trouble with the majority of his own people. Jesus gives a masterful answer. He tells his questioners that if they use Caesar's money, then they have to pay for it. But they must also pay what belongs to God, who takes care of our needs. Jesus' answer addresses a much more important issue: our relationship with God.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 11
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$12,548.59
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$16,506.12
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$3,957.53)
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$375,727.92
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$346,032.92
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$29,695.00

Did You Know... We now have 73 parishioners using our Online Giving website to make contributions for Sunday Giving, Holy Days, and other special events. Feedback on the website has been very positive. It is easy to set up, create recurring contributions, and view your giving for tax purposes. One great benefit to the church is that when parishioners are unable to attend mass due to travel, illness, or work, their contribution is still made to the church. This is one reason other parishes have shown a 20% to 30% increase in giving when they have above 80% participation in Online Giving. Please consider using Online

Giving for your contributions. You can access the website from our St. Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament website or call the rectory for assistance. Thank you and have a great week!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**OCTOBER 25/26**

- ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Autumn-Rose Barnes, Dillon Dierks
10:30 AM: Alex Brock, Emily Crowe
- CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Casey Kubes, Natalie Ruckman
10:30 AM: Jacob Rankin, Caden Tussey
- LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten
7:30 AM: Ilene Sedlacek
10:30 AM: Dave Parks
- DEACON:** 5:00 PM: Deacon Alan LeClair
7:30 AM: Deacon Alan LeClair
10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
- EMHCs:** 5:00 PM: Juli Bohnenkamp, Jacquie Dahlin, Theresa O'Neill, Mary Ann Taylor
7:30 AM: Madelaine Adler, Merl Core, Norine Hoffman, Michelle Zuber
10:30 AM: Trudie Ahlstrom, Marj Ryckman, Bob Ryckman, Nancy Ryckman
- GIFT BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: O'Neill Family
7:30 AM: Huber Family
10:30 AM: Ryckman Family
- MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: Joan & Todd vonKampen, Kevin Throne, and Friends
10:30 AM: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies
- COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Kelli Brock, Bob & Betty Jones, Joni Locher
- NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Lynn Ingraham
7:30 AM: Judy Bahle
10:30 AM: Penny Nelsen
- COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Charlie Buell, Jacquie Dahlin
- IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd
- 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 100TH BIRTHDAY TO FLORENCE FITZGERALD, HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY TO WARNER MOSS, AND HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO MARY ANN TAYLOR! Florence recently celebrated her 100th birthday. Warner celebrated his 95th birthday & Mary Ann celebrated her 80th on Tuesday, October 14th. Please help us shower Florence, Warner, and Mary Ann with birthday wishes. Please mail your card for Florence to 7714 N. 30th St.; Omaha, NE 68112-2728, for Warner to 7166 N. 79th Plaza; Omaha, NE 68122-1459 and for Mary Ann to 11902 Bennington Rd.; Omaha, NE 68142-1335.

ALSO, OUR SEMINARIAN, PAT NIELDS BIRTHDAY IS NOVEMBER 6.

We would like to shower Pat with birthday wishes and prayers. This is a big year for him as he will be ordained a transitional deacon in the spring. The address is as follows: Pat Nields; Kenrick Glennon Seminary; 5200 Glennon Drive; St. Louis, Missouri 63119.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL WHO ATTENDED DOROTHY RULE'S FUNERAL SERVICES. We appreciate your prayers and support. Your love and friendship is in our hearts forever!

~ Thank you, The Rule Family

THE PANCAKE MAN IS HERE! Circle #2, Holy Rosary Circle, is hosting the Pancake man today, October 19. Again, a beautiful quilt made & donated by Marcia Adler will be raffled. Stop down to the Parish Center, have a great breakfast & buy your chance for the quilt.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY WEEKEND. There will be a truck will be in the SPN back parking lot on Sat. & Sun., Oct. 25 & 26. We will be there before & after all masses to receive clothing & other household items. Great time for cleaning out the closets to get ready for winter!

OCTOBER DINING GROUP Wednesday, Oct. 29th at 6:15pm at The Depot (formerly Gurneys Restaurant) Missouri Valley Ia. Take Mormon Bridge Road to Crescent, IA, take left onto Old Lincoln Hwy. into Missouri Valley. The restaurant is on the left. Please come join us! RSVP to mhackenberg@hotmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!! THE 2ND ANNUAL DODGE BALL

TOURNAMENT will take place on Saturday, Nov. 8th. **Mass on Saturday, Nov. 8th will be at 4 p.m.** There will not be a 5 pm Mass. Mass time is changed for that day only! The Dodge Ball Tournament is sponsored by the Home and School & all proceeds will benefit the Home and School Projects. Talk with your family & friends & get a team together! Watch the bulletin for details on registering your teams!

ON SUNDAY, NOV. 9TH, COME & ENJOY "SOUP" SUNDAY FROM 11:30 – 4 pm! Enjoy several varieties of soup – Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Broccoli Cheese, Reuben, & more. Try one or try them all! Homemade breads! Variety of cookies!

CALLING ON ALL CRAFTER'S, BAKERS AND VENDORS!! Our Annual Altar Society Bake Sale & Boutique is coming soon! If you are a crafter or vendor & want a table or tables, please call Bev Baer 402-650-1104 to reserve now. We need all bakers to please donate homemade baked goods for the bake sale. More information will come later for the bake sale. This, & yearly dues are the Altar Society's main source for income so please plan to support this event. Thank you.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS TO THE 2014-15 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your contribution is one way to serve as Christ's disciple and to participate in continuing the saving work begun by Jesus. Our parish is currently committed \$13,575.00 towards our goal of \$30,707.59. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to help us reach our goal.

LOOKING FOR A ST. PHILIP NERI T-SHIRT AND A BLUE AND GOLD STRIPED SOCCER SHIRT from the late 1990's or early 2000's for special project. If you have either/or both of these & don't mind parting with them, please call Marcia Cusic at 402-455-1050.

MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 20 – OCTOBER 26

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Swoboda Family Living and Deceased Eleanor Smith +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Cecelia Burree Int. Patty Sorenson +
Thursday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Mary Carroll +
Friday	8:15 AM	Mike Alexander + James and Katherine Kelly +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Dona Leininger + Margaret Pleiss +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Burree Family Int. David Burke +
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family

MAKE A NOTE! Early Dismissal on October 30th for Parent Teacher Conferences and NO School on Friday, October 31st.

THE WEEK AHEAD
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- SPECIAL COLLECTION – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY** - At All Masses
- 8:00 A.M. **CIRCLE #2 QUILT RAFFLE AND THE PANCAKE MAN PANCAKE BREAKFAST** – Parish Center
- NERI DOLLARS SOLD: AFTER ALL MASSES**
- 9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION – CONFIRMATION PREP** – SPN School
- CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD** - During 10:30 Mass

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 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. **“MARY” BIBLE STUDY** – Parish Center
- 7:00 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL** – Activity Center Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 8:15 A.M. **GRADES 5 – 8 SCHOOL MASS** - Church
- 9:00 A.M. **“MOM’S” GROUP** – Parish Center

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 6:00 A.M. **“COME AND SEE” MEN’S FAITH FORMATION** – Parish Center
- 8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** - Church
- 7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

1ST QUARTER REPORT CARDS - School

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY** – in Church Parking Lot
- NERI DOLLARS SOLD:** After Mass
- 6:30 P.M. **YOUTH GROUP** – School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 – PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

- ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY** – in Church Parking Lot
- NERI DOLLARS SOLD:** After all Masses
- CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – During 10:30 Mass

QUILT SHOW __ __ **UNITED WE STITCH** Mormon Trail Center 32nd & State St. Oct. 3 – 30th 9 am – 9 pm

MUSICAL CONCERT FOR BREAST CANCER SURVIVORS will be held at the UNO Strauss Performing Arts Center on Thursday, Oct. 23. Doors open at 6 pm & the performance starts at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20 in advance & \$25 at the door. Children at \$5 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at American National Bank on 31st & Ames; Caribbean Delight on 72nd & Grant; & Felicia’s Beauty Salon on 4802 NW Radial Hwy. A portion of the proceeds will go towards a local agency serving breast cancer patients.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR A young child walked up to her mother and stared at her hair. As mother scrubbed on the dishes, the girl cleared her throat and sweetly asked; "Why do you have some grey strands in your hair?" The mother paused and looked at her daughter. "Every time you disobey, I get one strand of grey hair. If you want me to stay pretty, you better obey." The mother quickly returned to her task of washing dishes. The little girl stood there thinking. She cleared her throat again. "Mother?" She sweetly asked again. "Yes?" Her Mother replied. "Why is Grandma's hair all grey?"

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.”

THE SPN STUDENT COUNCIL IS COLLECTING NAMES OF ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED MILITARY MEMBERS TO HONOR ON VETERAN'S DAY. Student Council members will write the names of all Military Members on Red Hearts. The heart will be hung on the wall by the cross in the Front Lobby of the school. All names can be emailed to Cheryl Swanson at ceswanson@schools.archomaha.org. You can also put the names in an envelope with Cheryl Swanson’s name on it in the collection basket. Names should be received before November 5th.

IF YOU ARE A SCHOOL PARENT & ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HOURS & you like to garden, contact Peg Ricketts at 402-455-3377 or Mary Todd at 402-455-5021. They are in need of people to cut back hostas & weed some flowerbeds.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL IS SPONSORING A SHOW CHOIR CAMP FOR GIRLS IN 4TH THROUGH 8TH GRADES ON SATURDAY, NOV. 1. Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. At 4, parents can meet us in the gym for the performance! Cost is \$25 & includes lunch & snacks. For a sign up form, please visit the Mercy web site mercyhigh.org. Questions? email the Music Director, Pat Yunker at yunkerp@mercyhigh.org

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.