

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who helped to make our soup supper a success! Special thanks to Mitzi LeClair and to all of her helpers for the delicious variety of soups!

Thanks also to our Home and School Association for organizing our 2nd Annual Dodge Ball Tournament. With your help, we were able to raise \$2,653.58 for the Home and School.

Our Thanksgiving Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 27. We will have our annual blessing of the bread during Mass. Please bring your bread and place it in a basket at the front of the altar before Mass. Join us in worship and in thanking God for the many blessings he has given to us this year.

We have several events coming up during the Advent season which is quickly drawing near. Mark your calendars for the Pray, Eat, Shop trip to the St. Benedict's Retreat Center in Schuyler on December 3rd. This will be great way to relax and reflect on the Advent season before the season gets too hectic. The Cookie Walk and Christmas Tree Raffle will be on December 6th and 7th. There will be a variety of Christmas cookies available, a chance to win a live Christmas tree donated by Frosty Pines, and an opportunity to purchase many beautiful items to decorate your home for the Christmas season, while listening to our "Church Ladies" sing Christmas carols.

I am pleased to announce I have hired a Parish Maintenance Man – Mr. Delbert Potmesil. Please give him a warm St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish welcome.

...and finally, please remember Father Frank Partusch, who passed away this past week in your prayers. He served as an assistant pastor here from June 17, 1976 to June 15, 1978.

Blessings,

Fr. John

Question of the Week – Who has affirmed your talents?

Who needs your affirmation of their talents?

Reading 1 Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Reading 2 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Reflection: Why do you think Jesus told his disciples the parable in today's reading? Perhaps he does not want them to mistake being humble with hiding ones skills and abilities. Each of the three servants receives a certain amount of money from the master. The first two servants use their gift wisely and increase their master's investment. But the third servant, out of fear and lack of self-confidence, buries the money. When the master returns, that servant has nothing to offer him but the small amount received in the first place.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3 - NOVEMBER 10
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$15,301.49
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$17,745.95
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$2,444.46)
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$510,423.04
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$458,905.18
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$51,517.86

DID YOU KNOW... There are only 6 weeks left in the year? Now is the time to consider charitable donations for tax purposes! Please remember Saint Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish. Thank You!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

NOVEMBER 22/23

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Aaliyah Green, Emmet Lampe

10:30 AM: Nick Meier, Tanner Muhleck

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Jarrad Borosko, Jackson Cramer

10:30 AM: Tysen Holmstedt, Aydin Meehan

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten

7:30 AM: Ilene Sedlacek

10:30 AM: Rich McShane

DEACON: 5:00 PM: Deacon Alan LeClair

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10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Jacquie Dahlin, Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda

7:30 AM: Regina Cronkhite, Bob and Betty Jones, Sue Schartz

10:30 AM: Kelli Brock, Roy Edwards, Nancy Ryckman, Rita Ziska

GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Martello Family
 7:30 AM: Schonberner Family
 10:30 AM: Linder Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Colleen Monti and the High School Choir
 10:30 AM: Kim Becker and Family

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Mary Todd, Norine Hoffman, Bill Cheese

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Susan Matsunami
 7:30 AM: Judy Bahle
 10:30 AM: Penny Nelsen

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Charlie Buell, Rita Ziska, Patty Wiederholt

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Kathy Rossitto, Dorie Mittlieder

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

OCTOBER 500 CLUB WINNERS (The Club That Gives Back)
 \$140.00 - Ron Beauchene, \$72.00 - Mary Todd,
 \$32.00 - Joann Feller, \$24.00 - Patricia Adams, Fred Hendricks,
 Neil Dopheide, \$20.00 - Barb Mensen, Kathy Rossitto,
 \$15.00 - Joyce Hanson, Alyce Kozimor, Gladys Goeken

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF OUR GARDEN ANGELS for all the beautiful blooms that we have enjoyed all summer & especially this fall. We truly appreciate all your hard work!

TODAY! SUNDAY, NOV. 16TH, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST! Stop down to the Parish Center & enjoy breakfast. All you can eat pancakes, sausage & biscuits & sausage gravy (while it lasts). There will also be a raffle for a \$100 Home Depot! Leave the cooking & clean up to the Knights!

NOVEMBER DINING GROUP Monday, Nov. 17th at 6 p.m. at Big Fred's Pizza (119th & Pacific). The restaurant is on the left. Please come join us! RSVP to mhackenbergh@hotmail.com

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

Christians are baptized in the *name* of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: not in their *names*, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, his only Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity.

The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the "hierarchy of the truths of faith." The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men "and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin."

The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the "mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God." To be sure, God has left traces of his Trinitarian being in his work of creation and in his Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inner most Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit.

Please join us on Thursday night at 7 pm in the Parish Center as we discuss 'The Blessed Trinity: God the Father, the Son of God and the Holy Spirit'.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Sat., Nov. 22 from 7am till 12 Noon at the SPN Activity Center. Please consider donating. Give blood, give the gift of life! Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. Sign-up after Mass today! For more info. call Rob Barrett at 402-451-1524 or Myron Smedra at 402-457-5622.

ALTAR SOCIETY ANNUAL BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE Nov. 22 & 23 in the Parish Center! Plan to Stop & Shop for unique Christmas gifts or a sweet dessert for your Sunday & Thanksgiving dinner.

CALLING ON ALL CRAFTERS, BAKERS AND VENDORS!! If you are a crafter or vendor & want a table or tables at our Annual Altar Society Bake Sale & Boutique on Nov. 22 & 23, please call Bev Baer 402-650-1104 to reserve your table now. We need all bakers of the parish to please donate homemade baked goods for the bake sale. This, & yearly dues are the Altar Society's main source for income so please plan to support this event.

OUR OWN DEACON FRED HENDRICKS WILL AGAIN BE PERFORMING with the Voices of Omaha in the 46th Annual Performance of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, November 23 at 3:00 P.M. at the Holland Performing Arts Center. Free Admission.

JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW OUR THANKSGIVING COLLECTION WILL GO TO OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY Money contributed in the Thanksgiving collection is used to support the work of our parish St. Vincent De Paul Society. During the last twelve months, we have received 693 calls for assistance with utilities, food, rent, & other expenses from individuals & families living within our parish boundaries. The St. Vincent De Paul Society responded to these requests in various ways including direct financial assistance of \$30,351 to the poor in our community. There are currently 19 members of the society who help in various ways including collecting food & clothing, home visits, call coordination, & working at the pantry. Please contact Bill Cheese at 402-571-1574 if you are interested in learning more about the work of the society or volunteering. Currently the Food Bank supplies are critically low. **THE NEED IS GREAT!** Please bring one food item (such as: peanut butter, jelly, cereal, rice, canned soup, fruit or vegetables) for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Barrels in Church. We would appreciate any loose change or a dollar bill in the Poor Box. Thank you to those who faithfully support our work both financially & through contributions of food & clothing.

AS WE GET READY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON, we are preparing a list of parishioners who live either in independent or assisted living who would enjoy a card or letter from their friends at St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament. If you know of anyone, please drop a note in the collection basket or call the Rectory with their name & address. Due to confidentiality, we need the permission of the person or a family member to publish their name & address. The list will be in the December 7th bulletin.

DO NOT DECORATE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE until you check out the Cookie Walk & Christmas Tree raffle in the Parish Center on Dec. 6/7. **NO NEED TO BAKE CHRISTMAS COOKIES** because you can buy all you need at the Cookie Walk & Christmas Tree raffle in the Parish Center on Dec. 6/7! Altar Society Circle 1 is sponsoring the Annual Cookie Walk & has

added something new - **we will raffle off 3 live Christmas trees from Frosty Pines & host an ornament sale.** We have acquired a collection of wonderful ornaments that will be available for sale at the Cookie Walk. So - don't bake or decorate till you check out the Cookie Walk/Christmas tree raffle & ornament sale in the Parish Center on December 6/7 after all Masses. Oh! – Ho – Ho - HO... And there will be Caroling after the 5:00 & the 10:30 Masses!

THE FAMILY GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE WILL GO UP THANKSGIVING WEEKEND! The wrapped gifts must be returned by Dec. 14.

DID YOU KNOW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS provides support for such programs as Morality in Media, the National Clergy Conference on Alcoholism, the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities, the National Catholic Office for the Deaf and the National Foundation for Mexican-American Vocations just to name a few? Help us, Contact Kevin Moon for more information 402-312-6517.

MASS INTENTIONS NOVEMBER 17 – NOVEMBER 23

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Al Little + Gary and Jackie Peck +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Monica Wilcox Int. Edward B. O'Connor +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Winkelmann Family Living and Deceased Carl and Barb Moraczewski +
Friday	8:15 AM	Toni Rossitto Welker Int. Joe Rossitto +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Dorothy Rule + Agnes Jensen +
Sunday	7:30 AM 10:30 AM	Our Parish Family Janet Funderberg Int. Phil Cushing +

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Joe was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sick father died, he decided he needed a wife with whom to share his fortune. One evening at an investment seminar he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her beauty took his breath away. "I may look like just an ordinary man," he said to her, "but in just a few years, my father will pass, and I'll inherit his large fortune." Impressed, the woman took his business card and three months later, she became Joe's stepmother. Women are so much better at estate planning than men!!

IF YOU'VE EVER THOUGHT ABOUT JOURNEYING TO IRELAND, this year is the year to go! Join parishioner Hugh Reilly on a spectacular tour of Ireland in the summer of 2015. We will be hosting a party to talk about all the details of the tour on Sunday, Nov. 16th at the Brazen Head Pub, 319 N. 78th St., from 5-7 pm. Please call Hugh to RSVP for the event or to ask any questions. He can be reached at 402-571-9319 or at: hreilly@unomaha.edu

The Archbishops Appeal is very important to our Archdiocese! Our Parish benefits from this appeal. If you have contributed – THANK YOU! If you have not contributed, please prayerfully consider doing so. Also, please continue to pray for the success of this campaign.

"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."

IN THE MORNING BEFORE SCHOOL it gets very congested along 31st St., & along Mormon & Grebe Sts. with parents dropping off children & everyone trying to get to morning Mass. Please go slow, **be extremely cautious** & watch for the children (& parents) crossing the streets.

RONCALLI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE is Sunday, November 16, 10 a.m. – 1p.m.

MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE is Sunday, November 23, 12-2:30 p.m. For more info., contact the recruitment director, [Molly Adams Woodman](mailto:MollyAdamsWoodman@marianhighschool.net), at 402-571-2618, ext. 1161 or visit Marian online at www.marianhighschool.net

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, NOVEMBER 16

- 8:00 A.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** – Parish Center
- NERI DOLLARS SOLD: AFTER ALL MASSES**
- 9:00 A.M. **FAITH FORMATION – SPN School**
- 9:30 A.M. **CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE - Church**
- CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – During 10:30 Mass**

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- 6:00 P.M. **DINING GROUP – BIG FRED'S PIZZA - 119th & Pacific**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 8:15 A.M. **GRADES 5 – 8 SCHOOL MASS - Church**
- 9:00 A.M. **"MOM'S" GROUP – Parish Center**
- 3:15 P.M. **LITTLE FLOWERS - Parish Center**
- 6:00 P.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - SPN School**

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 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, NOVEMBER 21

- 6:00 P.M. **CUB SCOUT LOCK-IN – Parish Center**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00 A.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE** –
Activity Center

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – At Mass

ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE AND BOUTIQUE –
Parish Center

NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After Mass

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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NERI DOLLARS SOLD: After all Masses

ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE AND BOUTIQUE –
Parish Center

RCIA – RITE OF ACCEPTANCE

NO CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

EACH WEEK IN THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MASS YOU HEAR “NERI DOLLARS ARE FOR SALE IN BACK OF CHURCH.”

What does this mean and why do we sell them every week?
This is a parish fundraiser managed by Joni Locher & her circle. Neri Dollars are gift cards for grocery and department stores, home improvement stores, restaurants, and even You can make purchases by using the “Neri Dollars” gift cards just like cash & even pay your Kohl’s Charge Card bill with Neri Dollars. Neri Dollars can be used for prescriptions, postage stamps, and even gas! You can use Neri Dollars gift cards for online purchases. We have most area grocery stores **on hand** along with Home Depot, Kohl’s, and ... The Wal-Mart gift cards can be used at Sam’s Club. There are **pre-order forms** at the doors of Church that you can turn in on Sunday with the payment & have your gift cards by the end of the week – or pick them up the next Sunday after Mass. If you don’t see what you need on the pre-order form, go to www.glscrip.com There you will find a list of participation retailers. This is a great resource for gifts for out of town friends & relatives.

Why is your participation important?

The Neri Dollar Coordinator purchases the gift cards at a reduced rate & sells them for face value. Some merchants give us as much as 10%, 12% or more. Every year the Parish receives a check from the profits of this very worthy fundraiser. This is a great way to give back to our parish without taking additional money out of your pocket.

STOCK UP NOW! As you prepare for Thanksgiving Dinner & Christmas shopping, review the pre-order form for Neri Dollars. The last day to pre-order before Christmas will be Sunday, Dec. 14th!

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS MASS St. Bernard’s Church (3601 N. 65th St.) is hosting the Archdiocese of Omaha Pregnancy & Infant Loss Mass on Monday, Nov. 17th at 7pm. Join Fr. Walter Nolte & the Archdiocese Children’s Choir for this special Mass of comfort, healing & hope as we celebrate & honor our children. sources offering outreach & education. For more info. contact Kay Buhrman or Elizabeth Abbott at 402-551-9003, ext. 1306.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING The monthly meeting of the local chapter is Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6:30 p.m. at

St. Gerald’s Church, 9602 Q St. in the Multi-purpose room. For more information, contact Kay Buhrman at 402-551-9003, ext. 1304 or Vici Hegarty 402-880-6318.

PREPARE FOR THE SEASON OF THANKSGIVING by attending “A Day of Gratitude”... A retreat day at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center on Tuesday, Nov. 18 from 9 am to 3 pm. True thanksgiving is a gift of grace as it enables you to connect more genuinely with God. Savor & cherish the bountiful gifts God has given you during this reflective & prayer filled day of refreshment, rest & renewal. **Fee: \$40 includes continental breakfast & lunch.** To register call 402-359-4288 or go online to our website at www.kmscenter.org

“EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS” – “The Nebraska Legislature Weighs Options!” Effie Caldarola, Field Organizer for Nebraskans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (NADP), returns to give update on Nebraska Legislature’s consideration of passing life in prison without parole instead of giving the death penalty. Thursday, Nov. 20, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Seven Oaks at Notre Dame dining room, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole, 35th & State. Call 402-982-9933.

ST. STANISLAUS LADIES GUILD ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, Thursday, Nov. 20, 7-9 p.m. at the Parish Hall, 41st & J Sts. Admission \$1 or donation to St. Vincent de Paul Society (canned goods/hats/ gloves). Start your holiday shopping with vendors /crafters including Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Arbonne, Bling by Zing, Avon, Origami Owl, Thirty-One, Paparazzi, Bows by Amber, & more. Refreshments & raffle. For more information, call 402-733-7912.

UNDER THE MOTTO, “CHRISTMAS ON THE HILL,” THE GREATEST VARIETY EVER OF HANDMADE CRAFTS will be for sale at St. Benedict Ctr., 4 miles north of Schuyler on Hwy 15, from **Nov. 30 to Dec. 14.** Shop in a peaceful atmosphere for unique gifts like wall hangings, quilts, Christmas decorations, woodworking, blown glass, homemade honey products, jewelry, & homemade bakery! Opening times are Monday - Friday, 2 – 6:30 p.m.; Sat. & Sun., 10 a.m. to 7p.m. *On some days, a great buffet lunch will be served.* Please inquire! The gift shop will be open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Saturday 9:30–10:45 a.m. & 1–4 p.m.; & Sunday 1–3 p.m. In addition, there will be an opportunity to view a colorful display of beautiful **nativity scenes** from all-over the world! There is **no admission fee** for craft show & exhibit. The **Christmas Pageant on Saturday, Dec. 6,** at St. Benedict Ctr. will be titled, **“The Angel Who Came Late.”** Schuyler Life Teen members will act out a story, designed *new & different every year,* which brings home impressively what the Christmas message is all about. The shows will take place indoors in the chapel. Afterwards, there will be hot chocolate, cider & coffee, homemade Christmas cookies, & a Christmas story. Shows begin **at 5 p.m. & 7 p.m.** Admission for adults is \$3, for children \$1. For info., call St Benedict Center 402-352-8819.

2015 ARCHDIOCESE OF OMAHA MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE January 20-25, 2015 Defend the right to life & visit holy & historical sites in Washington, DC, & Gettysburg, PA, on this pilgrimage for high school youth & young adults ages 19-34. For more info. visit www.RespectLifeOmaha.com or contact Elizabeth Abbott: emabbott@archomaha.org; 402-551-9003 ext. 1306. Registration & payment deadline: Nov. 24, 2014.