

Dear Parishioners,

We are counting down the days until Mardi Gras this year on February 14th. We have a fun evening planned with delicious Italian food, another evening of trivia, prizes and of course, our raffle. If you have not already purchased tickets for the dinner or purchased raffle tickets, please be sure to do so after Mass or stop by the parish office! We need everyone's help to make this year's Mardi Gras a success!

Congratulations to all of our young people who will celebrate their First Reconciliation this Sunday. We pray for them, that they will continue to grow in appreciation for this great sacrament of the Lord's love and mercy!

Blessings,  
Father John

**Question of the Week – Renew your baptismal promises today.  
What does your Baptism mean to you today?**

**Reading 1 Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7**

**Reading 2 Acts 10:34-38**

**Gospel Mark 1:7-11**

**Reflection:** In this reading we have the story of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. Even though Jesus was the Messiah and God's beloved Son, he went to John the Baptist to be baptized. As Jesus came out of the water, a voice from heaven declared, "You are my beloved Son." God's approval and blessing was on Jesus.

A new beginning and new blessings have come to us in Jesus, God's only Son. When we were baptized, we truly became daughters and sons of God and followers of Jesus. Let us ask Jesus to help us to share his work as God's friends.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**JANUARY 17/18**

**ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM:** Jackson Cramer, Dominic Martello

**10:30 AM:** Nick Meier, Tanner Muhleck

**CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM:** Kaycie Negus, Keegan Sullivan

**10:30 AM:** Jerad Peck, Jacob Rankin

**LECTORS: 5:00 PM:** Rob Barrett

**7:30 AM:** Hank Henkenius

**10:30 AM:** Dave Parks

**DEACON: 5:00 PM:** Deacon Alan LeClair

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**10:30 AM:** Deacon Fred Hendricks

**EMHCS: 5:00 PM:** Sarah Bohnenkamp, Juli Bohnenkamp,

Diane Sullivan, Mary Ann Taylor

**7:30 AM:** Madelaine Adler, Merl Core, Larry Ziska,

Norine Hoffman

**10:30 AM:** Bill Cheese, Mary Fink,

Ellen and Wayne Russell

**GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM:** Bohnenkamp Family

**7:30 AM:** Schonberner Family

**10:30 AM:** Lindner Family

**MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM:** Joan and Todd vonKampen and

Kevin Throne

**10:30 AM:** Fr. John, Deanna Reilly, Deb VanErdwyke

**NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM:** Susan Matsunami

**7:30 AM:** Patty Wiederholt

**10:30 AM:** Penny Nelsen

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Kelli Brock, Joni Locher,

Bob and Betty Jones

**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Liz Maycock, Patty Wiederholt

**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Mary Todd, Bonnie Shea

**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**

**GENE LEININGER, MARY ANNE DORAN AND**

**ROSEMARY RYAN.** Gene is the father/father-in-

law of Theresa and Mick O'Neill and the

grandfather of Sean. He was buried in Sutton,

NE this past Saturday. Mary Anne is the mother

/mother-in-law of Fred and Julie Doran and Doreen and

Jim Watson and the grandmother of Zach, Kristy, Katie, Emma,

and Jack Doran and Bob and Zeke Watson. She was buried

from St. James Parish this past Tuesday. Rosemary was a long

time parishioner of Blessed Sacrament and the mother of

Joan Ryan. She was buried from here this past Thursday.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO WILL MAKE THEIR FIRST**

**RECONCILIATION THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON:**

Johnny Blankenship, Nolan Bliss, Clayton Bohnenkamp,

Thomas Bohnenkamp, Samantha Brewer, Kiara Buller,

Emily Cech, Thomas Chevalier, Cynthia Christian,

Nathaniel Collins, Kyra Cypress, Lauren Gottsch,

Makenzie Gottsch, Nathan Holmstedt, Agnes Lampe,

Bridget Meier, Reagan Muhleck, Connor O'Neill,

Abraham Parys, Sean Philbin, Anthony Rivera, Kaiden Root,

Enno Sites, Andrew Tran, Elizabeth Troia, and Tucker Umble

Please remember them in your prayers that they might always

know God's love and mercy as they continue their walk as

disciples of Jesus!

**DECEMBER 500 CLUB WINNERS (THE CLUB THAT GIVES BACK)**

\$140 - David Adams, \$72 - Don Schettler,

\$32 - Debbie Kafka, \$24 - Fr. John, Joan Kelly, Joni Locher,

\$20 - Betty Jones, Caryn Pfeifer,



\$15 - Bobbi Gatrost, Evelyn Duckworth, Jim Huber

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED TO OUR ANNUAL ADVENT BABY SHOWER!** Your generosity was overwhelming! All the items have been donated to the Bethlehem House.

**LET US PRAY FOR THE END OF ABORTION IN OUR COUNTRY.** The Knights of Columbus will take up a second collection for the One Rose/One Life Campaign this weekend at all the Masses

**KC Movie Knight** Saturday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center. The feature will be "Mr. Peabody & Sherman" *The Dogfather of all Comedies!* 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.

**VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK** There will be a second collection for the seminarian fund next weekend, Jan.17/18. This fund helps educate our seminarians, assists with the cost for tuition, room & board. The best way to help promote vocations is to encourage our young people to consider a life as a priest, brother or sister. If you know of someone that would make a good priest or sister, ask them to think about it. Let us remember Pat Niels who is currently in the seminary. You can write him at: Pat Niels 5200 Glennon Dr., St. Louis, MO 63119.

**NEW! WOMEN'S IGNATION PRAYER/STUDY GROUP** Come LEARN & PRAY the St. Ignatius way: "for everyday living"! Tues. 9 - 10:30 am Jan. 20 thru May 12 in the Parish Center. Optional childcare & book cost. Call Erin 402-455-4270 or Lisa 402-455-6066.

**JANUARY'S DINING GROUP SELECTION: SGT PEFFERS** 13760 Millard Ave. at 6pm on Thurs. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> -weather permitting. Please come & enjoy each other's company. Please RSVP to Maria at [mhackenberg@hotmail.com](mailto:mhackenberg@hotmail.com) or 402-493-5697.

**WANTED! Volunteers that would like to work basketball games on Saturday and Sundays.** We have several games in January in our Activity Center & need help with the book & the board, & the concession stand. If you are a high school student or school parent that need hours or an adult who would just like to help out. **YES – this does count for volunteer hours needed for school families!** We are willing to train! Please contact Shelly Philbin at 402-991-6150 or 402- **740-5670** or email her at [spnactivity@gmail.com](mailto:spnactivity@gmail.com)

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** "Cash, check or charge?" the cashier asked after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As the woman fumbled for her wallet, the cashier noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse. "Do you always carry your TV remote?" the cashier asked. "No," she replied. "But my husband refused to come shopping with me, so I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him."

#### **MARDI GRAS IS FEBRUARY 14, 2015!**

You should have received information about our Mardi Gras Celebration and Raffle "A Taste of Italy". You will not want to miss our fabulous evening of great food, music, **exciting trivia game** and of course, our raffle drawing. Raffle tickets are now on sale! There are great prizes including a brand new 2015 Chrysler 200 Limited, Groceries for a year, Gas for a year, a

cleaning package and even 4 tickets to the Taylor Swift concert in October and more! Stop by the table on the Mary side in Church for tickets or more information. There are also envelopes labeled "Mardi Gras" by the doors of Church with raffle and dinner tickets and information.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 12 - 18**

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Lorraine Demulling +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Tess Lawler +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Don Pulte +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Deceased Members of Weber Family + Dorothy Rule +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Kathleen Stubbs +
	10:30 AM	Janet Funderberg Int. Kathleen Houlihan +

**DID YOU KNOW KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** has helped over 77,000 men become priests with donations to vocation support? Help our Men in Black, Contact Kevin Moon for more info 402-312-6517.

#### **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."**

**Pro-Life Student Essay Contest** All 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade students living or attending Catholic school/religious formation in the Archdiocese of Omaha are eligible to participate in the Pro-Life Student Essay Contest. Cash prizes will be given to the top three winners in each grade, & the first place winners will compete in the statewide completion for additional awards. The contest begins Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> & ends March 25<sup>th</sup>. Contact Elizabeth Abbott with questions: [emabbott@archomaha.org](mailto:emabbott@archomaha.org); 402-551-9003 ext. 1306 or visit [www.RespectLifeOmaha.com](http://www.RespectLifeOmaha.com) for more information & the registration form.

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>.**

To kick off this very special week, we will be celebrating Mass as a community on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. The students will be participating in the Mass & sharing their special gifts with us. Please mark your calendar now so that you don't miss out. It is a beautiful Mass that celebrates Catholic education & one of the many reasons our students attend St. Philip Neri School, faith formation & spiritual growth. There will be breakfast after the Mass too. We hope that you can join us.

**SAVE THE DATE! KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP** will be held on Wed., March 11, 2015. Please encourage your friends & neighbors to send their children to St. Philip Neri School & attend our Kindergarten Round-Up. Please call the school if you have any questions, 402-455-8666.

**CALENDAR CHANGE** The last day of school will be Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. There will be an All School Mass at 2 p.m. to celebrate our year.

**A WONDERFUL WAY TO PRAY FOR A SOLDIER IS "FIVE BLESSINGS":** Think of the word **BLESS**, and it will help you cover his or her life with prayer.

The **B** stands for BODY. For example, you might pray for physical protection, safety and health.

The **L** stands for LABOR, pray for them to do their job well, with skill and wisdom.

The **E** stands for EMOTIONAL—pray for their emotional health. The **S** stands for SOCIAL—pray for their marriage, the parent-child relationship (deployments are hard on marriages & with parents away for months; the children can feel distant or abandoned and have trouble understanding why dad or mom isn't there.) Pray for God to fill the gaps of the love needed with His love while the parent is away.

And the last **S** stands for SPIRITUAL—pray for them to know God, put their trust in God, and experience His unfailing love for them even in the great difficulties they face in a war zone, for spiritual renewal for our troops, for peace in Iraq and Afghanistan—and for all of the soldiers to come home safely to their families.

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

##### SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONE ROSE/ONE LIFE SPECIAL COLLECTION** – At all Masses

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES**

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

**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** – After 10:30 Mass

##### MONDAY, JANUARY 12

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

##### TUESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 P.M. **BAPTISM CLASS** – Parish Center

**NO FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

##### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

6:00 P.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** – Circle of Grace - School

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

##### THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

##### SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – in front of School

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – SEMINARY** – At Mass

**MOVIE KNIGHT** – After 5 p.m. Mass in the Parish Center

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

##### SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

**SPECIAL COLLECTION – SEMINARY** – At all the Masses

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES**

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

**LEARNING TO LIVE WITH DEMENTIA** Spring Series begins at the St. Timothy's Lutheran Church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month (1/14) from 10 – 11:30 a.m.. 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 Chris Lund, Director of Lay Ministry at 402-391-1144 or CLUND@ST-TIMOTHYS.COM to register.

**COMPASSION IN ACTION: GANG PREVENTION IS ON 'GET IT DONE' LIST** Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7-8:30 p.m. Teela Mickles, Director of Compassion in Action (CIA), will describe how CIA is "the center focus" for the city planners with the Prospect Village Project in North Omaha, at Seven Oaks at Notre Dame, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole. Call 402-982-9933 for more information.

**ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE DINNER AND AUCTION** hosted by Nebraskans United for Life will be held on Friday, Jan. 16, at the new American Italian Heritage Society II Palazzo Hall, 5110 N. 132<sup>nd</sup> St. Social hour begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner to follow at 7:30 p.m. Keynote Speaker will be Kristan Hawkins of *Students for Life for America*. Cost is \$40 per person. Call Ann Bowen at 402-399-0299 to make reservations or more information.

**K OF C COUNCIL 10305 PRESENT A "CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH"** 11 A.M.

Sunday, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at St. John the Baptist Church; Schwertley Hall; 215 N. 13<sup>th</sup> St.; Fort Calhoun. Guest Speaker: Dr. Coleen Kelly Mast "Four Heart Healthy Habits of Holiness" Tickets: \$15 per person, \$60 family of 6, \$150 for a reserved Table, \$200 for a sponsor table. Tickets available at: Cosgraves, Gloria Deo, & Adoramus in Omaha. Call Phil Tamisiea 402-690-2072 or St. John the Baptist 402-468-5348 for more information.

**JOIN THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. WENCESLAUS AND ST. BARNABAS** on Jan. 18 for a showing of the pro-life movie "40" that chronicles the 40 years since abortion has been made legal in the United States. Come see this emotionally powerful & intellectually stimulating movie. Bring your youth group! The movie will be shown at 7 p.m. in St. Wenceslaus Church (15353 Pacific St.) with an optional discussion following. The showing is free. For more info., please call Mary Eileen at [402-991-3425](tel:402-991-3425). More information about this movie can be found at <http://www.the40film.com/>

**GRIEFWORK SERIES** Thursday, Jan. 29, 10 – 11:30 a.m. \$10 **Understanding the Grieving Heart** - Did you know there is a difference between grief & mourning? Did you know there are no fewer than 16 different types of grief & that misperceptions about the grieving process? Exploring the answers to these questions may provide you with some insights to your own grief journey or enable you to help someone else through theirs. **Maria Farrell**, Director of GriefWork, presenter on human development and the family Servite Center of Compassion, 7400 Military Ave. Call 402-951-3026 or email [scc@osms.org](mailto:scc@osms.org), or visit [www.osms.org](http://www.osms.org)

**"KEEP THE HEAT ON!" Chili Cook Off** Jan. 31, from 5-8 p.m. at Creighton Prep to benefit the SVPD Emergency Assistance Fund. Sample & vote on FIFTEEN unique chili recipes. Fantastic raffle items & entertainment! Celebrity Chefs! Face painting for the kids! Also available: Hot dogs, delicious desserts (including

Village Inn pies), soda, & beer. Proceeds will help us help those who desperately need to keep their heat or electricity on or avoid eviction. *To be a contender* or to find out more, check our website at [svdpomaha.com](http://svdpomaha.com) or call Mary Egan at 402-850-0033. Join the fun, have some chili & help "KEEP THE HEAT ON"! See you there!!

**Pro-Life Mass and Walk for Life** sponsored by Nebraska Right to Life will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31 at the State Capitol in Lincoln. A Pro-Life Mass will be held prior to this event at 9 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church (across the street from the Capitol at 14<sup>th</sup> & K Streets). At the conclusion of the Walk for Life, Mario St. Francis will be the Keynote Speaker at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Student Union located at 14<sup>th</sup> & R Streets.

**Walk for Life and Youth Summit** The Archdiocese of Omaha Respect Life Apostolate is providing transportation from Omaha to the Walk for Life (sponsored by Nebraska Right to Life) in Lincoln on January 31<sup>st</sup> for youth in 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade. After the Walk, the Respect Life Apostolate will host a Youth Summit at the UNL Newman Center. For additional information & registration call Hannah Keisling at 651-331-0971.

**SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 27-29 RETREAT FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING INFERTILITY.** Rebecca Royse will present: Life-Giving Love: Infertility & the Sacrament of Marriage. Rebecca combines her personal experience of infertility with her knowledge gained from her current graduate studies. If you are currently experiencing infertility, primary or secondary, including repeat miscarriages, please join us for this weekend retreat. More details & registration will be available by Feb. 1. For more information, contact Reggan at [rksimons@archomaha.org](mailto:rksimons@archomaha.org) or 402-551-9003 ext. 1300.

*Healthy relationships nourish us and teach us how to love. Whether these relationships come through family, friends, or a faith-based group, if we seek, we will find. God will always lead us to what we need. Our job is to be open and willing to follow.*

— from *St. Anthony Messenger*

**BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS.** Join others in peaceful prayer to end abortion on Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 3105 N. 93<sup>rd</sup> St. in Omaha or Fridays & Saturdays at the Abortion & Contraception Clinic of Nebraska at 1002 W. Mission Ave. in Bellevue. Priests lead group prayer from 11 - noon on Thursdays at Planned Parenthood & Fridays in Bellevue. Prayer volunteers are also needed on Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in Bellevue. Prayers are offered at the Omaha Planned Parenthood on Saturday mornings from 10 -11 a.m. as well. For more information visit [www.RespectLifeOmaha.com](http://www.RespectLifeOmaha.com) or contact Elizabeth Abbott at [emabbott@archomaha.org](mailto:emabbott@archomaha.org) or 402-551-9003 ext. 1306.

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**Upcoming Retreats at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, NE, February 2015** For more info about any of the retreats listed below or to register, please call 402-352-8819 or visit [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com)

**Parenting in the Wired World, Feb. 7, 1-day retreat,** with *Laura Buddenberg*. Today's kids are the wired generation. It seems like they're plugged into technological gadgets 24/7. This workshop will help parents reflect on the profound ways in

which technology & social media affect parents & their children, & will offer practical strategies to assist parents maintain harmony at home in the midst of our wired world. Program fee: \$30. Lunch is available for \$10.02 (includes tax).

**Giving Up to Gain, Feb. 13 – 15,** retreat in preparation for Lent with *Fr. Prior Mauritius Wilde, OSB, Ph.D.* The life of St. Benedict (480-547) was an exciting journey of letting-go & giving-up. Going through trials & temptations, Benedict learnt to be detached from parents, goods, & his own desires. Step by step he so became able to "dwell by himself" in the presence of God. As we prepare for the Feast of Feasts, we try to empty ourselves in order to receive the fullness of life that Christ has promised us. Starts Friday, 7:30 PM.

**Tables for Two, Feb. 15, 5 p.m.** Married couples are invited to join Kory & Julie Delkamiller as they take to the "marriage road" RV style! This will not be the Robin Williams version of "RV," but it promises to be entertaining (& edifying) nonetheless. Couples will jump on board the 29' Sunsetter with Kory & Julie, while enjoying a *delicious 4-course meal* prepared by Mark & Patty Bosh. Seating is one couple per table. Mass will be offered in the chapel at 7:30 p.m. for those interested in attending. Advance Reservation/Pre-payment Required. \$60/couple. Early Bird Rate \$55 (register before Jan. 30)

**Contemplative Prayer Retreat, Feb. 27–March 1,** with *Fr. Thomas Leitner, OSB.* Contemplative prayer is the opening of mind & heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, & emotions. This retreat, involving breath practice, is for beginners on the contemplative way, *as well as* for those who have some experience with it. Please bring loose fitting clothing of neutral colors. Starts Friday, 7:30 PM.

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## A Taste of Italy Mardi Gras

February 14, 2015 6:30 p.m.  
St. Philip Neri Activity Center

*Please register no later than February 9!  
Space is limited. Must be 21 years old to attend our  
Mardi Gras Celebration*

*Awaken your taste buds with great food prepared  
by "Celebrity Chefs" including  
Fabulous Appetizers, Wonderful Salad,  
Delicious Pasta and Amazing Desserts!*

*Sharpen your knowledge of Trivia!*

*Be there to witness the raffle drawing for the  
Beautiful 2015 Chrysler 200 Limited  
and 9 other great prizes!*

*Relax and enjoy a great evening with friends!*

*Get your tickets today at Mass  
or stop by the Parish Office during*

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*regular business hours.*