

Dear Parishioners,

Last Call for Mardi Gras! We still have a few tables remaining for our 14th Annual Mardi Gras on February 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Activity Center following the 5:00 Mass. Please plan to join us for a fun evening of Italian food, trivia, and fellowship! We need everyone's support to make this major fundraiser a success. Thanks to all who have sold raffle tickets. If you have not yet purchased your tickets, please be sure to do so that you will have a chance to win one of our fabulous prizes!

**Blessings,
Father John**

Question of the Week – What is the most important lesson Jesus has taught you?

Reading 1 1 Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23
Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Reflection: Mark describes for us how Jesus' day begins and ends with taking care of others. He heals Simon's mother-in-law, he cures others who are sick, he drives out demons from those who are possessed. He comforts the downhearted and discouraged. The crowds follow him wherever he goes. Even when he goes off to a lonely place to pray and be renewed, Jesus is tracked down by his disciples who say, "Everybody is looking for you!" Without complaint, Jesus responds at once by heading for the nearby villages to heal and preach and comfort.

| PARISH SUPPORT | WEEK OF JANUARY 25 - 31 |
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| WEEKLY REVENUE | \$18,454.41 |
| WEEKLY EXPENSES | \$19,140.47 |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (\$686.06) |
| YEAR TO DATE REVENUE | \$822,051.39 |
| YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES | \$762,729.38 |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | \$59,322.01 |

DID YOU KNOW... you only have 3 days to get your reservation in for the 2015 Mardi Gras – Italian Style - Dinner and Trivia Night and 6 days to purchase your raffle ticket for one of ten great prizes! **You can't win if you don't play!**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**FEBRUARY 14/15**

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Zach Cypress, Cheyanne Jones

10:30 AM: Cady Bencker, Sam Parys

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Amir Ring, Ryan Pfeiffer

10:30 AM: Isaac Parys, David Taylor

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly

7:30 AM: Ilene Sedlacek

10:30 AM: Rick 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, Jim Shepherd,

Diane Sullivan, Mary Ann Taylor

7:30 AM: Madelaine Adler, Regina Cronkhite,

Maria Hackenberg, Larry Ziska

10:30 AM: Trudie Ahlstrom, Kelli Brock,

Cathy Fluckey, Nancy Ryckman

GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Bahle Family

7:30 AM: McDonald Family

10:30 AM: Brock Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends

10:30 AM: Kim Becker and Family

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Lynn Ingraham

7:30 AM: Patty Wiederholt

10:30 AM: Penny Nelsen

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

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Joanne Feller, April Collamer

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF WARNER MOSS, LILA RAMSGARD, DOROTHY SAYLORS, & EDWARD HUSER. Warner was a long time parishioner of St. Philip Neri. Services for Warner are pending. Lila is the mother of

Mike Ramsgard & grandmother of Chris, Matthew, Hannah, Abby, & Isabella. Services for Lila are pending. Dorothy was also a long time parishioner of St. Philip Neri. She was buried from here on Jan 27th. Edward is the son of Phyllis Huser & the brother/brother-in-law of Ann & Michael Hansen. He was a long

time parishioner of Blessed Sacrament. Services for Edward were here on Jan. 22nd.

SPECIAL THANKS TO EACH OF YOU WHO ATTENDED THE NOVEMBER AND/OR DECEMBER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFASTS.

Your continued support of the breakfasts made possible – a contribution to the Parish from the Knights of \$556 toward the cost of the elevator repair & also \$600 to our seminarian, Pat Nields.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE! WOMEN'S IGNATION PRAYER/STUDY GROUP

Come LEARN & PRAY the St. Ignatius way: "for everyday living"! Tues. 9 -10:30 am Jan. 20-May 12 in the Parish Center. Optional childcare & book cost. Call Erin 402-455-4270 or Lisa 402- 455-6066.

PLEASE JOIN US AND BRING A FRIEND - THAT MAN IS YOU! – The men's ministry program that has swept across our Archdiocese and the country. We meet Thursday mornings in the St. Philip Neri Parish Center from 6 – 7:30 a.m. beginning February 12th. **A LADDER TO HEAVEN** surveys the spiritual giants of the two thousand years of Catholicism (culminating in Blessed John Paul II) to develop a pathway to God for men in the modern world. It is designed to provide a structure to your spiritual life not only now, but also well into the future.

Session 1: A Ladder to Heaven

- That We and All Our Families Will Go to Heaven
- Blessed John Paul II Has Shown Us the Path
- Program for the Third Millennium
- The Three Stages of the Spiritual Life
- True Devotion to Mary
- The Ladder of the Beatitudes
- The Steps for Our Journey

Contact Tom Carney at 402-578-6879 with any questions.

WANTED! Volunteers that would like to work basketball games on Saturday and Sundays. We have several games 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 visit <https://spnvolunteers.ivolunteer.com/> to volunteer or call Shelly Philbin at 402-991-6150 or 402- 740-5670.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR A mother mouse and a baby mouse were walking along, when all of a sudden, a cat attacked them. The mother mouse goes, "BARK!" and the cat runs away. "See?" says the mother mouse to her baby. "Now do you see why it's important to learn a foreign language?"

MARDI GRAS IS FEBRUARY 14, 2015!

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 & more! Stop by the table on the Mary



side in Church for tickets or information. There are also envelopes labeled "Mardi Gras" by the doors of Church. **If you are attending Mardi Gras, please enter through the front doors of the Activity Center.**

Mardi Gras Dinner and Trivia takes many hands to make it a success. If you would like to spend an hour or two or the entire evening assisting with misc. duties, please call the Parish Office at 402-455-1289 or visit <https://spnvolunteers.ivolunteer.com/>

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 9 - FEBRUARY 15

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| Monday | 8:15 AM | Communion Service |
| Tuesday | 8:15 AM | Don Pulte + Robert J. McCargill + |
| Wednesday | 8:15 AM | Ed. B. O'Connor + Mary Beth Clark + |
| Thursday | 8:15 AM | Gary and Jackie Peck + |
| Friday | 8:15 AM | Lexington Family Living and Deceased |
| Saturday | 5:00 PM | Dona Leininger + |
| Sunday | 7:30 AM | Our Parish Family Int. |
| | 10:30 AM | Jearld Colling + Josie Golwitzer + |

DID YOU KNOW THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Contact membership includes a FREE subscription to Columbia Magazine? Subscribe...Call Myron Smedra for more info 402-457-5622.

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."

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL 2ND QUARTER HONOR ROLL

6th Grade 2nd Honors: **Jackson Cramer, Sam Parys, Jerad Peck, John Plewa, Veronica Rohlfing, Annie von Kampen**

7th Grade 2nd Honors: **Sydney Campbell, Mia Dolan, Adrianna Krueger, Aydin Meehan, Genesis Mulcahy, Kaycie Negus, Keegan Sullivan, Grace Treves, Gina Troia, Diamonique Woolridge**

8th Grade 2nd Honors: **Tina Buller, Riley Doran, Claire Fink, Josh Garvis, Emmet Lampe, Tanner Muhleck, Natalie Ruckman**

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNA SWOBODA, SAMANTHA SCHUELER, AND SARAH BOHNENKAMP who are on the Principal's List at Marion High School for the first semester.

Pro-Life Student Essay Contest All 7th-11th 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 deadline is March 25th. Contact Elizabeth Abbott with questions: emabbott@archomaha.org; 402-551-9003 ext. 1306 or visit www.RespectLifeOmaha.com for more information & the registration form.

THERE IS NO SCHOOL on Thursday, February 12th, Friday, February 13th & Monday, February 16th.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES are on Thursday, February 12th from 2:30 - 6:30. K – 4 grades will have scheduled conferences (either teacher or parent requested). 5th – 8th grade teachers & the special teachers will be in the gym for conferences.

KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP will be held on Wed., March 11. 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.

FRIDAY MORNING PRAYER Our “Prayer Parents” have changed their schedule. They are now meeting on Friday mornings at 8 a.m. in the Chapel at school. Anyone who would like to come pray for our school, students & staff is welcome. Stop by the office if you are interested.

JR. CRUSADER BASKETBALL tryouts for Marian High School are on the following dates:

Grade in Fall 2015

- 3rd & 4th grade 5-6:15PM on Sunday, March 8th
 - 5th grade 6:15-7:30PM on Monday, March 9th
 - 6th grade 7:30-9:00PM on Monday, March 9th
 - 7th grade 6:15-7:30PM on Wednesday, March 11th
 - 8th grade 7:30-9:00PM on Wednesday, March 11th
- Pre-register online at www.leaguelineup.com/marianjrcrusaders

2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Send your kids on an icy expedition! At Everest VBS, kids embark on the coolest adventure of the summer! Everest VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, & tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes & safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life -- something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! **So mark these dates on your calendar: JUNE 1-5.** The fun starts at 9 AM & will end at 12:00 Noon. Registration & Volunteer Opportunities Coming Soon! ~ Sincerely, Sam Hensel
Your Everest VBS Director 402-455-2190
spndresamhensel@gmail.com

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES

9:00 A.M. **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS** – School

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 P.M. **BOY SCOUTS** – Parish Center

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

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

9:00 A.M. **WOMEN’S IGNATION PRAYER/STUDY GROUP** – Parish Center

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

7:00 P.M. **PSALMS – STUDY GROUP** – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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

6:00 P.M. **KNIGHTS DINNER AND SOCIAL** – Parish Center

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:00 A.M. **TMIY – A LADDER TO HEAVEN** – Parish Center

NO SCHOOL – Parent Teacher Conferences begin at 2:30 p.m.

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

NO SCHOOL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

6:30 P.M. **MARDI GRAS** – Activity Center

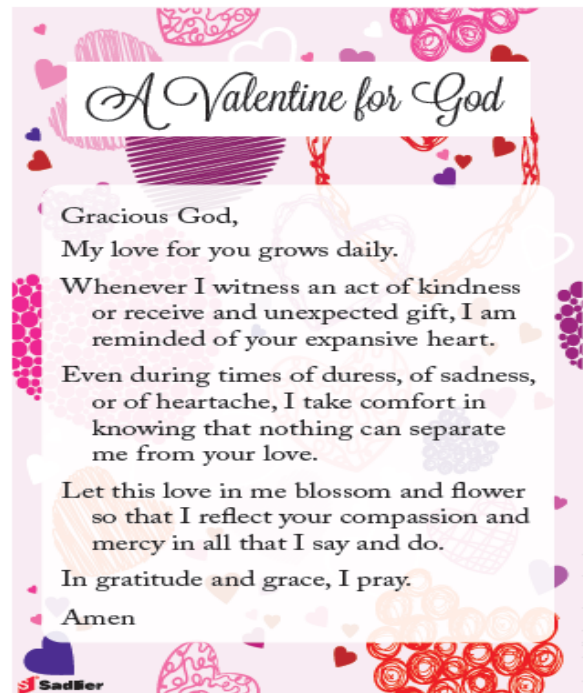
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES

NO CHILDREN’S CHOIR PRACTICE

NO CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

THERE IS NO SCHOOL AND THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH.



BE A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS. Join others in peaceful prayer to end abortion on Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. - 1p.m. in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 3105 N. 93rd St. 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 or contact Elizabeth Abbott at emabbott@archomaha.org or 402-551-9003 ext. 1306.

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL, Bellevue, is actively searching for a dynamic individual to serve as the **Child Care manager**. This individual must have, or be able to obtain the proper certification to hold the position. Safe Environment training is a condition of employment. The successful candidate will be in charge of the administration, budget, staffing & supervision of the Child Care program. If you are interested in applying for the position please submit a letter of application, resume & credentials to: Principal; St. Matthew School; 12210 S. 36th St, Suite B; Bellevue, NE 68123.

BETHLEHEM HOUSE CURRENTLY HAS JOB OPENINGS for a part-time Bookkeeper & a Volunteer Coordinator. For more information, please contact Mary Crosby at 402-502-9224 or

director@bethlehemhouseomaha.org

Job descriptions for both of these jobs can be found at www.bethlehemhouseomaha.org/get-involved/employment/

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF OMAHA facilitates a monthly memorial Mass (normally the 1st Monday of each month, in Holy Angels mausoleum with Resurrection Cemetery (78th & W. Center Rd.) They are seeking volunteer music Ministers to assist at these Masses on a rotational basis. An electronic keyboard will be provided. If you are able to offer your talents in support of this ministry, please contact Deacon Steve Grandinetti, Ministry Manager or Deacon Bill Hill at 402-391-3711.



ANNUAL MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DINNER in Norfolk, NE. Join Deacon James Keating, Ph.D., Saturday, February 28th for an evening of wit & wisdom grounded in his book "Spousal Prayer: A Way to Marital Happiness." The evening begins with 5:30 p.m. Mass at Norfolk Catholic High School followed by a candlelit dinner & guided couple reflection time at the Sacred Heart Parish Center. Each person will receive a copy of Deacon Keating's book. Contact Peter Kennedy for more information at 402-551-9003 ext. 1305 or pekennedy@archomaha.org

FAMILY LIFE SPAN & BEREAVEMENT ANNULMENT SEMINAR Thursday, Feb. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church. Deacon Ron Ryan from the Omaha Archdiocese Tribunal Office will talk about Canon Law & the theological reasons for obtaining an annulment. Time will be available for questions & answers about the annulment process. For more info. or to register, contact [Kay Buhrman](mailto:Kay.Buhrman), Coordinator Family Life Span & Bereavement, at 402-551-9003, ext 1304.

ARCHBISHOP LUCAS WILL CELEBRATE A MEMORIAL MASS for the 10th anniversary of the death of Fr. Giussani & the 33rd anniversary of the Pontifical recognition of the Fraternity of Communion &

Liberation on Thursday, Feb. 12th, at 7 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, 7430 Hascall St. Reception to follow.

PLEASE JOIN THE OMAHA ARCHDIOCESE AND ST. GERALD CHURCH FOR THE CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING. If you are currently a grandparent, in name or in spirit, please join us in this very special organization. We will be focusing on growing our faith & spirituality independently & collectively with our grandchildren or with any child that we have a grandparent type of relationship. Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 17th, at St. Gerald's Church, 9602 Q St. in the multi-purpose room. We will conclude with a rosary for all grand-parents & their grandchildren. Any questions please contact Kay Buhrman at 402-551-9003, ext. 1304 or Vici Hegarty 402-880-6318.

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS will discuss Homelessness – Facts, Causes, Solutions in the Omaha/Council Bluffs Metro Area, Thursday, Feb. 19, 7-8:30 p.m., at Seven Oaks, Notre Dame dining room, 3439 State St. Sr. Stephanie Matcha has rich & diverse experiences to share with us on the facts, causes, & solutions of homelessness.

ANNUAL MEN'S LENTEN OVERNIGHT RETREAT – Fri/Sat, Feb. 20/21 beginning at 6 p.m. Open to men of all Christian faiths who would like to grow spiritually; providing opportunities for faith sharing & prayer during the Lenten season. Guest facilitator is Fr. Kevin Schneider SJ. Fee of \$95 includes room, evening appetizers, breakfast, & lunch. An optional \$40 overnight stay is available on Saturday evening until noon Sunday & includes continental breakfast. Call Knowles Mercy Center at 402-359-4288 to register. (Located 1 mile west of 264th & West Center Rd.

JOIN US AT THE CONCERT "IN PRAISE TO JESUS CHRIST" with John Dorman, Saturday, Feb. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Holy Family Shrine, 23132 Pflug Rd., Gretna. Enjoy an hour of adoration & sacred music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Admission is free with freewill offering to benefit the Holy Family Shrine.

HEIRLOOM WRITING WORKSHOP Family stories passed from one generation to the next serves as a means of communicating issues, faith, & values that hold importance in our lives & that of our family members. The most endearing & enduring legacy you can leave your family is your story. Join us on Thursday, March 5 at Knowles Mercy Center from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. to start to process, compile, & write your life story. Fee of \$40 includes continental breakfast & lunch. Facilitator Elizabeth Mack will guide you through the process. The only experience necessary is life! Elizabeth Mack (MA, BFA) has taught Creative Nonfiction Writing & English at UNO, Creighton University, & Metro Community College. Call 402-359-4288 for more info or to register or email kmscenter@mercywmw.org

WOMEN'S MORNING OF REFLECTION 2015 in St. Elizabeth Ann's Parish Center (114th & Fort) on Saturday, March 21 from 8:30-12:30. Our speaker this year is Karen Dwyer, PhD, author of *WRAP Yourself in Scripture*. She will teach us a method for reading & praying Scripture called WRAP - an acronym that stands for Write, Reflect, Apply & Pray. The goal of WRAP is to foster a personal encounter & relationship with Jesus Christ through the Scriptures. Cost is \$20 which includes her book. To register, please contact Jo Kusek at 402-572-0369 or jkusek9212@yahoo.com