

Dear Parishioners,

The season of Lent is quickly approaching! Our Ash Wednesday Mass schedule will be: 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal.

Abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

**Blessings,
Father John**

Question of the Week – How do you show pity to those who suffer or are in need?

Reading 1 1 Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 Reading 2 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Gospel Mark 1:40-45

Reflection: Today's story describes a man who is so excited and happy that he has to tell everyone he meets what has happened to him. The man with leprosy firmly believed that Jesus could cure him and he begged Jesus to do so. Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand, touched the afflicted man, and said, "Be cured." And the man's deformities were immediately healed.

Although Jesus instructed him to speak only to the priest about his cure, the man could not restrain himself. He told so many people that Jesus had to retreat to the desert to avoid the crowds who followed him everywhere.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1 - 7
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$24,520.70
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$9,192.11
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$15,328.59
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$846,571.84
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$771,921.49
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$74,650.35

Did You Know... The next school year is coming fast! Kindergarten Roundup will be held on Wednesday March 11th at 9:00 a.m. Be sure to get your little one signed up while seats are still available. They grow up too fast!!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**FEBRUARY 18 – ASH WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM****ALTAR SERVERS:** Dominic Martello, Robert Schonberner**LECTORS:** Bruno Kozimor**DEACON:** Deacon Alan LeClair**EMHCs:** Tamatha Buell, Dorothy Polan, Kathy Rossitto, Mary Todd**MUSICIANS:** Joan and Todd vonKampen, Kevin Throne and Friends**FEBRUARY 21/22****ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: James Borosko, Jarrad Borosko

10:30 AM: Bode Bench, Emily Crowe

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Clint Dierks, Dillon Dierks

10:30 AM: Mia Dolan, Steven Hensel

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Theresa O'Neill

7:30 AM: Peg Ricketts

10:30 AM: Rich McShane

DEACON: 5:00 PM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

7:30 AM: Deacon Alan LeClair

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Jacquie Dahlin, Ellen & Wayne Russell
Matt Swoboda7:30 AM: Madelaine Adler, Merl Core, Sue Schartz,
Michelle Zuber10:30 AM: DeLynne Clausen, Mary Fink,
Bob and Marj Ryckman**GIFT BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: O'Neill Family

7:30 AM: Haines Family

10:30 AM: Ryckman Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies10:30 AM: Joan and Todd vonKampen,
Kevin Throne and Friends**NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Susan Matsunami

7:30 AM: Judy Bahle

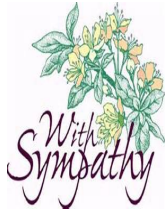
10:30 AM: Jane Cheese

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bev Baer, Roy Edwards,
George and Marsha Moon, Dave Parks

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Larry Ziska, Charlie Buell
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Bill Cheese, Dave Parks
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 FAMILY OF MAE SCHADE.

Mae is the sister-in-law Carol Schade & mother-in-law of John Klaumann. Visitation will be here today, Sunday, February 15 from 4 – 6 p.m. with the Rosary at 6. The funeral service will be here on Monday at 11 a.m.



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.

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 2: Step 1 – The Poor in Spirit

- Pathway by Which Men Become Holy
- The Ladder Leading to God
- The Spiritual Life Begins with Purgation
- The Reality of the Human Heart
- The Issue of Selfishness
- Purged of All that Blinds Us to God
- Marriage and Poverty

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

FEBRUARY DINING GROUP Feb. 24th is the day, 6pm is the time, & Millard Roadhouse 133rd Millard Ave is the spot for this month. Hope to see everyone there! RSVP to Maria at mhackenberg@hotmail.com or call 402-493-5697.

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.

DID YOU KNOW THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS membership in Nebraska is over 25,000? Contact Doug Rose for more information at 402-699-4352.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Wife: "There's trouble with the car. It has water in the carburetor."
 Husband: "Water in the carburetor? That's ridiculous."
 Wife: "I tell you the car has water in the carburetor."
 Husband: "You don't even know what a carburetor is. Where's the car?"
 Wife: "In the swimming pool."

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 16 - FEBRUARY 22

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Tess Lawler + Joe Thibodeau +
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Bev Culp +
	8:15 AM	Peter Reekie +
	7:00 PM	Michael L. McGargill +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Doug and Dorothy Reekie + Eileen Hubbard +
Friday	8:15 AM	Ed Huser +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Weber Family +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
	10:30 AM	Janet Funderberg + John Jefferson Wooden +

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."

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.

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.

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, Everest VBS Director
402-455-2190 spndresamhensel@gmail.com

THE WEEK AHEAD**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15****NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES****NO CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE****NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD****MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16****NO SCHOOL – TEACHER'S IN SERVICE****RECTORY CLOSED****PSALMS – STUDY GROUP – Seven Oaks****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**8:15 A.M. **GRADES K – 4 SCHOOL MASS** - Church9:00 A.M. **WOMEN'S IGNATION PRAYER/STUDY GROUP** – Parish Center7:00 P.M. **PSALMS – STUDY GROUP** – Parish Center7:00 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL** –Activity Center Meeting Room**ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**8:15 A.M. **GRADES 5 – 8 SCHOOL MASS** - Church6:00 P.M. **KNIGHTS DINNER AND SOCIAL** – Parish Center**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19**6:00 A.M. **TMIY – A LADDER TO HEAVEN** – Parish Center7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21****KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** - in front of School**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT MASS** – Black and Indian Mission**RITE OF SENDING DURING 5:00 MASS****NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22****NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES****SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES** – Black and Indian Mission**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – During 10:30 Mass5:00 P.M. **RCIA DINNER** – Parish Center**RITE OF ELECTION AT CATHEDRAL** following dinner

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE THIS LENT. INSTEAD, DO SOMETHING LIFE CHANGING. Join Matthew Kelly, the best-selling Catholic author in America, on a life-changing journey through your Best Lent Ever. Each week, participants will receive short videos & inspiration from Matthew that explain the genius of Catholicism

& empower them to become the best-version-of-themselves. It's simple & completely FREE, the only cost is your commitment to live better each day this Lent. Go to dynamiccatholic.com & click on for ***The Best Lent Ever***

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. 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.



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.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND "THE AQUINAS FORUM", a Catholic lecture series for inquiring minds on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m., at Gloria Deo, 13065 W. Center Rd. Dr. Dave Hilger will present "[Why Faith, Science, and Reason are Not in Conflict.](#)" Dr. Hilger will present an historical perspective of modern issues of faith, science, & reason. He will briefly discuss the various modern proofs for God's existence & explore how faith, science, & reason impact modern medicine & issues of conscience. The Aquinas Forum at Gloria Deo is free & open to the public; free will offerings welcome.

AN EVENING OF IRISH FUN! St. Bernard School on Sat., March 7th 6-11 p.m. Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner & Live Irish Music Call the Rectory at 402-551-0269 by March 1st.

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