

**Dear Parishioners,**

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be here on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. I hope that you will be able to join us as we celebrate this sacrament together as a parish.

Our annual Roast Beef Dinner is next Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving from 11:30 a.m. until 6:00. Take a few minutes to check your calendar and the sign-up sheet. If possible, please volunteer to help with this parish event.

Easter is fast approaching. Our annual budgeted amount for the Easter collection is \$25,000. Please remember to use your Easter envelope!

Again, I am looking for two couples who would be willing to chair and oversee the preparations for our upcoming Fall Festival. It is scheduled for the weekend of September 19/20. If you are interested in helping in this capacity, please contact me at the Parish Office or by e-mail. It is a great way to meet lots of new people and to assist in the mission of our parish!

**Blessings,  
Father John**

**Question of the Week – What do you find loveable in the world today?**

**Reading 1 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 Reading 2 Ephesians 2:4-10 Gospel John 3:14-21**

**Reflection:** In teaching Nicodemus, Jesus uses a familiar story from the Old Testament (Numbers 21:4-9) about Moses. When Moses lifted up a bronze snake in the desert for all to see, those who had been bitten by snakes were healed. Jesus says that he too must be lifted up so that all might have eternal life through him. He will be lifted up on the cross. But he will also be lifted up in his resurrection and in his ascension to the Father. Whoever looks at him in faith will receive eternal life.

Followers of Jesus recognize him as the light that came into the world. They live truthfully in the light, unlike those who choose the darkness and do evil deeds.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF MARCH 9 – 15	DID YOU KNOW... Our online giving continues to grow? In July of last year the total online giving for the month was \$2,840.00. For February of this year the amount has grown to \$4,700.00! As more parishioners sign up we are able to ensure a more steady flow of contributions. You can still receive envelopes & put them in the collection basket. Just check "I've Given Online" & do not check an amount. Thank you to everyone that uses this method of giving. If you would like to sign up, you can visit our Parish website or call the Parish Office. Thank you!!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$27,010.13	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$60,051.84	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$33,041.71)	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$973,368.85	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$977,712.38	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$4,343.53)	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:****MARCH 29/30**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Autumn-Rose Barnes, Genesis Mulcahy  
10:30 AM: Hannah Kimble, Aydin Meehan

**CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Jayden Mulcahy, Kobe Mulcahy  
10:30 AM: Annie von Kampen, Ben von Kampen

**LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten, Peg Ricketts  
7:30 AM: Hank Henkenius, Bruno Kozimor  
10:30 AM: Todd von Kampen, Ilene Sedlacek

**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,  
Matt Swoboda, Mary Ann Taylor  
7:30 AM: Madelaine Adler, Regina Cronkhite,  
Bob and Betty Jones  
10:30 AM: Tamatha Buell, DeLynne Clausen,  
Rich McShane, Fannie Parker

**GIFT BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Bahle Family  
7:30 AM: McDonald Family

**MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: Drew Neneman  
10:30 AM: Joan and Todd von Kampen,  
Kevin Throne and Friends

**NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Lynn Ingraham  
7:30 AM: Bonnie Shea  
10:30 AM: Kara Rief

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

**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Nancy Bohnenkamp, Joann Feller

**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

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HAVE KEPT CHUCK IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

Please continue to do so. He continues to improve. If you would

like to send him a card, he would love to hear from you. His address is: Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, 5401 South St., Room 312, Lincoln NE 68406. ~ The Massengale Family

**HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO BILL KEITGES!** Bill turned 90 years young last Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please help us shower Bill with best wishes by mailing a card to: 6718 Stones Throw Drive; Omaha, NE 68152.

**HOLY ROSARY CIRCLE #2 IS INVITING YOU TO COME DOWNSTAIRS FOR THE ANNUAL BAKE SALE TODAY** after Mass! We will have many homemade goodies for you to donate for the Roast Beef Dinner, your Easter Celebration, or for your own personal enjoyment.

**PLEASE NOTE - CHANGE OF DATE! MARCH DINING GROUP** Meet us on **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** at 6pm at the Greek Island on 38<sup>th</sup> & Center St. Please come & join us. Please RSVP to Maria at [mhackenberg@Hotmail.com](mailto:mhackenberg@Hotmail.com) or 402-493-5697.

**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

##### Session 7: Step 6 – Blessed are the Pure of Heart

- The Narrow Gate of the Gospel
- Many are on the Wide Road
- Christ's Gaze Upon His Mother
- The Purity to See God
- Our Spouse Is the Normal Means by Which We See God
- Vision of the Third Heaven
- Mystical Vision Mystical Words

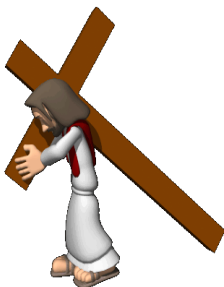
Contact Tom Carney at 402-578-6879 with any questions.



**JOIN OUR SPN-BS KNIGHTS AND HY-VEE DRUGSTORE AT THE EASTER EGG HUNT AT FLORENCE PARK** - For kids; age 1 thru 10 on **Saturday, March 28 at 1pm.**

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO MAKE THE ROAST BEEF DINNER** on Sun., March 29 in the SPN Parish Center a success! There are signup sheets in the Church pews. Please review the times & duties on the signup sheet & pick a time where you will be able to help. If you can't give of your time, we will also need homemade salads & desserts to serve at the dinner. You can drop off your salads & desserts in the Parish Center on Saturday after 4 pm or on Sunday morning. Please place your signup sheet in the collection basket or the baskets by the doors of Church.

**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES** - Please join us during 10:30 Mass on Sunday, March 29- Children's Liturgy of the Word – We will be viewing the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the movie - Animated Passion of Christ "Christ has Died"...and again on Easter Sunday, April 5 during 10:30 Mass – Children's Liturgy of the Word - We will view the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Animated Passion of Christ "Christ has Risen".



**DOES YOUR SPRING CLEANING INCLUDE GETTING RID OF "STUFF"?**

Do you have clean, gently used clothing, coats or household items & want to find them a good home? You are in luck! The weekend of April 18/19, St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck in our parking lot to accept your clean, gently used donations.

#### IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION TO HELP PURCHASE FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR EASTER

'in memory of' or 'in honor of' your loved one, please place your donation in an envelope with a notation **Easter flowers for "your loved ones name"** & place it in the collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office.



**THIS WEEK ON THE R.C.I.A. JOURNEY...** For the Elect, Lent is their final time of spiritual preparation before entering into the full sacramental life at the Easter Vigil. **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (RCIA) designates three Scrutiny Rites as a major component of their Lenten journey. For the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, we celebrate these "scrutinies" for the elect. What are the "scrutinies?" The RCIA describes them as "rites for self-searching and repentance and above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life."(#141)

The Catholic faithful are called to walk with the elect in their journey of spiritual cleansing and growth. Through the ancient penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and charitable works, we search our own hearts and souls for those areas of darkness still in need of God's bountiful mercy and healing. As the elect pray that their sins and weaknesses be removed to embrace the life of faith, so we make the same journey, removing any spiritual darkness in our own lives. At Easter the whole Church stands renewed in the waters and the promises of baptism for our salvation and the salvation of the world.

#### MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 23 – 30

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Francis Pleiss + Lexington Family Living and Deceased
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Del Murphy + Kathleen Houlihan +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Dona and Gene Leininger +
Friday	8:15 AM	Richard Kramer + Swoboda Family Living and Deceased
Saturday	5:00 PM	Al Little + Anthony "Tony" Stuhr +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
	10:30 AM	Janet Funderberg Int. The Fred Doran Family Int.

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** A young couple got married. When the wife prepared to bake a ham to celebrate their first Easter, she carefully cut off each end before placing it in the pan. Her husband asked her why she did that & she replied, "I

don't know—it's what my mother always did. But I can ask her." She called Mom, who responded, "I always saw your Grandma do it, so I did the same." They decided to check further so the young woman called Grandma, who explained, "It was the only way I could get it to fit into the pan."

**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 STUDENTS HAVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY** during Lent at 2:30 pm in Church. Please join us.

**LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB:** This year has been a fantastic start to our club! I could not have asked for better! We have 23 little girls from K-4<sup>th</sup> grade. We have learned about many saints & virtues each month at our meetings & also memorized a few Bible verses. I want to especially thank our leaders: Mary Fink, Renee Eames, & Rita Ziska for all they have done! We plan to continue this club next year & are taking in registration forms now, available at both school & parish offices. You may also contact Amanda Sherer 712-216-1713 for any information. Currently, we meet September-May on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday from 3:15-4:45 starting with a snack & then lessons at about 3:45. I would like to have one more adult volunteer next year (Safe Environment Trained). There is a discount for volunteers. Cost per girl is around \$25-\$30.

**NOW IS THE TIME!** Please put your SPN "**Enrolling Now**" sign in your yard. If you don't have one & would like one, please call Dave Bohnenkamp at 402-573-5178.

**BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR CHILD PICK UP A CHILDREN'S WORSHIP BULLETIN!** The bulletins come in two groups: one for ages 3-6 & one for ages 7-12. Both bulletins are filled with pictures, codes, puzzles, seek-and-finds, mazes, dot-to-dots, hidden pictures, word games and more. A quiet, fun way to teach children in worship & teach them the Bible.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

- 8:00 A.M. **CIRCLE 2 BAKE SALE** – Parish Center  
**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES**
- 9:00 A.M. **CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS** - School  
**RCIA – 3<sup>RD</sup> SCRUTINY** - During 10:30 Mass  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – During 10:30 Mass

**MONDAY, MARCH 23**

- 6:30 P.M. **BOY SCOUTS** – Parish Center  
7:00 P.M. **PARISH PENANCE SERVICE** – Church

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

- 8:15 A.M. **GRADES K – 4 SCHOOL MASS** – Church  
9:00 A.M. **WOMEN'S IGNATION PRAYER/STUDY GROUP** – Parish Center  
5:30 P.M. **SCHOOL BOARD** – Activity Center Meeting Room  
7:00 P.M. **PSALMS – STUDY GROUP** – Parish Center

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26**

- 6:00 A.M. **TMIY – A LADDER TO HEAVEN** – Parish Center  
8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** - Church  
7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

**FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

- 2:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Church  
7:00 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Church

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28**

- 1:00 P.M. **SPN-BS KNIGHTS – HY-VEE DRUG STORE EASTER EGG HUNT** – in Florence Park  
**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**
- 4:00 P.M. **SET UP FOR ROAST BEEF DINNER** – Parish Center

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29 – PALM SUNDAY**

- NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES**
- 9:00 A.M. **CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS** - School  
**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – During 10:30 Mass – Parish Center  
11:30 A.M. **ROAST BEEF DINNER** – Parish Center

**SPRING CLEAN UP SERVICES & SUMMER CARE FOR YOUR LAWN!** Call SPN Alum Nick Swoboda at 402-670-3047.

**IMMANUEL FONTENELLE IS A SKILLED REHABILITATION & LONG TERM CARE FACILITY.** We have a very active group of residents who reside with us! We are currently seeking volunteers who could enhance the lives of our residents in a variety of ways. Some of our needs include: EMHC's to bring communion to our residents, escorts to Mass or Communion Services, and assistance with activities such as Bingo, games, cards, Nail Designs, one on one visits, & escorting residents on outings. Our residents are very appreciative of the time & talent our volunteers share with them. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Mary Kelly-Johnson by calling 402-572-2964 or email at [mkelly-johnson@immanuelcarecommunities.org](mailto:mkelly-johnson@immanuelcarecommunities.org)

**RONCALLI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS ONCE UPON A MATTRESS** March 26-28 at 7p.m. and March 29 at 4 p.m. Tickets available at the door: \$8 Adults, \$5 Students For more information call 402-571-7670 or email [music@roncallicatholic.org](mailto:music@roncallicatholic.org)

**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. 93<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.RespectLifeOmaha.com) or contact Elizabeth Abbott at [emabbott@archomaha.org](mailto:emabbott@archomaha.org) or 402-551-9003 ext. 1306.

**Freedom is not Free.**

Please continue to pray for our service men and women,

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our veterans and their families.

**LOOKING FOR A SIMPLE WAY TO DRAW CLOSE TO JESUS BY GIVING TO OTHERS THIS LENT?**

As suggested in the flier in the bulletin a few weeks ago... we are inviting you to write letters for the different people in our Works of Mercy...And this week the Mercy Letter is to affirm our Confirmation students as they prepare for Confirmation on May 17. Just write a letter, address envelope with name from list and % Sam Hensel. Deliver to school or put in the collection basket at Church.

Dominic  
Robert  
Hailey  
Madison  
Casey  
Olivia M.  
Kylie  
Natalie  
Olivia V.

Tina  
Claire  
Brody  
Brandon  
Emmet  
Natalie  
Jacob  
Abigail

Riley  
Joshua  
Tysen  
Hannah  
Samantha  
Tanner  
Michael  
Jessica  
Benjamin

... And we have three people in our RCIA program, Bryan who will be baptized on Holy Saturday, Briahna and Carrie who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at that time. They could use an affirming and welcoming letter. Just write a letter, address envelope with either Bryan, Briahna and/or Carrie and % Tamatha Buell. Deliver to the Parish Office or put in the collection basket at Church.

*Join us at  
Florence Park*

