

Dear Parishioners,

Alleluia, He is Risen! On behalf of Fr. Gama and myself and our parish and school staff, we join in wishing everyone a very blessed and joy filled Easter!

Thanks to all who helped with the Roast Beef Dinner! We made approximately \$5,800 for our parish operating budget. I am still looking for two couples who would be willing to help chair the upcoming Fall Festival - it's hard to believe, but it's time to start planning. If you are interested in sharing your ideas and working to help coordinate our various committees, please give me a call at the parish office.

Blessings,
Father John

Question of the Week – What “stones” block people’s rising to new life?

Reading 1 Acts 10:34a,37-43 **Reading 2** Colossians 3:1-4 **Gospel** John 20:1-9

Reflection: Imagine the headlines that might accompany this Easter gospel: "Woman Finds Tomb Empty," "Race to Tomb Lost by Peter," "Burial Shroud Mysteriously Vacated." John's account makes it clear that Mary Magdalene was the first witness to the empty tomb. Like Peter and John, she did not at first understand that Jesus had risen from the dead.

In an historical time when women were not allowed to testify in a court of law, Jesus chose a woman to be the first witness to the empty tomb and to the risen Lord himself. The very next story in John's Gospel tells us how Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus and he sends her to announce to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:18).

Whenever we hear this or any other Easter gospel proclaimed, we can rejoice that we too have been chosen as witnesses that Jesus is the Son of God who has risen from the dead.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF MARCH 22 – 28
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$9,685.30
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$2,173.35
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$7,511.95
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$999,632.74
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$999,905.55
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$272.81)

DID YOU KNOW... We are 3/4 of the way through our fiscal year and our bottom line is basically even? This means our expenses are equal to our income and we have not had to borrow any money from savings! This is great news and a result of YOUR dedication and support of our Parish! Have a wonderful Easter! Thank you!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

APRIL 11/12

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Casey Kubes, Ryan Pfeiffer
10:30 AM: Emily Crowe, Steven Hensel

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Amir Ring, Grace Treves
10:30 AM: Sam Parys, Isaac Parys

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly
7:30 AM: Ilene Sedlacek
10:30 AM: Bill Cheese

DEACON: 5:00 PM: Deacon Alan LeClair
7:30 AM: Deacon Alan LeClair
10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Kim Hill,
Jim Shepherd, Mary Ann Taylor
7:30 AM: Merl Core, Regina Cronkhite,
Norine Hoffman, George Moon
10:30 AM: Mary Fink, Dave Parks,
Wayne and Ellen Russell

GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Treves Family
7:30 AM: Rossitto Family
10:30 AM: Cheese Family

MUSICIANS: 7:30 AM: Pat Yunker
9:00 AM: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Susan Matsunami
7:30 AM: Mary Todd

10:30 AM: Penny Nelsen

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Kelli Brock, Bob and Betty Jones,
Joni Locher

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Rita Ziska, David Krueger
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd
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 RAY MITTLIEDER AND KATHLEEN BENES. Ray is the brother-brother-in law of Duane and Dorie Mittlieder. He was buried from Crosby Colonial Chapel on Saturday, March 21st. Kathleen is the cousin of Jody & Janet Reinig-Ruckman. Funeral arrangements are pending.

SPECIAL THANKS TO MADELINE PETROCELLI, JOANNE SCHAFFART, MARY TODD, BOB & MARSHA MARSHALL, CHERYL HENKENIUS, BARB MENSEN, TANYA CLARK, & KATHY ROSSITTO for cleaning

our Church in preparation for Easter.

THE GARDEN ANGELS ARE GETTING BUSY. If you would like to help defray the costs of beautifying our grounds, please drop your change in the water cans by the doors of Church or you can put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. If you would like to help by pulling weeds, planting, or watering, please call the Parish Office.

APRIL DINING CLUB WILL MEET AT HAROLD'S KOFFEE HOUSE
8327 No. 30th St. on Saturday, April 11th at 12 noon. Please come join us! mhackenberg@hotmail.com or 402 493- 5697

FYI... SINCE EASTER SUNDAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF APRIL, Coffee and Rolls Reception in the Parish Center has been moved to after Mass on Sunday, April 12.

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.

THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU WHO DONATED MONEY TO PURCHASE FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR FOR EASTER in honor of or in memory of these loved ones: Todd Fehrman, John Waltermeyer, Agnes, Robert, Donald, & Leonard Jensen, Vicki Havener, Dan Cuva, Anderson & Rossitto Families, Russell & Ament Families, Deceased Members of the Schaffart & Pleiss Families, Clara McGovern, Inez Haberl, Eugene & Celeste Larkin, Dan Tosoni, Bob Schartz, Tom Dowd Jr., "just because", Beatrice Gama, Richard d'Autremont, Anastacia Sopia Rosser, Leo & Dorothy McGrain, Dale Taylor, Sharon Lemkau, Katie Bieker, David Burke, Jim Kubes, Phil & Ruth Hughes, Becky & Jerry Hughes, Frank & Christine Kubes, Marjorie Henn, Frank Kubes, Hazel & Elmer Werth, Donald Bohn, Maxine & Gene McFarland, Daniel M. Morrissey, Ray, Gary, Mark, & Larry Mensen, Doran & Kirchofer Families, Parents of Mick & Theresa O'Neill.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR A state police colleague of mine once received a call from a woman who asked him how to baste a turkey. After a stunned moment, he, being a fairly good cook, described the procedure. Then he asked, "But why would you call the state police to find out how to baste a turkey?" There was only a slight hesitation before she replied, "Well, you knew, didn't you?" & hung up.

MASS INTENTIONS APRIL 6 -12

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Ed Huser +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Swoboda Family Living and Deceased
Thursday	8:15 AM	Dona Leininger + Joe Reeves +
Friday	8:15 AM	Lexington Family Living and Deceased
Saturday	5:00 PM	Deceased Members of the Weber Family + Mary Beth Clark +
Sunday	7:30 AM 10:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int. John Kirchofer + Todd Fehrman +

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."

CLASSES RESUME WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8TH.

CONGRATULATIONS JAYDEN HERWEG! Saturday, March 21, Jayden Herweg (6th grade), represented St. Philip Neri School's Knights of Columbus Free-Throw regents at Skutt High School. She won 1st Place in her age bracket & she qualified for State in Hastings, NE on April 11th.

OUR 2ND GRADERS WILL BE CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT THE 10:30 A.M. MASS ON SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH. First Holy Communion Family Class will be Monday, April 13th From 6 – 8 p.m. in the Parish Center.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! The last day of the 2014-15 school year will be Wednesday, May 20th. The students will have an end of the year Mass at 2 p.m. on Wednesday with dismissal at 3:15.

THE WEEK AHEAD

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

7:30 A.M.	MASS - Church
9:00 A.M.	MASS - Church
10:30 A.M.	MASS - Church

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – During 10:30 Mass – All Children Welcome!

MONDAY, APRIL 6 – NO SCHOOL – PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY, APRIL 7

9:00 A.M.	WOMEN'S IGNATION PRAYER/STUDY GROUP – Parish Center
6:00 P.M.	ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT MEETING – Parish Center
7:00 P.M.	PSALMS – STUDY GROUP – Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8

	CLASSES RESUME - SPN School
8:15 A.M.	GRADES 5 – 8 SCHOOL MASS – Church
7:00 P.M.	KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - Parish Center

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

8:15 A.M.	ALL SCHOOL MASS – Church
7:00 P.M.	RCIA – Parish Center

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

	NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS
6:00 P.M.	"Think Pink for Paige" CHILI COOK OFF - Parish Center

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

	NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS
	ROLLS AND COFFEE – Parish Center after all Masses
9:00 A.M.	CONFIRMATION PREP CLASS - School
	CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – During 10:30 Mass – Parish Center

4TH ANNUAL TEAM "Think Pink for Paige" CHILI COOK OFF**When:** Saturday April 11 6-10PM**Where:** St. Philip Neri Parish Center**Why:** to benefit **CureSearch** for children's cancer research.**** Still Needed: Raffle Items, Volunteer Workers and Judges.**

Call Mindy if interested in helping 402-658-8580 cell

Mark your Calendar! CureSearch Walk-Omaha June 6 at Village Pointe 8-10a.m.. To join Team "**Think Pink for Paige**" go to www.curesearchwalk.org/omaha/thinkpinkforpaige**TAKE THE SUMMER OFF AND LET NICK'S YARD CARE TEND YOUR****LAWN!** Also offering spring clean-up services. Call SPN Alum Nick Swoboda at 402-670-3047.**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.*Please continue to pray for our service men and women,
our veterans and their families.***UPCOMING RETREATS AT THE ST. BENEDICT CENTER, SCHUYLER NE.***Tapping the Source of Married Love: Exploring Ways of Praying Together* Retreat, Sat/Sun, April 11 & 12 with Laura Baum-Parr, John Parr, Mary Jo Pedersen Spend time with your loved one exploring the many ways prayer can accompany you in married life. This relaxing retreat for couples includes presentations regarding possibilities for prayer within the Catholic Christian tradition. You will have the opportunity to pray individually & as a couple in those ways to which you feel drawn. The retreat includes a candlelight dinner on Saturday & ends Sunday with an opportunity for Reconciliation & Eucharist.*"Have I Been with You ..." Prayer That Heals Modern Hearts* Sat., April 25 with Fr. Paul Hoising The current American culture can affect our beliefs about prayer. Individualism, Consumerism, Pragmatism, & Materialism are a few of the infectious elements that can hinder a real relationship with God. Take a day to learn about Jesus' longing to be with you – in everything, & receive healing around the attitudes that can seriously falsify our life of prayer. Learn the questions Jesus asks to free us for more of his abundant & consoling Risen Life.

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FREE ORGANIC COMPOST Resembles Black Dirt for gardens – you must come out & pick it up. Call Rose Edwards at 402-571-2171.**NEED A COUPLE OF VOLUNTEERS TO DRIVE RESIDENTS OF SEVEN OAKS**

of Florence to grocery store once or twice a month. Should be able to drive small bus. No CDL required. Please call Cheryl Poulin at Seven Oaks ph# 402-451-4477.