

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to Rick and Lori Elliot for agreeing to chair this year's Fall Festival! We are still in need of another couple who would be willing to co-chair with them. Please let me know if you would be interested in serving your parish in this capacity. We are also still in need of nominations for Parish Council and for the Board of Education. If you would be interested in running, please submit a short bio. to the parish office and we will place your name on the ballot.

Please mark your calendars for May 31. Pat Nields will be celebrating his first Mass as a deacon here at our parish on Sunday, May 31st and we will have reception for him following Mass. His deacon ordination is Friday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral. Please plan to join us for these special days!

Blessings,
Father John

Question of the Week – How do you remain in Christ each day?

Reading 1 Acts 9:26-31 **Reading 2** 1 John 3:18-24 **Gospel** John 15:1-8

Reflection: A family tree illustrates how each of us belongs to a particular branch of the extended family of our ancestors. In this gospel, Jesus speaks about himself as the vine and of us as the branches that belong on the vine. We are the fruitful branches that are "trimmed by" the Father to produce good works in the world.

Without the vine, the branches dry up and die. But when we live by the words Jesus has given us, we produce abundantly all that is good.

PARISH SUPPORT	WEEK OF APRIL 19 - 25	DID YOU KNOW... Omaha Gives! is a 24-hour giving event on Wednesday, May 20 th from midnight to midnight. Last year 53 donors gave \$6,273.00 we received 13% total matching funds of \$1,004.44 for a total of \$7,130.24. All monies raised through OmahaGives will go toward the parish operating expenses. Please mark your calendars for May 20 th and donate to OmahaGives! Thank you for your continued support of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$19,906.57	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$6,826.41	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$13,080.16	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$1,115,582.90	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$1,104,060.40	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$11,522.50	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

MAY 9/10

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Marianna Stevenson, Keegan Sullivan
10:30 AM: Ryan Pfeiffer, Amir Ring

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Jackson Cramer, Ryan Greenwood
10:30 AM: Bode Bench, Nick Meier

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Rob Barrett
7:30 AM: Peg Ricketts

10:30 AM: Rich McShane

DEACON: 5:00 PM: Deacon Alan LeClair
7:30 AM: Deacon Alan LeClair

10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Wayne and Ellen Russell,
Diane Sullivan, Mary Ann Taylor
7:30 AM: Bob and Betty Jones,
Madelaine Adler, Regina Cronkhite

10:30 AM: Trudie Ahlstrom, Mary Fink,
Bob and Marj Ryckman

GIFT BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Bahle Family
7:30 AM: Breitkreutz Family
10:30 AM: Wolodkewitsch Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Colleen Monti & the Church Ladies
10:30 AM: Joan & Todd vonKampen

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

10:30 AM: Penny Nelsen

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bill Cheese, Norine Hoffman,

Mary Todd

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: David Krueger, Anne Massengale

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 RACHEL JENSEN, SHARON MILLER, JEAN BRANDL, AND LEE WIEDERIEN. Rachel is the sister of Florence Fitzgerald. She was buried from St. Theresa in Lincoln, NE. Sharon was a long time parishioner of St. Philip Neri. She was buried on April 22 from the West Center Chapel. Jean is the daughter/daughter-in-law of Jane and Glen Vlcek. She was buried from here this past Monday. Lee is the brother of DeLynne Clausen.

THE NOTRE DAME SISTERS ARE SENDING A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL of the people who made & who delivered desserts to our Pork Dinner on April 26. You are in our prayers! The dinner did well & the money will help to increase our funds to cover our retirement. Thanks also to everyone who attended the dinner. It is always a special time to visit with both old & new friends.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR BAKE SALE! We made over \$600.00 & after adding to it – we were able to contribute to the purchase of a new autoscrubber to be used in our church & school. God Bless You! ~ Holy Rosary Circle

YOUR PRAYERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Connie Rose stopped by the office this week. Her recovery took longer than expected but with your prayers she is getting out & about & is back at work. Thank you! Virginia Hartman called & asked me to let you know that she appreciates all of the prayers! She is feeling much better & she knows it is all your prayers working! Thank you! We also received a card from Barb Denne, who we have been praying for. She would also like to say thank you for your prayers. She has a ways to go as she journeys through chemo treatments – and they are working. Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls, emails, etc. She prays daily for her St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament family & believes we were put on this earth to help each other get to heaven, & prayer makes the process easier. ~ God Bless You!

SHOWERING GREEN ON THESE APRIL 500 CLUB WINNERS

\$140 - Dorothy Polan, \$72 - Dave Parks, \$32 - Joan Kelly, \$24 - Reuben McFarland, Ed Jones, Jan Sammons, \$20 - Mary Ann Taylor, Judy Bahle, \$15 - Jim Lastovica, Kelly Jones, Barb Mensen

A ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FUNDRAISING LETTER with return envelope will be arriving at all homes within the parish this week. We ask that you consider making a donation to help support the charitable work that the St. Vincent de Paul Society does within our parish community. We have received a challenge grant from the Lozier Foundation that will provide a fifty per cent match for donations that we receive. Envelopes may be returned via mail, may be dropped off at our Parish office, or be placed in the Sunday collection. Thank you for your generosity!

THE ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES ROSE DRIVE IS MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND, May 9th & 10th. After all Masses, our Knights of Columbus invite you to select a lovely long stemmed rose in return for your \$5.00 donation to EPS. Giving EPS roses is a wonderful way to acknowledge special people in your life while helping expectant women choose life for their little ones.

THE PASTORAL COUNCIL & BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NOMINEES for the upcoming elections to be held this May. To be an eligible candidate you must be at least 18 years old & a registered St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament parishioner. Elected members will serve for a minimum of 3 years & can be re-elected for an additional 3 year term. If you would like to nominate someone, there are nomination forms available in Church. If you wish to be considered in the election, please call the Parish Office & submit your full name & your phone number. We will also require a bio. You may also contact Larry Ziska, current Parish Council president at zziska@aol.com via email or ph# 402-451-3189 or Bruno Kozimor, current School Board president at 402-455-3994 with your nominations. If you have any questions regarding the Pastoral Council & Board of Education, please do not hesitate to call Larry or Bruno.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING A SALAD OR DESSERT FOR A FUNERAL LUNCH. Please check the table in the Parish Center for your dishes. You can be sure we will call you again! **Also, check**

the table for your jacket, hat, or umbrella! The Lost & Found items can be found there!

MAKE IT A BEAUTIFUL DAY! Our Garden Angels have already begun their work of pulling weeds, transplanting flowers, & sprucing up the grounds around the Church. Please help them purchase what they need by donating some spare change in the watering cans by the doors of the Church. If you have extra time & would like to help clean up or landscape, please call the Parish Office or Peg Ricketts.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR There is a blonde on a plane to New York. She is sitting in the first class section, but her ticket says that she should be in the coach section. A flight attendant realizes the blonde's mistake & asks her politely to move. The blonde won't move. All she says is, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful & I'm going to New York." The flight attendant goes & tells all of the other flight attendants. They all try to persuade the blonde to move, but she won't move. All she says is, "I'm blonde, I'm beautiful, & I'm going to New York." The flight attendants go & tell the pilot about the obnoxious blonde. They tell him the only thing that she says. He puts the plane on auto pilot & whispers something in the blonde's ear. Immediately, she gets up & moves to her normal seat. Then the pilot goes back to fly the plane. The flight attendants are all very curious about how the pilot made the blonde move so quickly. They ask him & he says, "Oh, it was easy. I told her that the first class section wasn't going to New York?"

MASS INTENTIONS MAY 4 - 10

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Bob Beauchene + Rachel Jensen +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Mrs. Tietz, Mrs. Merriman, Mrs. Scheibhofer Int. Gene and Dona Leininger +
Friday	8:15 AM	Don Pulte + Sharon Miller +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joe Reeves + Deceased Members of the Weber Family +
Sunday	7:30 AM 10:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int. Bev Culp + Dorothy Rule +

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."

CONGRATULATIONS TO TANNER MUHLECKE AND NATALIE RUCKMAN who are this year's 8th Grade Rotary Award winners. They will be honored at a luncheon on Wednesday, May 6.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LUKE KELLY AND DOMINIC MARTELLO who won "Tres Bien" awards for their submissions to the *Duschene Art Contest!* Luke submitted a tessellation & Dominic submitted a zentangle. Excellent work gentlemen! Congratulations to all of the students who entered projects into this prestigious contest.

THURSDAY, MAY 7TH, WE WILL BE HONORING MRS. JULIE MERRIMAN, MRS. KAREN SCHEIBHOFER & MRS. SAMANTHA TIETZ at the all

school Mass. These teachers have been at St. Philip Neri School for the last five years. They have made a difference in many students' lives. We are blessed to have them at St. Philip Neri. Please join us at Mass to celebrate these amazing teachers.

PLEASE JOIN US ON MAY 7TH IN THE SPN ACTIVITY CENTER FOR OUR SPRING MUSICAL, "THE EVER AFTER!" This hilarious show is about fairy-tale characters that reunite on a talk show 20 years after their stories took place. Everyone is welcome at our dress rehearsal at 2 pm, & our evening performance at 7 pm.

FLORENCE DAYS PARADE Please meet at Miller Park at noon on Saturday, May 9th if you would like to march in the Florence Days Parade & represent St. Philip Neri School. Let your school spirit shout out by wearing your SPN t-shirt or sweatshirt or blue & gold colors. We would like to thank Tracy Herweg for entering our school in the parade & for organizing this event.

ONE OF OUR DEAR TEACHERS AND LONG TIME PARISHIONERS, MRS. THERESA O'NEILL, will be retiring at the end of this school year. She has taught our resource students for the last seventeen years. She will be greatly missed by all. After years of dedication to our students & parish school, we wish her a very happy, healthy, & relaxing retirement. In appreciation of her love & concern for her students & co-workers, we would like to create a book of memories for her. Please send cards, photos, letters or emails to our school office: 8202 N. 31 St., Omaha, NE 68112 - Attn: Donna Weaver or if you prefer to email Donna at dmweaver@schools.archomaha.org We are very excited for Theresa to start a new chapter of her life & hope that you will help us remind her of her chapter here at St. Philip Neri School.

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER CARE! Summer Care will be open Mon.– Fri. from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. The first day will be Tues., May 26th & the final day will be Fri., Aug. 7th. Closed on May 25th & July 3rd as well as the week of July 6th. Registration fee is \$45 & pre-payment is required.

Full time: \$20/day (4 – 5 days a week)

Part-time: \$25/day (1 – 3 days a week)

We accept T-20/Childcare assistance program. Your child will need a sack lunch daily. Please call Mrs. Holzappel at 402-455-8282 if you have any questions or need more information.

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. Little Flowers Girls Club will meet on Wednesday, May 13th instead of Wednesday, May 20th.

LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB: Get those Registration Forms in soon to ensure your spot for next year! We meet once a month after school for about 1 1/2 hours. We have fun making crafts, singing & playing while learning about a different saint & virtue each month. For girls in grades K-4th grade. We'd love to have you join our group! Call Amanda Sherer for more information 712-216-1713.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUNE 1 – 5 AT COOPER FARM! Please pick up the registration forms at the doors of Church. We need volunteers to assist the station & team leaders – high school students are welcome. Also, need an adult volunteer for pre-school. Parents - VBS **does** count for "volunteer hours" for next school year!

TOTUS TUUS 2015 June 21st-25th for grades 7-12 & June 22nd - 26th for grades 1-6 at St. Bernard's! Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) is a fun & energetic parish based summer catechetical program. Registration forms by the doors of Church or call Katie Galloway at 402-551-0269 or email kgalloway@stbernardomaha.org

THE WEEK AHEAD SUNDAY, MAY 3

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – in front of School

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

ROLLS AND COFFEE RECEPTION – After all Masses in the Parish Center

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

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

MONDAY, MAY 4

7:00 A.M. **KINGHORN GARDENS MEETING** – Parish Center

TUESDAY, MAY 5

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

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

6:00 P.M. **ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT MEETING** – Parish Center Library

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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

6:00 P.M. **CONFIRMATION PRACTICE** – Church

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

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** – Church

2:00 P.M. **DRESS REHEARSAL – SPN SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL** – Activity Center

7:00 P.M. **SPN SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL** – Activity Center

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** – Parish Center

SATURDAY, MAY 9

FLORENCE DAY PARADE!

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, MAY 10 – HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS (and pray for good weather)! The Parish Picnic will be Sunday, May 24 after the 10:30 Mass.

"If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him?" — 1 John 3:17

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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.

SEPARATION OR DIVORCE is among life's most painful experiences. If you are going through separation or divorce or know someone who is, learn about our DivorceCare group. It is a place to find help & encouragement. DivorceCare, a 13 week video seminar & support group for people experiencing divorce & separation features nationally recognized experts on divorce & recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Facing My Anger," "Facing My Loneliness," "Depression," "New Relationships," "KidCare" & "Forgiveness" starts Wed., May 6 from 6:30 to 8:30 at St. Vincent de Paul, 14330 Eagle Run Dr. Fee is \$20 & includes workbook. Pre-registration is requested. For more info, contact: Kay Buhrman, 402-551-9003, ext. 1304 or ekbuhrman@archomaha.org.

THE SERVITE CENTER OF COMPASSION OFFERS SUPPORT TO HELP THOSE DEALING WITH DEMENTIA IN LOVED ONES. The group meets with facilitator Nancy Flaherty, MS, CDP, the first Thursday of each month, beginning Thurs. May 7th from 10-11:30 a.m., at 7400 Military Ave. There is no cost. For more info. or to register, call Sr. Margaret Stratman at 402-951-3026 or scc@osms.org

"MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCHEON" to be held at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center on Saturday, May 9 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. *Featuring Guest Speaker Margie McMenamin-Walker.* For Teenage to Adult Women. Enjoy a delicious home cooked meal, an inspirational presentation, & time to relax & reflect at this special place. Invite a mother, older daughter, or grandmother to join you for bits of wisdom & understanding from our guest presenter. COME gift yourself time to treasure your maternal call. Reservations required - call 402-359-4288. \$20 per person. Knowles Mercy Center is 1 mile west of 264th & W. Center Rd.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST, Sunday, May 10, 9-11:30 a.m., St. Benedict Center, Schuyler. Come & treat your mom on her special day to an excellent breakfast, prepared by Mark Bosh & team. At 8:30 a.m., there will be an opportunity to attend Mass at St. Benedict Center. Reservations need to be made in advance. \$12/person, Kids ages 4-10 \$5; ages 3 & under: free. For more information call 402-352-8819 or email Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com

TUSSEY'S MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH Sunday, May 10 Early notice - make your reservations now! There will be savory & sweet offerings to make every mom happy (plus she gets a free mimosa!). Call today - 402-884-2288.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY AD IN THE OMAHA WORLD-HERALD Show your support for motherhood by listing your name or that of a special person in the Sunday, May 10th edition of the Omaha World-Herald. Indicate which section you wish the name is to be listed: General, Memorial or Honor. Suggested tax-deductible donation is \$15 per name of 27 characters, including spaces. For info. call (402) 399-0299, or visit www.nufl.org

AL KRESTA IS COMING TO OMAHA You hear *Kresta in the Afternoon* from 3-5 p.m. on Spirit 102.7-FM, & now you'll have the chance to hear *Kresta in the Evening!*--as Al Kresta comes to Omaha. Join Spirit 102.7-FM & Legatus of Omaha for this FREE event on Wed., May 13 at St. Robert Bellarmine Church at 7:30 p.m. Al Kresta is a broadcaster, journalist & author, president & CEO of Ave Maria Radio & host of "Kresta in the Afternoon." He draws upon his unique faith background to create a fascinating, spiritually-constructive talk radio program. Visit spiritcatholicradio.com for details or call 855-571-0200.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE AQUINAS FORUM, a Catholic lecture series for inquiring minds on Tues., May 28, 7 pm, at Gloria Deo 13065 W. Center Rd. Author & Catholic convert Shaun McAfee presents "Filling our Father's House: What Converts Can Teach Us About Evangelization." Free & open to the public; free will offerings welcome.

PEACE, JOY, AND HARMONY FOR SINGLES...OF ALL AGES, May 30, one-day retreat for *singles* at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, with Srs. Patricia Throener & Lee Agnes Hodapp, SSSF. Using a mug as a metaphor of life, is yours filled with clutter & emptiness or with peace, joy, & hope? Does it (your life) hold stale things that need to be discarded, contents that are readily shared for the good of others, times & activities that bring you into deeper relationship with God? Come, spend the day exploring & listening to God's voice within you. Format will include talks, sharing, personal prayer & reflection, real life stories, & visual demonstrations. Program fee: \$30. Lunch is available at the Center for \$10.29 (includes tax). For more information, call 402-352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

I-80 COLLAR SERIES Sunday, June 21 Join in the fun, & watch the Archdiocese of Omaha Priests take on the Diocese of Lincoln Priests on Father's Day, at Werner Park in Papillion. Tailgating begins at 3:30 p.m. & the game begins at 5 p.m. Go to www.spiritcatholicradio.com to purchase tickets online, or contact the Vocations Office at vocations@archomaha.org

National Sidewalk Counseling Symposium – Chicago, IL July 24th & 25th Open to any pro-lifer interested in sidewalk counseling! Attendees are given the tools & knowledge needed to stand on the sidewalk with confidence & integrity, & to represent the mercy & love of Christ to mothers, fathers, & abortion clinic workers. As Eric Scheidler put it, **"You never fail when you go out to the abortion clinic. Failure is impossible if you're there with Christ."** Fee is \$50. Scholarships available. For more info. or to register, call 651-797-6361, or call Nebraskans United for Life at 402-399-0299 or Mary Jane Ziola at maryjanez4life@msn.com for info. on carpooling.

Dear Lord, We honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We pray that you will bless them, Lord, for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us. Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SPRING CLEANING...FOR YOUR LAWN! Dethatching, mowing, trimming, & general cleanup... And we cover when you go out of town! Call SPN Alum Nick Swoboda at 402-670-3047.

FREE ORGANIC COMPOST Resembles Black Dirt for gardens - must come out & pick it up. Call Rose Edwards at 402-571-2171.