

Dear Parishioners,

A reminder that Tuesday, December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Our Mass schedule will be Monday at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

This Advent, we will have two additional times available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesday, December 9th and Wednesday, December 16th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

On December 10th, we will have our annual school Christmas program at 7:00 p.m. in the Activity Center. The dress rehearsal will be at 2:30 in the afternoon. You are welcome to attend either performance.

Please be sure to return your gifts for the Family Giving tree in Church no later than next Sunday, December 13th.

We begin the Extraordinary Jubilee Year next Sunday, December 13th. All are invited to join the Archbishop for the opening of the door of mercy at 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral. There are signup sheets at the back of Church. Please plan to join us.

Blessings,
Fr. John

Question of the Week – In what ways will you use your voice to prepare the way of the Lord?

Reading 1 Baruch 5:1-9

Reading 2 Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Gospel Luke 3:1-6

Reflection: Why do you suppose Luke makes such an effort to pin down the historical timing of the preaching of John the Baptist? He gives us a complete rundown of Roman and Jewish leaders who were in power. Luke wants us to realize that John, a "common man" chosen by God, is much more important than any worldly ruler, because he is the herald who announces the Lord's coming. John urges the people to be baptized as a sign of their repentance for their sins. When they do this, they will make the path clear for Christ to come into their lives. Then all people "shall see the salvation of God."

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK NOVEMBER 22 – 28		DID YOU KNOW... it is time to start thinking about your New Year's resolutions? Are you thinking about stewardship? Have you considered counting the collection or helping with funeral lunches? Or perhaps adding your name to the prayer chain? Maybe cleaning the church or school, bringing a meal for the priests, fixing what is broke, or helping during a sporting event – is more what you want to do. Please call the Parish Office to see what opportunities are available. Thank you!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$14,376.86	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$7,619.86	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$6,757.00	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$524,760.67	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$532,393.54	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$7,632.87)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

DECEMBER 7 7:00 PM: Need Volunteers for All Ministries

DECEMBER 8 7:00 PM: Need Volunteers for Altar Servers and Candle bearers

LECTOR: Peg Ricketts

DEACON: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHC's: Madelaine Adler, Trudie Ahlstrom, Regina Cronkhite, Fannie Parker

GIFTBEARERS: Breitzkreutz Family

MUSICIANS: Joan von Kampen and Friends

DECEMBER 12/13

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Wyatt Brungardt, Keegan Sullivan

10:30 AM: Aydin Meehan, Jerad Peck

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Jarrad Borosko, James Borosko

10:30 AM: Alex Brock, Emily Crowe

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly

7:30 AM: Ilene Sedlacek

10:30 AM: Rita Ziska

DEACON:

10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs:

5:00 PM: Angie Bahle Lampe, Theresa O'Neill, Diane Sullivan, Matt Swoboda, Mary Ann Taylor, Need 1 volunteer

7:30 AM: Norine Hoffman, Bruno Kozimor, Dorothy Polan, Kathy Rossitto, Michelle Zuber, Need 1 volunteer

10:30 AM: Cathy Fluckey, Nancy Ryckman, Ellen and Wayne Russell, Need 2 volunteers

GIFTBEARERS:

5:00 PM: Lampe Family

7:30 AM: Polan Family

10:30 AM: Doran Family

MUSICIANS:

5:00 PM: Drew Neneman

10:30 AM: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Susan Matsunami

7:30 AM: Mary Todd

10:30 AM: Mary Tracy

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bev Baer, Roy Edwards, George and Marsha Moon, Dave Parks
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Joanne Feller, 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

GREEN IS COLOR FALLING ON OUR OCTOBER 500 CLUB WINNERS \$130 Mary Wagner, \$70 Nicole Treves, \$30 Nancy Ryckman, \$25 Ann Taylor, \$20 Marcella Hendricks, Rich McShane, Evelyn Duckworth, \$15 Ed Jones, Brendan Kelly, Lois Waltermeyer, Bill Cheese

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MONEY TO HELP DEFRAY SOME OF THE COSTS OF DECORATING CHURCH AND THE POINSETTIA'S FOR THE ALTAR THIS CHRISTMAS, please put your donation in an envelope & mark it "Christmas Flowers" & place it in the collection basket. If you would like to donate "in honor of..." or "in memory of..." a special loved one, please note that also. Minimum suggested donation per poinsettia is \$8.

KC MOVIE KNIGHT Saturday, Dec 12th in the Parish Center. This month's feature; *"The Muppet Christmas Carol"* The Muppets twist on Charles Dickens Christmas classic tale! (serving Mrs. Buells' special Hot Chocolate during intermission) Cartoons will start after the 5pm Mass, with the Movie starting at 6:30pm. Featuring fresh-cooked "Hots & Brats", Cold Sodas, and "The World's Best Popcorn" All for a Free Will Donation.

THE FAMILY GIVING CHRISTMAS TREE IS UP! ...and it will be up until all the names are gone. If you prefer, there will be a can located on the railing next to the tree for your monetary donations. **The deadline for the return of wrapped gifts is Sunday, Dec. 13.** The procedure for the Christmas gifts is as follows:
 1.) Pick gift tag from the tree. Please don't lose the tag!
 2.) Buy gift named on tag – **NEW ITEMS ONLY** (these are gifts). 3.) Wrap gift. Sale tags may be left on clothing.
 4.) Reverse the gift tag with child's name showing only & use as a nametag on the gift. 5) Bring the gift back to Church **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 13!** Please help the less fortunate of our Parish with a Christmas gift.



AGAIN THIS YEAR, DURING THIS ADVENT SEASON, we are hosting our Annual Advent Baby Shower. Please bring your new or gently used baby items to Church & place them in the baby crib on the floor near the statue of Mary. All items will be donated to the Bethlehem House.

LEAVE YOUR PURSE/WALLET AT HOME AND CARRY YOUR NERI DOLLARS/GIFT CARDS TO SHOP AT MOST OF THE AREA GROCERY

& RETAIL STORES: No Frills, Whole Foods, Hy-Vee, Bag & Save & Wal-Mart/Sam's Club. We have many restaurants on hand – including our neighborhood - Tussey's Casual Grill. Check the preorder form for gift ideas. **Next Sunday, Dec. 13 will be the last day for preorders if you need them before Christmas!** Any questions, please don't hesitate to stop & ask one of the sellers after Mass or call the Parish Office.

MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 7 – 13		
Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
	7:00 PM	Jack and Ann O'Connor +
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Del Murphy +
		Bob and Lula Todd +
		Jean Brandl +
	7:00 PM	Our Parish Family Int.
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Fr. John Int.
		Joe Reeves +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Winkleman Family
		Bev Rawley +
Friday	8:15 AM	Mary Beth Clark +
		Maxine and Vincent McMahan +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joe Thibodeau +
		Jr. Eilers +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Marjorie Jones +
		Anne Byrne Int.
	10:30 AM	Janet Funderberg Int.
		Ed Maguire +

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

"Show me the path where I should walk, O Lord; point out the right road for me to follow." Psalm 25:4

TOILETRIES AND BABY ITEMS The SPN students, Pre-K – 6th grades will be collecting toiletry items for Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging. The 7th & 8th graders will be collecting baby items for Essential Pregnancy Service. Items will be collected from Monday, Dec. 1st - Friday, Dec. 11th. If you would like to donate, please drop off your items at the school office.

SPN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: "CHILDREN GO WHERE I SEND THEE" This year's K-6 grade Christmas program is a collection of readings & hymns from the Nativity story, based on the children's song "Children Go Where I Send Thee." Thursday, Dec. 10th at 2:15 p.m. (dress rehearsal) & 7 p.m. in the Activity Center. *We hope you can join us!*

HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR'S CASH FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM continues through Tuesday, Dec. 31st, & includes all 14 Omaha/Council Bluffs Hy-Vee stores. Here's how it works: ANYONE who shops at any of the Hy-Vee stores can turn in receipts to the school. Hy-Vee records & totals the receipts collected & agrees to donate \$1 for every \$200 spent.

THE WEEK AHEAD SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – in front of School

ROLLS AND COFFEE - After all Masses in the Parish Center

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER ALL MASSES

- 9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** - School
- CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – During 10:30 Mass
- 3:00 P.M. **COURT OF HONOR** - Parish Center

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 – HAPPY 50TH BIRTHDAY FRED DORAN!

- 7:00 A.M. **KINGHORN GARDENS MEETING** - Parish Center
- 7:00 P.M. **VIGIL MASS** – Church

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 6:00 A.M. **THAT MAN IS YOU** - Parish Center
- 8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** – Church
- 9:00 A.M. **33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY** – Parish Center
- 7:00 P.M. **BAPTISM CLASS** – Parish Center Library
- 7:00 P.M. **MASS** – Church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 8:15 A.M. **GRADES 5 – 8 SCHOOL MASS** – Church
- 6:30 P.M. **CONFESSIONS** – Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 2:30 P.M. **GRADES K – 6 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Dress Rehearsal** - Activity Center
- 7:00 P.M. **GRADES K – 6 CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** – Activity Center
- NO RCIA**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 9:00 A.M. **33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY** – Parish Center Stage
- SPECIAL COLLECTION AT MASS – RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS**
- NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**
- MOVIE KNIGHT** – Parish Center

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES – RETIREMENT FOR THE RELIGIOUS**
- NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**
- 9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** - School
- CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – During 10:30 Mass
- 3:00 P.M. **SCOUTS** - Parish Center

CHRISTIAN HUMOR It was a disastrous year for the farmers. The snow fell and fell until the government relief agency had to step in and lend a hand. "It must have been terrible," said the government man to a farmer. "All that snow." "Could have been worse," calmly answered the farmer. "My neighbor had more

snow than me." "How's that?" asked the government man. "More land," replied the farmer.

MEN'S FAITH FORMATION That Man is You! – Dedicated to "walking the talk" & providing men the opportunity & frame work to build out their very own spiritual plan of life. The Spirit of Nazareth -"Come & See" (John 1:46) the latest from That Man is You! A thoroughly & solidly Catholic men's faith formation program ultimately designed around a personal encounter with Jesus Christ, so that He can take us further. Join us **TUESDAY** mornings from 6- 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Have questions? Call Tom Carney at 402-578-6879.

Session 12: The Journey to Nazareth

- Spiritual Life, Spiritual Warfare
- Spiritual Sustenance: The Eucharist
- What is Lectio Divina?
- Sanctification: God's Will in Our Lives
- Traveling the Spiritual Journey Together
- The Importance of Spiritual Mentors
- Being Open to the Call

Additional Prayer Opportunities to End Abortion Join other pro-lifers in peaceful prayer on Mondays & Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 1p.m. in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 3105 N. 93rd St. when open appointment times for abortions are available at this location. A priest or other volunteer leads prayers during the 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. prayer hour on Thursdays. You are also invited to pray on Fridays (7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.) & Saturdays (7:30 – 10 a.m.) at the Abortion and Contraception Clinic of Nebraska at 1002 W. Mission Ave. in Bellevue. Priests lead group prayer from 11 a.m. to noon on Fridays in Bellevue. Prayer volunteers are also especially needed on Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 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 Whitney Bradley at wabradley@archomaha.org or 402-551-9003 x1306.

FROSTY PINES is a choose & cut Christmas Tree Farm located just north of Omaha on Hwy 75. Come out to Frosty Pines with your family, roam around our thousands of trees on over 15 acres & pick the perfect one for you! We will cut it, haul it to your car, & help tie it on.



ADVENT WREATHS, CHRISTMAS CENTERPIECES, & MEMORIAL WREATHS

designed with locally grown evergreens & decorated in your choice of color scheme are available starting at \$35. Call Parishioner, Jeanne O'Connor at 402-637-8181. Guaranteed to last 3 weeks with daily watering. The Altar Society receives a 10% donation of all purchases.

YCP CHRISTMAS PARTY Friday, Dec. 11, 7-10 pm Hot Shops Art Ctr. 1301 Nicholas St. A \$10 cash-only entry fee incl. beer & wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a raffle ticket, live music & live

glass blowing in the Crystal Forge glass studio. Attire: Business casual.