

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who contributed to the Archbishop's Annual appeal. Thanks to your generosity we were able to meet our archdiocesan goal for the last two years in a row! Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

I am currently looking for two to three volunteers to help organize and file several boxes of parish photos, bulletins, etc. If you have scrapbooking talents, or are good at organizing, please give me a call at the Parish Office. Volunteers can work at their own pace, at home or in the Activity Center Conference Room. Again, if you have any questions or are interested in helping out, please give me a call!

Best wishes and God's blessings to all for the New Year!

Fr. John

Question of the Week – What "signs" in your life have led you to Jesus?

Reading 1 Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading 2 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Reflection: The story of the astrologers, or magi, following the light of a distant star is full of surprises. The astrologers, who were Gentiles, were the first to worship Jesus as the newborn King of the Jews. They found him, not in a palace surrounded by signs of wealth and might, but as a helpless baby in the arms of Mary, his mother. Yet the astrologers believed and worshiped him, offering him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Then, Matthew tells us, full of joy and wonder, they returned to their distant homes.

The astrologers had the faith and wisdom to see in this baby the promised Messiah. Christ shows himself to us, too, and comes into our lives in many ways and through many people. If we are people of faith, we will find him in these little "epiphanies." We will offer him our own gifts—our prayers and worship, our loving service of others, and our constant faith, even when it might seem hard to find him.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK	DECEMBER 20 - 26	DID YOU KNOW... We are half way through our fiscal year? It is hard to believe tax season is upon us. You will be receiving your annual contribution statement by the end of January. For those of you who use our Online Giving website, there is no need to wait. You can log in now and print your annual contribution statement today! Thank you to all whom so generously contribute to our great parish! Happy New Year!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$39,440.26	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$6,064.35	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$33,375.91	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$644,257.25	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$632,636.90	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$11,620.35	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

JANUARY 9/10

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Clint Dierks, Dillon Dierks

10:30 AM: Jerad Peck, Caden Tussey

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

10:30 AM: Alex Brock, Aydin Meehan

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly

7:30 AM: Dorie Mittlieder

10:30 AM: Jan Sammons

DEACON: 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Jacquie Dahlin, Theresa O'Neill,
Ellen and Wayne Russell
Need 2 volunteers

7:30 AM: Maria Hackenberg, Bob and Betty
Jones, Michelle Zuber
Need 2 volunteers

10:30 AM: Roy Edwards, Fannie Parker,
Nancy Ryckman, Rita Ziska,
Need 2 volunteers

GIFTBEARERS: 5:00 PM: O'Neill Family

7:30 AM: Breitkreutz Family

10:30 AM: Wolodkewitsch Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Drew Neneman

10:30 AM: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM:

7:30 AM:

10:30 AM:

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Mary Fink, Kathy Rossitto

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: 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

**THANK YOU TO EACH OF YOU WHO DONATED MONEY FOR
POINSETTIAS AND DECORATIONS.** The poinsettias that are

on the altar for Christmas are in honor of or in memory of these loved ones: Russell Family, Ament Family, Fr. Wortmann, Francis Kammerer, Ruby Kammerer, Dorothy Hackenberg, Matthew Kammerer, Daniel Kammerer, Barbara Kammerer, Mary Rydl, Deceased Members of the Poell and Pfeifer Families, Wagner/Pruss Families, Dale Taylor, Sharon Lemkau, Katie Bieker, Schyima Raines, Lorraine Vandevender, Pleiss

and Schaffart Families, Dwight Kreps and Deceased Family Members, Richard d'Autremont, Cheryl Standish, Beatrice Gama, Leonard and Eleanor Lamp, Jay and Cecile Appleby, Harold and Margaret d'Autremont, SPN-BS Catechists, SPN-BS Clergy and Staff, SPN School Staff, Bill Sammons, Jerry and Katie Zenk, Todd Fehrman, Dan Cuva, Bob Schartz, Jim and Phil Williams, Marshall and Mausbach Families Living and Deceased, Ray Mensen, Gary Mensen, Larry Mensen, Mark Mensen Jr., Bob and Lula Todd, Laura Mills Hemphill, Gene and Celeste Larkin, Daniel Morrissey, John Gubbels, Kathleen W. Smith's family, Pauline Steiha, Max Mailander, Andrew Mailander, William Mailander, Joe and Ethel Mailander, Zaccone Family – Living and Deceased.

SPECIAL THANKS TO BRYAN AND MICHELE KINGHORN AND KINGHORN GARDENS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL WREATHS HANGING IN CHURCH!

CONGRATULATIONS AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO CHARLIE AND MARY BIERMA AND DON AND RUTH MCGONIGAL! Charlie and Mary celebrated 65 years of wedded bliss on Dec. 26th and Don and Ruth celebrated 70 years of wedded bliss on Dec. 23rd. Please shower Charlie and Mary and Don and Ruth with best wishes by mailing a card to Charlie and Mary Bierma; 5828 Read St.; Omaha, NE 68152 and Don and Ruth McGonigal; 5207 Raven Oaks Drive; Omaha, NE 68152-1748.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WILL BE COLLECTING ALUMINUM CANS EVERY WEEKEND DURING 2016. Please bring your cans with you to Mass & place them in the trailer in the Church Parking Lot.

MEN'S FAITH FORMATION That Man is You! – will return on **TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH** from 6- 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Please plan on joining us!

CHRISTIAN HUMOR The pastor was looking over the crèche the day after Christmas when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing. He went outside & saw a little boy pulling a new red wagon. In the wagon was Jesus. He walked up to the boy & said, "Hi, there. Where did you get the baby Jesus?" The boy answered honestly, "In the church." "Why did you take him?" the pastor asked. "Well," said the boy, "I prayed to the Lord Jesus & asked him for a wagon for Christmas. I told Him that if He gave me one, I'd take Him for a ride in it."

MASS INTENTIONS JANUARY 4 - 10

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Thursday	8:15 AM	Francis Pleiss + Betty Dickson +
Friday	8:15 AM	Don Pulte + Swoboda Family Living & Deceased
Saturday	5:00 PM	Iona Dempsey + Joe Reeves +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Bev Rawley + Nate & Jamie Meier & Family
	10:30 AM	Fred Kinghorn + Sarah Biderbost +

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE! If the weather is bad and school has been canceled, we will not have Mass or Communion Service that day.

QUILTERS ALERT! The Altar Society will be hosting a Quilt Show & Salad Luncheon on April 30, 2016. Please contact Kathy Rossitto at 402-571-8161 for more information.

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

HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR’S CASH FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM ENDED DECEMBER 31ST. Be sure to turn in all your Hy-Vee receipts dated Dec. 31st & before by January 3rd.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER THE MASSES

NO FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD – During 10:30 Mass

3:00 P.M. **SCOUTS** - Parish Center

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

CLASSES RESUME - School

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

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

6:00 P.M. **ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT** - Parish Center

7:00 P.M. **??? ACTS**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

6:30 P.M. **TAKE DOWN NATIVITY – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING – 7:00 P.M.** - Parish Center

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT MASS - SEMINARY

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES - SEMINARY

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

COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION IN OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS –

Your help is needed to stop comprehensive sex education (CSE) in the Omaha Public Schools (OPS). As noted by the [Catholic Education Resource Center](#), "...today's typical programs are not designed to warn the kids away from permissive & harmful sex experiences at all. Rather, what they really aim at is breaking down traditional morality & sexual inhibitions...." Catholics, particularly those who live within the OPS district, are strongly encouraged to show up at one (or more) of the upcoming School Board meetings in opposition to the implementation of CSE. There is no need to address the Board; however, patrons who also desire to do so should plan to arrive by 6 p.m. & complete a pink request sheet which is turned into the Board secretary by 6:20 p.m. OPS Board meetings, held in the TAC building at 3215 Cuming Street, are scheduled as follows: January 4, 2016 and January 20, 2016.

Jesuit Friends and Alumni Network (JFAN) of Omaha Event

Tuesday, January 5, 2016

The second JFAN event is Tuesday, January 5, 2016, 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Jesuit Academy, 2311 N. 22nd St., Omaha. This is a great opportunity to see a Jesuit ministry in action as well as to meet staff, students and graduates. For more information, contact [Dan O'Brien](#) at 414-727-1955.

Mercy High School's Scholarship & Placement Exam

Saturday, January 9, 2016

Mercy High School's scholarship & placement exam is Saturday, January 9, 8:00-11:30 a.m. at the school, 1501 South 48th St. Eighth grade girls interested in attending Mercy must take the exam, and results are used to place students in their freshmen year classes as well as for academic scholarships. Last year Mercy distributed more than \$60,000 in placement scholarships. Call Mercy High School for more information and to register.

Roncalli Catholic High School Placement Testing

Saturday, January 9, 2016

Roncalli Catholic High School is having placement testing on Saturday, January 9, 7:30 a.m. at the school, 6401 Sorensen Pkwy., Omaha. The exam fee is \$15 to be paid the day of the testing and lunch will be provided.

REGISTER ON-LINE TODAY!

Register on-line for our 8th Grade placement testing at:

<http://roncallcatholic.org/admissions/8th-grade-placement-examregistration/>

Register on-line for our 7th Grade practice exam on

Saturday, January 16:

<http://roncallcatholic.org/admissions/7th-grade-practice-exam-registration/>

For additional information or to visit the school, contact

T.J. Orr, Director of Admissions and Recruitment at (402) 571-7670, ext. 103 or email torr@roncallcatholic.org

Marian Catholic High School Placement Exam

Saturday, January 9, 2016

Marian Catholic High School is having placement exams for eighth-grade girls on Saturday, January 9, 7:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the school (use the north side entrance of gym), 7400 Military Ave., Omaha. Students should bring two #2 pencils and no calculators. The exam fee is \$12 and pre-registration is preferred. Lunch will be provided. Call Marian Catholic High School for more information and to register.

Men's Jubilee of Mercy

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Men's Jubilee of Mercy, formally known as the Heartland Men's Conference, *Men of Mercy*, *Men of Prayer* is Saturday, February 27, 2016, 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Christ the King Catholic Church in Omaha. More information contact Beth Carlson at: bccarlson@archomaha.org or 402-557-5610 or to register online visit www.regonline.com/mensjubilee

Magnificat-Omaha, NE Women's Breakfast

Saturday, February 27, 2016

Magnificat-Omaha is hosting a breakfast for women to share together in that same spirit of gratitude and praise of God, Saturday, February 27, 2016, 9:00 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Omaha. After the meal, there will be a time of prayer for the needs of all present and an opportunity to hear Sr. Ann Shields experience of the transforming love of Christ in her own life. There is a \$15 fee. **To Register:** Send \$15 per person via check by Saturday February 20th to Magnificat

c/o Kathy Wheeler
830 S. 122nd Street
Omaha, NE 68154

PRE-PAID REGISTRATION ONLY, NO WALK-INS

In case of inclement weather, your payment will be considered a donation to Magnificat-Omaha. Our expenses stay the same so we will not be able to give refunds.

Scholarships Available Questions? Call Kathy Wheeler 402-657-3835 or **Email** magnificatomaha@gmail.com

Priests & Religious: No Charge