

Dear Parishioners,

The Archbishop has announced that he would like your input. During the next months, Archbishop Lucas will host nine listening sessions to hear from as many people as possible as he discerns a Pastoral Priority Plan for the future. Following these sessions, the Archbishop and his team will use the feedback to establish three pastoral priorities and goals to foster more fruitful ministry throughout the archdiocese. Please keep this important effort in your prayers during the months ahead. You are asked to RSVP if you plan on attending. You may go to the archdiocesan web-site: www.archomaha.org or you may stop by the parish office and we will be happy to register you.

Each session runs from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

The dates and locations are as follows:

- February 1 - St. Gerald, Ralston
- February 2 - St. James, Omaha
- February 15 - St. Patrick, O'Neill
- February 16 (Spanish) - Assumption - Our Lady of Guadalupe, Omaha
- February 24 - St. Robert Bellarmine, Omaha
- March 3 - (Spanish and English) - Sacred Heart, Norfolk
- March 15 - St. Mary, Wayne
- March 28 - Scotus High School, Columbus
- March 29 - St. Cecilia School, Omaha

Thank you in advance for your participation!

Only 13 days until Mardi Gras! Please help to support this major fund-raiser for our parish and school by purchasing your tickets today and returning your raffle tickets. Again, I hope to see you at our 14th Annual Mardi Gras celebration.

Blessings,

Fr. John

Question of the Week – What freedom does Jesus offer you today?

Reading 1 Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or
12:12-14,27

Gospel Luke 1:1-4;4-14-21

Reflection: Just as Ezra, in our first reading, read to the people from Scripture, Jesus reads from the book of the prophet Isaiah about the Servant of the Lord. He announces that he is the fulfillment of Scripture. Then he tells the crowd in the synagogue that he is the one sent by God. His presence is their guarantee that a "year of favor," or time of salvation, has begun. All eyes are glued on him as he puts down the scroll and takes his seat.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK	JANUARY 10 – 16	DID YOU KNOW...
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$13,404.30	We are now under 2 weeks to our annual Mardi Gras! Please remember to turn in your reservations for a table. The food will be delicious and the Mardi Gras style atmosphere will make for a great evening! If you cannot attend, please consider purchasing and/or selling raffle tickets. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and requires a tremendous effort by all to make it a success. Thank you in advance for your hard work and support to make our Mardi Gras a success!
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$58,110.17	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$44,705.87)	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$708,173.52	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$722,618.56	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$14,445.04)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

JANUARY 30/31

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Kaycie Negus, Keegan Sullivan
10:30 AM: Kobe Mulcahy, Genesis Mulcahy

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Dillon Dierks, Clint Dierks
10:30 AM: Mia Dolan, Jayden Mulcahy

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly
7:30 AM: Jan Sammons
10:30 AM: Todd von Kampen

DEACON:

EMHCs:

10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

5:00 PM: Kim Hill, Wayne & Ellen Russell,
Mary Ann Taylor, Need 1 volunteer

7:30 AM: Bev Demkowski, Maria Hackenberg,
Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd,
Need 2 volunteers

10:30 AM: Bill Cheese, Mary Fink, Dave Parks,
Rita Ziska, Need 2 volunteers

GIFTBEARERS: 5:00 PM: Bahle Family

7:30 AM: Sammons Family
10:30 AM: Taborsky Family
MUSICIANS: **5:00 PM:** Joan von Kampen and Friends
10:30 AM: Kim Becker and the Children's Choir
NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: **5:00 PM:** Susan Matsunami
7:30 AM: Bonnie Shea
10:30 AM: Mary Tracy
COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bob and Betty Jones, Kelli Brock, Joni Locher
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Nancy Bohnenkamp, Joann Feller
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: Nancy Core, Theresa O'Neill
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 BARBARA HEROLD, ROD MANSON, AND TOMMY MILLS. Barbara is the sister /sister-in-law of Luke and Shirley Coniglio. Barbara was buried from here this past Friday. Rod is the son of John and Margaret (Babe) Manson. There was a Celebration of Life for Rod at Roeder 108th St. Chapel this past Friday. Tommy is the brother of Ann Jespersen and Jerry Mills. Tommy was buried in California this past week.



HAPPY 95TH BIRTHDAY TO GENEVIEVE SZAWICKI! Genevieve will Celebrate her 95th birthday on Friday, January 29th. When Genevieve was 8 years old, her family was living in Florence and her father decided to move them back to the farm. There was no way for her mother to get her back to town for school. Fr. Moran was pastor at the time and his housekeeper was Miss Kate. The Rectory, where they lived, was on 31st St. between State and Willit – about where Hy-Vee Drug is now. Little Genevieve moved into the Rectory with Fr. Moran and Miss Kate so she could attend St. Philip Neri School. There is a picture of Fr. Moran and her 8th grade graduating class in the Parish Center. Genevieve is the last surviving member of her 8th grade class. She lived as a young teenager in the Sacred Heart Parish area and babysat a young “Deacon” Chuck Weskirchen. (Deacon Chuck was 87 years young on his last birthday!) Genevieve raised her family at St. Philip Neri. Her son, Rich McShane and daughter, Jane Johnston are parishioners. Please help us shower Genevieve with birthday wishes by mailing a card to: Genevieve Szawicki; 7350 Graceland Dr. #5210; Omaha, NE 68134.

THANKS TO ALL WHO PRAYED FOR MY RECOVERY from a recent fall I had taken. I Thank God I had no broken bones, just some cracked bones and bruising. I am healing and the pain in easing daily.
 ~ Betty J. Andresen

JANUARY DINING GROUP IS GOING TO PARKER'S SMOKEHOUSE – 7425 Pacific St. on Monday, Jan. 25th at 6pm. Hope to see lots of new & regular smiling faces. RSVP to mhackenberg @hotmail.com or 402-493-5697.

MEN'S FAITH FORMATION That Man is You! – The Spirit of Nazareth -“Come & See” (John 1:46) Join us **TUESDAY** mornings from 6- 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Center.

Session 15: The Promise of Springtime

- The Papal Teaching of the Family
- Learning from the Holy Family
- The Original Domestic Church
- Characteristics of a Holy Family
- Live in Imitation of Mary and Joseph
- We Can Reflect the Life of Nazareth
- Statistics on Divorce

Have questions? Call Tom Carney at 402-578-6879.

CONSOLING THE HEART OF JESUS RETREAT began **Jan. 19th**. Please join us!!! **Tuesdays** at 9:15 am for this 10 week small-group DVD retreat based on the popular book Consoling the Heart of Jesus by Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC. Gain new insights into Jesus, His most Sacred Heart and His Divine Mercy. We will be meeting in the Parish Center. There is an optional book fee & child care. If you have any questions, please call Erin 402-619-3523.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR A policeman brought four boys before a judge. "They were causing an awful lot of commotion at the zoo, your Honor," he said. "Boys," said the judge sternly, "I never like to hear reports of juvenile delinquency. Now I want each of you to tell me your name & what you were doing wrong." "My name is Robert," said the first boy, "& I threw peanuts into the elephant pen." "My name is Pete," said the second boy, "& I threw peanuts into the elephant pen." "My name is Mike," said the third boy, "& I threw peanuts into the elephant pen." "My name is Peanuts," said the fourth boy.

MASS INTENTIONS		JANUARY 25 - 31
Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Fr. Dan Int. Del Murphy +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Chuck King +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Swoboda Family Bob Needham Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Winkleman Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Mike Alexander + John Gubbels +
Sunday	7:30 AM 10:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int. Students, Staff and Faculty of St. Philip Neri School

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

GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!!



Get your raffle ticket **NOW** for your chance to win one of our **TEN** great prizes!

10. **Vehicle Detailing**
9. **Date Night** 5 - \$50 Gift Cards to Area Restaurants
8. **\$500 Cold Hard Cash!!!**
7. **\$500 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO KINGHORN GARDENS**
6. **SPRING CLEANING PACKAGE**
5. **SPRUCE UP YOUR HOME**
4. **\$1,000 NERI DOLLAR GIFT CARDS**
3. **GAS FOR ONE YEAR! TOTAL OF \$2,000.00**
2. **GROCERIES FOR ONE YEAR! TOTAL OF \$5,000.00**

Our Grand Prize is:
Your Choice of...

The Trip of a
Lifetime!

Cruise through our catalog and decide

on your once in a lifetime trip!
Travel, Relax, Unwind, Sleep Late, Go for Walks, Golf,
Fish, Escape, Cheer, Eat,
Visit!

Includes \$1,000 allowance for airfare/travel

You can't win if you don't get a ticket!

NOTE THE TIME CHANGE! Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. beginning February 12 - the first Friday of Lent. We will have stations at **6:30** followed by a pot-luck. Please bring your favorite meatless dish to share & the recipe. We will collect the recipes & compile them into a book to share. If you don't cook, please feel free to join us for fellowship & conversation after we pray this ancient prayer of the church. We will also offer Stations of the Cross with the students of our school at 2:30 p.m. in church.

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

Thank you to everyone who Purchased Neri Dollars for the holidays! Every sale helps our Parish.

If you have never purchased a gift card, think about getting 1 grocery card to the store you shop at and see how easy it is to use.

For a short time, we will have some Village Inn gift cards on hand so if you are thinking about breakfast after Mass, pick up a card.



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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST.

To kick off this very special week, we will be celebrating Mass as a community on Jan. 31st at 10:30 a.m. The students will be participating in the Mass & sharing their special gifts with us. Please mark your calendar now so that you don't miss out. It is a beautiful Mass that celebrates Catholic education & one of the many reasons our students attend St. Philip Neri School, faith formation & spiritual growth.

Help Us Kick off Catholic Schools Week by joining us for lunch in the St. Philip Neri school cafeteria after 10:30 Mass. Walking Tacos w/sides and a drink will be for sale. \$3.00 per person or \$11.00 for a family of 4 or more. Come and see what our students are excited about.

SPN Spirit Wear will be for sale as well!

Tours of the school will be given by student council member & teachers from 11:45 – 12:15. There will also be a preview of some of the items up for bid at the Mardi Gras Silent Auction!

Be sure to join us! **Please make a note: There will be early dismissal (1 p.m.) for the students on Friday, Feb. 5th.**

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS & JOIN US ON JAN. 29 for JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT BASKETBALL at Roncalli Catholic as the Crimson Pride basketball team takes on Gross Catholic. Go Pride! Admission to the game is free if you wear a shirt or sweat-shirt representing your school. Varsity Girls at 5:45 & Varsity Boys at 7 p.m. For additional info., please contact T.J. Orr, Director of Admissions and Recruitment, at 402-571-7670 ext. 103 or torr@roncallicatholic.org

GI University School of Dentistry on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 8 a.m. to 12 - noon. Uninsured children between 3 & 14 years old will receive free preventive care (exam, x-rays, cleaning, fluoride varnish & dental sealants). Parents/legal guardians: call 402-280-2863 to make an appointment.

THE MCS HONOR BAND JOINS THE MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL BAND in a pops concert on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Marian High School Performing Arts Center, 7400 Military Ave.

SAVE THE DATE! KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP will be held on Wed., March 9, 2016. Please encourage your friends & neighbors to send their children to St. Philip Neri School & attend our Kindergarten Round-Up. Please call the school if you have any questions, 402-455-8666.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER THE MASSES

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR PRINCIPAL MARY SIMERLY!

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26

6:00 A.M. **THAT MAN IS YOU** - Parish Center

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

7:00 P.M. **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** - Parish Center

7:00 P.M. **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** - Activity Center Meeting Room

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27

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

9:00 A.M. **ACTS OF THE APOSTLES BIBLE STUDY** – Seven Oaks

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28

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

7:00 P.M. **RCIA** - Parish Center

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK OFF!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

9:30 A.M. **CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE** – Church

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

11:30 A.M. **LUNCH IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA – TOURS OF OUR SCHOOL**

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

DR. CARSON HOLLOWAY WILL SPEAK AT THE AQUINAS FORUM, Tues., Jan. 26, at Gloria Deo, 13065 W. Center Rd. Dr. Holloway's lecture is entitled, "Piety and Tyranny According to St. Thomas More". Dr. Holloway is an associate professor of political science at the UNO. Free & open to the public. Doors open at 6:30, Lecture begins at 7 p.m.

PRO-LIFE MASS & WALK FOR LIFE Saturday, Jan. 30th in Lincoln, NE (14th & K Streets). Mass will begin at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Church. Most Reverend James Conley, Bishop of Lincoln, will be the Main Celebrant, & Reverend Jonathan J. Haschke will be the Homilist. The Walk for Life will follow at 10 a.m. on the north side of the Capitol with a Keynote Speech later given by Sue Thayer at the UNL Student Union (14th & R Streets). Baked goods may be donated at the south side of the Student Union beginning at 8 a.m. on Jan. 30th & prior to this date by arranging a time with Nebraska Right to Life at 402-318-8291 or nebraskartl@gmail.com More information about the day is available at www.necatholic.org A bus will be departing for Lincoln at 7:30 a.m. from the west parking lot of St. Columbkille Church (200 East Sixth St.) & returning at approximately 2:30 p.m. 26 seats are available on the bus, & the cost is \$15 per adult. There is no charge for children & priests/religious wishing to attend. Please contact Mike & Lynn Jones at 402-339-1479 or michaelynn@centurylink.net to make reservations. Another bus will be going to Lincoln as well which will depart at about 7:30 a.m. from the south side of the Mary our Queen Church parking lot (3535 So. 119th St.). The bus will leave Lincoln after people hear the talk at the Student Union following the Walk for Life. There is room for at least 15 non-parishioners on the bus, & there is no charge for transportation. Please call Gene Wessling at (402) 334-5206 or Lois Coyne at (402) 697-0533 (leave a message) to reserve a spot.

K OF C ANNUAL CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH Feb. 7th at 11 a.m. in Schwertley Hall at St. John the Baptist Church in Fort Calhoun. Guest speaker is Abbot Michael Liebl. He will be speaking on "Strengthening the Family". Children 5 & under \$5, Adults \$10, Families of 5 or more \$25.00. All proceeds go towards the "One Life One Rose" Campaign.

DON'T GIVE UP *CHOCOLATE* THIS LENT Have

you ever had a memorable Lent? More importantly, have you ever had a life changing Lent? Maybe it's time you try something different. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's email program Best Lent Ever®. Each day you'll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly & a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Using Matthew's new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus* as their guide, they will take you on a 40- day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus—and yourself – in a deeply personal way. The program is free! Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent