

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who sold and purchased tickets to support our upcoming Mardi Gras celebration last week. We have made great strides. There are 14 tables available and 400 raffle tickets left to sell as we start the final countdown until Saturday! Special thanks to the Home and School Association and the School Board for organizing the calling tree.

This week, we begin Catholic Schools Week. Let us pray for the continued success of our school, let us pray in thanksgiving for the dedicated teachers and staff we have, let us pray for our parents who are the first teachers of the faith, and let us pray for our students that they will continue to grow in their love of the Lord and of our Catholic faith.

Mark your calendars! The Ash Wednesday Mass schedule will be 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. We will have 2 opportunities for Stations of the Cross every Friday during this Lenten season. The students will join us at 2:30 on Friday afternoon. In the evening, we will begin with stations in the Church at 6:30 followed by a pot-luck (meat-less) in the Parish Center. Be sure to bring a copy of your recipes! Please join us for prayer and fellowship.

Please note that the Parish Office will no longer be open for business on Mondays. Our office hours will be Tuesday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Blessings,
Fr. John

Question of the Week – What prophets among us are not accepted today?

Reading 1 Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 or
13:4-13

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

Reflection: In the first reading, we read that the Lord chose Jeremiah to be his prophet. However, the people did not listen to Jeremiah. However, Jeremiah never gave up, because he knew the Lord was with him.

In this reading from the Gospel, the people do not listen to Jesus. They did not really believe he was the Messiah, because they had known him all their lives. To them, Jesus was "Joseph's son" and nothing more. But Jesus never gave up, either. Jesus knew that his Father was with him always.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK	JANUARY 17 – 23	DID YOU KNOW...
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$17,751.56	We are now under 1 week to our annual Mardi Gras?
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$19,477.18	Yes! You can still turn in dinner reservations and purchase raffle tickets!
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$1,725.62)	As of 1 p.m. Friday, we have sold 362 raffle tickets, 22 tables and have received over \$6,000.00 in underwriting. There are dinner and raffle tickets for sale in Church today. Also, there fliers you can share with your family and friends on the table by the Mary statue. Thank you for your support to make our Mardi Gras a success!
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$725,925.08	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$742,121.74	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$16,196.66)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

FEBRUARY 6/7

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Marianna Stevenson, Grace Treves

10:30 AM: Sam Parys, Caden Tussey

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Wyatt Brungardt, Zach Cypress

10:30 AM: Alex Brock, Aydin Meehan

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten

7:30 AM: Peg Ricketts

10:30 AM: Rich McShane

DEACON: 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Kim Hill, Angie Bahle-Lampe,

Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda,

Need 2 volunteers

7:30 AM: Madelaine Adler, Regina Cronkhite,

Norine Hoffman, Michelle Zuber,

Need 2 volunteers

10:30 AM: Trudie Ahlstrom, Tamatha Buell,

Roy Edwards, Nancy Ryckman,

Need 2 volunteers

GIFTBEARERS: 5:00 PM: Treves Family

7:30 AM: McDonald 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: Joni Locher

7:30 AM: Nancy Core

10:30 AM: Kara Rief

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Mary Breitkrutz,

Ellen and Wayne Russell,

Mary Ann Taylor

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Sharon Olson, April Collamer

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER: 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 FAMILY OF CONNIE LEE. Connie is the sister/sister-in-law of Chuck and Ann Massengale. She was buried from John A. Gentleman 72nd St. Chapel this past Saturday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVE AND PAT ADAMS! They will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on February 5th ...and they are still friends! Please help us shower Dave and Pat with best wishes by mailing a card to: 5418 Reynolds St.; Omaha, NE 68152-1830.

I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE YOUR PRAYERS DURING THESE PAST WEEKS. I am recovering at home and doing so much better now. Thank you!
 ~ Dorie Mittlieder

THE HEROLD AND CONIGLIO FAMILIES WANT TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE GRATITUDE TO LADIES OF THE ALTAR SOCIETY for providing lunch after the funeral of Barbara Coniglio Herold last Friday. We deeply appreciate what all of you did for us on that day. Thank you so much for your heartwarming support.
 ~ Sincerely, The Herold and Coniglio Families

WARMTH HAS BLOWN IN ON THESE JANUARY 500 CLUB WINNERS! \$130 - Fr. John, \$70 - Rosemary Turner, \$30 - Hugh Reilly, \$25 - Olga Bello, \$20 - Geraldine Morrissey, Bob Jones, Lois Waltermeyer, \$15 - Jimmy Livengood, Bill Wilbur, Dennis Wiederholt, Ronald Cronkhite



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.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Three old ladies sit in a diner, discussing their health. One lady says, "You know, I'm getting really forgetful. This morning, I was standing at the top of the stairs, and I couldn't remember whether I had just come up or was about to go down." The second lady says, "You think that's bad? The other day, I was sitting on the edge of my bed, and I couldn't remember whether I was going to sleep or had just woken up!" The third lady smiles smugly. "Well, my memory is just as good as it's always been, knock on wood," she says as she raps on the table. Then with a startled look on her face, she asks, "Who's there?"

MASS INTENTIONS		FEBRUARY 1 - 7
Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Winkleman Family
Thursday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Michael L. McGargill +
Friday	8:15 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Durr and McGargill Families
Saturday	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Members of the Swoboda Family
Sunday	7:30 AM 10:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int. Janet Funderberg Int. Jeanine Parr & Kate Meier Int.

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 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!



BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 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.

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

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31ST – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH

Sunday, Jan. 31st Theme: Faith – Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Home and School lunch in the school cafeteria. Tours of the school will be given by Student Council, 11:45 to 12:15.

Monday, Feb. 1st Theme: Community – Dress Down Day for donations to Catholic Charities. Spelling Bee: 9:30 am Make cards for the elderly and home bound with our buddy class.

Tuesday, Feb. 2nd Theme: Students – Blue and Gold Dress Down Day for the Blue and Gold games. Blue and Gold games at 1:45 pm in the gym. Teams will be previously determined.

Wednesday, Feb. 3rd Theme: Nation – All school assembly instead of prayer in the morning after Grades 5 – 8 Mass. School will pray and say the National Anthem together followed by a patriotic song sing along. Classrooms will write letters to other St. Philip Neri schools students across the country. Each class will be assigned a school.

Thursday, Feb. 4th Theme: Vocations - Variety/Talent show at 1:30 p.m. followed by an all school dance party. Students who participate may dress down.

Friday, Feb. 5th Theme: Teachers and Staff – 1:00 pm dismissal Health and Safety day 8:30 – 11:00 am.

Saturday, Feb. 6th Theme: Family – Mardi Gras

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.**

GIVE KIDS A SMILE annual event offered by Creighton University School of Dentistry on Saturday, Feb. 6th 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.

~ 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.



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.

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

NO FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK OFF!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER THE MASSES

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

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

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS – SPECIAL COLLECTION

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

6:00 P.M. **MARDI GRAS** - Activity Center

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS – SPECIAL COLLECTION

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 ...and YES there are still copies of *Rediscover Jesus* available at the doors of Church!

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.

THE GIFT OF RECONCILIATION, Feb. 5 - 7, weekend retreat at St. Benedict Ctr, Schuyler with Prior Fr. Mauritius Wilde, OSB, Ph.D. Unresolved conflicts, hanging on to past hurts—all this makes us bitter & drains our energy. Reconciliation instead brings peace & joy. How can we be reconciled with our neighbors & ourselves? In this retreat we reflect on our lives, examine our conscience, & look for ways to deeply accept the reconciliation that comes from God through Jesus Christ. Opportunity for Confessions. Friday, 7:30 p.m., to Sunday, after lunch. For more info. call 402-352-8819.
Valentine's Day Dinner, Feb. 14, 5 p.m., at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler. Married couples are invited for Mass at the chapel of St. Benedict Center, followed, at 6 p.m., by a delicious & festive four-course Valentine's Day Dinner prepared by Mark & Patty Bosh. Advance Reservation & Pre-payment Required. For more info. call 402-352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

ANNULMENT SEMINAR – Febr. 11 at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, at 6:30 p.m. Deacon Ron Ryan from the Omaha Archdiocese Tribunal Office will talk about Canon Law & the theological reasons for obtaining an annulment. Time will be available for questions & answers about the annulment process. Contact Kay Buhrman, at 402-551-9003, ext 1304 or email ekbuhrman@archomaha.org for more info or to register.

A LENTEN MISSION OF MERCY
 St. Pius X Church 6905 Blondo St. 3 Mondays @ 7PM
 Refreshments offered at 6:30 & 8:00 in the church narthex

