

Dear Parishioners,

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Parish events!

Pre-School and Kindergarten registration is taking place now. Kindergarten Round Up is March 9th. Encourage your family and friends to look at our school. You may not know that for less than \$7.35 per day a child can achieve academic success at our school and an education rooted in catholic values and traditions. Our Catholic school community provides support, a sense of belonging and friendship like no other.

Circle 2 and the Altar Society will be hosting their Spring Bake Sale in our Parish Center the weekend of March 12th and 13th.

Our First Communion Family Class will be Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30 p.m. in our Parish Center. Second graders and at least one parent must attend.

Confessions will be offered at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 17th and Wednesday, March 23rd. Please use this opportunity to prepare yourself for Holy Week.

Tom and Jan Sammons have again agreed to chair the Roast Beef Dinner. Special thanks to Jan and Tom! This event takes many hands to be a success. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to help or by bringing a salad or dessert. Cleaning of the Church will take place on Monday – Wednesday, March 21-23.

Blessings,

Fr. John

Question of the Week – What role does silence play in your Lenten journey?

Reading 1 Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Reading 2 Philippians 3:17-4:1 or
3:20-4:1

Gospel Luke 9:28b-36

Reflection: Wouldn't it be wonderful to see your best friend transformed, or turned into his or her glorified self, right before your eyes? That's the kind of experience Peter, James, and John have in today's gospel. While they are up on a mountain with Jesus, they have a splendid vision of him in his glorified body. They see him talking with Moses and Elijah, two long-dead figures from the Old Testament. Moses represents the Law, while Elijah represents the prophets. In Jesus, both find the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK FEBRUARY 7 – 14		DID YOU KNOW... Our SPN students sold a total of 149 Raffle tickets for Mardi Gras? There was a friendly competition between the grades with the top selling class (8 th Grade) winning a dress down day, pizza lunch, and bowling with Fr. John and Fr. Gama at the North Bowl. The second prize for the students, which was won by the 4 th Grade class includes a dress down day, popcorn and a movie in their classroom. Thank you for your continued support!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$52,337.76	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$78,051.54	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$25,713.78)	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$843,593.49	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$856,459.84	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$12,866.35)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

FEBRUARY 27/28

- ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Dillon Dierks, Clint Dierks
10:30 AM: Isaac Parys, Jerad Peck
- CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Jarrad Borosko, James Borosko
10:30 AM: Nick Meier, Sam Parys
- LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten
7:30 AM: Hank Henkenius
10:30 AM: Rita Ziska
- DEACON:** 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
- EMHCs:** 5:00 PM: Jacquie Dahlin, Wayne Russell, Jim Shepherd, Mary Ann Taylor, Need 2 volunteers
7:30 AM: Bev Demkowski, Maria Hackenberg, Betty and Bob Jones, Need 2 volunteers

- GIFTBEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Bahle Family
7:30 AM: Huber Family
10:30 AM: Ryckman Family
- MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: Kim Becker
10:30 AM: Joan vonKampen and Friends
- NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Joni Locher
7:30 AM: Judy Bahle
10:30 AM: Kara Rief
- COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Bill Cheese, Norine Hoffman, Mary Todd
- COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Ziska, Charlie Buell
- IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Roy Edwards, Rich McShane
- 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 MATHILDA "BRUD" KRAMER (BRUDNEY). Mathilda is the sister of Martha Jones, aunt of Bob & Betty Jones & Ed & Kelly Jones. She was buried from Holy Name Church this past Wednesday.

FEBRUARY DINING GROUP Join us on Thursday, Feb. 25th at 6:15 pm at Lil Burro Mexican Restaurant 12510 So. 29th Ave. (29th and Capehart Rd) Bellevue, NE. Everyone is welcome! Please let us know if you are joining us – RSVP to Maria Hackenberg at mhackenberg@hotmail.com or call 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 19: Enter into Great Silence

- How St. Joseph Teaches Silence
- Finding God in Interior Silence
- The Four Parts of Lectio Divina
- Where Does God Speak to Us?
- The Still Small Voice
- Pilgrimages: Heaven Meeting Earth
- Marinating Silence in the Home

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

JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS each Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. 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. Also, we will offer Stations of the Cross with the students at 2:30 p.m. in church.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE Our parish is joining other Christians in participating in 40 Days for Life, 40 Days of prayer & fasting for an end to abortion, which is taking place now until March 20th. You're also invited to stand & peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93rd St.) & the Abortion and Contraception Clinic of Nebraska (1002 W. Mission Ave., Bellevue) & to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Our parish's scheduled upcoming prayer times are from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in front of Planned Parenthood (3105 N. 93rd St.) on the following Fridays: Feb. 26, Mar. 4, Mar. 11, & Mar. 18. Please call Mary Fink at 402-614-7677 to sign up for one or more days of prayer time. You may also contact the campaign team at 402-399-0299 or 40DaysOmaha@gmail.com This local campaign is sponsored by Nebraskans United for Life.

ROAST BEEF DINNER - MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK Our annual Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Palm Sunday, March 20th from 11:30 - 6 p.m. Please sign up to volunteer using the signup sheets in the pews or contact Jan Sammons at jansam24@hotmail.com or call 402-453-8520. Many volunteer to help out via a parish organization & we

appreciate your participation. Also, we will be needing the donation of homemade salads & desserts. Watch the bulletin for more information on dropping off your salads & desserts.

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 22 – 28

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Wednesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int William and DoraLyn Huerter +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Del Murphy + Dwayne Whidman Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Reginald and Margaret Tillotson + Jack and Ann O'Connor +
Saturday	5:00 PM	John Gubbels + Iona Dempsey +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Jim Murray Family
	10:30 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Winkleman Family

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

DURING LENT, please think about some of the gift cards we carry that you can use at local restaurants.

Restaurants who serve fish:
Bonefish Grill Tussey's
Red Lobster Long John Silver's

Restaurants who serve pasta:
Carrabba's Tussey's
Olive Garden

We will carry Long John Silver's only during Lent. They are sold in increments of \$10.00.



THE NEED IS GREAT! Everyday our St. Vincent de Paul volunteers receive calls requesting assistance – for rent, utilities, food & much more. We received word that the SVdP pantry is currently in need of hearty soups & canned main meals – especially chunky soups, stews, chicken & dumplings, Progresso soups (not the lite), & canned chili. Please bring one food item for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Barrels in Church for this weekend. We would also appreciate it if you could drop some loose change or a dollar bill in the Poor Box.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR A young ensign had nearly completed his first overseas tour of sea duty when he was given an opportunity to display his ability at getting the ship under way. With a stream of crisp commands, he had the decks buzzing with men. The ship steamed out of the channel and soon the port was far behind. The ensign's efficiency has been remarkable. In fact, the deck was abuzz with talk that he had set a new record for getting a destroyer under way. The ensign glowed at his accomplishment and was not at all surprised when another seaman approached him with a message from the captain. He was, however, a bit surprised to find that it was a radio message, and he was even more surprised when he read, "My personal congratulations upon completing your underway preparation exercise according to the book and with amazing speed. In your haste, however, you have overlooked one of the unwritten rules -- Make Sure The Captain Is Aboard Before Getting Under Way."

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

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.

MARIAN JR. CRUSADERS GIRLS BASKETBALL Tryouts are at Marian High School; 7400 Military Ave.

3-4th grade tryouts are 5:00-6:15 Sunday, March 6th

7-8th grade tryouts are Monday March 7th
(7th 6:15-7:30) (8th 7:30-9:00)

5-6th grade tryouts are Wednesday March 9th
(5th 6:15-7:30) (6th 7:30-9:00)

Register at www.leaguelineupmarianjrcrusaders.com

We encourage girls to also play for their school teams!

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

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

9:15 A.M. **CONSOLING THE HEART BIBLE STUDY** - Parish Center

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

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

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

2:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Church

6:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Church
POTLUCK following in Parish Center

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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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

DON’T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT... Instead do something life-changing! Sign up for Dynamic Catholic’s email program Best Lent Ever®. Each day you’ll receive an inspirational email with a short video. Throughout Lent, they will guide you through each of the 40 chapters in Rediscover Jesus & share simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday life. The program is free! ...and YES there are still copies of Rediscover Jesus available at the doors of Church! Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

A LENTEN MISSION OF MERCY St. Pius X Church 6905 Blondo St. 2 Mondays @ 7PM Refreshments offered at 6:30 & 8:00 in the church narthex

Feb. 22 - Frank Runyeon: The Letter of James, Works of Mercy

Feb. 29 - Archbishop George Lucas: Jesus, the Face of the Father’s Mercy

10TH ANNUAL POP, POPS & POPCORN CONCERT Wed., Feb 24 at 7 p.m. in the Roncalli Catholic Student Center. Roncalli is pleased to offer an evening of popular music encompassing various sub-genres from Broadway to British Rock. All of the ensembles will perform, as well as many soloists & small groups. Come grab a soda & popcorn & enjoy a colorful colorful evening of entertain-ment. \$3 for students, \$5 for adults. For more info. email music@roncalli.catholic.org

LENTEN DAYS OF REFLECTION: Feb. 29th & March 1 at 7pm at St. Francis Borgia in Blair. “Rich in Mercy: Discovering the Heart of Jesus” Omar Gutiérrez will explore what mercy means by delving into meditations of Pope St. John Paul II & Pope Francis on mercy. Using Church teaching, scripture, art, & literature Omar will invite participants to enter into this Year of Mercy with the hope of encountering Jesus so as to be the face of mercy to others.

FOR ADULTS WHO ARE DIVORCED, WIDOWED OR LEGALLY SEPARATED A Beginning Experience (BE) Weekend for the widowed, separated & divorced is **March 4-6** at the Retreat Center, St. Joseph’s Hall, 3330 N. 60 St. The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death is one of life’s most traumatic experiences. This retreat is designed to be a time to heal & a time to turn the pain of loss into an adventure of grace. Open to individuals of all faiths. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$100 semi-private or \$125 private sleeping room. For more info. & an application, call/email Kay Buhrman at the Center for Family Life Formation at 402-551-9003 Ext. 1304,

ekbuhrman@archomaha.org or visit
www.beginningexperienceofomaha.org



2016 Wrap Up



Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make our 15th Annual Mardi Gras a success!

Our Raffle Winners are:

- Vehicle Detailing: Terri Wilson
- Date Night: Jim Dahlin
- \$500: Judy Gubbels
- Kinghorn Gardens Certificate: Rick Elliott
- Spring is here!: Anonymous
- Spruce Up Your Home: Maria Hackenberg
- \$1,000 Neri Dollars: Merl and Nancy Core
- Gas for a Year: Ron and Jean Ross
- Groceries for a Year: Mary Todd
- ...and the Trip of a Lifetime: Jessica Muhlecke

Special thanks to: Russell Speeder's Car Wash, Harold's Koffee House, Tussey's Casual Grill, The Cabin, Enzo's, Mouth of the South, Kinghorn Gardens, Fish Window Cleaning, Leapatrick's Chem-Dry, Molly Maids, Kathy Jones, and Jim Watson for their donations of gift certificates and services for our Raffle. Please support these businesses and thank them for their support of our parish!

OK... the numbers!

- 35 tables of 8 were sold – Sold Out! - except for a few empty chairs
- 574 Raffle Tickets were sold! 149 were sold by our students!!!
- 99 \$2 bills were sold for \$5. Cathy "Beetle" had the winning serial number on her \$2 bill and won the Super Bowl Snack Basket.
- All items were sold at the Silent Auction – except for 2nd row right side at the Spring Musical "Aesop's Foibles" – any takers???

Bottom Line:

Income		Expenses	
Raffle Ticket Sales:	\$28,700.00	Expenses:	\$21,362.92
Underwriting:	32,565.00		
Bar Sales:	2,441.00	* Net income!	\$57,217.57
Dinner Sales:	12,067.50		
"Other":	3,578.00		
Total:	\$79,351.50		

* The net income will change with the expense of the class prizes of bowling with Fr. John and Fr. Gama for the 8th grade and popcorn and movie for the 4th grade. Also, all Silent Auction items have not been picked up and paid for at this time.