

Dear Parishioners,

This week we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week in our School. Special Thanks to our Teachers for educating and forming our young people in the ways of Christ. We are blessed to have such an amazing and dedicated group of teachers!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to work and serve at our Annual Roast Beef Dinner which is coming up on **Palm Sunday, March 20th**. Please be sure to join us for a delicious meal in the Parish Center. We will be serving after the 10:30 Mass until 6:00 p.m. Take outs are also available that day. We could still use volunteers. Please be sure to fill out one of the sheets which are located at the end of each pew. The ushers will collect them after each Mass.

Please note that I will out of the office from March 3 - March 15 leading a pilgrimage to Rome for the Year of Mercy. Please keep us in your prayers during these days. Special thanks to Fr. Gama who will be covering for me during my absence.

It is hard to believe that we are at the midpoint of Lent already! I hope that your Lenten season has been a time of growth and renewal. Let us continue to pray for one another as we approach Easter. Let us also continue to pray for our seminarian, Pat Nields as he enters the last days of his preparation for priesthood. Pat will be ordained on June 4 at 10:00 at the Cathedral. We are planning on having a bus available for transportation. Stay tuned for more details!

Blessings,
Fr. John

Question of the Week – What "cultivating" do you need to do in order to bear fruit as Jesus' disciple?

Reading 1 Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Reflection: Sometimes when we see a terrible accident or hear about people who are being persecuted, we may think that such things will never happen to us. Some people in Jesus' time believed that those who suffered such tragedies and injustices were being punished because they were great sinners. Jesus sets them straight in today's gospel reading. He says that suffering comes from injustice in our world.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK FEBRUARY 14 – 20		DID YOU KNOW... Our Sunday giving, compared to last year, is down just a little bit? As of February 21 st , we are down 3% or \$9,662.00 compared to the same period last year. We can easily make this short-fall up. There are over four months left in the fiscal year. If we all give an extra few dollars, we would more than make up this shortfall. Thank you for your continued support! We couldn't do it without you!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$18,109.14	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$13,665.74	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$4,443.40	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$861,148.63	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$858,025.58	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$3,123.05	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

MARCH 5/6

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Kobe Mulcahy, Genesis Mulcahy
10:30 AM: Caden Tussey, Annie vonKampen

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Autumn-Rose Barnes, Jayden Mulcahy
10:30 AM: Alex Brock, Aydin Meehan

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Hugh Reilly
7:30 AM: Peg Ricketts

10:30 AM: Todd vonKampen

DEACON: 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Kim Hill,
Jim Shepherd, Juli Bohnenkamp,
Matt Swoboda

7:30 AM: Madelaine Adler, Regina Cronkhite,
Dorie Mittlieder, Larry Ziska,
Michelle Zuber

10:30 AM: Trudie Ahlstrom, Tamatha Buell,

Cathy Fluckey, Nancy Ryckman,
Need 1 volunteer

GIFTBEARERS: 5:00 PM: Lampe Family

7:30 AM: Breikreutz Family

10:30 AM: Wolodkewitsch Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Drew Neneman

10:30 AM: Kim Becker

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Lynn Ingraham

7:30 AM: Nancy Core

10:30 AM: Jane Cheese

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bev Baer, Roy Edwards,
George and Marsha Moon,
Dave Parks

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Sharon Olson, April Collamer
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 FAMILY OF PATRICIA SEDLACEK. Patricia is the mother-mother-in-law of Carl and Ilene Sedlacek. She was buried from Forest Lawn Chapel this past Thursday.

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 20: Hearing the Voice of God

- Mercy in the Heart of Joseph
- Joseph's Confirmation From God
- Holy Desires and Discernment
- Extraordinary Communication with God
- Discerning God's Voice through His Church
- How a Superabundant Marriage Impacts the World
- How to Discern in Your Life

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. We also 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: 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.



"By calling for an attentive listening to the word of God and encouraging the initiative '24 Hours for the Lord,' I sought to stress the primacy of prayerful listening to God's word, especially his prophetic word," Pope Francis said in his 2016 Lenten Message. "The mercy of God is a proclamation made to the world, a proclamation which each Christian is called to experience at first-hand."

AN INVITATION FOR OUR PARISH IN THIS YEAR OF MERCY

POPE FRANCIS HAS ASKED US TO OBSERVE "24 HOURS FOR THE LORD" in our parishes Friday, March 4 & Saturday, March 5 from noon to noon doing something special. Our parish has chosen to have 24 hours of adoration during that time. We are asking all to take some time this coming week to take time for the Lord. If you haven't done anything for Lent, this is a great way to make it a great Lent! Come to church for an hour to pray before the Lord. Bring family and friends and pray the rosary or just sit in silence before the Lord.

As a part of our Lenten prayer, let's pray for one another, that we might meet Jesus in a more personal way and come to experience the healing touch of his mercy.

Use the south door of Church. Questions or if you need a code pass, please call Marsha Moon at 402-455-1485.

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. You can put the signup sheets in the collection basket or mail them to the Parish Office. There will be a special collection each Sunday to pick up the signup sheets. 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.

HELLO GARDENERS,

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to start planning your garden! Please remember your St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish when you have extra. We have church ladies willing to take and can whatever you cannot use, they will "can it", and prepare it to sell at the church festival.

Mark your calendars! Fall Festival is September 18!

ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH Invites Children to Cave Quest VBS: Following Jesus, the Light of the World!

A summer kids' event called Cave Quest VBS will be hosted at **Cooper Farm** from **June 13 - 17, 2016**. At Cave Quest, kids explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make & dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of Jesus' love, & test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home & play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings.

Cave Quest is for kids from **Pre-K to 4th Grade** & will run from **9AM to Noon** each day. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer in this event contact Sam Hensel at 402-455-2190 or Cell# 402-714-1582, e-mail slhensel@archomaha.org

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.

~ 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.



Important dates in March for our School Families!
 Thursday, March 3rd – 1st grade Muffins in March at 2:30
 Friday, March 4th - Stations of the Cross at 2:30
 Monday, March 7th - Pre-school open enrollment begins
 Wednesday, March 9th - Kindergarten Round-Up 9 - 11am
 - No Pre-School or Kindergarten
 Friday, March 11th - 1:00 dismissal; End of the 3rd quarter
 Thursday, March 17th – Modern Woodmen Speech Contest
 (5th - 8th grades) at 9:30am
 Friday, March 18th - Stations of the Cross at 2:30
 Monday, March 21st - St. Philip Neri School
 Walkathon Kick Off at 2:30pm
 Tuesday, March 22nd - 3rd quarter report cards go home
 Wednesday, March 23rd through Tuesday, March 29th -
 Easter Break
 Wednesday, March 30th - Classes resume

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!

MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 29 – MARCH 6

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Fr. John and His Roaming Catholics
Wednesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int.
Thursday	8:15 AM	Jack and Glenda Merwald + Living and Deceased Members of the Swoboda Family
Friday	8:15 AM	Vincent and Maxine McMahan + Memorial Society +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday	7:30 AM	Rod Manson + Pam Leonardo Int.
	10:30 AM	Lila Ramsgard + Janet Funderberg Int.

THE WEEK AHEAD SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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, MARCH 1

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

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

CHRISTIAN HUMOR Wife: "What are you doing?"
 Husband : "Nothing."
 Wife : "Nothing...? You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour."
 Husband : "I was looking for the expiration date."

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

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

- 8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** - Church
 2:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Church
 6:30 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Church
POTLUCK following in Parish Center

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot
SPECIAL COLLECTION AT MASS: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot
SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
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

A LENTEN MISSION OF MERCY Archbishop George Lucas: Jesus, the Face of the Father's Mercy on Monday, Feb. 29 at 7 pm at St. Pius X Church 6905 Blondo St. Refreshments offered at 6:30 & 8 in the church narthex.

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

LENTEN FISH FRY, March 4, 4:30 - 8 p.m., St. Benedict Center, Schuyler Alaskan Pollock Buffet \$10 adults, \$5 children ages 6-12; children ages 5 and under are free. For more info., call 402-352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

"COME BACK TO ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART," March 4 – 6, retreat with Fr. Donald W. Shane. This Lenten retreat, inspired by the Gospel & the message of the biblical prophets, includes presentations, silence, reflection, sharing, opportunity for one-on-one meetings with the retreat director, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, & Mass both Sat. & Sun. For more info., call 402-352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

"THE TENDERNESS OF MERCY" Join the Institute for Priestly Formation for a **Lenten Morning of Reflection**, Saturday, March 5th at Christ the King Church. The morning begins with the 8:15 parish Mass, includes a continental breakfast, presentations by members of the IPF Staff, time for silent reflection & concludes at noon. No charge for the event. For planning purposes, please register on-line at PriestlyFormation.org or call Linda at 402-280-3901.

ST. MARY CHURCH, 2302 Crawford St. in Bellevue is having a Lenten mission March 7-9 with two sessions each day, 9:20 a.m. & 7 p.m. Fr./Dr. Richard Sparks, C.S.P. is guiding the mission with a theme of "Being Catholic in the 21st Century: What Really Matters?" All are welcome.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE LIVING ROSARY Priests, consecrated women, 4th Degree Knights of Columbus, & members of parishes & metro area Catholic high schools will lead the prayers to support the culture of life. Come to Christ the King on Sunday, March 13, at 2pm. For more information, contact Whitney Bradley at 402-551-9003 or wabradley@archomaha.org

ST. LEO PARISH LENTEN MISSION with Mike Patin: March 14 - 16 - 1:30 - 2:30 pm (Mini Mission) & 7 - 8:30 pm (Evening Session). Join us for "A Call to Reality Living", a multi-generational mission which includes stories, prayer & fellowship at St. Leo Church, 1920 N. 102nd St. Mike will also offer a special Youth Presentation "Deal or No Deal" on Sunday, March 13 from 7 - 8:30pm. Please call 402-397-0407 with questions.

"EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS" – "Protecting Vulnerable Children and Adults: Knowing your Role". Training Specialist Nick Zadina will provide information about child & elder abuse & neglect. He will discuss the importance of reporting, the role we all play in protecting vulnerable adults & children, & explain how Project Harmony addresses some of the difficulties that come with investigating these sorts of allegations. The mission at Project Harmony is to end abuse & neglect, come & learn how you can be a part of this mission. March 17th, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Seven Oaks at Notre Dame, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole. For more information call 402-982-9933.

PILGRIMS OF GOD – JOURNEY OF FAITH We are pilgrims on a journey of faith. Maureen Hoffmann from Walnut, Iowa will discuss "packing wisely, obstacles to anticipate & essential travel tips". 15th Annual Women's Morning of Reflection at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 114 & Fort. Sat., March 19 - 8:30 Mass until 12:30 p.m. \$15 includes a light breakfast. Contact Jo at 402-572-0369/ jkusek9212@yahoo.com

**May no Soldier go unloved. May no Soldier walk alone.
 May no Soldier be forgotten, Until they all come home!**