

On Palm Sunday, we celebrate the first joy of the season, as we celebrate Our Lord's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem where he was welcomed by crowds worshipping him and laying down palm leaves before him. It also marks the beginning of Holy Week, with the greatest tragedy and sorrow of the year.

Jesus' triumphant return to Jerusalem is only one side of the story.

By now many of the Jews are filled with hate for Our Lord. They want to see him stoned, calling Him a blasphemer, especially after offering proof of His Divinity during a winter visit to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Dedication.

After this, Jesus went to Perea, where he was summoned to Bethany. There he raised Lazarus from the dead, a miracle which wins Him such renown among certain Pharisees that they decided finally to end His life.

Jesus took refuge at Ephrem returning six days before Passover to Bethany, triumphantly entering Jerusalem. That evening, He leaves Jerusalem and returns Monday. He spent time with Gentiles in the Temple, and on Wednesday left for the Mount of Olives. Here he foretold the apostles the events of the next several days, including His impending death.

He returned to Jerusalem on Thursday, to share the Last Supper with His apostles. He was subsequently arrested and tried. He was crucified at Calvary on Friday, outside the gates of Jerusalem.

He was buried the same day, and arose three days later, on Easter Sunday.

All of this is done by our Lord for forgiveness of our sins, and for life everlasting with Him.

God so loved us, that He sent His only begotten Son to die for us, so that our sins may be forgiven.



There **will not** be Communion Service or Mass Monday - Wednesday, March 21 – 23. We will be waxing the floors. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.

*Services at St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament are:  
Holy Thursday, March 24 - 7:00 p.m.*

*Good Friday, March 25 - Stations of the Cross - 3:00 p.m.*

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 p.m.*

*Holy Saturday, March 26 - Easter Vigil Mass – 8:30 p.m.*

*Easter Sunday, March 27 - Masses at 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.*

**Question of the Week – How does your parish help innocent people who suffer today?**

**Reading 1** Isaiah 50:4-7

**Reading 2** Philippians 2:6-11

**Gospel** Luke 22:14-23:56

**Reflection:** Today is called both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. Since the early centuries of the Church, Christians have carried palm branches in joyful processions on this day. We sing or shout, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" like the crowd that followed Jesus into Jerusalem at the beginning of what we now call Holy Week. This year we hear the passion account from Luke's Gospel. It tells a moving story of Jesus, who consoles the "good criminal" and forgives those who nailed him to the cross.

<b>PARISH SUPPORT</b>	<b>WEEK OF MARCH 6 – 12</b>	<b>DID YOU KNOW...</b> Our new air conditioners for the Church are on their way!
<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$14,338.72</b>	J. W. Smith & Co. will soon be removing the old units and replacing them
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$9,201.63</b>	with brand new more efficient units. Thanks to your donations to the new
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$5,137.09</b>	air conditioner fund last summer, we will all be nice and comfortable for
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$919,267.72</b>	many summers to come. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$899,462.36</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$19,805.36</b>	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24 7:00 P.M.**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Jackson Cramer, Ryan Greenwood  
**CANDLE BEARERS:** Robert Schonberner, Annie von Kampen  
**LECTOR:** Todd von Kampen  
**DEACON** Fred Hendricks  
**EMHC's:** Trudie Ahlstrom, Bill Cheese, DeLynne Clausen, Dave Parks  
**MUSICIANS:** Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25 3:00 P.M.**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Dominic Martello, Alex Negus  
**LECTOR:** Ilene Sedlacek  
**EMHC's:** Mary Fink, Kathy Rossitto  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Autumn-Rose Barnes, Kristen Ellett  
**CANDLE BEARERS:** Gracie Murphy, Keegan Sullivan  
**LECTOR:** Jerry Bexten, Hugh Reilly  
**DEACON** Fred Hendricks  
**EMHC's:** Kelli Brock, Roy Edwards, Bob & Betty Jones  
**MUSICIANS:** Kim Becker, Deanna Reilly, Deb Van Erdewyk, Tom Locher

**EASTER VIGIL MARCH 26 8:30 P.M.**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** James Borosko, Jarrad Borosko  
**LECTOR:** Theresa O'Neill, Rob Barrett  
**EMHC's:** Dorie Mittlieder, Michelle Zuber, Tamatha Buell, Regina Cronkhite  
**MUSICIANS:** Joan von Kampen and Friends

**EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 27**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** 10:30 AM: Nick Meier, Sam Parys  
**CANDLE BEARERS:** 10:30 AM: Isaac Parys, Jerad Peck  
**LECTORS:** 7:30 AM: Jan Sammons  
 10:30 AM: Dave Parks  
**DEACON:** 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks  
**EMHCs:** 7:30 AM: Bev Demkowski, Maria Hackenberg, George & Marsha Moon, Need 1 volunteer  
 10:30 AM: Bev Baer, Bill Cheese, Fannie Parker, Rita Ziska, Need 1 volunteer  
**GIFTBEARERS:** 7:30 AM: Sammons Family  
 10:30 AM: Cheese Family  
**MUSICIANS:** 10:30 AM: Kim Becker, Deanna Reilly, & Deb Van Erdewyk

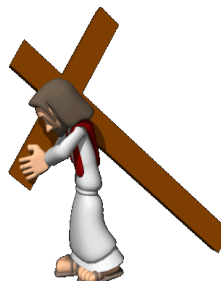
**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** DeLynne Clausen, Bruno Kozimor, Laurel Hamilton, Dorothy Polan,  
**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Larry Ziska, Charlie Buell  
**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd  
**USHERS 7:30 AM:** Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood  
 10:30 AM: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF ROSIE SCRANTON, BOB MINTURN, AND MARGARET (BABE) MANSON.** Rosie is the aunt of Todd & Joan von Kampen. Bob Minturn is the son of the late Colleen Minturn. He was buried from Forest Lawn Chapel this past Monday. Margaret is the wife of John Manson. She was buried from here this past Monday.

**MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED TO AND ATTENDED THE CIRCLE 2 BAKE SALE.** \$733 was made from the Bake Sale! Circle 2 members have decided to take a look at the "Parish

Wish List" & purchase items from the list with the proceeds. Special Thanks to Circle 2 for your donation to the Parish!

**JOIN YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE PARISH CENTER TODAY FOR THE BEST ROAST BEEF DINNER IN TOWN!** Enter to win Godfather's Pizza Gift Cards and Meet "The Godfather" – from 11:30 -2! Adults (13 & over) \$10, Seniors (65 & Over) \$8, Kids (6-12) \$5, 5 & under – free. Take out is available.



**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES** - Please join us during 10:30 Mass today, Sunday for Children's Liturgy of the Word – We will be viewing the 1<sup>st</sup> part of the movie - Animated Passion of Christ "Christ has Died"...and again on Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> during 10:30 Mass – Children's Liturgy of the Word - We will view the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the Animated Passion of Christ "Christ has Risen".

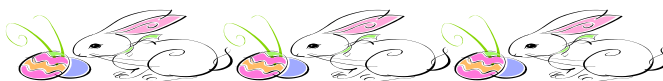
**MEN'S FAITH FORMATION** That Man is You! – The Spirit of Nazareth -"Come & See" (John 1:46) Join us Tuesday mornings from 6- 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Center.

**Session 23: A Peace Not of this World**

- Peace: Necessary in Our Spiritual Lives
- Peace is a Sign of God
- The Holy Family: Peace in the Midst of Trial
- True Peace is Not of This World
- Building Up Love in Today's World
- Discerning Holy Desires

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

**THIS GOOD FRIDAY PRAY THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** in a new way. The stations will be



**JOIN THE FLORENCE COMMUNITY, HY-VEE DRUGSTORE, AND OUR SPN-BS KNIGHTS AT THE EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE AT FLORENCE PARK -** For kids; age 1 thru 10 on **Saturday, March 26 at 1pm.**

**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 **5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:slhensel@archomaha.org)

**LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> OF THIS YEAR**, the Altar Society will be sponsoring a bus to take out parishioners to the Cathedral to see our own Rev. Mr. Pat Niels be ordained a priest. Before we order this bus, we would like to know how many will be going so we know what size a bus to order. After Easter, there will be sign-up sheets at each door so we can get a head count.

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

The following companies are offering additional rebates for the next two weeks. If you think you might need cards from any of these companies, now is a great time to order them!

- AMC Theater                      Cabela's
- Bed, Bath, & Beyond
- Pet Smart                              Red Robin



**\*\*\* BE SURE TO STOCK UP FOR ALL YOUR EASTER SHOPPING!  
NERI DOLLARS WILL NOT BE SOLD NEXT WEEKEND!**

**MASS INTENTIONS    MARCH 21 - 27**

Monday		No Services
Tuesday		No Services
Wednesday		No Services
Thursday	7:00 PM	Del Murphy + PJ Int.
Friday		No Services
Saturday	8:30 PM	John Gubbels + Glenda Merwald +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Rod Manson + Jerry and Katie Zenk +
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family The Winkleman Family Living and Deceased

**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

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPN SCHOOL FAMILIES**

- Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - St. Philip Neri School Walkathon Kick Off at 2:30pm
- Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards go home
- Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> through Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - Easter Break
- Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> - Classes resume

**LITTLE FLOWERS:** It is that time again to fill out Registration Forms! If you are interested in participating in Little Flowers during the 2016-2017 school year, please complete our form available at the doors of Church & in the parish office. We would love to have additional grandmas & moms to help us lead our meetings, so let us know if you are interested in that as well! We typically have about 2 dozen girls & meet only once a month. Little Flowers is a Girls Club based on the teaching of St. Therese of Lisieux & her yearning to bring more souls to Jesus. We focus on other women saints, virtues, & bible verses while singing songs, playing games, & completing crafts. If you want to know more or come to one of this year's meetings to check it out, please call Amanda Sherer for details. (712-216-1713)

**AS EASTER APPROACHES** so does the time for our students to receive their sacraments. Please keep our young people in your prayers. Please pray for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders preparing to receive First Holy Communion at 10:30 Mass on Sunday, April 10.

O Jesus, who hast loved us with such exceeding great love as to give us the ineffable gift of the Holy Eucharist, inflame us with a burning zeal to promote Thy glory by preparing worthily the little children who are to approach Thy holy table for the first time. Protect, O Sacred Heart of Jesus, these young souls from the assaults of evil, strengthen their faith, increase their love and endow them with all the virtues that will make them worthy to receive Thee. Heavenly Father please bless Grace Lynn Bazer, Benjamin Bencker, Eli Berkey, James Bohnenkamp, Dayton Collins, Elizabeth Crowe, Kaleb Daum, John (Jack) Doran, Olivia Engel-Bey, Gianna Fink, Katelyn Graham, Joseph Kelly, Mallory Logan, Lucia Mason, Scarlett Morisch, Bailey Murphy, Joseph Novero, Gus Oxenrider, Isaac Rhoads, Jacob Sanger, Gracie Sherer, Julaine Simmons, Maryah Smedra, Joel Sutherland, Hannah Taylor, Isabelle Taylor, Scarlett Taylor, and Micah Venneman. We ask this through Christ our Lord; Amen.

Also, Please pray for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders preparing to be Confirmed in Christ on Wednesday, April 20 at 7 p.m.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Loving God please bless Michael Becker, Mia Dolan, Niyonkuro Fulgtnci, Steven Hensel, Dominic Jarecki, Arianna Krueger, Aydin Meehan, Kate Meier, Genesis Mulcahy, Jayden Mulcahy, Kaycie Negus, Isaac Parys, Robert Schonberner, Keegan Sullivan, Grace Treves, Gina Troia, Caden Tussey, Peyton Venneman, and Annetta von Kampen. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

**HUMMEL DAY CAMP IS A WEEK-LONG NATURE BASED CAMP** for kids in 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grades. The camp includes: Archery, Wilderness Skills, Outdoor Cooking, Arts & Crafts, Nature Hikes, Campfire Songs, & Water & Mud Activities. St. Philip Neri School will have Week 7- July 25<sup>th</sup> – July 29<sup>th</sup>. Week 7 online registration begins Tuesday, March 22 at 8 am. Patrons may also register in person at any Community Center at 8 am, where cash, checks & credit cards are accepted. The camp fee is \$95. For any child that receives Free or Reduced Lunch through the schools, the Camp fee is lowered to \$50. Families need to call the Florence Community Center starting now & ask for a “Reduced Fee Pass” put onto their household & also find out how to submit documentation. Then they will be able to register like normal the day of registration. Immediately upon registering online, parents should receive a payment receipt emailed to them. For questions about registration call the Florence Community Center at (402) 444-5216.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20 – PALM SUNDAY**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot

**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES: CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER THE MASSES**

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

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21**

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

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**

**NO SCHOOL – EASTER BREAK BEGINS – TEACHER IN SERVICE**

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

7:00 P.M. **CONFESSIONS** – Church

**HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

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

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25**

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

3:00 P.M. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** - Church

7:00 P.M. **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION** – Church

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot

**HY-VEE/SPN-BS KNIGHTS EGG SCRAMBLE** - Parish Center

**NO NERI DOLLARS SOLD**

8:30 P.M. **EASTER VIGIL** - Church

**EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot

**NO NERI DOLLARS SOLD**

**FREE ORGANIC COMPOST** Resembles Black Dirt for gardens – you must come out & pick it up. Call Rose Edwards at 402-571-2171.

**Jesus, you said, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."**

May our troops seek You, know You,  
and recognize that You are in their very midst.

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

Donald: H I J K L M N O.

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

**THE WAY OF THE CROSS** On Good Friday, **March 25**, the Archdiocese of Omaha in conjunction with members of the ecclesial movement Communion & Liberation will present a public Way of the Cross. This walking meditation on Christ's Passion will begin at 9 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary's, 6116 Dodge St. & proceed through Memorial Park. All are welcome to participate.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** If your cancer has come back, or you're living with chronic cancer treatments, this group will focus on ways to help you feel better, cope with cancer, deal with treatment, & lift each other's spirits. The group meets the second & fourth Tuesday of each month, 4-5:30 p.m., at the Servite Center of Compassion, 7400 Military Ave.

**LB 1056 "Assisted Suicide"**: The Assisted Suicide bill did not pass out of the Judiciary Committee. The vote was 4 to 4, and so we will hopefully have another year to prepare ourselves on this issue. Please, continue to pray about this issue as it is far from over.

**DO YOU LOVE ME? A PERENNIAL EASTER QUESTION**

The one-day retreat, "Do you Love me?" with Sr. Mary Ann Schmieding, SSSF talks about how Jesus is asking each one of us that same question. Taking a renewed look at Peter & his journey as a disciple of Jesus may be what is needed for your own re-commitment as a follower of the Risen Lord & to know its joy & consolation. Bring your bible & an unrestricted heart for a day of deep prayer & reflection. Program fee: \$30. Lunch is available at the Center for \$10.50 (includes tax). For more information, call 402-352-8819.

**SPIN: Spiritual Intimacy in Marriage Retreat**, April 9 – 10 weekend retreat, co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Omaha & the Pro Sanctity Movement, at St. Benedict Center, Schuyler, with John Gresham, Ph.D., & his wife Mary Jane. Married couples grow in spiritual intimacy with each other & with the Lord when they pray together. This retreat teaches some simple methods for praying together and gives opportunities to practice them as a couple. Everyone from newlyweds to older married couples will learn some spiritual practices that will help them to enter more fully into the grace of their sacrament of matrimony. Friday, 7:30 p.m., to Sunday, after lunch. For more information, call 402-352-8819.

**FINDING THE SACRED IN DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY** Thursday, April 14 from 9 – 4 at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center Is there hope for freedom from depression? YES! Author Sharon Highberger shares her inspired spiritual pathway of complete healing from over 50 years of clinical depression. Fee: \$40 includes continental breakfast & lunch. For more information or to register call 402-359-4288 or email: [kmscenter@mercywmw.org](mailto:kmscenter@mercywmw.org)

