

Dear Parishioners,

Please be sure to sign up for a seat on the bus for Rev. Mr. Pat Nields ordination at the Cathedral. It is June 4th at 10:00 a.m. Let us show our support for Deacon Nields as he prepares to give his life in service to the people of the Archdiocese of Omaha. There are only 23 spots left. The sign up sheets are at the doors of Church. The bus will depart our parking lot at approx. 8:45 a.m. and return us to the parking lot at approx. 1:15 p.m. This is a momentous occasion for our Parish.

Please continue to keep Fr. Gama in your prayers as he finishes his studies at Creighton University. All are invited to the graduation at the Century Link Center on May 14th at 1:00 p.m. No ticket is required to attend. Fr. Gama will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, May 15th at 10:30 a.m. here. All are invited to attend the reception following Mass in the Activity Center.

A reminder that Thursday is the Ascension of the Lord. The Mass schedule is Wednesday at 7 p.m., Thursday at 8:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Blessings,

Fr. John

Question of the Week – Who are the people who have helped you believe? Whom do you help?

Reading 1 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Reading 2 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel John 14:23-29

Reflection: In the gospel today, Jesus continues to speak about love. Those who live will experience God's love in their lives and the gift of peace that only Christ can give. Jesus also promises to send the Paraclete, or the Comforter, to his disciples. The Paraclete is the Holy Spirit, who will guide the Church for all time. Jesus' followers will not be left on their own.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK	APRIL 17 – 23	DID YOU KNOW... WE HAVE RECEIVED \$7,598.90 from the Archbishop's Ignite the Faith Campaign? Your contributions made this possible. Special thanks to each of you who generously donated to this campaign!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$11,852.49	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$13,128.80	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$1,276.31)	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$1,069,756.70	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$1,075,095.25	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$5,338.55)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

MAY 4 – 7:00 PM NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR ALL MINISTRIES

MAY 5 – 7:00 PM ASCENSION OF THE LORD

ALTAR SERVERS: Robert Schonberner, Marianna Stevenson

LECTOR: Ilene Sedlacek

DEACON: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: Bev Demkowski, Cathy Fluckey, Fannie Parker, Nancy Ryckman

MUSICIANS: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies

MAY 7/8

ALTAR SERVERS: 5:00 PM: Zach Cypress, Kristen Ellett

10:30 AM: Sam Parys

CANDLE BEARERS: 5:00 PM: Gracie Murphy, Keegan Sullivan

10:30 AM: Amir Ring, Craig Taylor

LECTORS: 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten

7:30 AM: Peg Ricketts

10:30 AM: Bill Cheese

DEACON: 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks

EMHCs: 5:00 PM: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Juli Bohnenkamp, Mary Ann Taylor,

Kathy Rossitto, Mary Todd,

Need 1 volunteer

10:30 AM: Bev Baer, Tamatha Buell,

Dave Parks, Rita Ziska

Need 1 volunteer

GIFTBEARERS: 5:00 PM: Treves Family

7:30 AM: McDonald Family

10:30 AM: Cheese Family

MUSICIANS: 5:00 PM: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies

10:30 AM: Kim Becker

NERI DOLLAR SELLERS: 5:00 PM: Susan Matsunami

7:30 AM: Mary Todd

10:30 AM: Kara Rief

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: DeLynne Clausen,

Laurel Hamilton, Bruno Kozimor

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Rita Ziska, David Krueger

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, Mark Lampe

SHOWERING THESE APRIL 500 CLUB WINNERS WITH GREEN!
\$130 - Dorothy Polan, \$70 - Vera Schettler
\$30 - Chuck Livengood, \$25 - Ted St. Cyr
\$20 - Regina Cronkhite, Brenda Kelly, Nicole Treves
\$15 - Angela Schneider, Ann Taylor, Shirley Coniglio,
Mary Johnson

THE NOTRE DAME SISTERS WISH TO THANK THE ST. PHILLIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS for all their help with the Sisters' Pork Dinner fundraiser for their retirement fund. Special thanks to Tim Kiuntke for organizing their assistance. Thanks also to all of the women who brought desserts. The variety and quality made it hard for people to choose. All were enjoyed. Your service over the years is greatly appreciated. May God bless you and know that you are in the Sisters' prayers. ~ Sr. Rosalee Burke

ATTENTION CRAFTERS! Your talents are needed for the Fall Festival Country Store! As you are making items, please remember items are needed for the Country Store. We are making plans for this to be the BIGGEST and BEST Fall Festival Country Store and plan to set records for sales at the Country Store!

THE GARDEN ANGELS ARE GETTING BUSY. If you would like to help defray the costs of beautifying our grounds, please drop your change in the water cans by the doors of Church or you can put it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. If you would like to help by pulling weeds, planting, or watering, please call the Parish Office.

LOOKING AHEAD TO JUNE 4TH OF THIS YEAR, the Parish 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. There are sign-up sheets at each door so we can get a head count.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR
Wife: I don't like that beggar. Husband: Why?
Wife: Yesterday I gave him food and today he gave me a cookbook!

WE ARE WORKING ON OUR 2017 PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR – JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017. If you have not contacted the Parish Office & spoken with Fr. John about the plans for your group for the next year, please do so as soon as possible.

GARDENING AND PLANTING SEASON IS UPON US! Please remember to plan to donate to the Country Store at the Fall Festival when planning your gardens. This is sure to be the biggest and best Country Store ever - with your help and donations!

LET US CONTINUE PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS as they go

forth with courage and determination to serve our country and protect our freedom.

! MARIE MILLER: Please call the Parish Office 402-455-1289 !
No...nothing bad... You won a bid at Mardi Gras!

FR. CHUCK SWANSON CELEBRATING 50 YEARS AS PRIEST
St. Philip Neri Parish was Fr. Charles "Chuck" Swanson first parish to serve at after he was ordained. He actually went to the Parish Office at Blessed Sacrament, knocked on the door, when someone answered he introduced himself as their new priest. When they said "we are not getting a new priest", he told them "Yes, you are and I am your new priest." He discovered he had knocked on the wrong Parish door. Fr. Swanson was honored April 19th at the annual priest jubilee celebration. Please help us shower Fr. Chuck with best wishes by sending a card to: Fr. Chuck Swanson 2504 S 47th St., Omaha, NE 68106.
Thank You and Congratulations Fr. Chuck!

Are your flower beds needing to be thinned out? We would love to have your extra plants and bulbs for the Country Store at the Fall Festival! Folks will be talking about the great items they bought at the Country Store all year! It is on track to be the biggest and best ever!

MASS INTENTIONS		MAY 2 - 8
Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Wednesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Willis R. Jones & Granddaughter Marjorie Jones + Deceased Members of the Luczynski Family + Dorothy Rule +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Margaret Manson + Kate Kielion +
	7:00 PM	Living and Deceased Members of the James Marley Family Pat Marley Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Emmett & Iona Dempsey + Dona Leininger +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Mathilda Kramer + Margaret Manson +
	10:30 AM	Mary Ann Doran + Dave and Carol Parks Int.

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

The following companies are offering additional rebate:
Home Depot
Kohl's
Younkers



The cards for Wal-Mart can be used for purchases at Sam's Club.
The cards for No Frills can be used at No Frills, Bag N Save and Family Fare stores.
Please keep in mind that all special preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

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

PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS Thank you to all of the families who have returned their Pre-Registration Form & fee as well as the 2016-17 Registration forms. These forms are due by Monday, May 2nd. It is really important that we get your form back soon so that planning for the 2016-17 school year can begin.

8TH GRADE ROTARY AWARD WINNER Congratulations to Genesis Mulcahy who is this year's Rotary Award winner. She will be honored at a luncheon on Wed., May 4.

ALL SCHOOL MASS HONORING MRS. BOISEN AND MRS. DE SALVO on Thurs., May 19th. Mrs. Boisen has taught at St. Philip Neri School for the last thirty years & Mrs. DeSalvo has taught here for five years. They have made a difference in many students' lives, & we are blessed to have them at St. Philip Neri. Please join us at Mass to celebrate these amazing teachers.

SPRING CLEANING? We are looking for “gently used” toys for our PreKindergarten & After Care programs. If you have something to donate, please call Mrs. Holzapfel at 402-455-8666.

UNWANTED UNIFORMS? If you have any uniforms that you no longer need, we would love to take them off of your hands! Please turn your laundered uniforms that are in good shape into the office.

SUMMER CARE will be open Monday – Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. The first day will be Wed., June 1st & the final day will be Fri., Aug. 5th. We will be closed the week of July 4th. The registration fee is \$50 & pre-payment is required.

Full time: \$25/day (4-5 days a week)

Part-time: \$33/day (1-3 days a week)

We accept T-20/Childcare assistance program. Your child will need a sack lunch daily. If you have questions, please call Mrs. Holzapfel at 402-455-8282.

REGISTRATION FOR FAMILY FORMATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STARTS TODAY! Registration Forms can be found at all of the doors in Church.

Family Formation is a family-based catechetical program for families with children in Preschool through Grade 6 with an adult formation component.

Family Formation is designed to help parents respond to the Church's call to be "the first & foremost educators of their children" & to help families grow in the transforming love of God by understanding & living the Catholic Faith. 7th & 8th grade Sacramental Preparation is also offered using Loyola Press's "Called to be Catholic" & "Confirmed in the Spirit" curriculum.

All questions & concerns should be directed to Sam Hensel, St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Director of Religious Education Office# [402-455-2190](tel:402-455-2190) Cell # [402-714-1582](tel:402-714-1582) slhensel@archomaha.org

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)

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

Hosted at **Cooper Farm** from **June 13 – 17 from 9 a.m. - Noon!** Kids - **Pre-K to 5th Grade** will explore what it means to follow Jesus through dark times & 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. 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 WEEK AHEAD SUNDAY, MAY 1

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SPECIAL COLLECTION: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN – At All Masses

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

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

TUESDAY, MAY 3

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

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

7:00 P.M. **ASCENSION OF THE LORD VIGIL MASS** - Church

THURSDAY, MAY 5 - ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS** - Church - **MAY CROWNING AFTER MASS** – Rosary Garden

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

7:00 P.M. **MASS** - Church

FRIDAY, MAY 6**NO SCHOOL – TEACHER IN SERVICE****SATURDAY, MAY 7****KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot**KNIGHTS – EPS ROSE SALE** - After Mass**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS****SUNDAY, MAY 8 - HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!****KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS****KNIGHTS – EPS ROSE SALE** - After Mass**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**3:00 P.M. **SCOUTS** - Parish Center

THE ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES ROSE DRIVE IS MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND, May 7th & 8th. After all Masses, Knights of Columbus invite you to select a lovely long stemmed rose in return for your \$5.00 donation to EPS. Giving EPS roses is a wonderful way to acknowledge special people in your life while helping expectant women choose life for their little ones.

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

PROJECT RACHEL POST-ABORTION HEALING AND COUNSELING TRAINING WORKSHOP will be offered in Gretna on Thurs/Fri., May 5/6, at St. Patrick's Parish Hall (508 W. Angus Rd.) from 10 am - 4 pm each day. The Thursday Workshop will cover introductory topics. The Friday Workshop will build on Thursday's material & go more in-depth on counseling, healing, & the deeper reasoning for abortion decision-making. The workshop qualifies for continuing education hours for mental health practice. For more details & to register, call Tom Venzor at the Nebraska Catholic Conference 402-477-7517.

GOLDENROD 2016 *What:* Annual party celebrating older adults *When:* Tues., May 17 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. *Where:* KROC Center 27th & Y *Theme:* Big Band Bonanza **FREE** fun, musical entertainment, devotion & lunch. Reservations Required: 402-898-6091 before May 9 ****Must be 60 and older to participate, no children please.**

ANNULMENT SEMINAR, TUES., MAY 11 Do you have questions about the Annulment process? Confused about the meaning of the term "annulment?" Intimidated by the prospect of filing for an annulment? Rev. Scott Hastings, JCL, of the Archdiocese of Omaha Metropolitan Tribunal, will examine the meaning of the term "annulment", the Archdiocese process for granting an annulment & the currently acceptable grounds for obtaining an annulment. You will have the opportunity to review the required documents, & time expectations. Any other questions & concerns you may have will be addressed as well, all within a context of spirituality & prayer. Sacred Heart Parish Center (Next to St. Mary's Church) 2300 Madison Ave. Norfolk, NE 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Questions? Call Philip Zimmerman at the Sacred Heart

Parish Office 402-371-2621 or Kay Buhrman, Coordinator Family Life Span & Bereavement 402-551-9003, ext. 1304

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, 4:00-5:30 p.m., at the Servite Center of Compassion, 7400 Military Ave.

THE SERVITE CENTER OF COMPASSION offers support to help those dealing with dementia in loved ones. The group meets with facilitator Nancy Flaherty, MS, CDP, the first Thursday of each month, from 10-11:30 a.m., at 7400 Military Ave. There is no cost. To register, call Sr. Margaret Stratman at 402-951-3026.

WOMEN'S DONATION DRIVE Spring is here & summer is fast approaching! It is time to swap out the old wardrobe & replace it with the new. It's also the perfect time to clean out your closets & consider donating your new & gently worn clothing & accessories to The Humble Lily. Drop off donations during store hours-Mon. – Sat., 10am-6pm. The boutique supports the mission of Bethlehem House. Donation questions, call 402-933-3366.

I Believe in Love Story Editor Training Become a story editor for ibelieveinlove.com & help rewrite the story of love in America. During this free training, story editors will learn how lack of marriage formation among millennial is contributing to single parenthood, poverty, abortion, & withdrawal from church communities, & how iBel is seeking to reverse those trends. Training will be held May 17th, 2pm-9pm at the Center for Family Life Formation in Omaha. Seating limited. Registration ends May 9th. Call Reggan for more info. 402-551-9003 ext. 1300.

EXPLORING THE MANDALA FOR MEDITATION & RELAXATION Fri., May 13, 9am –3pm Knowles Mercy Retreat Center A mandala is a design, simple or complex, contained within a circle. The circle is considered to be a calming shape & the container of sacred space. While the mandala has been used for centuries by certain cultures, we in the west have discovered only recently, the value of it as a way to focus & calm our over-busy minds. You will use the simple task of coloring the pattern of the mandala to bring new insights to the challenges you face from day to day. Be assured you need no "artistic talent" nor do you need any preparation. Come & find an interesting & fun way to relax & help you meditate.

To learn more about the above retreat or register contact Knowles Mercy Center 402-359-4288

DAY OF REFLECTION – DESIRING GOD'S WILL St. Benedict Ctr. Schuyler Sat., May 14, 10 am to 4 pm **For all singles.** Desiring God's will is based in the truth that we are deeply loved. "I have learned in whatever degree I am, to be content" (Philippians 4:11). We will explore together our being deeply loved & get in touch with the deepest source of contentment. To register, please go to www.StBenedictCenter.com or contact Kay Buhrman, Coordinator Family Life Span & Bereavement, 402-551-9003, ext. 1304 or ekbuhrman@archomaha.org

LIVING MINDFULLY RETREAT DAY Wed., May 25, 9 am-3pm open to anyone who would like to explore mindful living. It will be a day of action, your active involvement in mindful awareness of God. God's abundance is present in nature, within ourselves & in our relationships. Since these gifts are often revealed & experienced in the quiet, a sacred silence will be observed throughout the day.

THE WORD IN THE DESERT June 3 & 4 The early Christian monks in the Egyptian desert spoke words of great wisdom to those who sought their assistance. In our desert experiences, we can benefit from their insights today. Kathleen Norris has drawn deeply from this wisdom in her personal life, in her marriage, & in her relationship with God. Thus, her presentations will be at once intimate & historical, rich in poetry & meditations, brimming with exasperation and reverence, deeply grounded in both nature & spirit, sometimes funny, often provocative & always important. For more information call St. Benedict Center 402-352-8819 or visit <http://www.barclayagency.com/site/speaker/kathleen-norris>

SEEKING TRUTH LIVE CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY GROUPS meet in the afternoon class from 1-2:45 pm at Christ the King Church & an evening class from 7:30 – 9:15 pm at Creighton Prep High School. Both classes meet on Thursdays. Cost for 24 week program 2016-17 LIVE Omaha Metro Class study of "Gospel of John" will be \$50.00 per person. Registration fills quickly. Advanced registration is needed for planning & ordering of curriculum. Class materials will be handed out on the first class session on Sept. 8th. You will receive an e-mail & phone call during the week of Sept. 5th, with all the needed information. For more information & to register go to: www.seekingtruth.net