

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to wish everyone a safe and very happy Independence Day. I will be celebrating Mass here at 8:15 on Monday, July 4th.

As we begin the month of July, we will be having our annual “Christmas in July”, when we ask for necessary supplies for the upcoming school year. Please be sure to take a look at our trees and to take an ornament which has a need for our school and parish. You may place your donation under the tree, in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office. There is also a donation box under each tree for your monetary donation. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and school.

This year, we were very close but not able to end our fiscal year in the black. The final figures will be in next week’s bulletin and our financial report will be distributed in September. Again, thank you to all who continue to share their time, talent and treasure with our parish and school!

**Blessings,
Fr. John**

Question of the Week – What “harvests” is your parish being called to reap?

Reading 1 Isaiah 66:10-14c

Reading 2 Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or Luke 10:1-9

Reflection: If Jesus sounds like he means business in this reading, he does! What matters most to him in the whole world is to make people understand that the reign of God is at hand. This is why he sends his disciples out in every direction.

The harvest (people who have not heard the good news of the gospel) is ready right now. Jesus instructs the disciples to go quickly and travel light. They are to spread his peace, cure the sick, and proclaim the reign of God.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK JUNE 20– 26		DID YOU KNOW... You can use your smartphone to make donations to the church? There is an easy to use App called <i>Online Giving</i> created by Our Sunday Visitor. Forget your envelope? No problem, just open the App and make your donation. In addition to your weekly giving, you can donate to Special Collections and Fundraisers. At any time, you can see what your year to date donations are and an annual contribution statement will be mailed to you at the end of the year. Thank you in advance for using this convenient way of supporting our Church!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$21,664.17	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$5,817.68	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$15,846.49	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$1,210,523.53	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$1,269,832.61	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$59,309.08)	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

JULY 9/10

- ALTAR SERVERS:** 5:00 PM: Wyatt Brungardt, Jackson Cramer
 10:30 AM: Sam Parys, Ryan Pfeiffer
- CANDLE BEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Kobe Mulcahy, Marianna Stevenson
 10:30 AM: David Taylor, Craig Taylor
- LECTORS:** 5:00 PM: Jerry Bexten
 7:30 AM: Dorie Mittlieder
 10:30 AM: Bill Cheese
- DEACON:** 10:30 AM: Deacon Fred Hendricks
- EMHCs:** 5:00 PM: Matt Swoboda, Jim Shepherd
 Mary Ann Taylor,
 Angie Bahle-Lampe, Kim Hill
 7:30 AM: Bev Demkowski, Dorothy Polan,
 Kathy Rossitto, Maria Hackenberg,
 Need 1 volunteer
 10:30 AM: DeLynne Clausen, Trudie Ahlstrom,
 Fannie Parker, Nancy Ryckman,

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- GIFTBEARERS:** 5:00 PM: Bahle Family
 7:30 AM: Polan Family
 10:30 AM: Taborsky Family
- MUSICIANS:** 5:00 PM: Colleen and the Church Ladies
 10:30 AM: Kim Becker and Friends
- NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** 5:00 PM: Joni Locher
 7:30 AM: Mary Todd
 10:30 AM: Jane Cheese
- COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Bev Baer, Roy Edwards,
 Dave Parks, George and Marsha Moon
- COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Rita Ziska, David Krueger
- IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:** Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd
- 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

Mass Intentions July 4 - 10

Monday	8:15 AM	Mary Beth Clark + William and Doralyn Huerter +
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Vincent and Maxine McMahan + The Gitter Family Int.
Wednesday	8:15 AM	PJ Int. Donna Sobotka +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Tom Mills + Joyce Svasek +
Friday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joe Reeves + Gianna Spencer
Sunday	7:30 AM	Bev Rawley + Jerry and Katie Zenk +
	10:30 AM	Jack and Glenda Merwald + Joyce Svasek +



Please help us help our students, our families, teachers and school staff get what they need to be their best! Stop by and see our trees in the front and back of Church.

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER FOR FAMILY FORMATION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR!

Registration Forms can be found at all of the doors in Church. **Registrations received after July 15th add \$100.** 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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF BARBARA DENNE AND PEGGY VENCIL. Barbara is the wife of Charles Denne. She was buried from St. Leo's Catholic Church this past Monday. Peggy is the mother-mother-in-law of Lori and Rick Elliott. She was buried from St. John's Church in Valley on Wednesday, June 22nd.



500 Club Winners

- \$130 - Anh Taylor, \$70 - Merl Core, \$30 - Therese O'Neill,
- \$25 - Hugh Reilly,
- \$20 - Larry Colling, Kelly Jones, Ray Perrigo
- \$15 - Barb Mensen, Jerry Hodges, Rob Marshall, Regina Cronkhitte

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

The School office will be closed during the month of July. It will re-open Monday, August 1st. If you need assistance before August 1st, please leave a message on the school phone# 402-455-8666 or call the Parish Office at 402-455-1289.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR! Pre-K through Eighth Grade. We have openings in our 4/5 yr old Pre-Kindergarten class on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Your child must be potty trained and have turned 4 by July 31st. For more information, please call the St. Philip Neri School Office at 402-455-8666 & leave a message. Our principal or Pre-K Teacher will return your call at their earliest convenience.

LABELS FOR LEARNING™ PROGRAM WILL GO THROUGH JULY, 2016! We will receive 5¢ for every Our Family ® product (barcode) that we turn in. Please bring the UPC barcodes & place them in the basket in back of Church before July 24th. For every bundle of 500 UPC barcodes collected, we will receive \$25. We will then be able to use this money to help supply the needed materials for our children's education & school.

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)

HELP PREVENT A SUMMER SHORTAGE!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS/
RED CROSS SUMMER
BLOOD DRIVE is Saturday,
July 23rd, in the SPN
Activity Center. Schedule
your appointment at the
doors of Church today or go online to
www.redcrossblood.org use sponsor code: 009603
Questions? Call Myron Smedra at 402-457-5622.



~ NERI DOLLAR NEWS ~

Thank you Thank you Thank you!
Circle #7 is able to write a check to the Parish for approx.\$5,000 from the Neri Dollar account.



Please continue to use Neri Dollars and also the "TAGG" Program throughout the year! With your help, we will be able to write a BIGGER check next year!
All special preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Summer Sale

Friday, July 29 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
and Saturday, July 30 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
in the St. Philip Neri Activity Center!

We will have 3 "drop off" dates for you to make donations to the sale. Friday - July 22 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Sunday - July 24 from 6 - 8 p.m., and Monday - July 25 from 5 - 7 p.m. For the summer sale, we will accept clean, gently used household items, baby items, toys, tools, furniture, clothing, etc. - NO paint, pesticides, toxins, - big desks or "old" TV sets.

We also need volunteers to help fill the timeslots - to work the sale and also set up and take down the sale. We are hoping to only schedule volunteers for 2 or 3 hour shifts.

If you are a school parent or student who needs service hours, this is a great way to get them. Many hands make light work! Please help us meet our goal of \$5,000.00!

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS A LECTOR OR EMHC & HAVE NOT COMPLETED THE ARCHDIOCESAN TRAINING, there will be classes on Aug. 7 at St. Columbkille from 1:30-4:30 pm, Aug. 9 at St. Leo from 7-10 pm, & Aug. 22 from 7-10 pm at St. Vincent de Paul. You are invited to attend one of these sessions. *Please contact the Parish Office no later than July 20 to register.* Mandation at St. Cecilia Cathedral on Thurs., Sept. 8 at 7 pm.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR When the Smith family moved into their new house, a visiting grandparent asked five-year-old Tommy how he liked the new place. "It's great," he said. "I have my own room, Alex has his own room, and Jamie has her own room. But poor mom is still stuck with dad."

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 plan for this to be the BIGGEST & BEST Festival Country Store!

THE WEEK AHEAD
SUNDAY, JULY 3

- KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** – Trailer in Parking Lot
- NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**
- NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

MONDAY, JULY 4
INDEPENDENCE DAY!
8:15 A.M. **MASS** – Church



SATURDAY, JULY 9

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, JULY 10

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS AND BAKERS:

St. Philip Neri Blessed Sacrament Parish is making a change in our annual Altar Society Bake Sale and Boutique. It is now going to be a Craft Show and Bake Sale. This will be held in our Activity Center on Saturday, November 19, 2016. We are still asking all women to please bake for this ALL DAY EVENT. We will need items to be dropped off Friday evening at the Activity Center. ALL proceeds from the bake sale and table rentals will go to the Altar Society's funds to help pay for Hosts (Altar Breads), Missals, and other Altar Society funded events. If you are a CRAFTER and interested in a table or tables for the Craft Show, please contact Beverly Baer at 402-650-1104 or email at bbaer1234@aol.com for details. There is a deadline for registrations so don't wait. Spaces will be filled on a first come-first serve basis and it is open for anyone, it is not just for parishioners. Reminders will be in our bulletin later in the year for our bakers.

WE KNOW AS CATHOLICS that we're called to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to others, but many of us just don't know where to begin? If this sounds like you, join Spirit 102.7-FM for *Evangelization 101: Even YOU Can Share the Faith* with Steve Ray on Wed., July 13 at Christ the King Church at 7:30 p.m. Listen to expert Steve Ray share, inspire & teach us how to bring the Faith to others. Tickets: \$5 Available at the Spirit 102.7-FM, Gloria Deo, Adoremus Books, Cosgraves & Christ the King Church. For more info. visit spiritcatholicradio.com

2016 MARRIAGE CELEBRATION Archbishop George J. Lucas invites you to attend the annual Mass honoring couples who are celebrating 5, 25, 40, 50, 55, 60 or more years of marriage on Sunday, Sept. 11th. Rosary at 1:30pm, Mass at 2pm. St. Cecilia's Cathedral, 715 N. 40th St. Seating begins at 1:15 p.m. Reception immediately following ceremony. Registration required by Wed., July 27th. Sponsored by the Center for Family Life Formation. If you have questions, contact Reggan 402-551-9003 x1300. For more info. & registration visit family.archomaha.org/enriching-marriage/enrichment-events/

WHAT IS THE FORTNIGHT FOR FREEDOM?

Each year dioceses around the country arrange special events to highlight the importance of defending religious freedom. The Fortnight for Freedom is from June 21—the vigil of the Feasts of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More—to July 4, Independence Day—a great hymn of prayer for our country. Our liturgical calendar celebrates a series of great martyrs who remained faithful in the face of persecution by political power—St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, St. John the Baptist, SS. Peter and Paul, and the First Martyrs of the Church of Rome. Culminating on Independence Day, this special period of prayer, study, catechesis, and public action would emphasize both our Christian and American heritage of liberty.

We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both, grateful for the gift of faith which is ours as Christian disciples, and grateful for the gift of liberty which is ours as American citizens. To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should instead be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding and our Constitution, which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together.

Freedom is not only for Americans, but we think of it as something of our special inheritance, fought for at a great price, and a heritage to be guarded now. We are stewards of this gift, not only for ourselves but for all nations and peoples who yearn to be free. Catholics in America have discharged this duty of guarding freedom admirably for many generations. Religious liberty is not only about our ability to go to Mass on Sunday or pray the Rosary at home. It is about whether we can make our contribution to the common good of all Americans. Can we do the good works our faith calls us to do, without having to compromise that very same faith? Without religious liberty properly understood, all Americans suffer, deprived of the essential contribution in education, health care, feeding the hungry, civil rights, and social services that religious Americans make every day, both here at home and overseas. To all our fellow Catholics, we urge an intensification of your prayers and fasting for a new birth of freedom in our beloved country. We invite you to join us in an urgent prayer for religious liberty.

*Almighty God, Father of all nations,
For freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (Gal 5:1).
We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty,
the foundation of human rights, justice, and the common good.
Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our
liberties;*

*By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for
ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our
patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one
God, forever and ever. Amen.*

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS CHI Health Creighton University Medical Center is seeking adult volunteers to help in various areas of the hospital. If you like to meet new & interesting people, have the heart of a servant, & can spare a little time, Please go online to: www.CHIHealth.com/volunteers, select Creighton University Medical Center to apply & become a volunteer. The rewards are great!

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.

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE for Adults and **WHO AM I NOW?** for Children at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 1920 N. 102 St. - Omaha, Wed. evenings at 7 p.m., July 6 – Aug. 10.

COPING WITH LIFE ALONE SESSIONS for adults designed to help adult individuals work through the trauma of divorce, separation or the loss of a spouse through death. Open to individuals of all faiths. Sponsored by The Beginning Experience Team of Omaha. Cost is \$25. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required.

"Who Am I Now?" for children ages 5 -12 will be held in conjunction with the Coping With Life Alone Sessions for adults. Designed to help children adjust to the changes in family life due to the death of a parent or the divorce or separation of their parents. The children are placed in age appropriate groups & guided in activities designed to help them express feelings about their experience. Cost is \$10 for one child or \$15 for a family. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required for the Children's sessions.

Believing Is Seeing; Seeing Is Knowing, July 14 - 17 with Fr. Larry Gillick, SJ. These days will be spent together in spiritual silence. Conferences will be presented flowing from Scripture & the text of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Special emphasis will be placed on the call of Jesus to "Come and See" as well as Jesus' restoring physical sight to several persons in the Gospels. For more info., call 402-352-8819 or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com