

Dear Parishioners,

Please remember Father John in your prayers as he returns from retreat.

Blessings,

Your Parish Staff

**Question of the Week – Is there a better word for the sacrament than "confession"?**

Your experience of the sacrament will be enriched if you name the sacrament—and think about it as— "Reconciliation." Confession only names one part of the sacrament, and not the most important part at that. Reconciliation names what is most important, what Jesus does. "Sacrament of Reconciliation" is the name used in the rite itself and was the name preferred by Pope Paul VI who issued the new ritual.

The word *reconciliation* is rich in meaning. It suggests the gift of God's forgiveness and the removal of the barriers we place between ourselves, our community and our God. Reconciliation means the re-bridging of the gap between God and us and between ourselves and others. It also suggests the deep peace that comes from being brought back into harmony with God, with sisters and brothers and with the whole of creation.

**PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF AUGUST 28 – SEPTEMBER 3**

<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$11,832.77</b>
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$25,742.40</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$13,909.63)</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$162,934.58</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$213,492.94</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$50,558.36)</b>

**DID YOU KNOW...** Sales for our Festival Raffle last year were \$15,140.00? We can definitely beat this amount this year! Raffle tickets are currently on sale for \$20.00 a piece. Please purchase a ticket, sell one to a friend, a neighbor, a relative, a coworker, or just buy 2 for yourself! If everyone purchases just 1 ticket and sells 1 ticket, we will ensure a successful 2016 Festival and in turn a successful year for our school and church. Thank you!!

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS:**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

**5:00 PM:**  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Zach Cypress, Dominic Martello  
**CANDLE BEARERS:** Kobe Mulcahy, Ryan Pfeiffer  
**LECTORS:** Rob Barrett  
**EMHCs:** Angie Bahle-Lampe, Kim Hill, Jeanette Pinker, Mary Ann Taylor, Ellen and Wayne Russell  
**GIFTBEARERS:** Bahle Family  
**MUSICIANS:** Bryan Kinghorn and Friends  
**NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:** Lynn Ingraham  
**USHERS:** Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

<p><b>7:30 AM:</b>  <b>LECTORS:</b> Alyce Kozimor  <b>EMHCs:</b> Bob and Betty Jones, Bruno Kozimor, Dorie Mittlieder, George and Marsha Moon  <b>GIFTBEARERS:</b> Schonberner Family  <b>NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:</b> Patty Wiederholt  <b>USHERS:</b> Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM:</b>  <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> Nick Meier, Jerad Peck  <b>CANDLE BEARERS:</b> Amir Ring, David Taylor  <b>LECTORS:</b> Rita Ziska  <b>EMHCs:</b> Bev Baer, Kelli Brock, Tamatha Buell, Bill Cheese, Roy Edwards, Dave Parks  <b>GIFTBEARERS:</b> Doran Family  <b>MUSICIANS:</b> Kim Becker  <b>NERI DOLLAR SELLERS:</b> Terri Herman  <b>USHERS:</b> Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe</p>
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**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Mary Fink, Kathy Rossitto  
**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Rita Ziska, Dave Krueger  
**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—THURSDAY, SEPT. 15:** Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd

**ATTENTION! ALL EMHC's:** Please plan to meet with Fr. John for a few minutes after Mass next weekend for a quick refresher for the experienced EMHC's or an introduction for the new ministers. Fr. John will meet with you after Mass in the Sacristy.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF LAURA POTTER.** Laura is the daughter of Patricia Potter and the sister – sister-in-law of Julie and Martin Merriman. Funeral services are pending.

**COME JOIN IN THE FUN!** Our Fall Festival is Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>! It's an all day affair, starting with our 5K Hills of Florence Challenge, a great cook-out, music, games, & activities. An expanded country store you **MUST** explore! We will have Mass on the Grass (Bring your lawn chair!) & an evening with Huskers on the screen, snacks, & refreshments in our beer garden!

**WELCOMING VOLUNTEERS!**

*Please pick an activity that you would enjoy and call...*

- Games** Emily O'Neill 402-933-8192 or Sarah Bohnenkamp 402-889-3697
- Food** Bruno Kozimor 402-455-3994 or Larry Ziska 402-451-3189
- Country Store-Sweet Shop** Marsha Moon 402-455-1485 or DeLynne Clausen 402-455-9610
- Beer Garden** David O'Neill 402-933-8192 or Rock Cramer 402-455-0432
- Set Up and Clean Up** Tim Kiuntke 402-571-8600
- Where you need me most!** Rick Elliott 402-573-6627 or Kim Hill 402-573-9467

**Be sure to get your ticket for a chance to win \$2,500!!!**

**\$20 per chance!**

\$2,500 Grand Prize

\$1,000 Second Prize

\$500 Third Prize

4th Prize is 1/4 of a hog (processed meat)

5<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> prize is a choice of \$50 Neri Dollars

*It's a party for our entire community!*

**Plan to bring your family, friends and neighbors!**

**SUPPORT OUR CUB SCOUTS!** Cub Scout Pack 2 will be selling popcorn at the Festival this year! Come by & pick up a great gift tin, some microwave popcorn for snacking, or even some popping corn for making at home! This is our main fundraiser for the year, & helps us provide a great program for our K-5 boys. Also come see us after Mass the weekend of Sept. 24-25.

**Mass Intentions September 12 - 18**

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Bob Pierce + Betty Louk +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Colleen Minturn + William & DoraLyn Huerter +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Angela Militti + Jack & Ann O'Connor +
Friday	8:15 AM	Vincent & Maxine McMahan + Peg Ricketts Int.
Saturday	5:00 PM	Jack & Glenda Merwald + John Waltermeyer +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Kathy Rossitto Int. Ricketts Family September Birthdays Int.
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int.

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS: NEED SERVICE HOURS?**

We need assistance with the volleyball games! Call Shelly at 402-740-5670 or email: [spnactivity@gmail.com](mailto:spnactivity@gmail.com)

**FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL ADULTS**

**Sponsored by That Man is You!**

*The Bible and the Virgin Mary*

DISCOVER

- Mary's Scriptural Role in Salvation History
- Christ as the New Adam, Mary as the New Eve
- Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant
- Mary as Perpetual Virgin
- Mary as Our Mother

PROGRAM INFORMATION

In this beautiful and awe-inspiring series based on Dr. Scott Hahn's book Hail, Holy Queen, watch the Mary of doctrine and devotion come alive in a powerful, new way!

Presented by Matthew Leonard, executive director of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, this study will present new discoveries to even the most well-read Catholics.

**When?** Saturday mornings (12 sessions) beginning Oct. 1

**Where?** Parish Center

Schedule:

7:00 am – Gather/social

7:30 am – 30 minute program video

8:00 am – small group discussion

8:30 am – dismiss

Program cost -- \$15 for participant books

Please email or call Tom Carney to sign up or with any questions. 402-578-6879 or [carneytom@yahoo.com](mailto:carneytom@yahoo.com)

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR**

- Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.
- A computer once beat me at chess, but it was no match for me at kick boxing.
- Ever stop to think and forget to start again?
- When I married Mr. Right, I had no idea his first name was "Always".
- My wife got 8 out of 10 on her driver's test – the other two guys managed to jump out of her way.
- Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
- If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.
- If tomatoes are technically a fruit, is ketchup a smoothie?

**ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL**

“Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety, and Fear of the Lord”

**HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR'S CASH FOR STUDENTS**

**PROGRAM** begins Thursday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> & continues through Saturday, Dec, 31, & includes all fourteen Omaha & Council Bluffs Hy-Vee stores. **Here's how it works:**

Parents, grandparents, staff & administrators shop at any of the Hy-Vee stores. Please turn in your receipts to the school. Hy-Vee records & totals the receipts collected by each school & agrees to donate \$1 for every \$200 spent. The maximum award to be donated per school is \$2,000.

School

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD –**

During

10:30 Mass

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 – GRANDPARENTS DAY!**

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

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD –**

During

10:30

**PLEASE BRING ONE FOOD ITEM** (example: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Rice, Canned Soup, Vegetables or Fruit) for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Barrels in Church next weekend. *If you have any extra produce – (that you are not saving or canning for our Fall Festival), the pantry could use it!* Any loose change or dollar bills dropped in the Poor Box would also be appreciated.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

6:30 P.M. **CUB SCOUTS** - Parish Center

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

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

9:15 A.M. **WISDOM AND WORKS OF MERCY BIBLE STUDY** - Parish Center Stage

7:00 P.M. **BAPTISM CLASS** - Parish Center Library

7:00 P.M. **MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY** - Parish Center

7:00 P.M. **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** - Activity Center Meeting Room

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14**

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

9:00 A.M. **MATTHEW BIBLE STUDY** - Activity Center Meeting Room

7:00 P.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** - Parish Center

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

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

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

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

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**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**EMHC'S - LECTORS MEETING** - Sacristy – After Mass

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**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**EMHC'S - LECTORS MEETING** - Sacristy - After Both Masses

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION KICK OFF** -

~ NERI DOLLAR NEWS ~

Now available!



We can pre-order \$10 Goodcents Sub cards & we will receive a 12% rebate! Check the on-hand and pre-order list located at the doors of Church for all your shopping needs.

*All preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PLAN TO DONATE TO THE COUNTRY STORE AT THE FALL FESTIVAL WHEN HARVESTING YOUR GARDENS OR SPLITTING YOUR PLANTS.** This is sure to be the biggest & best Country Store ever!

**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, held in our Activity Center on Sat., 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.

If you are a CRAFTER & interested in a table or tables for the Craft Show, please contact Beverly Baer at 402-650-1104 or email at [bbaer1234@aol.com](mailto: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 & are open to the public.

**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.

**Ignatian Spirituality Opportunity at Creighton Prep**

Fr. Kevin Schneider, SJ, will lead you in prayer & discussion of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius & share ways to apply this very practical, Catholic spirituality to everyday life. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Chapel at Prep, 7400 Western Ave., (accessed through the east doors to the building). Join us for any or all of the meetings. For more info., please contact Lisa Scherer ([lscherer3885@gmail.com](mailto:lscherer3885@gmail.com) or 402-630-6171.

**“EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS”** – “About the Death Penalty: Repeal or Retain?” Presented by Ellen Moore, Omaha Together One Community (OTOC) & “Retain a Just Nebraska” who will help us understand this history, learn death penalty facts, & untangle the ballot language so we can vote our conscience on Nov. 8th. Join us on Sept. 15, 7 to 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.

**Celebrate The Jubilee Year of Mercy with the Life In The Spirit Seminar 2016**

You are invited to join the St. Margaret Mary Charismatic Prayer Group & deepen your spiritual life.

When: Monday, September 19, 9:30 – 11:00 AM

Where: St. Margaret Mary Church Suneg Center, lower level, 6116 Dodge St.

Prepare to have your heart opened to a greater awareness of the Holy Spirit in your life. Free to all, men and women of all ages are welcome. Childcare is provided. To register via email, please contact [khavranek@yahoo.com](mailto:khavranek@yahoo.com) or call 402-681-3743

**UPCOMING RETREATS AT ST. BENEDICT CENTER, SCHUYLER, NE,** Register at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) For more information, call 402-352-8819.

Praying with our Senses: Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord, Sept. 16-18, with Benedictine Oblate *Jodi Blazek Gehr*. “Make prayer the first step in anything worthwhile that you attempt” (St. Benedict). God created us in our bodies to fully experience the world through our senses of taste, touch, smell, sight & hearing. By using our senses, in conjunction with our emotions, imagination, creativity & intuition, we can grow in connection to self, God & others. Engage your senses in diverse prayer practices like Visio and Lectio Divina, journaling, guided meditation, contemplation & Mass, using words, images, music, creativity, & movement. The retreat is a great opportunity to reflect on our way of life. Starts Friday at 7:30 PM.

Transitioning into the Third Chapter of Life, Oct. 1–2, with Sr. *Marie Micheletto*, RSM & life coach *Nancy Hemesath*, M.A. This is an opportunity to explore the spiritual & psychological riches available in retirement years. Extended life expectancy potentially offers years of growth, creativity, contribution to our communities, & deepening our relationship with Christ. Designed to support participants to shape the life they will love to live physically, mentally, emotionally, & spiritually. Begins Sat. at 9:30 AM.

Contemplative Photography: Seeing With the Eyes of the Heart, Oct. 8, with *Rita Otis*. Seeing & taking photographs with the eyes of the heart is photography as meditation – contemplative photography. It is an “easy focus” way of photography that is about invitation rather than capture. This retreat offers ways to strengthen the spiritual muscle of seeing with the heart. Participants need to bring their own camera & journal. A lap top to down load photos is optional. Program fee: \$30. Lunch available for \$10.50 (includes tax).

**EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT THE DENTENTION OF ASYLUM-SEEKING MOTHERS & CHILDREN** by attending an information session on Thurs., Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Urban Abbey, 1026 Jackson St.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ABOUT THE ASSOCIATE PROGRAM OF THE NOTRE DAME SISTERS.**

Associates of the Notre Dame Sisters are men & women who feel called to live out their Baptismal commitment through the Notre Dame Sisters’ charism, tradition, history & mission. Join us on Sept. 22, from 7-8 p.m. at the Notre Dame Sisters’ Campus at 3501 State St. Enter by the west door. Please RSVP by contacting Mary Brown at 402-455-2994 x101 or email

[mbrown@notredamesisters.org](mailto:mbrown@notredamesisters.org)

**SEPT. 22-24 MADE IN HIS IMAGE: HUMAN DIGNITY IN A SECULAR WORLD** will focus on topics that pose important ethical questions for us as Catholics in our modern, secular age. The conference portion will consist of a Thursday evening event & presentations on Fri. & Sat. The banquet portion will be the annual Bishops’ Pro-Life Reception & Dinner. Up to 10.25 CEUs available for eligible healthcare professionals. For more information, visit [family.archomaha.org/respecting-life/conference/](http://family.archomaha.org/respecting-life/conference/)

**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.

**HEART OF A CHILD MINISTRIES** gives pro-life presentations to schools & youth groups throughout the archdiocese. Junior high & high school age students have the opportunity to see live ultrasounds in the Nebraskans United for Life Ultrasound RV. We use professional ultrasound technicians, pro-life speakers & educators & volunteer drivers & pregnant women to bring forth this ministry. We are currently looking for new drivers & pregnant women to volunteer for our upcoming school year presentations beginning in October through May. If you are pregnant during this time & would like to show our youth the awesome miracle of life, or have experience driving large vehicles & helping to bring this presentation & ultrasound RV to schools & parishes, please call Nikki Schaefer, Director of Heart of a Child Ministries, at 402-968-5308. No special licensing necessary. More info. can also be found at [www.HeartofaChildMinistries.org](http://www.HeartofaChildMinistries.org)