

**Dear Parishioners,**

A special thank you to all who worked on the 500 Club Dinner this year. Thank you to our new members. We are currently at 130 members - our goal is to have 500 members in our 500 Club and we are well on our way!

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports programs that ensure the dignity of life from birth to death, and forms the minds and hearts for people of all ages. Please consider how much your gift will enable the Church to bear witness to the kingdom of God in our midst. I thank all those who have generously given to the Appeal.

**Blessings,**

**Fr. John**

### **Question of the Week – Why do you insist on imposing your religion on people - - can't you just live and let live?**

That may be your philosophy, but it's not what Jesus said. He told his disciples to take the gospel to all men: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:18-19).

This is known as the Great Commission, not the Great Imposition.

Jesus commanded his followers to make others Christians through preaching and baptism. We must all, in one capacity or another, be evangelists and present the truth of Christ to those who don't yet accept it. In so doing, we aren't imposing anything on them. Christ wants a free acceptance of himself and his message. Evangelization is not an imposition but an act of charity. Through it the whole truth about God and man is made known to people in need. Those outside the Church hear the message of Christ the Savior and become united with him in his Church, his Mystical Body.

"Live and let live" is a false philosophy. It reduces to Cain's question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" In things spiritual as well as things material, we are indeed our brother's keeper.

<b>PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF OCT. 9 - 15</b>		<b>DID YOU KNOW...</b> St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish
<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$12,051.62</b>	supports our teachers retirement by contributing 3% their salary to a retirement plan? The parish pays this on a quarterly
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$62,714.21</b>	basis and is a cost of about \$6,000.00 per quarter. If you would
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$50,662.59)</b>	like to contribute to this very important benefit, please contact
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$325,764.43</b>	Fr. John or Fred at the Parish Office. Thank you!
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$401,955.95</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$76,191.52)</b>	

**ONE SUNDAY TO HELP THE WHOLE WORLD** Every year, something special happens on the next to last Sunday of October – **World Mission Sunday** joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass this Sunday, we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Propagation of the Faith.

As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish, seminary, school and convent all over the world. Together with our brothers and sisters in the Missions we offer our prayers and sacrifices so that others may come to know Jesus...and to experience His Mercy as we express our merciful concern for those in greatest need!

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries! And it provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalizes in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.

#### **FAITH FORMATION : *The Bible and the Virgin Mary* Sponsored by That Man is You!**

In the Parish Center, Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m.

#### **Week 5:**

- The background of the original Ark of the Covenant in the Old Testament
- Luke's parallels between Mary and the Ark of the Covenant
- Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: <u>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29</u>	<u>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30</u>	10:30 AM: ALTAR SERVERS: Tiana Earlywine, Ryan Greenwood, CANDLE BEARERS: Sophia Minturn David Taylor LECTOR: Rita Ziska EMHCs: Kelli Brock, Cathy Fluckey Tamatha Buell, De Lynne Clausen, Dave Parks, Bill Cheese GIFTBEARERS: Doran Family MUSICIANS: Kim Becker NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Mary Tracy USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe
<p>5:00 PM: ALTAR SERVERS: Wyatt Brungardt, Gracie Murphy CANDLE BEARERS: Ryan Pfeiffer, Amir Ring LECTOR: Hugh Reilly EMHCs: Jeanette Pinker, Diane Sullivan, Wayne and Ellen Russell, Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda GIFTBEARERS: Treves Family MUSICIANS: Colleen Monti and the Church Ladies NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Susan Matsunami USHERS: Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer</p>	<p>7:30 AM:  LECTOR: Peg Ricketts EMHCs: Regina Cronkhite, Bonnie Shea, Bob &amp; Betty Jones, Bev Demkowski, Mary Todd  GIFTBEARERS: Haines Family  NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Bonnie Shea USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>	

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Mary Fink  
 COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Nancy Bohnenkamp, Patty Wiederholt  
 IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS—THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27: Roy Edwards, Rich McShane

We need Liturgical Ministers for all All Saints Day Masses! Please call the Parish Office to volunteer!

**Mass Intentions October 24 –30**

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Del Murphy + Margaret Pleiss + Jim Graves +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Thursday	8:15 AM	Poor Souls Donna Sobotka +
Friday	8:15 AM	Vincent & Maxine McMahon +
Saturday	5:00 PM	John Gubbels + Deacon Al LeClair +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Jerry and Katie Zenk + Merl Core +
	10:30 AM	Marjie Murphy Int. Sr. Ann Marie Int.

**THE FAMILY OF JIM GRAVES WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND A HUGE "THANK YOU" TO FATHER JOHN WHO CAME TO THE HOSPITAL WITHIN MINUTES OF MY CALL.** He helped us get through that difficult time with prayers and his presence. Jim's service was wonderful. Huge thanks to Marie who got things moving, to Marsha, Carol, Barb and the other Ladies who put together and served the luncheon. To all the Ladies that made the wonderful salads and desserts. To the musician, what a wonderful voice he has. And to everyone else who helped with Jim's service. They made a difficult task doable. I have had many compliments on everything and can't thank you enough. I feel blessed to be counted in your numbers. ~ Sue Graves



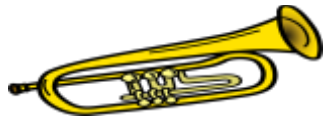
**BUNDLE SUNDAY** is next Weekend – Oct. 29/30! As you are cleaning your closets to get ready for colder weather & the holidays, remember there will be a St. Vincent de Paul truck in our parking lot before & after all the Masses to collect your gently used clothing, coats, & household items. Many in our community can't afford winter wear like coats, hats, gloves, & boots. Donate new or gently used coats & other cold weather gear at a SVdP store or call for a pick-up at your home – 402-341-1688. The Coat Giveaway Day is Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>. There is a great need for essential foods. Please fill our barrels in Church with canned soup, fruit, tomatoes, & other items. Thank you for helping us help others!





**TEAM UP WITH OUR KNIGHTS AND THE RED CROSS!** As the holiday season approaches, give the perfect gift. Give Blood. Knights of Columbus Blood Drive is Saturday, Nov. 12 from 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the Activity Center. To schedule your appointment, go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) & use sponsor code: 009603 If you have any questions or need more info, call Myron Smedra at 402-457-5622. **Give Something that Means Something.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ISAIAH SUTHERLAND!** Isaiah participated in the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Beginning Band Olympics this week & received a Silver – Second Place, for his talent playing the trumpet. We are proud of you Isaiah!



**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** Two kids are talking to each other. One says, "I'm really worried. My dad works twelve hours a day to give me a nice home & good food. My mom spends the whole day cleaning & cooking for me. I'm worried sick!" The other kid says, "What have you got to worry about? Sounds to me like you've got it made!" The first kid says, "What if they try to escape?"

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~  
Now available!



We now have a limited number of \$25 & \$10 Panera Gift Cards on hand! Check the on-hand & 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 Pray for the Candidates and our Nation**

"No one can rejoice more than I do at every step the people of this great country take to preserve the Union, establish good order and government, and to render the nation happy at home and respectable abroad. No country upon earth ever had it more in its power to attain these blessings than United America. Wondrously strange then, and much to be regretted indeed would it be, were we to neglect the means, and to depart from the road which Providence has pointed us, so plainly; I cannot believe it will ever come to pass. The Great Governor of the Universe has led us too long and too far on the road to happiness and glory, to forsake us in the midst of it. By folly and improper conduct, proceeding from a variety of causes, we may now and then get bewildered; but I hope and trust that there is good sense and virtue enough left to recover the right path before we shall be entirely lost."

~ George Washington, June 29, 1788



**ATTENTION ALL CRAFTERS AND BAKERS:**

St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish Annual Craft Show and Bake Sale, will be held in our Activity Center on Sat., November 19. We are still asking all women to please bake for this ALL DAY EVENT. Items will need to be dropped off Friday evening at the Activity Center. ALL proceeds from the bake sale & table rentals will go to the Altar Society's funds to help pay for Hosts (Altar Breads), Missals, & other Altar Society funded events. 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.

**ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL**

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

**SPECIAL THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE SPN SCHOOL "JIMMY JOHN'S" NIGHT!** Our school received a check for \$92! Please be sure & mark your calendars for the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month & let Jimmy John's do the cooking. The next Jimmy John's Night is Tuesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Let the clerks know you are there to support SPN School & we will receive 15% of the proceeds.

**IMPORTANT DATES IN OCTOBER FOR SPN SCHOOL:**

- October 25<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report cards go home
- October 27<sup>th</sup> - 1:00 dismissal - Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 28<sup>th</sup> - No School
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - Halloween! Classroom parties will be in the afternoon.
- October 31<sup>st</sup> - Last day for uniform shorts**

**HY-VEE RECEIPTS – THIS YEAR'S CASH FOR STUDENTS PROGRAM** continues through Saturday, Dec. 31, & includes all fourteen Omaha & Council Bluffs Hy-Vee stores. **Here's how it works:** Anyone who shops at any of the Hy-Vee stores can turn in their 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.

**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23**

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

**SPECIAL COLLECTION AT ALL MASSES: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION – 2<sup>ND</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES ONLY** – School

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** -

During 10:30 Mass

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 24**

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

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**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25**

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. **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** - Activity Center Meeting Room

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

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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26**

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

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

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27**

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

1:00 P.M. **EARLY DISMISSAL** – School

2:00 P.M. **PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES** – School

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

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**

7:00 P.M. **THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY BIBLE STUDY** - Parish Center

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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY** – Truck in Parking Lot

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**

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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY** – Truck in Parking Lot

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**NO FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**IS YOUR CHILD AN ARTIST?** Have you always wanted to learn how to draw? Give Mary Wolford a call at 402-370-6475. Mary teaches private drawing lessons to all ages!

**MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE AQUINAS FORUM, A CATHOLIC LECTURE SERIES FOR INQUIRING MINDS** on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 7 p.m., at Gloria Deo, 13065 W. Center Rd. Rev. Gary Coulter, Director of Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly, will present, "Jesus the Bridegroom," based in part on Dr. Brant Pitre's book of the same title. Fr. Coulter will discuss how the life of Christ & his crucifixion are nothing less than the greatest love story ever told.

Free & open to the public; free will offerings welcome.

**ENJOY CHIPOTLE! SUPPORT RONCALLI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Join the Crimson Pride for a tasty fundraiser at Chipotle at 201 S. 72<sup>nd</sup> St. on Friday, Oct. 28, 5p.m. to 9 p.m. Tell the cashier that you are there to support Roncalli & half of the proceeds will go directly to the school. Several of our students are employed by Chipotle.

**MERCY HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS: THE WIZARD OF OZ**

Oct. 28, 29, Nov. 4 & 5 at 7 p.m. & Oct. 30 at 2 p.m.

Tickets: Adults: \$12, Children & Students: \$8,

Mercy Students: \$6

Get your tickets at <http://mh6395.booktix.com/>

**SPIRIT CATHOLIC RADIO PRESENTS THE CATHOLIC ANSWERS CONFERENCE**, Saturday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> at DJ Sokol Arena.

Learn how to share the faith with others from speakers Patrick Coffin, Trent Horn, Tim Staples, Karlo Broussard & Christopher Check, as heard on the hit radio program Catholic Answers Live! Archbishop Lucas & Bishop Conley will also be speaking. Learn how to be an evangelist & leave feeling on fire for your faith! Doors open at 9am & the conference will be from 10 am - 4:30 pm. Lunch & conference materials provided. Parking is free. Add'l information including how to purchase tickets is available at [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com) or call 855-571-0200.

**ANNUAL CZECH-MEX FALL DINNER** Oct. 30, 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Assumption School Gym 22<sup>nd</sup> & U St. Dinner includes: Czech Goulash with mashed potatoes or Beef Enchiladas with refried beans & rice, or a combination of both, plus salad, corn, a beverage, & dessert. Adults - \$10 Children 4 to 12 - \$5 Children 3 & under - \$2 Also available: homemade kolaches, bake sale, quilt raffle, & homemakers booth.

**NOTRE DAME SISTERS TO HOST 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL COMMUNITY LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY, NOV. 3<sup>RD</sup>**, at the Omaha Field Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to benefit their sponsored ministry, Notre Dame Housing Inc. which safe & affordable living for older adults in the heart of Omaha's Florence neighborhood. The community is one of respect, love & independence, encouraging growth of body, mind & spirit. Residents are offered life enrichment, health, wellness & supportive services to improve their quality of life, & age in place.

([www.ndhinc.org](http://www.ndhinc.org)) Keynote speaker is Earl Redrick, local HUD Field Office Director & emcee Michael Lyon, KIOS-FM Morning Host. Free to attend! For more info, or to reserve your seat, please contact Mary Brown at 402-455-2994 or [mbrown@notredamesisters.org](mailto:mbrown@notredamesisters.org)

**HOW DO YOU MEND A BROKEN HEART?** Widowed, Separated, Divorced – Coping Sessions Coping is a peer ministry— people caring for people. Meet with a trained group of men & women who are themselves either divorced, separated, or widowed. Fall Sessions begin Monday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> & are each Monday – Nov. 14, 21, 28 & Dec. 5, 12 from 7 – 9 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; 5419 N. 114 St. For more info contact Denise Carlson at 402-551-9003 ext. 1304 or [dmcarlson@archomaha.org](mailto:dmcarlson@archomaha.org)

**REMEMBRANCE MASS: FOR THE LOSS OF CHILDREN** Those who have experience the loss of a child before birth or during infancy are invited to join Fr. Michael Voithofer at St. Gerald's Parish for a Mass in remembrance of children on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This special Mass will offer comfort, healing, & hope as we celebrate & honor our children. Those who have not experienced a loss but wish to honor these children & families are also welcome. For more info, contact Whitney Bradley at [wabradley@archomaha.org](mailto:wabradley@archomaha.org) or 402-551-9003 x1306.

**RETREATS AT ST. BENEDICT CENTER, SCHUYLER, NE,**

**'Totus Christus' Retreat:** Nov. 11-13, with Fr. Francis A. Nigli from St. Wenceslaus Parish. "I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). A retreat for those who want More! Enrich your prayer-life, your marriage, your family-life, your everyday-life! Living In Faith Everyday! That's Life! Too good to be true? Hmm, maybe, just maybe. There is only one way to find out: "Come, and you will see" (John 1:39). Starts Friday, 7:30 PM.

**Amazing Grace: The Gold in Our Brokenness,** Nov. 19, with Sr. Colette Baldwin, RSM. In the Japanese tradition, you never throw the broken parts of a pot away, but save each piece & put them back together using gold. Psalm 51 asks us to bring the "shattered parts" of our lives to God for recreating. This is an experiential retreat with time for prayer, input, reflection, quiet & sharing. Fee: \$30. Lunch is available- \$10.50 (incl. tax).

**Christmas Craft Show:** a special two-week opportunity to do Christmas shopping Nov. 27 - Dec. 11, M-F 2 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Large variety of crafts & gifts made by area artists will be on sale. Book - Gift Store will be open M-F 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Sat. 9:30-10:45 a.m., 1-4 p.m.; Sun. 1-3 p.m.

**Visit Nativity Scenes:** Nov. 27 - Dec. 18; Jan. 2-5, 2017, 8 a.m. to 7p.m. Everyone is invited to make a pilgrimage to St. Benedict Center, at the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, & view God's Love made visible in nativity scenes from the Holy Land, from Africa, Asia, South & North America & Europe. No admission fee. For more info. regarding any of the above events, call 402-352-8819 or visit [www. StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com)

**MARCH FOR LIFE PILGRIMAGE JANUARY 25 - 30, 2017**

Join the Archdiocese of Omaha for a 6 day pilgrimage to Washington D.C. & Philadelphia where we will March for Life, pray for an end to abortion, & visit the shrines of American saints John Neumann & Katherine Drexel. High school youth & adult chaperones can visit [RespectLifeOmaha.com](http://RespectLifeOmaha.com) for more information & to register. Or contact Whitney Bradley at [wabradley@archomaha.org](mailto:wabradley@archomaha.org) or 402-551-9003 x1306.