

Dear Parishioners,

I am excited about our upcoming Parish Mission. You should have received the 'Save the Date' postcard in your mailbox this week. We have chosen Community and Communication for the theme of our mission. Please join us as we learn how to communicate with God and our neighbor more effectively. Our Mission runs from Dec. 3 through 6 with Fr. Nick Cirrillo kicking off our mission at all the Masses over that weekend. Hope to see you there!

Please do not forget to turn in your Annual Appeal cards. If you have misplaced your card, please pick one up at the doors of Church or stop by the Parish Office.

Next Saturday, our Altar Society will be hosting the Craft Show and Bake Sale in our Activity Center. Please stop by and purchase unique homemade gifts to start your Christmas shopping and pick up baked goods for your Thanksgiving Day meal. Invite your family and friends to stop and shop too!

Finally, we thank Mr. Doran for his years of service to our school and parish community. Kim Polsley, head of Klabunde Professional Services will be coming on board November 22.

Blessings,**Fr. John**

**God speaks to us in many ways,
including through this Sunday's Scripture readings.**

The day of the Lord is a day of hope and joy.

Reading 1 Malachi 3:19-20A

Reading 2 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Luke 21:5-19

Question of the Week – Why do Catholics Light Prayer Candles?

According to [A Handbook of Catholic Sacramentals, by Ann Ball \(Our Sunday Visitor Books\)](#), the practice of lighting candles in order to obtain some favor probably has its origins in the custom of burning lights at the tombs of the martyrs in the catacombs. The lights burned as a sign of solidarity with Christians still on earth. Because the lights continually burned as a silent vigil, they became known as vigil lights.

Vigil Lights (from the Latin *vigilia*, which means "waiting" or "watching") are traditionally accompanied by prayers of attention or waiting. Another common type of candle offering is the votive light. Such an offering is indicative of seeking some favor from the Lord or the saint before which the votive is placed.

Lighting a candle is a way of extending one's prayer and showing solidarity with the person on whose behalf the prayer is offered.

In the lighting of candles we remember and truly live the words of Our Lord: **"I am the Light of the World."** In the lighting of candles we not only pray, but our prayers become smaller symbols of the One Light of Christ. In burning candles, our prayers rise up to Heaven day and night; prayers for the saint's intercession are also common because of their friendship with God in Heaven. Saints are powerful intercessors. The lighting of candles has been observed since the early the time of the early martyrs.

A Prayer When Lighting a Votive Light

O, Blessed Lord, and my beloved Mother, Mary, accept this burning candle as a sign of our faith and love for you. Like this candle, we are ready to be used in your service, without asking why and to what purpose. Even as this candle, we wish to stand in your presence to be consumed in the light and warmth of your love. Please hear our prayers, and if it is your will, grant our petition. But above all make us loyal and faithful to you in all circumstances of our life. Amen.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF OCT. 30 – NOV. 5

WEEKLY REVENUE	\$19,406.22
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$32,402.39
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$12,996.17)
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$381,782.64
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$458,183.01
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$76,400.37)

DID YOU KNOW... Our retaining wall behind the school needs repair? After 16 years it has started to shift and needs to be rebuilt. We have a professional landscape company that will be doing the work this week. The cost for this repair will be around \$2,000.00. If you could assist in paying for this very important repair, it would be greatly appreciated. Any donations can be sent to the Parish Office or deposited in the weekly collection basket. Thank you!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

5:00 PM:
ALTAR SERVERS: Autumn-Rose Barnes, James Borosko
CANDLE BEARERS: Jarrad Borosko, Need a volunteer
LECTOR: Hugh Reilly
EMHCs: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Jim Shepherd, Jeanette Pinker, Mary Ann Taylor, Diane Sullivan, Matt Swoboda
GIFTBEARERS: Lampe Family
MUSICIANS: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends

NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Susan Matsunami
USHERS: Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:30 AM:

LECTOR: Hank Henkenius
EMHCs: Bev Demkowski, Regina Cronkhite, Maria Hackenberg, Norine Hoffman, Jan Sammons, Larry Ziska
GIFTBEARERS: Huber Family

NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Patty Wiederholt
USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood

10:30 AM:

ALTAR SERVERS: Tiana Earlywine, Andrew Fink
CANDLE BEARERS: Ryan Greenwood, David Taylor
LECTOR: Rich McShane
EMHCs: Trudie Ahlstrom, Tamatha Buell, Mary Fink, Cathy Fluckey, Fannie Parker, Nancy Ryckman
GIFTBEARERS: Wolodkewitsch Family
MUSICIANS: Kim Becker
NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Terri Herman
USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Kelli Brock, Betty and Bob Jones, Joni Locher
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Liz Maycock, Patty Wiederholt
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17: Bill Cheese, Dave Parks

Mass Intentions November 14– 20

Monday	8:15 AM	Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Poor Souls + Don Beiber +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Swoboda Family Living & Deceased Tim Kiuntke Int.
Thursday	8:15 AM	SPN School Teachers
Friday	8:15 AM	Vincent and Maxine McMahon +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday	7:30 AM	Jerry and Katie Zenk + Bev Rawley +
	10:30 AM	Holcomb Family Living & Deceased

will support the unique ministry to men & women who currently protect this great nation of ours & defend the freedoms we hold dear. You have also helped to provide the sacraments & pastoral care for Catholic veterans who served with distinction & who are cared for in VA Medical Centers across the U.S., in Puerto Rico & in Guam.

**God of all nations,
 Father of the human family,**
 we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these United States of America.



We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote themselves to the common good, working for justice and peace at home and around the world.

We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, those who will serve us as president, as legislators and judges, those in the military and law enforcement. Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and commitment

ON BEHALF OF THE MOST REVEREND TIMOTHY P. BROGLIO, ARCHBISHOP FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA, HIS AUXILIARY BISHOPS, & STAFF, HEARTFELT THANKS TO THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA (AMS). Your prayers & generosity

CONGRATULATIONS TO ESTELLE D'AUTREMONT! Estelle won the quilt raffle at Holy Rosary Circle 2's Pancake Man Breakfast. Special thanks to Marcia Adler for making the quilt. Thank you to all who supported our breakfast & quilt raffle. A big "THANK YOU" to the men that helped to set up & clean up at the breakfast.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK GEORGE AND MARSHA MOON, ALYCE AND BRUNO KOZIMOR, RITA AND CHUCK LIVENGOOD, DAVE AND CAROL PARKS, CY AND MICHAELA FERRAGUTI, MARY LEE FERRAGUTI, AND KIM AND BRYAN HILL AND OUR VERY SPECIAL HELPER ISAIAH SUTHERLAND FOR ALL THEIR HELP WITH THE ANNUAL 500 CLUB APPRECIATION DINNER. We welcomed almost 100 guests and enjoyed a wonderful meal catered by Tussey's Casual Grill. We also extend a very warm welcome to our new members...And special thanks to all those members who renewed their memberships for 2016-17. We are very grateful to all our members for your support of our parish.
~ Ted & Lucia St. Cyr

TO ST PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISHIONERS:

As the "Year of Mercy" comes to an end at the end of this month, I'd like to take a moment to remind you how these Corporal Works of Mercy have been fulfilled by you to me as I recover from hip replacement surgery this past September:

1. Many of you brought food for me and my family to feed the hungry,
2. You poured your love in to my thirsty soul.
3. You clothed my body and wrapped it in prayer for my recovery.
4. Many of you visited the sick and brought sunshine into my life.
5. Although I wasn't imprisoned, it sometimes felt like it until I received a text, phone call or just a card with good thoughts on it.
6. You helped my family keep me from being homeless with your love and theirs.
7. You prayed with me and my family through burying my oldest brother who died shortly after my surgery.

I have struggled a lot this past year and thanks to your generosity in sharing the Corporal Works of Mercy, my soul, my family and I are so grateful to my Parish Family and the love of God shown through their good works.

~ Kathy Rossitto

WE ARE COLLECTING FOR OPERATIONS CHRISTMAS CHILD.

Please drop off items TODAY in the basket under the St. Joseph statue & let's see how many shoeboxes we can fill! *What goes into the box...* TOYS... dolls, toy trucks, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yo's, jump ropes, balls, school supplies, & hygiene items, t-shirts, ball caps, hair clips & sunglasses, watches, & flashlights! Keep items small

KC ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY.

Sunday, Nov. 13 8 am -12:30 pm Come & Let the Knights make your breakfast; and do the dishes for you also!! Fresh Pancakes, Sausages, Eggs, & Coffee or Juice, Along with Biscuits & Sausage Gravy - while it lasts! Strawberry Topping for your pancakes, & Fruit Cocktail too! Adults - \$9; Kids (5-12) - \$5 Under 5 Free - or \$25 Family Rate!!

NOVEMBER DINING GROUP will meet on Wed., Nov. 16th at 6 p.m. at Finicky Franks, 9520 Calhoun Rd. Please come & join us. RSVP to mhackenberg@hotmail.com or ph# 402-493-5697.

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL ADULTS

Sponsored by That Man is You!

The Bible and the Virgin Mary – at the Carney 'Barn'

Week 8:

- Mary's royal title in the Gospels of Luke and John
- The dogma of Mary as Mother of God (Theotokos)
- How Mary's title as Mother of God protects the humanity and divinity of Jesus

Please email or call Tom Carney to sign up or with any questions. 402-578-6879 or carneytom@yahoo.com

CALLING ALL BAKERS!! Your help is needed! Our Annual Altar Society Bake Sale is in conjunction with the upcoming craft show and we need baked goods!! Please plan on dropping off your items at the Activity Center on Friday evening, Nov. 18th between 6 and 8pm. Please help us make this event a huge success. Thank you!!

ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT ALTAR SOCIETY CRAFT SHOW AND BAKE SALE in the SPN Activity Center on Nov. 19 from 9 to 4. Concessions available. This show has only crafters with handmade items. Buy your unique gifts here!

NEXT WEEK'S COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD) NEEDS YOUR HELP. Your contribution will defend human dignity and reach out to those living on the margins. Please give to the CCHD Collection.

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~
Coming Soon!

We can order \$10 Target Gift Cards! 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.



CHRISTIAN HUMOR Two older women were fussing about their husbands over tea one day. "I do wish my Leroy would stop biting his nails. That makes me terribly nervous," the first one said. "Oh, my Elmer used to do the same thing." The other woman commented, "but, I broke him of that habit real quick." "What did you do?" "I hid his teeth."

THE HOLIDAYS ARE FAST APPROACHING & you will need that special pan or bowl! Please stop down in the Parish Center & get your special pan or bowl. Special thanks to each of you who made a salad or dessert for the funeral lunches.

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLAIRE FINK, KEEGAN SULLIVAN, & GINA TROIA! They have attained Honor Roll status at Mercy High School for the first quarter. We are proud of you!

FOOD DRIVE FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL The SPN Student Council is sponsoring a Food Drive for the St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry from Nov. 7 – 18. Students & teachers should bring in non-perishable food items or personal hygiene items. The staff is competing with the students! If you would like to help, please bring your items to the school office & state if they are a donation in honor of our students or staff.

IMPORTANT DATES IN NOVEMBER FOR SPN SCHOOL:
 Nov. 16 – First Reconciliation Family Class at 6:30 p.m.
 Nov. 17 – Health Screenings 1st – 6th & 8th Grades
 Nov. 22 – 2nd Quarter Progress Reports go home
 Nov. 23-28 – Thanksgiving Break
 Nov. 29 – Classes Resume

DO YOU KNOW OF ANY 4TH - 8TH GRADE GIRLS WHO HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO TRY SHOW CHOIR? Well, now is their chance. The Mercy High School Treblemakers are sponsoring their annual Show Choir Camp on Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Attendees learn how to sing & dance in a show choir, meet new friends, have fun & put on a show. Cost is \$30 - includes lunch & a T-shirt. Girls are asked to wear comfortable clothes & tennis shoes to allow movement. *Signups for camp are due Nov. 14.* For a sign up form, or additional info, please contact Mrs. Yunker, Music Director at yunkerp@mercyhigh.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13 NATIONAL DONOR SABBATH

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

8:00 A.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - Parish Center

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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. **PARISH COUNCIL** – Activity Center Meeting Room

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

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

3:15 P.M. **LITTLE FLOWERS** - Parish Center

6:30 P.M. **FIRST RECONCILIATION FAMILY CLASS** - Parish Center

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:00 P.M. **CUB SCOUT SLEEPOVER** – Parish Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00 A.M. **THE BIBLE AND THE VIRGIN MARY BIBLE STUDY** - Carney 'Barn'

9:00 A.M. **ALTAR SOCIETY CRAFT SHOW AND BAKE SALE** - Activity Center

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION - Trailer in Parking Lot

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – At Mass

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20 SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SPECIAL COLLECTION – CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT – At All Masses

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

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

Be sure to listen in the announcements at Mass the weekend of Nov. 19 & 20! The baked goods that did not sell at the Bake Sale will be available for purchase after Mass in the Parish Center!

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

SURVIVING LOSS ~ FINDING HOPE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Two workshops will be offered for adults affected by grief during the holidays. Workshop 1 for those facing the holidays after the death of a loved one. Workshop 2 for those experiencing the pain of separation or divorce. Thurs., Nov. 17, 7 - 9 p.m. at St. Leo's, 1920 N. 102nd St. Contact Denise Carlson 402-551-9003 Ext. 1304 or dmcarlson@archomaha.org Include your name & specify the workshop you wish to attend. Pre-registration is requested by Monday, Nov. 14th.

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. 15th 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 or 402-551-9003 x1306.

EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS – “Furthering Positive Police – Community Relations in Omaha.” Presented by Capt. Scott Gray, current Precinct Commander in Northeast Omaha, graduate of the FBI National Academy, & of Leadership Omaha. **Nov. 17, 7 to 8:30 p.m.** at Seven Oaks at Notre Dame, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole. Questions? Call 402-982-9933.

GET YOUR TROT ON! Join us at the Ponca Hills Fire Station, 12919 Ponca Rd. for the 1st Annual Ladies Auxiliary Turkey Trot on Nov. 19 at 10 a.m. \$25 Adults, \$10 Children T-shirts provided! 3.2 mile or 1 mile run/walk Questions? Email PoncaHillsAuxillary@Outlook.com

CUES & ST. AUGUSTINE INDIAN MISSION ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE PRIESTS ARE COMING TO OMAHA FOR A BENEFIT CONCERT. The concert is Monday, Nov. 28 @ 7:00 at the Holland Performing Arts Center. For tickets, please call The Holland at 402-345-0606 or www.ticketomaha.com

THE INSTITUTE FOR PRIESTLY FORMATION PRESENTS “THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS” An Advent Morning of Reflection Presentations by Deacon James Keating & the IPF Staff Sat., Dec. 3 being with Mass at 8:15 a.m. For more info: www.PriestlyFormation.org or call Linda at 402-280-3901