

Dear Parishioners,

I have extended an invitation to Rev. Dennis Martin who will be with us to celebrate Masses next weekend. Rev. Martin will tell us about the work of Unbound (previously known as CFCA), a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 20 developing countries. Rev. Martin has served as pastor of 4 parishes in Iowa, taught high school, and served as a hospital chaplain. Unbound, founded by lay Catholics, has served more than 600,000 children and elderly since 1981 – empowering them to make more choices in their lives, live with dignity and reach their potential. If you would like to learn more about Unbound, call 800-875-6564 or visit Unbound online at www.unbound.org Unbound is an organization close to Rev. Martin’s heart. Please help me give him a warm welcome.

**Blessings,
Fr. John**

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

The mystery of the incarnation – Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

Reading 1 Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading 2 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Question of the Week – What is the difference between a Bible and a Lectionary?

A Lectionary is composed of the readings and the **responsorial psalm** assigned for each Mass of the year (Sundays, weekdays, and special occasions). The readings are divided by the day or the theme (baptism, marriage, vocations, etc.) rather than according to the books of the Bible. Introductions and conclusions have been added to each reading. Not all of the Bible is included in the Lectionary.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF DEC. 25 – 31		DID YOU KNOW... the annual St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Mardi Gras is Saturday, February 25 th at Nelson Mandela Elementary. Our Mardi Gras celebration is an annual Parish event to raise much needed funds for our School and Parish. We are holding a raffle again this year with a grand prize of \$5,000! Raffle chances are \$25! We are in need of Silent Auction items. We appreciate your continued support of our Parish!
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$38,045.23	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$22,193.81	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$15,851.42	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$635,270.80	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$680,336.31	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$45,065.51)	

<p>LITURGICAL MINISTERS: SATURDAY, JANUARY 14 5:00 PM: ALTAR SERVERS: Clint Dierks, Dillon Dierks</p> <p>CANDLE BEARERS: Dominic Martello, Gracie Murphy</p> <p>LECTOR: Rob Barrett</p> <p>EMHCs: Juli Bohnenkamp, Jeanette Pinker, Jim Shepherd, Mary Ann Taylor, Diane Sullivan, Matt Swoboda</p> <p>GIFTBEARERS: Bahle Family</p> <p>MUSICIANS: Bryan Kinghorn and Friends</p> <p>NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Joni Locher</p> <p>USHERS: Fred Bonacci, Dave Sedlacek, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright, Rock Cramer</p>	<p>SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 7:30 AM:</p> <p>LECTOR: Peg Ricketts</p> <p>EMHCs: Regina Cronkhite, George & Marsha Moon, Jan Sammons, Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd</p> <p>GIFTBEARERS: McDonald Family</p> <p>NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Patty Wiederholt</p> <p>USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>	<p>10:30 AM:</p> <p>ALTAR SERVERS: Andrew Fink, Alex Negus</p> <p>CANDLE BEARERS: Sam Parys, David Taylor</p> <p>LECTOR: Rich McShane</p> <p>EMHCs: Bev Baer, Kelli Brock, Tamatha Buell, Mary Fink, Dave Parks, Need a Volunteer</p> <p>GIFTBEARERS: Doran Family</p> <p>MUSICIANS: Kim Becker and Friends</p> <p>NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Terri Herman</p> <p>USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe</p>
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COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: DeLynne Clausen, Laurel Hamilton, Bruno Kozimor, Dorothy Polan

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Liz Maycock, Joann Feller

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, JANUARY 12: Nancy Core

Mass Intentions January 9 - 15

Monday	8:15 AM	No Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Bob Rawley Int. Bev Rawley +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Mary Beth Clark + John Lesch +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Jerry Goeken + Teachers of SPN School Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Don Potmesil + Vincent & Maxine McMahon +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Our Parish Family
Sunday	7:30 AM	Richard "Dick" Anderson + Living and Deceased Members of the Hernandez Family
	10:30 AM	Marjorie Byrd + Donna Smith +

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF DON POTMESIL, MARJORIE BYRD, MARY JO DIETEMAN AND BETTY WETZEL.
 Don is the brother-brother-in-law of Del and Mary Potmesil. Marjorie is the sister-sister-in-law of Fred and Liz Maycock. Mary Jo is the sister of Beth Dieteman. There will be a visitation with the family at Forest Lawn Mortuary today, Sunday from 2 -4. The funeral service will be here on Monday at 10 a.m.
 Betty Wetzel is the sister of the late Ray Mensen, sister-in-law of Barb Mensen, and aunt of Bev Baer. The funeral services for Betty are pending.

THE SEMINARY SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE HELD THIS WEEKEND.
 The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with 27 men studying for the Priesthood. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices & generous financial support. Last year our parishes generously gave \$472,041.55 to this effort. With your help, we should be able to at least match last year's figure.

THANK YOU! EME's, LECTORS, MUSICIANS, AND USHERS!
 Please join us for a Soup Supper & meeting on Wed., January 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.
We appreciate all you do! Thank you!

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

SPECIAL COLLECTION – Seminary – At all Masses

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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, JANUARY 12

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

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION - Trailer in Parking Lot

9:00 A.M. **ALTAR SOCIETY LEADERS MEETING** - Parish Center

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVIE KNIGHT - Parish Center after 5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

9:00 A.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION CLASS** – 2nd and 8th grades only - School

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

CHRISTIAN HUMOR A mother & daughter were reading tea leaves in the bottom of their cups during lunch. Wanting to get attention, the little brother said, "that's nothing" as he flung spaghetti on the wall. He told his mother & sister that spaghetti was a much more reliable source for reading the future. The mother took a close look at the spaghetti as it slid down the wall. She said, "I think you're right, do you see that noodle? It's telling me you'll be grounded for a week."

"EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS" – "The Immediate Need for Community Engagement." Presented by Preston Love, Jr., a UNO Adjunct Professor of black politics & political science as well as a community & political activist, will speak of his crusade & community activism for the economic inclusion & health of his beloved North Omaha & ask you to join in on the dialogue. **Jan. 19, 7- 8:30 p.m.** at Seven Oaks at Notre Dame, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole. Call 402-982-9933 for more information.

CHILI COOKOFF! Mary Our Queen School Cafeteria on Sat.,
Jan. 21 Get your recipes ready & bring your appetite!
Entrants set up between 5 & 6 – doors open at 6 p.m.
Tasting at 6:30 with judging ending at 7:30. We need to
help decide which parishioner makes the best pot of chili this
side of Texas! Cash prizes awarded! Proceeds will go to
the Archdiocese of Songea – Tanzania (via Fr. Gama) RSVP
to Ginny at 402-333-1117 or gmmc@cox.net