

Dear Parishioners,

I have been called to report to Jury Duty this week. I am not sure if I will be chosen to actually serve on a Jury. Since I do not know, I will keep the Mass schedule as it stands. On the days I am chosen to serve, we will not be able to offer Mass. If we are not able to celebrate Mass, the Mass intentions for that day will be rescheduled.

Next Sunday at the 10:30 Mass, we will kickoff Catholic Schools Week. We are very blessed to have a vibrant Catholic school as part of our parish. Let us pray for the continued success of our school, let us pray in thanksgiving for the dedicated teachers and staff we have, let us pray for our parents who are the first teachers of the faith, and let us pray for our students that they will continue to grow in their love of the Lord and of our Catholic faith.

**Blessings,
Fr. John**

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

Jesus calls us to follow him; our lives will never be the same.

Reading 1 Isaiah 8:23-9:3 (67A)

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

**Question of the Week – What is the difference between a “Catholic Bible”
and a “Protestant Bible”?**

Catholic and Protestant Bibles both include 27 books in the New Testament. Protestant Bibles have only 39 books in the Old Testament, however, while Catholic Bibles have 46. The seven books included in Catholic Bibles are Tobit, Judith, 1 and 2 Maccabees, Wisdom, Sirach, and Baruch. Catholic Bibles also include sections in the Books of Esther and Daniel which are not found in Protestant Bibles. These books are called the **deuterocanonical books**. The Catholic Church considers these books to be inspired by the Holy Spirit.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF JAN. 8 –14		DID YOU KNOW...WE HAVE COMPILED A WISH LIST FOR NON-BUDGETED NEEDS	
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$17,022.98	IN OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL? Many times we are asked if there are	
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$59,125.20	specific needs that one can purchase rather than donate money.	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$42,102.22)	This week’s highlighted item: Funds to cover three members of	
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$661,855.88	our school staff to attend National Catholic Educators Association	
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$748,943.12	Convention in St. Louis, MO in April. If you would like contribute	
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$87,087.24)	to this, please stop by the Parish or School Office. Thank you!	

<p>LITURGICAL MINISTERS: <u>SATURDAY, JANUARY 28</u> 5:00 PM: ALTAR SERVERS: Gracie Murphy, Amir Ring CANDLE BEARERS: Craig Taylor, Lydia Treves LECTOR: Hugh Reilly EMHCs: Jeanette Pinker, Jim Shepherd, Wayne and Ellen Russell, Matt Swoboda, Mary Ann Taylor GIFTBEARERS: Treves Family MUSICIANS: Kim Becker NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Lynn Ingraham USHERS: Dave Sedlacek, Rock Cramer, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY, JANUARY 29</u> 7:30 AM: LECTOR: Larry Ziska EMHCs: Regina Cronkhite, Bev Demkowski, Mike Holmgren, Maria Hackenberg, Dorothy Polan, Jan Sammons GIFTBEARERS: Sammons Family NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Bonnie Shea USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>	<p>10:30 AM: ALTAR SERVERS: Tiana Earlywine, Jerad Peck CANDLE BEARERS: Abigail Russell, Maykayla Smedra LECTOR: Rich McShane EMHCs: Trudie Ahlstrom, DeLynne Clausen, Cathy Fluckey, Fannie Parker, Tamatha Buell, Nancy Ryckman GIFTBEARERS: Wolodkewitsch Family MUSICIANS: Children’s Choir NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Jane Cheese USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe</p>
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COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bill Cheese, Norine Hoffman, Mary Todd
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Nancy Bohnenkamp, Patty Wiederholt
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, JANUARY 26: Bill Cheese, Dave Parks

Mass Intentions JANUARY 23 - 29

Monday	8:15 AM	No Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Jerry Goeken + Angela Militti +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Mary Simerly Int. Del Murphy +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Friday	8:15 AM	William and DoraLyn Huerter + Jack and Ann O'Connor +
Saturday	5:00 PM	John Gubbels + John McSherry +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Richard Hensel Int. Lyonel Harvey +
	10:30 AM	Genevieve Szawicki Int. Marguerite Spicer +

COLLECTION – ONE ROSE ONE LIFE

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

NO CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

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

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

7:00 P.M. **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – Activity Center Meeting Room**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25 – HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS. SIMERLY

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

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

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

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION - Trailer in Parking Lot

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS

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JOIN US FOR AN 11-WEEK JOURNEY THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS
 The next edition of “That Man is You (!)” on the Sacraments, Courtesy of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology and That Man is You! begins on Saturday, Jan 28 at 7 a.m. in the Parish Center.

The Bible and the Sacraments.

Week 1: Introduction to the Mysteries Themes Covered:

- The many levels of meaning of the Sacraments
- How the Sacraments of grace are efficacious “signs”
- The role of “sacraments” in the Old Testament
- The purpose and power of typology
- The three stages of salvation history

HAPPY 96TH BIRTHDAY GENEVIEVE SZAWICKI!

Join us in showering Genevieve with best wishes for her birthday on Jan. 29th
 Please send your card to: 7350 Graceland Drive; Apt. 5210; Omaha, NE 68134.



“PRESENTS” FOR THESE DECEMBER 500 CLUB WINNERS

\$130 - Mary Johnson, \$70 - Ann Marie Goettl,
 \$30 - Brendan Kelly, \$25 - Dennis Wiederholt
 \$20 - George Moon, Teri Teutsch,
 \$15 - Rosemary Turner, John Smith, Mary Sutherland,
 Don Schettler, Cathy Fluckey

ON BEHALF OF UNBOUND, THANK YOU VERY MUCH for welcoming me-us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth and elders in our sponsorship program. We received 15 new sponsorships! Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by their experience. I want to Thank You also for your prayers for my safe journey home. I made it home before any ice came.

~ God’s Blessings,
 Fr. Dennis Martin and Unbound

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPECIAL

- How the Sacraments make us children of God

~ NERI DOLLAR NEWS ~

Thank you to everyone who shops at Bakers and has designated "SPN-BS" as the organization of choice for the Bakers Community Rewards Program. We received a check in the amount of \$152.93! All preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.



ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLAIRE FINK, GINA TROIA, AND KEEGAN SULLIVAN! Claire & Gina attained First Honors & Keegan attained Second Honors at Mercy High School for the first semester.

We are proud of you Clair, Gina, & Keegan!

THE SCHOOL LIBRARY is looking for gently loved jigsaw puzzles & educational board games! Please drop them off at the school office with a note for our librarian, Mrs. Clayton.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SAVED HY-VEE RECEIPTS. The contest is over. We will let you know when we receive the award check!



5TH ANNUAL SUPERSTAR CATHOLIC SCHOOL CONTEST at Spirit Catholic Radio to coincide with Catholic Schools Week-- Monday, Jan. 30 - Saturday, Feb. 4.

The 3 Catholic elementary schools and the 3 Catholic high schools with the most votes at the end of the contest will win:

- A LIVE interview on Spirit Catholic Radio's Spirit Mornings show.
- FREE prayer cards for every student!
- A trophy to be displayed at your school!
- A gift card to supply your teachers' lounge with Mystic Monk Coffee.
- \$1,000 worth of on-air spots that promote your school and what makes it unique!
- Promotion on spiritcatholicradio.com.

Voting begins Monday, Jan. 30 at 6 a.m. Please spread the word & help OUR school become a 2017 Superstar Catholic School.

SAVE THE DATE! KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP will be Wed., March 8. Please encourage your friends & neighbors to consider St. Philip Neri School! Please call the school at

402-315-3500 if you have any questions. There will not be Pre-School or Kindergarten classes on Wed., March 8.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR In one small rural town, the sheriff also fulfilled the role of the town's veterinarian. One night the phone rang and his wife answered. An agitated voice inquired, "Is your husband there?" "He is, but tell me, do you need him as the sheriff or the vet?" the wife asked. "Both!" was the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open and there's a burglar in it!"

ROE V. WADE – JAN. 22, 1973 MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN!

Nebraskans United for Life will be holding a March & Vigil for Life. Join us today, Sunday, Jan. 22 at 4 pm at 90th & Maple St. & we will walk to N. 93rd off Maple to the Planned Parenthood for a candlelight vigil.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER TODAY! from 2 – 6 p.m. at the Nite Hawkes Café to benefit the Nick & Tanya Gura family & their boys, Lucas & Oliver whose home on Florence Blvd. was recently damaged due to theft & arson. Lots of baked goods & great prizes will be raffled! Adults: \$10, Children (under 10) \$5 If you can't attend & want to donate, send a check to: Minne Lusa House % Gura Family, 2737 Mary St.; Omaha, NE 68112.

ON MONDAY, JAN. 23RD, THE 7 A.M. MASS AT ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH WILL BE OFFERED FOR AN END TO ABORTION & RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE as Jan. 22nd is the 44th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's rulings legalizing abortion during all nine months of pregnancy (Roe v. Wade & Doe v. Bolton). Since Jan. 22nd falls on a Sunday this year, the U.S. Bishops have designated Jan. 23rd as the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." It is a day of penance for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, & of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. Please offer some form of prayer & penance on this day, & attend Mass to pray for an end to this atrocity.

A CANCER SURVIVORS MASS will be held Jan. 26 at 7 pm at St. Leo the Great Parish 1920 N. 102nd St. Survivors & care givers are invited to attend. Please call 402-397-0407 for more info.

THE 44TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE will take place in Washington, D.C. on Friday, Jan. 27th. Please pray for all of those attending this event. Watch EWTN beginning at 8 a.m. for live coverage of the March for Life. Other pro-life event coverage information is available at www.EWTN.com

6TH ANNUAL CHILI COOK OFF to benefit the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at Creighton Prep on Saturday, Jan. 28 from



4:30-7:30 p.m. Raffles, Silent Auction, Celebrity Judges, & People's Choice Awards Chow down on great chili, hot dogs, nachos, and DESSERTS. Adult & family friendly beverages available. Need more info? See our website at svdpomaha.com or call 402-779-8499.

Check the website for Chef Competitor entry forms!

SET YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER: A PROGRAM TO ORGANIZE FINANCES & ESTATE PLAN Jan. 28th at St. Benedict Center in Schuyler 1-day workshop with Columbus attorney, James A. Fehringer. If you have possessions, you have an estate. Their orderly care during your lifetime represents financial management. Their disposition after your lifetime is called estate settlement. Deciding in advance how this will be done is known as estate planning. Capitalize on this opportunity to learn how to plan your estate. A thorough analysis of asset ownership, Wills, Trusts, Asset Management Powers of Attorney, Health Care Powers of Attorney, Long-Term Care Protection & Charitable Gift Planning will be presented. Fee: \$30. Lunch is available at the Center for \$10.50 (includes tax). For more information call 402-352-8819.

THE 21ST ANNUAL ESSENTIAL PREGNANCY SERVICES BENEFIT DINNER will be held at the La Vista Embassy Suites (12520 Westport Parkway) on Sunday, Jan. 29th at 5 p.m. & will feature Ryan Bomberger. Contact EPS for more info at 402-554-0121 or www.friendsofeps.org


MUSIC IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS will hold a Benefit Dance and Silent Auction on Friday, Feb. 3, 7:30-10:30 pm, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center, 5419 N 114 ST, with music by the Nebraska Wind Symphony *Swingtones*. Free dance instruction is 6:15-7:15 pm. Tickets at the door for \$15 each for adults; \$10 for seniors & students. Beverages & desserts available for free-will donations. Funds raised enable students with need to participate in band at their school. More info at the Music in Catholic Schools website or 402-557-5600.

YOU'RE INVITED!! JOIN US FOR A WINTER CRAFTING DAY sponsored by St. James Seton Home and School. Bring your crafts (scrapbooking, sewing, yarn, or whatever) & join us for a day of fun, food, & crafting! Saturday, Feb. 11 at the St. Elizabeth Ann Parish Center, sessions are all day from 9am - 10pm for \$35, or half day either 9am-3pm or 4pm-10pm, each \$20. Registration fee includes your own 5' round table, lunch and/or dinner, snacks & prizes. Receive a \$5 discount if registered by Jan. 18. Contact Jen at 402-250-0775 or jeremyjenlist@cox.net for more info. & a registration form. We hope to see you there!

"HOW PROTECTING THE FAMILY PROTECTS SOCIETY" Pro Life Brunch with Tom Venzor, Executive Director, Nebraska Catholic Conference on Sunday, Feb. 12 at 11 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, Schwertley Hall, Fort Calhoun. For Tickets call: Phil Tamisiea 402-690-2072, St. John's Church 402-468-5348 or St. Francis Borgia Church 402-426-3823 Presented by Knights of Columbus Council 10305


MAGNIFICAT-OMAHA* INVITES ALL WOMEN TO A BREAKFAST with guest speaker Debbie Herbeck on Saturday, Feb. 25 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at St. Robert Bellarmine Church –the Mainelli Center. Debbie will share the story of her conversion from Judaism to her personal encounter with Jesus the Messiah & to the Catholic Church. You will be inspired by Debbie's joyous message from her many books, including those written with her husband EWTN show host Peter Herbeck. Cost: \$20. For Reservations & more info.: Go to: www.MagnificatOmaha.org or call Kathy 402-657-3835. *Magnificat-Omaha is an archdiocesan-wide Catholic women's organization focused on evangelization.

ST. LEO THE GREAT PARISH in Omaha has an opening for **Director of Religious Education**. All applications can be sent to Fr. Craig Loecker at fatherloecker@yahoo.com or to St. Leo the Great Church. The position would begin July 1st. A job description can be found at St. Leo the Great website. www.stleo.net A masters degree is preferred.



February 25

6 P.M.



Mardi Gras

At Nelson Mandela Elementary
6316 North 30th Street

Dancing with the Stars

Seating is limited!

\$50 per person.

Raffle tickets on Sale Now!

\$25 per chance!

Do not need to be present to WIN!

Grand Prize: \$5,000
2nd Prize: \$2,400 in Grocery Gift Cards
(Neri Dollars)
3rd Prize: \$1,000 in Gas Gift Cards
(Neri Dollars)

Get your tickets today!

**Purchase Dinner and Raffle tickets at the
Parish Office (8200 N. 30th St.)
and at the weekend Masses!**