

Dear Parishioners,

This week throughout the Archdiocese of Omaha, we are celebrating Catholic Schools Week. We are very blessed to have our dedicated teachers and staff who share their time, talent and treasure to provide a quality Catholic education for our students. Thank you to the Home and School for hosting the Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Lunch. Special thanks to all of our parishioners, parents and friends who support Catholic education in our parish and throughout the archdiocese!

Mardi Gras preparations are in full swing! Be sure to get your reservations in as seating is limited. Buy your chance at the raffle Grand Prize of \$5,000 after Mass today or at the Parish Office during office business hours.

**Blessings,
Fr. John**

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

The Beatitudes – a way of life – a map to happiness.

Reading 1 Zephaniah 2:3; 3:13

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12a

Question of the Week – What is Religious Liberty?

Religious liberty is “the right to live in the truth of one’s faith and in conformity with one’s transcendent dignity as a person”. “Nobody may be forced to act against his convictions, nor is anyone to be restrained from acting in accordance with other, within due limits”. Religious liberty is so important that John Paul II called it the “source and synthesis” of rights considered basic to every human person.

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF JAN. 15 –21		DID YOU KNOW... OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL HAS 175 STUDENTS - PRE-K
WEEKLY REVENUE	\$13,444.47	THROUGH 8TH GRADE? An average of 90% of our 8 th grade graduates
WEEKLY EXPENSES	\$21,403.51	go on to a Catholic High School. Catholic School students score
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$7,959.04)	significantly higher on standardized testing than students who
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE	\$675,300.35	attend public schools. Your generosity helps us provide our
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES	\$770,460.98	students with a values based education. Thank you for
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$95,160.63)	supporting the mission of our school!

<p>LITURGICAL MINISTERS: <u>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4</u> 5:00 PM: ALTAR SERVERS: Wyatt Brungardt, Dillon Dierks CANDLE BEARERS: Clint Dierks, Kobe Mulcahy LECTOR: Jerry Bexten EMHCs: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Jacquie Dahlin, Wayne and Ellen Russell, Kim Hill, Diane Sullivan GIFTBEARERS: O’Neill Family MUSICIANS: NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Diane Weber USHERS: Dave Sedlacek, Rock Cramer, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright</p>	<p><u>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5</u> 7:30 AM: LECTOR: Ilene Sedlacek EMHCs: Bob and Betty Jones, Dorie Mittlieder, Kathy Rossitto, Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd GIFTBEARERS: Schonberner Family NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Nancy Core USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>	<p>10:30 AM: ALTAR SERVERS: Lily Bauer, Carly Berkey, CANDLE BEARERS: CJ Buell, David Taylor LECTOR: Kelli Brock EMHCs: Bill Cheese, Mary Fink, Mike Holmgren, Fannie Parker, Rita Ziska, Nancy Ryckman GIFTBEARERS: Ryckman Family MUSICIANS: NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Kara Rief USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe</p>
<p>COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bev Baer, Roy Edwards, George and Marsha Moon, Dave Parks COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Sharon Olson, April Collamer IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2: Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd</p>		

Mass Intentions January 30 – February 5

Monday	8:15 AM	No Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	The Burree Family Int.
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Dale Hien + Vincent & Maxine McMahon +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Helen & Harold Murray + Bev Rawley +
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Tammy Gatrost + Iona Dempsey+
Sunday	7:30 AM	Richard "Dick" Anderson + Mike Weston +
	10:30 AM	Greg Haney + Joseph & Lola Mantich +

HAPPY 96TH BIRTHDAY

GENEVIEVE SZAWICKI!

Join us in showering Genevieve with best wishes for her birthday.

Please send your card to:

7350 Graceland Drive; Apt. 5210; Omaha, NE 68134.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF JOE PEKLO SR. AND CARMELLA CAMMERATA. Joe & Carmella were long time parishioners. Joe was buried from here this past Tuesday. There was a prayer service for Carmella at Roeder's 108th St. Chapel also on Tuesday.

DURING ONE OF OUR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS LAST FALL, we set to work on the Strategic Plans for our Parish. One of the ideas that were mentioned were to involve all the different ministries (as in EMCH, Lectors, Ushers, Musicians) & to thank them for all the work they continue to do to enhance the Mass & to share God's everlasting love with the Parish family.

On Wednesday of this past week, many of the above mentioned came together & shared a delicious soup supper with chicken noodle soup made by Michelle Routt, potato soup made by Maria Hackenberg & white chicken chili made by Kathy Rossitto. Rita Ziska brought wonderful brownies, & of course, Mitzi LeClair provided the bread & delightful lemon bars.

We had an energy filled meeting with lots of discussion & I personally loved seeing all these people sharing their thoughts on how to make things run better & their love of doing all that they do for the Parish....& for the love of God.

Thank you to all who came, ate & shared. And to those who helped set up & to take down the decorations & just generally clean up the dishes.

Your voices were heard!

Kathy Rossitto

Secretary of the Parish Pastoral Council

500 CLUB WINNERS!

\$130 - Rev. Dan Kampschneider, \$70 - Mary Todd, \$30 - Mary Ann Taylor, \$25 - Rob Barrett, \$20 - Mark Fluckey, Judy Gubbels, \$15 - Olga Bello, Tracy Bahle, Robert Berry, Jim Dahlin, Patricia Adams

CATHOLIC SCHOOL KICKOFF LUNCH IS TODAY! Stop in to our School Cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. & enjoy walking tacos, carrots, a cookie & milk for \$3 per person or \$10 per family.

JOIN US FOR AN 11-WEEK JOURNEY THROUGH THE SACRAMENTS each Saturday morning at 7 a.m. in the Parish Center.

The Bible and the Sacraments.

Week 2: The Ritual of Family:

- How we literally become children of God
- The movement from the visible to the invisible through mystagogy
- What it means to say that Word leads to Sacrament
- The intimate relationship between the liturgy and the Sacraments
- The crucial role of covenants
- Why the Sacraments are nothing less than sacred covenant oaths

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK BEGINS

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

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

11:30 A.M. **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICKOFF LUNCH** – School Cafeteria

MONDAY, JANUARY 30 – CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

DRESS DOWN DAY FOR ALL - School

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 - STUDENTS

BLUE AND GOLD DRESS DOWN – DRESS IN YOUR TEAM COLOR - School

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - CELEBRATE THE NATION

RED, WHITE AND BLUE DRESS DOWN - School

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

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 - CELEBRATE VOCATIONS

8TH GRADE MASS AT CATHEDRAL

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – CELEBRATE TEACHERS

8:15 A.M. **ALL SCHOOL MASS AND BLESSING OF THE THROATS** - Church

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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7:00 A.M. **BIBLE STUDY** – Parish Center

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – SCOUT SUNDAY

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

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

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.



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. Visit spiritcatholicradio.com & click on the 2017 Superstar Catholic School banner. 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 Kinderaarten classes on Wed., March 8.

MARIAN JR. CRUSADER GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS are scheduled: 3-4th grade - Sunday, March 5th from 5-6:15pm, 7th grade – Monday, March 6th from 6:15-7:30, 8th grade – Monday, March 6th from 7:30-9pm, 5th grade – Wednesday, March 8th 6:15-7:30pm, 6th grade – Wednesday, March 8th 7:30-9pm.

The makeup date or call back date is Wednesday, March 16th. The Marian Jr. Crusader program is for girls that want to play competitive basketball with other girls that are interested in attending Marian High School. *Marian High School is the only class A all-girls school in Nebraska.*

CHRISTIAN HUMOR When I went to the automobile dealership to pick up my car, I was told the keys had been locked in it. I went to the service department & found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle & discovered that it was unlocked. "Hey," I said to the technician, "this side is open!" He replied, "I know, I already did that side."

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 Bomberaer. Contact EPS for

~ **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 OUR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS! **TANNER MUHLECKE** earned Second Honors at Creighton Prep for the first semester.

At Roncalli Catholic High School, High Honors were earned by **MIA DOLAN, MICHAEL BECKER, EMMET LAMPE, CARLY JONES, & ABIGAIL RAMSGARD.** **HANNAH BENCKER, MEGAN JOHNSON, & ALLISON HUGHES** earned Honors. **SYDNEY CAMPBELL, ROBERT SCHONBERNER, ROBERT DORAN, HAILEY GREENWOOD, MADISON HOLZAPFEL, NATALIE MEIER, JACOB RANKIN, ABIGAIL SEWING, CALEB BOHNENKAMP, JACQUELINE HANSEN, JUSTIN WIESNER-DAVIS, MICHAEL GREENWOOD, ANGELA HAINES, & REGINA MEIER** earned Honorable Mention.

We are very proud of you!

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.

“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.



**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!**

Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Lunch

TODAY - Sunday, January 29th

St. Philip Neri School Cafeteria 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Home and School is providing lunch for the kickoff of Catholic Schools Week! We will be serving walking tacos, carrots, a cookie and milk.

\$3 per person or \$10 max. per family