

Dear Parishioners,

There are only 13 more days until Mardi Gras! As of the printing of this bulletin, we have sold 187 raffle tickets and received 51 dinner reservations. If you have not yet purchased your raffle tickets, there is still time! Please stop by the table by the Mary statue or see the Neri Dollar seller to purchase your raffle tickets or your reservation. If you have tickets and have not turned them in, please be sure to drop them in the collection basket or by the Parish Office. You may also purchase tickets the night of Mardi Gras. Please be sure to join us for a fun evening of delicious food, good company and dancing! Check out the items for our Silent Auction by the "Mardi Gras" table which includes original – one of a kind - art created by our imaginative students. Check the flyer in this bulletin for more Mardi Gras information. The Mardi Gras is a major fund raiser for our parish. Your support of this evening will help us in the next few months with daily operating expenses. I appreciate your continued support of our Parish!

**Blessings,
Fr. John**

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

God's Commandments are a way of life.

Reading 1 Sirach 15:15-20

Reading 2 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Matthew 5:17-37

**Question of the Week – Adults: Have you considered that laws are made with love?
Do you accept God's love through his laws?
Children: Which rules cause you the most difficulty? Why?**

PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF JAN. 29 – FEBRUARY 4	DID YOU KNOW... WE HAVE COMPILED A WISH LIST FOR NON-BUDGETED NEEDS
WEEKLY REVENUE \$11,349.85	IN OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL? Many times we are asked if there are
WEEKLY EXPENSES \$21,034.89	specific needs that one can purchase rather than donate money.
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) (\$9,685.04)	This week's highlighted item: Funds to cover three members of our
YEAR TO DATE REVENUE \$702,524.84	school staff to attend National Catholic Educators Association
YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES \$787,629.50	Convention in St. Louis, MO in April. If you would like contribute to
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) (\$85,104.66)	this, please stop by the Parish or School Office. Thank you!

<p>LITURGICAL MINISTERS: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18 5:00 PM: ALTAR SERVERS: Zach Cypress, Gracie Murphy CANDLE BEARERS: Marianna Stevenson, Lydia Treves LECTOR: Rob Barrett EMHCs: Jacquie Dahlin, Jeanette Pinker, Kim Hill, Diane Sullivan, Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda GIFTBEARERS: Treves Family MUSICIANS: Colleen Monti and the Children's Choir NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Susan Matsunami USHERS: Dave Sedlacek, Rock Cramer, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright</p>	<p>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 7:30 AM: LECTOR: Alyce Kozimor EMHCs: Maria Hackenberg, Dorothy Polan, Kathy Rossitto, Larry Ziska, Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd GIFTBEARERS: Breitreutz Family NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Patty Wiederholt USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>	<p>10:30 AM: ALTAR SERVERS: Nick Meier, Sophia Minturn CANDLE BEARERS: Alex Negus, Jerad Peck LECTOR: Rich McShane EMHCs: Trudie Ahlstrom, Tamatha Buell, Fannie Parker, Cathy Fluckey Nancy Ryckman, Rita Ziska GIFTBEARERS: Taborsky Family MUSICIANS: Kim Becker NERI DOLLAR SELLER: April Collamer USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe</p>
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COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Mary Breitreutz, Ellen and Wayne Russell, Mary Ann Taylor
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Liz Maycock, Patty Wiederholt
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16: Nancy Core, Theresa O'Neill

Mass Intentions February 13 - 19

Monday	8:15 AM	No Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Dale Hein + Vincent & Maxine McMahon +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	William & Doralyn Huerter +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Kingsley & Tootie Smith +
Friday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joe Thibodeau + Mary Jo Dieteman +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Aaliyah Matthews Int. Willis Jones & his granddaughter Marjorie +
	10:30 AM	Steven Hensel Int. Greg Haney +

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF LAVETTA VAMOSI, ELAINE CARNEY, AND CHRIS STEELE.

LaVetta is the mother-mother-in-law of Jim (Jamie) & Debbie Vamosi & Drew & Lila Vamosi. She was buried from here this past Wednesday. Elaine Carney is the wife of Dan Carney, & mother-mother-in-law of Tom & Patty Carney. Elaine was buried from here this past Saturday. Chris is the husband of Bernice. There will be a Celebration of Life Mass will be held at a later date.



JOIN THE DINING GROUP AT CATFISH LAKE

1006 Cunningham Rd. in Bellevue for dinner on Monday, Feb. 13th at 6pm. Please come and join us! RSVP to Maria Hackenberg at 402-493-5697 or mhackenberg@hotmail.com

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 4: *On a Mission from God:*

- Old Testament prefigurements of Baptism in the Easter Vigil liturgy
- Confirmation as a share in the mission of the Messiah
- Oil as the sign of Confirmation
- How we're anointed to be priests, prophets and kings

KC Movie Knight Saturday, Feb. 18 in the Parish Center.

This month's feature; "Finding Dory" From Pixar/Disney Animation Studios! Cartoons will start after the 5pm Mass, with the Movie starting at 6:30pm. Featuring fresh-cooked "Hots & Brats", Cold Sodas, and "The World's Best Popcorn". All for a Free Will Donation.

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

Have you checked out the new store at the Westroads? Be sure to pick up the Container Store \$25 Gift Cards from the Neri Dollar sellers – we have Container Store gift cards on hand!!!



All preorders are due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

**THE WEEK AHEAD
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

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

CUB SCOUTS BLUE AND GOLD BANQUET– Parish Center

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

6:00 P.M. **DINING GROUP** - Catfish Lake

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 – HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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 MEETING** – Parish Center

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

1:00 P.M. **EARLY DISMISSAL** - School – Parent Teacher Conferences from 2 – 6 p.m.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

NO SCHOOL

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION - Trailer in Parking Lot

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

4:00 P.M. **CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE** - Church

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

MOVIE KNIGHT – Parish Center after 5:00 p.m. Mass

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL

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

PLEASE NOTE! THE SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER HAS OFFICIALLY CHANGED TO 402-315-3500. The old school phone will no longer automatically transfer over to the new number.

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR PRE-SCHOOL begins on Monday, February 13 for current students & parishioners. Open registration begins on February 21st. Please tell your neighbors & friends about our great 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.

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.

CHRISTIAN HUMOR The math teacher was giving a lesson on fractions and wrote an example on the chalkboard. He explained that the numerator was the top and the denominator was the bottom. Leaning against the board, he asked the class, “Are there any questions?” When he turned back to face the board, laughter filled the room. “Mr. Alexander,” one student giggled, “you have chalk dust all over your denominator!”

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVdP)

is known for its home visits. When people call for assistance, Vincentians (SVdP volunteers) go in pairs to visit the person & assess the situation before determining what, if any, assistance could be provided. It is not a long-term kind of fix, more of a onetime kind of assistance when someone hits a bump in the road & needs a hand up.

The call came in from a woman who was forced to take time off from work because she was ill. As a result, she got a little behind in her bills & called SVdP for assistance. We



were able to help her out with her rent & utilities. It turns out she was allergic to the MOLD in her Section 8 housing near our parish. Her doctor told her she must move immediately. She looked into other housing, applied & found a new home. In the meantime, as clients ask for assistance, SVdP makes contact with the rental offices at various apartment complexes to verify one’s situation. Recently, such a call was made, & who should answer the phone but the woman who was allergic to mold. She was running the office! She had made it through the tough times, & was making it on her own again. We were thrilled to hear of her success. That’s what SVdP tries to do-- not to create dependence, just offer a hand up when it’s needed. Sometimes the support we provide is simply in the form of encouragement or realistic planning. Last year, SVdP Omaha helped thousands of people. We could only do it, though, with your financial support. Next time you pass by the Poor Box or the Food Boxes in back of Church, think of your neighbors who may need a helping hand. You will be glad you did.

~ God Bless You!

“EXPAND YOUR HORIZONS” – “Sex Trafficking in the Heartland.” Presented by Anna Brewer, former FBI Agent, working in several arenas in the Heartland to end Human Trafficking, will speak about where it is happening, who is vulnerable & who are the buyers. **Feb. 16, 7 to 8:30 p.m.** at Seven Oaks at Notre Dame, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole. For more info, call 402-982-9933.

ST. THOMAS MORE WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Feb. 28 – March 5. The tournament is open to 3rd through 8th grade boys & girls who currently play for PAL or CYO league teams. If you have questions or would like to register, please contact Jamie Grzebielski jamiejo123@hotmail.com

PRAYER: RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD IN CREATION, Feb. 17 - 18, with Fr. Richard J. Hauser, SJ, S.T.L., Ph. D. Develop a deeper understanding of the dynamics of personal prayer in order to improve the quality of our own prayer. Special emphasis will be placed on prayer as responding to the word of God in creation. Texts for prayer & reflection will be taken from Scripture, Pope Francis, Thomas Merton & Ignatius Loyola. Friday, 7:30 p.m., to Saturday, closing with Mass at 4 p.m.

ORA ET LABOR: HOW TO FIND BALANCE IN OUR LIVES, Feb. 24 - 26, with Fr. Mauritius Wilde, OSB, Ph.D., from Rome/Italy. Saint Benedict is the master of balance. He teaches us 'discretion:' not too little, not too much of anything, without being mediocre. He encourages us to go with the flow of the day’s & the night’s natural rhythms, of summer & winter, of hunger & satisfaction, of sleeping & being awake, of praying & working (ora et

MEN’S LENTEN OVERNIGHT RETREAT AT KNOWLES MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTER There are a few spots left in our

annual men's retreat to be held Friday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m. to Saturday, Feb. 21 at 5 p.m. Open to men of all Christian faiths who would like to grow spiritually, this retreat provides opportunities for faith sharing & prayer during the Lenten season. Guest facilitator, Fr. Kevin Schneider SJ, is a member of the Jesuit Community at Creighton Prep, where he is the assistant director of spiritual development for parents, faculty, staff, & alumni. Fee of \$95 includes room, Friday evening appetizers, & Saturday breakfast & lunch. An optional \$40 overnight stay is available on Saturday evening until noon Sunday & includes continental breakfast. Call 402-359-4288 to check availability & to register. Knowles Mercy Center is located 1 mile west of 264th & W. Center Road.

HEIRLOOM WRITING RETREAT a retreat day at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center (located 1 mile west of 264th & W. Center Rd). Thursday, Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fee: \$45 includes continental breakfast & lunch. Have you been considering handing down a gift to your loved ones other than the typical material possessions? The most endearing - & enduring - legacy you can leave your family is your story. Join our facilitator as she guides you through the process of compiling & writing your life story. Guest Presenter Elizabeth Mack, MA, BFA, has taught Creative Nonfiction Writing & English at UNO, Creighton University, and Metropolitan Community College. Call now to reserve 402.359.4288 or go to: www.kmscenter.org for more info.

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.

LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center (located 1 mile west of 264th & W. Center Rd.) **Thurs., March 2 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Fee: \$45 includes continental breakfast & lunch.** During this holy season of Lent join Fr. Dick Hauser, SJ for a 'Day of Reflection'. Be inspired to be renewed in the spirit. Like spring itself each Lenten Season can be a time for spiritual rebirth & renewal. Explore aspects of this renewal as we journey towards Holy Week. **Facilitator Fr, Dick Hauser, SJ**, has been at Creighton University since 1972, & has served as chair of the Theology Department & Rector of the Jesuit Community, & is currently Associate Director of the Masters Program in Christian Spirituality. Call now to reserve your spot 402-359-4288 or go to www.kmscenter.org for more information.

HEIRLOOM WRITING WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT KNOWLES MERCY SPIRITUALITY CENTER Family stories passed from one generation to the next serves as a means of communicating issues, faith, & values that hold importance in our lives & that of our family members. The most endearing & enduring legacy you can leave your family is your story. Join us on Thurs., March 5 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. to start to process, compile, & write your life story. Fee of \$40 includes continental breakfast & lunch. Facilitator Elizabeth Mack will guide you through the process. The only experience necessary is life! Elizabeth Mack (MA, BFA) has taught Creative Nonfiction Writing & English at UNO, Creighton University, & Metropolitan Community College. For more info or to register, call 402-359-4288 or email kmscenter@mercywmw.org Knowles Mercy Center is located 1 mile west of 264th & West Center Rd.

4th Annual Women's Lenten Reflection Day hosted by St. Patrick's Parish, Gretna will be held Sat., March 18 from 9 am-Noon. Keynote Speaker: Sr. Ann Shields, International Speaker & Author of Renewal Ministries of Ann Arbor, MI, & Radio Host of Spirit Catholic Radio's daily program of Food for the Journey. Free continent breakfast will be served. No registration is required. A free will offering will be accepted. For more info, call Kathleen Krantz 402-850-4610.



Mardi Gras

February 25 6 p.m.

at Nelson Mandela Elementary

6316 N. 30th St.



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