

**Dear Parishioners,**

There are only 6 more days until Mardi Gras! As of the printing of this bulletin, we have sold 286 raffle tickets and received 94 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. **Today is the deadline for dinner reservations.** 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 raffle tickets at Mardi Gras before the drawing. 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. 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 love invites us to wholeness.***

**Reading 1** Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18

**Reading 2** 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

**Gospel** Matthew 5:38-48

**Question of the Week – Adults: Have you ever told someone to do something for his/her own well being? Do you accept God's laws in the same spirit of love and concern?**

**Children: What can you do at home or at school to show that you follow Jesus' Commandments?**

<b>PARISH SUPPORT WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5 – 11</b>		<b>DID YOU KNOW... WE HAVE COMPILED A WISH LIST FOR NON-BUDGETED NEEDS IN OUR PARISH AND SCHOOL?</b> Many times we are asked if there are specific needs that one can purchase rather than donate money. This week's highlighted item: Funds to cover three members of our school staff to attend National Catholic Educators Association Convention in St. Louis, MO in April. If you would like contribute to this, please stop by the Parish or School Office. Thank you!
<b>WEEKLY REVENUE</b>	<b>\$11,105.48</b>	
<b>WEEKLY EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$5,692.34</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$5,413.14</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE REVENUE</b>	<b>\$713,707.82</b>	
<b>YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$793,453.80</b>	
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(\$79,745.98)</b>	

<p><b>LITURGICAL MINISTERS:</b> <b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25</b> <b>5:00 PM:</b> <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> Jordan Rogers, Craig Taylor <b>CANDLE BEARERS:</b> Wyatt Brungardt, Kristen Ellett <b>LECTOR:</b> Theresa O'Neill <b>EMHCs:</b> Jacquie Dahlin, Jeanette Pinker, Kim Hill, Mike Holmgren, Mary Ann Taylor, Matt Swoboda <b>GIFTBEARERS:</b> O'Neill Family <b>MUSICIANS:</b> Colleen Monti &amp; the Church Ladies <b>NERI DOLLAR SELLER:</b> Joni Locher <b>USHERS:</b> Dave Sedlacek, Rock Cramer, Jim Coe, Ron Allbright</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26</b> <b>7:30 AM:</b>  <b>LECTOR:</b> Larry Ziska <b>EMHCs:</b> Norine Hoffman, Bob &amp; Betty Jones, George &amp; Marsha Moon, Bonnie Shea <b>GIFTBEARERS:</b> McDonald Family  <b>NERI DOLLAR SELLER:</b> Judy Bahle <b>USHERS:</b> Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>	<p><b>10:30 AM:</b> <b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b> Sam Parys, Maykayla Smedra <b>CANDLE BEARERS:</b> Andrew Fink, Frances Holmstedt  <b>LECTOR:</b> Bill Cheese <b>EMHCs:</b> Bev Baer, Kelli Brock, Mary Fink, Rich McShane, Dave Parks, Jan Sammons  <b>GIFTBEARERS:</b> Wolodkewitsch Family <b>MUSICIANS:</b> Bryan Kinghorn &amp; Friends <b>NERI DOLLAR SELLER:</b> Jane Cheese <b>USHERS:</b> 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:** Larry Ziska, Charlie Buell

**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 :** Mike Holmgren, Dorie Mittlieder, Kathy Rossitto

**Mass Intentions February 20 - 26**

Monday	8:15 AM	No Communion Service
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Dale Hien + Vincent & Maxine McMahon +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Jack and Ann O'Connor +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Tammy Gatrost + Angela Militti +
Friday	8:15 AM	Jerry Goeken + Deacon Fred Hendricks Int.
Saturday	5:00 PM	John Gubbels + Jim Graves +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Terry Mantich + Anthony J. Poloncic +
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family

**THE ITEMS FROM THE LOST AND FOUND ARE ALSO ON THE TABLE IN THE PARISH CENTER.** Please stop down & you will find that glove, hat, umbrella, lunch box & jacket you have been looking for. It will be Spring Cleaning time soon & these items will be donated to the St. Vincent de Paul within a few weeks.

~ **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.*



**DEAR FUNERAL LUNCH LADIES,**

Thank you for preparing & putting on our father's funeral luncheon. The food was delicious! It's a blessing to have people like you, it helps the families stress less & actually take time to mourn & celebrate the lives of our loved ones. Much appreciation & God Bless.

~ Sincerely, The Joseph Peklo Family

**THANK YOU EVERYONE** for all the wonderful prayers, calls, & visits. I am doing much better because of the prayers from everyone. Thank you! ~ Jerry Hodges

**DAN CARNEY AND FAMILY WISH TO EXPRESS THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION** for the outpouring of love, prayers and presence to the Saint Philip Neri – Blessed Sacrament community during Elaine's recent illness and passage into eternal life. Because of you, we gained an increased awareness and gratitude for the body of Christ, and particularly the Church Militant. In thanksgiving, our prayer for you -- "May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance" (Jude 1:2)

**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 5: The Sacrificial Offering:*

- The Eucharist as "source and summit of our Christian life"
- The Emmaus Road encounter as a template for the Mass
- The pattern of sacrifice seen throughout salvation history
- Old Testament roots of the Eucharistic Sacrifice

**SPECIAL THANKS TO EACH OF YOU WHO PREPARE A DELICIOUS SALAD OR HOMEMADE DESSERT FOR A FUNERAL LUNCH.** As you can see by the messages we receive from families, this ministry is very much appreciated. Please stop down to the Parish Center & pick up your special pan or bowl! We can assure you – we will call you again & you will need that special pan or bowl.

**THE WEEK AHEAD  
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** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades only- School

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

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 PRESIDENTS' DAY**

**NO SCHOOL** – Teacher In Service

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

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

7:00 P.M. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Activity Center Meeting Room

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

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

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

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** - Trailer in Parking Lot

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

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

6:00 P.M. **MARDI GRAS** – Nelson Mandela Elementary

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**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

**MAKE A NOTE!** Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 26 at Cooper Farm!  
 SPN's Week for Hummel Day Camp is July 24-28!  
 Registration is March 21<sup>st</sup> at 8 a.m.

**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.

**OPEN REGISTRATION FOR PRE-SCHOOL** begins on February 21<sup>st</sup>. 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: 3-4<sup>th</sup> grade - Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-6:15pm,  
 7<sup>th</sup> grade – Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:15-7:30,  
 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9pm,  
 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 6:15-7:30pm  
 6<sup>th</sup> grade – Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9pm.

The makeup date or call back date is Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. 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** A woman had bought lots of shoes over time & she decided it was time to kick the habit. She really took it seriously, even changing her driving route to avoid her favorite shoe store. One evening, however, she arrived home carrying a shoe box. Her husband grinned at her, but it didn't faze her at all. "These are very special shoes," she explained. "I accidentally drove by the shoe store & there in the window were the most perfect shoes I've ever seen! I felt this was no accident, so I thought I'd let fate decide. If I would get a parking spot directly in front of the shop, the shoes were meant for me. And sure enough, the eighth time around the block, there it was!"

**PLEASE BRING ONE FOOD ITEM**

(example: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Rice, Canned Soup, Vegetables or Fruit) for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Barrels in Church next weekend. Any loose change or dollar bills dropped in the Poor Box would also be appreciated.



**HEIRLOOM WRITING RETREAT** a retreat day at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center (located 1 mile west of 264<sup>th</sup> & 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](http://www.kmscenter.org) for more info.

**ORA ET LABORA: 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 labora). This allows us to conquer exaggerations of any kind. The retreat is a great opportunity to reflect on our way of life. Friday, 7:30 p.m., to Sunday, after lunch. **For more information or to register, call 402-352-8819 or visit [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com)**

**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](http://www.MagnificatOmaha.org) or call Kathy 402-657-3835. \*Magnificat-Omaha is an archdiocesan-wide Catholic women's organization focused on evangelization.

**ST. THOMAS MORE WILL BE HOLDING ITS ANNUAL 3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** Feb. 28 – March 5. The tournament is open to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:jamiejo123@hotmail.com)

**MARY OUR QUEEN PARISH MISSION “LIL BIT OF HEAVEN”**

Feb. 27 - March 2 at 7pm in Mary Our Queen Church  
 Each evening there will be a special parish mass & homily designated to increase our spirituality. A social will follow in the Trinity Rooms to enhance our feeling of parish community. The mission priest, Fr. Robert Gielow, a Vincentian Father, will be available for informal chats & questions & answers. The Mission is for all people, from inactive to very active. It is for all ages & for any stage in life—married, single, divorced, separated, widow, etc. We particularly invite those who want to know more about the church today & how it can take an active role in the everyday experiences of work, leisure, family & politics. Join us for one of the most spiritually satisfying & uplifting events in our parish as we begin our Lenten Journey!

**LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION** at Knowles Mercy Spirituality Center (located 1 mile west of 264<sup>th</sup> & 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](http://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](mailto:kmscenter@mercywmw.org) Knowles Mercy Center is located 1 mile west of 264<sup>th</sup> & West Center Rd.

**POET, PRIEST, REVOLUTIONARY, SCHOLAR, POPE, SAINT**  
 The Soul of John Paul II Inaugural St. John Paul II Lecture presented by George Weigel at the John Paul II Newman Center; 1221 S. 71<sup>st</sup> St. on March 11 at 7 p.m.

**4<sup>TH</sup> 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. 30<sup>th</sup> 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  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$2,400 in Grocery Gift Cards (Neri Dollars)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$1,000 in Gas Gift Cards (Neri Dollars)

**Get your tickets today!**

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

**Bid on these Silent Auction items: One of a Kind Art Work created by SPN School Students, Decorated Cookies, Fish Professional Window Cleaning, Autographed Creighton University Basketball, 3 hours – Molly Maids Professional House Cleaning, Choc. Chip Cookies every month for a year, Kelly's Carpet Gift Certificate, Car Wash & Oil Change – Woodhouse Auto, Creighton University Baseball Season Tickets, Crochet Afghan, & Much More!!!**