

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

Families grow through good times and bad.

Reading 1 Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3

Reading 2 Colossians 3:12-21 or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel Luke 2:22-40

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Pray for us,
Oh Holy Mother
of God!
May we be made
worthy
Of the promises
of Christ.

Question of the Week –

Adults: Whether single, married, or divorced, how does Paul's advice ring true in your own life? Choose one of his suggestions and share how it touches your life.

Children: God chose to be among us in the person of Jesus. How does having a God who knows what it means to be human affect the way you pray or think about God?

PARISH SUPPORT

NUMBERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PRINTING. WE WILL UPDATE YOU NEXT WEEK.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY AND SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.

DID YOU KNOW... YOU HELPED MAKE CHRISTMAS BETTER

FOR MANY? Thanks to all who participated in community service projects this season. We filled and sent off 12 boxes in November with small toys and personal care items to mission children in the Operation Xmas Child project. And with our own Family Christmas Tree project we bring much joy to 14 parish families that includes 47 kids. Special thanks to our Christmas elves - Peg, Marie, "special dressed" Kathy, Snowflake, Snowball, Erin, Isaiah, Joel, and Andrew. And even Mary and Joseph helped. Merry Christmas to all!



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MONDAY, JANUARY 1 9:00 A.M. ALTAR SERVERS: Anthony Rivera, Liz Troia **LECTOR:** Jan Sammons
EMHC'S: Kelli Brock, Cathy Fluckey, Marsha and George Moon, Fannie Parker

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

5:00 PM:

ALTAR SERVERS: Carly Berkey,
Wyatt Brungardt

CANDLE BEARERS: Gracie Murphy,
Kristen Ellett

LECTOR: Rob Barrett

EMHCs: Jeanette Pinker, Jennifer Russell,
Jim Shepherd, Matt Swoboda,
Diane Sullivan

GIFTBEARERS: Bahle Family

MUSICIANS:

NERI DOLLAR SELLER:

USHERS: Vern Andersen, Ron Allbright,
Jim Coe, Rock Cramer,
Jim Schlotfeld

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

7:30 AM:

LECTOR: Alyce Kozimor

EMHCs: Maria Hackenberg,
Regina Cronkhite,
Bev Demkowski,
Bruno Kozimor,
Mary Todd

GIFTBEARERS: Huber Family

NERI DOLLAR SELLER:

USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek,
Chuck Holderness,
Chuck Livengood

10:30 AM:

ALTAR SERVERS: Sophia Minturn,
Alex Negus

CANDLE BEARERS: Abe Parys,
Ryan Pfeiffer

LECTOR: Bill Cheese

EMHCs: Trudie Ahlstrom,
Tamatha Buell,
DeLynne Clausen,
Rich McShane, Rita Ziska

GIFTBEARERS: Doran Family

MUSICIANS:

NERI DOLLAR SELLER:

USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock,
Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer,
Mark Lampe

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Bev Baer, Roy Edwards, George and Marsha Moon, Dave Parks
COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:
IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, JANUARY 4: Dorie Mittlieder, Kathy Rossitto
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CALL COORDINATOR: Jean Tosoni

Mass Intentions January 1 - 7

Monday	9:00 AM	Fr. Mario Int.
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Jerry Goeken +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Morning Mass Attendees Int.
Thursday	8:15 AM	Mary Jo Dieterman + Mary Beauchene & Family Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society
Saturday	5:00 PM	Francis Pleiss +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Elaine Carney +
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int.

SPECIAL THANKS to Colleen & Tony Monti, Kathy Rossitto, Christy Miner, Lily Spevak, Ed Fink, Tamatha Buell, & the SPN Cub Scouts, & others for decorating our Church so beautifully for Christmas & those of you who donated money for flowers & decorations in honor of or memory of your loved ones: Al Little, Richard d'Autremont, Harold & Margaret d'Autremont, Leonard & Eleanor Lamp, Mary Ann Holmgren, Merl Core, Joseph Thibodeau, Duane Lang, Wilfred & Elsie Bohnenkamp, Inez Haberl, Larry Ellett, Clara McGovern, Ngoan Nguyen, Anthony & Patricia Polonicic, Joseph & Lola Mantich, Terrance Mantich, Marguerite Spicer, Anthony J. Polonicic, Todd Fehrman, Deb Taylor, Sharon Lemkau, John Gubbels, Deceased Members of the Poell & Pfeifer Families, Bart & Mark Petrini, Chris & Jeanette Haman, Bernie Leimbach, Byrnes & Simmons Families, Ray, Gary, Mark & Lanny Mensen, Bob, Lula, & Virginia Todd, Ethel & Joe Mailander, Max, Andy, & Bill Mailander, Polly Stieha, John & Agnes Schaffart, Francis & Margaret Pleiss, Simpson Family, Ziska Family, Tvrdy Family, Daniel M. Morrissey, Lisa Cronkhite, Deceased Members of the Locher-Zich Families, Midge & Harold Cramer, Royce & Patti Anderson, Greg Pinker, Tammy Gatrost, Jim Kubes, Jerry Hughes, Phil & Ruth Hughes, Becky Hughes, Frank & Christine Kubes, Elmer & Hazel Werth, Marge & Roger Henn, Dr. Gene F. Kafka... and A big thank you to Kinghorn Gardens for the beautiful wreaths.

~ NERI DOLLAR NEWS ~

Thank you to everyone who purchased Neri Dollars as part of your Christmas Shopping. Please remember Neri Dollars as part of your New Year's resolutions. *All preorders are due by 10:00 am Tuesday.*



ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL
 "Unity"

SPN SCHOOL CLASSES RESUME JANUARY 4, 2018!

Hy-Vee Receipts CASH FOR STUDENTS program ends today Sunday, Dec. 31. Please drop your receipts in the

PLEASE CONSIDER LOOKING AT ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL for educating your children. No boundaries exist when God's children are learning & loving their faith. For information & a tour, please call the school 402-315-3500 or email Julie spndev@schools.archomaha.org. All grades Pre-K through 8th grade welcome.

THE WEEK AHEAD
NEW YEARS EVE, DECEMBER 31

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

NO FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY

9:00 A.M. **MASS** - Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

8:00 A.M. **CLASSES RESUME** - SPN School

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

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

ADORATION AND EXPOSITION - Church

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION –in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION – Trailer in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

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

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

CHRISTIAN HUMOR The visiting church school supervisor asks little Johnny during Bible class who broke down the walls of Jericho. Little Johnny replies that he does not know, but it definitely is not him. The supervisor, taken aback by this lack of basic Bible knowledge, goes to the school principal & relates the whole incident. The principal replies that he knows little Johnny, as well as his whole family very well & can vouch for them, & if little Johnny said that he did not do it, he, as principal is satisfied that it is the truth. Even more appalled, the inspector goes to the Regional Head of Education & relates the whole story. After listening, he replies: "I can't see why you are making such a big issue out of this."

of eight players & pay online by December 22
at www.mercyhigh.org/events

All are welcome to participate in this fun event.

REMEMBERING OUR LITTLE ONES MISCARRIAGE AND INFANT

LOSS PRAYER AND SUPPORT GROUP: If you have experienced a pregnancy or infant loss recently or years ago, please join us in the Social Hall every third Sunday of the month from 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. This prayer & support group will be a safe confidential place to ask for prayers, remember your loss, share your feelings, fears, memories, pictures, anything you wish with those that truly understand. For more information, please contact Kristin Heilman at 402-250-7758 or kristin_heilman2811@yahoo.com or Marci Petta at 402-502-4416 or marcipetta@yahoo.com. We look forward to praying with you & supporting you through your loss journey.

JOIN OTHER PRO-LIFERS IN PEACEFUL PRAYER ON MONDAYS from 8 a.m. to 1p.m. in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood at 3105 N. 93rd St. A priest or other volunteer leads prayers during the 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. prayer hour on Mondays. You are also invited to pray on Fridays (7:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.) & Saturdays (7:30 – 10 a.m.) at the Abortion and Contraception Clinic of Nebraska at 1002 W. Mission Ave. in Bellevue. Priests lead group prayer from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Fridays in Bellevue. Prayer volunteers are especially needed on Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 3 – 5 p.m. & on Fridays from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. in Bellevue. Prayers are offered at the Omaha Planned Parenthood on Saturday mornings from 10 – 11 a.m. as well. For more info, contact Whitney Bradley at 402-551-9003 x1306 or wabradley@archomaha.org or visit www.RespectLifeOmaha.com

CITIZEN JOURNALIST SANDRA MERRITT OF CALIFORNIA WILL HEADLINE NEBRASKANS UNITED FOR LIFE'S CELEBRATION OF LIFE DINNER Friday, Jan. 12 at the DC Centre, 11830 Stonegate Dr. Merritt participated in an undercover video sting that exposed Planned Parenthood's sale of aborted baby body parts. Come hear Merritt tell of the historic legal battle it has become & the remarkable undertaking that remains. Tickets are \$45 each & may be purchased by clicking "Donate" at nufl.org, or by mailing a check to NUFL, 143 S. 38th St., Omaha, NE 68131.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL TRIVIA NIGHT will be held on Sat., January 13 beginning at 6:00pm. Register your team

Mark your Calendar!

February 10, 2018

Dinner & Raffle
tickets will be on sale
soon!

