

Dear Parishioners,

May peace, love, and joy be with you now and always as the 2018 year is upon us. I am very excited to announce that I have been appointed pastor of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish by Archbishop Lucas. I have truly felt loved and welcomed into this parish family. I am looking forward to continue to be deeply involved in every aspect of the parish. I hope to get to know each of you, serve you, and love you as my family. I am looking forward to serving you as your priest; thank you for welcoming me to your wonderful parish!

My vision and goal for our parish is for all of us to fall in love with Jesus. As you know, we have a wonderful school and parish. For us to grow and flourish, I am asking you to help me by actively participating in our parish and school. Currently we have 151 students in the school. The cost of providing quality Catholic education continues to rise. Each year we have to borrow substantial amount of money from savings to support the school. I am asking for each of you to be ambassadors for our school by helping us recruit new students to our school. Your support of our fundraisers will ensure that we can continue to keep our tuition costs low and affordable.

There will be many opportunities to support and participate in our upcoming fundraiser, Mardi Gras Festival. We will be asking for financial support through raffle tickets and dinner ticket sales. You can also donate items to our silent auction or volunteer to help on a committee or the night of the event. Please watch the bulletin for updates, your mail for reservation and ticket information, and call the Parish Office to get involved.

God Bless,

Fr. Mario

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

The mystery of the incarnation - Jesus is a gift to all humanity.

Reading 1 Isaiah 60:1-6 Reading 2 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Question of the Week –

***Adults:* How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?**

***Children:* The star guided the Magi to Jesus. What are the people or events who have guided you in your relationship with Jesus?**

PARISH SUPPORT

CHRISTMAS
COLLECTION:



BUDGET AMOUNT: \$52,000.00
COLLECTION TO DATE: \$47,477.00

THANK YOU
CONTINUED GENEROSITY
AND SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!

DID YOU KNOW... THAT WE ARE GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED THE ARCHBISHOP ANNUAL APPEAL? To date, our parish has raised \$34,468.00 from 125 toward our goal of \$35,996.10. We are at 95.8% of our goal! Short just \$1,498.10. If you have not yet made a gift, please prayerfully consider a gift of hope to support our archdiocesan family. More than 15,000 parishioners across the archdiocese have contributed over \$4 million to this year's Annual Appeal. Your willingness to include the archdiocese in your charitable giving enriches us as a parish.

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Kelli Brock, Betty and Bob Jones, Joni Locher

COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS: Rita Ziska, Dave Krueger

IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, JANUARY 11: Bill Cheese, Dave Parks

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CALL COORDINATOR: Cheryl Henkenius

<u>SATURDAY, JANUARY 13</u>	<u>SUNDAY, JANUARY 14</u>
<p>5:00 PM: ALTAR SERVERS: Kyra Cypress, Zach Cypress CANDLE BEARERS: Agnes Lampe, Gus Lampe LECTOR: Jerry Bexten EMHCs: Angie Bahle-Lampe, Kim Hill, Theresa O'Neill, Ellen & Wayne Russell GIFTBEARERS: Lampe Family MUSICIANS: Colleen and the Troia Family NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Lynn Ingraham USHERS: Vern Andersen, Ron Allbright, Jim Coe, Rock Cramer, Jim Schlotfeld</p>	<p>7:30 AM: LECTOR: Bruno Kozimor EMHCs: Norine Hoffman, Kathy Rossitto, Jan Sammons, Larry Ziska, Need a Volunteer GIFTBEARERS: Breikreutz Family NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Mary Todd USHERS: Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood</p>
	<p>10:30 AM: ALTAR SERVERS: Kiara Buller, Thomas Bohnenkamp CANDLE BEARERS: Nate Collins, Reagan Muhlecke LECTOR: Rich McShane EMHCs: Bev Baer, Roy Edwards, Mary Fink, Cathy Fluckey, Fannie Parker GIFTBEARERS: Wolodkewitsch Family MUSICIANS: Jean, Deanna, Deb, Tom NERI DOLLAR SELLER: Kara Rief USHERS: Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe</p>

Mass Intentions January 8 - 14

Monday	8:15 AM	Maxine McFarland Int.
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Joe Rossitto +
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Teresa Hein Int.
Thursday	8:15 AM	SPN School Teachers and Staff Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Vincent & Maxine McMahon +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Mick O'Neill +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Stella Kozimor +
	10:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int.

“The World’s Best Popcorn” All for a Free Will Donation.

~ **NERI DOLLAR NEWS** ~

Please remember to keep using Neri Dollars as part of your New Year’s resolution.



All preorders are due by 10:00 am Tuesday.

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, Aleman & Hernandez Families... and A big thank you to Kinghorn Gardens for the beautiful wreaths.

There will be a special collection at Mass this weekend for the Seminary. The Archdiocese of Omaha is currently blessed with twenty-six men studying for the Priest hood. The cost of room, board, and tuition for our seminarians continues to climb. The seminary bill for our 26 seminarians during this academic year will be \$1,259,160. A successful seminary collection is critical to the effort to form future priests of our Archdiocese. We humbly ask for your continued prayers, sacrifices and generous financial support.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF CHRIS ANDERSON. Chris is the brother, brother-in-law of Debbie & Carl Cramer & the nephew of Kathy Rossitto. Funeral services are pending.

THE WAGNER FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO THANK FATHER MARIO AND THE ST. PHILIP NERI-BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISHIONERS for their support and condolences on the passing of JoAnn Wagner. And we also want to thank Marsha Moon and the Funeral Lunch Committee for the delicious lunch after the funeral. ~ Jim and Mary Wagner and Family

KC MOVIE KNIGHT is Saturday, January 13 in the Parish Center. *This month’s feature; Disney’s “MOANA”* Join us in the Warm, Tropical, Beaches of the South Pacific ... For an Epic Ocean Adventure Cartoons will start after the 5pm Mass, with the Movie starting at 6:30pm. Featuring fresh-cooked “Hots & Brats”, Cold Sodas, and

ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL
"Unity"

CONGRATULATIONS TO ANNA SWOBODA who made Honor Roll for the First Semester at Marian High School.

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.

PREPARE TO SOAR Middle school band fun night for students in Grades 6-8 on Friday, January 26 from 5-9 p.m. Cost: \$15 per student includes dinner & t-shirt **REGISTER BY JANUARY 17 TO GET A T-SHIRT** Sign-up online at SkuttCatholic.Com or Mail Registration Form to Skutt Catholic. For more info, contact Rosario Nelson at rosarionelson@skuttcatholic.com or call (402) 333-0818.

8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION SERVICE OPPORTUNITY FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Help is needed at the pancake breakfast for Catholic School Week Kick-Off on Sunday, Jan. 28th. 2 hour shifts available starting at 6 a.m. all the way through noon & clean up. This is a good service project for sponsors &/or parents to also help. Please call Emily to sign up! 402-612-9679

THE WEEK AHEAD

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 8 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

REPORT CARDS GO HOME – School

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

7:00 P.M. **BAPTISM CLASS** – Parish Center Library

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

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

7:00 P.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING** – Parish Center

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN

COLLECTION –in Parking Lot

NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MOVIE KNIGHT – Parish Center

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

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 In 4th grade, my son had a huge crush on a classmate. So for Valentine's Day, he bought her a box of chocolates & took it to school. When I returned home from work, I found him on the couch eating the same box of candy. "What happened?" I asked. "Well, I thought about it for a long time," he said between chews. "And I decided that, for now, I still like candy more than girls."

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 1 p.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.

"Expand Your Horizons" – *"The DREAM ACT 2001 to ? After March 5th, what?"* Young adult Amor Habbab will speak from personal experience to describe the Dream Act & explain why this is a matter of Human Rights & not just about national security. She will include its impact & how it relates to Temporary Protected Status (TPS) & DACA. Jan. 18, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Housing Senior Center, 3439 State St. Use the north entrance by the flag pole. Call 402-982-9933.

LEARN HOW THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY can faithfully accompany those who have experienced the pain of divorce & estrangement from the Church. As a part of the Theology Matters discussion series, Fr. Mike Eckley will offer a pastoral look at divorce. Using *Amoris Laetitia*, the document that grew out of the discussions at the Synod on the Family, Fr. Mike will talk about "accompaniment" or meeting people where they are & recognizing the sacredness of that place. The full *Amoris Laetitia* document is available online as a pdf at many websites.

Theology Matters: *Amoris Laetitia: Accompanying the Divorced & Remarried*
Monday, January 29 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
St. Pius X Catholic Church - Parish Center, 6905 Blondo St.
Free & open to the public

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BENEDICT CENTER, SCHUYLER, NE
January - February 2018

God Calls! A Discernment Retreat for Women, Jan. 19 – 21 God calls everyone to a vocation, a life of intimacy with the Lord, of joy & service to our world! *Teresa Monaghan, AO, Sr. Inviolata Mukhaabi, OSB, Fr. Thomas Leitner, OSB,* & their team of consecrated & lay women will help you to draw closer to God & to listen for your very important calling. You will be introduced to life-giving spiritual tools that will help you keep listening to His voice in your daily life! Maybe you have found your vocation already, but are wondering, how do I go deeper? Or maybe you are still listening & discerning what your vocation might be. Scholarships are available. Friday, 7:30 p.m., to Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

Men's Retreat: Spiritual Exercises for Discipleship, Jan. 26 - 28 This weekend for men will introduce you to many practical tools for living as Jesus' disciples & show you how to use them. *Br. August Schaefer, OSB, Deacon Duane Karmazin, Fr. Thomas Leitner, OSB, & Teresa Monaghan, AO,* will present various aspects of discernment. The retreat will help you, whatever your state in life, to learn the fine art of paying attention & responding deeply to God's call. The schedule will include brief conferences, silence, Mass, Confession, fellowship, & spiritual direction. Open to all ages. Scholarships are available. Friday, 7:30 p.m.

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Walking the Lenten Journey with Scripture and Benedictine Values, Feb. 3, with *Brother Tobias Dammert, OSB.* St. Benedict gives us sound advice for life's journey and especially for the Season of Lent, which he views as a journey of joyful expectation. This day will include shared *lectio divina* with selected Scripture passages, time for silent reflection, and exploring Benedictine values regarding the Observance of Lent, God's Mercy, the Community of Brothers and Sisters, Silence, and Celebration. Consider arranging for an overnight stay and meeting with the presenter for individual spiritual direction. Program fee: \$30. Lunch is available at the Center for \$10.50 (includes tax).

Valentine's Day Dinner, Feb. 11, 5 p.m. Married couples are invited for Mass at the chapel of the Center, followed, at 6 p.m., by a delicious and festive four-course Valentine's Day Dinner prepared by Mark & Patty Bosh. Advance Reservation & Pre-payment Required.

Explorations in Creative Praying, Feb. 17 with *Glenda Dietrich Moore, M.Div., B.F.A.* Through visual expression we can learn to be true to our own voice, our own pace, & our own choices while listening to & being guided by God's Spirit. This day will awaken & celebrate the creative process in your life through a variety of prayer forms, Scripture, reflection, & hands-on expression with art materials. Very simple art materials (paint, collage, and clay) will be used. NO previous art experience is necessary! Program fee: \$40 (includes materials). Lunch is available at the Center for \$10.50 (includes tax).

A Taste of Contemplative Prayer, Feb. 23 - 25, with *Fr. Thomas Leitner, OSB.* "In being still there lies a wonderful power of clarification, of purification, & of concentration on the essential" (D. Bonhoeffer). Contemplative prayer is the opening of mind & heart—our whole being—to God, the Ultimate Mystery, beyond thoughts, words, & emotions. This retreat, involving breath practice, is for beginners on the contemplative journey. Friday, 7:30 p.m., to Sunday after lunch.

Register for any of the above retreats
at www.StBenedictCenter.com or call 402-352-8819.

RONCALLI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Date: Saturday, Feb. 24 Time: 7-10 pm

Where: Roncalli Catholic, 6401 Sorensen Parkway

Cost: \$200 for table of 8; \$25 individual tickets

Registration: <http://roncallicatholic.org/rchs-events/trivia-night/> Questions contact: Joan Kowalski, phone: 402-571-7670, ext. 157, e-mail: jkowalski@roncallicatholic.org

