



I would like to express my gratitude to all our parishioners who participated in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Every gift, no matter how large or small makes a difference. Thank you for opening your hearts to the love of God and allowing the Lord to increase his presence in your lives. To date, our parish has raised \$34,468.00 towards our goal of \$35,996.10 for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal with 125 households responding or 95.8% of our parishioner families. If you have not taken the opportunity to make a gift, it is not too late.

~ God Bless, Fr. Mario

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

God calls us to follow Christ.

**Reading 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19    Reading 2 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

**Gospel John 1:35-42**

**Question of the Week –**

**Adults: In what ways do you experience being called by Jesus?  
What does he want you to do?**

**Children: What can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?**

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 6**

<b>WEEKLY BUDGETED AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$9,051.00</b>
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$11,020.05</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE BUDGETED AMOUNT</b>	<b>\$248,260.00</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$242,309.19</b>
<b>VARIANCE – OVER (UNDER)</b>	
<b>WEEKLY</b>	<b>\$1,969.05</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>(\$5,950.81)</b>

**DID YOU KNOW... OUR MARDI GRAS IS LESS THAN ONE MONTH AWAY?**

Plans are being made for a suspense filled evening of "Whodunnit" mystery with the **Florentine Players** & fellow parishioners. Plan to attend a swanky underground speakeasy party in a grand Gatsby-esque style – with a mix in of a murder mystery. Dress in Roaring 20's and Great Gatsby fashion, and be ready to put your heads together to solve the crime. You should be receiving information in the mail – but if you don't want to wait, please stop by the table in front of the pews by the Mary Statue and pick up your reservation card and raffle tickets. It is sure to be a "roaring" good time.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

**5:00 PM:**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Kristen Ellett,  
Sean Philbin

**CANDLE BEARERS:** Abigail Russell,  
Lydia Treves

**LECTOR:** Hugh Reilly

**EMHCs:** Jacquie Dahlin, Theresa O'Neill,  
Jennifer Russell, Matt Swoboda,  
Mary Ann Taylor

**GIFTBEARERS:** Bahle Family

**MUSICIANS:** Jean Herald, Deanna, Tom

**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:** Susan Matsunami

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

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

**7:30 AM:**

**LECTOR:** Larry Ziska

**EMHCs:** Norine Hoffman,  
Kathy Rossitto,  
Jan Sammons,  
Maria Hackenberg,  
Dorie Mittlieder

**GIFTBEARERS:** Sammons Family

**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:** Patty Wiederholt

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

**10:30 AM:**

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Johnny Blankenship,  
Clayton Bohnenkamp

**CANDLE BEARERS:** CJ Buell,  
Frances Holmstedt

**LECTOR:** Bill Cheese

**EMHCs:** Trudie Ahlstrom, Dave Parks,  
Mary Fink, Nancy Ryckman,  
Tamatha Buell

**GIFTBEARERS:** Ryckman Family

**MUSICIANS:** Kim Becker

**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:** Jane Cheese

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

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Mary Breitkrutz, Wayne and Ellen Russell

**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Liz Maycock, Joann Feller

**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, JANUARY 18:** Bonnie Shea, Mary Todd

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CALL COORDINATOR:** Cheryl Henkenius

**Mass Intentions January 15 - 21**

Monday	8:15 AM	Poor Souls
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Special Intention
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Jack & Ann O'Connor +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Del & Mary Potmesil Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Our Parish Family Int.
Saturday	5:00 PM	Bev Rawley + Greg Pinker +
Sunday	7:30 AM	Elaine Carney + Jim Graves +
	10:30 AM	Kingsley & Tootie Smith +

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF CHARLIE BIERMA, STEVE MORLAN, DEAN SMITH, CONNIE KNOLL, ROSE MASAK AND PHYLLIS CUVA.**



Charlie is survived by his wife of 67 years, Mary. He was buried from here this past Thursday.  
 Steve is survived by his wife of 34 years, Cathy. He was buried from here this past Friday.  
 Dean Smith is survived by his wife of 65 years, Betty. He was buried from here this past Saturday.  
 Connie Knoll is the wife of the late Paul Knoll. There will be a Celebration of Life Memorial Service here at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, January 15.  
 Rose Masak is the mother, mother-in-law of Rita and Rich Muff. Funeral services are pending.  
 Phyllis was preceded in death by her husband, Gus and son, Dan. She is the mother, mother-in-law of Dick and Mary Cova, mother-in-law of Cathy Cova, grandmother of Tony, Emily Cova Tietsort, and Andrew Cova. There will be a Celebration of Life Memorial Service here at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 17 for Phyllis.

**NEW BIBLE STUDY**

Do you want to reignite your love for God?  
 Do you want to learn more about the  
 astonishing  
 love God has for you?

If so, come to the Bible Study on Galatians beginning in February and going through March. It is an 8 week study by Jeff Cavins. We will meet on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center and on Wednesday mornings at 9:00AM in Activity Center. Cost will be \$5:00 for the workbook. If you have questions, call Diane Sullivan 571-2078 or Marsha Moon 455-1485. Signup sheets will be at the exit doors of Church. Deadline is January 21. Classes begin on Tues. February 13th or Wed.

**~ NERI DOLLAR NEWS ~**

Please remember to keep Using Neri Dollars as part of your New Year's resolution.



If you have not already done so, please download the TAGG, "Together a Greater Good", app to your smart phone. When shopping or going out to eat, be sure to check with the store or restaurant to see if they honor TAGG & if they do, scan the TAGG barcode. Our Parish will receive 5% of the sale. Also...

Make sure to designate St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish as your charity for your Bakers reward card. Our Parish receives 5% of your purchase each quarter.

Details for these programs are at the 30<sup>th</sup> St. door of Church or visit with the Neri Dollars sales person.

*All preorders are due by 10:00 am Tuesday.*

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** A beginner rider at the stables was trying to saddle a horse. "Excuse me," said the old hand, "but you are putting that saddle on backwards." "How do you know?" snapped the student. "You do not know which way I'm going."

**ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL**  
 "Unity"

**ST. PHILIP NERI SCHOOL** has room available for your student. Please call 402-315-3500 or email [spndev@schools.archomaha.org](mailto:spndev@schools.archomaha.org) and join us for a tour. Learn how your family can become a part of the private, Catholic education our Parish supports. All grades Pre-K through 8th grade welcome.

**A note about the Campbell Soup Labels for Education Program.**

After 42 years of raising extra funds for schools, it will be ending its Soup Labels for Education program. The last day for schools to turn in labels was January 2<sup>nd</sup>. SPN had already turned in their labels and purchased items for the children as of the beginning of the school year. **So, no need to cut the labels off the cans and bottles!**

A quote from the Omaha World Herald about the program states, "During the past year, we've been assessing the impact of these programs and through this, we've seen that participation in Labels for Education has declined considerably. Sadly, it is at the point where we have no choice but to make the difficult decision to wind down the program. (Campbell Soup)

Sadly, it is a loss for our school as many of playground balls, art supplies, and PE equipment were acquired through this method. Save your Scoopie Token from a Culver Kid's meal and get a ball for our school when you acquire 10 of them!

~ Theresa O'Neill, Program Coordinator

\*\*\* **The Hy-Vee receipt fundraiser has also ended.** The deadline to turn in receipts has passed. We will no longer accept Hy-Vee receipts and Campbell Soup labels.

**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. 28<sup>th</sup>. 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

**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.

**THE WEEK AHEAD  
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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 15**

**NO SCHOOL – TEACHER IN SERVICE**

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

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 16**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17**

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

3:15 P.M. **LITTLE FLOWERS MEETING** – Parish Center

6:30 P.M. **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION** – Parish Center

7:00 P.M. **WALKING WITH PURPOSE BIBLE STUDY** – Activity Center Meeting Room

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 18**

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

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

7:00 P.M. **VOCATIONS COMMITTEE** - Parish Center

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 20**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALUMINUM CAN COLLECTION** –in Parking Lot

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONE ROSE ONE**

**LIFE SPECIAL COLLECTION** – at Mass

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 21**

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

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ONE ROSE ONE LIFE SPECIAL COLLECTION** – at all Masses

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**NO FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

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

11:45 A.M. **RECONCILIATION FAMILY CLASS – 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE ONLY** – Parish Center after Mass

**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. 93<sup>rd</sup> St. A priest or other volunteer leads prayers during the 11a.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](mailto:wabradley@archomaha.org) or visit [www.RespectLifeOmaha.com](http://www.RespectLifeOmaha.com)

**“Expand Your Horizons”** – “The DREAM ACT 2001 to ? After March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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. Call 402-982-9933.

**HOWDY PARTNERS!** Dust off your cowboy hats & polish your spurs! Join us at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Margaret Mary Wild West Casino Night on Friday, Jan. 26! Open to all parishes!

Register online at: [www.smmomaha.org/wwn](http://www.smmomaha.org/wwn) Lasso your friends to join you! New this year is an Old West Chili Cook-off! Whip up a batch of your prized secret family recipe & compete for bragging rights & prizes! If you'd like to participate, just indicate so on the online form when you register. We'll be in contact with more details to those who sign up! Able to lend a hand? We are looking for volunteers to help deal the games, & to run the saloon, chuck wagon & bank. Use the sign-up genius link to sign up for a shift. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0b44aaa929a1f58-2018>

**DAY OF PENANCE** Jan. 22, is the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U. S. Supreme Court's infamous ruling legalizing abortion during all nine months of pregnancy (Roe v. Wade & Doe v. Bolton). Jan. 22 has been designated as a Day of Penance by the U. S. Bishops for the violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, & of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. Please offer some form of prayer & penance on this day & attend Mass to pray for an end to this atrocity. **ANNUAL PRO-LIFE MASS & WALK FOR LIFE** in Lincoln on Sat., Jan. 27. Mass begins at 9 at St. Mary's Catholic Church (14th & K) The Walk begins at 10 a.m. on the north side of the Capitol & continues to the Student Center.

**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, The full *Amoris Laetitia* document is available online as a pdf at many websites. Free & open to the public.

**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.

**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 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. to Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

**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 (incl. 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 (incl. 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. Fri., 7:30 p.m. to Sun. after lunch.

**Register for any of the above retreats**

at [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com) or call 402-352-8819.

**MAGNIFICAT-OMAHA\* INVITES AREA WOMEN TO A BRUNCH WITH DR. MARY HEALY** on Saturday, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 1pm at St. Robert Bellarmine Church Mainelli Center. Mary will share her faith journey & a message from her newest book, *Healing: Bringing the Gift of God's Mercy to the World*. Cost: \$20. Reservations Required by Feb. 17. For more info go to: [www.MagnificatOmaha.org](http://www.MagnificatOmaha.org)

**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-

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