



St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish  
 Fundraising Dinner and Auction  
**Mardi Gras Murder Mystery**  
 Saturday, February 10 6 p.m. Activity Center  
 Get your tickets today!

*n many ways, including through this Sunday's Scripture readings.*

Jesus has power over evil.

**Reading 1** Deuteronomy 18:15-20 **Reading 2** 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

**Gospel** Mark 1:21-28

**Question of the Week –**

**Adults:** What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?

**Children:** Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away from our world.

PARISH SUPPORT	
WEEK OF JANUARY 14 - 20	
WEEKLY BUDGETED AMOUNT	\$9,051.00
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$5,950.36
YEAR TO DATE BUDGETED AMOUNT	\$266,362.00
YEAR TO DATE COLLECTION	\$259,121.96
VARIANCE – OVER (UNDER)	
WEEKLY	(\$3,100.64)
YEAR TO DATE	(\$7,240.04)

**DID YOU KNOW... OUR MARDI GRAS IS ON FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> ?**  
 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. **Our raffle tickets are on sale now!** Be sure to purchase your chance to win the Grand Prize of \$5,000, \$2,400 Neri Dollars for groceries, or \$1,000 Neri Dollars for gas! Join us! It is sure to be a "roaring" good time.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**  
**5:00 PM:**  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Kyra Cypress, Zach Cypress  
**CANDLE BEARERS:** Sean Philbin, Marianna Stevenson  
**LECTOR:** Jerry Bexten  
**EMHCs:** Kim Hill, Jacquie Dahlin, Ellen and Wayne Russell, Mary Ann Taylor  
**GIFTBEARERS:** Bahle Family  
**MUSICIANS:** Jean, Deanna, Deb, Tom  
**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:** Lynn Ingraham  
**USHERS:** Vern Andersen, Ron Allbright, Jim Coe, Rock Cramer, Jim Schlotfeld

**7:30 AM:**  
**LECTOR:** Larry Ziska  
**EMHCs:** Bob and Betty Jones, Bruno Kozimor, Dorothy Polan, Bonnie Shea  
**GIFTBEARERS:** Polan Family  
**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:** Nancy Core  
**USHERS:** Bill Wilber, Carl Sedlacek, Chuck Holderness, Chuck Livengood

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**  
**10:30 AM:**  
**ALTAR SERVERS:** Scouts  
**CANDLE BEARERS:** Scouts  
**LECTOR:** Scouts  
**EMHCs:** Scout Family Members  
**GIFTBEARERS:** Scouts  
**MUSICIANS:** Kim Becker  
**NERI DOLLAR SELLER:** Terri Herman  
**USHERS:** Rick Krebs, Fred Maycock, Tim Kiuntke, Carl Cramer, Mark Lampe

**COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Mary Fink, Kathy Rossitto  
**COLLECTION MONEY COUNTERS:** Sharon Olson, April Collamer  
**IMMANUEL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1:** Nancy Core, Theresa O'Neill  
**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CALL COORDINATOR:** DeLynne Clausen

**Mass Intentions January 28 – February 4**

Monday	8:15 AM	Cecelia & John Burree Int.
Tuesday	8:15 AM	Walter Int. Fr. Gama Int.
Wednesday	8:15 AM	Theresa Hein + Steve Morlan +
Thursday	8:15 AM	Shaun Burree Int. Fr. John Int.
Friday	8:15 AM	Memorial Society +
Saturday	5:00 PM	Joann Schaffart Int. Elaine Carney +
Sunday	7:30 AM 10:30 AM	Our Parish Family Int. Rose Masek + Frances Ekeler +

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES OF RITA KEITGES, THERESA HEIN, JOYCE PETERSON AND RICHARD MIRANDA.**

Rita is the wife of William Keitges. Grandmother of Julie and Bryan Sites. She was buried from here this past Wednesday.



Theresa is the sister, sister-in-law of Mary and Ron Beauchene. She was buried from St. Boniface Church in Sioux City, Iowa this past Friday.

Joyce is a longtime parishioner and the mother of Jacqueline Myers. She was buried from here this past Saturday.

Richard Miranda is the son of Maria Miranda, brother of Edward Miranda, and uncle of Amy and John Blankenship. Services are pending.

**CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!**



Fred and Mary Ellen (Byrnes) Simmons were united in marriage on January 26, 1968. Together they have six Children: Kerry Simmons, Dawn and

Nathan Wecker, and Jeff and Kim Simmons all of Omaha. They are blessed with six grandchildren, Nolan Clark, Reid Clark, Delaney Clark, Julaine Simmons, Hayden Simmons, & Gillian Charlton. Help us shower them with best wishes by sending a card to: 8371 Mormon Bridge Rd., Omaha, NE 68152.

**KC All-You-Can-Eat Pancake**

**Breakfast** is today! Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> – 8am till 12:30pm to Kick-Off Catholic Schools Week! Come & let the Knights make your breakfast. Fresh Pancakes, Sausages Juice' Along with Biscuits & Gravy while it lasts. Strawberry Topping, & Fruit Cocktail too! Adults - \$9; Kids (5-12) - \$5 Under 5 Free - or \$25 Family Rate!! Downstairs in the Parish Center. All proceeds benefit SPN School and the Home & School Association.



**~ NERI DOLLAR NEWS ~**

Purchase your Neri Dollars after Mass Today!



**NEW BIBLE STUDY**

Do you want to reignite your love for God?

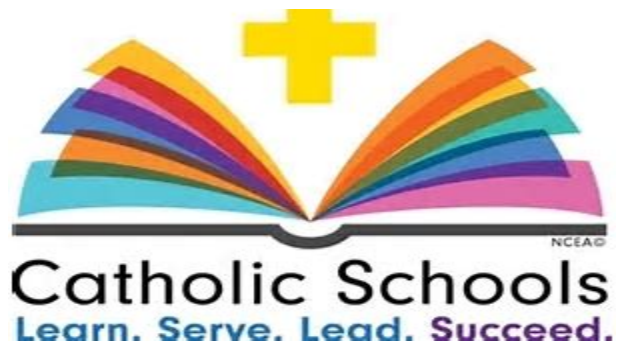
Do you want to learn more about the astonishing love God has for you?

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 28. Classes

begin on

Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup> or  
Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>

**Celebrate**



**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MIA DOLAN, EMMETT LAMPE, AND JACQUELINE HANSEN** who achieved *High Honors*, **SYDNEY CAMPBELL, ROBERT SCHONBERNER, AND MEGAN JOHNSON** who achieved *Honors*, AND **GENESIS MULCAHY, DOMINIC BAZER, RILEY DORAN, ROBERT DORAN, HAILEY GREENWOOD,**

**MADISON HOLZAPFEL, NATALIE MEIER, HANNAH BENCKER, CALEB BOHNENKAMP, AND JUSTIN WIESNER-DAVIS** who achieved *Honorable* at Roncalli Catholic High School.

We are proud of you!

**SAVE THE DATE! KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP** will be held on Wednesday, March 7. Please encourage your friends & neighbors to send their children to St. Philip Neri School & attend our Kindergarten Round-Up. Kindergarten & Pre-School will not have class that day. Please call the school if you have any questions, 402-315-3500.

### Help St. Philip Neri School become a Superstar Catholic School!

Spirit Catholic Radio presents the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Superstar Catholic School Contest to coincide with Catholic Schools Week 2018. This contest is one way Spirit Catholic Radio shows our gratitude toward our Catholic schools and those working in Catholic education!

The contest begins at [spiritcatholicradio.com/superstar](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/superstar) on Monday, Jan. 29 at 6 a.m. and continues through Saturday, Feb. 3.

You'll be able to vote for one Catholic elementary school and one Catholic high school in each of the size categories. The schools have been divided up by community size this year to make a fairer voting process.

How can you help your school win? Share, share, share! Be sure to send a link to this page via email to your friends and family as well as on social media (Facebook, Twitter).

**The top Catholic elementary school and top Catholic high school in each size category will be named Superstar Catholic Schools and will receive:**

- A LIVE interview on Spirit Catholic Radio's Spirit Mornings show.
- FREE prayer cards for every student!
- A trophy to be displayed at your school!
- A supply of coffee for your staff break room!
- \$1,000 worth of on-air spots that promote your school and what makes it unique!
- Promo on [spiritcatholicradio.com](http://spiritcatholicradio.com)

**PLEASE KEEP OUR TEACHERS, STUDENTS AND STAFF IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS TODAY AND EVERY DAY!**



**YOUR ACTION NEEDED NOW.** Our state legislature is considering an important legislative bill (LB295) that advances educational opportunity for Nebraska's low-income and working-class families. LB295 enacts a tax credit for private donations to nonprofits that would provide K-12 private-school scholarships for poor and working-class children. Take action now, visit [www.necatholic.org](http://www.necatholic.org) for more information.

God bless your faithful advocacy!

**CHRISTIAN HUMOR** A 6-year old boy called his mother from his friend, Charlie's house & confessed he had broken a lamp when he threw a football in their living room. "But, Mom," he said, you don't have to worry about buying another one. Charlie's mom said it was irreplaceable."

#### THE WEEK AHEAD

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 – KICKOFF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

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

8:00 A.M. **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK-OFF PANCAKE BREAKFAST** – Parish Center

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

**NO FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

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

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 29

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

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31

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

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

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

#### FIRST FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

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

9:00 A.M. **EXPOSITION AND ADORATION** - Church

1:00 P.M. **EARLY DISMISSAL – NO AFTERCARE** - School

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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

**NERI DOLLARS SOLD AFTER MASS**

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – SCOUT SUNDAY

**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

**BE SURE TO STOP BY THE TABLE BY THE MARY STATUE OR THE**

**30<sup>TH</sup> STREET DOORS OF CHURCH TO PICK UP YOUR MARDI GRAS INFORMATION AND RAFFLE TICKETS!**

**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. 93<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:wabradley@archomaha.org) or visit [www.RespectLifeOmaha.com](http://www.RespectLifeOmaha.com)

**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**  
February 2018

**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: 402-571-7670, ext. 157, e-mail: [jkowalski@roncallicatholic.org](mailto:jkowalski@roncallicatholic.org)

**ST. BERNADETTE HOME & SCHOOL IS HAVING A VENDOR BLENDER** on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-3:30. The cost is \$30 per space. Two chairs will be provided. Add \$5.00 if a table will be needed. Set up may begin at 6:30am. Please let us know if you'd be interested in being a vendor/crafter. We would love to have you! If interested, please email Melissa at [mlmurtaugh@yahoo.com](mailto:mlmurtaugh@yahoo.com) or [sbshs@yahoo.com](mailto:sbshs@yahoo.com). We will send you more information and an application.

### ***How do we obtain items for the Silent Auction?***

We ask for the generosity of local businesses and parishioners to help make our Silent Auction fundraiser a success!

### ***What if I want to donate an item?***

Please consider a donation to our live or silent auction. The donated item must be new and in great condition. Every donation is appreciated. Please contact the Parish Office if you have a donation. We are accepting new individual items, items to add to baskets, gift cards to retail stores, restaurants, and businesses. All donations (including cash donations) are tax deductible and you will be recognized in our Mardi Gras booklet and Parish bulletin.

At the suggestion of our Home and School, we are collecting items for Car Care, Sports Galore, and Garden Fun baskets from our students. They are also working with the Art Teacher to create original one of a kind projects for you to bid on.

Some other suggestions for donations or baskets that have been proven winners in the past are: Nebraska State Parks, Best of the Old Market, Mom's Day Out, First Communion Boy or Girl, Husker Fever, I Love Omaha, and Family Game Night.

### ***I own a business. I work for a business that is very generous. What can I do to help?***

If you own your own business or work for a generous company, please consider donating your goods or services. In the past we have received restaurant gift cards, hair and massage salon gift certificates, tickets to events around town, oil change, and even painting services and much more! Our parishioners will see your donation and ultimately be made aware of your business. With our auction items on our website, the Parishioners, Family and Friends can browse through our list and be cognizant of your support of St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Parish.

### ***What is our goal for 2018?***

This year we hope to gather \$20,000 in Silent Auction donations!

## **YOUR Support is GREATLY Appreciated!**

***Be sure to join us at Mardi Gras  
so that you can bid on items such as:***

- Front Row at the St. Philip Neri School Christmas Program
- Chihuly-inspired lamp made by our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders
- Front Row at the Christmas Children's Mass
- Choose the School Lunch Menu for one week
- Three Dozen Chocolate Chip Cookies every month for one year
- 16" Huffy "So Sweet" Girls Bicycle
- Portable Poker Table, Cards, and Snacks
- Rex Burkhead Autographed Football
- KC Chiefs replica helmet autographed by Alex Smith
- SPN Eagle Artwork made by our 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Rental of a Bounce House for your next party from Bryan Hill Entertainment

There are many, many more items to bid on!

Items are added to our Silent Auction every day! Please check the Parish website for updates!

<http://saintphilipneriblessedsacrament.org/>

# 2018 Mardi Gras Murder Mystery – 411

**When and Where is Mardi Gras going to be held this year?** Our Mardi Gras celebration will be on Saturday, February 10 in the Activity Center (School Gym) with the doors opening at 6:00 p.m.

**What should I expect?** We have teamed up with the Florentine Players to create a fun, suspense filled evening. The first hour or so will be social! Find your table, get a drink, check out the Silent Auction items, get to know your neighbor - since you don't know "who dunnit"! Dinner will be ready at 7 and the first act of the Murder Mystery will begin about 7:30. We will break for a short time so you can get your dessert on, peruse the Silent Auction, and enjoy the second act. Another short break – for you to place your final bids - the Silent Auction will close. We will announce "Whodunnit" and the prize will be awarded to the table that turned in the first correct answer. We will have a Live Auction and conclude the evening with the Raffle drawing. Be sure to check to see if you placed the winning bid on the Silent Auction item you can't live without before you leave!

**I have 9 friends that was want to come but don't want to split up. Can I seat more than 8 at my table? YES!** Since we are not playing trivia – you can have more than 8 at your table. We will try to accommodate as many guests as you would like to enjoy the evening with you – within "Fire Code" limitations.

**What is for dinner?** Again this year, some of the finest chefs of our Parish have offered to make our appetizers. Dinner will be catered by Eddie's Catering. We will begin serving dinner at 7 p.m. so don't be late! For dessert - there will be special flavors of cakes on each table. You can savor every bite of the cake on your table or share a piece of your cake with another table and have them share a piece of their cake with you. Cut the pieces small enough and you can try all four flavors!

**Wait a minute... you said Live Auction?** YES! Live Auction! We have a special donor who has a package for you to bid on and enjoy should you place the winning bid! How does a trip to Kansas City sound? This trip will be best enjoyed by 4 or more... 2 rooms for a two night stay at a Kansas City hotel, 4 tickets to the Kansas City Royals Baseball game on July 20<sup>th</sup> against the Minnesota Twins, and \$500 spending money. Fr. Mario is offering a 2<sup>nd</sup> live auction item! He will prepare a delicious five-course meal for you and 7 friends at the Rectory. Be sure to bring your pocketbook so you can participate!

**Do I need to dress up?** Our theme for this year's Mardi Gras is 'Murder Mystery'. We are creating an underground speakeasy party with a grand Gatsby-esque gala feel. The Florentine Players and many of the attendees will be dressed to the nines. Get into the action by dressing the part – Roaring 20's or Great Gatsby fashion. It is not about what you wear but that you are there...that is important to your fellow parishioners, family, & friends. We are hoping you will dress comfortable & right for the occasion.

**Do you need help? I am going to Mardi Gras. Is there something I can help with?** YES, YES, YES! We would love it if you would like to help. An event like this needs many hands to make it a success! Please call the Parish Office at 402-455-1289 & press 2 & let us know that you would like to help.

Are you waiting to be asked? Ok... Will you help us make this a success?