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St. Mary's Church and Rectory

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Pastor: Reverend Mark Beran
Deacons: Gary French & Pat Gross
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Parish Secretary: Patty Wurdeman
College Newman Minister: Fr. Mark Beran
Assistant Newman Ministers: Jilliane Allemann & Amy Woerdemann - 375-1155
Hispanic Parish Coordinator: Cecilia Modrell
St. Mary's School & Little Lambs Preschool, 375-2337
Head Teacher: Mark Evetovich

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As members of St. Mary's Parish located in Wayne, Nebraska we affirm our belief that together with all whom accept Jesus Christ as the Risen Lord; we are a pilgrim people seeking salvation. We have made the commitment to worship God, to educate by passing on the faith, to witness the Gospel by living a Christian life, and to love and serve each other and our neighbors. We will contribute the time, talent and treasure necessary to further these spiritual purposes. With God's help, and through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God and our patroness, we will make our parish community one which is seen by all as Catholic Christian.

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday - 6:00 PM; Sunday - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM; and Spanish Mass in Emerson NE (402-695-2342).

WEEKDAY & HOLIDAY MASSES: See Bulletin.

NEW PARISHIONERS: You are invited to register at the rectory or see the pastor following Mass.

RECONCILIATION: 4:30 PM-5:30 PM on Saturdays, 5:30 PM-6:30 PM on Wednesdays for Religious Ed. families, 5:30 PM-7 PM on Thursdays (except Dec. 13th) & ½ Hr. before Masses on Sundays & weekdays & after every weekend Mass as long as people come, or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Contact the Parish Office. Parents are to attend pre-baptismal catechesis prior to the baptism.

MARRIAGES: The Archdiocese of Omaha requires a minimal six months waiting period for proper preparation for marriage. Please contact the parish a year in advance. The RC adult and/or the parents should be registered members of St. Mary's Parish.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Celebrated individually upon request. If someone is seriously ill, please call the rectory.

COLLEGE STUDENTS & VISITORS: We welcome you and pray that you will feel at home worshipping with us.

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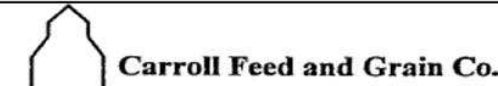
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December 9, 2012					
2 nd Sunday of Advent – Intentions for December 10 th – December 16 th					
Monday	December	10	NO MASS		
Tuesday	December	11	8:00 AM	Special Intention	
Wednesday	December	12	8:15 AM	Unborn	
Thursday	December	13	8:00 AM	† Leona Kluge	
Friday	December	14	8:00 AM	Special Intention	
Saturday	December	15	8:00 AM	† Ed Fletcher	
Saturday	December	15	6:00 PM	† Keith Schwartz	
Sunday	December	16	8:00 AM	† Cliff Pinkelman	
Sunday	December	16	10:00 AM	People of the Parish	
Sunday	December	16	NO 9:00 PM MASS		



"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

Dec 15/16
3rd Sunday of Advent
HOSPITALITY
USHERS
READER
SERVERS
*EMHCs

SAT 6:00 PM
A Osten / C Osten
J Davis / S Hasemann
E Osten
S Hasemann / N Hunke
J Reinert / D Woslager
R Glass / (Deacon)
Volunteer / T Hypse
G & J Nemec / I Fletcher

SUN 8:00 AM
G & J Nemec
B Martin / M Pieper
I Fletcher
L Spieker / C Woerdemann
L & D Mann
R McLean

SUN 10:00 AM
S Eaton / D Ewing
T Garvin / R Hunke
D Harm
J Heitz / S Heitz
G Kuhlmeier / B Jaixen
*S Jaixen / (Deacon)
Volunteer / V French

Dec 22/23
4th Sunday of Advent
HOSPITALITY
USHERS
READER
SERVERS
*EMHCs

SAT 6:00 PM
G & J Ruzicka
G Kallhoff / B Grone
M Brady
B Kallhoff / L Kallhoff
C Osten / A Osten
E Osten / (Deacon)
Volunteer / K White
M Kathol / G Kathol / B Belt

SUN 8:00 AM
R & J Poehlman
K Prokop / M Reynolds
B Meyer
C Hochstein / R Trenhaile
K Hochstein / L Hochstein
T Reinke

SUN 10:00 AM
D & S Fehringer
R Gentrup / K Kwapnioski
C Pfeifer
Z Schenk / W Moos
J Kielty
*M & J Klein / (Deacon)
Volunteer / D Gentrup

Everyone: PLEASE arrange for a substitute if you cannot come on your assigned date!

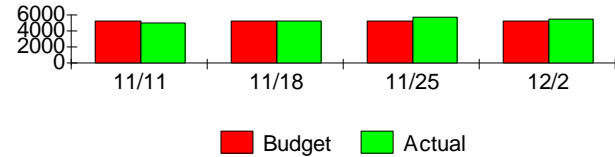
EMHCs: The name underlined at the 8 o'clock Mass will take Communion to the Nursing Home. The name underlined at the 10 o'clock Mass will take Communion to the Oaks. The name with the * by it will take Communion to shut-ins. The name in parentheses is an alternate, in case another EMHC cannot show up as assigned.

Thank You!

December 1st & 2nd, 2012 - STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Plate	\$	308.00
Adult envelopes	\$	5,056.00
Children	\$	58.25
Solemnity of Mary	\$	100.00
On-Line	\$	0.00
Total	\$	5,522.25

<u>Total Sundays & Holy Days</u>	Actual	Budget
Fiscal year to date	\$127,635.98	\$121,900
Average per week	\$ 5,549.39	\$ 5,300



Stewardship – December 9th *“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...” (Philippians 1:9-10)* Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God.

St. Mary’s Prayer List

Please pray for those suffering from illness and their families that they may find relief from their burdens, and feel the comforting presence of the Lord. **Parishioners:** Rick Haase, Bill Kaup, Clete Sharer and Derek & Ashley Meyer.

Family/Friends: Justin Walsh (brother of Jilliane Allemann), Dennis Spangler (friend of Scott & Mary Kay Hasemann), Jenny (Sheldon) Overhue (friend of Miron & Louise Jenness), Amy (Patterson) Bishop (great-great niece of Miron & Louise Jenness), Gary Mueller (brother of Ann Witkowski), Carla Peter (sister-in-law of Laura Hochstein), Shirley Clayton (niece of MaryEllen Maxey), Pat Brady (brother of Jeff Brady), Kristin Ewing (daughter of Donna Ewing), Danita Beadle (sister-in-law of Ray Nelson), Deena Creamer (daughter of Clete & Vona Sharer), Mary Seiler Page (former parishioner), Mary Carroll (daughter-in-law of Ed & Dee Carroll), Kaden Schmale (grandson of Darrell & Dorothy French), Jaime Knehans (friend of Kathy Luhr), Bill Harper (former parishioner), Jan Brumm (former parishioner), Alex Ankeny (son of Josh & Heidi Ankeny), Marie Pearson (mother of Shelly Anderson), Steven Morse (son of Marilyn Morse), Linda Hochstein (daughter-in-law of Sally Hochstein).

Tend Thy sick ones, O Lord Jesus. Rest Thy weary ones. Bless Thy dying ones. Soothe Thy suffering ones. Pity Thy afflicted ones. Shield Thy joyous ones. All for Thy love’s sake. St. Augustine

We do not always know the current condition of those on our Prayer list. If a person is doing better and his/her name should be removed from the list let the Parish Office know. Thanks.

Sometimes
I want to ask God
why He allows poverty, famine
and injustice in the world when He
could do something about it,
but I'm afraid He might just
ask me the
same question

are available from the parish office. Your pledge could mean the difference between making our goal and missing it. Please prayerfully consider how you will make a response to God for all that he has provided throughout your life.

ST. MARY’S CALENDAR December 9 – December 16

- †The Rosary is prayed ½ hour before the weekend Masses. The 7:30 AM Rosary on Sunday will be prayed for the unborn.
- † 2nd Grade First Reconciliation – Sunday, December 9th at 2 PM with reception following in Holy Family Hall.
- †Scholastic Book Fair – December 9th – December 14th.
- † Ecumenical Prayer – Monday, December 10th at 3 PM at PMC Chapel.
- † Hispanic Prayer Group & Rosary – Monday, December 10th at 5 PM at the Church.
- † Facilities/Maintenance Meeting – Tuesday, December 11th at 6 PM at the Rectory.
- † Religious Ed Classes – Classes on Wednesday, December 12th.
- † St. Therese Hour –St. Therese Hour on Wednesday, Dec 12th.
- † That Man Is You –That Man is You on Thursday, December 13th.
- † St. Mary’s School Christmas Program – Friday, December 14th at 7 PM in the school basement.
- † St. Mary’s Penance Service – Sunday, December 16th at 2 PM.

From the Pastor’s Desk

This being Advent, it is a good time to reflect on the meaning of this season. The word “advent” literally means “to come to”. This season is a time to prepare to celebrate when Jesus came to us in His birth. It is also meant to help us prepare for when Jesus comes to us again at the end times. This season is about celebrating something in the past and preparing ourselves here and now. It is not just a quaint remembrance of an event from long ago, but also a challenge to be awake and ready for Jesus’ return in glory.

The Advent Wreath is probably the most recognized symbol of this season. Symbolically, a wreath with four candles, one more being lighted each week, reminds us that we are getting closer to celebrating the birthday of Jesus who is the light of the world. The little flame of the candles that gradually grows throughout the season is a symbol of His coming. This wreath can be bought in Christian stores or even made in simple ways. I remember making one once out of a wire hanger. We bent the hanger and made it into a circle with places for four candles. After placing some branches around it, it worked just fine. I also remember lighting the wreath each night before dinner as a family. The excitement of being chosen to light the candles or blow them out was a true treat growing up.

Sometimes I think we are told by society that these small religious traditions are unimportant. It is true that Advent is not defined by the use of a wreath. If you do not have an Advent Wreath, we still celebrate the season. At the same time, these little things we do make a big difference. I remember all the little traditions my family had growing up. They showed that this was not just a time for shopping and movies about Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer. The wreath was a visible reminder that Jesus is the light of the world and that Advent is a time of waiting to celebrate His birth and His return. Plus, we are building memories for years and generations to come. May God bless you this Advent Season.

Mary, Mother of God and our patroness, pray for us. Help us to prepare for Christmas as you prepared for the birth of your son.

Fr. Beran

Year of Faith Assignment: John the Baptist prepared people for Jesus by calling them to turn away from their sins. What sin in your life is God asking you to turn away from?

Give to those who have given a lifetime. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate savings for retirement.

Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. **Please be generous.**

Daily Scripture Readings

- Monday, December 10** (Second Monday of Advent): Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalms 85:9ab-14; Luke 5:17-26.
 - Tuesday, December 11** (St. Damasus I): Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalms 96:1-3, 10, 11-13; Matthew 18:12-14.
 - Wednesday, December 12** (Our Lady of Guadalupe): Zechariah 2:14-17 or Revelation 11:19a and 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalms 45:11-12, 14-17; Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47.
 - Thursday, December 13** (St. Lucy): Isaiah 41:13-20; Psalms 145:1, 9-13ab; Matthew 11:11-15.
 - Friday, December 14** (St. John of the Cross): Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalms 1:1-4, 6; Matthew 11:16-19.
 - Saturday, December 15** (Second Saturday of Advent): Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Matthew 17:10-13.
 - Sunday, December 16** (Third Sunday of Advent): Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18.
- Take a moment each day to read and reflect on these passages from Sacred Scripture. It’s a wonderful way to join our personal prayer with public prayer of the Church.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

- Classes - Wednesday, December 12th - 6:45 PM to 8 PM
- Kindergarten-6th grade meet in Church
- 7th Grade meets at Wayne Jr./Sr. High Room 207
- 8th Grade meets at Wayne Jr./Sr. High Room 404
- W.I.N.G.S. will meet at Church

WAYNE STATE CATHOLIC NEWMAN NEWS
Facebook: Wayne State Catholic Newman 375-2000

WILDCATHolic Events:

- Sunday, December 9: 8:30pm Confessions, 9pm Mass
 - Tuesday, December 11: 8:30pm Confessions/Adoration, 9pm Mass
 - Thursday, December 13: 11:30am to 1pm TNT in Cafeteria
 - Friday, December 14: Last Day of Finals and Graduation
- Have a great Christmas break and good luck to those graduating!
God bless!

National FOCUS Conference: WSC Catholic Newman students are going to the National FOCUS Conference in Orlando, Florida in early January. If anyone in the parish would like to donate to help students with travel expenses to this great faith event, make donations to St. Mary’s WildCatholics with a designation for WSC Newman students Focus Conference. If you want to learn more about FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) or this conference, go to <http://www.focus.org/>.

BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

St. Marys will ring the bells on Friday, December 21st from 5 PM to 8 PM at Pac-N-Save and Shopko.
Sign-up sheet in Church entrance.

St. Mary’s welcomes a new member into our faith who was baptized on Wednesday, November 28th:



Sophia Elizabeth Vazquez

Daughter of Julio & Kayla Vazquez
Dear Father in Heaven, Bless this child and all her days.

St. Mary’s welcomes a new member to our parish who was baptized on Saturday, December 1st:

Marissa Jean Brink

Daughter of Marlon & Jeanne Brink
Dear Father in Heaven, Bless this child and all her days.



**ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...
WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET**

As I stood bewildered, Santa said, “Teach the children!” Teach them the old meaning of Christmas. The meaning that now-a-days Christmas has forgotten. “Santa then reached in his bag and pulled out a FIR TREE and placed it before the mantle. “Teach the children that the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind, all the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man’s thoughts turning toward heaven.” He again reached into his bag and pulled out a brilliant STAR. “Teach the children that the star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of His promise.” He then reached into his bag and pulled out a CANDLE. “Teach the children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness.” TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK!



We pray for expectant mothers: that the Lord will provide for all of their needs and prepare them to welcome their children with joy. Phi Kappa Phi and Lambda Pi Eta are sponsoring a HATS & GLOVES DRIVE. The drive is looking for gloves, mittens, hats, and even scarves. The collections will be divided between Head Start and the Coat Closet/Food Pantry. Thank-you.

Christmas on the Hill, a special two-week opportunity to shop for hand-made crafts and gifts at St. Benedict Center, Dec. 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. View a unique display of nativity scenes from around the world! For information, (402) 352-8819 or Retreats@StBenedictCenter.com.

WAYNE FOOD PANTRY - HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

Please donate fixings for a holiday dinner for those in need. Drop off your donation at First Presbyterian Church, Quality Foods, or Pac-N-Save during the months of November & December. Suggested items: Canned Hams or other meats, Boxed Entrees, Bisquick, Flour or Corn Muffin Mix, Stuffing Mix, Instant Potatoes or Rice, Canned Gravy, Canned Veggies & Fruit, Sweet Potatoes & Marshmallows, Jell-O or Puddings, Sugar, Coffee, Kool-Aid, or Dessert Items. MANY THANKS!

THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU! THANK-YOU!

To everyone who donated baked goods or a raffle prize or made a monetary donation to St. Mary’s Parish Bake Sale & Raffle. Monetary donations are still being accepted.

**PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16TH AT 2 PM**

The weary world needs peace. And so do we. Let’s not doubt God when he tells us what will make us happy. Let’s not be afraid to seek true happiness rather than the fleeting and unsatisfying pleasure of the world. And where we have failed, we acknowledge our failings with tears of joyful hope. For the Lord is kind and merciful.

St. Mary’s Youth & Adult Christmas Choirs Meeting
Sunday, December 9th & 16th at 11 AM at Church
Anyone interested in singing or playing in the Christmas choirs is encouraged to attend.

