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Parish Secretary: Patty Wurdeman
College Newman Minister: Fr. Mark Beran
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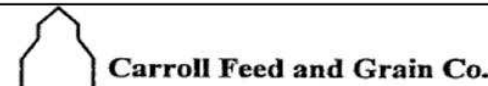
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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: As members of St. Mary's Parish located in Wayne, Nebraska we affirm our belief that together with all whom accept Jesus Christ as the Risen Lord; we are a pilgrim people seeking salvation. We have made the commitment to worship 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: ½ Hr. before Masses on Saturdays & Sundays 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.

December 23, 2012

4th Sunday of Advent - Intentions for December 24th - December 30th

Monday	December	24	5:00	PM	† Clif Ginn
Monday	December	24	12:00	MIDNIGHT	† Ray Loberg
Tuesday	December	25	9:00	AM	† Jean Coan
Wednesday	December	26	8:00	AM	† Al & Aletha Woslager
Thursday	December	27	8:00	AM	† John Melena
Friday	December	28	8:00	AM	Unborn
Saturday	December	29	8:00	AM	Lambert Beran
Saturday	December	29	6:00	PM	† Allen Burbach
Sunday	December	30	8:00	AM	† Lyle & Betty Garvin
Sunday	December	30	10:00	AM	People of the Parish
Sunday	December	30	NO 9:00	PM MASS	

"Blessed are you among women."



Dec 29/30

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
HOSPITALITY
USHERS
READER
SERVERS
*EMHCs

SAT 6:00 PM

J & C Sinniger
G Kathol / L Haase
C Wageman
C Lindsay / G Lindsay
A Sty / C Widner
D Woslager / (Deacon)
Volunteer / T Hypse
P Wurdeman / J Wurdeman

SUN 8:00 AM

K & S Prokop
R Ruhl / J Sperry
D Spieker
S Hochstein / J Karsky
A Witkowski
R & S Ruhl

SUN 10:00 AM

R & D Gentrup
S Mostek / L Schmale
R Rethwisch
E Longe / L Longe
K Kwapnioski / S Anderson
*J Ahmann / (Deacon)
Volunteer / J Loberg

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Dec 31 / Jan 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - (Holy day of Obligation)

HOSPITALITY
USHERS
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MUSIC MINISTRY
COUNTERS

MON 6:00 PM

Volunteers
Volunteers
Volunteers
Volunteers
Volunteers
Volunteers

TUES 8:00 AM

Volunteers
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January 5/6

Epiphany of the Lord

HOSPITALITY
USHERS
READER
SERVERS
*EMHCs

MUSIC MINISTRY
COUNTERS

SAT 6:00 PM

G & J West
B Belt / M Brugger
M Brady
M Reyes / A Roberts
D Woslager / A Sty
C Widner / (Deacon)
Volunteer / K White
E Osten / K White / K Morris

SUN 8:00 AM

M & L Reynolds
D Sty / M Wieseler
M Brink
H Belt / J Belt
I Fletcher / B Heithold
T Reinke

SUN 10:00 AM

T & M Jenkins
M Barry / D Fehringer
M Ahmann
S Bruckner / A Carlson
D Ewing / J Kieley
*D Harm / (Deacon)
Volunteer / D Gentrup

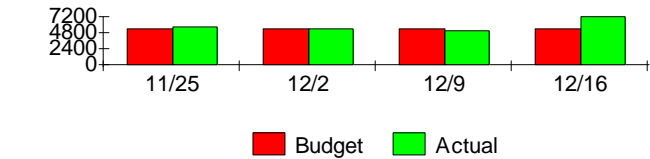
Everyone: PLEASE arrange for a substitute if you cannot come on your assigned date!

Thank You!

December 15th & 16th, 2012 - STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Plate	\$	387.00
Adult envelopes	\$	3,876.00
Children	\$	63.50
Immaculate Conception	\$	10.00
Fuel	\$	50.00
On-Line	\$	2,697.00
Total	\$	7,083.50

Total Sundays & Holy Days	Actual	Budget
Fiscal year to date	\$139,844.76	\$132,500
Average per week	\$ 5,593.79	\$ 5,300



Stewardship – December 23rd *“You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel.” (Micah 5:1)*
 We may think that the gifts we have to offer may be too small or too inconsequential to give to God. Today we are reminded that God brought forth His greatest gift to mankind, His own Son, through the humble town of Bethlehem. He can also accomplish great things through us if we generously offer our gifts to Him.

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), Karla 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), Linda Hochstein (daughter-in-law of Sally Hochstein).
Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Linda Weible (niece of Marie Pfeiffer). May God grant her eternal rest and give comfort to her family and friends.
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.



2012 FALL STEWARDSHIP DRIVE
 As of Monday, December 17th, our parish was at 100.4% of its goal for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Thank you to all who made pledges to this appeal. Your spirit of stewardship and prayerful commitment is sincerely appreciated. For those who still wish to be a part of our parish response to this appeal, additional forms are available from the parish office and at the Archdiocesan web site.

ST. MARY'S CALENDAR December 23– December 30
 †The Rosary is prayed ½ hour before the weekend Masses. The 7:30 AM Rosary on Sunday will be prayed for the unborn.
 † Ecumenical Prayer – CANCELLED for Monday, December 24th.
 † Hispanic Prayer Group & Rosary – CANCELLED for Monday, December 24th.
 † Christmas Mass Schedule – Monday, December 24th at 5 PM and Midnight and Tuesday, December 25th at 9 AM.
 † Parish Office Closed – Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th.
 † Religious Ed Classes – NO Classes Wednesday, December 26.
 † St. Therese Hour –CANCELLED for Wednesday, Dec 26th.
 † St. Mary's School– NO SCHOOL until January 7th.

From the Pastor's Desk

As Christmas day arrives, the excitement level around St. Mary's goes up. The Church gets decorated, the music is prepared, and Christmas Masses fill up. One of the great gifts and challenges of Christmas is the fact that many people attend Mass who don't attend the rest of the year. How do we help people to enjoy the presence of Jesus in the Mass every Sunday? How do we reach out to those we might only see on Christmas and Easter?

1. If you are a Catholic who does not practice your faith regularly, consider this to be an invitation to make the Church a regular part of your life. This time of year is a time when people are more generous, friendlier, and they sense something mysterious and holy. If you get a feeling each December that life is about more than paying bills or passing tests, it is because your heart is made for God. Your life is made to have meaning and purpose. You are made to be a follower of Jesus. Three ways to make your spiritual life come alive are daily prayer (opening your heart to God), attending Mass on Sundays (or Saturday evenings) in order to experiencing Jesus in Holy Communion, and by personally receiving the forgiveness of Jesus in Confession.
2. All of us have family and friends who have fallen away from the faith. Pray for them. Never underestimate the power of prayer. Along with prayer, you might want to gently and respectfully encourage them to consider practicing their faith again or for the first time. Don't be pushy. Always be motivated by love.
3. Be a good example of faith yourself. I find myself being challenged to live out my faith more completely all the time. If I don't pray, act with kindness, and trust that God will provide for me, how can I expect others to do it? As the song says, "They will know we are Christians by our love". We need to be a good example.

This Christmas, pray for all of those who will enter the doors of churches throughout the world. May the Holy Spirit stir something within us. May all of us find the grace to see in this child laying in a manger the one who truly is Emmanuel ("God with us").
 Mary, Mother of Jesus and our patroness, pray for us.
 Fr. Beran

December Sale at Immaculata Monastery Bookstore
 Are you still looking for Christmas gifts for the hard to buy for people on your list. If so, come in to the bookstore this December to finish your shopping and save big!
 25% off all Books
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 If this is your Bible, you may claim it at the parish office or call the parish office at 402-375-2000.

Daily Scripture Readings
Monday, December 24 (Vigil of Christmas): Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalms 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25.
Tuesday, December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord): Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalms 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18.
Wednesday, December 26 (St. Stephen): Acts 6:8-10 and 7:54-59; Psalms 31:3-4, 6-8, 17-21; Matthew 10:17-22.
Thursday, December 27 (St. John): IJohn 1:1-4; Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:2-8.
Friday, December 28 (The Holy Innocents): IJohn 1:5 to 2:2; Psalms 124:2-5, 7b-8; Matthew 2:13-18.
Saturday, December 29 (St. Thomas Becket): IJohn 2:3-11; Psalms 96:1-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35.
Sunday, December 30 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph): Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalms 128:1-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52.
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
 NO Classes - Wednesday, December 26th
 MERRY CHRISTMAS!
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 Facebook: Wayne State Catholic Newman 375-2000
 WILDCATHolic Events:
 Have a great Christmas! Congratulations graduates! God bless!
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 Mass at 11:30 a.m. in The Chapel of the Word Incarnate in the Omaha studios.

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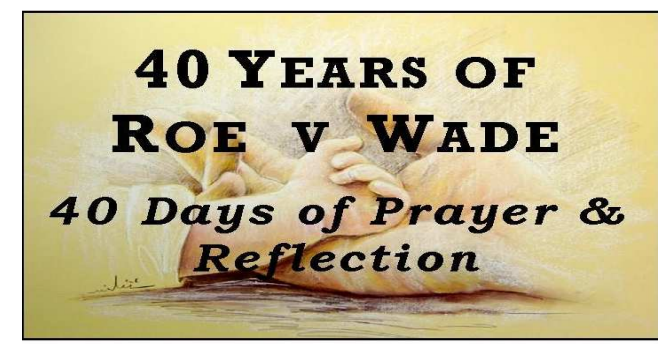
PLEASE PICK-UP YOUR BOWLS and PANS in HOLY FAMILY HALL. THANK-YOU!

Christmas Acrostic
C is for the Child born that night to be our light. (John 8:12)
H is for holy is His name. (Rev.4:8)
R is for rejoice with gladness & joy. (Luke 1:14)
I is for Immanuel, God with us. (Is.7:14,) John 1:14)
S is for the star that led the Wise men to Him. (Matt.2:2)
T is for the truth & grace that was sent our way. (John 1:14)
M is for Mother Mary laying Him in swaddling clothes in the manger. (Luke 2:7)
A is for angels singing songs of joy. (Luke 2:14)
S is for salvation.

- Johnnie DesRochers.

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

(Continued) He reached in again and pulled out an ANGEL. "Teach the children that it was the angels that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will toward men." Suddenly I heard a soft twinkling sound, and from his bag he pulled out a BELL. "Teach the children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell, it should ring mankind to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return. Santa looked back and was pleased. He looked back at me and I saw that the twinkle was back in his eyes. He said, "Remember, teach the children the true meaning of Christmas and do not put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One that is, and I bow down to worship him, our LORD, our GOD." The End.



December 12, 2012-January 22, 2013
 For the poor, that their physical and spiritual needs will be abundantly met in ways that reflect their inherent dignity;
 Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be....

Looking for that perfect gift? Plan your next date night!
 You are invited to attend a celebration of marriage on Saturday, February 9 at St. Mary's-Norfolk! Join Fr. Dan Andrews and Christians Encounter Christ (CEC) couples Jason & Vanessa Ash and Jeff & Jill Dominisse on Saturday for "Crossing the Threshold of Spiritual Intimacy in Marriage" beginning with Rosary, Mass and candlelit dinner with wine and dessert; 5:00-9:30pm; \$50 per couple; seating limited. For registration and more information visit www.archomaha.org under Events or call 402-551-9003 or 888-800-8352.

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 \$100 Christmas Drawing Winner - Mike Coday, Jr., Howells

Thank-you for the lovely Poinsettia Plant. We really enjoy the brilliant red blooms and how much it brightens our room. Thinking of everyone and wishing all of you a Merry Christmas!
 Clete & Vona Sharer

HAVE A JOYOUS AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS!