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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:** 4:30 PM-5:30 PM on Saturdays, ½ Hour before Masses on Sundays, 5:45 PM-6:45 PM on Wednesday, or by appointment.

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

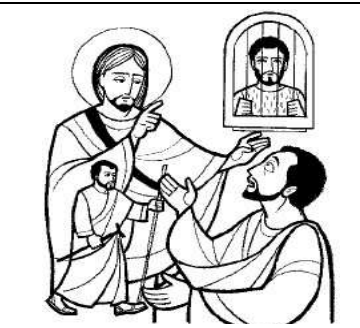
**MARRIAGES:** The Archdiocese of Omaha requires a minimal six months waiting period for proper preparation for marriage. Please contact the parish a year in advance. The RC adult and/or the parents should be registered members of St. Mary's Parish.

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Intentions for December 9<sup>th</sup> – December 15<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	December	16	5:15 PM	† Al Woslager
Tuesday	December	17	5:15 PM	† Pete Mosher
Tuesday	December	17	NO MASS at 9:00 PM	
Wednesday	December	18	8:15 AM	Dave Sty
Wednesday	December	18	5:15 PM	† Sr. Jean Margaret Kaindl
Thursday	December	19	5:15 PM	† Aletha Woslager
Friday	December	20	NO MASS	
Saturday	December	21	NO MASS at 8:00 AM	
Saturday	December	21	6:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday	December	22	8:00 AM	† John Melena
Sunday	December	22	10:00 AM	† Clif Ginn
Sunday	December	22	NO MASS at 9:00 PM	



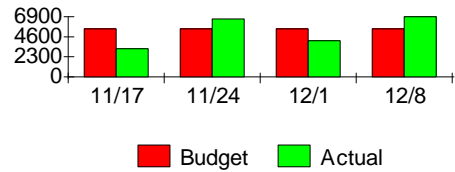
Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?

<b>Dec 21/22</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCs	<b>SAT 6:00 PM</b> C Wageman / C Osten R Ruhl / J Davis Sr. J Gilligan I Braun / T Braun S Hasemann / D Woslager R Glass / (Deacon) Volunteer / T Hypse L & J Lindsay / R & D Wurdinger	<b>SUN 8:00 AM</b> K & S Prokop J Wurdeman / M Fehringer B Meyer K Hochstein / J Trenhaile B Heithold / L Hochstein I Fletcher One String One Voice	<b>SUN 10:00 AM</b> D & C Linster R Lutt / S Mostek T Garvin J Heitz / S Heitz K Kwapioski *M & J Klein / (Deacon) Volunteer / V French
<b>Dec 24/25</b> The Nativity of the Lord — HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCs	<b>TUES 5:30 PM</b> B & C Belt B Grone / L Haase E Osten A Claussen / E Claussen S Claussen / A Osten E Osten / (Deacon) D Hawley / 1 String 1 Voice	<b>WED 12:00 Midnight</b> Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus	<b>WED 9:00 AM</b> M & L Reynolds B Owens / G Redden D Harm G Reynolds / N Reynolds J Ahmann / B Jaixen S Jaixen/ (Deacon) Volunteer / Terri Hypse
<b>Dec 28/29</b> Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCs	<b>SAT 6:00 PM</b> M & C Brugger S Hasemann / G Kathol C Wageman S Hasemann / S Nuernberger R & S Ruhl / T Hypse / (Deacon) Volunteer / T Hypse M Kathol / G Kathol / B Belt	<b>SUN 8:00 AM</b> J & R Sperry D Hochstein / T Jacobsen J Nelsen S Hochstein / J Karsky A Witkowski / R McLean G Kallhoff	<b>SUN 10:00 AM</b> K & J Loberg L Schmale / M Barry J Kielty N Hunke / C Woerdemann M Schlichter / G Kuhlmeier *S Anderson / Deacon Volunteer / D Gentrup

**Thank You!**

December 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2013 - STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE		
Plate	\$	248.76
Adult envelopes	\$	3,149.00
Children	\$	33.00
Holy Day	\$	640.00
On-Line	\$	2,989.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,060.26</b>

<u>Total Sundays &amp; Holy Days</u>	Actual	Budget
Fiscal year to date	\$129,168.27	\$127,765
Average per week	\$ 5,616.01	\$ 5,555



**Stewardship – December 15<sup>th</sup>** - "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised..." *Matthew 11:4-5*. When Jesus cured the sick we called it a miracle. Yet God has blessed us with many good things – our eyesight, hearing, talents, health and so much more – and we often take it all for granted. The good steward recognizes every blessing in life as a miracle from God and strives to use those gifts for God's honor and glory.

**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:** Betty Meyer, Jeff Brady, Dave Sty, Shirley Fletcher, Mark Ahmann, Kendall Gamble, and Derek & Ashley Meyer.  
**Family/Friends:** Dick Nettleton (brother-in-law of Jean Loberg), Robert Cole (father-in-law of Jennifer Nelsen), Mary Ann Murphy (mother of Patsy Kallhoff), Mark Ahmann (grandson of Mark & Jane Ahmann), Marie Monahan (mother of Phil Monahan), Jen Brady (niece of Mary Brady), Dawn Fuelberth (friend of Mark & Jane Ahmann), Gene Fletcher (husband of Shirley Fletcher), Justin Walsh (brother of Jilliane Allemann), Dennis Spangler (friend of Scott & Mary Kay Hasemann), Gary Mueller (brother of Ann Witkowski), Shirley Clayton (niece of MaryEllen Maxey), Kristin Ewing (daughter of Donna Ewing), Danita Beadle (sister-in-law of Ray Nelson), Deena Creamer (daughter of Vona Sharer), Mary Seiler Page (former parishioner), Mary Carroll (daughter-in-law of Ed & Dee Carroll), Alex Ankeny (son of Josh & Heidi Ankeny), Linda Hochstein (daughter-in-law of Sally Hochstein).  
**Please pray for the repose of the soul of:** Josephine McHale (sister of Toni Ginn). May God grant her eternal rest and give comfort to her family & friends.  
**Please pray for the repose of the soul of:** Patricia (Manes) Beiermann (former parishioner). May God grant her eternal rest and give comfort to her family & 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*

**ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:** We're getting closer to our goal! Thank you to all from St. Mary's parish who have contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and helped our parish draw closer to meeting its goal. As of December 10<sup>th</sup>, we are at 94.6% of our parish goal. If you have not yet had a chance to make your pledge, forms are available from the parish office. There are also some envelopes on the table in the main entrance of the church that contain an Archbishop's Annual Appeal form. Please prayerfully consider how you will make a response to God for his generosity to you. Your pledge could be the one that puts us over our parish goal for the appeal.

**ST. MARY'S CALENDAR December 15<sup>th</sup>– December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

†**The Rosary** is prayed ½ hour before the weekend Masses. The 7:30 AM Rosary on Sunday will be prayed for the unborn.  
 †**Communal Penance Service** – Sunday, December 15 at 2 PM.  
 †**Hispanic Prayer Group & Rosary** –Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM at Church.  
 †**Catechists Meeting** – Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.  
 †**R.C.I.A.** –Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at the Rectory.  
 †**School Dismissal** – 2 PM on Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.

*From the Pastor's Desk*

This week is another addition of, "Why do Catholic do that?" You will notice that the deacons and I will wear rose (pink) colored vestments and the rose (pink) colored candle will be lit on the Advent wreath. Have you ever wondered why? Here is the answer.

The official name for this Sunday is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent. The Introit for Gaudete Sunday, in both the Traditional Latin Mass and the Novus Ordo, is taken from Philippians 4:4, 5: "Gaudete in Domino semper" ("Rejoice in the Lord always"). So the word, "gaudete", simply means "rejoice".

Like Lent, Advent is a penitential season, so the priest normally wears purple vestments. As a penitential season, Advent is a time when we can focus more on prayer, fast from food or bad habits, and give alms in service to the poor. Even though Advent is penitential, on Gaudete Sunday, having passed the midpoint of Advent, the Church lightens the mood a little, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The change in color provides us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation—especially prayer and fasting—for Christmas.

For this same reason, the third candle of the Advent wreath, first lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored.

Gaudete Sunday has a counterpart in Lent: Laetare Sunday. I hope and pray this gives you a better understanding of this great Advent tradition in the Church. Also, I hope this helps you when people ask you, "Why do Catholic do that?"

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.  
 Fr. Beran

What a great gift it would be if you would enroll in the *Faith Direct* eGiving program. *Faith Direct* allows you to have your generous Sunday and second collection donations deducted directly from your bank or credit card account. There is complete trust in *Faith Direct's* security and no cost to you to participate! You can sign up online at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) using our church code: **NE464**, or mail in a paper enrollment form that is available at the parish office. God Bless You.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS COLLECTION**  
 "Thank you for accompanying us as we care for our elder sisters," writes a religious superior. Your gift of \$1,083.82 to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps support nearly 34,000 sisters, brothers, and religious order priests past age 70. May God bless you abundantly for your goodness.

**PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**Daily Scripture Readings**

**Monday, December 16** (Third Monday of Advent): Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Psalms 25:4-9; Matthew 21:23-27.  
**Tuesday, December 17** (Third Tuesday of Advent): Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalms 72:1-4, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17.  
**Wednesday, December 18** (Third Wednesday of Advent): Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalms 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25.  
**Thursday, December 19** (Third Thursday of Advent): Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalms 71:3-6, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25.  
**Friday, December 20** (Third Friday of Advent): Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalms 24:1-6; Luke 1:26-38.  
**Saturday, December 21** (St. Peter Canisius): Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45.  
**Sunday, December 22** (Fourth Sunday of Advent): Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalms 24:1-6; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24.

*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.*

**ST. MARY'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

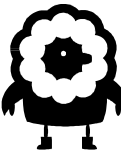
Catechists Meeting – Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.  
 Grades K-6<sup>th</sup> students & parents will NOT meet this week. Grade 7 will meet at St. Mary's school at 6:45 PM and grade 8 will meet at the Wayne Jr/Sr High School at 6:45 PM.  
 W.I.N.G.S. will meet in Holy Family Hall 7 PM to 8 PM.

**WAYNE STATE CATHOLIC NEWMAN NEWS**

Facebook: Wayne State Catholic Newman 375-2000

**Upcoming WILDCatholic Events:**

We pray that finals went well for all WSC students. We also pray in gratitude for all those who are graduating or transferring to other colleges. May God will you with many graces over Christmas break!



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We are accepting donations of winter coats in all sizes, hats, gloves & mittens. Coats may be either used (clean) or new.

**FOOD DRIVE FOR THE WAYNE FOOD PANTRY**

Canned & Boxed Food and Paper Products may be placed in the baskets in the church entrance through the month of November. All items will go to the Wayne Food Pantry.

Can you open your heart & home to children who need them? If so... become a foster or adoptive parent now!

Some children in our community can't live safely at home. They need a secure home and loving adults to protect them from trauma and stress in their life. We are seeking foster parents for children of all ages, ethnicity and cultural backgrounds, especially teens, multiple siblings, children with physical challenges or experiencing emotional or behavioral issues. If you are unable to foster a child, consider donating to a foster family wish list. Contact Jennifer Buss, Foster Care Recruitment, Department of Health & Human Services, at 888-537-9727

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – "Service of the Longest Night"**

will be Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 PM at Grace Lutheran Church-Wayne. The service is planned for anyone for whom Christmas is not going to be a joyous holiday for whatever reason, whether it is from the loss of a loved one, financial loss, property loss, sickness or some other kind of loss. There will be opportunity to hear God's Word, offer prayer, sing, light a candle, receive a prayer shawl and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...**

**WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET**

And Mary the mother of Christ said to Elizabeth, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name." (Luke 1: 46-49).

"Lord, fill us with your Spirit so that we may be witnesses to wonder, and teachers of wonder, today. Amen"

TJ D'Agostino, MEd(Charlotte Catholic High School, Charlotte, NC)  
 Submitted by: Mrs. Brady



We pray for those who forget the needs of their brothers and sisters: that the Lord would give them a spirit of generosity.

*"A Hope That Transforms"* - Sunday, February 16, 2014  
 Mark and Katie Hartfiel with That Man Is You! (TMIY!) share their story of God's providence and faithfulness Sunday, February 16, at St. Mary's Church in Norfolk. Teens, singles, engaged and married couples are invited for a rosary and Mass followed by a luncheon presentation from 11 AM to 3 PM. Seating limited; \$25/person. For more information see flier in church entrance or call [402.551.9003](tel:402.551.9003) or [888.800.8352](tel:888.800.8352).

The Church decorating committee is looking for additional trees to decorate the sanctuary. If anyone has artificial trees they are not using this Christmas season, call Kris Loberg at 402-585-4821 or the parish office at 402-375-2000.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #8579**  
 December 2013 Calendar Winners - \$50 Each  
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