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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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent – Intentions for December 23<sup>rd</sup> – December 29<sup>th</sup>**

Monday	December	23	5:15 PM	† Gary Pick
Tuesday	December	24	5:30 PM	† Jean Coan
Wednesday	December	25	12:00 MIDNIGHT	People of the Parish
Wednesday	December	25	9:00 AM	† Clif Ginn
Thursday	December	26	NO MASS	
Friday	December	27	NO MASS	
Saturday	December	28	NO MASS at 8:00 AM	
Saturday	December	28	6:00 PM	† Jacob Woerdemann
Sunday	December	29	8:00 AM	† Dale Poehlman
Sunday	December	29	10:00 AM	People of the Parish



Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

<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
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<b>Dec 31 / Jan 1</b> SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – (Holy day of Obligation)	<b>TUES 6:00 PM</b> Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers	<b>WED 8:00 AM</b> Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers
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<b>January 4/5</b> Epiphany of the Lord HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCS	<b>SAT 6:00 PM</b> J & A Fleming B Belt / M Brugger C Osten C Lindsay / G Lindsay S Claussen / R Glass S Hasemann / (Deacon) Volunteer / K White R & MA Lutt / T Kay	<b>SUN 8:00 AM</b> J Wurdeman / P Wurdeman S Lutt / B Martin D Spieker L Spieker / O Spieker L & D Mann T Reinke	<b>SUN 10:00 AM</b> R & MA Lutt T Garvin / N Fendrick R Rethwisch J Kielty / K Kielty J Kielty / J Ahmann *S Anderson / (Deacon) Volunteer / J Loberg
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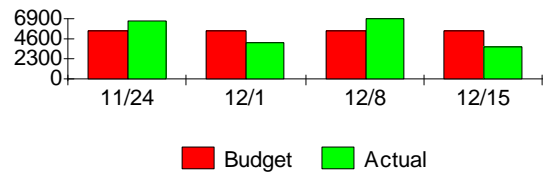
Everyone: PLEASE arrange for a substitute if you cannot come on your assigned date!



**Thank You!**

December 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2013 - STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE		
Plate	\$	326.00
Adult envelopes	\$	3,213.00
Children	\$	30.29
Holy Day	\$	75.00
On-Line	\$	0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,644.29</b>

<u>Total Sundays &amp; Holy Days</u>	Actual	Budget
Fiscal year to date	\$132,812.56	\$133,320
Average per week	\$ 5,533.86	\$ 5,555



**Stewardship – December 22<sup>nd</sup>** - *“The Lord’s are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the sea and established it upon the rivers.” Psalm 24:1-2.* How can we take credit for the good things in our lives when Psalm 24 reminds us that God created absolutely everything and everyone on the earth? Surely we all have an obligation to return a portion of our good fortune to the Lord, for without Him nothing would be possible.

**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:** Sally Manzer, Betty Meyer, Jeff Brady, Dave Sty, Shirley Fletcher, Mark Ahmann, Kendall Gamble, and Derek & Ashley Meyer.

**Family/Friends:** JoAnne Puckett (friend of Mark & Jolene Klein), Karl Kass (brother-in-law of John Witkowski), 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:** Melvin Claussen (father-in-law of Sarah Claussen). May God grant him eternal rest and give comfort to his 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*

**ALMOST THERE!!!** We are closer to the goal! As of December 16<sup>th</sup>, we are at 94.9% of our parish goal. Thank you to all from St. Mary’s parish who have contributed to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal and have helped our parish move closer to meeting its 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 entryway of the church that each contain an Archbishop’s Annual Appeal form. As we draw near to the end of the calendar year, our parish goal for the Annual Appeal is within reach. Please prayerfully consider how you will make a response to God during the Advent and Christmas seasons for his generosity to you.

**ST. MARY’S CALENDAR December 22<sup>nd</sup>– December 29<sup>th</sup>**

- †The Rosary is prayed ½ hour before the weekend Masses. The 7:30 AM Rosary on Sunday will be prayed for the unborn.
- †Hispanic Prayer Group & Rosary –Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM at Church.
- †Christmas Vigil Mass – Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM.
- †Christmas Midnights Mass – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 12 Midnight.
- †Christmas Day Mass – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.
- †NO R.C.I.A. –Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.
- †Parish Office Closed – Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

*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

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.

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.



**Daily Scripture Readings**

- Monday, December 23**(St. John of Kanty): Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalms 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14; Luke 1:57-66.
- Tuesday, December 24**(Christmas Vigil): Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalms 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25.
- Wednesday, December 25** (Nativity of the Lord): Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalms 97:1, 6, 11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20.
- Thursday, December 26** (St. Stephen): Acts 6:8-10 and 7:54-59; Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17; Matthew 10:17-22.
- Friday, December 27** (St. John): IJohn 1:1-4; Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a, 2-8.
- Saturday, December 28** (The Holy Innocents): IJohn 1:5 to 2:2; Psalms 124:2-5, 7c-8; Matthew 2:13-18.
- Sunday, December 29** (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph): Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalms 128:1-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.

*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**

Students in grades K-8 will not meet this week. W.I.N.G.S. will NOT meet in Holy Family Hall.

In mid-January W.I.N.G.S. is going tubing at Sioux Falls on a Sunday afternoon. A sign-up sheet will soon be in the church entrance. Any parents willing to drive will be appreciated!

In March, WINGS will serve a meal at the mission in Sioux City and then ice skate. More info will follow.



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**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.

**GIFTS for KIDS PROGRAM** - We are serving 43 area families with around 135 children on this year’s tree at Shopko. There are 20 or so names left on the tree. Let’s make sure every child receives a gift at Christmas. God Bless You!

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.

**WAYNE STATE CATHOLIC NEWMAN NEWS**

Facebook: Wayne State Catholic Newman 375-2000

**Upcoming WILDCatholic Events:**

We pray that God will bless you with many graces over Christmas break!

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

**WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET**

St. Mary’s School has received many gifts this school year. Celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Mary’s school is an accomplishment not possible without the wonderful support of the parish. The teachers and I want to thank the parish for the privilege of teaching the Word of Christ to children. A special thanks to our Prayer Partners who adopt a child for a school year and pray for them. To the families that have thought of St. Mary’s school in their wills, thank you. To all the people who have given monetary donations, aluminum cans, box tops, and used ink cartridges, thank you. For the families that send your children to St. Mary’s school, thank you. I pray 2014 is just as prosperous for St. Mary’s Parish and School.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year,  
Mark Evetovich  
Head Teacher



We pray for all those facing an unexpected pregnancy: that they may have the strength and courage to joyfully accept and love their unborn child.

Resource for Married Couples - Deacon James Keating’s newest book, *“Spousal Prayer: A Way to Marital Happiness.”* It is available for check out through the Archdiocesan Media Center, as well as for purchase at local Catholic bookstores and through Catholic Word publishers.

*“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 or 888.800.8352.

St. Mary’s welcomes a new member to the Parish who was baptized on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>:

**Rylee Lynn Widner**  
Son of Jordan & Cassandra Widner  
Dear Father in Heaven, Bless this child and all his days.

There once was a czar in Russia whose name was Rudolph the Great. He was standing in his house one day with his wife. He looked out the window and saw something happening. He says to his wife, “Look honey. It’s raining.” She, being the obstinate type, responded, “I don’t think so, dear. I think it’s snowing.” But Rudolph knew better. So he says to his wife, “Let’s step outside and we’ll find out.” Lo and behold, they step outside and discover it was in fact rain. And Rudolph turns to his wife and replies, “I knew it was raining. Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear!”

**HAVE A JOYOUS and BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

