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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 29th, 2013
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph- Intentions for December 30th - January 5th

Monday	December	30	NO MASS	
Tuesday	December	31	6:00 PM	† Hazel & Bill Leonard
Wednesday	January	1	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
Thursday	January	2	5:15 PM	Dave Sty
Friday	January	3	NO MASS	
Saturday	January	4	NO MASS at 8:00 AM	
Saturday	January	4	6:00 PM	† Sr. Jean Margaret Kaindl
Sunday	January	5	8:00 AM	Dave Sty
Sunday	January	5	10:00 AM	People of the Parish



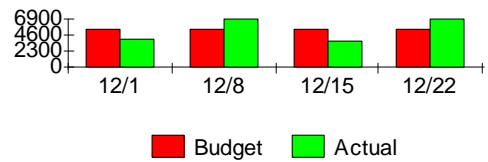
Take the child and his mother and escape into Egypt.

Dec 31 / Jan 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - (Holy day of Obligation)	TUES 6:00 PM HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCs MUSIC MINISTRY	WED 8:00 AM Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers Volunteers
January 4/5 Epiphany of the Lord	SAT 6:00 PM HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCS	SUN 8:00 AM J Wurdeman / P Wurdeman S Lutt / B Martin D Spieker L Spieker / O Spieker <u>L & D Mann</u> T Reinke
January 11/12 Baptism of the Lord	SAT 6:00 PM HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCS	SUN 8:00 AM J & A Witkowski G Nemecek / M Pieper I Fletcher L Kallhoff / G Heithold <u>L Hochstein</u> / B Heithold T Reinke One String One Voice
January 11/12 Baptism of the Lord	SUN 10:00 AM R & MA Lutt T Garvin / N Fendrick R Rethwisch J Kielty / K Kielty <u>J Kielty</u> / J Ahmann *S Anderson / (Deacon) Volunteer / J Loberg	SUN 10:00 AM P & J Melena D Fehring / R Gentrup V French M Kaup / E Longe B Jaixen / S Jaixen *K Kwapnioski / (Deacon) Volunteer / D Gentrup

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

Thank You!		
December 21 st & 22 nd , 2013 - STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE		
Plate	\$	425.26
Adult envelopes	\$	3,782.00
Children	\$	61.46
Holy Day	\$	0.00
On-Line	\$	2,515.00
Total	\$	6,783.72

Total Sundays & Holy Days	Actual	Budget
Fiscal year to date	\$139596.28	\$138,875
Average per week	\$ 5,583.85	\$ 5,555



Stewardship – December 29th - *“Over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts.” Colossians 3:14-15*
 Jesus is God’s ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. And the only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the many gifts that God has placed within our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts. We will know Christmas joy every day.

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: Albe H. Forinash (mother of Vicki Pick). 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

ALMOST THERE!!! We are closer to the goal! As of December 16th, 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 29th – January 5th

†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 30th at 6 PM at Church.
 †New Year’s Vigil Mass – Tuesday, December 31st at 6:00 PM.
 †New Year’s Day Mass – Wednesday, January 1st at 8 AM.
 †Parish Office Closed – Wednesday, January 1st.
 †NO R.C.I.A. –Thursday, January 2nd.

From the Pastor’s Desk

With 2014 right around the corner, many people will make resolutions for the New Year. I would like to offer some ideas for the coming year. Instead of “resolutions”, maybe I can call them “encouragements”. These are as much for me as they are for you. So, some “encouragements” for 2014:

--Carve out a prayer routine to be done on a daily basis. For me, prayer needs to be scheduled into my day just like everything else. To have a regular time and place for prayer helps a great deal. We are creatures of habit so prayer should be one of those habits.

--Remember to be able to laugh at yourself. We are not perfect, we do not always remember everything, and we can be very clumsy. This means we have a lot of opportunities to laugh. Also, laughter is a great sign that we do not take life too seriously and we are humble enough to be comfortable with our unintended fumbles.

--Take care of yourself. This one is probably directed at me. There is a time to work hard, time to relax, time to be with family, and time for God. How to balance all these things is a perpetual struggle. If we are run down and stressed out, our prayer life, work, and relationships suffer. Our mind, body, and spirit are connected.

--Appreciate beauty. This might not sound like the most “manly” encouragement but it is important for all of us. At the end of the day, look back and savor the pretty sunset, words of compliment from a co-worker, inspiring words that you read, a news story that touched your heart, a cute moment with a child or whatever else showed you a glimpse of the beauty life has to offer. These are all graces from God who is goodness and beauty itself.

--Never stop learning and growing. It is easy to get into a comfortable routine in life where we are no longer challenged or stretched. However, God is always trying to heal us and make us grow. Not being open to growth is also not being open to God. Plus, with life’s ups and downs it is impossible to get too comfortable anyway. In regards to faith, do we grow spiritually and learn more about the faith?

I am sure you could add a few more “encouragements” to this list. These are all simple suggestions. As we all know, the simple things are the things we normally ignore and they are also the things we can never be reminded of enough. Have a blessed 2014!

Mary, Mother of God and our patroness, pray for us.

Fr. Beran

“God made Christmas happen; friends make Christmas beautiful, music makes Christmas festive; giving makes Christmas joyous, love makes Christmas complete!

Thank you to everyone for your generosity of \$12,434.50 to St. Mary’s at Christmas time. Donations for Christmas flowers & liturgy was \$637.00. Also thank you to everyone who made our Christmas Masses so special with the joyous music, beautiful decorations and attendance.

May God’s blessings shine forth on you in the New Year!

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! We are in need of volunteers willing to be serve, lector, usher, sing or play for Funerals. Please call the parish office at 402-375-2000 if you would like to volunteer.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, December 30(Sixth Octave Day of Christmas): 1John 2:12-17; Psalms 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40.
Tuesday, December 31(St. Sylvester I): 1John 2:18-21; Psalms 96:1-2, 11-13; John 1:1-18.
Wednesday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary): Numbers 6:22-27; Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.
Thursday, January 2 (Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen): 1John 2:22-28; Psalms 98:1-4; John 1:19-28.
Friday, January 3 (Most Holy Name of Jesus): 1John 2:29 to 3:6; Psalms 98:1, 3-6; John 1:29-34.
Saturday, January 4 (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton): 1John 3:7-10; Psalms 98:1, 7-9; John 1:35-42.
Sunday, January 5 (Epiphany of the Lord): Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

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.

The January Family Night will be on January 8th.

W.I.N.G.S. will NOT meet this week.

Thank you to Margie Melena and Nikki Bigley for their help with Family Formation this month.

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.

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!



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Become a Mary’s Choice Volunteer! Call 402-712-6279. God needs your hands, feet and willing hearts to love his children into making the choice for life. Or send a donation to Mary’s Choice, P.O. Box 5172, Sioux City, IA 51102. For more information go to MarysChoice.org.

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ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

St. Mary’s School has received many gifts this school year. Celebrating the 60th 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 families: that they may seek to honor and love one another as Christ loves the Church.

Our Opportunities to Stand Up for Life

Sioux City Walk for Life Jan. 18th, 1 pm

Lincoln Walk for Life Jan. 25th, 10 am

Right to Life Breakfast Holy Family Hall, Feb. 8th, 9:30 am

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! (TMI!) 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.

Visit [Catholic Voice Online](#), the archdiocese’s bi-monthly *Catholic Voice* newspaper to find the latest Catholic news, commentary, movie reviews and more. Between every issue the online version carries more local photos, breaking news, updated obituaries, and the newest notices in the Catholic Community Calendar, as well as up-to-date national reports from the Catholic News Service, daily Scripture readings and other features.

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Another fresh new year is here, another year to live!

To banish worry, doubt, and fear, to love and laugh and give!

by William Arthur Ward

HAPPY NEW YEAR!