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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 Hour 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.

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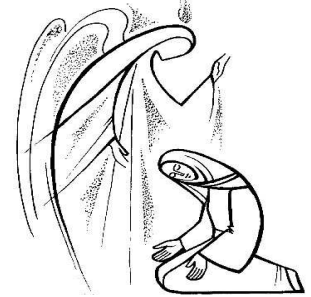
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December 21st, 2014
4th Sunday of Advent- Intentions for December 22nd - 28th

Monday	December	22	5:15 PM	† Sherri Bonifas
Tuesday	December	23	5:15 PM	Poor Souls
Tuesday	December	23	NO 9:00 PM MASS	
Wednesday	December	24	5:30 PM	† Ray Loberg
Wednesday	December	24	MIDNIGHT	† Jean Coan
Thursday	December	25	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
Friday	December	26	NO MASS	
Saturday	December	27	6:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday	December	28	8:00 AM	Sick of the Parish
Sunday	December	28	10:00 AM	† Jim Keating
Sunday	December	28	NO 9:00 PM MASS	



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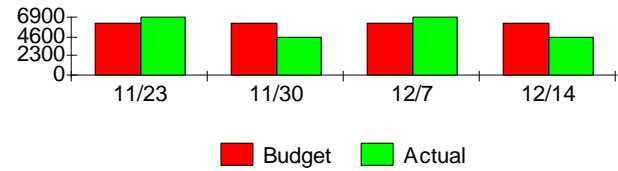
Dec 24/25 The Nativity of the Lord — Christmas! HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCs	WED 5:30 PM D & C Linster G Redden / J Lutter D Spieker C Woerdemann / J Woerdemann S Claussen / T & C Lee / (Deacon) Children's Choir	THURS 12:00 Midnight Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus Knights of Columbus One String One Voice	THURS 9:00 AM R & B Longe R Hunke / T Jenkins M Barry Volunteer / E Longe S Anderson / M Schlichter *S Jaixen/ (Deacon) T Hypse / H Schroeder
Dec 27/28 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCs	SAT 6:00 PM J & A Fleming B Belt / M Brugger M Brady C Lindsay / G Lindsay A Osten / C Osten E Osten / (Deacon) Volunteer / K White J Wurdeman / P Wurdeman	SUN 8:00 AM C & J Dorcey M Reynolds / D Spieker J Nelsen D Sharpe / J Dorcey G Kallhoff / R McLean T Reinke One String One Voice One String One Voice	SUN 10:00 AM L & J Lindsay T Garvin / D Linster V French A Kaup / M Kaup K Kwapioski / M Klein *J Kielty / Deacon Sound of Soul T Hypse / H Schroeder
Jan 3/4 Epiphany of the Lord HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCs	SAT 6:00 PM B & S Grone S Hasemann / G Kathol E Osten S Agoumba / E Tyson R & S Ruhl S Claussen / (Deacon) Volunteer / T Hypse B Meyer / S Eaton / S Frevert / J Nelsen	SUN 8:00 AM P Fehringer / K Foote M Fehringer / J Wurdeman D Spieker L Spieker / O Spieker A Witkowski / I Fletcher T Reinke One String One Voice	SUN 10:00 AM T Kay / K Loberg R Lutt / S Mostek T Garvin D Moos / W Moos T & C Lee / *M Schlichter / Deacon Volunteer / J Loberg

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

Thank You!

December 13 th & 14 th , 2014 - STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE		
Plate	\$	891.25
Adult envelopes	\$	3,497.00
Children	\$	93.00
Holy Day	\$	80.00
On-Line	\$	0.00
Total	\$	4,561.25

<u>Total Sundays & Holy Days</u>	Actual	Budget
Fiscal year to date	\$139,253.10	\$145,752
Average per week	\$ 5,802.21	\$ 6,073



Stewardship –December 21st *“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28.* Faith is a gift from God. During this Christmas season take time in silence and pray to God. Thank Him for all the gifts He has given you. Try to set aside any anger or resentment you have and really open your heart to receive the gift of God’s grace.

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: Easton Moos, Ed Leicy, Larry Haase, Dave Sty, Mark Ahmann, Betty Meyer, Derek & Ashley Meyer.
Family/Friends: Kim & Caroline (friends of Amy Woerdemann), Gene Monahan (father of Phil Monahan), Delores Lammers (mother of Deb Harm), Sally Baumgardner (mother of Karen Parker), Sawyer Aschoff (grandson of Mike & Carolyn Beiermann), Jan Dunn (mother of Tiffany Wiese), Mike Belt (brother of Brian Belt), Arvid Sorensen (grandfather of Jillian Allemann), Merle Sieler, Joan Sieler (former parishioners), Karla Peter (sister-in-law of Laura Hochstein), Jan Brumm (former parishioner), Everly Hope Cappel (granddaughter of Bryan & Mary Heithold), Paula Dartman (daughter of MaryEllen Maxey), JoAnne Puckett (friend of Mark & Jolene Klein), Mary Ann Murphy (mother of Patsy Kallhoff), Justin Walsh (brother of Jilliane Allemann), Gary Mueller (brother of Ann Witkowski), Danita Beadle (sister-in-law of Ray Nelson), Deena Creamer (daughter of Vona Sharer), Mary Seiler Page (former parishioner), Linda Hochstein (daughter-in-law of Sally Hochstein).
Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Freda Hoss (sister-in-law of Sally Hochstein). May God grant her eternal rest and give comfort to her family & friends.
Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Emily Reestman (mother of Barb Meyer). 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

IMPORTANT UPDATE: We are grateful to the parishioners who have already responded and to those who will respond to help our parish reach its Archbishop’s Annual Appeal goal. Forms are available in the church entrance, from the office or at <https://give.archomaha.org>. As of December 9, there have been **45** parish households that have pledged **\$13,856** (86.4%) toward our Archdiocesan Annual Appeal goal of \$16,032.40. If your household has not yet returned its commitment form, please consider doing so very soon. Please help our parish reach its goal before the end of the calendar year.

THANK YOU! “We can certainly call you friends because of the way you care for our retired members,” writes a religious brother. Your gift of \$1,201.90 to the Retirement Fund for the Religious benefits some 35,000 senior sisters, brothers and religious order priests. May God bless your generosity!

ST. MARY’S CALENDAR December 21st – December 28th

†**The Rosary** is prayed ½ hour before the weekend Masses. The 7:30 AM Rosary on Sunday will be prayed for the unborn.
 †**Hispanic Rosary & Prayer Group** – Monday, December 22nd at 6 PM at Church.
 †**Christmas Eve Mass** – Wednesday, December 24th at 5:30 PM and at Midnight.
 †**Christmas Day Mass** – Thursday December 25th at 9 AM.
 †**Parish Office Closed** – Thursday & Friday, December 25th & 26th.
 †**That Man is You** – will NOT meet Thursday, December 25th.
 †**R.C.I.A.** – will NOT meet Thursday, December 25th.

News and Notes from the Pastor’s Desk

Was Christ really born on December 25th? Nowhere in the four gospels will you find the date of Jesus’ birth. Does that fact surprise you? It shouldn’t because the gospels are pretty concise summaries of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Prior to the legalization of Christianity under Constantine there was no universal date or formal celebration of Christmas. Only after the Church came out of the shadows of persecution that December 25th was set for the date.

So how did they decide on December 25th? There seems to be a debate about this. One theory is that Roman pagans would gather on the hill where the Vatican currently resides to celebrate the “Birth of the Unconquered Sun”. This feast was celebrated each year on December 25th in the darkest time of the year and when the day begins to get longer. It was easy for the Romans to see the birth of Jesus as the “birth of the unconquered Son” as they converted to Christianity.

Another theory comes from St. John Chrysostom. He reasoned: Luke 1 says Zechariah was performing priestly duty in the Temple when an angel told his wife Elizabeth she would bear John the Baptist. During the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, Mary learned about her conception of Jesus and visited Elizabeth “with haste.” The 24 classes of Jewish priests served one week in the Temple, and Zechariah was in the eighth class. Rabbinical tradition fixed the class on duty when the Temple was destroyed in A.D. 70 and, calculating backward from that, Zechariah’s class would have been serving Oct. 2-9 in 5 B.C. So Mary’s conception visit six months later might have occurred the following March and Jesus’ birth nine months afterward (around December 25th).

So there are two reasons for Christmas being on December 25th. Now you know!

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

Fr. Beran



Do you want to feel like one of the 3 Wise men who traversed afar? Register to travel with Fr. Beran along with 12 other parishioners to Bethlehem in May 2015!

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



HAVE A JOYOUS and BLESSED CHRISTMAS!



Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, December 22 (Fourth Monday of Advent): 1 Samuel 1:24-28; 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-7, 8a-d; Luke 1:46-56.
Tuesday, December 23 (St. John of Kanty): Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalms 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Luke 1:57-66.
Wednesday, 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.
Thursday, December 25 (Nativity of the Lord): Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalms 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18.
Friday, December 26 (St. Stephen): Acts 6:8-10 and 7:54-59; Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc, 17; Matthew 10:17-22.
Saturday, December 27 (St. John): 1 John 1:1-4; Psalms 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:2-8.
Sunday, December 28 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph): Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalms 128:1-5; Colossians 3:12-2; Luke 2: 22-40.
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

NO RELIGIOUS ED – WEDNESDAY, Dec. 24th

WAYNE STATE CATHOLIC NEWMAN NEWS

Facebook: Wayne State Catholic Newman 375-2000

Upcoming WILDCatholic Events:

Have a great Christmas break! Congratulations to our graduates!

Mark Your Calendar:

January 1-5 SEEK National FOCUS Conference in Nashville, TN.

February 6-8: Spiritual Boot Camp Retreat

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ’s birth into this world. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with *Faith Direct*? By supporting St. Mary through *Faith Direct*, both you and our parish can more easily project your future contributions. You can sign up online at www.faithdirect.net using our church code: **NE464**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office.

Prayer Requests - The Family Life Office would like to keep you and your loved ones in their prayers this Advent and Christmas season. Go to www.archomaha.org/family-life/prayer-requests to submit your prayer request. The requests will be printed and hung on the Family Life Office’s Christmas tree. All prayer requests will be delivered to the Poor Clare Sisters in January.

Christmas is the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial flame of charity in the heart. ~Washington Irving

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We pray for all expectant mothers, especially those facing challenges: that they may look to Our Lady’s example of faith in God’s care.

Living Nativity - Sunday, December 21st. St. Gerald Parish in Omaha brings the birth of Christ to life, Sunday, December 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m., with its Living Nativity. Come see live animals, have some drinks and desserts, and most importantly, see Jesus exposed in Perpetual Adoration in the chapel. This event is free, and sponsored in loving memory of Theresa Lynn Anderson. For more information, contact **Amanda Forman** at 402.331.1955.

Blue Christmas Service – “Service of the Longest Night” will be on Monday, December 22nd at 7 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, Wayne. The Blue Christmas Service is intentionally planned as a blessing for anyone for whom Christmas is not going to be a joyous holiday. If your Christmas is not going to be that joyous occasion because of bereavement or any kind of loss (physical or emotional), please come to the Blue Christmas Service. There will be opportunity to hear God’s Word, offer prayer, sing, light a commemorative candle, and receive a prayer shawl. The Blue Christmas Service, prayer shawls, and fellowship/refreshment time following the service are sponsored by the Stephen Ministers of Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne.

Karly Jurgensen Concert - Join us for a concert in Celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday, December 28th at 12:30 PM at the Holy Family Shrine in Gretna. Local artist Karly Jurgensen, noted for her work with Manheim Steamroller will perform a selection of holiday favorites, wedding songs, and her own original pieces that will delight the whole family. The Celebration continues with Mass at 2 PM.

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don’t know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the program call 1-888-317-565 or go to www.retrouvaille.org.

Youth Ministry Seminar - Saturday, January 10 featuring Frank Mercadante from 10 AM to – 4 PM at the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 200 S. 5th St., Norfolk. Anyone working with youth is encouraged to attend. For more information or to register go to: www.regonline.com/oecseminar1 or call **Jen Moser** at 402-557-5610.

Sacred Heart Parish Mission with Steve Angrisano - All ages are invited to attend 4 evenings of music, prayer and inspiring talks with veteran musician, composer and ministry leader Steve Angrisano at Norfolk Catholic High School, Burns Hall, 2300 West Madison Avenue, Norfolk on Sunday-Wednesday, January 11th-14th at 7 PM. A free-will offering is accepted to help with the support of this ministry. Call Philip Zimmerman at 402-371-2621 for more information.

Advent – a time to reflect and prepare for Christmas

Now through December 24th