

Thank You!

December 5th & 6th, 2015 - STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Plate \$ 892.00
Adult envelopes \$ 2,966.00
Children \$ 81.12
Holy Day \$ 433.15
On-Line \$ 3,504.00
Total \$ 7,876.27

Total Sundays & Holy Days Actual Budget
Fiscal year to date \$132,579.98 \$145,176
Average per week \$ 5,764.35 \$ 6,312



Stewardship –December 13th- "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6-7) St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

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: Debbie Burbach, Chris Geidner, Carolyn Linster, Lucille Nelson, Norbert & Elizabeth Dickes, Maria Vallejo, Tony Kochenash, Shirley Fletcher, Larry Haase, Mark Ahmann, Betty Meyer, Derek & Ashley Meyer.

Family/Friends: Diane Wuebben (sister of Vicki Pick), Nathan Staab & Mark Sukup (family members of Dan & Connie Sukup), Millie Beran (mother of Fr. Beran), Joseph Jarecke (grandfather of Anne Ronhovde), Helen Tunink (mother of Sheri Eaton), Jim Kuhlmeier (father of Gloria Kuhlmeier), Shelly Wieseler (daughter of Glendora Wieseler), Adrian Barta (father of Jodene Cantrell), Randy Janke (father of Mindy Haase), Doug Kibbe (son-in-law of Irene Manto), Arvid Sorensen (grandfather of Jilliane Allemann), Joan Sieler (former parishioner), Karla Peter (sister-in-law of Laura Hochstein), Paula Dartman (daughter of MaryEllen Maxey), JoAnne Puckett (friend of Mark & Jolene Klein), 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: Wayne Knutson (grandfather of Eric Knutson). May God grant him eternal rest and give comfort to his family & friends.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Eldon Thies (father-in-law of Diane Thies). 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

As of Monday, December 7th, our parish was at 98.1% of its goal for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. That percentage reflects pledges and gifts to-date from 60 of our parish's households plus a very significant pledge from one anonymous donor from outside of the parish. To-date pledges and/or gifts amounting to \$16,550 have been made to the appeal for our parish. Our goal for the appeal is \$16,872.65. Thank you to all who have already submitted their responses to the appeal. If you have not yet had a chance to respond, additional commitment forms are available in a file folder in the entryway of the church or may be requested from the parish office. If you prefer to make your commitment online, you may also submit a gift pledge at https://give.archomaha.org/ We are hoping to have at least 100 of our parish's 340 + households participate in this year's annual appeal.

In this season of Advent, we are continuously preparing ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth. Why not help our own parish prepare for the coming new year by signing up with Faith Direct? 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. God Bless You!

ST. MARY'S CALENDAR November 13th – December 20th

†The Rosary is prayed ½ hour before the weekend Masses.
The 7:30 AM Rosary on Sunday will be prayed for the unborn.
†Retirement Fund for the Religious Collection – Saturday & Sunday, December 12th & 13th at all the Masses
†Hospitality Sunday – Sunday, December 13 after the 8 AM & 10 AM Mass in Holy Family Hall. Hosted by the Confirmation Class.
†St. Mary's Parish Reconciliation Service – Sunday, December 13th at 2 PM at Church.
†Family Formation Activity Night – Wednesday, December 16th at 6:45 PM at the School for Students & Families.
†7 & 8 Grade & W.I.N.G.S. Religious Ed– Wednesday, December 16th
†NO That Man is You – will meet again in January 2016.
†Reconciliation – Thursday, December 17th from 5:45 PM-6:45 PM.
†Hispanic Prayer Group & Rosary – Thursday, December 17th at 6 PM at Church
†R.C.I.A – Thursday, December 17th at 7 PM at the Rectory.
†Reconciliation – Saturday, December 19th from 4:30 PM-5:30 PM.

News and Notes from the Pastor's Desk

I wanted to share a few stories from the “reverse collection” last weekend. Before I share these stories, I want to thank the parishioner that proposed the idea. The Holy Spirit truly stirred their heart. I decided to omit the names in order to focus more on the good that was done, rather than the person doing it.

One parent told the story of her daughter and the book fair at school. “She said there is a jar there to collect money for kids who can't afford books. The other girls agreed enthusiastically and all our dollars went in the jar.”

A grandparent wrote, “[My granddaughter], unknown to her parents, overheard them talking about 2 drywallers that were brothers, one of whom had recently lost his house in a fire. Again, unknown to [her parents]. When the brothers arrived to work, [she] marched up, saying, ‘Which one of you brudders house burnt down?’ Promptly turned over her \$1, and walked away. Done. Another lesson learned from a 6 yr. old.”

I have heard about someone putting a dollar in the red kettle at the store or buying some candy for a child. I am sure there are many other things that were done that no one will ever know about.

My biggest hope is that it helped people get in touch with the true meaning of this season and prepare us to do countless more acts of kindness in this Jubilee Year of Mercy. It is amazing what \$1 and a bit of generosity can do! We should not be surprised, because God brought about our salvation starting with the birth of a little child in Bethlehem. God is the master of bringing great things from small beginnings.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for us.

Fr. Beran

Little Saints is a program for young children during the 10 AM Mass on Sundays. Toddlers through preschoolers can go to the hall, discuss that Sunday's Gospel reading, and do an activity. They rejoin their families before the collection. We are looking for adult volunteers to help once every other month. If you already volunteered, please check the calendar at the back of church for your date or to sign up for one. If you would like to sign up or have questions, call Mandy Parker at 402-369-0557.

Did you know the Wayne churches work together?

Wayne Association of Congregations and Ministers (WACAM)

Here is what they do:

- WACAM is the main source of help for people in our community with immediate needs. Contact your local church for assistance. Donations are always welcome.
- Prayer services, like Thanksgiving and Good Friday
- Outreach to the area through KTCH radio devotions and “Word of Faith” column in the Wayne Herald
- For the elderly, prayers services at CareAge and Brookdale
- Bringing people of faith together in order to become more united

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, December 14 (St. John of the Cross): Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a; Psalms 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Matthew 21:23-27.
Tuesday, December 15 (Third Tuesday of Advent): Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13; Psalms 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Matthew 21:28-32.
Wednesday, December 16 (Third Wednesday of Advent): Isaiah 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Psalms 85:9ab, 10-14; Luke 7:18b-23.
Thursday, December 17 (Third Thursday of Advent): Genesis 49:2, 8-10; Psalms 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17; Matthew 1:1-17.
Friday, December 18 (Third Friday of Advent): Jeremiah 23:5-8; Psalms 72:1-2 12-13, 18-19; Matthew 1:18-25.
Saturday, December 19 (Third Saturday of Advent): Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a; Psalms 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17; Luke 1:5-25.
Sunday, December 20 (Fourth Sunday of Advent): Micah 5:1-4a; Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.

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

FAMILY FORMATION ACTIVITY NIGHT - Wednesday, December 16th at 6:45 PM for Students & Families at the school. For our activity we will re-enact the Posada (an important Mexican Christmas tradition). The word posada means "inn" or "shelter" and this tradition re-enacts Mary and Joseph's search for a place to stay in Bethlehem. Posadas are held in Mexico from December 16th to 24th, (on each of the nine nights leading up to Christmas). The celebration begins with a procession in which the participants hold candles and sing Christmas carols. Sometimes individuals will play the parts of Mary and Joseph who lead the way, or occasionally images representing them are carried. The procession makes its way to a particular home (a different one each night), where a special song (La Cancion Para Pedir Posada) is sung. There are two parts to the traditional posada song. Those outside the house sing the part of Joseph asking for shelter and the family inside responds singing the part of the innkeeper saying that there is no room. The song switches back and forth a few times until finally the innkeeper decides to let them in. The hosts open the door and everyone goes inside. Once inside the house there is a celebration which often begins with a short Bible reading and prayer. Then the hosts give the guests food and a hot drink. Then the guests break the piñatas and the children are given candy. The nine nights of posadas leading up to Christmas are said to represent the nine months that Jesus spent in Mary's womb, or alternatively, to represent nine days journey to Bethlehem.

Religious Ed Classes Wednesday, December 16th
7th Grade meet at the High School – 7 PM-8 PM
8th Grade meet at St. Mary's School – 6:45 PM
W.I.N.G.S. meet in Holy Family Hall – 7PM-8PM

WAYNE STATE CATHOLIC NEWMAN NEWS

Facebook: Wayne State Catholic Newman 375-2000

Upcoming WILDCatholic Events:

Sunday, December 13: 2pm Reconciliation Service
Sunday, December 13: 6:30pm Newman Council Meeting in the Parish Office
Sunday, December 13: 8:30pm Confessions, 9pm Mass
Tuesday, December 15: 5:45-9pm Adorations, 8-8:45pm Confessions, 9pm Mass, Community Night
Thursday, December 17: 11:30am to 1pm TNT in the Cafeteria
Thursday, December 17: 5:45pm to 6:45pm Confessions

Have a great Christmas break! Jesus is born!

Mark Your Calendars:

January 1-5: Student Leadership Summit (SLS) in Dallas
February 5-7: Spiritual Bootcamp Retreat
March: Spring Break Service trip in Denver

STILL NEEDING – A Song leader for the 5 PM on Thursday, December 24th and an Organist for 9 AM on Friday, December 25th. Thank you!

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

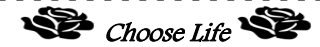
Early Dismissal – Friday, December 18th at 2 PM
NO School - Christmas Vacation – December 21st – January 3rd

LET US DO YOUR WRAPPING FOR YOU!

St. Mary's Booster Club will offer a gift wrapping service on Saturday, December 19th from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Rectory for a free-will donation.

- Bring your unwrapped gifts to the rectory and we will wrap them for you!
- Spread the word to your family & friends about this fundraiser!
- Volunteer to wrap some gifts!

Any questions, call Mollie Spieker at 402-375-2869. Thank you!



We pray for all grandparents: may they be protected, respected, and cherished.

Our beautiful St. Mary's Celebration of Life calendars are ready and will be for sale in the church entrance after the Sunday AM Masses. The pictures are members of our church family and represent various stages of life as they stand for their commitment to all of life. The photographer Kayla Gubbels from Hartington, donated all her time for putting this calendar together for us. The cost of each calendar is \$15.00. All proceeds will go to St. Mary's Pro-Life activities. Thank you to all who participated. God's blessings

On December 13, Gaudete Sunday, at 7:30 PM, Archbishop Lucas will open the Holy Door of St. Cecilia's Cathedral thus inaugurating the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. All the faithful of the archdiocese are invited to participate in this event, to cross the threshold of mercy and to celebrate solemn Vespers.

Aging religious need your help. In the United States today, there are more than 33,000 senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests. These religious worked tirelessly in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies, usually for little to no pay. As a result, many religious communities lack adequate savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Please be generous.

BELL RINGING for the SALVATION ARMY!

St. Mary's will ring the bell on Saturday, December 19th from 10 AM to 3 PM at Quality Foods. You will be standing outdoors so wear appropriate clothing. Sign-up sheet in Church entrance.

St. Mary's welcomes 3 new members to St. Mary's Parish who were baptized on Sunday, November 29th, 2015



Kendra Diane Lundahl

Daughter of Matthew & Katie Lundahl



Maximilian Joseph Ronhovde

Son of Scott & Anne Ronhovde



Oscar George Severson

Son of Adam & Lanie Severson

Dear Father in Heaven, Bless these children and all their days.

St. Mary's welcomes a new member to St. Mary's Parish who was baptized on Sunday, December 6th, 2015



Hallie Grace Loberg

Daughter of David & Jessica Loberg

Dear Father in Heaven, Bless this child and all her days.



Please take your bowls and/or pans home. Remaining items will be donated to a local charity.

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 Teacher Facilitator: Jilliane Allemann

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: 1/2 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.
COLLEGE STUDENTS & VISITORS: We welcome you and pray that you will feel at home worshipping with us.

December 13th, 2015
3rd Sunday of Advent – Intentions for December 14th – December 20th

Monday	December	14	NO MASS	
Tuesday	December	15	5:15 PM	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday	December	15	9:00 PM	WSC
Wednesday	December	16	8:15 AM	† Cliff Pinkelman
Wednesday	December	16	5:15 PM	† Ed Fletcher
Thursday	December	17	5:15 PM	† Robert Reinert
Friday	December	18	8:00 AM	† Jim Keating
Saturday	December	19	6:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday	December	20	8:00 AM	† Dave Sty
Sunday	December	20	10:00 AM	† Millard & Jean Rethwisch
Sunday	December	20	NO 9:00 PM MASS	

Dec 19/20 4 th Sunday of Advent	SAT 6:00 PM	SUN 8:00 AM	SUN 10:00 AM
HOSPITALITY	G & J Ruzicka	K & S Prokop	D & S Fehringer
USHERS	B Grone / G Kathol	S Lutt / B Martin	B Owens / S Mostek
READER	C Wageman	J Nelsen	D Harm
SERVERS	K Fleming / L Hasemann	A Brink / C Brink	E Burbach / M Burbach
*EMHCs	R Glass / S Hasemann / T Hypse	R McLean / I Fletcher	S Anderson / *M Schlichter
MUSIC MINISTRY	Volunteer / K White	G Kallhoff	Volunteer / Volunteer
COUNTERS	E Osten / K White / K Morris	One String One Voice	
Dec 24/25 The Nativity of the Lord — Christmas!	THURS 5:00 PM	FRI 12:00 Midnight	FRI 9:00 AM
HOSPITALITY	C & T Sharpe	Knights of Columbus	L Haschke / T Kay
USHERS	B Belt / M Brugger	Knights of Columbus	G Redden / L Schmale
READER	C Osten	Knights of Columbus	R Rethwisch
SERVERS	J Karsky / R Karsky	Knights of Columbus	H Gubbels / R Haschke
*EMHCs	T & C Lee	Knights of Columbus	S Anderson / M Schlichter
MUSIC MINISTRY	K Kwapnioski		
COUNTERS	K Kwapnioski / Volunteer	P Sherry / G Heithold	T Hypse / H Schroeder
Dec 26/27 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	SAT 6:00 PM	SUN 8:00 AM	SUN 10:00 AM
HOSPITALITY	B & C Belt	M & L Reynolds	R & S Hunke
USHERS	J Davis / B Grone	G Nemecek / M Pieper	P Fehringer / R Gentrup
READER	E Osten	D Spieker	J Kiely
SERVERS	C & G Lindsay	J Dorcey / J Lutt	N Hunke / K Kiely
*EMHCs	R & S Ruhl / S Claussen	L Hochstein / K & B Hochstein	M & J Klein / *G Kuhlmeier
MUSIC MINISTRY	Volunteer / T Hypse	One String One Voice	Volunteer / D Gentrup
COUNTERS	J Wurdeman / P Wurdeman		

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

