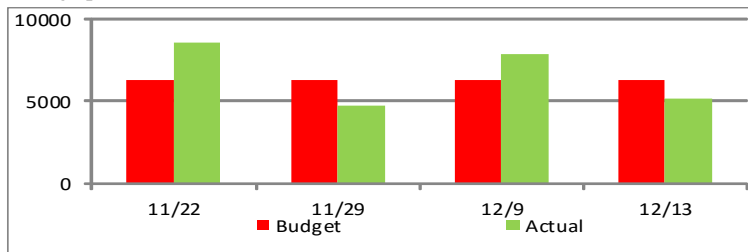


Thank You!

December 12th & 13th, 2015 - STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Plate	\$	1,148.60
Adult envelopes	\$	3,913.00
Children	\$	60.23
Holy Day	\$	40.00
On-Line	\$	0.00
Total	\$	5,161.83

Total Sundays & Holy Days	Actual	Budget
Fiscal year to date	\$137,741.81	\$151,488
Average per week	\$ 5,739.24	\$ 6,312



Stewardship –December 20th - “For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy.” (Luke 1:44)
 When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you “leap for joy?” If not, don’t blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

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 Dicks, Maria Vallejo, Tony Kochenash, Shirley Fletcher, Larry Haase, Mark Ahmann, Betty Meyer, Derek & Ashley Meyer.
Family/Friends: Nan Johnson (friend of Tiffany Wiese), 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), Linda Hochstein (daughter-in-law of Sally Hochstein).
Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Mary Seiler Page (former parishioner). May God grant her eternal rest and give comfort to her family and 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 14th, our parish was at 97.6% of its goal for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. That percentage reflects pledges and gifts to-date from 61 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 \$16,475 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. You may also submit a gift pledge at <https://give.archomaha.org/> if you prefer to make your commitment online. 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!

Thank you to St. Mary’s Parish for the lovely poinsettia plants and the rest of the gifts you gave us for Christmas. God bless you!
 From the Parishioners at CareAge

ST. MARY’S CALENDAR November 20th – December 27th

†The Rosary is prayed ½ hour before the weekend Masses.
The 7:30 AM Rosary on Sunday will be prayed for the unborn.
 †**NO Pastoral Council Meeting** – Tuesday, December 22nd
 †**NO 7 & 8 Grade & W.I.N.G.S. Religious Ed**– Wednesday, December 23rd.
 †**NO That Man is You** – will meet again in January 2016.
 †**NO Hispanic Prayer Group & Rosary** – Thursday, December 24th
 †**NO R.C.I.A** – Thursday, December 24th
 †**Christmas Eve Mass** – Thursday, December 24th at 5 PM
 †**Christmas Day Mass** – Friday, December 25th at Midnight & 9 AM.

News and Notes from the Pastor’s Desk

With Christmas just days away, it might be good to remind ourselves of what Christmas is all about. One way to appreciate this celebration of the birth of Jesus is to understand the symbols associated with it.

Christmas Tree: The meaning of the Christmas tree is interpreted in many ways. Primarily, it is a symbol of hope and everlasting life, as it is an evergreen tree. The needles of the tree point towards heaven, symbolizing man’s connection with the Lord.

The Star: The Christmas star, also known as the Star of Bethlehem, revealed the birth of Jesus to the three wise men and also guided them to Bethlehem. It is also used as a popular Christmas decoration.

Angels: These are God’s messengers. They are intimately connected with Christmas because they announced the birth of Jesus to the shepherds.

Poinsettias: Poinsettias are Christmas decorations having deep red color, star shaped leaves, due to which, it is commonly associated with the star of Bethlehem.

Holly: The holly symbolizes the crown of thorns worn by Christ during crucifixion.

Candy Canes: They are cane shaped candies which are traditionally striped in red and white colors. It symbolizes the shepherd’s hook used to bring the lambs back to their fold. It also represents an inverted "J" of Jesus Christ.

As you can see, these symbols all point to Jesus. Explaining these objects to kids can be a great way to keep the focus on Jesus this time of year.

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

There will be NO Little Saints Program on Sunday, December 27th and on Sunday, January 3rd

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](tel: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

Religious give thanks. “We cannot begin to repay all who contribute,” writes a Catholic sister. “So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you.” Heartfelt thanks for your donation of \$1,124 to last week’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, December 21 (St. Peter Canisius): Song of Solomon 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalms 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Luke 1:39-45.
Tuesday, December 22 (Fourth Tuesday of Advent): I Samuel 1:24-28; I Samuel 2:1, 4-8d; Luke 1:46-56.
Wednesday, December 23 (St. John of Kanty): Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalms 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Luke 1:57-66.
Thursday, 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.
Friday, December 25 (Nativity of the Lord, Christmas): Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalms 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18.
Saturday, December 26 (St. Stephen): Acts 6:8-10 and 7:54-59; Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Matthew 10:17-22.
Sunday, December 27 (Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph): Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalms 128:1-5; Colossians 3:12-21 or I John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52.

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

Las Posadas - A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to all those who helped organize and all those who participated in the Las Posadas last Wednesday evening. It was hosted by our Spanish Prayer Group but there was a great spirit among all who participated. We were united to Mary and Joseph as they searched for a place to stay in Bethlehem. We were also united to each other. No one brings people of different cultures and backgrounds together like Jesus does!

Thanks and Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad!

NO Religious Ed Classes Wednesday, December 23rd

WAYNE STATE CATHOLIC NEWMAN NEWS

Facebook: Wayne State Catholic Newman 375-2000

Upcoming WILDCatholic Events:

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #8579

December 2015 Calendar Winners - \$50 Each

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|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Ray Kneiff, Dixon | Lisa Thompson, Laurel |
| Randy Lutt, Wayne | Phil Monahan, Wayne |
| Amy Miller, Wayne | Jane Ahmann, Wayne |
| Mary Kranz, Wayne | Jeff Sukup, Wayne |

CHRISTMAS DAY WINNER - \$100 - Terri Hypse, Wayne

There’s work to do, deadlines to meet;

You’ve got no time to spare,

But as you hurry and scurry-

A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,

"Quality time" is rare.

Do your best; let God do the rest-

A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries

Are more than you can bear.

Slow down and take a breather-

A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;

He wants to ease our cares,

And He’ll respond to all your needs

A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

Have a
JOYOUS and BLESSED
CHRISTMAS!



ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...

WHERE FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE MEET

EARN MONEY FOR ST. MARY’S SCHOOL with these programs:

- Target “Take Charge”
- Good Search
- Box-Tops for Education
- Green Fiber
- Labels for Education
- Ink or Toner Cartridges
- Alters (Aluminum Cans)

Thank you to everyone who participates in these programs and we encourage everyone to help St. Mary’s School by continued participation. For more information on any of these programs, call the office at 402-375-2000.



We pray for married couples who long to welcome a child into their family: may the coming of the Christ Child bring hope and peace.

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

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE – “Service of the Longest Night” is Monday, December 21st at 7 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, Wayne. This 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, light a commemorative candle, sing 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.

Visit Nativity Scenes, Jan. 2 – 5, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Everybody is invited to make a pilgrimage to St. Benedict Center, 4 mi. north of Schuyler, at the beginning of the *Year of Mercy*, and view God’s Love made visible in nativity scenes from the Holy Land, from Africa, Asia, South & North America and Europe and to pray for our families. No admission fee. For more information call [402-352-8819](tel:402-352-8819) or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

Toolbox for Interiority, January 22 – 24, retreat for women at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler. This retreat will help, at any stage of your life, to learn the fine art of listening and responding deeply to God’s call in your life. It offers many useful “tools for interiority,” explained and practiced during the weekend. Teresa Monaghan, AO, Father Thomas Leitner, OSB, and a team of consecrated and lay women will present various aspects of discernment, share life stories, and give a chance for personal input and reflection. We will have silence, Mass, Confession, fellowship, brief conferences, and spiritual direction with retreat directors. Friday, 7:30 PM to Sunday, 3:30 PM. For more information, call [402-352-8819](tel:402-352-8819) or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

Listen! Be Attentive!, Jan. 29 – 31, retreat for men at Saint Benedict Center, Schuyler. This retreat offers many useful “tools for attentiveness,” explained and practiced during the weekend, along with time for prayer and spiritual direction. It will assist you, whatever your stage in life, to learn the fine art of listening and responding deeply to God’s call. *Brother Damian Cayetano, OSB, Teresa Monaghan, AO, Father Thomas Leitner, OSB,* and a team of consecrated life members will present various aspects of discernment, share life stories and give a chance for personal input and reflection. We will have silence, Mass, Confession, fellowship, brief conferences, and spiritual direction with retreat directors. Friday, 7:30 p.m., to Sunday, 3:30 p.m. For more information, call [402-352-8819](tel:402-352-8819) or visit www.StBenedictCenter.com

Please take your bowls and/or pans home.



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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: 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 20th, 2015
4th Sunday of Advent – Intentions for December 21st – December 27th

Monday	December	21	NO MASS	
Tuesday	December	22	5:15 PM	† Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wisniewski
Tuesday	December	22	NO 9:00 PM MASS	
Wednesday	December	23	NO 8:15 AM MASS	
Wednesday	December	23	5:15 PM	† Marilyn Morse
Thursday	December	24	5:00 PM	† Ray Loberg
Friday	December	25	MIDNIGHT	† Jim & Jean Coan
Friday	December	25	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
Saturday	December	26	6:00 PM	People of the Parish
Sunday	December	27	8:00 AM	† Bill Connealy
Sunday	December	27	10:00 AM	† Helen Goblirsch
Sunday	December	27	NO 9:00 PM MASS	

Dec 24/25 **THURS 5:00 PM** **FRI 12:00 Midnight** **FRI 9:00 AM**
The Nativity of the Lord — Christmas!
 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
 K Kwapnioski
 MUSIC MINISTRY K Kwapnioski/A Miller/A Woerdemann P Sherry / G Heithold Volunteer / T Hypse / H Schroeder

Dec 26/27 **SAT 6:00 PM** **SUN 8:00 AM** **SUN 10:00 AM**
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 HOSPITALITY B & C Belt M & L Reynolds R & S Hunke
 USHERS J Davis / B Grone G Nemeck / M Pieper P Fehring / R Gentrup
 READER E Osten D Spieker J Kielty
 SERVERS C & G Lindsay J Dorsey / J Lutt N Hunke / K Kielty
 *EMHCs R & S Ruhl / L Hochstein / M & J Klein /
 S Claussen K & B Hochstein *G Kuhlmeier
 Volunteer / T Hypse One String One Voice Volunteer / D Gentrup
 J Wurdeman / P Wurdeman

Dec 31 / Jan 1 **THURS 6:00 PM** **FRI 8:00 AM**
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – (Holy day of Obligation)
 HOSPITALITY M & C Brugger J & R Sperry
 USHERS S Hasemann / G Kathol K Prokop / M Reynolds
 READER V French M Barry
 SERVERS A Roberts / E Tyson M Fehring / L Kallhoff
 *EMHCs C Osten / E Osten B Heithold / G Kallhoff
 A Witkowski
 MUSIC MINISTRY Volunteer / Volunteer Volunteer / Volunteer



Blessed are you among women!

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