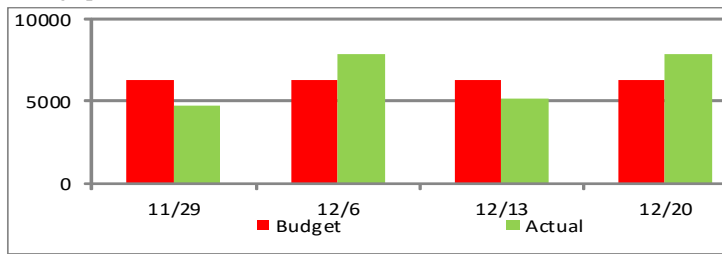


Thank You!

December 19 th & 20 th , 2015 - STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE		
Plate	\$	384.00
Adult envelopes	\$	4,386.00
Children	\$	55.77
Holy Day	\$	0.00
On-Line	\$	3,079.00
Total	\$	7,904.77

Total Sundays & Holy Days	Actual	Budget
Fiscal year to date	\$145,646.58	\$157,800
Average per week	\$ 5,825.86	\$ 6,312



Stewardship –December 27th– “See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 John 3:1). During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God’s children, it’s important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

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: Arlyn Osten (grandfather of Katie, Emilie, & Anna Osten). May God grant him eternal rest and give comfort to his 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 21st, our parish was at 98.2% of its goal for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. That percentage reflects pledges and gifts to-date from 62 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 \$16,575 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.

BIBLE APP – For information on downloading a free Bible app go to www.archomaha.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/bibleapp.pdf. Contents include: full RSV-CE Bible, Gospel of Mark dramatized audio Bible, daily Mass readings, Catholic News Agency, Steubenville conferences, EWTN Live & On Demand, and content from Jeff Cavins, Bp. Robert Barron and Fr. James McIlhonne. Endorsed by the Vatican with an Imprimatur.

Are you missing a bowl or pan –check out the kitchen in Holy Family Hall. It could be there.

ST. MARY’S CALENDAR December 27th – January 1st
 †The Rosary is prayed ½ hour before the weekend Masses.
The 7:30 AM Rosary on Sunday will be prayed for the unborn.
 †NO 7 & 8 Grade & W.I.N.G.S. Religious Ed– Wednesday, December 30th
 †NO That Man is You – will meet again in January 2016.
 †NO Hispanic Prayer Group & Rosary – Thursday, December 31st
 †NO R.C.I.A – Thursday, December 31st
 †Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass – Thursday, December 31st at 6 PM (Holy Day of Obligation)
 †Solemnity of Mary Mass – Friday, January 1st at 9 AM.

News and Notes from the Pastor’s Desk

Merry Christmas! Jesus is born!
 My biggest prayer is that everyone has a heart full of Christmas joy! What is Christmas joy? Christmas joy is knowing that Jesus would have been born in Bethlehem just for you. There is a deep peace that comes from knowing that God cares about us so much. He wants to enter into the reality of our lives...not just on Christmas day, but every day. I encourage all of us to use this Christmas season to renew our relationship with our newborn King. He became a child in order for us to be able to experience Him, have a relationship with him, be accessible to us. So we should never treat Jesus like a character in an old book or someone who lived thousands of years ago. We should have a daily relationship with Jesus in prayer.
 If prayer is not a daily part of your life, start now. If you want your prayer life to be more alive, use this time of year to renew it. You can talk to Jesus every day like you would your best friend. You can let the Word of God in the Bible speak to you. You can make devotions, like the rosary, a part of your prayer life. Pray in whatever way works for you!
 Mary, Mother of Jesus, pray for us.

Fr. Beran
 PS. On a different note, I want to thank all those who have shared their Christmas joy with me and our parish. I think of all those who helped decorate the church and make it look so great. The people who helped at our Christmas Masses by singing, playing an instrument, altar serving, ushering, greeting or assisting with Communion used their gifts to show their faith and joy. I also want to thank all of those who shared their Christmas spirit with me through all the cards and greetings I got. It is always humbling to be thought of in so many wonderful ways. A big “Thank You” goes out to everyone who helped me and our parish to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

There will be NO Little Saints Program 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).

REGISTRATIONS - If you are new to the parish, please fill out a registration form. You may get them in the church entrance, the parish office or call and one can be mailed to you! Thanks!

PHONE NUMBERS - Many parishioners are having their landline phones removed and just using cell phones. Please call the parish office with your new phone numbers. Thank-you!

FREE COATS, HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS TO ANYONE IN NEED

Tuesday – Friday Mornings 9 AM to 12 NOON
 First Presbyterian Church
 (use handicapped entrance on Lincoln St.)
 Accepting donations of winter coats in all sizes, hats, gloves & mittens. Coats may be used (clean) or new.



Daily Scripture Readings
Monday, December 28 (Holy Innocents): IJohn 1:5 to 2:2; Psalms 124:2-5, 7c-8; Matthew 2:13-18.
Tuesday, December 29 (Fifth Octave Day of Christmas): IJohn 2:3-11; Psalms 96:1-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35.
Wednesday, December 30 (Sixth Octave Day of Christmas): IJohn 2:12-17; Psalms 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40.
Thursday, December 31 (Seventh Octave Day of Christmas): IJohn 2:18-21; Psalms 96:1-2, 11-13; John 1:1-18.
Friday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary): Numbers 6:22-27; Psalms 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.
Saturday, January 2 (St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen): IJohn 2:22-28; Psalms 98:1-4; John 1:19-28.
Sunday, January 3 (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

NO Religious Ed Classes Wednesday, December 30th

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

Radio Broadcast on Marriage and the Supreme Court - On Monday, December 28th, the audio of Dr. Ryan Anderson’s presentation “The Future of Marriage and Religious Liberty” will be on KIOS-FM 91.5 Omaha Public Radio. The presentation was given at UNO on October 8, 2015. A video of Dr. Anderson’s October presentation at the University of Nebraska-Omaha is also available **online** at <http://archomaha.org/ministries/missions/religious-liberty/>.

Survey on Human Sexuality Formation Coming Soon. - The Archdiocese of Omaha will release a survey in early January on Human Sexuality Formation. The purpose of the survey is to gather input regarding resources to aid in educating youth and young adults toward a deeper understanding of the Catholic Church’s foundational beliefs that form the basis of our understanding of the meaning and purpose of sex, what it means to be male and female, and God’s plan for marriage and the human family. Adults ages 18 or older in the Archdiocese of Omaha will be invited to complete the online survey. Please watch for the survey link in the January 5 edition of eNews.

A Christmas Gift from Congress - President Obama signed the Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2015 (HR 5771) approved by Congress. This legislation included a one year extension of expired tax provisions retroactive to January 1, 2015. This reauthorizes the IRA charitable rollover through December 31, 2015. Donors age 70 ½ and older may transfer up to \$100,000 from their IRA to a qualified public charity such as the Archdiocese of Omaha. The transfer will be made free of federal income tax and the gift qualifies for the donor’s 2015 required minimum distribution (RMD). The Archdiocese of Omaha is impacting countless people in our archdiocese every day through programs and ministries such as our Catholic schools, sacramental preparation, youth ministry and support for our priests, deacons and seminarians. Your support will allow us to continue to grow these programs and ensure that people throughout our community receive the gift of God’s love and joy. Please contact Tom Crowley or Kaitlyn Maloney at 402-557-5650 with any questions.

Become a Building Blocks Foster Parent - You can make a difference in a child’s life by becoming an inspiration, a parent, and most of all a friend. This is your opportunity to become foster parents and give a child the love he or she deserves. All you need is patience, love, and a willingness to teach a child to succeed in his or her world. For information or to sign up for a summer training session, call Rachael Kallhoff 1-800-689-0945 or go to buildingblocksforkids.org.

Abundant blessings, peace, and joy to you and yours in 2016
 Happy New Year!

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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.

The St. Mary’s School Booster Club would like to thank everyone who brought gifts for us to wrap the last two Saturdays. A special thank you goes out to Jeanne Lindsay who helped wrap. The Boosters wish you all a Peaceful and Blessing-filled New Year!



We pray for parents: may their example of sacrificial and life-giving love be a source of hope and inspiration.

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

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
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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 27th, 2015
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – Intentions for December 28th – January 3rd

Monday	December	28	NO MASS	
Tuesday	December	29	5:15 PM	† Henry & Darlene Sok Family
Tuesday	December	29	NO 9:00 PM MASS	
Wednesday	December	30	NO 8:15 AM MASS	
Wednesday	December	30	5:15 PM	† Carl, Claribel, & Chuck Fank
Thursday	December	31	6:00 PM	People of the Parish
Friday	January	1	9:00 AM	Poor Souls
Saturday	January	2	6:00 PM	† John Melena
Sunday	January	3	8:00 AM	† Lyle & Betty Garvin
Sunday	January	3	10:00 AM	People of the Parish
Sunday	January	3	NO 9:00 PM MASS	



Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?

Dec 31 / Jan 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD – (Holy day of Obligation) HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCs MUSIC MINISTRY	THURS 6:00 PM M & C Brugger S Hasemann / G Kathol V French A Roberts / E Tyson C Osten / E Osten Volunteer / Volunteer	FRI 8:00 AM J & R Sperry K Prokop / M Reynolds M Barry M Fehringer / L Kallhoff B Heithold / G Kallhoff / A Witkowski Volunteer / Volunteer
Jan 2/3 Epiphany of the Lord HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCs	SAT 6:00 PM J & C Davis P Monahan / R Ruhl C Wageman S Agoumba / J Arroyo R Glass / S Hasemann A Sty Volunteer / K White R & MA Lutt / T Kay	SUN 8:00 AM J & A Witkowski D Spieker / J Sperry M Brink N Reinke / D Sharpe I Fletcher / R McLean T Reinke One String One Voice
January 9/10 Baptism of the Lord HOSPITALITY USHERS READER SERVERS *EMHCs	SAT 6:00 PM J & A Fleming B Belt / J Davis C Osten A Ankeny / C Ankeny C Claussen / R & S Ruhl Volunteer / T Hypse B Meyer / S Eaton / S Frevert / J Nelsen	SUN 8:00 AM S Wieseler / P Fehringer M Fehringer / D Hochstein I Fletcher L Spieker / O Spieker L Hochstein / B & K Hochstein One String One Voice
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SUN 10:00 AM
 T & M Jenkins
 T Garvin / N Fendrick
 C Pfeifer
 J Heitz / S Heitz
 J Kietly /
 *T & C Lee
 Volunteer / V French

SUN 10:00 AM
 L & J Lindsay
 J Lutter / S Mostek
 R Rethwisch
 M Jenkins / B Kruse
 M Schlichter / S Anderson
 *S Jaixen
 Volunteer / Volunteer

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