

Saint George Church

Morse Bluff

260 Short Street

Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 6:00 p.m.
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays @ 8:00 a.m.
Coffee and rolls: 1st Sunday of the month

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 16, 2024

*Making Intentional Disciples
To Know, Love, and Serve God*

Sacred Heart Church

Cedar Hill

2750 County Road 27

Sunday Masses:
1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays @ 8:00 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.
Coffee and rolls: 2nd Sunday of the month

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<u>LITURGY SCFeBHEDULE:</u>				<u>MASS INTENTIONS:</u>	<u>FEAST DAY:</u>
Monday	17 Feb	8:00 am	St. George	+Dean Brichacek	Seven Holy Founders
Tuesday	18 Feb	8:00 am	St. George	+Tom Stranik	St. Brenadette Soubirous
Wednesday	19 Feb	---	---	---	
Thursday	20 Feb	8:00 am	St. George	+Dwight & Regina Duncan Family	
Friday	21 Feb	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	FCSLA Member Branch W055	St. Peter Damian
Saturday	22 Feb	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	Family (L/D)	Chair of St. Peter
		6:00 pm	St. George	+Pat, Francis & Gene Minarick	Seventh Sunday
Sunday	23 Feb	8:00 am	St. George	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	In Ordinary
		10:00 am	Sacred Heart	+Tim O’Brien	Time

Parish Confession Schedule: Confessions usually heard 30 minutes before all weekend Masses, ending 5-10 minutes before Mass. (Confessions before the 10:00 a.m. Mass may be shortened because of priest’s travel time.)

Available e.mail addresses: ~~dhunt@gtnet.net, stgmb@nntc.net~~, stgsh98@gmail.com

Mass Times for USA parishes: <http://www.masstimes.org/> **Parishes:** <https://stgmbne.com>

Sunday Liturgical Ministers/Servers: **Monthly Devotional:** **February – Holy Family**

St. George			Reader	Acolyte	Server
Saturday	22 Feb	6:00 pm	Volunteer	Volunteer	
Sunday	23 Feb	8:00 am	Volunteer	Volunteer	
Sacred Heart					Church Cleaner
Sunday	23 Feb	10:00 am	Alan Sloup	Volunteer	Yvonne Steinbach

stgmbne.com

Announcements

Catholic Press Month -- Thank you for supporting our Southern Nebraska Register. It is our rich resource. Please make checks payable to your parish. [See: Rosary Ministry, Lourdes Healing, Mary’s Life, One Book + One Diocese – Four books by Fr. Philippe- bit.ly/DioceseLincolnOBOD](#)

21 Coptic Martyrs - 10th Anniversary of Death (Feb. 15)
The 21 Coptic martyrs were Egyptian Christians executed by ISIS in Libya on February 15, 2015, for their faith. They were canonized by the Coptic Orthodox Church shortly after their deaths, and their feast day is celebrated on February 15 each year.
The men’s bodies were recovered in 2017 and returned to Egypt, where a church was built in their hometown to honor them.
“These martyrs were baptized not only in the water and Spirit, but also in blood, a blood that is the seed of unity for all of Christ’s followers,” Pope Francis told Tawadros II, Coptic Patriarch, during a papal audience, May 2023.
A short film honoring the 21 Coptic men martyred by ISIS in Libya in 2015, produced in the style of Coptic iconography by a global team of 70+ artists from more than 24 countries.
<https://youtu.be/8eg2s2Nyrnk?si=Q2xELeAQvcNP1YYC>

The Table Is Set - The Chosen - Season 5
The people of Israel welcome Jesus as king while His disciples anticipate His crowning. But—instead of confronting Rome—He turns the tables on the Jewish religious festival. Their power threatened, the country’s religious and political leaders will go to any length to ensure this Passover meal is Jesus’ last.
Experience The Chosen’s most powerful season yet on the big screen from Mar. 28 – Apr.17! (Episodes: 1-2, 3-5, 6-8)
The fifth season will release to theaters before streaming.
The Fremont Theater will show “The Chosen” Season 5

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St George Altar Society dues for 2025
are due in January. Please make your check out to:
St George Altar Society.

Linda Minarick is our Treasurer.
You can also drop your check in the Sunday collection.
Dues \$5
Cleaning \$35
Soup donation \$50
Total \$90.

Thank you! God’s Blessings to you in 2025!Barb Soukup
Jubilee Year of Hope: A letter from Bishop Conley
“Throughout the Jubilee Year, we in the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln will have the opportunity to celebrate together by participating in special events, prayerful observances and unique reminders of our faith. We will read and discuss several books together as one diocese. There will be specific nights of adoration when we can pray together. We will invite guest speakers so we can learn together. We will even share 52 “Moments of Hope” together. More details on these and other initiatives will be forthcoming as we work to observe this Holy Year in a significant way.
I look forward to embarking on this journey of faith with you. Let us be inspired by the words of St. Paul: “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer” (Rom 12:12). May this Jubilee Year of 2025 be a time of profound grace for our diocese and for each of you. Together, may we **move forward in faith as pilgrims of hope!**”

2025 is proclaimed the Jubilee Year of Hope by Pope Francis. In addition to pilgrimages, we are being asked to participate in charitable works. **To help facilitate this in both parishes, there will be food drives on the LAST Sunday of every month.** The food items donated will go to the Blessings Food Pantry in North Bend. The pantry will accept all non-perishable items but are always in short supply of cereal, canned fruit, all types of sugar, canned chicken, cooking oil, paper towels and feminine hygiene products. Lists of needs are in the back of both churches. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Saunders Sacred Heart will be having a food stand and bake sale at the St. Charles Parish Center during city garage sales on Saturday, June 7, 2025. If anyone would like to have some tables in the Parish Center to sell items, please contact Amber Wesely. We currently have 2 persons signed up but have room for more! More information to follow. wesely5566@gmail.com OR 402-628-8226 (land line).

Archdiocese of Omaha – Jubilee:
<https://archomaha.org/2025-jubilee/>
Safe Environment Renewal Training The annual recertification process for safe environment compliance is changing to January of 2025. Beginning January 1, 2025, all clergy, religious, employees and volunteers who work with minors will be required to renew their training during the month of January. **Thank You For Your Efforts To Continue To Protect All Of God’s Precious Children!**

Tips From NNTC - - February 2025 Newsletter
<https://nntc.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/February-2025-Newsletter.pdf>
Here are some tips to keep your accounts secure (Passwords):
• Don't reuse passwords. If you get hacked, it puts all accounts using that password at risk.
• Use a password manager. A reputable password manager can help you create and store strong, unique passwords. Just be sure the password you use for the manager itself is complex and long.
Take a moment to review and update your _passwords. It can save you from big headaches later!
Don't Get Lured by a Phishing Email p. 2 (see link above)

A Future for the Family.Org If we do not govern our *technology*, it will *govern us*.
“Technology is meant to empower the human person. We have seen, however, that if left ungoverned, technological advancement too easily comes to hinder human flourishing and threatens the human person and the family. ...”
- *First Things*, January 29, 2025
“But this anti-human outcome is not inevitable. Today, we are issuing a call to take back control, as a society, of our pathways of technological innovation, guarding the human body, childhood, and the family, against technological hacks that degrade the human person, and channeling innovation toward new forms of production that dignify work and empower the household.” - <https://afutureforthefamily.org>

Nebraskans care a lot about moms and babies before / after pregnancy *No woman and no family need to feel like they have no option but abortion. Catholic Nebraskans are here for you and want to serve you.*
In addition to all the charitable works and activities of individual Catholics and Christians, the charitable work of the Church through Catholic Charities and Catholic Social Services, and in addition to all the laws our state has supporting families in need, Nebraska has 20+ pregnancy help organizations across the state, many of them run by the Church or by lay Catholics, to help women escaping domestic abuse and women who need help with basic material needs, professional medical care, transportation, housing, parenting classes, skills classes, help completing their education, and referrals to other services in the community. More information about these organizations can be found at Nebraska Pregnancy Care Alliance: www.nebraskapregnancyalliance.org.
“We often assume parenthood happens easily after ‘I do,’ but for many married couples, it does not. For some, the joy of conception never happens. Others suffer repeated miscarriages. Still others experience secondary infertility... If you experience difficulty bringing a child into your family, know that you are not alone. God is with you, and his Church desires to walk with you... God has a beautiful plan for your life as a married couple.” USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “Seven Considerations While Navigating Infertility” respectlife.org/navigating-infertility

Rosary In A Year <http://www.ascensionpress.com/RIY>
Listen to discover... How to build a daily habit of prayer
How to form a relationship with Jesus and Mary, The Biblical foundations of the Rosary, How to meditate with sacred art (visio divina), saint writings, and scripture (lectio divina), The power of Mary’s influence in your life. And More...

Please Pray for Sr. Laura, Lincoln, NE, Postulant, Sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Please pray for Seminarians: Derrek Sumner, St. Gregory the Great Seminary, College 4, Dominic & Anne Sumner, B: 30-Jun, St. John, Lincoln
This Sunday in the Catechism (C.C.C. The Good News: God has sent his Son
425 The transmission of the Christian faith consists VI.
Love For the Poor
2443 God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them: "Give to him who begs from you, do not refuse him who would borrow from you"; "you received without pay, give without pay." (*Mt 5:42; ⇒ 10:8*) It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones. (*Mt 25:31-36*) When "the poor have the good news preached to them," it is the sign of Christ's presence. (*Mt 11:5; cf. ⇒ Lk 4:18*)
2444 "The Church's love for the poor . . . is a part of her constant tradition." This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor. (*CA 57; cf. ⇒ Lk 6:20-22, ⇒ Mt 8:20; ⇒ Mk 12:41-44*) Love for the poor is even one of the motives for the duty of working so as to "be able to give to those in need." (*Eph 4:2*) It extends not only to material poverty but also to the many forms of cultural and religious poverty. (*CA 57.*)
2446 St. John Chrysostom vigorously recalls this: "Not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. the goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (*St. John Chrysostom, Hom. in Lazaro 2, 5: PG 48, 992*) "The demands of justice must be satisfied first of all; that which is already due in justice is not to be offered as a gift of charity" (AA 8 # 5)
When we attend to the needs of those in want, we give them what is theirs, not ours. More than performing works of mercy, we are paying a debt of justice. (*St. Gregory the Great, Regula Pastoralis. 3, 21: PL 77, 87.*)

Rich in Poverty: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Jeremiah 17:5–8; Psalm 1:1–4, 6; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16–20; Luke 6:17, 20–26*
The blessings and woes we hear in today’s Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament. That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in today’s First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their “trust in human beings,” are cursed to wither and die.
Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state.
The rich are “the insolent” of today’s Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.
We’ve already seen today’s dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary’s Magnificat. There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted (Luke 1:45–55, also 16:19–31).
That’s the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty, we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying “on account of the Son of Man,” we find everlasting life. The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life.
But not only that. As Paul says in today’s Epistle, we’re to be pitied if our hope is “for this life only.”
The blessings of God mean that we’ll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile (see Psalm 126:1–2), feast at the heavenly table of the Lord (see Psalm 107:3–9), “leap for joy” as John the Baptist leapt in his mother’s womb (see Luke 6:23; 1:41, 44), and rise with Christ, “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”
“Democrats, Republicans Panic As Trump Brings World To Brink Of Peace.” **BabylonBee.com**

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