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Mass Times & Intentions

Date	Time	Parish	Mass will be offered for:	Mass is offered by:
Mon., May 13	7:30 a.m.	SM	†Virginia Harms	Sacred Heart Lawrence
Tues., May 14	7:30 a.m.	SM	†Grace Ramig	Jerry & Pat Chadwick
Wed., May 15	7:30 a.m.	SJ	†Norma Jean Skalka	Sacred Heart Lawrence
Thurs., May 16	7:30 a.m.	SM	†Rita Helman	Sharon Nemec
Thurs., May 16	2:00 p.m.	WFQC	Intention of the Celebrant	
Fri., May 17	7:30 a.m.	SM	Intention of Kenny Grell	Mary Klobberdanz
Sat., May 18	8:00 a.m.	SM	Intention of the Celebrant	
Sat., May 18	5:00 p.m.	SM	†Chuck Jansen	Jack & Judy Payne
Sun., May 19	8:15 a.m.	SM	For the People of St. Mary’s & St. Joseph’s Parishes	
Sun., May 19	10:45 a.m.	SJ	†Leonard Consbruck	Lillian Consbruck

This Easter Season as we are thinking of our loved ones, please keep them in your prayers by offering a Holy Mass in their Intention.

Confessions: 45 minutes before Saturday night and Sunday morning Masses; 35 minutes before daily Mass; and by appointment with Father

The Holy Rosary

20 minutes before Sunday Masses at both parishes; volunteers needed for every Saturday evening Mass at St. Mary’s.

Prayer Chain

Call Diann Clay (402) 694-3832 or Jan Messman at (402) 694-2360 (janmessman@gmail.com)

Names of your loved ones will be removed from the prayer chain and the departed souls after one month. If you would like your loved one to remain on the list for an extended time, please contact Diann or Jan to have your loved one re-entered in the list. Thank you.

Please pray for the following: Shari Krejci; Joni Oswald; Brent Newman; Larry Naeve, Tim Cornwell, and world peace.

Please pray for the following departed souls: †Chuck Jansen, †John Mahon, †Showraiah Marneni,

SEMINARIAN VOCATION PRAYERS: This week we pray for Brian Robert Wirth from St. Mary and St. Benedict in Nebraska City. He is studying at Mount St. Mary Seminary. He is the son of James and Cheryl Wirth as well as sibling one brother.

Aiding for the Learning Project for Father Marneni’s India Mission

The 2019-20 tuition (\$300) for the Aiding for Learning Project for Father Marneni’s India Mission should be submitted by May 15th for any sponsored children of parishioners. The Knights of Columbus is helping to facilitate for Father Marneni, so tuition checks should be written to the Knights of Columbus and mailed to the address below or returned to the parish office, where it will be transferred to the mission school in India through Father Marneni. Thank you for all of your continued support of this project!

Address: Knights of Columbus Council 8010. Andrew Ostdiek. 1119 2nd Ave. Aurora. Ne 68818.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Eucharistic Miracles of the World: St. Mary’s in Aurora will be hosting the Vatican-approved international Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit from May 18th-26th in the Parish Hall at Street 1420 9th St, Aurora, NE. It is free to view from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every day of week. The Eucharistic Miracles of the World exhibit is a traveling display on loan from Spirit Catholic Radio. It features 39 beautiful panels that highlight some of the most powerful Eucharistic miracles in the world. For more information, visit spiritcatholicradio.com/miracles.

2019-2020 CCD Teachers Needed: St. Mary’s is in need of CCD Teachers for the following grades! If you would be willing to give your time to help our youth learn and develop a love for our Lord please contact Father Grell or Navy! **Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 4th grade, 6th grade (after confirmation), 8th grade (potentially filled)**

Altar Society Members please pick up your dishes that have been left in the kitchen. Anything left by May 14th will be taken to the Thrift Store. Thank you!

St. Mary’s Calendar of Events:

Sun., May 12	Aurora High School Graduation
Wed., May 15	Holy Hour- 6:30-8:00 p.m.
:Thurs., May 16	Mass at Westfield Quality Care at 2:00 p.m.
Thurs., May 16	RCIA at 6:30 p.m.
Fri., May 17	Communion Service at Westfield at 9:15 a.m.
Sat., May 18	Start of the Eucharistic Miracles in the World in the St. Mary’s Hall- Goes through May 26th

St. Joseph’s Calendar of Events

Mon., May 27	Memorial Day Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery, 8:00 AM
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Collection	St. Mary’s	St. Joseph’s
Weekly Offering (adult envelopes)	\$2,248.00	\$1,020.00
Loose Plate	\$102.00	\$53.00
Children		
Scrip Income (Profit)	\$65.00	
Rice Bowl	\$25.00	
Building	\$30.00	
Total Collected on 4 th & 5 th	\$2,470.00	\$1,073.00

St. Mary’s Ministry Schedule

Saturday, May 18	Acolyte: Greg Bonifas, Reader: Carey McCoy, Greeters: Craig & Carol Ratzlaff, Servers: Alex Anderson & Dylan Hunt, Gift Bearers: Craig & Carol Ratzlaff
Sunday, May 19 8:15 a.m.	Acolyte: Andrew Ostdiek, Reader: Kelly Grossnicklaus, Greeters: Tim & Molly Elge, Servers: Jacob Ostdiek & Sam Elge, Gift Bearers: Tim & Molly Elge

St. Joseph’s Ministrv Schedule:

Sunday, May 19 10:45 a.m.	Gift Bearers: Jerry & Barb Preissler
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Building Fund Repayment

The Aurora Council of the Knight of Columbus is offering the parishioners of St. Mary’s, and others, an opportunity to help reduce our building remodeling/expansion project debt and double the impact of your gift. By donating to this worthy cause, the K of C will match these donations dollar for dollar up to a maximum amount of \$10,000. If you would like to see your donation have double the impact, simple write ‘Knights’ on the memo line of your check. The deadline for this fundraising effort is September 1, 2019.



May God’s many blessings be yours forever more and may you know you’re valued and loved by the Lord, especially on this day that we have set aside to show our appreciation. To the Mothers in our lives
Happy Mother’s Day



From the Pastor—May 12, 2019

Tree Felled After contacting a couple of parishioners, I decided to have the hackberry tree at the northeast corner of the rectory lot removed. Standing at my rectory front door, the tree was to your right, almost directly north. The tree was large, like the other trees that line our St. Mary's property along N Street. I had noticed how the interior of the tree trunk was hollowed out, which had happened slowly over time. The branches and foliage up above were hindered in growth because of the compromised trunk. My fear was that a wind storm could have taken the tree down; I wanted it to come down on our own terms. As if to confirm my decision, one of my neighbors (not a parish member) had at about the same time mentioned to me that the tree needed to go before it fell and hurt someone. Ben McEndarfer, a bonded and insured local arborist, was hired to take the tree down and did a professional job. He used a self-operated hydraulic boom truck, a chainsaw, and a bobcat with a claw attached on its front end.

May Crowning At the 8:15 AM Mass at St. Mary's last Sunday, we crowned Mother Mary. See the Bishop's article in the May 10th edition of the Southern Nebraska Register which explains a little more about May Crowning. I was happy to have our youth participate in this devotional event, to help them (and us) love Mary more.

Giltner Graduation I arrived a little late, but attended, the Commencement Exercises of the Class of 2019 from Giltner High School last Sunday. I was blessed to see some seating available beside a couple of parishioners and was able to enter the gymnasium without disrupting the ceremony. I could tell it was a day of great joy, but some sadness is always present when seeing a class of students move on to the next chapter of their lives.

Eucharistic Rosary Crusade After I arrived home to Aurora from Giltner's graduation, I was preparing to head into Lincoln's Haymarket Park for the concluding event of our Diocese's Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade. But I kept a wary on the skies; even as I drove from Giltner to Aurora, I could see the dark blue storm bank of clouds moving ever closer in the northwestern sky. When I was about to leave for Lincoln, the rain changed to hail. It was one of these hails which was so prolonged that it formed the looks of small snow drifts. And then, the TV reported a possible tornado north of town. I felt at that point like the air pressure was weirdly changing (maybe my imagination?), and I took shelter in my rectory basement. By the time I went back upstairs, it was approaching 6:00 PM; the Rosary event was scheduled to start at 7:00. I knew that I ought to walk around the hall and church, to see if there was damage or leaking. At the same time, I still thought maybe I could bolt into Lincoln and not miss much of the Rosary. The weather radar, however, showed the storm hovering in the I-80 corridor and a strong cell approaching Lincoln. I checked social media to see if the Rosary was going to be cancelled. After not seeing any information in this regard, I texted a couple of priest-friends. One of them said the Bishop had not yet arrived at Haymarket; the other one was with a bus-full of people who had made it to the park. The Bishop eventually made it there. The Rosary happened, but in a much-moderated format from the original plan. And I stayed home, because I was somewhat exhausted from the mental strain of trying to process the whole thing. *** Bishop Conley wrote the following in his Register column about the Rosary: *"I am deeply grateful to Father James Kelleher, SOLT, his executive committee, the Knights of the Holy Eucharist*

and the army of volunteers who carried out our 18-month Eucharistic Rosary Family Crusade. While the sudden storms last Sunday severely hampered the turnout for our culminating stadium event at Haymarket Park, we were still able to gather with a faithful remnant and pray the rosary and consecrate our diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I learned that many faithful pilgrims from all over the diocese were already on the road when the storms hit. Many had to eventually turn back, while some made it in time to join us in prayer. No prayer or effort will go unanswered, and although the event was not what we hoped it would be, I am confident that our Lord and our Lady were pleased with our willing hearts and our humble efforts. The weather symbolized for me the effort of the evil one to thwart our prayer and devotion. But in the end, the rosary was prayed and he was not able to stop our prayer in honor of Jesus our King and Mary our Queen."

"Ridin' the storm out" My entry above brings to mind the old pop hit song from REO Speedwagon, called "Ridin' the Storm Out." Remember that one?

Within our Priestly Extended Family All priests are brothers. We form a fraternity, and our family of birth becomes a part of each priest's family. To that end, please pray for three recent deaths within our priest-family: Showraiah Marneni (the dad of Father Marneni); Marie Rooney (mother of Father John Rooney from St. Gregory the Great Seminary and of Father Donald Rooney of the Diocese of Arlington); and Brent Sasse (the younger brother of Deacon-to-be Alec Sasse. Alec will be ordained by Bishop Conley on May 24th; the joy of that day for Alec, his parents, and his one surviving brother will now be hovered over with this raw loss of Brent at age 24.)

Lent is Over...Now What? During one of my Easter Day Mass homilies, I mentioned my brother-in-law, Bob, and how his death meant that he has crossed over into eternal life. And, that with his proper disposition of receiving the sacraments, his eternal life—we know by faith—is promised to be spent with Jesus in heaven. My spontaneous comment after I said this was, "I am a little jealous of him!" As you celebrate these 50 days of Easter, think of the new life that Jesus risen from the tomb showed to his disciples. Place deceased loved ones within that love and new life of Jesus. It can be a very consoling exercise.

Wednesday Holy Hour(s) Come pray a Holy Hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance this week on Wednesday at St. Mary's. Please stop by between 6:30 and 8:00 PM this Wednesday.

Cast Your Net Last weekend, we began our 2019 Charity and Stewardship Appeal in St. Mary's and St. Joseph's. "Text-to-Give" is a quick and easy way to pay your pledge by credit/debit card, or as a direct payment from your bank account, right from your smartphone. Text "Give \$____" (fill in the amount) to 531-233-1022. Then, follow the link in the reply text message. Message and data rates may apply. You can also make an on-line gift at this web address: <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/>.

God Bless You!

Father Grell