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Mass Times & Intentions

Date	Time	Parish	Mass will be offered for:	Mass is offered by:
Mon., Sept. 14	7:30 a.m.	SM	Special Intention	McCoy Family
Tues., Sept. 15	7:30 a.m.	SM	†Louis Woita	St. Mary’s David City
Wed., Sept. 16	9:00 a.m.	SJ	†Elizabeth Fuller	Patrick Ormond
Thurs., Sept. 17	7:30 a.m.	SM	†Elaine Penner	Van & Betty Van Luchene
Fri., Sept. 18	7:30 a.m.	SM	†Altar Society Deceased Members	St. Mary’s Altar Society
Sat., Sept. 19	8:00 a.m.	SM	Intention of Celebrant	
Sat., Sept. 19	5:00 p.m.	SM	†Carl Arent	Ken & Sandra Lefever
Sun., Sept. 20	8:15 a.m.	SM	For the People of St. Mary’s & St. Joseph’s Parishes	
Sun., Sept. 20	10:45 a.m.	SJ	†Clyde Obermeier	Rita Obermeier

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;Bishop Conley; Glen & Melva Green; Joni Oswald; Mary Ann Jackson; Linda Fangman; Mark Jost; Brian Green; Father Phan; Lynn Kinne; Brittany Oswald; Tom Newlun; Carolyn Solander; Colton Sorgenfrei; Jerry (Julie) Bartley Family; Nathan Widga; Ron Cyboron; Bob Peard; Melissa Bennett; Derrick Shafer; and world peace.

Please pray for the following departed souls : †Rita Mack, †Marilyn Wortman, †Jim Leth, †Elaine Penner, †Tim Otto, †Kristine Washburn, †Father Don Larmore, †Ted Schlick, †Sheree Ott, †Carl Arent, †Fran Jeansonne, †Robert “Bob” Peard, †Doris Pascal.

All women are invited to join the St. Mary’s book club. We meet every other Wednesday evening after CCD at 8:00 pm. We are going to read Broken and Blessed: An Invitation to My Generation by Fr. Josh Johnson. Description: A millennial Catholic priest writes to his generation to answer their concerns with God and the Catholic Church, and invites them to discover what they may have been missing. If you would like Karen Grossnicklaus to order a book for you, please contact her at 402-631-7441 or at kgross@hamilton.net by Wednesday, Sept. 9. (You can also order the Kindle version or the paperback version yourself if you prefer.) We will meet Wednesday, Sept. 16 to begin our discussions. Please consider joining us. We have some wonderful, faith building discussions. It might be just what you need in these uncertain times of Covid-19.

Our parishes will soon participate in the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations. Be looking for a letter in the mail from Father Grell and our parish. In it, Father will detail the need to support our seminarians for the current academic school year. St. Mary's and St. Joseph's will each have a goal to be met, as given by the Diocese. Please be generous when you are contacted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Mary’s & St. Joseph’s are open for public Mass!
The dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays remains in effect for our Diocese of Lincoln, as per Archbishop Lucas. If you are not feeling well or are at risk, please remain at home. Mass can be watched on the Sunday TV Mass in our area (KLKN TV Lincoln’s Channel 8 at 9:00 a.m. and KSNB TV Hastings’ Local 4 at 9:30 a.m. Also EWTN at 7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.)

CCD Teachers- We are still in need of a 6th grade teacher, aids, and subs at this time. If you have questions, concerns, or would like to teach please contact CCD Coordinator Annie De La Cruz: anniewalt84@gmail.com or 314-629-2315. Looking forward to a great CCD year!

Parishwide Bar-B-Que- Parish Celebration on October 4th, from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. Food will be provided. Stay tuned for details!

While COVID-19 is still around we are trying to keep risk of exposure minimal, when it comes to the ministry schedule at this time we will not be in need of the help when it comes to helping at the Altar.

The normal collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Land. Since Covid shut down services during Holy Week, Pope Francis decided to move the Holy Land collection to September 13. If you already sent in your envelope, thank you! If you did not keep your Good Friday envelope, simply write "Holy Land" in the memo line of your check and place it in your weekly giving envelope.

St. Mary’s Calendar of Events:

Sat & Sun., September 12 & 13	Collection for Holy Land, postponed from Good Friday
Wed., September 16	CCD 6:30 p.m.
Wed., September 16	Godteens 7:00 p.m.
Mon., September 21	RCIA 7:00 p.m.
Sun., October 4	Parish Social BBQ 4:00p-7:00p

St. Joseph’s Calendar of Events:

Mon., September 7	CCD 3:45 p.m.
Sun., September 13	Collection for Holy Land, Postponed from Good Friday

Collection	St. Mary’s	St. Joseph’s
Weekly Offering (adult envelopes)	\$2,815.00	\$3,479.66
Loose Plate	\$25.00	\$1.00
Building	\$450.00	
Total Collected on 5th & 6th	\$3,290.00	\$3,480.66

Wearing masks is encouraged during Mass if comfortable

Hall Rentals- In regard to Hall Rentals, right now the hall is open to be rented. Forms are set out by the secretary’s office. Within the form it has all of the guidelines and recommends, and it discusses the \$50 disinfectant fee, this fee insures proper sanitary measures are taken to keep our parishioners safe and healthy. If you have any questions feel free to contact Navy, the Parish Secretary!

A white cloth pouch was found in the parking lot of St. Mary’s Church a couple months ago with a rosary inside. If this sounds like something you have lost please contact the Parish Secretary!

Our parishes welcome Sarah Kroner to speak to us at the end of Mass this weekend. She comes on behalf of the newly-forming Women's Care Center in Lincoln. The Women's Care Center seeks to aid women, men, and babies through compassionate, long-term presence in their lives. They will be located across from the abortion center in Lincoln at 48th and Old Cheney Road. Please welcome Sarah and her important message.

From the Pastor—September 13, 2020

My Aunt Doris My dad’s sister passed away in Wichita on September 4th. She was 87. Her name is Doris (Grell) Pascal. Her health had been declining in recent years, with especial difficulties caused by advanced dementia. She was happy and good-spirited throughout her long trial and was able to stay in her own home till near the end of her life. Of my dad’s three sisters (he was the only boy), she moved the furthest away from home. Doris’ husband, my Uncle Keith, passed away in 2007. He was from Morrowville, Kansas. Doris and Keith were married at my home parish of St. Joseph, Beatrice, in 1958. They lived most all of their married life in Wichita, raising their three sons there. *** My Aunt Doris’ family was blessed to have all three of her sons get married to three wonderful daughters-in-law, each of whom was a Catholic. All together, the three sons and their wives gave to my Aunt Doris and Uncle Keith ten grandchildren. I call these cousins my “little cousins” as the children of my first cousins. I feel close to them, especially in following their young lives on Facebook. *** My Aunt Doris, who had a teasing, joyful soul, had said for many years that she wanted me to “do her funeral.” Did you know that priests’ relatives sometimes request such a thing? As I had reported in the bulletin, I was planning to be away from the parish this past week. When Aunt Doris died, therefore, it worked out that I was free on my vacation time to travel to Wichita for her funeral. *** My sister traveled with me to the funeral; Aunt Doris was her Confirmation and Baptismal sponsor. From our farm in Gage County, it takes about four hours to travel to Wichita. It’s a trip that our family has often undertaken over the years as we remained close to these Kansas cousins on our Grell side. The funeral was at a parish called St. Francis of Assisi, in the western part of Wichita, just off of Central Avenue a few blocks. The parochial vicar there, who was just ordained for the Wichita Diocese in May, was my helper to get set up for the Rosary/Wake and the funeral Mass of Christian Burial. Even though I was sad at the passing of my aunt, it was therapeutic to my priestly heart to be able to lead the funeral ceremonies. I feel blessed in these circumstances to not usually get emotional at the import of my presiding as a priest. I focus upon the prayers and liturgy as laid out in the holy books; I just follow what is said and try not to catch eyes too much with those who may cause me to become emotional. *** As an added, totally non-liturgical gesture, I brought some soil from next to the house which Doris had grown up in; that house is on our farmyard with my boyhood house. After the burial prayers were completed, I told the relatives and friends present where the soil was from and then I placed it in Doris’ grave. I thought this was appropriate for someone who always loved her Nebraska upbringing even though most of her life was lived in Kansas. *** After the burial, we went for a luncheon to my cousin Brian’s home. We took family pictures and enjoyed visiting. The five great-grandchildren seemed to enjoy playing with Hot Wheels cars and farm equipment; perhaps they will grow up and feel as close to each other as I do to my first cousins! *** In your kindness, please keep my Aunt Doris and her family in your prayers.

Other Home Happenings While I was home, I drove with my mother to our Ellis farm, which we call “Grandpa’s” after my dad’s Grandpa Hood. The corn and beans on those three 80’s all looked pretty good, for dryland. Our home place crops look ok; the dry weather of about the past 4-6 weeks has probably set our yields downward trending, but we will still get a crop. *** I also enjoyed a little business work while I was home, like checking into my safety deposit box, and my parents’, to look for some documentation which I needed. *** I enjoyed resting, reading, writing, visiting with my dear mother, and eating good food while I was away. As of this writing, I am happy to be allowed a quick visit to my dad at the nursing home; it will be joyful to see him, with restrictions

of masking and distancing and such.

A Father Flashback Have I ever mentioned how much I enjoyed hanging out at the Beatrice Public Library in my childhood? It was one of the Carnegie Libraries, which many of you are familiar with. The building was beautiful and was very conducive to getting lost in a good book. It was only about two blocks from St. Joe’s elementary school, so I could walk to the library after school and wait for my parents to pick me up. One unique piece of furniture in the library was a carpeted bathtub which you could climb into to read! With the building of a new Beatrice library in about the year 2000, the tub did not survive the move, but a bigger and technologically equipped facility was given to the community for many years to come.

The Spiritual Works of Mercy Here are the seven spiritual works of mercy, as I preached about last weekend. It would be a good exercise to commit these to memory and to prayerfully seek to live them out:

1. Counsel the doubtful.
2. Instruct the ignorant.
3. Admonish sinners.
4. Comfort the afflicted.
5. Forgive offenses.
6. Bear wrongs patiently.
7. Pray for the living and the dead.

Spiritually Starving This series will be continued next week.

God Bless You!!!

Father Grell