

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

First Sunday Of Lent February 18, 2018

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>MASS SCHEDULE:</u>			<u>MASS INTENTIONS:</u>		<u>FEAST DAY:</u>
Monday	19 Feb.	6:00 p.m.	St. George	+All Souls	
Tuesday	20 Feb.	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek, and Lorna Pelan	
Wednesday	21 Feb.	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+ Joe Fisher	
Thursday	22 Feb.	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+ED and Dorothy Vitek	Chair of St. Peter
Friday	23 Feb.	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+All Souls	
		6:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart	Stations of the Cross	
Saturday	24 Feb.	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Fallen away and lukewarm Catholics	
		6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Marie Johnson	
Sunday	25 Feb.	8:00 a.m.	St. George	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	Second Sunday of Lent
		10:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+Adolph Nemec	
		7:00 p.m.	St. George	Stations of the Cross	

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 between parishes.)

You may send bulletin notices (please indicate -Bulletin- in the Subject) to: dhunt@gtmc.net, st.gmb@nntc.net

Mass times online for parishes in the United States: <http://www.masstimes.org/>

SUNDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS/SERVERS:

St. George			Reader	Acolyte	Server(s)
Saturday	24 Feb.	6:00 p.m.	-----	-----	-----
Sunday	25 Feb.	8:00 a.m.	Ted Minarick	Drew Walker	Bret Walker
Sacred Heart					
Sunday	25 Feb.	10:00 a.m.	Jim Nemec	Jeff Bauer	-----

Catholic Diocese of Lincoln - Eucharistic Family Rosary Crusade:

I. Rosary Sunday is part of the Diocesan Rosary Crusade leading up to Husker Catholic Candlelit Rosary that will occur at UNL at 8 p.m. on Sunday night April 29th.

- 3300 people will surround the Border of the UNL campus to pray for peace.
- Bishop Conley will lead everyone in praying the Rosary.

II. Saint John Paul the Great called the Rosary his favorite prayer. He loved to pray it daily, especially asking Our Lady to intercede for peace and to help him to solve many of the tough problems he faced as a Bishop, Cardinal and ultimately as the Pope.

- He said that when we pray the rosary we contemplate the face and the life of Jesus through the eyes of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Contemplating each Mystery of Christ's life allows us to have a personal encounter with Him.
- When we pray the scripture rosary the Word of God transforms our mind, strengthens our will and heals our hearts. You can obtain 10 scripture verses for each mystery by going to scripturerosary.com this was listed on the pledge card.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry – Friday,
@ 5:00 pm St. Wenceslaus basement

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

St. Charles Parish Center,
Friday, – 5:45-7:45 pm Menu:
*Alaskan Pollack, Round Potato Frie
Baked Beans, Mac & Cheese, Southwest
Macaroni, Cole Slaw, and Marbled Rye Bread.
Take Outs Available!*



Divine Mercy Parish Fish Fry -Schuyler

St. Mary's Social Center, Friday, 5-8 pm

Lenten Fish Dinners will serve every

Friday during Lent

EXCEPT Good Friday

St. George Soup Supper – Sunday -
February 18th

35th annual Saint George Soup Supper in Morse Bluff will follow the 10:00 am Mass until 1:30 pm. at the parish hall. Serving chili and chicken noodle soup with crackers, rolls, pies and kolaches. \$7 for adults - \$4 for child under 12. Cake Walk. Raffle 1:30 p.m.

Women invited to Wahoo Deanery Winter event:

Speaker - Sister Marcia of the Schoenstatt Sisters
Sunday, February 25th at 1:30p.m. St Wenceslaus - Wahoo - Church Basement Topic: Sister Marcia will be speaking to us on Mary:A Model Woman Sister Marcia will speak and we will then have a luncheon furnished by the PCCW group from Weston. Please let Barb Soukup or Cecilia Hall know if you are attending so we might send numbers for Weston ladies may plan food.



Announcements

Diocesan Rosary Crusade (Phase 1): All the priests will preach on the family rosary, encouraging each family to commit to praying a daily family rosary or a daily decade of Scripture Rosary. Parishioners will be encouraged to pray the rosary, or a decade of scripture rosary with their families daily. As an ongoing part of the crusade, a program is implemented to allow men and women of parishes across the diocese to spend time in fellowship. Groups of parishioners, known as “Saints on Tap” for men and “Vino et Veritas” for women, will have the opportunity to meet once a month for six months to discuss a different saint who was known to have a special devotion to the rosary. They include saints Dominic, Pope Pius V, Louis de Montfort, Maximilian Kolbe, Padre Pio and Pope John Paul II.

The Pray More Lenten Retreat

Inspiring talks to help you focus your eyes on the Lord and transform your prayer life this Lent.

+ <http://praymoreretreat.com!>

+What You Get When You Register:

5 - Speakers

16 - Video & Audio Presentations with Transcripts

16 - Reflective Study Guides

+The Retreat is self-paced.

+This means that you can participate wherever you are and whenever you have the time.

Best Lent Ever

A free email program that will guide you on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of-yourself, making this a truly life-changing Lent.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>

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St. Wenceslaus Catholic School Round-Up-

Tuesday, March 13th 7:00 p.m. – St. Wenceslaus Catholic School Parent Information Meeting for Kindergarten students. Future students should be five years old by July 31, 2018. Parents, please call the school office at 443-3336 to register for the meeting Thursday, March 15th 7:00 p.m. – St. Wenceslaus Catholic School Parent Information Meeting for PreKindergarten students. Future students should be four years old by July 31, 2018. Parents, please call the school office at 443-3336 to register for the meeting. Thurs, March 15th 7:00 p.m. – St. Wenceslaus Catholic School Open House – If you or someone you know would like to get a closer look at the school and talk to us one on one about Catholic education opportunities, you are encouraged to visit the school. Friday, March 16th –St. Wenceslaus Catholic School Future Kindergarten students will spend part of the day in the Kindergarten classroom becoming familiar with classroom, teachers and classmates. When registering for the parent meetings, please let us know if you would like your child to participate in the morning session or afternoon session on this day.

Neumann High School Job Opening ~ Administrative Assistant. Full-time job opening for a positive and friendly person as Administrative Assistant. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: Answering phones, greeting & directing visitors, maintaining databases & organizing various jobs in the office. A variety of duties are required to be performed in a positive, confidential & professional manner. Writing skills along with knowledge of Microsoft Office & Database management will be helpful. Contact Fr. Morin or Fr. Zimmer at 443-4151 to apply or for more information.

St. Luke Czech Shrine-Loma, on February 18, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. The rosary before Mass and the hymns are in Czech, but the Mass is in English. The Os

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Two-Day UNBOUND Conference: Friday, March 2, 6-9pm; Saturday March 3, 8am-5pm., at North American Martyrs Parish, Lincoln. Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations & videos and how it teaches five simple “keys” to break the chains of emotional, spiritual & mental bondage & unlock the doors to freedom. The event is free but registration is required at: lincolndiocese.org/unbound

Healing: Bring the Gift of God’s Mercy to World -will be presented by Dr. Mary Healy, S.T.D. at St. Thomas Aquinas Church/ UNL Newman Center on **February 24** from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Registration for this presentation is \$10. All are welcome for the 6 p.m. vigil Mass, then join Dr. Healy for a healing prayer service from 7-10 p.m. There is no cost or registration required for the prayer service. To register for the presentation, go to <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/healing-presentation>.

What We To Do: *Excerpt of Pope Francis Lenten Message:*

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception,[5] and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbor as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul’s exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. 2 Cor 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God himself. When we give alms, we share in God’s providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.[6]

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God’s voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

Guard your heart at all times

Pope Francis – Homily w/summary – 08 February 2018

The drama of the weakness of the heart can happen to all of us in life. What do we do then? The answer, Pope Francis said, is vigilance: “Be watchful. Guard your heart. Be watchful. Every day, be careful about what is happening in your heart. He concluded:

David was a saint. He was a sinner. A sinner, and he became a saint. Solomon was rejected because he was corrupt. Someone who is corrupt cannot become a saint. And one becomes corrupt by following the path of weakness of the heart. Vigilance! Guard your heart at all times. How is my heart doing? How is my relationship with the Lord? And enjoy the beauty and the joy of fidelity.

The Devil Hates Lent – Here’s How to Beat Him

By Laura Ricketts LAURA RICKETTS

Lent can be a difficult Liturgical Season for some Christians. In addition to the fasting, abstinence, sacrifices, alms-giving, and penance, it often seems like the devil ups the ante on spiritual warfare. It’s almost like he is throwing a satanic temper tantrum. And you know what? He actually might be.

The devil hates Lent.

During Lent, the Catechism tells us that “the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.” We hear about how Jesus was tempted by the devil in the desert. So it makes sense that the faithful may experience more temptations during Lent as we strive to unite ourselves more closely with Christ.

But this is not why the devil hates Lent.

The devil hates Lent because Lent is good for our souls. Really good. And if something is good for our souls, that is bad news for Satan. In fact during exorcisms demons have been known to scream out in agony, “I hate the season of Lent! People do what they should always do and I hate it!”

Read more: Lent – Victory over the Demonic

So how can we beat the devil during this season of penance? Here are four ideas!

1. Make this your best Lent

What it is that we can do that makes demons writhe in pain and the devil throw tantrums? We can start by observing Lent through an increase in prayer, fasting at least on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, abstaining from meat on Fridays. We can increase our acts of mortification, alms-giving and penance. All of these practices have the spiritual effect of strengthening one’s conscience, self control, and ability to resist temptations.

Want to make the devil really angry? Make at least one good confession before Easter. The Sacrament of Reconciliation alone has the power to stop the devil’s plans in their tracks and derail all his efforts to snatch a soul away from God. This is why Satan hates Lent. A soul sincerely trying to observe Lent well renders him impotent and thwarts his best efforts at tempting that soul away from God’s Grace.

2. End Lent better than you started it

Lent is not meant to be observed in a vacuum. A person should strive to develop at least one good spiritual habit, or try to tame one of the passions that needs reining in, and then keep it up! If you want to really mess with the devil’s

plans, do something or mortify yourself in a way that you will continue after Lent is over, and fast well.

Perhaps as part of Lent you will observe the Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fasts and then choose a mortification, a ‘fast’ from something that is not good for you. During Lent it is particularly encouraged to choose something to “give up.” This is a form of fasting. It can be something that distracts you from praying, something that prevents you from growing closer to God, a vice, a bad habit, or something that you really like, but don’t need.

Fasting is powerful. “Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one’s flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, kindles the true light of chastity,” Saint Thomas Aquinas wrote.

In scripture Jesus told us that there are some demons who can only be removed or stopped through fasting. No wonder the demons shriek about their hatred of Lent!

3. Don’t give up!

Lent lasts a long time. It is not uncommon to start off well – full of good intentions and zeal – only to crash about half way through. It is at this point that you may feel tempted to give up.

Don’t give up! The lie the devil will try to tell you is that you failed. You couldn’t stick it out! You just aren’t cut out for this holy stuff, this spiritual life. Nice try. Now get back to “normal” again. Perhaps he will further whisper another lie: that you did great up until then, that you deserve a break! You’ve done enough! You can skate through the rest of Lent!

Don’t listen. God is much more interested in our efforts and our perseverance than we often give Him credit for. He knows we may fall off the Lenten wagon – maybe more than once! What he cares about is that we climb back on.

Whatever God’s reasons for allowing us to have a tough Lent, we can have confidence that He is pleased with sincere efforts. Our efforts, even though imperfect, merit great grace for souls. No wonder the devil tries to whisper deceitful lies to tempt you to give up. He hates a soul filled with grace – it is like a force field that blocks his every move!

4. Turn to our Lady for help this Lent

The devil hates Lent, but he hates Our Lady even more. Our Heavenly Mother, sinless, who Pope Saint John Paul II called “our guide for our Lenten journey” lived a very long Lent in her heart. One could argue that her Lent began at the words of Simeon, “And a sword shall pierce your heart...”

Mary will come to our aid when the crosses, the sacrifices, the sufferings of Lent seem too much to carry. Mary comes to aid the determined but failing sinner and lends her aid in persevering.

When it seems that Lent is a lost cause, turn to Mary. She will carry you to the foot of the Cross, and then to the empty tomb and the Upper Room. This is because Mary knows. Mary knows that Lent itself is not the destination. Satan hates this most of all, because Christ’s suffering, death, and Resurrection are the devil’s defeat. He has lost. For all Eternity he is the loser. And he is the sorest loser of all time.

This Lent, be prepared for a demonic tantrum or two – to experience some temptation and spiritual warfare- but don’t worry. With Mary’s help and a sure confidence in God’s pleasure at seeing your efforts to persevere, you will arrive at Easter holier than you were when Lent began, with some new good spiritual habits and a firmer grasp on your self control. The devil hates Lent, but you don’t have to!