

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 1, 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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LITURGY SCHEDULE:

MASS INTENTIONS:

FEAST DAY:

Day	Date	Time	Parish	Intentions	Feast Day
Monday	2 July	6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek and Lorna Pelan	
Tuesday	3 July	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Bob and Dorothy Meduna	St. Thomas
Wednesday	4 July	8:00 a.m.	St. George	Mother's and Father's Day Intentions	<i>Independence Day</i>
Thursday	5 July	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Marie Johnson	<i>St. Anthony/St. Elizabeth</i>
Friday	6 July	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+Loretta Snitily	
Saturday	7 July	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Safety on Vacation	
		6:00 p.m.	St. George	St. George Altar Society Living/+Deceased	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	8 July	8:00 a.m.	St. George	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	
		10:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Sacred Heart Altar Society Living/+Deceased	

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.)

Please indicate -Bulletin- in the Subject line to: dhunt@gtmc.net, st.gmb@nntc.net

Mass Times for USA parishes: <http://www.masstimes.org/>

Parishes: <http://stgmbne.com>



SUNDAY LITURGICAL MINISTERS/SERVERS:

Parish	Day	Date	Time	Reader	Acolyte	Server(s)
St. George	Saturday	7 July	6:00 pm			
	Sunday	8 July	8:00 am	Galen Johnson	Dan Bauer	
Sacred Heart	Sunday	8 July	10:00 am	Jim Nemec	Jeff Bauer	

Announcements

Change in Hostings Mission Coop Priest – I rescheduled the visit of our Missionary priest, a member of the Herald of Good News. He is coming directly from India on the first week of July. His first week in this country will be with a member of his Indian Herald of Good News. The next week he will be in Lincoln at St. Michael's. We will be the last parish (**September 1-2**) to introduce the work of his community: Herald of the Good News. I am trying to have other parishes host our missionary during the Summer weekdays. **While he is in our parish**, would you like to help our visitor?

Class in the Catholic Faith – Symbolon (Formed.org)

Monday: July 2nd 6:45 – 7:45 pm (Q&A 7:30 pm)
Session 2: Divine Revelation
– God Seeking Us & The Compass For Our Lives
If God, the all-powerful Creator of the Universe, loves us, then how does he communicate with us? The answer is surprising, yet it establishes an essential part of what we believe as Catholics.

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained: Knowing the Faith:

"Too often we try to live a faith we don't know or understand. Some of us stumble along with it, going through the motions. Others simply walk away. That's why the time is right for Symbolon: Knowing the Faith. Presented by the most trusted and compelling teachers and filmed around the world with stunning cinematography, Symbolon: Knowing the Faith explains the essentials of the Catholic Faith in a way that will inform our minds and inspire our hearts. Presented in ten sessions that are ideal for parish catechism, family instruction, and personal devotion." – Formed.org

If you missed a session: go online to Formed.org

CatholicsComeHome.org is a website that provides a wealth of information about the Catholic Church. See for yourself! The homepage directs visitors to three potential web pages: one for Catholics who have been inactive, one for practicing Catholics, and one for non-Catholics who may be interested in the Catholic Faith

Peter's Pence Collection: Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

Collecting to Paint Sacred Heart Hall Please consider a donation for painting Sacred Heart Hall. While "we" will pay for the project; it is nice to have a "I will help". TY

Annual F.C.S.L.A. Dist. 11 Picnic—Sunday, July 8th, North Bend City Park, eat at noon. Please bring a meat dish and a side dish. Beverages, plates and tableware provided. Games – Prizes – Youth Swimming, Bring your family!

FORMED.ORG Pick of the Week Maria Goretti

Witness the Mercy of a Young Martyr, Persevering faith, sacrificial love, and extraordinary mercy. This is the story of eleven-year-old Maria Goretti, one of the Church's youngest martyrs and canonized saints. You're sure to be inspired by this young girl's unwavering commitment to Christ and her family's heroic faithfulness amidst tragedy. One of the Church's youngest martyrs and canonized saints is St. Maria Goretti, whose feast day falls on Friday of this week. This week's FORMED Pick of the Week is a feature film depicting this young saint's unwavering commitment to Christ and her life of incredible mercy and courage.

This week, go to formed.org and watch Maria Goretti.

FORMED.ORG w/New Code (HE29MB) on an app

There are extra feature that the app will provide for offline viewing of selective FORMED content. The offline viewing feature is an option and will be available for individual users that have selected this option. Get the App @ app.formed.org

"For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1

Encounter Jesus

Dating Project (DVD) The Dating Project is a thought-provoking, award-winning documentary about the “hookup culture” that not only sparks conversation, but also encourages single people to take action. The film follows five young adult college students from around the United States who are given an unconventional extra-credit assignment: Go on a date.

The class is taught by Boston College philosophy professor Kerry Cronin, who is Catholic and says that dating has been replaced by “hooking up” and “hanging out,” making the traditional days of “courtship” seem obsolete.

Introduction to Deliverance—Have you ever wondered... exactly, what IS deliverance and how does it fit into our Catholic Faith? The Diocesan Office of Evangelization will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20 minute talks. This is open to ALL: laity, religious, clergy, members of the Christian community & anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance and how each person can benefit from it. Join us at John XXIII Diocesan Center - 3700 Sheridan Blvd.-Lincoln on Thurs., **July 5th, 7-8:30 pm**. Questions? Contact Matt at matthew-simmons@cdolinc.net or call 402-805-9668.

The Diocesan Canoe Trips—This three-day out- door adventure includes daily Mass, confessions, talks, private reflection time, and other opportunities for youth to grow in their relationship with Christ. A Campfire, skits and rosary fill the even hours. **Dates July 8-10 - July 10-12**, cost is \$100. To register, <http://www.lincolndiocese.org/camps/diocesan-canoe-trip>.

The Steubenville Mid-America Youth Conference- July 13-15. There is an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians and presenters, to challenge Catholic youth to stand firm in their faith, to rely upon the awe- some power of Jesus Christ as their guide, friend and Savior, and to show them that faith to the world. For more information or to register today at www.lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/steubenville-youth-conference

REVIVE —It’s with great excitement to announce to you the first annual Diocese of Lincoln Young Adult Conference - REVIVE. It will take place **July 13-14, 2018** at the Newman Center. Please visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/revivelnk> for more info

Catholic Stand: A Little Vatican Media publication
Independence Day – A Forgotten Holiday
by David Roney 7-4-16 (St. John Church, Weston)

Today Americans celebrate the “Fourth of July.” It is typically a holiday around which people travel, families and friends gather, and people ignite fireworks to celebrate. It is viewed as a long weekend by many, who might just relax by the pool, pick up a good book, or have a barbecue. The late **Erma Bombeck**, a Catholic convert and comedienne whose work my mother introduced me to decades ago, famously said:

You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4th, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets icky, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.

Bombeck was mostly right; it is patriotism. But in this relaxed form of American patriotic expression, many seem to have lost the very meaning of the day. Few refer to it by its actual name, “Independence Day,” and far too many Americans have trouble identifying what events transpired to create the day. It is ironic, as people around the world envy Americans for the very freedoms we seem to take for granted. If there was ever a thing called American Exceptionalism, the lack of understanding of our own history is not evidence of it.

It is hard to say exactly where the decline of knowledge of American history and reverence for the country’s independence began. As with many things, it ultimately happened over time, and for a variety of reasons. While I am thankful we are not yet at the point of wishing people a “Merry 25th of December,” I do fear that will not be long in coming if we continue on this path. History has a tendency to be forgotten or misunderstood if not taught completely, correctly, and often. Just look at what two millennia of revisionist and poorly taught history has done to Christianity. Endowed By Their Creator

As **Thomas Jefferson** so eloquently stated after we achieved independence from England, “*How little do my countrymen know what precious blessings they are in possession of, and which no other people on earth enjoy!*” Indeed. Most Americans take Independence Day for granted, like they do most other holidays, and sadly, most Holy Days. It is just a date on a calendar. The meaning and importance of those historic events to us as individuals living life today just does not seem germane.

But it should. It is.

We are witnessing a waning of liberties in the United States that only truly engaged parties seem to comprehend. Those parties see liberties as not just American, but Divinely given to us by our Creator. As the **Declaration of Independence** itself states, “*We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.*”

Our Founding Fathers understood well that the liberties preserved in our Constitution were not from government, but from God Himself. Even later Presidents expressed that understanding, including **Franklin Roosevelt**, when he stated: [*W]e look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms. The first is freedom of speech and expression—everywhere in the world. The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way—everywhere in the world. The third is freedom from want—which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants—everywhere in the world. The fourth is freedom from fear—which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor—anywhere in the world.*

President Roosevelt, himself a progressive in his day, was not just espousing political ideals, but historic Judeo/Christian values. He understood that our governmental system depended on the essential rights given by our Creator being not just upheld, but etched in stone in our Constitution forever. But they no longer seem to be. Everywhere we turn we see an erosion of liberties. Americans are no longer allowed to hold their own beliefs if those beliefs differ from those of the progressive collective currently in charge.

Attacks on Speech and Religious Liberty

A handful of examples to ponder: Two artists in Arizona are facing jail time for sharing their Christian values, and espousing that a marriage is between one man and one woman. Bakers are by the force of government being made to bake goods for events they find objectionable. Pharmacists are required to provide abortion pills, in opposition to their religious beliefs. Religious schools are being targeted and threatened with extinction for seeking to hire people who share their values. Professors are being fired for merely mentioning the word “God.” A seven year old boy had the police called on him for bringing Bible verses to school to read at lunch. Businesses are facing lawsuits for not providing for abortion in their healthcare plans. Doctors are being coerced to perform abortions against their will. Churches and other places of worship are being assailed for objecting to marrying people outside of their congregations, or people who reject their values. Academics are being fired for disagreeing with global warming. Christian dating websites are being forced to help match same sex singles. Catholic nuns are being told they have to provide for contraception in their healthcare plans. Even ExxonMobil, the oil industry behemoth, is fighting a case defending their mere right to verbally challenge the existence of global warming.

Woodrow Wilson understood that “*Liberty has never come from the government. Liberty has always come from the subjects of it. The history of liberty is a history of resistance.*” Yet government, and in many cases just a few unaccountable judges, are making decisions impacting all of us, and doing so often in opposition to the will of the people who overwhelmingly voted for a different outcome. Our current president and his administration have imposed regulations and restrictions on American liberties like never before seen, much like King George did leading up to the American Revolution. Just recently, the Department of Health and Human Services implemented a rule change demanding hospitals perform sex change operations, or lose their federal funding. But we American citizens, for the most part, are doing little to cease these attacks on our liberties. (cont. stgmbne.com)

Catholics Need to Preserve and Defend Freedom ...

Relics of St. Thomas More and St. John Fisher, two stalwart supporters of truth and religious freedom, were recently in Phoenix, and are traveling the country. They, as do many others, evidence the long blood trails of martyrs who died for their faith. Their stories should be well known by Catholics, who must be engaged in any fight for free speech and religious freedom. Pope Francis, a native Argentinean, understands the import of the issue well. In an address at the White House during his visit to the United States, on September 23, 2015, he stated precisely what American Catholics stand for:

American Catholics are committed to building a society which is truly tolerant and inclusive, to safeguarding the rights of individuals and communities, and to rejecting every form of unjust discrimination. With countless other people of good will, they are likewise concerned that efforts to build a just and wisely ordered society respect their deepest concerns and their right to religious liberty. That freedom remains one of America's most precious possessions. And, as my brothers, the United States Bishops, have reminded us, all are called to be vigilant, precisely as good citizens, to preserve and defend that freedom from everything that would threaten or compromise it.

George Washington warned, *"If the freedom of speech is taken away then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter."* Yet not only is free speech threatened today, but so too is thought. Americans need to awaken and grasp the reality of the erosion of liberty we face, but particularly those liberties given by God and written into the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution. As **Samuel Adams** urged, *"Courage, then, my countrymen; our contest is not only whether we ourselves shall be free, but whether there shall be left to mankind an asylum on earth for civil and religious liberty."*

Independence Day Renewal

James Madison said, *"The advancement and diffusion of knowledge is the only guardian of true liberty."* He is right, of course. In addition to brushing up on our nation's history yourself, take time this Independence Day to teach your kids a bit about the American Revolution so they too understand its significance. They are not getting enough history in our schools, even when the history they do learn is accurate. As **Ronald Reagan** said, *"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."*

We can turn the tide of this American ignorance of history, and stop the waning of our liberties. "It does not take a majority to prevail, but rather an irate, tireless minority, keen on setting brushfires of freedom in the minds of men," said Samuel Adams. We must do the same in ourselves and our children. We must not let the hard work of the Founding Fathers, and so many soldiers and others who paid the ultimate price for freedom, be lost on us. Sure, we can continue to celebrate Independence Day with beer and brats, and consume whatever foods and beverages please us. But let us take some time to acknowledge that Independence Day is far more than just the fourth day of the seventh month on our calendar. Let us learn the history of our nation, and celebrate its significant dates with the appropriate reverence. Perhaps then we will truly understand the sacrifices others made to ensure our liberties, and we will then endeavor to preserve them.

Our parish's Associate Pastor, Fr. Thomas Kagumisa, who came from Tanzania about two years ago, seems to understand the significance and importance of this most important of American holidays. At the end of Mass Sunday morning, he wished all of us, as I wish all of you "a blessed Independence Day."

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