

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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 22, 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	Intention	Feast Day
Monday	23 July	6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Marie Johnson	<i>St. Bridget</i>
Tuesday	24 July	7:00 a.m.	St. George	Ed & Dorothy Vitek	<i>St. Sharbel Makhluf</i>
Wednesday	25 July	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Fr. Casey Porada	St. James
Thursday	26 July	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek and Lorna Pelan	<i>SS. Joachim and Anne</i>
Friday	27 July	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+Gordon Eich	
Saturday	28 July	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Sanctification of Families	
		6:00 p.m.	St. George	+All Souls Day Intentions	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	29 July	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	
		10:00 a.m.	St. George	Mother's and Father's Day Intention	

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	28 July	6:00 pm	Steve Minarick	Volunteer	
	Sunday	29 July	10:00 am			Ian Virka
Sacred Heart	Sunday	29 July	8:00 am	Alan Sloup		

Announcements

Peter's Pence Collection: Thank you for your assistance in support the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from the Peter's Pence 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. Visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

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

Monday: July 23rd 6:45 – 7:45 pm (Q&A 7:30 pm)

Session 4: Story of Salvation: Creation, Fall & Redemption
The story of salvation began with Creation itself—and a decision that affects all of us to this present day. How did the events of an ancient past set into motion God's rescue operation to save us from eternal death?

Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained: Knowing the Faith:

"We all want to know that our lives have meaning. But the modern world tries to tell us that we are simply insignificant specks in the universe, and that there is no real meaning to life. Our choices don't matter. How we live our lives doesn't matter. Each individual should just do whatever he or she pleases.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Our lives are a part of a much larger story. We are God's beloved children, created in his own image, and made for greatness. Despite the fact that we live in a fallen world, God, who is all-powerful and all-loving, reaches out to us, desiring to bring us back into unity with him and inviting us to help bring his goodness and his love into a broken world that has turned away from him.

This story of salvation, which we recall through the words of the Creed, reminds us that there is a reason for our existence. Because each of us is loved by God, each of us has a role to play in God's creation and his great story of love, a role that only we can play. When we refuse God's loving invitation, all of creation is the poorer. What do you know about the Bible? Perhaps you are coming from a faith tradition that emphasizes Scripture reading, and you know a great deal. But maybe all you know about the Bible is that it is a famous and holy book. Whatever you know (or don't know), this week's session will introduce you to the Catholic understanding of Scripture, how it fits into God's plan of salvation for our lives, and how the Catholic Church has been the guardian of the Bible since the very beginning of Christianity." – Formed.org

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

Thank you to those who continue to donate to our Pro-Life

Collection for those in need. We delivered to Lincoln: 16 ½ lbs for CSS Food Bank, 2 large Laundry baskets full of items for St. Gianna's Home. and 1 Large laundry basket full of items for the Pregnancy Center. May God Bless you for your generosity.

Ethel Kavan – Birthday July 24th long time parishioner & Altar Society member residing at Saunders Long Term Care, will be celebrating her 95th birthday July 24. Please help her celebrate with a card shower. Cards may be sent to Ethel Kavan, 1760 County Road J, Wahoo, NE 68066

QUILT RAFFLE -- Sacred Heart will have quilt raffle tickets available after Mass. Tickets are \$1 each OR 6 for \$5. The quilt be displayed then also. The drawing will take place at their soup dinner in November.

FORMED.ORG Pick of Week Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi If You Think You Know St. Francis, You're In For A Surprise. In this exciting audio drama from Augustine

The Lord
is my shepherd;
there is nothing
I shall want.

- Psalm 23:1

Institute Radio Theatre, follow the fun-loving son and celebrated soldier of Assisi as he is transformed by the Gospel. Captivated by Christ, Francis trades wealth for poverty, embraces lepers, shakes hands with the Pope, debates a Sultan, and touches the lives of millions.

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**We will host our missionary priest,
a member of the Herald of Good News, September 1-2.**

CatholicsComeHome.org 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

Knights of Columbus Annual Pool “Knight” at Wahoo Aquatic Center, **Sunday, July 22nd** from 8-10pm. Please come and enjoy this family fun event with your Brother Knights and their families. Prospective Knights & their families are welcome.

Dwight Assumption Annual Parish Czech Dinner ~ Sunday, July 29th at Dwight Parish Hall. Serving 10:30am-2:30pm. Buffet-Style Serving: Roast Pork, Dumplings and Kraut, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Corn, Cucumbers, Pies, Rolls and Kolaches! Raffles, Country Store, Cake Walk, Games, Czech Music and More!! Join us for Mass with Czech Hymns at 10am.

Children’s Pro-Life Craft Projects for St. Gianna’s House Sunday, August 5th in the Church basement. Please join the Parish Pro-Life Committee from 10:00-10:30am in the Church basement to make a children’s craft to donate to St. Gianna’s House. We will be decorating headbands for baby girls and every child who participates will receive a bookmark to keep.

Natural Family Planning-Creighton Model Introductory Sessions for July & August 2018 are scheduled for **Tuesday July 31, Thursday Aug. 9 & Tuesday Aug. 21**. All sessions are held at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Go online to register at www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp

2-Day UNBOUND Conference - Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations & videos and how it teaches 5 simple “keys” to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Join us at John XXIII Diocesan Center-Lincoln, NE, **Friday, August 24th- 6-9pm & Saturday, August 25th- 8-5pm**. The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: lincolndiocese.org/unbound

Marriage Saving- the Post Session Phase – The post-weekend phase of Retrouvaille is as crucial to the healing of a troubled marriage as the initial weekend experience. During the post-weekend sessions, the weekend technique is further developed and combined with additional tools to explore other areas of the marriage relationship. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a week- end on **Aug. 24-26 2018**, call 1-800-470-2230 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org on the web. Aug 10th is the last day to sign up for Retrouvaille.

Still Suffering from the shame of a past abortion - Attend a confidential healing Rachel’s Vineyard retreat September 28-30 in Omaha. Partial scholarships available. Information? Helpingrachel@yahoo.com or 402-253-9936. Rachel’s Vineyard Retreats are also offered in Kansas City, MO on **October 26-28**, 2018. KC contact info is (816) 679-4973 or email rvkcmo@gmail.com for confidential information and to start the healing, or to learn more visit www.rachelsvineyardkc.org or www.rachelsvineyard.org

The rules of the Dating assignment (Rules for Level 1 dates): One of the most interesting parts of the documentary is the scene where Professor Cronin’s presents her “dating assignment” to her students. Pointing to a whiteboard, she lays out the rules to her assignment that include (There are 13 rules):

1. Ask someone out in person.
2. Declare it’s a date to avoid “accidate”.
3. Pay for the date, which should cost no more than \$10.
4. Date should last no longer than 90 minutes.
5. Be sex, drug, and alcohol-free.

Piece of cake assignment, right? No! Professor Cronin says students find this extremely difficult. Asking someone out is too much of a risk. *These videos by Dr. Kerry Cronin are humorous*

Agape Latte with Kerry Cronin: The Imperfect Art of Dating
<https://youtu.be/I3eyFgTHmzE>

Rules of the 1st Date <https://youtu.be/BxurOz4lbb8>

Transition & Level 2 Dating https://youtu.be/M_4maxK2KRE

The cost of contraception and the joy of the Gospel of Life
By Bishop James Conley - Southern Nebraska Register – July 20, 2018

Fewer babies were born in the United States last year than in any other year in the past 30. The birth and the fertility rates in the US continue to plunge, and the decline isn’t expected to slow down for more than a decade.

The US fertility rate is well below the replacement level needed to maintain a stable population. This means that the American population will get older in the decades to come—that 40 years from now, senior citizens will make up 25% of the entire US population. Declining fertility rates mean labor shortages, shrinking tax bases, and insolvent social safety nets.

There are social costs to all choices, including the choices of a contraceptive culture—the choices couples make to delay childbirth, to limit the number of children they have, or to avoid childbirth altogether.

Of course, the costs of our contraceptive culture are not a surprise to many Catholics, but they are worth remembering during this 50th anniversary year of the papal encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*, promulgated by Pope Paul VI on July 25, 1968.

As is well known, Pope Paul VI taught that a contraception mentality would lead to an increase in marital infidelity and a “general lowering of moral standards,” disrespect for and objectification of women, and government intrusion by way of aggressive population control programs that violate the sovereignty of the family. The past few years have demonstrated, in stereo, the veracity of those prophetic expectations. It is clear that the social costs of a contraceptive mentality go beyond the economic and political costs of a self-imposed demographic winter.

In fact, writing in his 1994 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the most profound costs of our culture’s “contraceptive mentality” are that they foster the sense that conceiving and bearing children is unnatural, that the gift of new life is an undesirable inconvenience and therefore should be avoided at all costs.

The pontiff wrote that “despite their differences of nature and moral gravity, contraception and abortion are often closely connected, as fruits of the same tree.”

Contraception conditions men and women, and therefore the cultures which they form, to deny the obvious and intrinsic relationship between sex and the conception of new life. Contraception pits couples into a kind of unknowing war with themselves: they seek to discover one another, and themselves, in the mutual exchange and intimate embrace of sexuality, while, at the very same time, seeking to deny an essential component of their actual identity. It is as if they are saying to one another, “yes, I’m yours, but not all of me.” This subtle and unknowing war with the partner and with the self inevitably leads to alienation, to atomization, and, eventually, to a kind of loneliness.

I have learned this in more than three decades of pastoral experience, in which I have seen the consequences of the use of contraception on marriages, and on husbands and wives, who desire to live in real freedom and real love, but who become despondent over the ways in which denying their fecundity—which reflects God’s own life giving image—leads to a distorted self-image and a deflated sense of love’s potential.

Contraception has robbed couples of the fullness of marital intimacy for decades, and this is an abject tragedy.

Married love, Pope Paul VI wrote in *Humanae Vitae*, is “above all, an act of the free will, whose trust is such that it is meant not only to survive the joys and sorrows of daily life, but also to grow, so that husband and wife become in a way one heart and one soul, and together attain their human

Such love, the encyclical said, which is expressed in a free and mutual self-donation “is not confined wholly to the loving interchange of husband and wife; it also contrives to go beyond this to bring new life into being.”

The message of *Humanae Vitae* is that the full experience of married love requires “a love which is total—that very special form of personal friendship in which husband and wife generously share everything, allowing no unreasonable exceptions and not thinking solely of their own convenience. Whoever really loves his partner loves not only for what he receives, but loves that partner for the partner’s own sake, content to be able to enrich the other with the gift of himself.”

Such love is a fount of holiness. While the contraceptive mentality requires that we deny fundamental parts of our identity, rendering freedom impossible, true married love, which is open to the gift of life, allows us to discover the richness of being created in God’s image.

While the contraceptive mentality leads to a stark atomization, and a true loneliness; true married love leads to new life, to richer relationships, and to unity with God, who is a trinitarian communion of love.

The personal, familial, and social effects of the ubiquitous use of contraception are manifestly self-evident. As a pastor, what most concerns me now is how to stem this tide—how to help couples choose to live in accord with God’s plan for a joy-filled marriage, which is, demonstrably, God’s plan for basic human flourishing.

As we remember the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*’s promulgation, I pray that we have the courage to be “missionaries of the Gospel of Life” give witness to the joy, the peace, and the freedom that comes from living in trust and fidelity to God’s plan for human happiness and flourishing.

Encounter Jesus

Change in Hostings Mission Coop Priest – We will host our missionary priest, a member of the Herald of Good News, September 1-2. We will be the last parish to introduce the work of his community **Please pray, with me, that I may find parishes to host our missionary during the Summer weekdays.** While he is in our parish, would you like to help our visitor?

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.

<https://www.thedatingprojectmovie.com>

Professor Kerry Cronin has also been actively working to revive a dating culture. In the film, she discusses some of the reasons behind the current dating crisis, the prevailing hookup culture, and how she’s teaching students to date with her “dating assignment.”

Blessings Pantry (North Bend) is in need of the following items: Meat for the freezer, Macaroni & Cheese, canned pastas, milk, cereals, fruit and always laundry detergent. Hours: 1st & 3rd Monday 7-8p; every Tuesday 9-11a; & every Thursday 2-4p.