

**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

**Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe
November 25, 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:

Monday	26 Nov	6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Marie Johnson	
Tuesday	27 Nov	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Wilma Vlcek	
Wednesday	28 Nov	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+All Souls Day Intention	
Thursday	29 Nov	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+All Souls Day Intention	
Friday	30 Nov	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+Adolph Nemecek	
Saturday	1 Dec	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Sanctification of Families	St. Andrew, Apostle
		6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek, and Lorna Pelan	
Sunday	2 Dec	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	First Sunday of Advent
		10:00 a.m.	St. George	St. George 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:

St. George		Reader		Acolyte	Server(s)
Saturday	1 Dec	6:00 pm	Linda Walker	Drew Walker	
Sunday	2 Dec	10:00 am	Ted Minarick		Ian Virka
Sacred Heart					
Sunday	2 Dec	8:00 am	Alan Sloup		

Announcements

Thank You - Sacred Heart, Cedar Hill Soup Lunch It is a blessing to work well together serving the need of both the Catholic Social Services and the Pink Sisters..

Please pray for: Robert John Froeschl, Mount St. Mary Seminary, Theology 3, 5B & 3S, Philip & Laurel Froeschl, b: 11/17/87

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

Monday: November 26, 6:45 – 8:00 pm (Q&A 7:45 pm)
Session 9: **Catholic Social Teaching – Building a Civilization of Love**
Have you ever heard the expression “Actions speak louder than words”? Christians have believed that since the very beginning. In the Acts of the Apostles, we read how Jesus’s disciples served the poor, aided the sick, tended to the widows and orphans, confronted the evils of the day, and generally went about building a civilization of love. Then, as the Faith spread and became more accepted, people began to reflect more on the reasons behind their actions to discuss what makes Christian living so different from the rest of the world. Over the next 2,000 years, this combination of practical action and contemplation has formed the basis of what is called Catholic social teaching. This tradition has much to offer the world today as it faces a wide range of social, economic, and cultural issues such as abortion, poverty, immigration, healthcare, and marriage in the family. Catholic social teaching affects the way we act every day in our families, our places of work, our communities, and ultimately in the entire world. What’s more, Catholic social teaching isn’t just for Catholics. It embodies Christ’s message to serve and is meant for the entire world. It is the love of neighbor in concrete action, united to build a civilization of love. **This Session Will Cover**

- How the Church’s social teaching helps us love one another as Christ loves us
- How we are called to imitate Jesus in serving the people around us: in our families, workplaces, churches, and local communities
- How serving and caring for others, especially the poor, is a key characteristic of being a disciple of Christ
- How some of the greatest poverty in the world is not material poverty, but a poverty of love, or what Pope Francis calls a “poverty of relationships”
- The ways that Catholic social teaching affects our lives today and helps us to apply the Gospel to the many social issues we face
- The call to responsibility to encounter and care for the poor and the most vulnerable around us

The Bishop’s Appeal for Vocations, I recently sent a letter with a copy of the vocation brochure and a copy of your donation card. I hope you will display the vocation brochure. It can remind us for the need to pray for seminarian and religious. Our prayer for their holiness also grows the love of God in us. Please, use the donation information as a reminder to help support the education of seminarians. It is good that we have everyone involved and the prayers and financial assistance of our seminarians. Remember how Jesus observed the poor widow’s gift of two small coins into the treasury: “It is not the greatness of the gift but the greatness of the sacrifice.” Thank you for your generosity.

Thanksgiving Collection: As is customary for all parishes in our diocese, the collection taken up at Masses on Thanksgiving will be for the cloistered nuns of our diocese. Our cloistered nuns are the Holy Spirit Adoration “Pink” Sisters in Lincoln and the Carmelite nuns near Agnew.

--- Postponed --- **St. John the Baptist, Prague, “Sip ‘n Shop”** Holiday Craft Fair & Wine Tasting: **Sunday, December 9** at St. John’s Parish Hall from 9 am to 3 pm. The hall will be full, with over 40 crafters and vendors! Come enjoy the wine tasting. Bottles of wine will also be available for sale – perfect for Christmas gifts and your holiday meals. The coffee will be on early so drop by for a kolache in the morning. Lunch will be served throughout the day. Free Admission!

Single Ladies Introductory Session - November 28, at 7 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center. Learn how to chart with Creighton Model; includes a particular emphasis on reproductive and gynecological health. Must preregister at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/single-women-intro>

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House - upcoming weekend retreats of interest to all men and women. Learn more at goodcounselretreat.com or call 402-786-2705. **Nov. 30-Dec. 2,** Deacon James Keating "Marriage and Intimacy" Couples' Retreat. **Dec. 14-16,** Bishop Conley and Fr. Coulter "The Mysteries of Christmas

John's Holiday Fair and Soup Supper Sunday, Dec. 2nd 821
Denver St., Schuyler, NE. All you can eat soup: 4 -7 pm
Shopper's Mall, Bake Sale (10:30-7:00), Silent Auction

A Royal Truth:

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of Christ the King

What's the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year?

It's the truth that in Jesus, God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the

kings of the earth" (see 2 Samuel 7:12-16; Psalm 89:27-38). Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading hearkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah

would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "everlasting covenant" with David (see Isaiah 55:3-5).

But as Jesus tells Pilate, there's far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He's applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament—the first and the last, the One who calls forth all generations (see Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12).

"He has made the world," today's Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also John 1:3; Colossians 1:16-17). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father" (see also Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9).

As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God's everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds. **St.**

St. Gianna Women's Home Thanks You your in-kind gifts are a tremendous help in our mission of helping the many ladies who come to us, along with their children, escaping domestic violence, as well as assisting the ladies who are escaping the pressure of aborting their unborn children. Recently, we admitted a pregnant woman whose husband stabbed her with a knife. Needless to say, she was most grateful for our assistance. We could not have done this without the generosity of our many donors.

Creighton Model NFP Introductory Sessions held throughout the Diocese. Single women, engaged or married couples are welcome to attend to learn more about this revolutionary form of women's health tracking and natural family planning. Sessions meet Diocesan requirements for marriage prep. For more information visit www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp

Smart Planning, Generous Giving There are so many opportunities and ways to give to the organizations that are important to you. Our job is to make it easy for you to understand. Let The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska show you how you can fulfill a dream to give and still provide for the financial needs of your family. Call 402.488.2142 to learn more. 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Ste. 9 | Lincoln, NE 68506 | www.catholicgift.org

Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program being offered Feb 15- 17, 2019, in Schuyler, Nebraska call 1-800-470 -2230 or check the web site www.retrouvaille.org. Feb 5th is the last day to sign up for Retrouvaille.

Praying For Our Priests prayingforourpriests.org/free-prayer-resources

"The priest is a gift from the Heart of Christ: a gift for the Church and for the world." - Pope Benedict XVI at the close of the Year for Priests

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

1-800-273-8255 --- <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

As Thrones Before Him Fall: Christ Is Our King

User's Guide to Sunday, Nov. 25, By: Claire Dwyer, Sunday, Nov. 25, is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Mass readings: Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5; Revelation 1:5-8; John 18: 33B-37.

*Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing,
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king*

Through all eternity. — Crown Him With Many Crowns hymn
This Sunday sends off Ordinary Time with a solemn celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Established by Pope Pius XI in 1925, it was meant to counter secularism as a denial of Christ's kingship.

The first two readings and the Psalm are thus rich in royal imagery: visions of the Son of Man coming on clouds and receiving everlasting dominion, glory and kingship, and the service of all the nations; robed in splendor, enthroned, the Alpha and Omega.

The Gospel, however, shows us this King in a different light, as a lamb being led to the slaughter. But then Pilate is let in on the secret: This kingship is not contained in the earthly realm. Rather, it is a powerful but hidden one, veiled in the temporal order. His angelic army of attendants holds back and watches with the rest of us the drama of salvation unfold as a kingdom is established that shall not be taken away or destroyed. Pilate cannot comprehend this, yet he unwittingly proclaims it: "Then you are a king" (John 18:37). And he will later have this inscribed above the cross, to the chagrin of the Pharisees. Jesus' cross becomes the throne from which he rules and the banner under which we battle.

To the rest of the world, the paradox of a King who reigns from a cross is an insurmountable scandal. But to everyone who "belongs to the truth," this reality is already established in their hearts. Growing in secret, putting down roots and laying foundations in the faith of believers, this kingdom is made manifest in the lives of those who have already found the beginnings of heaven even here, as they serve the King of Glory and enthrone him in their lives.

We wait for heaven to fully enter in the Kingdom of God, but the reality is that it is here now, and we are a part of it to the degree we allow it to rule in our hearts.

How much are we part of God's kingdom? Is Christ our king? Which means, really, are we under his authority? Are we obedient to his commands? Have we subjected everything — everything — to him: family, home, health, finances and time, and especially our wills?

Are we willing to die the little layers of "death" each day that being in his service requires? Are we willing to have him overturn the tables in our inner temples? To smash the little idols that litter our interior lives? To submit to the destruction of every dream that is not the one he wills for us?

There is no middle ground. "No one can serve two masters" (Matthew 6:24). Meditating on the readings for this solemnity provides a powerful opportunity to re-examine our own allegiance to the King of Glory: "Choose this day whom you will serve" (Joshua 24:15).

*Crown him the Lord of heaven,
Enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the king, to whom is given,
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
As thrones before him fall.
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For he is King of all.*

Claire Dwyer blogs about saints, spirituality and the sacred every day at EventheSparrow.com and contributes regularly to WomenofGrace.com, CatholicMom.com and EndowGroups.org. She is editor of SpiritualDirection.com and coordinates adult faith formation at her parish in Phoenix, where she lives with her husband and their six children.

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