

# Saint George Church Morse Bluff

260 Short Street  
Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 6:00 p.m.  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 8:00 a.m.  
**Coffee and rolls: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

# Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018

*To Know, Love, and Serve God*

# Sacred Heart Church Cedar Hill

2750 County Road 27  
Sunday Masses:  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 8:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays @ 10:00 a.m.  
**Coffee and rolls: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month**

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE:

## MASS INTENTIONS:

## FEAST DAY:

Day	Date	Time	Parish	Intention	Feast Day
Monday	24 Dec	6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Bill & Rita Patrezelka	The Nativity Of Our Lord
Tuesday	25 Dec	Midnight 9:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart St. George	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo) +Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek, and Lorna Pelan	
Wednesday	26 Dec	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Ed & Dorothy Vitek	
Thursday	27 Dec	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Bob & Dorothy Medune	
Friday	28 Dec	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+Robert Shanahan	
Saturday	29 Dec	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Special Intention	
Sunday	30 Dec	6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Bill & Rita Patrezelka	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
		8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart St. George	+Julius Nemeč For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	

**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](mailto:dhunt@gtmc.net), [st.gmb@nntc.net](mailto: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)
Christmas Eve	24 Dec	6:00 pm	Steve Minarick		
Christmas	25 Dec	9:00 am	Galen Johnson	Drew Walker	Ian Virka
Saturday	29 Dec	6:00 pm		Mike Brabec	
Sunday	30 Dec	10:00 am	Linda Walker		Preston Nielson-Fransluebbbers & Harrison Hudson
Sacred Heart					
Christmas	25 Dec	Midnight	Jim Nemeč	Jeff Bauer	
Sunday	30 Dec	8:00 am	Alan Sloup		

## Announcements

### Christmas Masses

#### St. George Church

Monday 24 Dec. 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 25 Dec. 9:00 a.m.

#### Sacred Heart Church

Monday 24 Dec. Midnight.  
Christmas Hymns at 11:30 pm



**To Clergy, Religious, and Lay Faithful of Diocese of Lincoln:**  
Merry Christmas!

I wish you well this Christmas, as you gather together with your families, your friends and your parish, to celebrate the birth of Our Savior, Jesus Christ. What a grace that he chose to enter our world to share with us our joys and sorrows, to experience all that we do, in order to lead us back home to his Father in heaven.

The joyous sounds of Christmas lift our spirits but they can also be overwhelming. As we contemplate the Holy Family on that first Christmas we realize they welcomed the great miracle of God becoming man in the silence of the cave. It is in the quiet moments, unseen by others, that we most encounter God, and isn't that what Christmas is all about? Jesus was born a child so that we would not fear approaching him, whether shepherd or king, young or old, believing or in need of faith.

I encourage you to find a few minutes this Christmas to just spend time at the crib adoring the newborn Prince of Peace. Bring to him your petitions for peace of heart and peace in the world, surrendering all that causes you anxiety. The greatest gift you can give to Jesus is to trust that he is in charge of the world and your personal life. Let him do his job!

May the silence of the Holy Family bring you much peace and assure you of the merciful love of our Father in heaven. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families, especially in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+James D. Conley Bishop of Lincoln

### Additional Confession Time

St. George: Monday, Dec 24 Noon, 3:00 pm

### Bishop Thanks You For Supporting The Appeal For Vocations

May the peace of Christ be with you! I would like to thank you for your generous effort in supporting the formation of future priest through the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations. (*We achieved our goals.*) I appreciate the prayers, effort and the generosity of your parishioners. Please pass on my gratitude to them.

It is my hope that the Lincoln Diocese will surpass our goal of \$800,000 to meet the approximate cost of \$1,500,000 for our 42 seminarians. You may continue to send in any donations until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Before our Lord ordained the Apostles, He prayed saying, "Father, they are your gift to me" (Jn 17:24). You personally and the priesthood working through you is a gift to the diocese, your parishioners and to me. How shall I thank you for all the good they you have done? "I will call on the name of the Lord" (Psalm 1116:13) by remembering you in my prayers before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

With my heartfelt gratitude for your prayerful support, I remain  
Sincerely yours in Christ, *Bishop James D. Conley, Bishop of Lincoln*

**2018 Contributions** Any contributions you want to count towards 2018 need to be in not later than December 31<sup>st</sup> and dated that way. Thank you for your prayers and gifts to the parish!

**Update: Pro-Life Collection for those in Need** – new pamphlets with revised & updated information are in the back of each Church. This includes updated info on the St. Mother Teresa Homeless Center at CSS. Contact Lynn Nemece (402-666-0799) or Patrice Hines (402-666-9292) if you have questions. Also, some members of the Sacred Heart Altar Society are making a special effort to assemble “care-packages” for the homeless, there is a round basket in back of Sacred Heart Church if you would like to donate supplies for care-packages (suggestions for care package items are included in the new Pamphlets.)

**The Annual Mass of the Holy Innocents** - celebrated on **Friday, December 28th**. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion. Reading of names will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Mass at 7:00 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner for this year, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

**Please pray for:** *Santiago Jose Izquierdo, St. Gregory the Great Seminary, College 4, 1B, Ricardo & Melania Izquierdo, born: 7/22/96*

**Praying For Our Priests** [prayingforourpriests.org/free-prayer-resources](http://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

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** at Lied Center Nebraska City, Feb. 15-17 contact Pat & Janelle Benson, Pat 308-940-0670, Janelle 308-940-1105, [pjbben@yahoo.com](mailto:pjbben@yahoo.com), Call 30 days ahead to reserve facilities. Accepting all reservations. If have questions: Fr. Mark Pfeiffer- [fr.markpfeiffer@gmail.com](mailto:fr.markpfeiffer@gmail.com)

**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](http://www.retrouvaille.org). Feb 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day to sign up for Retrouvaille.

**A Mother's Greeting** Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Advent; *Micah 5:1-4; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Hebrews 5:5-10; Luke 1:39-45*

On this last Sunday before Christmas, the Church's Liturgy reveals the true identity of our Redeemer: He is, as today's First Reading says, the “ruler...whose origin is from...ancient times.” He will come from Bethlehem, where David was born of Jesse the Ephrathite and anointed king (see Ruth 4:11-17; 1 Samuel 16:1-13; 17:1; Matthew 2:6). God promised that an heir of David would reign on his throne forever (see 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11-12). Jesus is that heir, the One the prophets promised would restore the scattered tribes of Israel into a new kingdom (see Isaiah 9:5-6; Ezekiel 34:23-25, 30; 37:35). He is “the shepherd of Israel,” sung of in today's Psalm. From His throne in heaven, He has “come to save us.”

Today's Epistle tells us that He is both the Son of David and the only “begotten” Son of God, come “in the flesh” (see also Psalm 2:7). He is also our “high priest,” from the mold of the mysterious Melchisedek, “priest of God Most High,” who blessed Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see Psalm 110:4; Genesis 14:18-20).

All this is recognized by John when he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. Elizabeth, too, is filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. She recognizes that in Mary “the mother of my Lord” has come to her. We hear in her words another echo of the Psalm quoted in today's Epistle (see Psalm 2:7). Elizabeth blesses Mary for her faith that God's Word would be fulfilled in her. Mary marks the fulfillment not only of the angel's promise to her, but of all God's promises down through history. Mary is the one they await in today's First Reading—“she who is to give birth.” She will give birth this week, at Christmas. And the fruit of her womb should bring us joy—she is the mother of our Lord.

**Plan Wisely, Live Charitably** -The Catholic Foundation of Southern Nebraska is your partner in learning how to give charitably to the organizations that are important to you while still providing for the financial needs your family. To learn more please call 402-488- 2142

# Encounter Jesus

**4 Stages of Marriage** - The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the Program beginning with a weekend on Feb 15-17, 2019 call 1-800-470-2230 or [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) on the web.

**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](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp)

**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>

**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](http://www.catholicgift.org)

**An Advent Gift** During Advent we prepare to receive God's greatest gift, His Son Jesus. On your way out of Church please accept a little gift of a Holy Card from Saunders Catholic Elementary Schools, St. Wenceslaus and St. John Nepomucene. It is offered as a token of gratitude for our parishes' support of our schools that help us receive Jesus. This year's theme is the Eucharist. The prayer is the Anima Christi, or “Soul of Christ” and the artwork was done by one of our grade school students.

**Give The Gift of a Retreat** - Immaculee Ilibagiza Retreat at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, **March 22-23, 2019**. Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide and author of the book “Left to Tell”, will bring her message of forgiveness, healing, and hope to all who attend. Cost is \$57 for one, or \$76 for two. For details, tickets, and registration visit [www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com), or contact RaNae O'Brien at [ranaeobrien1@gmail.com](mailto:ranaeobrien1@gmail.com).

**Financial Peace University – Dave Ramsey** *You Interested in Leading? Changing Families Across America One Class at a Time* Many see Dave Ramsey as a radio show host, but did you know he has a heart for the local church? For more than 20 years, thousands upon thousands of churches have hosted Financial Peace University and seen more than 4.5 million people learn to handle money God's ways and take control of their futures. They've beaten debt while learning to save wisely and give generously.

**Thank You - Local KVSS Ambassadors** - Amber and Dick Wesely are the KVSS Parish Ambassadors for Sacred Heart. In the back of the Church you will notice there is a kiosk with KVSS bumper stickers, program guides, tune in cards and KVSS Passports. Please help yourself. Wesely's will try to keep us up to date on new events and full stocked with items as we need them. One of the new events are the KVSS 20th Anniversary Passports. The theme of this anniversary "Together on a Journey to Sainthood" so the passports are designed to encourage people to travel to secular and religious sites. IE: Henry Doorly Zoo, Carhenge, visit the radio stations, visit seminaries or monasteries, and more. The program started in July 2018 and will finish in December 2019. Grab yours today!!

**Advent Prayer**  
**Dynamic Catholic** <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>  
**USCCB, including Advent Wreath**  
<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/advent/>