

# 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

# The Epiphany Of The Lord January 6, 2019

*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

**PASTOR:** Fr. Dennis Hunt, e-mail: dhunt@gtmc.net, st.gmb@nntc.net and cell phone: (402) 694-8582

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE:

## MASS INTENTIONS:

## FEAST DAY:

Monday	7 Jan	6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Marie Johnson	
Tuesday	8 Jan	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Mike Kosch	
Wednesday	9 Jan	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek, and Lorna Pelan	
Thursday	10 Jan	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Delores Kresbach	
Friday	11 Jan	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+All Souls Day Intention	
Saturday	12 Jan	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	New Evangelization	
		6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Peggy Havener	Baptism of The Lord
Sunday	13 Jan	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:

St. George			Reader	Acolyte	Server(s)
Saturday	12 Jan	6:00 pm	Steve Minarick		
Sunday	13 Jan	8:00 am	Ted Minarick	Dan Bauer	
Sacred Heart					
Sunday	13 Jan	10:00 am	Jim Nemec	Jeff Bauer	

## Announcements

### “Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus” Pilgrimage – June 10<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>



A pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Fr. Mark Nolte, pastor of St. Gerald Church. With Fr. Walter Nolte, pastor of St. Patrick, Fremont and Fr. Dennis Hunt. The dates are from June 10-19, 2019. We will visit the major sites in the Holy Land with Mass every day. If you would like

to know more about the pilgrimage or to sign up, please go to <https://shepherfieldtours/up-coming-tours/> and click on “Book this Tour” or contact Imad Qumsieh at qimad2002@yahoo.com or call him at (402) 671-1958. You may also reach Fr. Mark at frmnohte@gmail.com or call (402) 331-1955. The cost will be \$2,750 + airfare (about \$1200) from Omaha to the Holy Land.

**St. George Altar Society** is having a meeting along with coffee & rolls after the 10:00 Mass Sunday, January 6. Bonnie Mensik & Kathy Stranik are in charge of coffee & rolls.

**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!

**The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** Winter Symposium (Retreat) is planned for January 11 and 12, 2019 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Join us on Friday and/or Saturday for prayer, confessions and Mass with Bishop Bruskewitz along with information about: the Villa Marie Ladies Auxiliary; anticipated legislation of concern to the Nebraska Catholic Conference; The Catholic Social Services Homeless Project; the new WeThinkTeach project and a panel discussion on Human Trafficking. Go to [goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule](http://goodcounselretreat.com/retreat/schedule) to access the Agenda and Registration.

**Please pray for:** Rev. Mr. Carson Jerome Kain, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Theology 4, 6B & 1S, Fritz & Tama Kain, Born:3/2/90

**Doug Barry – Power in My Hands K of C** The Knights of Columbus Council #10047 of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Gretna is hosting an exciting event on **January 12th** featuring keynote speaker, Doug Barry, co-host of EWTN's Battle Ready! Doug is an incredible and well-known speaker of our Catholic faith. His passion and enthusiasm is contagious. Doug will be speaking about "The Power of the Rosary" and being "Battle Ready." Parish doors will open at 8:00 a.m., with a showing of the film "Power in My Hands" at 9:00 a.m. This film is a MUST-SEE! Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. and the event will conclude with the praying of the Rosary in the Sanctuary at 2:45 p.m. Bring your family and friends...all are welcome! A suggested donation at the door will be \$15. Please RSVP at <https://dougbarrystpatricksgretna.eventbrite.com> <<https://dougbarrystpatricksgretna.eventbrite.com/>>. For more information, contact Josh and Tara at 402-216-9100 or tarawestra@yahoo.com <mailto:tarawestra@yahoo.com>.

**Right to Life Breakfast** – January 13, 2019 8:30 am – 12:00 pm, Free-Will Donation includes Pancakes, eggs, omelets, sausage, toast, Juice and coffee. St. Charles Parish Center. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, North Bend Council #3736.

### Healing Mass at SS Cyril & Methodius Church

The Holy Spirit moves very well in times of trouble in the Church. At SS. Cyril and Methodius, we are specially inviting those who are in need of any kind of healing. What is it like to be healed of your pain? Jesus is the great healer. There will be a healing Mass held on **Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm** at SS. Cyril & Methodius Church, Clarkson, NE. Confessions will be heard at 6:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend this healing Mass. The Holy Spirit provides this loving time of healing for us. Any need for healing, we pray for in this healing service. Any questions call Fr. Rod at 402-892-3464

**Acolytes/Lector Men's Retreat**~January 18-20, Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly. Fr. Eric Clark will conduct “Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross”. Retreat will also include Acolyte/Lector practical formation with the Knights of the Holy Eucharist. Register at: [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) or call: (402) 786-2705.

**St. Wenceslaus School Pancake Feed** January 19 5:30 -8:00 pm  
Sunday, January 20, 8:00 am – Noon at Bishop Neumann High School. Serving Pancakes, Eggs, sausage, Coffee and juice. Featuring Games, Silent Auction, and Bake Sale.

**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 Nemecek (402-666-0799) or Patrice Hines (402-666-9292) if you have any 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.)

January 6<sup>th</sup> : *Liturgy of the Hours: Feast of the Epiphany*

**On the Feast of the Epiphany St. Leo the Great, Pope**  
*The Lord has made his salvation known to the whole world*

The loving providence of God determined that in the last days he would aid the world, set on its course to destruction. He decreed that all nations should be saved in Christ. A promise had been made to the holy patriarch Abraham in regard to these nations.

He was to have a countless progeny, born not from his body but from the seed of faith. His descendants are therefore compared with the array of the stars. The father of all nations was to hope not in an earthly progeny but in a progeny from above.

Let the full number of the nations now take their place in the family of the patriarchs. Let the children of the promise now receive the blessing in the seed of Abraham, the blessing renounced by the children of his flesh. In the persons of the Magi let all people adore the Creator of the universe; let God be known, not in Judaea only, but in the whole world, so that his name may be great in all Israel.

Dear friends, now that we have received instruction in this revelation of God’s grace, let us celebrate with spiritual joy the day of our first harvesting, of the first calling of the Gentiles. Let us give thanks to the merciful God, who has made us worthy, in the words of the Apostle, to share the position of the saints in light, who has rescued us from the power of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son. As Isaiah prophesied: the people of the Gentiles, who sat in darkness, have seen a great light, and for those who dwelt in the region of the shadow of death a light has dawned. He spoke of them to the Lord: The Gentiles, who do not know you, will invoke you, and the peoples, who knew you not, will take refuge in you.

This is the day that Abraham saw, and rejoiced to see, when he knew that the sons born of his faith would be blessed in his seed, that is, in Christ. Believing that he would be the father of the nations, he looked into the future, giving glory to God, in full awareness that God is able to do what he has promised.

This is the day that David prophesied in the psalms, when he said: All the nations that you have brought into being will come and fall down in adoration in your presence, Lord, and glorify your name. Again, the Lord has made known his salvation; in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.

This came to be fulfilled, as we know, from the time when the star beckoned the three wise men out of their distant country and led them to recognize and adore the King of heaven and earth. The obedience of the star calls us to imitate its humble service: to be servants, as best we can, of the grace that invites all men to find Christ.

Dear friends, you must have the same zeal to be of help to one another; then, in the kingdom of God, to which faith and good works are the way, you will shine as children of the light: through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

**Thinking about Separation or Divorce?** – Is your marriage or that of a relative or friend heading for divorce? Do you know how to save that marriage? Or do you feel helpless? Retrouvaille is designed to help troubled marriages regain their health. It helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust, and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. 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.

# Encounter Jesus

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** -at Lied Center in Nebraska City, Feb. 15-17 2019. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson to make your reservation (Pat 308-940-0670, Janelle 308- 940-1105, [pjbbben@yahoo.com](mailto:pjbbben@yahoo.com)). Call 30 days ahead to reserve facilities. All reservations accepted.

**A King to Behold:** Scott Hahn Reflects on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord *Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Ephesians 3:2–3, 5–6; Matthew 2:1–12*

An “epiphany” is an appearance. In today’s readings, with their rising stars, splendorous lights, and mysteries revealed, the face of the child born on Christmas day appears.

Herod, in today’s Gospel, asks the chief priests and scribes where the Messiah is to be born. The answer Matthew puts on their lips says much more, combining two strands of Old Testament promise—one revealing the Messiah to be from the line of David (see 2 Samuel 2:5), the other predicting “a ruler of Israel” who will “shepherd his flock” and whose “greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth” (see Micah 5:1–3).

Those promises of Israel’s king ruling the nations resound also in today’s Psalm. The psalm celebrates David’s son, Solomon. His kingdom, we sing, will stretch “to the ends of the earth,” and the world’s kings will pay Him homage. That’s the scene too in today’s First Reading, as nations stream from the East, bearing “gold and frankincense” for Israel’s king.

The Magi’s pilgrimage in today’s Gospel marks the fulfillment of God’s promises. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, are following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob (see Numbers 24:17).

Laden with gold and spices, their journey evokes those made to Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and the “kings of the earth” (see 1 Kings 10:2, 25; 2 Chronicles 9:24). Interestingly, the only other places where frankincense and myrrh are mentioned together are in songs about Solomon (see Song of Songs 3:6; 4:6, 14).

One greater than Solomon is here (see Luke 11:31). He has come to reveal that all peoples are “co-heirs” of the royal family of Israel, as today’s Epistle teaches.

His manifestation forces us to choose: will we follow the signs that lead to Him as the wise Magi did? Or will we be like those priests and scribes who let God’s words of promise become dead letters on an ancient page?

**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.

**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>

**The Diocese of Lincoln requires** that its employees and volunteers **report any allegations** of abuse or neglect of a minor or elder connected with church related activity to law enforcement, consistent with the requirements of Nebraska law. If anyone has information that a minor or elder is being or has been subjected to abuse or neglect please report it immediately to local law enforcement or to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services toll-free number 1-800-652-1999, and also to any Parish Pastor, School Administrator, Teacher, or to any Diocesan official at the Catholic Chancery (402) 488-0921, so that immediate steps may be taken for the protection of the minor or elder.