

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

The Baptism Of The Lord January 13, 2019

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	14 Jan	6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Jean Shavlik	First Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday	15 Jan	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek, and Lorna Pelan	
Wednesday	16 Jan	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Joe Fisher	
Thursday	17 Jan	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Bob & Dorothy Meduna	St. Anthony, Abbot
Friday	18 Jan	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+Elisabeth Wyar	
Saturday	19 Jan	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Families	
		6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Wilma Vlcek	
Sunday	20 Jan	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
		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	19 Jan	6:00 pm			
Sunday	20 Jan	10:00 am	Linda Walker	Drew Walker	Preston Nielson-Fransluebbbers & Harrison Hudson
Sacred Heart					
Sunday	20 Jan	8:00 am	Alan Sloup		

Announcements

“Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus” Pilgrimage – June 10th - 19th



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 frmnlte@gmail.com or call (402) 331-1955. The cost will be \$2,750 + airfare (about \$1200) from Omaha to the Holy Land.

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

End of Year – Thank You! To all who continue to donate for those in need. We made 3 deliveries in Nov. & Dec. – including 170 lbs. for the css food bank, & baskets of items for St. Gianna's, Mother Teresa's (Homeless), CSSS Christmas gifts, & baskets of items for the Pregnancy Center. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. If you have questions about the Pro-Life collection for those in need, contact Lynn Nemecek (402) 666-0799 or Patrice Hines (402) 666-9292

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 or call: (402) 786-2705.

Please pray for: Matthew Connor Kovar Mount St. Mary Seminary Theology 2, 1B Mark & Julie Kovar Birthday: 4/21/95

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. We will have a second collection for Pro-Life next weekend.

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

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.

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 on the web.

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, pbjbbn@yahoo.com). Call 30 days ahead to reserve facilities. All reservations accepted.

BreakPoint: How to Have Happy Teens

Community and Real—not Virtual—Reality

by: *Eric Metaxas & Stan Guthrie, October 26, 2018*

What do happy teenagers do? Perhaps the easiest way to answer that question is to ID what they don't do!

Jean M. Twenge is a professor of psychology at San Diego State University and the author of more than 140 scientific publications. She's also written a 2017 book with a title that's a mouthful and a half: "iGen: Why Today's Super-Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy—and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood."

If you're a parent, and even if you're not, that's a title that will make you sit up and pay attention.

We've quoted Dr. Twenge many times here on BreakPoint—on teen suicide and depression and related topics. (Come to BreakPoint.org for the links.) But today we're going to learn from her about what is making so many of our teenagers unhappy. In a new article in *Psychology Today*, Twenge notes, "Teens are less happy and less satisfied with their lives than they were just 5 years ago. The question is: Why?"

Here's what she found out. First, teenagers' reported happiness dropped between 2011 and 2012. She notes that this is when smartphones became available—perhaps we should call them sad phones!

Second, Twenge discovered a correlation between teens' happiness and their participation in activities that involved other people—activities such as sports, going to church or other religious services, volunteer work, and even homework. The more social they were, the happier they were.

By contrast, those young people who engaged in solitary activities such as reading internet news, talking on their phones, texting, social media, computer games, and listening to music—often a solitary activity these days—reported being less happy. Not surprisingly, perhaps, Twenge noted: "The pattern is again clear: Nearly all phone activities are linked to less happiness, and nearly all non-phone activities are linked to more happiness." So, put down the phone?

Yes, at least some of the time. But, as I'm sure you've heard, correlation is not causation. Whether constant phone usage causes the people we love to be unhappy may be impossible to discern in every instance. But surely young people who live their lives beyond the small confines of their screens, who engage less with virtual reality and more with real reality, have a much better chance of experiencing happiness than those who don't.

And from a Christian worldview perspective, this makes perfect sense. Virtual reality can give us lots of good things, but it cannot give us the best things. The thing we desperately need as human beings is community and relationship. Not for nothing did God say in the Garden that it is not good for the man to be alone. We were built to relate—with God, and with one another. In Christ's Body, we're all members one of another, and we need each other. Christian community is not optional—as the book of Hebrews reminds us, "not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

Our culture, tragically, has done an excellent job of telling all of us—and especially our teens—that we can go it alone, that individuality matters most, and that real community—when we love one another, support one another, and hold one another accountable for our mutual good—is not only unnecessary, it's not possible.

So if we want our teens to experience a happiness that can never be lost, let's show them the joy of living in Christian community. Let's do a better job of integrating them into the life and worship of our churches. It's not always easy to do, because we're all natural-born sinners. But it's God's way of growing us in our faith—and in our happiness. As Bonhoeffer said in his classic work "Life Together," "God has prepared for Himself one great song of praise throughout eternity, and those who enter the community of God join in this song."

Resources

What Do Happy Teens Do?

Jean M Twenge Ph.D. | Psychology Today | August 31, 2018

America's Suicide Crisis: Dying for Lack of Hope (Part 1 of 2)

John Stonestreet | BreakPoint.org | August 14, 2017

Dying of Despair

Aaron Kheriaty | First Things | August 2017

Rescuing iGen: Teens Raised on Smartphones Need an Escape Plan

Eric Metaxas | BreakPoint.org | August 22, 2017

Encounter Jesus

The Anointing: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord *Isaiah 42:1–4, 6–7; Psalm 29:1–4, 9–10; Luke 3:15–16, 21–22*

The Liturgy last week revealed the mystery of God's plan—that in Jesus all peoples, symbolized by the Magi, have been made "co-heirs" to the blessings promised Israel. This week, we're shown how we claim our inheritance.

Jesus doesn't submit to John's baptism as a sinner in need of purification. He humbles Himself to pass through Jordan's waters in order to lead a new "exodus"—opening up the promised land of heaven so that all peoples can hear the words pronounced over Jesus today, words once reserved only for Israel and its king: that each of us is a beloved son or daughter of God (see Genesis 22:2; Exodus 4:22; Psalm 2:7).

Jesus is the chosen servant Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading, anointed with the Spirit to make things right and just on earth. God puts His Spirit upon Jesus to make Him "a covenant of the people," the liberator of the captives, the light to the nations. Jesus, today's Second Reading tells us, is the One long expected in Israel, "anointed . . . with the Holy Spirit and power."

The word messiah means "one anointed" with God's Spirit. King David was "the anointed of the God of Jacob" (see 2 Samuel 23:1–17; Psalm 18:51; 132:10, 17). The prophets taught Israel to await a royal offshoot of David, upon whom the Spirit would rest (see Isaiah 11:1–2; Daniel 9:25).

That's why the crowds are so anxious at the start of today's Gospel. But it isn't John they're looking for. God confirms with His own voice what the angel earlier told Mary: Jesus is the Son of the Most High, come to claim the throne of David forever (see Luke 1:32–33).

In the Baptism that He brings, the voice of God will hover over the waters as fiery flame, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has sanctified the waters, made them a passageway to healing and freedom—a fountain of new birth and everlasting life.

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 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>

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

Bishop Neumann Catholic High School-in Wahoo is looking for a daytime maintenance/janitor. Timeliness, attention to details, and a strong work ethic are important qualifications. Experience in plumbing/electrical is an advantage. This is a full time position with the shift running Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm. The pay will be negotiated based on experience. Please contact Fr. Morin or Mr. Kreikemeier at 402-443-4151 or you can email Fr. Morin at fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church GOD COMES TO MEET MAN

50 By natural reason man can know God with certainty, on the basis of his works. But there is another order of knowledge, which man cannot possibly arrive at by his own powers: the order of divine Revelation.¹ Through an utterly free decision, God has revealed himself and given himself to man. This he does by revealing the mystery, his plan of loving goodness, formed from all eternity in Christ, for the benefit of all men. God has fully revealed this plan by sending us his beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. 1 Cf. Dei Filius DS 3015.