

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

Third Sunday In Ordinary Time January 27, 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	28 Jan	6:00 p.m.	St. George	St. George Altar Society (Living/+Deceased)		St. Thomas Aquinas
Tuesday	29 Jan	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+All Souls Day Intentions		
Wednesday	30 Jan	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek, and Lorna Pelan		St. John Bosco
Thursday	31 Jan	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Peggy Havener		
Friday	1 Feb	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+All Souls Day Intentions		Presentation of the Lord
Saturday	2 Feb	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Deceased Family Members		
		6:00 p.m.	St. George	+All Souls Day Intentions		
Sunday	3 Feb	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)		Fourth 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	2 Feb	6:00 pm		Mike Brabec	
Sunday	3 Feb	10:00 am	Linda Minarick		Ian Virka
Sacred Heart					
Sunday	3 Feb	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 frmnolte@gmail.com or call (402) 331-1955. The cost will be \$2,750 + airfare (about \$1200) from Omaha to the Holy Land.

The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.
-Luke 4:18

Senior Center Soup and Pie Dinner The North Bend Senior Center is having their Soup and Pie Dinner this Sunday, **Jan 27th from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm.** We hope you'll be able to come.

Please pray for: *Scott James Nemec, St. Gregory the Great Seminary, College 4, 1B & 1S, Mark & Beth Nemec, Birthday: 1/10/97 William*

B-I-N-G-O! The St. Wenceslaus School teachers are hosting a Bingo event on Sunday, January 27th at 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Bishop Neumann cafeteria. Everyone is welcome – students, parents, grandparents, friends, neighbors Doors open at 3:30. Come early to get something to eat along with your tickets and cards. Lots of opportunities to win an assortment of prizes. Proceeds will be used to purchase wishlist items for all the classrooms. Thank you in advance for your support!

Save your Ice Cream Buckets for Soup Supper

Breakfast for Vocations – Serving on Sunday, February 3 from 8:30 am – Noon. Free will donation. Pancakes, eggs, omelets, sausage, toast, Juice and coffee. St. Charles Parish Center Sponsored by Knights of Columbus, North Bend Council #3736

St. Vitus Catholic Church in Touhy Soup Dinner, Sunday **February 10, 2019** from 11am – 1:30pm at St. John School Gym in Weston. Chili, Chicken Noodle and Ham & Bean Soups, Sandwiches, Desserts. Live & Silent Auctions, Kids Games, Bake Sale, Polka Music!! Adults \$8, 5-12years \$5 and 4 and under are Free! A great time will be had by all!!!

Healing service at Saint Wenceslaus on the second Monday of the month at 7 o'clock. In January is was the 21st at 7 o'clock.

2 weeks to Sign up for Retrouvaille – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. 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.retrouvaille.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, pjbben@yahoo.com). Call 30 days ahead to reserve facilities. All reservations accepted.

FORMED.ORG Read a book, listen to a talk, watch a movie, or take an RCIA class from your home computer, Smartphone or tablet. On the opening page for FORMED.org scroll down to “Does your parish already have an account?” Enter HE29MB then “submit” to start a profile. You can share this code

Encounter Jesus

Smart Planning, Generous Giving.

While a gift of cash is always welcome, there are many other ways to give, and as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit Nebraska corporation, most gifts to our parish have favorable tax implications. Sometimes it just makes more sense to gift an asset than give cash.

Last fall, Mark and Patrice Hines contacted The Catholic Foundation to learn more about a Donor Advised Fund – something they had just heard about. They were intrigued by the idea that they could establish a fund by using the proceeds from the sale of their grain rather than cash. By doing this, they didn't have to pay taxes on that portion of grain and had more money to give to charity.



Meanwhile, The Catholic Foundation invests the money and manages the donations by writing all the checks to the charities they support. If you'd like to learn more, talk to Mark or Patrice Hines or contact Les Mach at The Catholic Foundation at 402-443-6180 for more information. www.catholicgift.org

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.

New Day Dawns: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time *Nehemiah 8:2–6, 10; Psalms 19:8–10, 15; 1 Corinthians 12:12–30; Luke 1:1–4, 4:14–21*
The meaning of today's liturgy is subtle and many-layered.

We need background to understand what's happening in today's First Reading.

Babylon having been defeated, King Cyrus of Persia decreed that the exiled Jews could return home to Jerusalem. They rebuilt their ruined temple (see Ezra 6:15–17) and under Nehemiah finished rebuilding the city walls (see Nehemiah 6:15).

The stage was set for the renewal of the covenant and the re-establishment of the Law of Moses as the people's rule of life. That's what's going on in today's First Reading, as Ezra reads and interprets (see Nehemiah 8:8) the Law and the people respond with a great "Amen!"

Israel, as we sing in today's Psalm, is rededicating itself to God and His Law. The scene seems like the Isaiah prophecy that Jesus reads from in today's Gospel.

Read all of Isaiah 61. The "glad tidings" Isaiah brings include these promises: the liberation of prisoners (61:1); the rebuilding of Jerusalem, or Zion (61:3–4; see also Isaiah 60:10); the restoration of Israel as a kingdom of priests (61:6; Exodus 19:6); and the forging of an everlasting covenant (61:8; Isaiah 55:3). It sounds a lot like the First Reading.

Jesus, in turn, declares that Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in Him. The Gospel scene, too, recalls the First Reading. Like Ezra, Jesus stands before the people, is handed a scroll, unrolls it, then reads and interprets it (compare Luke 4:16–17, 21 and Nehemiah 8:2–6, 8–10).

We witness in today's Liturgy the creation of a new people of God. Ezra started reading at dawn of the first day of the Jewish new year (see Leviticus 23:24). Jesus also proclaims a "sabbath," a great year of Jubilee, a deliverance from slavery to sin, a release from the debts we owe to God (see Leviticus 25:10).

The people greeted Ezra "as one man." And, as today's Epistle teaches, in the Spirit the new people of God—the Church—is made "one body" with Him.

What Is Our Response to the Living Word of God?

User's Guide to Sunday, Jan. 27, By Claire Dwyer, Sunday, Jan. 27, is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Mass Readings: Nehemiah 8:2-4A, 5-6, 8-10; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27; Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21.

The living reality of the Word of God is presented to us in this week's readings with a vibrant, irresistible force.

In the first reading, we hear the moving account of a people newly returned to their homeland, determined to restore their broken end of the covenant, just as they had labored to restore the broken walls and gates of their ruined city. Thousands of Israelites gather together, standing

attentively to hear Ezra the priest read from the books of the Law from his platform high above them.

Their response is astonishing: first praising the Lord with hands raised, then prostrating themselves on the ground and then weeping with emotion. Ezra, Nehemiah and the Levites rally the Israelites, reminding them that "today is holy to Our Lord" and that it is an occasion to rejoice that their fortunes — and their relationship with God — have been restored. They urge them to celebrate with rich foods and sweet drinks.

In the Gospel, it is Jesus who, like the Israelites in the first reading, has come home. He is given the scroll to read, this time from the Book of Isaiah. He finds the passage which he knows refers to himself, his voice riveting as he reads:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

He sits, the traditional posture for teaching, and there is an expectant moment as all eyes are fixed on him. Then he speaks: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Effectively, he is declaring himself to be the expected Messiah. The Word of God, long cherished by his people, is now present in the flesh and filled with the Spirit. He is the fulfillment of the Scriptures and the key to interpreting them. He is sitting in their midst, and his presence alone gives them much more reason to rejoice than Ezra could ever promise.

But their response, as we will see next week, is far different from the reaction of the newly returned Israelites in the first reading.

What is our response to the word of God? Are we attentive to it? Do we allow ourselves to be moved to praise, repentance and gratitude?

Do we put it on the proper platform in our lives, giving it a place of primacy in our prayer?

The Catechism quotes the Second Vatican Council document *Dei Verbum*, saying, "The Church 'forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful . . . to learn 'the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ,' by frequent reading of the divine Scriptures. 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ'" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 133).

Perhaps now is a good time to commit, or recommit, to daily reading of Scripture, especially to the Mass readings of each day. These daily readings connect us to the rest of the Church; and as part of the Mass, they also connect us to the Eucharist — in a mysterious way, as much as Jesus Christ really and physically was present as he was sitting among the townspeople of Nazareth.

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

Encounter Christ through the Daily Reading of Scripture

St. Jerome said, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." We have found the opposite to be true as well: Knowledge of Scripture is knowledge of Christ. And it is not a simple knowledge of the facts about Jesus, but rather a relational, growing acquaintance with Jesus. We read the Scriptures to come to know not just things about Him, but to come to know Him. Pope Benedict XVI put it this way:

"Lectio divina: the diligent reading of Sacred Scripture accompanied by prayer brings about that intimate dialogue in which the person reading hears God who is speaking, and in praying, responds to him with trusting openness of heart. If it is effectively promoted, this practice will bring to the Church — I am convinced of it — a new spiritual springtime." (Pope Benedict XVI, Address, 16 Sept 2005)

As we prayerfully read the words of Scripture, the very thoughts of God become our thoughts, allowing us to be transformed by the renewal of our minds (cf. *Rm 12:2*). In the Scriptures, we encounter challenges that invite us to grow. These challenges tend to come in two types: in the things that are not as clear, and in the things that are very clear. Commenting on the difficulties found within Scripture, St. Augustine said that God placed them in the texts so that we would return again and again to ponder the mysteries.

Becoming aware of the metanarrative of salvation history reveals deeper insights into the Scriptures and the heart of God. There are several great tools to learn more about salvation history: A Father Keeps His Promises (Dr. Scott Hahn), The Great Adventure video series (Jeff Cavins), Walking with God: A Journey through the Bible (Dr. Tim Gray) and The Real Story (Dr. Edward Sri) all provide an introduction to the narrative. Being equipped with a knowledge of Scripture allows us to live the second of the three phases of the Method Modeled by the Master – Accompaniment.

- [Making Missionary Disciples](#) – Curtis Martin – [Fellowship of Catholic University Students \(FOCUS\)](#)