

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

Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time February 10, 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

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:

Day	Date	Time	Parish	Intentions	Feast Day
Monday	11 Feb	6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Jean Shavlik - No 6:00 pm Mass on 2/18	Our Lady of Lourdes
Tuesday	12 Feb	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+All Souls Day Intentions	
Wednesday	13 Feb	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Don & Carol Woita	
Thursday	14 Feb	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek, and Lorna Pelan	
Friday	15 Feb	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+All Souls Day Intention	St. Cyril
Saturday	16 Feb	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Deceased Family Members	
		6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Wilma Vlcek	
Sunday	17 Feb	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	Sixth 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 16 Feb 6:00 pm			
Sunday 17 Feb 10:00 am	Linda Walker	Drew Walker	Preston Nielson-Fransluebbbers & Harrison Hudson
Sacred Heart			
Sunday 17 Feb 8:00 am	Alan Sloup		

Announcements

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



Only Two Seats Remaining.
A pilgrimage to the Holy Land 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://shepherdfieldtours/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.

Winter Magnificat Prayer Meal – Speaker: Fr. John Rooney
Vice-Rector, Assistant Professor and Director of Technology: St. Gregory the Great Seminary, Saturday, February 16! "I know the One in Whom I have put my trust" 2 Timothy 1:12 is Father Rooney's favorite scripture verse in his exciting journey that is continually challenged and renewed in Christ! His vocation grew out of a dedication and devotion of his parents in their Catholic Faith. What appeared to be a total disaster when sent in 2003 for treatment of alcoholism has become an amazing blessing in his life and priesthood. Join us and bring a "sister in Christ" and from your family at 9:30 a.m., Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street, Lincoln. Pre-paid registration only by Tuesday, February 12. Send \$20 check payable to Magnificat, (students \$10) c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N 56 ST, Lincoln, NE 68504. For information call or text Rhonda 402-525-6396 or call Barb 402-489-6905.

Healing service at Saint Wenceslaus Monday Feb, 11, 7:00 pm

Please pray for: Liam Sebastian O'Shea-Creal, Mount St. Mary Seminary Theology 1, 2B & 2S, Robert & Mary Creal, Birthday: 11/15/94

CSS Trailer Arrives Feb. 18th: The trailer will be here for 2 weeks



St. George Church Chili & Chicken Soup Dinner

Sunday, February 17 from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. Serving Chili and Chicken Noodle Soups, kolaches, pie, horm rolls, coffee and juice. Adults: \$7.00, 12 & under: \$4.00. Cake walk, Raffle Prizes, Split the Pot. **Save Ice Cream Buckets**

2-Day UNBOUND Conference

Participants will learn about Unbound through live presentations & videos and how it teaches 5 simple "keys" to break the chains of emotional, spiritual and mental bondage and unlock the doors to freedom. Lourdes Central Catholic School- Nebraska City NE, Friday, March 15th- 6-9pm & Saturday, March 16th- 8-5pm. The event is free but registration is required. Please register by going to: lincolndiocese.org/unbound

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!!!

If Your Mind Wanders at Mass -- by: Thomas Howard

From *Formed.org*: Ignatius Press | Pages: 128 in EPUB KINDLE format
Distractions, fatigue, boredom at Sunday worship—maybe we experience these because we don't fully appreciate what's going on at Mass. Howard's profound and practical look at the liturgy focuses our wandering minds. It reminds us that at Mass the veil separating earth and heaven lifts, so that we stand with angels and saints in the presence of God Most High.

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

Spirit Catholic Radio Pilgrimage to Holy Land - 20th Ann.

Join Steve and Janet Ray and the staff of Spirit Catholic Radio (thanks to the generosity of a friend of the station) for a 20th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Spirit Catholic Radio will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2019 and what better way to celebrate than by visiting this holy place!

<https://spiritcatholicradio.com/pilgrimage/>

Ask the Register: Distractions in prayer?

Southern Nebraska Register Friday, 08 February 2019

Q. How do I deal with distractions in prayer?

A. Thanks for your question. In our desire to become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ we must strive to become like Him in every way. In His human earthly ministry, Jesus—even though He was/is God—frequently spent long hours in intense, deep prayer with His Father. (Heb. 5:7, Luke 3:21, Mt. 14:23, Mk. 6:46, Luke 6:12, Mk. 1:35, Luke 5:16, Luke 9:18, Matt. 26:36, 39, 42, 44, Jn. 17: 1-25)

If Jesus—God the Son—needed prayer with His Father, we too need prayer as a mainstay in our lives. Volumes can be and have been written about prayer. I hope these thoughts will help you and the many others who ask this question.

In considering the nature of Jesus' prayer certain elements seem obvious:

1. He prayed a lot at night. After the sun went down, distractions seemingly were lost in the darkness.
2. He went up on a mountain. Perhaps the obscurity of the location let Him escape the pressing demands of the crowd. (Mt. 6:6)
3. He prayed at length. Scripture says He spent the entire night in prayer. (Mk. 1:35, Mt. 14:23, Lk. 6:12)
4. He spoke with His Father. (Lk. 10:21, Mt. 26: 36ff., Mt. 6: 5-15). His prayer sought to be in communion with the family of the Trinity.

Now, to your question. My answer is my opinion and a collection of observations borne out of my personal experience. I certainly am not a spiritual giant, but I know the absolute necessity of praying and I try my best to pray at some length every day.

If a person has an innate desire to pray—and I think most people do—take the process of prayer in incremental steps. For me, prayer needs to be comfortable and productive. By that, I mean find a place— at home or in church—that is conducive to prayer, and as a starting point, have a plan. If your parish church is open, try to pray there in the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle.

1. I encourage you to set aside a particular time every day to pray and to start simply. Prayer does not need to be complicated. Do not have a TV, radio, phone, another hand-held device or any other noise-producing device on in the background. Shut them off. Especially shut off your cell phone. You must, or it will distract you. Also, beguiling music is not prayer.
2. Find a place that is comfortable. An uncomfortable chair or hard pew makes us focus on those discomforts and distracts from prayer.
3. If you are very new to prayer, perhaps use form prayers like the Our Father (Mt. 6:9-13, Luke 11: 1 – 5), the Hail Mary and a host of other Catholic prayers to begin with. Or you can read good Catholic books, newspapers or pamphlets. They can all be portals to deeper prayer. A couple of good references are: “Our Daily Bread” by Father Anthony Paone S.J. and “The Imitation of Christ” by Thomas a Kempis.
4. Have a reason to pray, for someone or something... any good intention.
5. The acronym ACTS structures nearly all type of prayer:
 - A.) Adoration
 - B.) Contrition (sorrow for our sins)
 - C.) Thanksgiving
 - D.) Supplication (asking for what we need)

It is okay if, at first, much of our prayer is asking. Don't apologize for asking. (Mt. 7:7-11, Mt. 21:22, 1 Jn. 5:14ff, James 4:3, Jn. 16:24, Mk. 11:23-24, James 5:16, James 1:6-8, Romans 8:26, Jn. 15:7ff, Ephesians 6:18, Jn. 9:31, Philippians 4:6, Lk. 18:1, Jn. 14: 13-14, 1 Tim. 2:1-2, Luke 11:9, Matt 18:19, James 1:6, Romans 12:12) Jesus certainly encouraged us—repeatedly—to come to Him in prayer and ask.

There are a lot of good prayer helps available in book and pamphlet form and Internet websites. I am including a partial list at the end of this column.

Be consistent in your time and location of prayer. Predictability and routine, I find, helps the process. That is, look forward to prayer and plan for it. Just schedule it into your daily routine. I have the ability to pray every day in the presence of Jesus exposed in the Eucharist. If there is any chance you can do that I encourage you to do so in your parish church. He is the ultimate time and place.

I find morning to be the best time for prayer. You are refreshed after a night's sleep. And again, do not turn anything on until you finish your prayer. If not, the jingle of a song or the news from overnight can stick in your mind and distract you from prayer.

If Jesus gives you the grace, ask Him—in time—to move beyond form prayer to a conversational exchange similar to that between friends. Bring your entire person to Him and hold nothing back. He already knows your thoughts, needs and wants. Just lay everything out on the table to Him in prayer. From that conversation ask Him to help you just be silent in His presence. A deeper, more intimate union will form and He will guide you.

Some practical matters: if you have at least 10-15 minutes daily in windshield time—going to work, taking children to school—that is an excellent time to pray the rosary, the chaplet or other prayers. It is better than listening to talk radio. Make good use of your time. If you can pray during this time, there are good CDs that you can use in your vehicle or while walking or exercising that you can pray along with. They can be good helps to prayer.

Every person's experience is particular to them. I encourage you in your desire to pray. Start with your needs and the needs and the wants of your family. Most likely these intentions will keep you busy in prayer.

Lastly, would you pray for your priest(s) every day? They want to be a spiritual father and to walk this journey with you. Thanks for asking this question.

Recommended podcasts: *Christ is the Answer* by Father John Riccardo, *Discerning Hearts*, *Jeff Cavins*, *Catholic Stuff You Should Know*, *Father Mike Schmitz*, *Word on Fire*. **Apps:** *iBrevary*, *Laudate*, *Mass Times*, *iConfess*, *The Rosary App*, *Formed.org*, *EWTN*. **Radio:** *KVSS*, *102.7 FM*

Into the Deep: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11*

Simon Peter, the fisherman, is the first to be called personally by Jesus in Luke's Gospel.

His calling resembles Isaiah's commissioning in the First Reading: Confronted with the holiness of the Lord, both Peter and Isaiah are overwhelmed by a sense of their own sinfulness and inadequacy. Yet each experiences the Lord's forgiveness and is sent to preach the good news of His mercy to the world.

No one is “fit to be called an apostle,” Paul recognizes in today's Epistle. But by “the grace of God,” even a persecutor of the Church—as Paul once was—can be lifted up for the Lord's service.

In the Old Testament, humanity was unfit for the divine—no man could stand in God's presence and live (see Exodus 33:20). But in Jesus, we're made able to speak with Him face-to-face, to taste His Word on our tongue.

Today's scene from Isaiah is recalled in every Mass. Before reading the Gospel, the priest silently asks God to cleanse his lips that he might worthily proclaim His Word.

God's Word comes to us as it came to Peter, Paul, Isaiah, and today's Psalmist—as a personal call to leave everything and follow Him, to surrender our weaknesses in order to be filled with His strength.

Simon put out into deep waters even though, as a professional fisherman, he knew it would be foolhardy to expect to catch anything. In humbling himself before the Lord's command, he was exalted—his nets filled to overflowing; later, as Paul tells us, he will become the first to see the risen Lord.

Jesus has made us worthy to receive Him in the company of angels in God's holy Temple. On our knees like Peter, with the humility of David in today's Psalm, we thank Him with all our hearts and join in the unending hymn that Isaiah heard around God's altar: “Holy, holy, holy . . .” (see also Revelation 4:8).

Healing Hearts Support Sessions - For those who have suffered the loss of a loved one are being offered to assist Catholics in the grief process. The sessions will be held on six weekly Tuesday evenings beginning March 19, 2019, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd. Suggested Donation: \$25 (for materials) To register, please call 402-473-0620.

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.

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

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!!

Beloved: Christ at the Center – Formed.org Pick of the Week

Whether you've been married less than a year or upwards of sixty, every marriage thrives when Christ is at the center. This week's FORMED Pick of the Week is an episode from the acclaimed series, *Beloved: Living Marriage*. The mix of theoretical teachings and practical advice in this captivating episode will lead to fun and meaningful conversations between you and your spouse.

This week, go to formed.org and watch *Beloved, Living Marriage: Episode 1: Christ at the Center*.

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

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.

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, or contact RaNae O'Brien at ranaeobrien1@gmail.com.

Financial Peace University – Dave Ramsey

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.

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

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Praying the Rosary Like Never Before

Dr. Edward Sri is a nationally sought Catholic speaker who appears regularly on EWTN, and is a founding leader of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students). In this discussion of his book "The New Rosary in Scripture: Biblical Insights on Praying the Twenty Mysteries" (Servant Books), Dr. Sri shares John Paul II's practical strategies for praying the Rosary better, so that you can encounter Jesus more deeply in prayer.

<http://rosary.augustineinstitute.org/>

Please note: this download is currently not supported on iOS mobile devices, please download on desktop or laptop.

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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

Come Away to a Quiet Place and Rest Awhile – Mark 6:31 -

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly
Oct. 20 -Oct. 22 Men & Women, *Jesus, Please Heal Me*, Fr. Craig Doty (<http://www.frcoulter.com/goodcounselretreat/>)
Register online at <http://www.goodcounselretreat.com> Or
contact us at <mailto:goodcounsel@cdolinc.net>

Get away from busyness and stress. We have too many meetings and sports commitments and emails and voice mails and bills and chores. It's draining. Get away from everyday life completely and go on a retreat; filling up what has been drained away.

At Least Once in January

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.