

# 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**

# Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time February 17, 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**

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<u>LITURGY SCHEDULE:</u>			<u>MASS INTENTIONS:</u>		<u>FEAST DAY:</u>
Monday	18 Feb	7:00 a.m.	St. George	New Evangelization - No 6:00 pm Mass	
Tuesday	19 Feb	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+All Souls Day Intentions	
Wednesday	20 Feb	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Delores Kriebach	
Thursday	21 Feb	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Peggy Havener	St. Peter Damian
Friday	22 Feb	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+Peggy Havener	Chair of St. Peter
Saturday	23 Feb	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Deceased Family Members	St. Polycarp
		6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek, and Lorna Pelan	Seventh
Sunday	24 Feb	8:00 a.m.	St. George	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	Sunday in
		10:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+Deceased FCSLA Members	Ordinary Time

**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)
Saturday 23 Feb	6:00 pm		
Sunday 24 Feb	8:00 am	Linda Minarick	
Sacred Heart			
Sunday 24 Feb	10:00 am	Jim Nemec	Jeff Bauer

## Announcements

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

**Last Two Seats Available.** 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](mailto:qimad2002@yahoo.com) or call him at (402) 671-1958. You may also reach Fr. Mark at [frmnolte@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Please pray for:** *Andrew Thomas Ojeda St. Gregory the Great Seminary College 3, 2B & 3S Tony & Cindy Ojed*

### CSS Trailer Arrives Monday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> :

*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. Pancakes, eggs, omelets, sausage, toast, Juice. **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](http://lincolndiocese.org/unbound)

**St. John Nepomucene Men's Club** -Weston is having their annual "Pancakes, Eggs, & Sausage Feed" on Sunday, **February 17th**, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm at St. John's School gym in Weston. Adult tickets are \$7.00; Children under 12 are \$4.00; and Pre-school and under are free. There will also be a bake stand, games, and a raffle."

**Mardi Gras Celebration**-hosted by Sts. Cyril & Methodius Parish at the Prague Parish Hall on **Feb. 23rd**. Featuring social time from 5-6:30pm, a New Orleans style buffet at 6:30pm, games, Karaoke, auction, wine bar, and lots of fun! Advance tickets \$20, at the door \$25. Costumes encouraged! Adults 21+. Contact Jo at (402)663-5242 for tickets.

**Introduction to Deliverance**-Have you ever wondered...exactly what IS deliverance and how does it fit into our Catholic Faith? The Diocesan Office of Evangelization/Unbound Ministry will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20-minute talks. This is open to ALL: laity, religious, clergy, members of the Christian community & anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance and how each person can benefit from it. Join us at Sehnerts Café, 312 Norris Avenue, McCook, NE on **Monday, February 25**, from 6-7:30 pm. Questions? Contact Annette at [annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net](mailto:annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net) or call 402-473-0619.

# 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/>

## **Anyone Wanting To Know More About Our Blessed Mother?**

Then mark your calendar for March 16. The Catholic Daughters of America are hosting a brunch with a presentation about our Blessed Mother on Sat. Mar. 16 at 9:30 AM at St. John's school gym in Weston, NE. Guest speaker will be Mother Superior Ann Marie Zierke of the Marian Sisters. There will be limited seating so plan now to join us for a great brunch, fellowship and presentation about our Blessed Mother. This is open to the public, you do not need to be a Catholic Daughter to attend. Tickets are \$6.00 in advance. Please contact Mary Ann Osmera (402) 443-9074, Teresa Virgil (402) 480- 5590, or Shirley Masek (402) 443-2193 for tickets or questions.

**Father/Son Program** - "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their father will be held Sunday, March 17, 2019 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per father/son or \$30 per family. To register, visit [https:// lincolndiocese.regfox.com/father-son- program](https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/father-son-program) Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email [natural- familyplanning@cdolinc.net](mailto:natural-familyplanning@cdolinc.net)

**Lenten Series** – The theme for the 2019 Lenten Series is Spiritual Disciplines and will be held at the St. Teresa Church, 36th & Randolph St. in Lincoln from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm on the Mondays of Lent, March 11-April 8. Everyone is warmly invited to attend!

**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.

## **Camp Kateri: Summer Camp Registration**

-Registration is now open for SKY Camp (Grades 5-7), SKY Teens (Grades 8-9) and Leadership Camp (Grades 6-9). For more information, or to register for these camps, go to [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org).

**SKY Camp & Leadership Camp Volunteer** Counselors Needed-Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for high school volunteer counselors for SKY and Leadership Camp. For more information, or to download an application, please go to [www.campkateri.org](http://www.campkateri.org).

**The Bishop Neumann Music Boosters Waffleman**-Neumann Cafeteria on Saturday February 23rd from 5:30-7:00pm and Sunday February 24th from 8:30am-12:00pm. Saturday night will include the "You've Got Talent" showcase at 7:30pm in the gym. In addition to waffles and the talent show, there will also be a silent auction, raffle drawing, cake walk, and games on both days. Come enjoy some waffles and support all the Neumann Music Ensembles!

**Rich in Poverty:** Scott Hahn Reflects on the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ord. Time *Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26*

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament.

That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their "trust in human beings," are cursed to wither and die.

Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state.

The rich are "the insolent" of today's Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.

We've already seen today's dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's "Magnificat." There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted (see Luke 1:45-55 also 16:19-31).

That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying "on account of the Son of Man," we find everlasting life.

The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life. But not only that. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we're to be pitied if our hope is "for this life only."

The blessings of God mean that we'll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile (see Psalm 126:1-2), feast at the heavenly table of the Lord (see Psalm 107:3-9), "leap for joy" as John the Baptist leapt in his mother's womb (see Luke 6:23; 1:41, 44), and rise with Christ, "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

## **Cling to God for Life**

*User's Guide to Sunday, Feb. 17 By: The Editors, Sunday, Feb. 17, is the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C). Mass Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26.*

In Jeremiah's oracle of judgment against Jerusalem (17:5-8), the prophet uses a sight familiar to his fellow Judeans to convey his message: Jerusalem is a solitary, barren shrub hanging on for dear life in a salty wasteland. With this image, Jeremiah draws on the visual experience of his interlocutors, many of whom would have seen such vegetation in their travels in arid regions south and east of Judea. Even today, if one approaches the Dead Sea from the west, one encounters every now and again a drab olive-green shrub growing in between deep cracks in the parched, brittle soil that crunches underfoot when walked upon. It seems almost miraculous that anything could grow there at all, and indeed, it is only possible given the evolutionary developments of these xerohalophytes (salt-loving desert plants). Despite these plants' ability to survive, however, they do not produce fruit and remain quite small, never growing taller than a foot or two.

By likening Jerusalem to such a plant, the prophet offers a vivid image describing the effect of his fellow Jews' radical self-reliance and rejection of God: They had transformed Jerusalem into a barren and lonely place (Jeremiah 17:5-6). They did this by rejecting God's ways, i.e., the Law, and following instead their own way (e.g., amassing wealth and worshipping other gods), which they mistakenly thought would be their path to prosperity. This foolish behavior instead resulted in Judah being punished by God through the Babylonians: After many Judean cities were destroyed, Jerusalem was on its own, awaiting the final punishment of God — the Babylonian exile.

In sharp contrast to such rebelliousness, according to Jeremiah, the one who trusts in the Lord and clings to him is like a verdant tree that has a steady water source — such a one is able to withstand the heat of summer and still produce good fruit (Jeremiah 17:7-8). Though it might seem like it is possible and even desirable to choose one's own way over God's ways, in reality one's life will end up like the solitary plant in a desert wasteland: small, pathetic and barren. Moreover, the ability to eke out such an existence on one's own is merely an illusion. Just as the desert plant still depends upon a hidden source of water for its life, so, too, the one who rejects God still depends upon him in ways that are unseen.

Jeremiah's message is re-contextualized by Jesus' preaching on true beatitude (Luke 6:20-26), wherein he addresses the reality of illusory human experience. While it is indeed true that one who rejects God's ways is a barren bush in a desert wasteland, and that one who clings to God is a verdant and fruitful tree, this reality is not always immediately apparent to us. Indeed, many who fervently live the Gospel still suffer the barrenness of sorrow, distress, humiliation and poverty in their lives. Yet Christ assures us that those who suffer in such ways are in reality truly blessed inasmuch as these privations lead them to cling to God all the more closely. As followers of Christ, we are called to recognize the wisdom of this prophetic insight taken up by Christ and to seek not self-determination and material prosperity, but intimacy with God, which comes from recognizing our utter dependence upon him who is the source of all.

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