

**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

**Twenty - First Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
August 25, 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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**LITURGY SCHEDULE:**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

**FEAST DAY:**

Monday	26 Aug	6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek, and Lorna Pelan	
Tuesday	27 Aug	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+All Souls Day Intentions	St. Monica
Wednesday	28 Aug	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Cecilia O. Powers	St. Augustine
Thursday	29 Aug	7:00 a.m.	St. George	+Lorin, Nadine & Larry Racek, and Lorna Pelan	Passion of John Baptist
Friday	30 Aug	7:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	+Cathy Zuber	
Saturday	31 Aug	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	Sanctification of Parents (Families)	
		6:00 p.m.	St. George	+Peggy Havener	Twenty-Second
Sunday	1 Sep	8:00 a.m.	Sacred Heart	For our parishioners (Missa pro populo)	Sunday in
		10:00 a.m.	St. George	St. George Altar Society (Living/+Deceased)	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, 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	31 Aug	6:00 pm	Steve Minaireck		
Sunday	1 Sep	10:00 am	Linda Walker	Drew Walker	Ian Virka
Sacred Heart					
Sunday	1 Sep	8:00 am	Alan Sloup		

**Announcements**

**Thank You Morse Bluff Fire Dept for the AED**

The community AED (automated external defibrillator) is installed on the wall as you enter St. George Parish Hall. We have a ZOLL AED Plus. Once the machine is turned on it offers step-by-step Audio and Written instructions. [Watch demo video 3min: https://youtu.be/PaxwHxEuiN8](https://youtu.be/PaxwHxEuiN8)  
**From Zoll:** *Only half of sudden cardiac arrest victims will initially need a shock, but all require high-quality CPR. The AED Plus guides rescuers in performing high-quality CPR and will deliver a shock if needed.*  
**From the Red Cross:** *An AED is used to help those experiencing sudden cardiac arrest. It's a sophisticated, yet easy-to-use, medical device that can analyze the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electrical shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm. - - - Sudden cardiac arrest is among the leading causes of death in the United States. In fact, more than 350,000 people will suffer a cardiac arrest this year. Currently, the only way to restore a regular heart rhythm during cardiac arrest is to use an AED.*

**Roast Beef Dinner**—Enjoy a fun-filled day with the Plasi Parishioners on **Sunday, August 25th** from 11:00am-2:00pm! Make the trip to the Prague Parish Hall for a roast beef dinner with loads of sides, including kolaches! Try your hand at our cake walk and \$1,000 raffle! Purchase delicious baked goods from our masterful bakers! A wide variety of unique items will be waiting for your bid at our auction! Meal prices: Adults-\$11, Children (5-10 years)-\$5, Preschool-Free.

**Immaculate Conception (Ulysses) Dinner & Bazaar** — **Sunday, September 8** from 10:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Serving fried chicken & ham with all the fixings, fresh cucumbers & tomatoes, and Kolaches. \$11 for adults. \$7 for children. \$12 for take-outs. Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m.

**Magnificats and The Word Among Us** are available.

**Sacred Heart Garage Sale** Proceeds of the Sacred Heart June Garage Sale and **Lunch Stand** sponsored by **FCSLA Branch W55** to earn a matching grant of \$600 were divided between Spirit Catholic Radio and Villa Marie Home and School for Exceptional Children. Each received checks for \$794 dollars for a total of \$1,588 given to our charities of choice. Thank you to all who donated items and worked to make the event successful.

**St. Benedict Center – Schuyler**

Call (402) 352-8819 or visit [www.StBenedictCenter.com](http://www.StBenedictCenter.com)  
**Gifts and Fruits: Cultivating a Spirit-Filled Marriage** (Jim and Maureen Otremba), **Saturday, September 7, 2019 9:00 AM - Sunday, September 8, 2019 1:00 PM**  
*Transformation happens when couples accept and live out the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.*

During this engaging weekend, each couple will be empowered with tools and practices that will bless their marriage with new and abundant fruit. Includes talks, personal and couple reflection time, Mass and Reconciliation. Fee is \$115.08 per person (Double)

**Directed Ignatian Retreat – Aug. 30 – Sept. 2** - Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly will hold a Directed Ignatian Retreat with Father Christopher Barak and Father Gary Coulter Aug. 30 to Sept. 2. Father Barak, director of the St. John Paul II House, said the retreat “is for anyone seeking a deep encounter with God.” *“By entering into His word in the Scriptures and the silence,” he explained, “one experiences the presence of God and enters an intimate conversation with Him.”* Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, Waverly Register online at <http://www.goodcounselretreat.com>

**Encounter Jesus!**

## Catholic Social Services - Lincoln

Dear All—  
Peace to you.

If you know of anyone in your communities or your parishes that lost everything due to the March floods and would like some help, please pass along our contacts at Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska. We are distributing grant dollars to families who lost significant amounts and have unmet needs. Families would need to complete an application which would then be reviewed by a vetting panel of volunteer professionals. Grants would then be awarded depending upon need and severity. Grant applications are available online at [www.cssius.org/floodrelief](http://www.cssius.org/floodrelief).

We are trying to help as many dire-need families as possible, especially in the Diocese of Lincoln and the state of Nebraska. If you know of any families who suffered burdens in our Diocese from the March floods please pass along our contact information. In addition, we are helping the greater community by giving funds that will help ease the local tax burden and Federal, State, and municipality emergency aid, which ultimately comes from all taxpayers.

We thank all of our benefactors, supporters and parishioners for their donations, their faith, and their help in response to the March floods that have severely impacted our state.

Thanks and God bless!!

**Father Fulton**

Catholic Social Services, CSS

### **Does your Marriage need a Tune Up? Or even a Major**

**Overhaul?** Sometimes a marriage can run along fine and then things change. They may need your time and attention. Sometimes lines of communication break down and they need repair. Sometimes our focus moves away from our marriage and family and needs a little redirection. Sometimes a fair or average marriage is just not enough. Have you ever thought to yourself, "How can I make my marriage better?" If so, Retrouvaille can help.

Retrouvaille is marriage program for couples whose marriage has become off course. It begins with a weekend program that can help get your relationship back on track. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples and it can work for your marriage. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program.

**August 23-25** to register call 1-800-470-2230 Or  
[www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org), [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org)

<http://www.foryourmarriage.org>

<https://nebraska-wwme.org>

<https://www.helpourmarriage.org>

### **Note From Fr. Vandewalle** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time C

"Will many be saved?" Jesus is asked. Perhaps if the answer was "few" I might feel "I'd better try harder." If the answer was many I'd think "I'm fine, I can coast." But Jesus replies "strive to enter through the narrow gate..." He is indicating the way of discipleship which includes taking up our cross; the key is to follow Jesus. The Council of Trent said that we should avoid either the extreme of 'presumption' - assuming we are automatically saved and need little effort - or despair that we can be saved.

Therefore, we stick with Jesus, get to know and love Jesus, through our lives of prayer, charity and virtue, and using the sacraments (especially Confession and the Eucharist - don't presume we don't need confession if Jesus gave it to us; don't despair if we feel our sin is too much for Jesus to forgive; He loves you more than you know and delights in giving you His Mercy). Then we WILL be saved. Finally, it is not JUST about getting to heaven; it is about our relationship with Jesus NOW. Jesus desires to give us SO MUCH now. Fr. Riccardo indicates that Jesus would tell us: "I have so very much to give you, so many riches, above all MYSELF. But I need you to come and pray so that I CAN give them to you." St. Alphonsus Ligouri simplifies it when he says: "Those who pray will be saved." How's your prayer life?

**Gateway to Life:** Scott Hahn Reflects on Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time *Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 117:1, 2; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30*

Jesus doesn't answer the question put to Him in this Sunday's Gospel. It profits us nothing to speculate on how many will be saved. What we need to know is what He tells us today—how to enter into salvation and how urgent it is to strive now, before the Master closes the door.

Jesus is "the narrow gate," the only way of salvation, the path by which all must travel to enter the kingdom of the Father (see John 14:6).

In Jesus, God has come—as He promises in this week's First Reading—to gather nations of every language, to reveal to them His glory.

Eating and drinking with them, teaching in their streets, Jesus in the Gospel is slowly making His way to Jerusalem. There, Isaiah's vision will be fulfilled: On the holy mountain He will be lifted up (see John 3:14), and He will draw to Himself brethren from among all the nations to worship in the heavenly Jerusalem, to glorify Him for His kindness, as we sing in today's Psalm.

In God's plan, the kingdom was proclaimed first to the Israelites and last to the Gentiles (see Romans 1:16; Acts 3:25-26), who in the Church have come from the earth's four corners to make up the new people of God (see Isaiah 43:5-6; Psalm 107:2-3).

Many, however, will lose their place at the heavenly table, Jesus warns. Refusing to accept His narrow way they will weaken, rendering themselves unknown to the Father (see Isaiah 63:15-16).

We don't want to be numbered among those of drooping hands and weak knees (see Isaiah 35:3). So, we must strive for that narrow gate, a way of hardship and suffering—the way of the beloved Son.

As this week's Epistle reminds us, by our trials we know we are truly God's sons and daughters. We are being disciplined by our afflictions, strengthened to walk that straight and narrow path—that we may enter the gate and take our place at the banquet of the righteous.

### **From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)**

#### **IV. Perservering in Love**

2742 "Pray constantly . . . always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father."33 St. Paul adds, "Pray at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance making supplication for all the saints."34 For "we have not been commanded to work, to keep watch and to fast constantly, but it has been laid down that we are to pray without ceasing."35 This tireless fervor can come only from love. Against our dullness and laziness, the battle of prayer is that of humble, trusting, and persevering love. This love opens our hearts to three enlightening and life-giving facts of faith about prayer.

2743 It is always possible to pray: the time of the Christian is that of the risen Christ who is with us always, no matter what tempests may arise.36 Our time is in the hands of God:

*It is possible to offer fervent prayer even while walking in public or strolling alone, or seated in your shop, . . . while buying or selling, . . . or even while cooking.*37

2744 Prayer is a vital necessity. Proof from the contrary is no less convincing: if we do not allow the Spirit to lead us, we fall back into the slavery of sin.38 How can the Holy Spirit be our life if our heart is far from him?

*Nothing is equal to prayer; for what is impossible it makes possible, what is difficult, easy. . . . For it is impossible, utterly impossible, for the man who prays eagerly and invokes God ceaselessly ever to sin.*39

*Those who pray are certainly saved; those who do not pray are certainly damned*40

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