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Mass Times & Intentions

Date	Time	Parish	Mass will be offered for:	Mass is offered by:
Mon., July 8	11:30 a.m.	SM	†Chuck Jansen	Greg & Barb Bonifas
Tues., July 9	11:30 a.m.	SM	†Mary Ann Schmit	The McCoy Family
Wed., July 10	11:30 a.m.	SM	†Donna Sisel	Sharon Nemecek
Thurs., July 11	11:30 a.m.	SM	†William & Patricia Hubl	Sacred Heart Lawrence
Fri., July 12	11:30 a.m.	SM	†Kathleen Gilsdorf Phillips/Sylakowski	Sacred Heart Lawrence
Sat., July 13	8:00 a.m.	SM	Intention of the Celebrant	
Sat., July 13	5:00 p.m.	SM	†Deb Dubas	Jeremy & Megan Dubas
Sun., July 14	8:15 a.m.	SM	†Chuck Jansen	Tom & Patti Frickel
Sun., July 14	10:45 a.m.	SJ	For the People of St. Mary's & St. Joseph's Parishes	

Notice

-Masses from July 8th-12th will be offered at 11:30 a.m.-

Confessions: 45 minutes before Saturday night and Sunday morning Masses; 35 minutes before daily Mass; and by appointment with Father

The Holy Rosary

20 minutes before Sunday Masses at both parishes; volunteers needed for every Saturday evening Mass at St. Mary's.

Prayer Chain

Call Diann Clay (402) 694-3832 or Jan Messman at (402) 694-2360 (janmessman@gmail.com)

Names of your loved ones will be removed from the prayer chain and the departed souls after one month. If you would like your loved one to remain on the list for an extended time, please contact Diann or Jan to have your loved one re-entered in the list. Thank you.

Please pray for the following: Shari Krejci; Joni Oswald; Brent Newman; Larry Naeve, Tom Cornwell, Father Ferdinand Boehme, and world peace.

Please pray for the following departed souls: †Chuck Jansen, †John Mahon, †Showraiah Marneni, †Jim Lohmeier, †Mary Ann Schmit, †Eugene Waskowiak, †Joan Fucinaro.

SEMINARIANS VOCATION PRAYERS: This week we pray for Scott Thomas Sullivan from St. Teresa in Lincoln. He is studying at St. Gregory the Great Seminary. His parents are Dan and Shelly Sullivan and he is a sibling to one brother and three sisters. He is also, by God's Providence, our seminarian leading the Totus Team in our parishes this week!

Building Fund Repayment

The Aurora Council of the Knight of Columbus is offering the parishioners of St. Mary's, and others, an opportunity to help reduce our building remodeling/expansion project debt and double the impact of your gift. By donating to this worthy cause, the K of C will match these donations dollar for dollar up to a maximum amount of \$10,000. If you would like to see your donation have double the impact, simply write 'Knights' on the memo line of your check. The deadline for this fundraising effort is September 1, 2019.

Remember your loved ones by please keeping them in your prayers and offering the Church's highest prayer, the Holy Mass for their Intention.

Healing and Equipping Ministry Events: Dr. Bob Schuchts and his team (Bart Schuchts, Kim Glass, Ken Kniepmann) will be coming to **St. Peter Church in Lincoln** to lead a "Healing the Whole Person Conference". **The conference will take place Thursday and Friday evenings, and all day Saturday (July 11-13, 2019).** Also, as short and separate event called a "**Day of Equipping**" will be held on **Friday, July 12, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** for anyone interested. These will be open to anyone interested (priests, religious, seminarians, novices, lay faithful). Former St. Mary's and St. Joseph's pastor, Father Craig Doty, encourages all in the Diocese to consider this ministry which can bring the great healing which our hearts desire. More information about the event is on their website: <https://jpiihealingcenter.org/>

Treasures of the Church: On Saturday July 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. located at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Geneva, NE a healing ministry, teaching and exposition of more than 150 sacred relics—some believe to be as old as 2,000 years. In addition, there will be a piece of a veil believe to have belonged to Our Lady. Presented by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross. (Attendees are encouraged to bring their articles of devotion like rosaries, holy cards, and pictures of ill friends/family members). The ministry has had reports of healing among a number of visitors to the exposition. For more information go to spiritcatholicradio.com/treasures

your spouse time away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. Enjoy a chance to talk and listen to that special someone who loves you! Enrich your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter. For more information call Pat and Janelle Benson at 308-940-1105 or visit wwme.org. **Must register 1 month prior to the event.**

2019-2020 CCD Teachers and Godteens Needed: St. Mary's and St. Joseph's is in need of a CCD coordinator, CCD teachers, and a freshman Godteen married couple!! If you would be willing to give your time to help our youth learn and develop a love for Our Lord please contact Father Grell or Navy! Complete listing of positions needed include: **Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 4th grade, 6th grade (after confirmation), CCD coordinator, CCD Classroom helpers and Freshman Godteen couple.** **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:** August 2-4, 2019 in Lincoln, NE at the Staybridge Suites. Give yourself and

TOTUS TUUS REGISTRATION: St. Mary & St. Joseph Parishes: Totus Tuus will be at St. Mary's Sunday, July 7th-Thursday July 11th for all students grades 9-12 and Monday, July 8th – Friday, July 12th for K-8. You may register online at stmarysaurora.org. The link to the form is on the home page under "Quick Links". Also needed are volunteers to provide meals for Totus Tuus Teachers and Father (Sunday after Mass on the 7th through Thursday).

St. Mary's Calendar of Events:

Sun., July 7	Totus Tuus in Aurora/ Giltner and goes through the 12th
Sun., July 14	Coffee & Rolls
Sun., July 14	Knights of Columbus Scholarship Picnic from 5:00-9:00 p.m.
Wed., July 17	Youth Unite! Adoration, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Calendar of Events:

Sun., July 7	Coffee & Rolls
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Collection	St. Mary's	St. Joseph's
Weekly Offering (adult envelopes)	\$1,275.00	\$192.00
Loose Plate	\$100.27	\$35.00
Children's	\$5.50	
Peter's Pence	\$360.00	\$150.00
Building	\$250.00	
Catholic Press Rebate		\$15.00
Total Collected on 29 th & 30 th	\$1,334.50	\$259.00

St. Mary's Ministry Schedule

Saturday, July 13	Acolyte: Brent Janda, Reader: Carol Ratzlaff, Greeters: Tim & Lee Ann Widhalm, Servers: Jake Cattau & Rylan Bartek, Gift Bearers: Tim & Lee Ann Widhalm
Sunday, June 14 8:15 a.m.	Acolyte: Tom Leininger, Reader: Ken Thiele, Greeters: Rick & Diane Bell, Servers: Daniel Romero & Landon Colburn, Gift Bearers: Rick & Diane Bell

St. Joseph's Ministry Schedule:

Sunday, June 14 10:45 a.m.	Gift Bearers: Brad & Traci Schutt Family
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From the Pastor—July 7, 2019

Flashbacks with Father I used to enjoy every trip with my dad and grandpa to the Farmer's Co-op Elevator in Beatrice. Often, it meant pestering Dad to buy me an Orange Crush pop, in a real glass pop bottle! The facility we utilized still exists and thrives very well, but it has different ownership and a different name now. I think most of you with farm backgrounds understand exactly what I mean when I refer to this place simply as the "Co-op". Our Co-op had a feed store component where we would buy supplies for our livestock and chickens. I loved the mingled smell of all the feeds as we would walk through and pick out what we needed. It is hard to describe the smell, but it is not hard to imagine it with my sense of smell all these years later. We would get chicken feed that went by the name "oyster shells". These little pellets were whitish in color. As I think of that term now, I am not sure what they were or what their nutritional value was, exactly. Correct me if I am wrongly saying this, but oysters are a crustacean, right? And so the shells that we fed our chickens must have been from harvested oysters from the ocean, either Pacific or Atlantic, or the Gulf of Mexico. As I write this I am not sure of this, as this sounds too exotic of a thing for chickens in a plain-looking chicken house on our family farm in Nebraska to be feeding upon. We also bought regular feed, which was in 50 lb. bags with tie off openings. (The oyster shells came in similar baggage, as I recall.) The other things we picked up at the Co-op feed store was salt blocks and mineral blocks for our white-faced Hereford cattle. I was never in FFA or Vo-Ag (neither was offered at Wymore Southern...to this day, I think that remains true), so I didn't know the way that such nutrition benefited our cattle in terms of raising them to be good beef cattle for sale. I just knew that when we threw a salt block over the fence, they came and licked away at it, their saliva flying everywhere! The mineral blocks, too, were "cherished" by our cattle; we put them into a rotating little feeder that sat on the ground with a circular, metal base. I even was enamored of the way we would order and buy the feed. We would go into the office and place our order. The clerk there (usually a lady named Judy Pribyl) would write up the order on carbon copy paper and give us a copy to take to the feed store. We were charged on account, I think, for the feed. We would take the feed slip to the feed store manager and he would direct us to what we needed. Dad (or Grandpa Grell, who we called "Bopper") would back up our 1965 pick-up to the loading dock to load our feed. Sometimes, no clerk was available in the feed store. Then, Judy trusted us to self-load on the honor system of what she had written up. *** I hope you have enjoyed this "Father Flashback"!

Fiscal Year End While it does not affect you, dear reader, in a substantive way, on June 30th, our fiscal year ended for St. Mary's and St. Joseph's. Some 10 years ago or so, the Diocese of Lincoln conformed all parishes to run their fiscal years from July 1 through June 30. Previously, when I was first ordained, the fiscal year matched the calendar year. *** The Diocese requires of each pastor reports for the fiscal year in two basic categories: Sacraments and Census; and Financial. Our parish staff will be working to produce the reports required by the Diocese, which are due July 31st. Then, I hope to be able to meet with parish members who serve on our Councils to share with them our results so that we can also share with all parishioners via the bulletin our results of FY '18-'19. *** The Diocese takes all data from the 134 parishes and makes a report to submit to the United States Bishop's Conference and the Nuncio (papal ambassador) in Washington, DC. Ultimately, our diocesan data ends up in Rome for review by the appropriate congregations who serve the Holy Father, Pope Francis. It is a rather fascinating (and uniting) thought that what we do in St. Mary's and St. Joseph's is

eventually amalgamated and analyzed at the national and universal level. It shows that our Church is truly one, holy, catholic, and apostolic, as we recite in the Creed each Sunday.

Doctoring I have shared with some of you via daily Mass or in conversation about some of my medical "doctoring" in recent weeks and months. I have an orthodontic string of brackets, elastics, and wire on my front bottom teeth. This has made me feel as if I am not enunciating well in homilies and at the consecration prayers of Mass. The result of this orthodontics will be worth it to help my teeth become more even on the bottom. Also, I have recently increased my eye prescription by a shade. This will help me read better; I do notice that sometimes when I proclaim the Gospel, I might misspeak a word or phrase. Finally, my gastroenterologist in Lincoln has been helping me since about March to overcome and/or adapt to a couple of situations in my health—nothing life threatening, but things which I am striving to do to better myself; to better myself to serve as God wants me to, and to feel better in general. *** Thank you for your prayers for my "doctoring"!

Precious Blood In the Church's marking of time, each month has a specific emphasis. While June was dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, July is dedicated to His Most Precious Blood. I encourage you in your personal prayers, especially as you pray the Sorrowful Mysteries, to meditate on the Blood of Our Savior, poured out for us. On the reverse of this page, please see the Litany of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

Peter's Pence Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, will help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link.

la Colecta Peter's Pence ¡Muchas gracias por su generoso apoyo la semana pasada a la Colecta Peter's Pence! Nuestras contribuciones, combinadas con aquellas de nuestros hermanos y hermanas alrededor del mundo, ayudarán al papa Francisco a proporcionar un asistencia esencial a los más necesitados. ¡Si no les fue posible contribuir a la colecta, todavía lo pueden hacer! Visiten www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, y haga clic en el enlace "How to Give".

Youth Unite! Our next gathering, for youth aged 14-22, will be July 17. This will be the final time for Youth Unite! for the summer. This coming week is Totus Tuus, so the focus is on those entering freshman year of high school through to those just graduated in 2019 from high school. These Wednesday evenings are serving our wonderful young people. See you at Youth Unite! on July 17, from 8:00-10:00 PM!

God Bless You!

Father Grell