

November 29, 2015  
First Sunday of Advent

# HOLY GHOST



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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Mon., Wed., & Fri.:** 8:00 am  
**First Friday of the month** All-day Adoration 8:30am with Benediction at 6:30 pm  
**Saturday:** 5:00 pm  
**Sunday:** January, March, May, July, September, November: 10am  
February, April, June, August, October, December: 7:30am

**DEVOTIONS TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP** Wednesday after 8:00am Mass.  
**EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTIONS & BENEDICTION** Friday after 8am Mass.

**CONFESSIONS:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday—7:45am, Saturday from 4pm-5pm or call the rectory for an appointment.

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES**  
Please call Rectory for appointment.

# SAINT MARY'S



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## FROM THE PASTOR



**This Friday, December 4th, is First Friday.** Do you include prayer and adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as part of your personal life. PRAYER is simply a loving conversation with God. It offers a time to RELATE to God in a personal way. ACKNOWLEDGE what we have received and take time to thank God. Adoration is so very important to help us deepen our love for God and His Son Jesus who waits for us in this sacrament of His Love. It doesn't matter what parish you are from; you are welcome to spend some time with the Lord at St. Mary's every First Friday. If you don't already have an hour, please join us on Friday, December 4th after the 8am Mass for personal prayer and attend Benediction at 6:30pm. If you would like to have a regular hour please contact Bev Donahue at 402-731-8628.

**Happy New (Liturgical) Year!** A new Church year begins with our celebration of the First Sunday of Advent. This season has a twofold character: it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God is remembered, and it is a time when, as we remember His birth on earth, our hearts and minds are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. In Preface I at Mass we hear, "He assumed at His first coming the lowliness of human flesh, and so fulfilled the design you (Father) formed long ago, and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, that, when He comes again in glory and majesty ... we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope."

**Memories of Nigeria:** On Sunday, November 29 at 3 p.m. I will be showing pictures and sharing memories about the things I experienced during the two weeks I spent there in October. It will be in Holy Ghost Church Hall and is open to members of both parishes and the public.. I have written a

22-page diary and would be happy to share it, especially by e-mail (as that will save paper). I will have a sign-up sheet available at the talk for this purpose or you could call Carrie at the office at Holy Ghost or Pati at St. Mary's to let them know and they could send it out. Remember, if stairs are an issue, there is an elevator at the north end of the church that will take you down.

**"Receive the Gift"** Each of us is called to respond in faith, knowing and trusting that God recognizes your willingness to live out the message of the Gospel. The deadline for this bulletin is Nov. 20 so the latest update we have is from Nov. 16: 37 donors from **St. Mary's Parish have promised \$10,270 (89.7%) of the goal of \$11,447 and 57 donors from Holy Ghost have promised \$5,465 (26.2%) of the goal of \$20,822.** You can either mail in your gift intention envelope or make a gift online at [give.archomaha.org](http://give.archomaha.org). Thank you for "receiving the gift," saying 'yes' and allowing the Lord to increase in your lives.

**Card Shower for Fr. Astuto:** The health of our faithful weekend helper for many years at St. Mary's is declining. I visited him a couple of weeks ago and observed that he is on oxygen all the time and receiving other care at home. I thought it would be nice to ask that cards and well-wishes be sent to him: Rev. Lucian Astuto, 15676 Webster Street, Omaha, NE 68118. Please remember him in your prayers.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December:** Universal Intention—**Experiencing God's Mercy:** That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving. Evangelization Intention—**Families:** That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

*Fr. Sanderson*

## REFLECTION

### Stewardship Reflection: November 29, 2015

#### 1st Sunday of Advent

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)*  
We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.



**CONNECT WITH US:** We've strengthened our social media, creating dialogue, inspiring people and encouraging others to spread our messages. Take a look at our new social media pages and "Like" and "Follow" us today.

**March for Life Pilgrimage 2016:** Register for the *March for Life 2016* from September 1 – November 16. This pilgrimage will take you to holy and historical sites in Washington, DC, as well as give you the opportunity to defend the right to life. For more information, contact Whitney Bradley at 402.551.9003, ext. 1306 or email her at [wabradley@archomaha.org](mailto:wabradley@archomaha.org).

Yes, I would like to become a member of:

St. Mary's     Holy Ghost

Please circle one

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please drop in the collection basket.*

# ST. MARY'S

**Christmas Breakfast Social** at St. Mary's will be Sunday, December 6th after the 7:30am SM Mass and 10am HG Mass in the Seton Center (Church Basement). There will be some surprises and a wonderful bake sale. We will serve from 8am to Noon our "usual" biscuits & gravy, waffles with strawberries and cream, sausage and drinks. Bring the family! Free Will Offering!

**Also, we will need your help with baked goodies** for the bake sale. Please bring your baked goods during the breakfast.

**Remember if you or a family member** are entering the hospital, please call the Rectory at 402-731-0204 and notify us so that we may extend care to you.

**Prayer Line:** please call Bev Donahue for Prayer Requests at 402-731-8628.



**Advent / Christmas Baby Shower:** Boxes are available by the doors at St. Mary's for your donations for our annual collection of items for babies to be donated to the Pregnancy Center, Bellevue. Clothing items, blankets, layettes, diapers, baby toys and other appropriate gifts (which need not be wrapped) are welcome. They are distributed to women in crisis situations who have elected to give their babies life rather than abort them.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Connie Vancil of our parish who passed away last week.**

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## ADVENT

*(Daily Thoughts and Scripture Readings to Prepare for Christ's coming)*

29	30	1	2	3	4	5
<b>God's Promises Now Fulfilled</b>	<b>Follow Me!</b>	<b>Be Open to God</b>	<b>Feed the Hungry</b>	<b>Act on God's Word</b>	<b>God is My Light and Salvation</b>	<b>Don't Seek Rewards</b>
God's promise to save us is now fulfilled.	Like Andrew, say "yes" right away to Jesus.	God is revealed to us when we are expectant as children.	What can we do this Advent to help the hungry?	Trust in God is expressed in our daily loving actions.	Open our eyes to God's presence around us today.	Do something good today without seeking thanks.
<i>Jeremiah 33:14-15</i>	<i>Matthew 4:19-20</i>	<i>Luke 10:21</i>	<i>Matthew 15:32</i>	<i>Matthew 7:24-25</i>	<i>Psalms 27:1</i>	<i>Matthew 10:8</i>

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**St. Cecilia Day: Sunday, November 22, 2015.** A concert celebrating St. Cecilia, the Archdiocese of Omaha patron and patron of musicians, is scheduled Sunday, November 22, 3:00 p.m. at St. Cecilia Cathedral, 701 N. 40th St., Omaha. Admission is free. For more information contact Dr. Marie Rubis Bauer at 402.553.5524, ext. 2.

**Winter Sports Tip-Off and Free Chili and Chili Dogs** Monday, November 23, 2015. Roncalli Catholic High School is having the annual sports tip-off and chili feed on Monday, November 23, 5:45-7:45 p.m. at the Roncalli Catholic Student Center, 6401 Sorensen Pkwy., Omaha.

**NATIVITY DISPLAY EVENT CELEBRATION, ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH,** 102 So. 9th Street in Springfield, NE.  
 Saturday, November 28 – 8:30am – 7:00pm  
 Sunday, November 29 – 8:00am – 2:00pm  
 Come celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with a family friendly event featuring Nativity Displays. Hundreds of Nativity scenes provided by local residents will be on display in the Church Social Hall. Children and adults are invited to shop at the St. Nick's Gift Shop with prices affordable for all. Enjoy treats from the Bake Shop during your visit. A raffle will be held in conjunction with the event. Lunch will be provided by the Knights of Columbus. Proceeds from the Raffle will

benefit the needy in the Springfield area with proceeds from the Bake Shop benefitting the Religious Ed Building Fund. Free Will donations will be graciously accepted.

**Advent Mass and Dessert Potluck,** Monday, December 7, 2015. Archbishop Emeritus Elden F. Curtiss is celebrating an Advent Mass on Monday, December 7, 12:00 p.m. at the Archdiocesan Retreat Center Chapel, 3300 N. 60th St., Omaha. Bring your own lunch and stay after Mass to enjoy fellowship. Ice water and tea are provided. Bring your favorite snack to share. Please RSVP by Thursday, December 3 to Laurel at 402.829.9283.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** St Joan of Arc church, located two blocks north of 74th & Grover, has perpetual adoration/exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The church is open 24 hours a day. You are welcome to pray and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. For information about nighttime hours, please contact Rachel Burns at 402.658.8418.



# HOLY GHOST NEWS



**May the Lord grant peace and consolation** to the families of Kathryn Madej and Margaret Sykora.

**Religious Education classes** will be held on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-7:45pm.



**Our next "Husker Night at Holy Ghost"** will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in the social hall. The speaker for the evening is Matt Davison or Steve Sipple. Adults \$8 and children \$4. Go Big Red!

**Women's Club annual Children's Advent Party** is next Sunday after 10am Mass in the social hall. If your child would like to join us please RSVP the Parish office (402-731-3176) by Friday. Hope to see you there.

**This week St. Vincent de Paul begins their annual Advent Angels.** Like previous years we are sponsoring The Stephens Center and The Bethlehem House.

Each advent angel tag has an item that these Centers need. We ask that you take an angel tag and purchase the item listed.

**Do not** wrap the items - **Do** attach the tag. Bring to church no later than December 13th.

We will need help in the following ways:

1. Next two weekends after Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. masses to move packages from church to the rectory.
2. Sort and package the items after 10 a.m. mass on December 13 in the rectory.

Thank you for sharing the gift of Christ's love.  
Questions: Call Deacon Al or Terri Aulner 402-734-4557

**Women's Club would like to thank everyone** who bought bread from our annual Bread Bake! Also, a huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard make the bread bake a huge success!

**Holy Ghost will once again be selling Scrip** for the upcoming holiday season. Please see the insert in the bulletin this week. If you have any questions please call the Parish Office at 402-731-3176.



**Our annual Children's Advent Party** will be held on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 am. All children of both parishes are invited. More information will be in next weeks bulletin.

**BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES:** Please call the Rectory for an appointment.

**If you, a family member,** or someone you know is ill, homebound or hospitalized and would like to receive the Eucharist please call the Parish Office at 402-731-3176.



**The following members of our Parish, or loved ones of our Parishioners are now or recently have been in the hospital. May our Lord grant them a speedy recovery and return them to their families in perfect health:**

Steve Belmudez (brother of Kathy Mentzer, uncle of Michael Balkus)	Ethan Eihersen (great grandson of Dee Clapp)	Joyce Pace (sister of Kathy Mentzer)
Brent Bertrand	Ann Fitzgerald	Thelma Padilla
George Bogatz	Larry Hahn	Maxine Riskowski
Robert Broich	Ed Hazuka	Gladys Sedlak
Judy Budka	Cheryl Koziel (daughter of Jackie Peroutka)	Oliver Albert Smith
Curt Buechler	George Kurlmel	Michaela Swartzell
Phil Busch (Brother of Norita Byrne)	Joyce Lacroix	James Sykora
Carol Cheloha	Dorlene Marode	Charlotte Vinton (sister of Brenda Tylkowski)
Chuck Cheloha	Darlene McKinley	Danny Watkins (brother of Brenda Tylkowski)
Ronald Cisar	Harry Olsen	

**Let us also remember in our prayers the following that are in care centers, homebound or need healing:**

Rick Becerra	Debra Iwanski	Larry Petersen
Annette Beetham	Sophie Johnson	Jim Philbrick
Jean Buechler	Sally Krance	Kathy Sheldon
Irene Butts	Bernie Krawczyk	John Skocpol
Drew Callahan	Mary Lampe	Charles Skokan
Joe Conrad	Joanne Leutzinger	Andy Sommer
Patty Dworak	Edward Machacek	Shirley Stodolka
John Farrell	Mary Makara	Lucille Stuczynski
Grant Flott	Dorlene Marode	Irene Suchy
Jacob Fraser	Fran McLaughlin	Peg Sykora
Betty Gentile	Marian Nekuda	Melissa Tylkowski
Susan Greenhagen	Janet Nicholas	Richard Van Sant
Kim Hall	Margaret Nicola	Mari Ann Wilke
Marian Hannan	Marjorie Niedbaski	Joann Winkler
Ed Hazuka	Marie Pallas	



**Please also pray for our loved ones who are currently serving our Country:**

Lenny Arenas V.	Tim Gouger	Chase Pofahl
Jacob Aulner	Greg Graham	Tyler Pofahl
Michael Aulner	Jesse Gustafson	Timothy Robertson
Michael J. Baker	Daniel Homan	Gary Smith
Robert Blume	Suzie Homan	Becky & Zach Spurgeon
Nick Burton	Kevin Kersey	Joseph M. Vickers
Sean Byers	Nick Lokamas	Justin M. Vickers
Ty Campbell	Allen M. Novotny	Mike Vickers
Dane Flott	Lexi Oropeza	Jim White
Stephen Gonifas	Mike Pihlgren	

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## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Saturday, November 28**

5:00 pm † Tom Kinsella - Mary Townley

**Sunday, November 29**

7:30 am † Henry & Mary Whitney - Richard Novak

**Tuesday, December 1**

7:00 am † James Connelly - Bob & Grace Kosiski

**Thursday, December 3**

7:00 am † Mary Rudol - Rich & Carmen Hood

## Second Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 5**

5:00 pm † Lewis Kaluza - Family & Friends

**Sunday, December 6**

10:00 am People of St. Mary's & Holy Ghost

## LITURGICAL ROLES

**Saturday, December 5 5:00pm**

Deacon Andy Sommer  
Sacristan Marita Grebl  
Lector Mary Partusch  
EMHC Nellie Hadley, Michelle Martinez, Jodi May, Marie Savine  
Altar Servers Andrew Baber, Kylie Gruver, Patrick Kuehn  
Gift Bearer Diane Quaiver, Kim Tweedy  
Greeter Margie Stoyrich-Noordam, Joe Noordam, Josh Noordam

**Sunday, December 6 10:00am**

Deacon Al Aulner  
Sacristan Terri Aulner  
Lector Sarah Aulner  
EMHC Jeanne Bolubasz, Carrie Kaczmarek, Kathy McCandless, Melissa Murphy  
Altar Servers Johnny Kaczmarek, Justin Kaczmarek, Kiera Murphy  
Gift Bearer Janice Callahan, Pam Labanowski  
Greeter Deb Ray, Jerri Underwood

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS—NOVEMBER 22, 2015  
NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGAN JULY 1, 2015**

*Due to the Thanksgiving holiday we have no collection update this weekend.*

# ST. MARY'S

## MASSES THIS WEEK

**Saturday, November 28**

5:00 pm † Terry Quinn

**Sunday, November 29**

10:00 am † John Hornung

**Monday, November 30**

8:00 am † Evelyn Thompson

**Wednesday, December 2**

8:00 am † Joyce Rynazewski

**Friday, December 4**

8:00 am People of St. Mary's & Holy Ghost

## Second Sunday of Advent

**Saturday, December 5**

5:00 pm † Maynard Krzycki

**Sunday, December 6**

7:30 am † Betty Hanna

## LITURGICAL ROLES

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, Dec 5 5:00pm M Hayes/B Donahue  
Sunday, Dec 6 7:30am Bill Smith

### Readers of the Word

Saturday, Dec 5 5:00pm Pat Owens  
Sunday, Dec 6 7:30am Lois Nemece

### Mass Servers

Saturday, Dec 5 5:00pm J Donahue/D Jimenez  
Sunday, Dec 6 7:30am M Ficenece/T Gardner

## SEVEN DAY VOTIVE LIGHT

The votive lights burning by the Statues in the Sanctuary are for:

Legal Problems

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*The bulletin had to be submitted early.  
There is no financial information available for the week of November 22, 2015.*