

Dec 27, 2015
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

HOLY GHOST



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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Thursday: 7:00am
Saturday: 5:00pm
Sunday: January, March, May, July,
September, November: 7:30am
February, April, June, August,
October, December: 10:00am

TRUSTEE: John Martinez
PARISH COUNCIL

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Not finding [Jesus], they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:45-47

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Office Hours: Open Monday & Tuesday 8am to 4:30pm
Friday 8am to Noon—Closed Wednesday, Thursday all day, Friday Noon

PARISH PERSONNEL

Pastor: Rev. William E. Sanderson
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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.

EUCARISTIC 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



3529 Q ST. • OMAHA, NEBRASKA 68107

FROM THE PASTOR

Thank you to all who remembered me at Christmas with such kindness. I appreciate your cards and gifts so very much. I also offer my profound thanks to all who helped decorate the churches, provide the music and ceremonies to make our celebration of Christ's birth so beautiful. God will certainly reward you.



Planning Meeting: St. Mary's Irish Dinner will be here before we know it. There will be an important planning meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Seton Center. With our repairs bills and our consortium schools subsidies we need everyone's help to make this a success.

St. Mary's Altar Society: There is a special envelope in your box for a collection for the Altar Society. Even though we don't have an active group as such your donations in this envelope are used to take care of things needed for the altar, sanctuary and sacristy. Thank you for helping.

January 1 is a Holy Day of Obligation: There will be Mass at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31 at both St. Mary's and Holy Ghost and on Thursday, January 1 at 8 a.m. at Holy Ghost and 10 a.m. at St. Mary's. It is a mortal sin to miss Mass on holy days unless there is a very serious reason. Staying out too late on New Year's Eve is NOT considered a serious reason.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains holy days of obligation this way: On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body.

Family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest. The faithful should see to it that legitimate excuses do not lead to habits prejudicial to religion, family life, and health [CCC 2185].

The six Holy Days of Obligation observed in the U.S. are: Mary, Mother of God, January 1; Ascension Thursday, 40 days after Easter; Assumption of Mary, August 15; All Saints, November 1, Immaculate Conception, December 8; Christmas, December 25. When a holy day falls on a Monday or Saturday attendance is optional, except Immaculate Conception, December 8. That is because that is the patronal feast for the United States.

Thank you to Korisko, Larkin, Staskiewicz Funeral Home for providing the calendars for both Holy Ghost and St. Mary's.

First Friday Adoration for January: Because First Friday falls on a Holy Day this year there will be no all-day adoration. The next scheduled date will be Fri., Feb. 5.

St. Mary's Parish Council Members are reminded the next meeting will be Thursday, January 21 at 7 p.m. in the rectory meeting room.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for January: Universal Intention –Interreligious Dialogue: That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice. Evangelization Intention— Christian Unity: That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.

New Vestments at Holy Ghost: We will have to wait a little longer to see them. Two of the sets that were sent had the priest and deacon vestment fabrics from two different dye lots that were not a good match so they were sent back to see if they could do a better job.

Fr. Sanderson

REFLECTION

Stewardship Reflection: December 27, 2015

Feast of the Holy Family

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

Word of Life: "Regardless of our circumstances and whether people acknowledge it, nothing and no one can take away our God-given dignity."

— USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program "Maggie's Story: Living like Dad" www.goo.gl/JKkvWc

Yes, I would like to become a member of:

St. Mary's Holy Ghost

Please circle one

Mr./Mrs./Miss/Ms. _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Please drop in the collection basket.

ST. MARY'S

Lectors, EMEs, and Altar Servers: We need volunteers to serve for the Solemnity of Mary Masses at St. Mary's. They are Thursday, December 31st at 5pm and Friday, January 1st at 10am. Please contact the parish office to let us know when you can serve. Thank you.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Allen Eggert of St. Mary's who passed away last week. His funeral was held at St. Mary's on December 16th.

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

Contribution envelopes for 2016 are on the back tables of the church. They are in alphabetical order. If you do not find a box with your name on it, please call the rectory.

St. Mary's Parish Office will be closed on Friday, January 1st. We will be open Monday & Tuesday, December 28 & 29 from 8am to 4:30pm as usual.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Coping With Life Alone: Coping with Life Alone will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Pius X Church, 6905 Blondo St, beginning January 11, 2016. It is a six-week program for widowed, divorced, and separated. For more information call Kay Buhman at the Center for Family Life Formation, 402-551-9003, ext 1304 or email ekbuhman@archomaha.org; or visit www.beginningexperienceofomaha.org. Preregistration is required, cost is \$25.00.

Ryan High New Year's Eve Party (All Classes), Thursday, December 31, 2015—3:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at Horsemen's Park Turf Room—6303 Q St; Omaha, Nebraska Cash Bar. Food purchased from Menu

Comprehensive Sex Education in Omaha Public Schools – Updated Board Meeting Schedule: Your help is needed to stop comprehensive sex education (CSE) in the Omaha Public Schools (OPS).

As noted by the [Catholic Education Resource Center](#), "...today's typical programs are not designed to warn the kids away from permissive and harmful sex experiences at all.

Rather, what they really aim at is breaking down traditional morality and sexual inhibitions...."

Catholics, particularly those who live within the OPS district, are strongly encouraged to show up at one (or more) of the upcoming School Board meetings in opposition to the implementation of CSE. There is no need to address the Board, however, patrons who also desire to do so should plan to arrive by 6:00 p.m. and complete a pink request sheet which is turned into the Board secretary by 6:20 p.m. OPS Board meetings, held in the TAC building at 3215 Cuming Street, are scheduled as follows:

January 4, 2016 and January 20, 2016

Catholic Charities Cars for Kids: Donate your vehicle to Cars for Kids at Catholic Charities Omaha and make a valuable contribution to help children in need right here in our community. Donating is EASY - any vehicle is accepted, as well as working motorcycles, RV's, campers, personal water craft, and boats. Call the Cars for Kids donation line (402) 829-9241 to donate today or visit ccomaha.org. Your donation will support children in need served by Catholic Charities.

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May the Lord grant peace and consolation to the families of *Harry Olsen* and *Renee Heyenga*.

There will be no 7am Mass on Tuesday, December 29th at Holy Ghost.

The parish office will be closed on Friday, January 1st for the New Year holiday.

Help Wanted! The Church Cleaning crew is in need of two more volunteers. If you are interested please call the parish office. Thank you!

If you have moved or have changed your phone number please contact the parish office so that we may update your information.

THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Reminder that all donations for 2015 must be to the parish office by December 31st to be counted for this year.

The Holy Ghost Women's Club would like to apologize for selling out of the Cinnamon Rolls last Sunday. We did not anticipate the number of faithful parishioners from Holy Ghost and now St. Mary's who came down after mass to enjoy the fresh cinnamon rolls and fellowship building of our "sister" parishes. For those who we turned away empty-handed and those who wanted to purchase to take home, we are truly sorry. We are scheduled again for February 21st, AND we will order an extra case, so please mark your calendars and come and join us.

Sincerely,
H.G. Women's Club

HOLY GHOST NEWS (PAGE 2)

LITURGICAL ROLES for Solemnity of Mary Masses

Thursday, December 31 5:00pm

Deacon	Tom Schulte
Sacristan	Kathy Schulte
Lector	Chris Sommer
EMHC	Nellie Hadley, Marsha Pavel
Altar Servers	Henry Becerra, Larry Rudol
Gift Bearer	Doroteo Mendoza, Maria Mendoza
Greeter	Bob and Gretchen White

Friday, January 1 8:00am

Deacon	Al Aulner
Sacristan	Terri Aulner
Lector	Sarah Aulner
EMHC	Glenda Sempek, Ray Sempek
Altar Servers	Andrew Baber, Kiera Murphy
Gift Bearer	Ron and Melissa Murphy
Greeter	Phyllis McIntosh, Diane Quaver

ADULTS—PLEASE READ! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Since the closing of the school we have relied on adult Altar Servers to serve at Mass when we have a funeral. We currently have only 4 adult Altar Servers who cover the funeral Masses and occasionally it is not possible for some to be there to help on a particular date.

We need to add more adult Altar Servers to the group so everyone's load is lightened and we are ensured coverage of the funerals. We also use adult Altar Servers at the 7:30am Mass on Sundays every other month and it would make it more convenient for everyone if we had a few more men and women from the parish step up to help.

Would you be able to help serve at 7:30am Mass occasionally?

Do you have mornings available to help with an occasional funeral?

BENEFITS:

- Free, friendly training
- Be of service to others in the parish
- Take part in a rewarding ministry
- Belong to a team of dedicated Altar Servers
- Receive God's blessings in "surprising" ways

DON'T DELAY—CALL TODAY

Please call Tom Schulte (402-731-3599) and we can visit about how you can fit in to help with this important ministry to our parish!

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	Donna Hansen	Gladys Sedlak
Judy Budka	Ed Hazuka	Oliver Albert Smith
Curt Buechler	Cheryl Koziel (daughter of Jackie Peroutka)	Michaela Swartzell
Colin Burkhalter	George Kurlmel	James Sykora
Phil Busch (Brother of Norita Byrne)	Joyce Lacroix	Charlotte Vinton (sister of Brenda Tylkowski)
Carol Cheloha	Dorlene Marode	Danny Watkins (brother of Brenda Tylkowski)
Chuck Cheloha	Darlene McKinley	

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
Ronald Cisar	Joanne Leutzinger	Andy Sommer
Joe Conrad	Edward Machacek	Shirley Stodolka
Patty Dworak	Mary Makara	Lucille Stuczynski
John Farrell	Dorlene Marode	Irene Suchy
Grant Flott	Fran McLaughlin	Melissa Tylkowski
Jacob Fraser	Marian Nekuda	Richard Van Sant
Betty Gentile	Janet Nicholas	Mari Ann Wilke
Kim Hall	Margaret Nicola	Joann Winkler
Marian Hannan	Marjorie Niedbaski	
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	

HOLY GHOST

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 26

5:00 pm † *Ed Nicola - Family*

Sunday, December 27

10:00 am † *Jean Wurtele - Hauder Family*

Tuesday, December 29—NO MASS

Thursday, December 31—Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass

5:00 pm † *Alice McNerney - Family*

Friday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary

8:00 am † *Raymond Nowak - Bill McAndrews*

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2

5:00 pm † *Richard Mahoney - Family*

Sunday, January 3

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

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 2 5:00pm

Deacon Andy Sommer

Sacristan Kathy Schulte

Lector Rich Hood

EMHC Jodi May, Heather Slizoski,
Mary Townley, Kim Tweedy

Altar Servers Mia Childers, Johnny Kaczmarek,
Breanna Reed

Gift Bearer Brian and Michaela Drewel

Greeter Ann Fitzgerald, Ann Thompson

Sunday, January 3 10:00am

Deacon Al Aulner

Sacristan Kathy Ulrich

Lector Teresa Riskowski

EMHC Ron Madej, Marie Savine,
Mary Ann White

Altar Servers Mark Mapes, Deb Ray

Gift Bearer Larry and Marilyn Dyer

Greeter John Krayneski Jr.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS—DECEMBER 13, 2015
NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGAN JULY 1, 2015**

Needs: \$5,500.00

Collection: \$6,045.00

YTD Needs: \$132,000.00

YTD Collection: \$100,913.00

Shortage: \$31,087.00

ST. MARY'S

MASSES THIS WEEK

Saturday, December 26

5:00 pm † *Bob Rodgers*

Sunday, December 27

7:30 am † *Mercedes Jimenez*

Monday, December 28—NO MASS

Wednesday, December 30—NO MASS

Thursday, December 31—Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass

5:00 pm † *Terry Quinn*

Friday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary

10:00 am † *All Souls*

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 2

5:00 pm † *Jean Laux*

Sunday, January 3

10:00 am † *Helen M. Sopcich*

LITURGICAL ROLES

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Saturday, Jan 2 5:00pm Rich & Pat Owens

Sunday, Jan 3 10:00am Tom & Sue Dyrda

Readers of the Word

Saturday, Jan 2 5:00pm Carol Dudzik

Sunday, Jan 3 10:00am Don Ficeneck

Mass Servers

Saturday, Jan 2 5:00pm J Donahue/D Jimenez

Sunday, Jan 3 10:00am Tom & Stephen Ryck

SEVEN DAY VOTIVE LIGHT

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

† *Stanley & Elsie Mendyk*
Legal Problems

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS—DECEMBER 21, 2015
NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGAN JULY 1, 2015**

*The bulletin had to be submitted early.
There is no financial information available for the
week of December 21, 2015.*