

HAVE A BLESSED
new year



FAMILY OF CHURCHES

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE, PLAINVIEW

ST. MARY OF THE SEVEN DOLORS,
OSMOND

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL,
RANDOLPH

ST. MICHAEL, COLERIDGE

HOLY TRINITY, HARTINGTON

ST. PETER, NEWCASTLE

ST. JOSEPH, PONCA

Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00am Mass - Holy Trinity - Hart

L/D Todd Wiebelhaus Family

9:00am Mass - St J Frances - Rand

People of Holy Spirit Catholic Parishes

TUESDAY JANUARY 2

8:05am Mass - Holy Trinity - Hart

† Jacob Keiter (C: 7:40am)

L/D Francis & Irene Wortmann

8:15am Mass - St Mary - Osmond

† Norbert Krienert (C: 7:50am)

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3

8:00am Mass - St J Frances - Rand

† Larry Temme (C: 7:40am)

2:00pm Mass - Hartington Nursing Home

Sp Int Arbor Care Residents

THURSDAY JANUARY 4

8:05am Mass - Holy Trinity - Hart

L/D Mary Arens Family (C: 7:40am)

8:15am Mass - St Mary - Osmond

† Dorothy & Michael St. Arnold
(C: 7:50am)

FRIDAY JANUARY 5

First Friday

8:05am Mass - Holy Trinity - Hart

All Soul's Day Intention (C: 7:40am)

SATURDAY JANUARY 6

6:00pm Mass - Holy Trinity - Hart

People of Holy Spirit Catholic Parishes
(C: 5:15pm)

6:00pm Mass - St Paul - Plainview

Descendants of Kathy Swoboda Family
(C: 5:30pm)

SUNDAY JANUARY 7

8:00am Mass - St Joseph - Ponca

† John M Lynch (C: 7:30am)

† Earl C Bogard

8:00am Mass - St J Frances - Rand

† Marlin VanSlyke (C: 7:30am)

10:30am Mass - Holy Trinity - Hart

† Dan Leise (C: 10:00am)

10:30am Mass - St Mary - Osmond

† Eugene Schmit (C: 10:00am)

ONE FAMILY: IGNITING FAITH, NURTURING COMPASSION, PRODUCING DISCIPLES



HOLY SPIRIT PARISHES INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE PHYSICAL ADDRESS

406 South Broadway
Hartington, NE 68739

MAILING ADDRESS

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Hartington, NE 68739

OFFICE HOURS

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Friday: 8:30am to Noon

PARISH OFFICE

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Confession Schedule: Confession times
will be noted above as (C: time)

Sunday December 31, 2023

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK BY FR. OWEN KORTE

MERRY CHRISTMAS: Believe it or not, the Christmas Season might be short but it lasts long after the stores have removed every evidence of Christmas. Traditionally, it lasted until the Presentation of Jesus on Feb. 2. Now, we return to Ordinary time right after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord which this year we celebrate on Monday, Jan. 8.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Weekend of Dec. 30-31: Normal Mass Schedule.

January 1 is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 9am at both Holy Trinity and St. Jane Frances.

FIRST FRIDAY AT HT: Mass is at 8:05am and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament goes all day until the closing service at 2:50pm. Adoration people who are signed up for these hours, please show up. Exposed Blessed Sacrament is not to be left unattended.

FR. KORTE ON VACATION: I will be gone from the parish Jan. 8 until Jan. 16. I'm driving with my cousin to Huntsville, AL to visit her son and family. Stopping in St. Louis there and back to visit other relatives.

ASK A PRIEST: Send your questions about the faith to: owkorte@archomaha.org.

Questions and answers will be printed in the bulletin.



Here are the Retired Priest Addresses we were able to locate - it's not too late to show your appreciation and send Christmas/New Year greetings:

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: Check out my new Facebook page for all the information you could ask for about the Congress this coming July. Its called: *Nebraska Pilgrimage to Eucharistic Congress*. I can count on 25 so far coming along on the bus pilgrimage. There's still time to register. We are about 7 months off. **WE NOW HAVE 26 SIGNED UP.**

CLEAR PATH TO INTENTIONAL AND FRUITFUL DISCIPLESHIP: We are working behind the scenes to construct a map for parishioners so they know what they need to do to move along the path to becoming Intentional and Fruitful Disciples of Jesus. We have made some progress in the formation of small groups and the School of Mission is how we form people in being leaders in our small groups. Now it is time to form our leaders even more. One can have a spiritual experience of God in their lives but if it is not nurtured with a community of people who want to grow spiritually...it will fade away. We are planning a gathering of all of our Small Group Leaders in January. **We are planning for Saturday, January 6.** Please mark your calendars now. It's very important that this be a priority for all our Small group leaders and anyone who has gone through the School of Mission over the past several years. Please, figure out a way to be there. I guarantee it will be worth it. Fr. OK

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Attention all members of the HSCP Pastoral Council and all members of the Stewardship Councils of the 7 parishes: **Saturday, Feb. 11, 2024: 9:00-11:30am OUR PURPOSE-OUR MISSION RETREAT** More details later. Includes lunch.

Christmas Greetings	Rev. Paul Albenesius	PO Box 151 Jackson, NE 68743
	Rev. Ronald Battiato	7323 Shirley St, Apt. 214 Omaha, NE 68124
	Rev. James M. Buckley	Fraternity of St Peter Our Lady of Guadalupe PO Box 147 Denton, NE 68339
	Rev. Dennis U. DeGuzman	320 Calumet Ave Altus, OK 73521
	Rev. Franklin A. Dvorak	7323 Shirley St, Apt. 111 Omaha, NE 68124
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	Rev. James V. Kramper	58664 885 Rd Newcastle, NE 68757
	Rev. David F. Liewer	315 S Madison St Coleridge, NE 68757
	Most Rev. Steven J. Lopes	Ordinariate of St Peter PO Box 55206 Houston TX 77255
	Rev. William E. Sanderson	7065 Woodmore Terrace LakeWood Ranch, FL 34202
	Rev. Michael Schmitz	200 Benedictine Ln Yankton, SD 57078
	Rev. Donald W. Shane	11117 Jones St Omaha, NE 68154
	Rev. Andrew L. Sohm	1325 S 157th Court #103 Omaha, NE 68130
	Rev. Daniel F. Soltys	7323 Shirley St. Omaha, NE 68124
	Rev. Steven Stillmunks	10472 Beach Blvd Jacksonville, FL 32246
	Rev. William S. Whelan	900 N 90th St Apt 237 New Cassel Retirement Center Omaha, NE 68114





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*God, you became human through the obedience
of a simple young woman named Mary.
Mary is our model of faith.
May we be faithful to your word as Mary was.
Give us the courage to face each day
with the yes that Mary gave to you.
We ask this through the incarnate God,
who comes to us again during this Christmas season.
Amen.*

**WITH THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS,
THE BULLETIN DEADLINES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

JANUARY 7TH 2024 BULLETIN - DUE FRI DEC 29TH AT NOON

(BACK TO NORMAL)

JANUARY 14TH BULLETIN - DUE MON JAN 8TH AT NOON



RCIA Rite of Christian
Initiation for Adults



Holy Spirit Catholic Parishes RCIA Program

Monday evenings 6:30pm - 8pm

at the St. Michael's church basement in Coleridge

Everyone is welcome to join us, including Catholics wishing to grow deeper in their understanding of the Catholic faith.

Anyone interested in joining the Catholic church can also contact Fr. Vogel at 402-337-0644 or kwvogel@archomaha.org

January 1 - NO CLASS - Mother of God

Bringing a Sexual Abuse Complaint

- 1) Call Child Protective services 800-652-1999 and/or
- 2) Call Mary Beth Hanus, Archdiocese Victim Assistance Coordinator: 888-808-9055

The Holy Family / December 31, 2023

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 3:4-5)

Psalm: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

Second Reading: By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age—and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel: The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

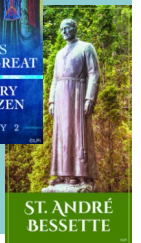
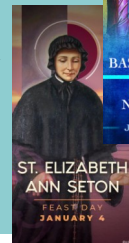
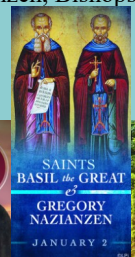
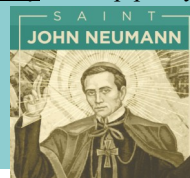
Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord



THE WEEK AHEAD AT A GLANCE...

See what's happening in our Catholic parishes

SEE FRONT PAGE FOR MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY (New Year's Eve) **DECEMBER 31ST**

MONDAY (New Year's Day) **JANUARY 1ST**

Happy New Year! Holy Day - The Holy Mother of God
Parish Office Closed

TUESDAY **JANUARY 2ND**

WEDNESDAY **JANUARY 3RD**

THURSDAY **JANUARY 4TH**

Back to School

FRIDAY (DAY OF PENANCE) **JANUARY 5TH**

1st Friday

Parish Office Closed at Noon

5:00-7:00pm - Development Blue Ribbon Epiphany Celebration

SATURDAY **JANUARY 6TH**

8:30am - Small Group Leaders Mtg - KC Hall

SUNDAY **JANUARY 7TH**

9:00am - SJFR - CYO Chili Prep and Mtg

Holy Trinity-Hartington**Financial Update – December 17, 2023****Average Weekly Need: \$29,879.88!**

Sunday Env & ACH.....\$ 19,573.02
 Average Sunday Env & ACH needed \$11,695.67
 Average Sun. Env & ACH - week 25 of fiscal year \$10,668.21
 Tuition, Misc, Gala Funds...\$ 26,101.83
 Total Weekly Income.....\$ 45,674.85
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Income:\$ 731,077.03
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Exp.: \$ 743,020.40
 Fiscal YTD Excess/(Deficit):\$ -(11,943.37)

St. Peter-Newcastle**Financial Update – December 17, 2023****Average Weekly Need: \$885.00!**

Sunday Env & ACH.....\$ 1,390.00
 Average Sunday Env & ACH needed \$773.00
 Average Sun. Env & ACH - week 25 of fiscal year \$887.20
 Misc.....\$ 360.00
 Total Weekly Income.....\$ 1,750.00
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Income:\$ 28,814.52
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Exp.: \$ 28,702.19
 Fiscal YTD Excess/(Deficit):\$ 112.33

St. Mary-Osmond**Financial Update – December 17, 2023****Average Weekly Need: \$11,026.92!**

Sunday Env & ACH.....\$ 4,547.00
 School Sunday Env.....\$ 50.00
 Tuition, Misc.....\$ 887.00
 Total Weekly Income.....\$ 5,484.00
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Income:\$ 271,731.89
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Exp.: \$ 301,647.50
 Fiscal YTD Excess/(Deficit):\$-(29,915.61)
 Average Weekly Income.....\$ 10,869.28

St. Paul-Plainview**Financial Update – December 17, 2023****Average Weekly Need: \$1,958.65!**

Sunday Env & ACH.....\$ 955.00
 Average Sunday Env & ACH needed \$1,038.46
 Average Sun. Env & ACH - week 25 of fiscal year \$1,072.68
 Misc.....\$ 250.50
 Total Weekly Income.....\$ 1,205.50
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Income:\$ 48,966.32
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Exp.: \$ 40,541.67
 Fiscal YTD Excess/(Deficit):\$ 8,424.65

St. Michael-Coleridge**Financial Update – December 17, 2023****Average Weekly Need: \$1,454.98!**

Sunday Env & ACH\$ 655.00
 Average Sunday Env & ACH needed \$775.85
 Average Sun. Env & ACH week 25 of fiscal year \$649.40
 Misc.....\$ 1,110.00
 Total Weekly Income....\$ 1,765.00
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Income: \$ 31,201.31
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Exp.: \$ 31,096.70
 Fiscal YTD Excess/(Deficit):\$ 104.61

St Joseph-Ponca**Financial Update – December 17, 2023****Average Weekly Need: \$1,658.00!**

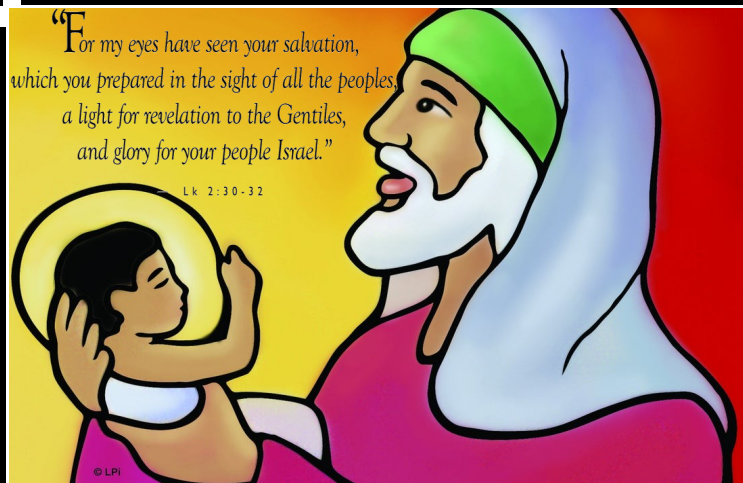
Sunday Env & ACH.....\$ 1,342.00
 Average Sunday Env & ACH needed \$1,639.00
 Average Sun. Env & ACH - week 25 of fiscal year \$1,642.97
 Misc.....\$ 755.00
 Total Weekly Income.....\$ 2,097.00
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Income:\$ 91,463.15
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Exp.: \$ 98,219.97
 Fiscal YTD Excess/(Deficit):\$ -(6,756.82)

St. Jane Frances-Randolph**Financial Update – December 17, 2023****Average Weekly Need: \$4,638.21!**

Sunday Env & ACH.....\$ 3,085.00
 Average Sunday Env & ACH needed \$3,057.69
 Average Sun. Env & ACH - week 25 of fiscal year \$3,012.68
 Misc, Outreach.....\$ 291.00
 Total Weekly Income.....\$ 3,376.00
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Income:\$ 105,926.29
 Fiscal Year-to-Date Exp.: \$ 132,225.67
 Fiscal YTD Excess/(Deficit):\$ -(26,299.38)

*"For my eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples,
 a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
 and glory for your people Israel."*

Lk 2:30-32





ST JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Physical Address: 402 N Bridge St
Randolph, NE 68771

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 278
Hartington, NE 68739

Knights of Columbus winners:

Dec. 31st - Tristan Maertins

Christian Mothers - will pray after Mass Sunday Jan. 7th

Coffee & Rolls after mass January 14th

Come down and share the goodies and yourself!

CYO Chili prep and meeting: Sunday, Jan 7th after 8am mass.

Foresters Meeting & Breakfast following Mass on Sunday, January 14, 2024

MEETING DATE CHANGE - The January PCCW meeting will be Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00, at the church hall/basement. Please plan to attend. Your voice matters.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND:

Jan 7: Mandy
Papenhausen
(402-841-0252)

Jan 14: Gina
Backhaus
(402-360-2829)



ROSARY LEADERS:

Jan 7: Kim Nordhues
Jan 14: Shawn Kai

VOCATION BOX:

Jan 7: George/Sherry
Bradley
Jan 14: Margaret Bloomquist



ST MARY OF THE SEVEN DOLORS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Physical Address: 208 E 5th St
Osmond, NE 68765

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 278
Hartington, NE 68739

St Mary Elementary School Office: 402-748-3433

School email: sevendolorsoffice@gmail.com

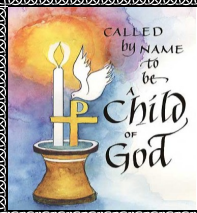
School Website: stmaryofthesevendolors.com

Rental of St Mary's School Basement - Please call Amanda Schieffer at St Mary's School 402-748-3433 to rent. (If no answer leave a message with your name and phone number and she will get back to you.)

1st Reconciliation: Congratulations to St. Mary's 2nd graders who received their First Reconciliation on Sunday, December 17:

- Liam Stech
- Bo Aschoff
- McKenzie Dick
- Kinsley Wilson
- Hazel Steinkraus
- Remi Schieffer
- Caleb Bruckner

forgiven

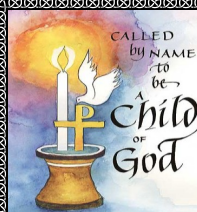


Welcome to the Parish
through the waters of Baptism...

Zaylah Ann Marie Maertins
Daughter of Tristan & Mariah
baptized December 17, 2023

The RNW Deanery is again offering a \$500 Scholarship to a Senior Catholic girl. The winner of the Deanery Scholarship will be sent on to compete for the \$750 scholarship offered by the OACCW. Application forms have been sent to the guidance counselors of the high schools within the RNW Deanery. Please encourage your senior girls to apply for this scholarship. Applications are due January 15, 2024 and can be sent to:

Karen Funk, RNW Deanery President
85627 508 Ave Ewing, NE 68735



Welcome to the Parish
through the waters of Baptism...

Kane Michael Beacom
Son of Denton and Bailey
baptized December 16, 2023





Chili

FEED

DURING FAMILY
FIRST WEDNESDAY

**WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 10
6:30PM
ST JANE FRANCES
CHURCH BASEMENT**

FREE WILL
DONATION

ANYONE IS WELCOME!

WITH ALL THE CHANGES, ONE THING REMAINS THE SAME - **THE PRAYER LINE!**
CALL OR TEXT TERESA ARENS 402-841-9729 OR JOLENE KATHOL 402-841-5895 WITH ANY REQUESTS. IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE GROUP JUST CONTACT TERESA OR JOLENE WITH YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER. PRAYER CHAIN IS SIMPLE, SIGN UP, RECEIVE TEXT, *PRAY*. IT'S THAT SIMPLE. ANYONE CAN DO IT!

ANY MEMBER OF OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES CAN JOIN US.

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst. Matthew 18:20

FORMED.ORG Catholic Resources Go to **FORMED.ORG**, click on "sign up", select "I belong to a parish or organization", enter the zip code (68739), enter your email - you are in!



What are Magnify events?

An opportunity for high school students to explore their faith, sponsored and hosted by Mount Marty University.

What can I expect?

After eating pizza in the fieldhouse, college athletes will share about their faith. Then students and MMU athletes will do activities in the fieldhouse.

When is the event?

Wednesday, January 24

6:30-7:00 p.m.: Free Meal provided by MMU (due to MMU sports schedule doors will not open until 6:30)

7:00-8:30 p.m.: Magnify Program



How do I sign up my group?

Youth group leaders please use the QR code to sign up your group. If you would like to go individually contact Jayne Arens (see below)

Questions:

Please contact Jayne Arens at 605-668-1386 or jayne.arenas@mountmarty.edu



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Merry Christmas & a Blessed New Year

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Financial Payoff

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___ Holy Trinity Teachers

___ Cedar Catholic Teachers

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___ East & West Catholic Elementary

___ Holy Trinity Elementary

___ Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High

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___ Holy Trinity School & Parish

___ Cedar Catholic Jr.-Sr. High

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Keynote Speaker
Jen Steffensmeier

FEBRUARY 3 • 9-3

ST. LUDGER SOCIAL HALL

8:00 | COFFEE HOUR

9-3 | KEYNOTE SPEAKER,

BREAK-OUT

SESSIONS, ADORATION &

CONFESSION

LUNCH PROVIDED

3:00 | HAPPY HOUR

Questions

Jessica Sauser (402) 658-4631 | Michelle Zuhlke (402) 750-2631

The RNC Deanery will be meeting on Tuesday January 9, 2024 at St Mary of Seven Dolars in Osmond, NE. A soup and sandwich lunch will be served at 1:00pm prior to the meeting at 1:30pm.

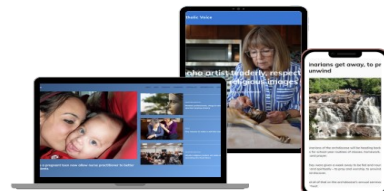


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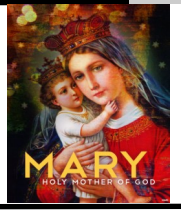
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Ministry of Praise

HOLY TRINITY & ST. MICHAEL PARISHES OF HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISHES
JANUARY - 2024



A Word from Deacon Filips...

Merry Christmas prayer warriors!

Yes, it is still Christmas! The world says that the Christmas season began on Thanksgiving, or maybe Halloween. In the church, and hopefully your home, the Christmas season begins with the first Christmas Mass and ends on the Feast of the Epiphany on January 7, when the Wise Men come. (These are the 12 days of Christmas.) What the rest of the world calls Christmas season is Advent, a time of waiting and expectation for Christmas, and a little solemn.

I think we should use this time to prayerfully consider what it means for God to come to earth to intentionally to suffer and die for mere mortals. We Christians like to think, "Oh yes, Christmas is about Jesus coming to earth for our salvation, not just Santa Clause." But do we really comprehend how amazing that is? God is so far above us in glory and power and we are so small in comparison that we cannot really grasp how amazing that is. All of the pagan "gods" of mythology, the Islamic understanding of Allah, and even the Jewish understanding of God teach that we are to suffer and serve God. Only Christianity teaches that God came to suffer and serve humans. The birth of Jesus truly is the pivot point in history when everything changed.

If we have been brought up as a Christian, we have "known" all of our lives what Jesus did for us, and it is a little too familiar; we take it for granted. There are a few days left in the season to ponder this. I recommend that you take this to prayer, preferably before the Blessed Sacrament, and focus on love and gratitude for what God, and especially Jesus, did for you 2000 years ago. Following is the next selection on the Mass from my book "Pearls of the Universal Church" available from www.spiritualworkspress.com

Deacon Filips

Music is the most important art because it is part of the Mass (see CCC 1156). In the extraordinary form of the Mass, High Masses are all sung. Gregorian chant was developed in the Middle Ages and is the most perfect Church music (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 116) because the congregation blends their voices, so they are singing together. The simple melody allows us to concentrate on the words and what they mean. Remember that we are to worship as a community and not as individuals and blending our voices helps that.

Catholics use a lot of symbols in our Church: holy water, incense, crucifixes, statues, etc., are used because as humans, we are both spirit and material body. "These are not just things, but symbols of deeper things." (Dean Koontz, 2012). Physical things help us to focus on and to get connected to God even if we do not fully understand the intellectual basis of our faith. God uses created things to reveal Himself.

The Church also specifies postures to be used during the Mass. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal).

We stand during dialogue with God or with each other while praying.

We sit when listening and meditating.

We kneel when Jesus is on the altar.

Pope's Intention: *For the gift of diversity in the Church. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.*

— January Birthdays —

4 - Roman Sudbeck	14 - Debra Lucht	21 - Donald Hoelsing
5 - Timothy Dresden	14 - James Miller	22 - Roger Sudbeck
5 - Kelly Steffen	14 - Kay Steffen	22 - Sharon Wortmann
8 - Sheila Jueden	15 - Mary Gay Feilmeier	24 - Timothy Leise
11 - Roger Merkel	17 - Marlene Eskens	25 - Nancy Dirks
12 - Mila Anderson	19 - Sheree Becker	25 - Rod Hegge
12 - Merton Hahne	19 - Theresa Fuchtman	26 - Larry Domina
12 - Irlene Wiechelman	20 - Gerald Sudbeck	27 - Jolene Donner
		30 - Roger Wortmann





ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Physical Address: 421 W 2nd St,
Ponca, NE 68770

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 278
Hartington, NE 68739



ST PETER CATHOLIC CHURCH

Physical Address: 403 Annie St
Newcastle, NE 68757

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 278
Hartington, NE
68739

St Peter's Sacred Heart Sodality will meet on Tuesday,
January 9th at St. Peter's Hall.

All bulletin announcements are welcome! Call the Holy
Spirit Catholic Parish office 402-254-6559 or email
HSCP@hartel.net by ~~Noon on Mondays~~

See front page!



ST MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Physical Address: 315 S Madison St.
Coleridge, NE 68727

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 278
Hartington, NE 68739

St. Michael Snow Removal groups:

Dec. 31st - Jan. 6th: Larry Huss (chairperson),
Jared Garthoff, Jason Miller, Jon Polak,
Nick Schmit

Jan. 7th - 13th: Marty Brandl (chairperson),
Tyler Pinkelman, Chad Winkelbauer,
Nick Puppe, Allen Kleinschmit



ST PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Physical Address: 203 E Park Ave.
Plainview, NE 68769

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 278
Hartington, NE 68739

Eucharistic Adoration - Wed, Jan. 17th from 5 - 8 pm.
Sign up to be an adorer or EMHC in the back of
church.

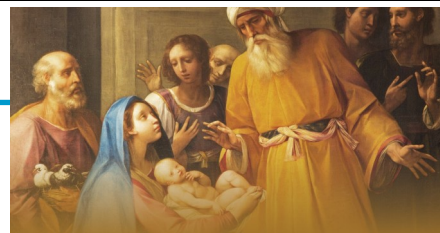
St. Paul's Pray Chain: Anyone wanting to make a
prayer request must first get permission from the
person or a family member, then call Janice Knaak
582-3239 & Jan McQuistan 582-3426. Contact them
both as Janice does email contacts and Jan does
phone contacts.

Prayer Opportunities @ St. Paul's:

Every Friday 8:30am - Rosary in church proper with
prayer study and coffee following in basement. Any
and all are welcome!

Every Saturday 5:40pm - Rosary preceding 6pm
Mass. Any special intentions can be placed in the
box on the table in back of the pews. Please come
early and join us!

The RNC Deanery is offering a \$250 Scholarship to a high
school senior Catholic girl. The winner of the Deanery
Scholarship will have their application sent on to compete
for a \$750 scholarship offered by the OACW. Scholarship
applications have been sent out to area high school guid-
ance counselors. Applications are due January 15, 2024. If
you have any questions or would like an application please
contact Melissa Lordemann, RNC Deanery President,
cmjlordemann@hotmail.com or 402-750-3375.



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Sword and the Family

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

In the first few weeks of parenthood, the tears flowed fast and freely,
and with very little provocation.

Sometimes I wept because it was getting dark out, and sometimes because the sun was coming up. Sometimes I wept because the days
were so unbearably long. Sometimes I wept because they were so cruelly short and slipped past so quickly, bearing away with them
forever these inaugural moments of my daughter's life — moments I knew I would long for on my deathbed.

So, the inclusion of the Presentation of Christ in the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary has always struck me. The Blessed Mother, just a
few weeks after giving birth, standing at the holy temple: Is she tired? Is she emotional? Is she frightened? Is she happy? We cannot
know for sure, but if she is anything like most of the postpartum women I know, she is all four. But she stands there dutifully, offering
her baby to the Lord, and this is what she is told, "A sword shall pierce your heart."

Joyful? I would have snatched the baby back, called the police and sobbed for a week.

But Mary knows that Simeon speaks the truth, and she cannot receive God's will with anything less than joy, even if it means a pierced
heart.

Family means love, but love means — what, exactly? Pleasure, fulfillment, contentment? Yes, but so much more, too. Love means you
have much to lose. How full is family life with these beautiful moments which, on the surface, look and feel painful — but hold within
them the opportunity to be like Mary, to bow our heads and once again say "Yes, Lord."

*"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with
one another and forgiving one another..."*

— Colossians 3:12



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Physical Address: 402 S Broadway
Hartington, NE 68739

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 278
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Holy Trinity Elementary School Office: 402-254-6496
Principal: Stacy Uttecht **Email:** suttecht@holyltrinityhartington.com
School Website: holyltrinityhartington.com

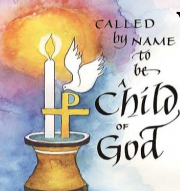
Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest: Join us at the Msgr. Werner Activity Center on Sunday, January 7, 2024 at 1:00pm! The contest is open to all boys and girls ages 9 through 14 (as of 1-1-24).



CCD classes: None till January 10, 2024

Guild Notes: Next Meeting - Jan 2024 - new Chairman will take over. Group 3, Chris Burbach, provides salads & bars for next funeral. Group A (Lois) serves.

Hiring: Food Service Manager for Holy Trinity Cafeteria. For information contact Holy Trinity Office at 402-254-6559 or email kblammers@archomaha.org



Welcome to the God's Family

through the waters of Baptism...

Odin William Wayne Nesteby
Son of Forde & Rachel
baptized December 17, 2023

SACRISTANS:

Jan 1 - Jan 5:

Aleacia Herbolsheimer

Jan 8 - Jan 12: Lois Lammers



VOCATION CRUCIFIX:

Dec 31-Jan 6: Jan Walz

Dec 24-Dec 30: Rose

Weiseler



Donations in the 2023 Tax Year: We will close our books for 2023 on January 15th. If you would like a donation acknowledged in the 2023 tax year, please date it on or before Dec. 31, 2023, and put in the notation line "2023"
Thank you & Happy New Year!

✓ **Sign up for an hour of adoration** - If your 2024 New Year's Resolution is to spend more time with the Lord Adoration is an hour before the Blessed Sacrament!
Open hours: Sunday 11am, Monday 3am, Wednesday 2am, Thursday 2am & 3am, Saturday 12am, 1am, 3am, 11am, 5pm & 6pm. Call Aleacia (402-841-7343) or Parish Office (402-254-6559) to sign up.

Prayer Shawl Ministry has many beautiful prayer shawls on hand. A lot of people are needing them for peace, comfort, sympathy, depression, or hurting in some way. The ministry also needs yarn and if you can crochet or knit we would be happy to have you help. Call Joyce Gentrup - 402-254-3271 or Laurie Kathol - 402-254-3307

MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

Sydney Christensen/Reuben Lammers
December 30, 2023 at St. Cecilia
Omaha, NE

Thanks to Everyone who helped make Holy Trinity & St. Michael's trip to the Yankton Area Banquet a success. Thank you to all who donated towel & personal care gifts, money & food items for the meal. We served 220 guests and gave out 110 Towel sets and 20 personal care sets. The workers & guests at the Banquet appreciate all of your help & good wishes. Thank you & Blessed Christmas!



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

TO YOU GOD ENTRUSTED HIS ONLY SON;

IN YOU MARY PLACED HER TRUST;

WITH YOU CHRIST BECAME MAN.

OBTAIN FOR US GRACE, MERCY

AND COURAGE. AMEN.

- POPE FRANCIS

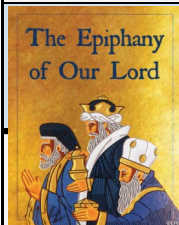


LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 1, 2024



	Lectors	Greeters & Gift Bearers	Servers	EMHCs	Musicians	
9:00am Holy Trinity Hartington	Lois Lammers (L) Craig Rolfes	Keith/Betty Becker Mark/Sandy Becker	Rylan & Tate Fischer Brooklyn Fischer Brayden Fischer	Gerry Sudbeck Monica Kathol	Larry/Julie W. Colin Kathol	
9:00am St Jane Frances Randolph	Shawn Kai Paul Schmit	Keith/Barb Burbach Brian/Nancy Korth	Brandon Backer Justin Backer Justin Guenther	Gary Schieffer Greg/Joan Thies Jo Kilburn	Corinne Schmit Cinda Jones	Rosary: John/Karen Gubbels

The Epiphany
of Our Lord



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: JANUARY 6 - JANUARY 7, 2024

	Saturday 6:00pm Holy Trinity Hartington	Saturday 6:00pm St Paul Plainview	Sunday 8:00am St. Joseph Ponca	Sunday 8:00am St Jane Frances Randolph	Sunday 10:30am Holy Trinity Hartington	Sunday 10:30am St. Mary Osmond
Lectors	Lori Christensen Shanna Dendinger	N Naprstek	Jo Hogan	Catrina Winkelbauer Renae Nordhues	Marcia Kathol Monica Kathol	Hannah McQuay
Greeters & Gift Bearers	Randy/Mary Leise Ken/Phyllis Meier	H Hamm M Dalton		Collin/Kristina Swantek Cody/Hannah Wood	Kurt & Lynn Thoene Family	John Gubbels Dennis & Jane Haselhorst
Servers	Halle Bartling Henry Becker Owen Becker Kally Becker	E Mauer M Mauer	Alex Kneifl James Kneifl	Colton Winkelbauer Jenna Guenther Axtyn Olson	Brynn Bernecker Lauren Bernecker Mara Bernecker Kasen Buss	Clara Steinkraus Emmett Hoffman Klaire Stech
EMHCs	Shanna Dendinger Jan Arens Kristine Becker	M Naprstek	Mary Kay Mahler Darrell Wieseler	Paul/Corinne Schmit Sindee Schmit Tim Schmit	Becky McGregor Craig Rolfes Joan Steffen	Andrew Stech Nancy Stech (homes)
Musicians	JoAnne Hamilton Kathie Dresden	P Knaak	Michael Gibbs & Choir	LaRee Gubbels Randy Borst	Robin/Marcia Small Gr #1	Sue/Crystal Dottie, Bill
Hmbd, N.H., Rosary, Ushers, Video	Video: Bryan Arens NH (1/3) Marlene Domina NH (1/6) Jim Miller	Ushers: A Yilk R Wolken	Ushers: Phil Lowe Adam Poulsky	Ushers: Jerry Gross, Austin Korth Kevin Gubbels Chuck Haselhorst NH: Mary Ann Schlichting	Hmbd: Uhings Ushers: Dennis Dendinger Forrest Dendinger	Rosary: Brandon & Angela Stech

Upcoming Special Collection Envelopes
December 31st (Gold Env) - Year End Gift
January 1st (Blue Env) - Solemnity of Mary
January 7th (Gray Env) - Seminary
 Indicate which special collection on check notation line.



**"I am a shield to you;
Your reward shall be very great."**
*If you feel God is offering you the gift of a vocation to the
 priesthood or consecrated life as a sister, brother, or con-
 secrated virgin, talk to your priest or reach
 out to the Vocation Office at 402-558-3100
 or email: ajroza@archomaha.org.*

"...AS THE LORD HAS FORGIVEN YOU, SO YOU MUST FORGIVE." - COLOSSIANS 3:13
FORGIVING IS ONE OF THE HARDEST THINGS FOR PEOPLE TO DO. WE CAN'T GIVE WHAT WE DON'T HAVE.
WE NEED TO RECEIVE GOD'S MERCY AND FORGIVENESS FIRST BEFORE WE CAN GIVE IT TO OTHERS.
GO TO THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND RECEIVE GOD'S MERCY AND FORGIVENESS.
THEN, SHARE THE GIFT OF FORGIVENESS WITH SOMEONE - A FAMILY MEMBER, A FRIEND, OR A CO-WORKER.
PICK UP THE PHONE OR TEXT SOMEONE RIGHT NOW.

Please pray for our parishioners engaged to wed in Holy Matrimony in the next 6 months!

- Sydney Christensen, daughter of Cody & Lori Christensen, is engaged to wed Reuben Lammers, December 30, 2023 at St. Cecilia, Omaha
- Andrea Schmit, daughter of John & Carol Schmit, is engaged to wed Caleb Krohn, January 6, 2024 at St Mary's, Osmond
- Adam Leise, Son of Mary & Randy Leise, is engaged to wed Haley Faust, January 6, 2024 at the Newman Center, Lincoln, NE
- Cassandra Lammers, daughter of Kay Lammers, is engaged to wed Garrett Fisher, March 23, 2024 at St. Vincent, Osceola, NE
- Sheila Wiebelhaus, daughter of Jean and Todd Wiebelhaus, is engaged to wed Josh Anderson, son of Jim and Tami Anderson, April 27, 2024 at Holy Trinity, Hartington
- Maizie Christensen, daughter of Cody & Loris Christensen, is engaged to wed Quinn Paulsen, May 25, 2024 at Holy Trinity, Hartington



PLEASE NOTE: This list is for ALL of our parishes in the Holy Spirit Catholic Parishes Family!

If you would like to add your son or daughter, or yourself, to this list please let the parish office know.