

## The Nebraska Bishop's Statements on the Death Penalty Vote to retain the repeal of the death penalty on Ballot Referendum 426

August 27, 2015

The Catholic bishops of Nebraska invite all people of goodwill to join them in their continued opposition to the death penalty.

Justice requires punishment, but it does not require that those who have committed serious crimes be put to death. The death penalty does not provide rehabilitation to convicted criminals. There is no clear evidence that executions deter crime. Racial minorities and the poor are disproportionately sentenced to death, often as a consequence of racial bias or inadequate defense due to an inability to pay for better representation. Other means are available to punish criminals and to protect society that are more respectful of human life.

For the Catholic community, this issue – like all life issues – involves more than public policy. It involves our faith and the central principle that human life is sacred. Reflection on the God-given dignity of every human person should guide all our decisions about life, including refraining from the use of the death penalty. This is the message Nebraska's three bishops will take to the state's 375,000 Catholics in the coming year to encourage support for upholding the prohibition of the death penalty.

Most Rev. George J. Lucas, Archbishop of Omaha

Most Rev. James D. Conley, Bishop of Lincoln

Most Rev. Joseph G. Hanefeldt, Bishop Grand Island

The Death Penalty — From the Catholic Catechism

2267 Assuming that the guilty party's identity and responsibility have been fully determined, the traditional teaching of the Church does not exclude recourse to the death penalty, if this is the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor. (2306) If, however, non-lethal means are sufficient to defend and protect people's safety from the aggressor, authority will limit itself to such means, as these are more in keeping with the concrete conditions of the common good and more in conformity with the dignity of the human person. Today, in fact, as a consequence of the possibilities which the state has for effectively preventing crime, by rendering one who has committed an offense incapable of doing harm—without definitively taking away from him the possibility of redeeming himself—the cases in which the execution of the offender is an absolute necessity “are very rare, if not practically non-existent.” John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae* 56.

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**Servers Training October 29** All boys in Grades 3 thru 12 are to attend a Servers' Training on Saturday, October 29, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and ending with lunch. Some fun entertainment will be provided. Those with experience at serving can help us train those who are new.

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The bulletin is posted online each weekend at:

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Bulletin Submissions: call the rectory or email to: [fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net) by noon on Friday.

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:30 pm and Sunday 9:00 am.

Confessions: Saturdays 4:30-5:15 / Sundays 8:15-8:45 / By appointment

Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday 7:00 am

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# St. James Catholic Church

## October 2, 2016

### Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon. October 3	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tue. October 4	St. Francis of Assisi
Wed. October 5	Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
Thu. October 6	St. Bruno
Fri. October 7	Our Lady of the Rosary
Sat. October 8	Weekday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

Saturday	October 1	5:30 pm	Agnes Rezac
Sunday	October 2	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	October 3	7:00 am	†Dale & Dorothy Konecky
Tuesday	October 4	7:00 am	†William Dostal
Wednesday	October 5	7:00 am	†Fr. Jim O'Connor
		7:00 pm	Special Intention
Thursday	October 6	7:00 am	†Deceased Family of Bill & Judy McEvoy
Friday	October 7	7:00 am	Sr. Mary Bernadette Lenz
Saturday	October 8	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	October 9	9:00 am	†Dale Benal

### Minister Assignments

#### Saturday, Oct. 8      Sunday Oct. 9

Acolytes	Mike Determan	Craig Quick
Readers	Bobbie Feldhaus	Patty Benal
Servers	Sean Determan	Miles Hannan
	Matt Determan	Blake Hannan

### Wednesday Evening Mass

This Wednesday is the first of the month and so Mass will be offered at 7:00 pm for the CCD students and their parents, and anyone else wishing to attend. Maybe you aren't able to attend our weekly morning Mass; this specially scheduled time might work for you.

### September 24-25 Tithe

Adults	\$ 2,889.00
Loose	282.50
Second Collection	101.70
Total:	<u>\$ 3,172.20</u>

### Monthly Obligations

St. Wenceslaus School	\$3,116.66
Bishop Neumann	8,247.00
Total Parish Expenses:	<u>\$11,363.66</u>

### St James

PCCW / Altar Society Meeting  
Monday October 3rd, 6:30pm

All ladies of the parish are invited  
and encouraged to attend.

### Pancake Feed Committee News:

- It's just 5 weeks now before our parish Pancake Feed. There are still many slots available for workers. Please take the time to sign up online if you received an email invite (SignUpGenius) or on the lists in the back of church. Remember, everyone's help is needed to make it a success.
- Please pick up your envelope in the box in the back of church. This will save the Committee the cost of having to mail them out.
- Sold raffle tickets and money can be placed in the envelope addressed to the Pancake Feed Committee and dropped in the collection basket.

The **St. Wenceslaus Catholic School Family** is hosting a Craft Fair on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the school gym. Booth rentals are \$25 for a center space and \$30 for a wall space. To request a registration form or if you have questions, please call the School Office at (402) 443-3336, Sherie Van Slyke at (402) 212-6950 or Shasta Pentico at (402) 650-3918.

**St. Joseph Parish Colon Roast Beef Dinner Sunday, October 2.** Serving roast beef, real mashed potatoes and gravy, cole slaw, homemade rolls, kolaches and pies 11:00 to 2:00. Adults \$10, children age 5 to 10 is \$4 and under 4 is free! Carry out meals available at no extra charge! Also featured during the day is a silent auction, cake walk, children's games and bake sale.

**St. Mary's Davey Soup Supper and Raffle**, Sunday, October 9, 4-7pm at the Davey Community Center. Free will donation.

**Fall Magnificat Prayer Meal** is Saturday, October 8, 9:30 a.m. at Hillcrest Country Club, 9401 East O Street. Our guest speaker is Kathy MacInnis! We incite you to join us for a morning filled with Kathy's witness to how the Lord brought her to a place of total abandonment to his Holy Will! "Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven". Seating is limited. Register by Friday, September 30. Send your \$20 check (\$10 for students) made payable to Magnificat c/o Tina Colgan, 521 N. 56th St., Lincoln, 68504. Pre-paid reservations only. For information call Barb Bechtolt at 302.489.6905 or Rhonda Litt at 402.489.3819.

**Bishop Neumann & Saunders Catholic Schools** have a part-time job opening for a Marketing Coordinator to work with a wide variety of marketing programs, including website management, e-newsletters, advertising, marketing campaigns, development brochures, school events and benefactor communications. This is a paid part-time position that would include working at Bishop Neumann High School 20-25 hours per week. Experience with Wordpress, Photoshop, Illustrator and/or Publisher software highly desired. If you are interested or if you know of someone who might be interested please send your resume' to Father Mike Morin at [fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.mike-morin@cdolinc.net).

**St. John's, Prague Annual Duck/Pork Dinner & Bazaar, Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>.** Serving from 11:00 – 2:30. Dinner includes duck, pork, dressing, kraut, dumplings, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, rolls, kolaches, dessert, and drink. Come enjoy the live and silent auctions, beer garden, country store, \$1000 raffle, and hand-crafted king size quilt raffle. Something for Everyone!

**The Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (LDCCW)** is sponsoring the 7th Annual October Pro-Life Diaper Drive, collecting diapers throughout the month of October in each of the Lincoln Diocese parishes. The assistance of everyone in the Lincoln Diocese is requested. Donations will be shared with the Pregnancy Centers approved by the Bishop's Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities and Catholic Social Services across the Diocese and St. Gianna Women's Homes. Listen to Spirit Catholic Radio for Diaper Drive announcements.

**A PARISH MISSION AT ST WENCESLAUS CATHOLIC CHURCH/Wahoo ~ October 15-17** Fr. Jay Buhman will preach all the weekend Masses and give talks Sunday and Monday night from 7:00-8:00pm. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. Fr. Buhman, a priest of the Diocese of Lincoln, is currently chaplain at the national headquarters of the Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) in Colorado. Everyone welcome!

The **St. John Bosco Society** is now open to all Saunders County young men in 10th grade or above, regardless of school. Those interested are invited to attend the next meeting to learn more at 7:00pm on Sunday, October 23rd in the St. Wenceslaus church basement.

Don't forget your **Parish Census** form. You can mail it in or bring it to the church. The dropbox will be left in the vestibule for a few weeks. Additional forms are also available if you happen to misplace the one sent to your home. If you did not receive a letter from the parish then we do not have your proper mailing address. Please help us make the correction. Thank you.