

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.

The ladies of our Wahoo Deanery are invited to an Evening Of Recollection on Monday, October 10, with Mass at 6:30pm at St. Mary's Church in Ashland and a presentation by Msgr. Paul Witt entitled; "How, Jesus, as a Catholic, Would Vote."

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:

www.sjamescatholicchurch.com

Bulletin Submissions: call the rectory or email to: 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

St. James Catholic Church

October 9, 2016

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon. October 10	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tue. October 11	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wed. October 12	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thu. October 13	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Fri. October 14	St. Callistus
Sat. October 15	St. Teresa of Jesus

Mass Intentions

Saturday	October 8	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	October 9	9:00 am	†Dale Benal
Monday	October 10	7:00 am	†Genevieve Pellan
Tuesday	October 11	7:00 am	†Fr. Jim O'Connor
Wednesday	October 12	7:00 am	†Tom Dostal
Thursday	October 13	7:00 am	†Dale Benal
Friday	October 14	7:00 am	†Mildred Murray
Saturday	October 15	5:30 pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sunday	October 16	9:00 am	People of the Parish

Coffee and Rolls after Sunday's Mass next week, October 16. Spend some time getting to know the rest of the parish family.



Minister Assignments

	Saturday, Oct. 15	Sunday Oct. 16
Acolytes	Jeff Hageman	Allen Chohon
Readers	Marie Gruenes	Ed Cherovsky
Servers	Landon Montanio Garrison Knuth	Cameron Quick Cade Janecek

October 1-2 Tithe

Adults	\$ 2,490.00
Loose	239.00
Second Collection	81.00
Total:	<u>\$ 2,810.00</u>

Monthly Obligations

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

FALL CLEANUP ON SATURDAY

Please join us Saturday morning, Oct 15th 9-12:00, for a cleanup morning at church. We plan to cleanup outside first if the weather is good. Bring your gloves and any tools you think would be helpful. Otherwise if the weather is not favorable.... we are cleaning up the attic. If your committee is storing items up there, please come to help us determine what should be kept and what should be pitched. If we have enough people, we can get both jobs done at the same time. For information email darlabrazda@gmail.com.

Pancake Feed Committee News:

- Thanks to all who have signed up to work a shift and/or donate items for our annual Pancake Feed. We still have quite a few work shifts to fill. Please consider working on November 6th the day of the feed.
- We have set up tables in the Church entry (hallway) on which you can place your Silent Auction items.
- Please continue to sell your raffle tickets or consider purchasing them. Once you have sold or purchased your raffle tickets, you may return them along with the money in the preaddressed envelope provided in your parishioner envelope. Then drop the envelope in the weekend collection.
- Thanks to parishioners who have already picked up their envelope from the box in the back of Church. There are still 30 parishioner envelopes in the box that haven't been picked up. Please pick up your envelope so that we can avoid the expense of mailing them out.

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

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.

St. John's, Prague Annual Duck/Pork Dinner & Bazaar, Sunday, October 9th. 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.

Dwight Assumption Parish Fall Soup Dinner and Craft/Vendor Fair Sunday, October 23, at the Dwight Parish Hall. Serving 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Fall Craft/Vendor Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bishop Neumann and Saunders Catholic Schools will be hosting a community **Open Forum** to review the progress of the Strategic Plan. Please join us in the Neumann Cafe' at 7:00pm on October 12, 2016 to get an update on all the work that the schools, the community, our alumni and our parents have accomplished in one year. For more information visit <http://bishopneumann.com/annual-reports/strategic-plan/>.

St. Mary Parish Cedar Bluffs Soup & Salad Dinner Wednesday, October 19. Serving Homemade Soups (Chili, Chicken Noodle, Potato) & Salads from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the City Auditorium in Cedar Bluffs, NE Adults \$7, children age 6 to 12 is \$5 and 5 & under Free! Take out orders available! Silent auction, Country Store & Raffle

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.