

## *Respect for Life and the Upcoming Election*

The publication "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" published by the "United States Conference of Catholic Bishops" states on page 5 "During election years, there may be many handouts and voter guides that are produced and distributed. We encourage Catholics to seek those resources authorized by their own bishops, their state Catholic conferences, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This statement is intended to reflect and compliment, not substitute for, the ongoing teaching of bishops in our own dioceses and states. When using this document, it is important to remember that Church teaching is coherent and rests on a comprehensive vision of the dignity of the human person, a dignity that St. John Paul II described as "manifested in all its radiance when the person's origin and destiny are considered: created by God in his image and likeness as well as redeemed by the most precious blood of Christ, the person is called to be a 'child in the Son' and a living temple of the Spirit, destined for the eternal life of blessed communion with God" (Christifideles Laici, no. 37). Thus, the particular judgements of the document may fall at various points along the political spectrum, but the foundational principles that guide these teachings should not be ignored in any case nor used selectively in order to serve partisan interests. In light of these reflections and those of local bishops, we encourage Catholics throughout the United States to be active in the political process, particularly in these challenging times."

On pages 6 and 7 the publication also states "Some question whether it is appropriate for the Church to play a role in political life. However, the obligation to teach the moral truths that should shape our lives, including our public lives, is central to the mission given to the Church by Jesus Christ. Moreover, the United States Constitution protects the right of individual believers and religious bodies to participate and speak out without government interference, favoritism, or discrimination. Civil law should fully recognize and protect the right of the Church and other institutions in civil society to participate in cultural, political, and economic life without being forced to abandon or ignore their central moral convictions. Our nation's tradition of pluralism is enhanced, not threatened, when religious groups and people of faith bring their convictions and concerns into public life. Indeed, our Church's teaching is in accord with the foundational values that have shaped our nation's history: "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.""

Many moral issues face our nation today. The US Supreme Court Judges appointed in the future by the candidates elected November 8, 2016 will determine how these issues are settled. These Judges will decide on Freedom of Religion issues, abortion and other right to Life issues, and many more moral issues which will determine the future of America for our children and grandchildren. Judges appointed to the Supreme Court generally remain on the court for two or three decades, therefore, their decisions will have a long lasting effect on our country.

It is entirely possible that the President elected on November 8, 2016 may appoint two to five new Supreme Court Justices while president, especially if re-elected in 2020.

To have any chance of reversing Roe v. Wade, several of the appointed judges must be Pro-Life and believe that the US Constitution grants protection to the unborn by having the right to life.

As Catholics we must learn about what the political candidates believe in and stand for and then cast our votes as a faithful citizen with a responsible conscience and be guided by our moral convictions.

On page 14 of the publication "Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship" states "Catholics must never abandon the moral requirement to seek full protection for all human life from the moment of conception until natural death".

On page 24 the same publication states "Participation in political life in light of fundamental moral principles is an essential duty for every Catholic and all people of good will".

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta said "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use violence to get what they want. That is why the greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion"

Pope John Paul II said "Never tire of firmly speaking out in defense of life from its conception. Christ is with you: be not afraid". He also said "A nation that kills its own children is a nation without hope".

Vote in the November 2016 for Pro-Life Candidates! ([www.pro-lifearticles.org](http://www.pro-lifearticles.org))

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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

## September 4, 2016

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mon. September 5	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Tue. September 6	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Wed. September 7	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thu. September 8	Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri. September 9	St. Peter Claver
Sat. September 10	Weekday in Ordinary Time

### Mass Intentions

Saturday	September 3	5:30 pm	†Marilyn Benal
Sunday	September 4	9:00 am	People of the Parish
Monday	September 5	7:00 am	†Fr. Jim O'Connor
Tuesday	September 6	7:00 am	†Marilyn Benal
Wednesday	September 7	7:00 am	†Emily Widger
		7:00 pm	Special Intention (FM)
Thursday	September 8	7:00 am	†Joseph Dolilnski
Friday	September 9	7:00 am	Larry and Connie Stoke
Saturday	September 10	5:30 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	September 11	9:00 am	†Jim Brazda, Sr.

### Upcoming Parish Activities Mark Your Calendar

March 5, 2017:  
Shroud of Turin Presentation  
March 13, 2017:  
Confirmation  
April 5, 2017:  
First Penance  
April 23, 2017  
First Holy Communion  
February 17-22, 2018  
Parish Mission

### August 27-28 Tithe

Adults	\$ 2,152.00
Loose	157.00
Second Collection	116.00
Mission Appeal	20.00
Total:	<u>\$ 2,445.00</u>

### Monthly Obligations

St. Wenceslaus School	\$2,016.66
Bishop Neumann	<u>8,007.00</u>
Total Parish Expenses:	\$10,023.66

### Minister Assignments

	<b>Saturday, Sep. 10</b>	<b>Sunday Sep. 11</b>
Acolytes	Jeff Hageman	Al Luetkenhaus
Readers	Connie Eckley	Craig Quick
Servers	Landon Montanio	Blake Hannan
	Garrison Knuth	Miles Hannan

### CCD Begins

We look forward to beginning CCD this Wednesday, September 7. Classes for Grades 1 thru 8 are from 6:30pm to 7:15. This catechetical program aims to assist parents in their obligation to raise their children in the practice of the faith. Catechetical instruction—learning the truths of our faith revealed to us by Jesus and through his Church—is an essential part of that formation. Parents who do not have their children enrolled in a Catholic school ought to consider CCD an obligation.

Every first Wednesday of the month Mass will be offered for the CCD students and their parents (and anyone else wishing to attend) at 7:00pm. This first night of CCD also happens to be the first of the Month; join us for Mass.

A committee to work on a Parish Directory is being formed. We are meeting with a representative from Life Touch on Monday Sept 19th. This is a terrific opportunity to participate. Please consider joining our committee. Contact Darla at [darlabrazda@gmail.com](mailto:darlabrazda@gmail.com) for more information. Thank You.

A big "THANK YOU" from the Pancake Feed Committee for using the sheets in the Church vestibule last weekend to provide us with your new or changed Email Addresses or Phone Numbers. If you have not already done so, please use these lists to provide the Committee with your current contact information. This will be most helpful when we start worker sign up. Thanks from the Pancake Feed Committee: Ray & Mary Casey, Judy, McEvoy, Larry & Arlene Janecek and Lori Pellan. In addition, the Pancake Feed Committee is looking for a volunteer to serve on the committee. If you are interested in helping the parish family in this way, please contact Judy McEvoy (402) 624-5066 or Fr. Morin. Thank You!!!

The 29th annual Marian Mass, Rosary and Candlelight Procession will take place on Wednesday, September 7, at 7:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Waverly Marian Center. Bishop Conley will be the main celebrant and homilist. The S.T.A.G.E. Fatima Play will be performed at 5:45 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the Mass will be held at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ at 7:09 p.m. The Rosary will be prayed in English, Czech, Spanish, Vietnamese and German. Limited seating and handicap accessible restrooms will be provided.

Immaculate Conception (Ulysses) Dinner & Bazaar—Sunday, September 11 from 10:30 am to 3:00 pm. Serving fried chicken & ham with all the fixings, fresh cucumbers & tomatoes, and kolaches. \$10 for adults. \$6 for children. \$11 for take-outs. Polka Mass at 10:00 am Auctions at 1:00 and 4:00.

Made in His Image: Human Dignity in a Secular World Conference is sponsored by the Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro Life Activities & a number of Catholic organizations in Omaha (e.g., Archdiocese of Omaha, Catholic Medical Association, Thomas More Society). The conference and banquet will be held Sept. 22-24 at the Creighton University Harper Center in Omaha. The annual Bishops' Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities Pro-Life Banquet and Dinner will take place on Friday, Sept. 23, at the Creighton University Harper Center in Omaha. The banquet and dinner begins with a social hour at 5 pm with our Bishops and a dinner at 6 pm. This year we will be honoring Greg Schleppebach for his 25 years of service to the Nebraska Catholic Conference & the pro-life cause. Register online at [www.regonline.com/Register/](http://www.regonline.com/Register/) For more information on the conference go to [family.archomaha.org/respecting-life/](http://family.archomaha.org/respecting-life/)

Mass in Loma: Mass will be offered at the St. Luke Czech Catholic Shrine in Loma on Sunday, September 11, at 4:00 pm. The Ostry Family Singers will provide the music. All are welcome!

St. John Nepomucene Parish's Annual Chicken & Ham Dinner in Weston will be on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm in the school gym. Adults (13 & over) \$11.00; Youth (5-12) \$5.00; Pre-school (4 & under) FREE. Take-outs are \$12.00. There will also be a Silent Auction from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, Live Auction beginning at 2:00 pm, Live Music by Mark Vyhldal Orchestra from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm, plus Children's Games, Bake Sale, Bingo, Crafts, & Raffle.