

Our Welcoming Community Potluck Meal usually is on the 1st Sunday of each month. However in March, we will meet and eat on Sunday, March 12 ~ that's today!!

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Immaculate Conceptions Council 15788 is having a membership drive this weekend after each Mass. The Knights are looking for men to help our parish out today.



Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way of Faith by helping our church and its community.

You can join for free through June 30, 2023. Online, go to KofC.org/joinus or scan the code above with your phone camera and enter Council 15788 when you fill out the information. The code is *BLESSED MCGIVENY*.

**After all Masses this weekend
the Knights of Columbus Council 15788
and Catholic Daughters**

**will accept donations for BIRTHRIGHT
& PROJECT DEFENDING LIFE.**

**Needed: diapers - formula - new or clean used
clothes - shampoo or skincare items, and
cash donations.**

FROM JOHN C. WESTER, ARCHBISHOP OF SANTA FE:

From time to time, certain feasts occur during the Lenten season that suggest a more festive celebration (USCCB Statement, n. 16). This year, the Memorial of Saint Patrick falls on Friday, March 17. It is well known that SAINT PATRICK'S DAY is a day of convivial celebration for many American Catholics.

I therefore decree that on Friday, March 17, 2023, all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe, New Mexico, no matter where they may be, and all other Catholics present in the Archdiocese on that day, are, by my authority, dispensed from the obligation (can. 87 §1). It is not required that anyone make use of this dispensation. Those who do wish to make use of it are encouraged to abstain from meat on some other day as part of their penitential practices during Lent.

OUR PASTORAL TEAM

- ✧ Fr. Steve Rosera, Parish Administrator;
- ✧ Fr. Robert Bustamante, Parochial Vicar;
- ✧ Deacon Don Roseborough, Baptisms, Bereavement, Funerals, and Homebound Ministry;
- ✧ Deacon George Sandoval, Ph.D., Retired;
- ✧ Mrs. Rebecca Maestas-Sanchez, Principal of St. Mary's School;
- ✧ Sr. Teresa Aparicio, OLVN, and Debbie Garcia, Co-Coordinator of Faith Formation;
- ✧ Ms. Michelle Rusk, Social Media Director; and
- ✧ Ms. Dianne Dragoo, Jesuit Volunteers Liaison.

THE PARISH OFFICE is open:

Monday—Friday: 9am to 4pm.

Parish Office: (505) 247-4271 ~ Website: iccabq.org

MASS SCHEDULE:

- ✧ Monday, Wednesday, & Friday—12:10pm
- ✧ Tuesday, Thursday, & Saturday —7am
- ✧ First Friday of each month—7am and 12:10pm
- ✧ SUNDAY LITURGIES:
 - ❖ Saturday—4pm;
 - ❖ Sunday—8am, 10am, and 12:30pm (SPANISH).

CONFESSIONS:

- ❖ Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 12noon; and
- ❖ By appointment. Call (505) 247-4271 to make an appointment.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION:

- ✧ March 11 & 12: St. Vincent de Paul Society
- ✧ March 18 & 19: Catholic Relief Services

**Online Giving
is available at
[ICCABQ.org](https://iccabq.org)**



May They Rest in Peace ~ Let us keep our recently deceased brothers and sisters in our prayers.

✠ Bonnie Jane Trujillo (75). Rosary/Vigil on Saturday, March 25, 8:30am. Her Funeral will follow at 9:30am.

Friday, March 17, 4pm—8pm

**72nd Annual Brother Mathias' St. Patrick's Day
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner,
A Celebration of Faith and Service
at St. Pius X High School
5301 St. Joseph Drive NW**

Adults—\$17 and Children under 12—\$7

Tickets at the door or online at

goodshepherdcenter.org



Next Sunday's Readings



The 4th Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 19, 2023

[This Sunday's Readings](#)

FIRST READING: *1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a*

Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 23: 1-6*

The Lord is our shepherd.

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 5: 8-14*

The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

GOSPEL READING: *John 9: 1-41*; Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING: As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

Mass Intentions	
Saturday, March 11, Vigil of the Third Sunday of Lent	
4 pm	+ John Gallegos
Sunday, March 12, Third Sunday of Lent	
8 am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10 am	+ Michael Salata For Our Parish
12:30 pm Spanish	Carlos Ramirez ~ Birthday + Emilio Rascon ~ Anniversary
Monday, March 13, Monday of the Third Week of Lent	
12:10 pm	Adela Montano ~ Birthday + M.D. King
Tuesday, March 14, Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent	
7 am	+ Eutimio Baca ~ Anniversary
Wed., March 15, Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent	
12:10 pm	+ Gail Slivonen + Christopher H. Bailey ~ Repose of Soul
Thurs., March 16, Thursday of the Third Week of Lent	
7 am	St. Anthony
Friday, March 17, Friday of the Third Week of Lent , St. Patrick, Bishop	
12:10 pm	+ Sinforosa Vigil ~ Anniversary
Saturday, March 18, Saturday of the Third Week of Lent , St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	
7 am	Our Lady of Guadalupe + In Honor of Bonnie Trujillo
Saturday, March 18, Vigil of the Fourth Sunday of Lent	
4 pm	+ John Gallegos + Raymond Sparks ~ Anniversary
Sunday, March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent	
8 am	+ Marie S. & Louis G. Romero
10 am	+ Michael Salata + Robert O. Mendoza
12:30 pm Spanish	For Our Parish

Upcoming Events



Our Welcoming Community meets on the 1st Sunday of each month.

But this month, we meet and eat on Sunday, March 12

"We acknowledge that we are a welcoming community, but we need to do more to welcome marginalized groups, immigrants,

homeless people, people far from the church." (ICC Listening Sessions for the Synodal Church)

Families in Action made a commitment to organize a potluck on the first Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. This month we'll eat on March 12.

We invite parish groups and families to participate and make an effort to continue building up our community.



On March 12, we will celebrate Father Steve's birthday during our potluck.



MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCH Thursday, March 16



Members of the parish meet for lunch once a month ~ that's Thursday, March 16, this month. We meet at the Sawmill Market (1909 Bellamah Ave NW). We try to meet in the center of the building around 11:30am.

Come join us. All are welcome. It's fun and the food is good -- you can choose from many restaurants.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS ~~ On the 1st Friday of each month, we celebrate the 7am Mass, followed by *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration* from 7:30 until 11:45am Benediction. The regularly scheduled 12:10pm Mass follows. Confessions are as usual from 11am to 12noon.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Leading up to the Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 20,* join us in praying the St. Joseph Adoption Novena.

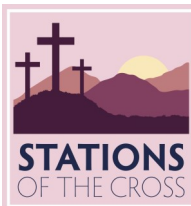
Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, we will pray the Lord blesses all who travel upon the path of adoption. Additional resources are available.

**Normally March 19th, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is transferred to Monday, March 20th in 2023 because March 19th falls on a Sunday.*

St. Joseph
Adoption Novena
Praying For All Who Travel
Upon the Path of Adoption

March 11-19

respectlife.org/adoption-novena



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be celebrated every Friday of Lent.

Stations begin at 6pm and will be followed by a supper of soup and bread in the basement Parish Hall, except for

March 31. If you would like to bring a soup item or bread, that would be wonderful.

On March 31, there will be no meal after Stations. Instead, we will celebrate our parish **PENANCE SERVICE**.

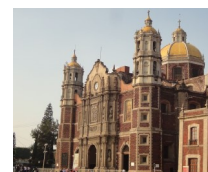
St. Mary's School pray the **LIVING** Stations of the Cross during Holy Week, on Tuesday, April 4, at 9am, in the Church. You are most welcome to come and pray with the students.

Here are local Lenten Penance Services which all may attend:

- ✧ Tuesday / Martes, March 14, at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande beginning at 7pm;
- ✧ Tuesday / Martes, March 28, at Holy Rosary beginning at 6pm; and
- ✧ Friday / Viernes, March 31, at Immaculate Conception beginning at 7pm.



PILGRIMAGE TO THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ON HER FEAST DAY. Saturday, December 9 through Saturday, December 16, 2023. Join the thousands who honor Our Lady with their devotions, prayers and dances on December 12. Also visit the colonial cities of Puebla, Guanajuato, San Miguel de Allende, Queretaro, etc. Spiritual directors: Frs. Nathan Libaire and Juan Mendez. \$2,699.00 per person, double occupancy. Limited spaces available. Sign up by May 1 for \$200.00 off. For more information and booking: Holy Land Travel Center 866-339-3323 or info@holylandtc.com



Ongoing Activities



Weekend conversation starter --

NAMETAGS. Look for the nametag tables as you enter the church for your weekend Mass. As a way of inviting a conversation with a stranger, put your first name on a nametag.



After the 10am mass, we will use a TED talk to help start conversations once you've grabbed your coffee or tea. Each week a TED talk will be chosen by parishioners for the following Sunday. You will receive an email about the selection if you currently are receiving the parish bulletin by email. Watch the TED talk ahead of time, or watch it with your coffee after Mass. Then join in the conversation.



GET HELP IN VIOLENT SITUATIONS

The ALBUQUERQUE FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER provides victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and their families with a safe setting to assist in addressing and overcoming the trauma of their experience and break the cycle of violence that destroys families.

The Center is open 8am to 5pm weekdays. Staff can be reached 24 hours a day at 505-243-3333.

The website is www.cabq.gov/albuquerque-family-advocacy-center and it lists many more resources.



AT HOME WITH THE WORD ~ BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly bible study group, in which we discuss the upcoming Sunday Readings, meets every Wednesday from 2:30 to 3:30pm in the Rectory.

You are welcome to join us at any time.

We are using LTP's At Home with the Word, 2023.

Copies of the book are available in the Parish Office for \$15 each. All are welcome.

BOOK READING GROUP

The Book Reading Group meets Wednesdays, 6pm to 7pm. We are almost finished with our discussion of Thomas Merton's The Seven Storey Mountain.

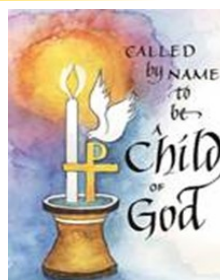
Our next book is Richard A. Levins' God or Greed: The Market as Culture. This small booklet (60 pages) is available from the Parish Office for \$8.00.

If you are or know of any person living within our parish boundaries who needs any rent or utility assistance, please have them contact our parish *Society of St. Vincent de Paul* through the Parish Office or email iccabqsvdp@gmail.com.

SSVDP assistance is available to everyone in need. They do not need to be registered parishioners or Catholic to qualify.



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The Baptisms in English are celebrated on the third Sunday of each month.

Please call the Parish Office at (505) 247-4271 and ask for Deacon Don for more information.

Our Communion to the Homebound program has some changes. If you take communion to those who cannot join us at Mass, take your pyx to the Sacristy before Mass.

The Presider will fill it after Communion and then invite you to the foot of the altar and, with a blessing, return it to you. You should have a burse in which to carry your pyx. Then return to your seat.



Dial 988: Help & Hope in New Mexico
The 24/7 Lifeline for Emotional, Mental, or Substance Misuse Support

WEEKLY FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27—MARCH 5, 2023:

INCOME INCLUDING ONLINE GIVING

Weekly Collection	\$ 12,547.00
St. Mary's School	1,338.00
Rejuvenation Fund	476.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society	137.50
Bread & Blessings	113.00
Francis House and Trinity House	20.00
Special Collections	20.00
Office, Candles, ACA, CRS	1,778.07
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 16,429.57

EXPENSES

Liturgy and Worship	\$ 1,248.84
Religious Education	1,954.56
Ministries	00.00
School Support	00.00
Clergy Administration	3,843.03
Parish Administration	2,185.30
<u>Building and Land Operations:</u>	<u>3,403.57</u>
Total Expenses:	\$ 12,635.30

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Cougars Take First

Three of our four St. Mary's School boys' basketball teams took first place in their respective divisions.

The varsity game was a thriller. With zero seconds left on the clock, Jeremiah was fouled and went to the free throw line. All he needed to do was to sink one of his shots and he did giving the Cougars the championship. He was asked afterwards if he was nervous. His reply was "no" but

then he winked.

Our student athletes work hard both on the court and off the court having to meet grade requirements to be eligible to play.

Congratulations Cougar basketball!



~~Carol Johansen,
Teacher & Parishioner



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers are needed before each week-end mass to encourage those attending mass to make a nametag for themselves so we can get to know each other.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Patrick O'Meara, pomearanm@gmail.com

Francis House Catholic

Worker is in need of

REGULAR VOLUNTEERS AND SUBS whom we can call when

our regulars can't come. Please, please consider being a regular or a sub or an occasional donor to do any of the following:

- ❖ make 60 sandwiches or make a big soup (talk with Linda for details: 505-515-6241);
- ❖ make cookies;
- ❖ bring fresh fruit;
- ❖ package bread, crackers, and other offerings;
- ❖ amend our supply of gloves and beanies;
- ❖ come at 8:30am for a few hours;
- ❖ raid your closet for warm coats, men's belts, gently used shoes, and jeans/sweats;
- ❖ PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER; and
- ❖ also: cash or a tax-free donation using the following URL (our expenses have gone up like yours).
<https://www.osvhub.com/iccabq/giving/funds/francis-house-catholic-worker>

We are grateful as always for your companionship on this journey! Francis House is open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays, 8:30 to 1:30 or until food runs out. It is closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. It's address is 8016 Zuni SE (storefront) just past Dallas across from Car Wash.

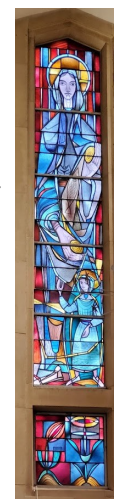
~~Linda (lbluejay46@yahoo.com)

~~and Glenn (gmrosendale@gmail.com)



ART WORK, STAINED GLASS WINDOWS, STATUES AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH!! It's all beautiful and meaningful. ICC wants to share this with others in ABQ by offering periodic tours of our sacred place of worship.

Are you, or do you know someone, that would be interested in sharing ICC's treasures with the public? If so, contact Joan at jwierzba@comcast.net. We will work together to create a program for many to enjoy. (This may become a stipended position.)



ALTAR SERVERS

If you are in the 4th grade or older and have made your First Holy Communion and you would like to be an altar server then, *WE NEED YOU!*



We especially need altar servers

at the Saturday 4pm Mass and the Sunday 8am Mass

Please contact Fr. Steve through the Parish Office or at srosera@iccabq.org. Thank you.



St. Benedict Joseph Labre Ministry serves the homeless and others in need with care packages that you and other parishioners can hand out from your vehicle when you encounter a person asking for money. We ask your help to:

❖ Create or provide supplies for the care packages;

❖ Make the care packages;

❖ Take the care packages with you at the end of your Sunday mass so you may hand them out.

Commonly needed items are: Protein bars, Granola, breakfast bars, snack bags of nuts, water cartons (for environmental purposes), toothpaste, toothbrushes, Personal Cleansing Cloths, Woman's personal hygiene products, Chap stick, Socks (for winter), Gloves (for winter), hand lotion, anything that can be placed in a 1-gallon zip lock bag, so long as it is not bulky; and 1-gallon zip lock bags.

For information, call Phyllis Ortiz at 505-231-5902.



The 2023 FIESTA PLANNING COMMITTEE has begun meeting. Please join us, if you would like to be a participant on this committee. Contact Chairperson Kathleen Sandoval through the Parish Office.

Our Fiesta will happen on Saturday, June 10.

VOLUNTEER PARISH POSITIONS AVAILABLE ~~

Videographers

Needed. If you are interested in

helping to stream, the 10am and 12:30pm Sunday Masses, please let Fr. Steve know by calling the Parish Office at 505-247-4271 or by email at

srosera@iccabq.org.

Streaming the Mass is fairly easy, and most of the setup is already in place. The work involves redirecting the camera during the Mass so that it focuses on the action taking place. This is a volunteer position.



WE STREAM MASS ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE.



To follow us on Facebook, find us at <https://www.facebook.com/iccabq/>



on YouTube, find us at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpsBXhOrta8CPn_htjXEwcw



and on Instagram, find us at <https://www.instagram.com/immaculateconceptionabq/>



VOCATIONS TO RELIGIOUS LIFE
Keep all young people discerning
religious life & priesthood in your prayers!



PAID INTERNSHIP AVAILABLE!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development's (CCHD) Archdiocesan office in Albuquerque is looking for Catholics who have a passion for service and justice, to apply for a paid position, approximately 18-20 hours/week, \$16/hour for Fall 2023 and Spring 2024.

The internship is a great opportunity to learn more about social justice education, poverty relief, community development, economic development, and Catholic social teaching. The applicant must be Catholic, have leadership experience, community service experience, and effective writing, communication, and computer skills. Bi-lingual (English/Spanish) candidates preferred.

An openness to the CCHD values of solidarity building, participation of the poor, and Catholic social teaching is essential. CCHD has particular interest in helping low-income Catholics to participate in a practical learning experience that ordinarily would be out of their reach due to financial limitations.

Applications can be requested by e-mail at aavellone@archdiosf.org. Contact Anne Avellone in the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life for more information, (505) 831-8167. Applications must be received by March 24, 2023. Don't pass up this wonderful opportunity!

FROM FARMING TO FISHING

Raul and Rhodora were coconut farmers in their town in the Philippines, but it took a lot of work before they made money. They participated in a Catholic Relief Services program that helped them build their own fishpond to raise and sell fish. The fish provide nutritious food for their family and more accessible income, enabling Raul and Rhodora's granddaughters to attend school. What changes have you made in your professional, personal or spiritual life that have benefited others?

Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



FOR LENT FOR LIFE

WHAT YOU GIVE
UP FOR LENT
CHANGES LIVES.

About our blue recycling barrels.

- ✧ The two barrels, now, are for *glass only*.
- ✧ For *mixed recycling*, please use the recycling bin on the west (7th Street) side of St. Mary's School.
- ✧ *Plastic bags* can be recycled at some retailers, for example, Smiths.



LA CATEQUESIS

Las clases religiosas se reanudarán el domingo 8 de enero de 2023, de las 11:15-12:15 antes de la misa. Recordatorio que la asistencia a la misa es importante y parte del catecismo

DE LOS COCOS AL PESCADO

Raul y Rhodora eran productores de coco en su pueblo de Filipinas, pero les era difícil obtener suficientes ingresos. Participaron en un programa de CRS en el que recibieron capacitación y asistencia para construir su propio estanque de peces para criar y vender. El pescado proporciona alimentos nutritivos a su familia y unos ingresos más estables, lo que permite a las nietas de Raul y Rhodora asistir a la escuela. ¿Qué cambios has hecho en tu vida profesional, personal o espiritual que hayan beneficiado a otros? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para saber más.



Visita <https://crsplatodearroz.org> para saber más.

Novena a San José para una adopción
Orando por todos los que recorren el camino de la adopción
11-19 de marzo
respectlife.org/adoption-novena



Antes de la solemnidad de San José el 20 de marzo,* únanse a nosotros para rezar la Novena a San José

para una adopción. Invocando la intercesión del padre adoptivo de Jesús, rezaremos para que el Señor bendiga a todos los que andan por el camino de la adopción. Hay materiales adicionales disponibles. *Cuando el 19 de marzo cae en domingo, la Solemnidad de san José, esposo de la Bienaventurada Virgen María se transfiere al lunes 20.

AYUDA DISPONIBLE, hable con alguien hoy.
No está solo.

CADENA NACIONAL DE PREVENCIÓN DEL SUICIDIO

Abierta por 24 horas al día en español e inglés.

APRENDA MÁS ~ 988

A partir del 16 de julio, los estadounidenses podrán llamar o enviar mensajes de texto a un nuevo número de teléfono, 988, si sienten que están experimentando una crisis de salud mental y/o corren el riesgo de suicidarse.

Bautismos son cada segundo domingo del mes. Por favor marque a la oficina parroquial para hacer una cita con el diácono Don (505) 247-4271 o hable con la hermana Teresa (505) 249-2781

Gracias a las familias que proporcionaron la comida del convivio del domingo pasado. Los invitamos a que participen en el grupo. Nuestra misión es crear comunidad – ser una iglesia sinodal y convivir con las familias de todas las misas de la parroquia.



Teresa Pena es parte del comité organizador para la fiesta de la parroquia que será en el mes de junio. Las familias de la misa de las 12:30 se comprometieron a preparar los puestos de comida. Se planea tener flautas, enchiladas, aguas frescas y menudo. Sánchez Tacos Food Truck estará donando la comida y su tiempo de 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. (toda la comida que se venda será donada a la parroquia). Agradecemos su generosidad.



Este mes nos reuniremos y comeremos el domingo 12 de marzo.

Si tiene conocimiento de cualquier persona que viva dentro de los límites de la parroquia que tenga necesidad de asistencia para pagar utilidades o renta, indique que se comuniquen con The St. Vincent de Paul Clearinghouse al tel 505 346-1500. La ayuda de SVDP esta disponible a todos aquellos que tengan necesidad. No es necesario ser miembro de la parroquia, o católico para obtener dicha ayuda.



Lineas de Crisis en Nuevo México
1-855-NMCRISIS (1-855-662-7474) nmcrisisline.com