

St. Joseph Catholic Church

505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Father Jesuraj Savarimuthu Assistant Pastor

February 22, 2009

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Mass Schedule

For Sunday Obligation— Saturday 5:30 pm;
Sunday 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Weekdays & Holy Days As published in the bulletin

Confessions

Saturday 4:00 pm—5:00 pm
Weekdays 20 minutes before Mass;
Thursday before First Friday 7-9 pm
or by appointment

Baptism

Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation class. This is recommended, and easiest to do before the birth of the child, but must be done before the baptism.

Matrimony

To assist those who plan to marry, all couples will be required to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation policy, which includes the FOCCUS and Engaged Encounter Programs. This requires a minimum of 4-6 months. Contact the pastor early to begin the marriage preparation process.

Anointing of the Sick

Individual celebration upon request prior to surgery or hospitalization

Holy Communion

For homebound and those recovering from illness, contact the Rectory.



EDUCATION

St. Joseph Catholic School (Preschool— 8th Grade)

428 East Avenue—402-362-3021

Office Hours: 7:30 am—3:30 pm

Head Teacher: Anne Driewer

Secretary: Cindy Rowland

C.C.D. Program

In St. Joseph School, Preschool—8
Sunday, 9:15 am—10:45 am.

Godparent Program

Religious education for youth in grades
9-12, Wed., 7:30-8:30 pm.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

(For those interested in possibly joining the Catholic Church.) Thursdays, 7:00-8:30 pm in the Mandeville Hall. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Adult Education

Special classes throughout the year.
Watch the bulletin for announcements.

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office 362-4595

In the Rectory, 505 East Avenue,
Office Hours 9:00 am—Noon, 1:00-4:00 pm, Mon.-Fri.

Parish Secretary Sue Svoboda

Kitchen in Mandeville Hall 362-3605

Convent 362-5860 Franciscan Apostolic Sisters

Bulletin Deadline

All material is to be submitted to the parish office by Thursday prior to the Sunday it is to appear.

New or Moving Parishioners

Please call the parish office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor to register in the Parish. Please call the parish office to notify us of any address change.

Your Will Ask your attorney to include remembrance of your Church and School in your will.

Religious Vocations

Any young woman interested in religious life, or young man interested in a vocation to the priesthood should contact your pastor. Please pray for vocations.

For more details of Parish Groups or Committees and Parish Activities and Opportunities for Spiritual Growth, visit with our Priest and ask for a Parish Directory.

Lay Ministry Assignments February 28/March 1, 2009

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u>
LECT	Frank Harre	Orval Stahr	Dick Smith
ACOL	Ken Heinz	Abe Sladdens	Jeff Harlow
ACOL	Tom Huff	Orval Stahr	Tom Schmid
SERV	Nathan Spellman	Caleb Brooke	Cole Johnson
SERV	Kyle Hoff	Jacob Brooke	Ryan Kopsa
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
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MUS	Alex Heinz	Laurie Burns	Chris & Rachel
MUS	Ruth Ann Weill	Christi Ruhl	Chavanau
USHR	Randyu Martin	Knights of	Larry McCall
USHR	Bob Burnham	Columbus	Paul Dravitzki
GRET	Claudia Braden	Knights of	Marcia Erdkamp
GRET	Marge Ekeler	Columbus	Dean & Betty Fredericks
OFFR	Karen McCall	Knights of Columbus	Gail Staehr Family
ROSR	Kelly Kirsch	Debbie Makovicka	Marcia Erdkamp

February 22, 2009

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

INTENTION

Mon	Feb. 23	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Carmen Beaver+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Jodi Weiler+
Tues	Feb. 24	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of Joyce & Leander Hamling
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	John Vosh+
Wed	Feb. 25	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Marlen Lubert+
Ash Wednesday		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of Leon & Sue Svoboda
		5:30pm	St. Joseph	Celebrants intention
Thurs	Feb. 26	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Lori McLain+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Jeannie & Tom Miller+
Fri	Feb. 27	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Phoebe McCarthy+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Special Intention (B.K.)
		10:30 am	Hearthstone	Intention of Celebrant
Sat	Feb. 28	8:00 am	Convent	Mary Berryman+
		5:30 pm	St. Joseph	Richard Weilt+
In Spanish		7:00 pm	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
Sun	Mar. 1	8:00 am	St. Joseph	Pam Neville+
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	People of the Parish

LENTEN REGULATIONS FOR ALL CATHOLICS

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

FASTING means eating only one full meal with two smaller meals, which together do not equal the full meal. No snacks or eating between meals allowed. Fasting obliges all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

ABSTINENCE means eating no meat nor soup nor gravy made from meat. Abstinence obliges all Catholics over the age of 14.

Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses on Ash Wednesday, February 25 – **7:00 am, 8:10 am, and 5:30 pm.**

Stations of the Cross on Friday, February 27 at **2:30 & 5:30 pm**

FISH FRY ...Every Friday, February 20 through April 3, 2009. Serving from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in Cullen Hall. All-you-can-eat Fish, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, bread, coffee and tea.

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS: Those who have signed up and been assigned small groups, you will begin meeting the week of March 1st. When the books arrive, they will be made available on the table in the narthex of the church and you can pick one up before your first meeting. The cost of the books is \$14.00 and checks should be made out to St. Joseph Church. Please put "Lenten Small Groups" on the memo line. Thank you... **Note:** These meetings will last approximately 1 hour, or as long as the group wishes. You may still join one of the groups, the sign up sheets are on the table in the church narthex.

Contribution Envelopes...for March & April were mailed to you from Our Sunday Visitor this past week. Included in your packets is a pamphlet entitled "Living Abundantly in Difficult Financial Times" (about everyday living) - good reading.

40 Days for LIFE — LENTEN PRAYER VIGIL Starting Ash Wednesday, February 25th—24 hours a day—7 days a week prayer vigil in front of Lincoln Planned Parenthood — 37th & South St. Sign up on line at 40daysforlife/Lincoln.com or call 402-489-7968.

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

February 15, 2009 were

Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,501.00
Electronic Deposit	\$1,350.00
Plate	\$350.44
Youth	\$41.50
Mass in Spanish	\$41.02
Sister Support.....	\$201.00
School Support	\$369.00
TOTAL.....	\$6,853.96

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.....\$941.00

Pray for Holy Marriages

MEETINGS

St. Joseph Parish Council will meet Monday, February 23 at 7:00 pm in the Mandeville Hall.

Legion of Mary: meets in the Mandeville Hall each Monday at 5:30pm.

Godparent Classes - All Classes, Wednesday, February 25, please attend the Ash Wednesday Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Adult Education Classes: Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the Mandeville Hall.

C.C.D. Classes are held on Sundays, from 9:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. in the School Classrooms.

St. Joseph's Pitch Group... Next Sunday, March 1 Hostesses Doris & Larry Bowman..

Snow Removal – 2/23 through 3/1 – **Crew #4:** Jeff Erickson, Scott Wieting, Tom Budler, Greg Conrad, Don Vodvarka, John Budler.

THANK YOU...Thanks to all those who were here moving snow last week. It is greatly appreciated. May the good Lord bless your gift of time and talent to him.

Please Pray For: Helen Komenda, Glynnis Cory, Doris Kennedy, Bernard Walford, Merle Lessig, Karla (Thomas) Holmes, Bill Raun, Sid Salzman, Dean Wilcox, Marge Lyons, Maxine Osentowski, Matthew Leach, Dennis Kear, Larry Bowman Sr., Marites Pascua, Joan Mulinix, Kayley Mae Gregg, Theresia VanOstrand, Cyndi Fagot, Luella Brinker, Michael Runyan, Susan Obispo, Gina Geiger, Mitch Wambold, Richard Eichmeier, Sonya Charlton, Fr. Larry Gyhra, Diane Thomas, Dennis Scamehorn, Don Olsen, Dave Vasquez, Tim Devlin, Don Neville, Marietta Medinger, Jerry Olson, Jim Berry, Mary Jo McGowan, Jerry Klein, Rachel Delaney, Bob Sylvester, Lucille Kuzelka, Roswitha Crissman, Margaret Geiger, Matthew Schmeackle, Mary Ann Hourigan, Ina Fae Homes, Nick Jacketti, Helen O'Brien, Edna Edgerley, William & Joan Runyan, George Zavodny Jr., lone Liggett, Kathleen Roesener, John Olsen, Dennis Neville, Military Personnel, all the unborn children & their parents, pro-life legislation. If you or someone you know would like our parish family to join you in prayer for special needs, please contact the Rectory.

Pray for the Dead...Let us remember in our prayers: Virgil Knopik (brother of Mary Gdowski), Gary Otupal, James Rerucha, Bruce Bernt, Jodi Weiler, James Quinn, Rick Fyfe (brother of Judy Thomas), Carmen Beaver.

2008 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS are in the Church vestibule, please help us save on postage by taking yours today.

Welcome...to the family of God through the waters of Baptism. On February 15, 2009 to Lane Steven Taylor, son of Jay & Sara (Mohnsen) Taylor, and Murfee Jo Nickels, daughter of Chad and Jessica (Mohnsen) Nickels and to Lillian Rae Miller, daughter of Matthew & Heather (Patton) Miller. Congratulations to the new parents.

Food Pantry...Grocery sacks for Blue Valley will be distributed this weekend after the masses and returned next Sunday (March 1) with your food donations

MEALS ON WHEELS...St. Joseph parish is in charge of delivering meals during the month of March. Your help is needed. To volunteer, please call Carmen McKenny 362-5069.

SCHOOL NEWS

Wendy's Night...Monday, February 23 from 5—8 p.m.

Thank you ...for supporting St Joseph School by saving Box tops. Please keep saving box tops for next year as this is an on-going money raising project. **Please Note:** You can still turn in your Grand Central cash register tapes. The last day these will be honored is March 31.

Pot O' Gold Benefit: Saturday, March 21, 2009 at the York Auditorium. This year's theme is "Americana" and will be celebrated as a vintage picnic. Please plan to attend this dinner and fundraiser in support of St. Joseph's School. Tickets for the event will be \$25 and available through the school or following mass in March. We are still requesting donations for the auction and would be most grateful if you would consider a donation to this worthy event. Donations may be dropped off at the school.

RESPONDING TO THE HEART OF THE KING RETREAT PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS Vocations are everyone's business. In addition to your prayers could you help promote vocations by recommending our vocation discernment retreat for single women 18 to 35 years of age (including high school seniors). The retreat, aimed at giving retreatants an opportunity to discern God's plan for their life, will be held March 6 - 8, 2009 at Villa Regina Motherhouse. The cost is \$20.00, (scholarships are available upon inquiry). Information and registration forms are available from Father. You may also request information or register by calling The School Sisters of Christ the King at 477-5232 or emailing sr.mary-michael@cdolinc.net Please register by Tuesday, March 3.

Spirit Catholic Radio is on the air!!...Thanks to God's grace, and the prayers and support of so many. Tune your radio to Spirit 102.7 FM KVSS and experience this medium's unique ability to touch hearts and heal souls. It's the instrument of the New Evangelization. If you would like more information, wish to make a tax deductible contribution, or explore advertising opportunities, contact John Soukup at 489-1005, e-mail john@kvss.com, or visit www.kvss.com.

Schedule for RETREATS: Consider giving yourself or your spouse a gift in the form of a Retreat.

Fr. Lawrence Stoley will be giving the retreat March 6-8, 2009 for men and women and his theme will be on *Spes Salvi, In Hope We Have Been Saved*.

You may call the Retreat House at 402-786-2705 or email goodcounsel@cdolinc.net in order to make a reservation for one of these. The retreat begins on Friday evening at 8:15pm and ends on Sunday at 1:00pm. Brochures with the complete schedule are available in the pocket of the Retreat House display on the Church Bulletin Board.

Seminarians... Each week everyone in our diocese is asked to pray in a special way for one seminarian. This week will be for **Steven Allan Mills**.

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

Creighton Model Fertility Care (NFP) Thursday, February 26, Monday, March 9, Wednesday, March 18 and Tuesday, March 31 at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call 488-2040.

Project Rachel—for help and hope in healing from a past abortion, call Project Rachel at 1-800-964-3787. There are two flyers in the pocket of the Project Rachel display on the Church bulletin board that you may take for yourself or someone you know who may benefit from them.

Marian Sisters Discernment Retreat...The Marian Sisters are hosting a Discernment Retreat for single women, juniors in high school or older March 13-14 at the Marycrest Motherhouse, Waverly NE. The retreat will include praying with the sisters, recreating with them, adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist, Mass and Confessions on Saturday, as well as talks and discussions on Vocational discernment. It will begin at 3:30 on March 13 and end approximately 2:30 on March 14. For more information or to RSVP, please call Sr. Melissa at (402)786-2750.

Choose Life... The framers of the Declaration of Independence asserted that all human beings have inalienable rights, bestowed on them not by any human power, but by their Creator. Those who hold a more exclusionary view need to explain why we should divide humanity into those who have moral value and those who do not. This moral line-drawing poses a serious threat to the dignity and rights of other poor and vulnerable members of the human family who need and deserve our respect and protection.

Girls Religious Awards...All girls, ages 7—18 involved with Campfire Girls, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Catholic Daughters & Schoenstatt are invited to participate in the religious awards program. To order program books, contact Lori at the Family Life Office 488-2040. Bishop Bruskevitz will celebrate Mass & Present the girls religious awards at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ on Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m.

Father/Son Program...to promote respect for human sexuality and chastity will be presented on Sunday, March 8, 2009, from 2—4 p.m. at Bl. John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln. Boys 10-14 years old and their fathers are invited to register. Registration forms are on the church bulletin board. This program is presented by the Lincoln Fertility Care Center and the Family Life Office

We could use your input....Mrs. Denise Mahoney, the current first grade teacher, is in her 25th year at St. Joseph's School. In preparation for an end of the year recognition for her dedicated service, we are asking for those interested to please contact Mrs. Anne Driewer, Head Teacher. We are looking for tributes, words of congratulations and appreciation, or some stories and memories you would like to share. You may email Mrs. Driewer at anne-driewer@stjosephyork.org with your thoughts or mail them to 428 East Ave., York, NE 68467. Thank you for your help and time.

Area Church Events

Benefit...for Scott and Niki Kosek Family Sunday, February 22 from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. Pancake, Eggs & Sausage Feed, Silent Auction and Bake Sale. Utica Auditorium—sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 14508 and St. Patrick's Altar Society. See bulletin board for more information.

Lenten Adult Series...*St. Paul's Epistles—What Does St. Paul Say to Us?* Each Monday during Lent at St. Teresa Church 36th & Randolph St. in Lincoln, from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Bishop Bruskevitz or another speaker will present talks on interesting teachings of St. Paul from a variety of his letters, and how this great Apostle changed the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. See the schedule on the Church bulletin board. Come and be inspired in living your Catholic faith. Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education of the Diocese of Lincoln.