

January 28, 2007

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>SCHEDULE OF MASSES</u>				<u>INTENTION</u>
Mon	Jan 29	8:10am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls Int. of Don & Maurine Schark
Tue	Jan 30	7:00am	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant (RT)
		8:10am	St. Joseph	Richard Weitl+
Wed	Jan 31	8:10am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls Intention of Marge Ekeler
Thu	Feb 1	7:00am	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
		8:10am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls Int. of Kevin & Laurie Burns
Fri	Feb 2	7:00am	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
First Friday		8:10am	St. Joseph	Spec. Int. of William & Joan Runyan
		10:30am	Hearthstone	Intention of Celebrant (Anniv.)
Sat	Feb 3	10:00am	Church	Intention of Celebrant (JT)
		5:30pm	St. Joseph	Dale Haley+
in Spanish		7:00pm	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
Sun	Feb 4	8:00am	St. Joseph	Bonnie Conrad+
		11:00am	St. Joseph	People of the Parish

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

January 21, 2007 were:

Adult Envelopes	\$10,224.57
Plate	\$74.20
Youth	\$43.96
Mass in Spanish	\$31.26
Sister Support	\$125.00
School Support	\$630.00
TOTAL:	\$11,128.99
CHURCH BUILDING FUND	\$160.00

Celebrate
Catholic
Schools

Lay Ministry Assignments February 3/4 2007

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 pm</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 am</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 am</u>
LECTOR	Joe McCluskey	Cathy Ochs	Barb Sylvester
ACOLYTE	Jerry Leininger	Jim Larkin	Richard Koch
ACOLYTE	Tom Walter	Abe Sleddens	Jeff Harlow
SERVER	Quint Wemhoff	Kyle Hoff	Isaac Driewer
SERVER	Ethan Wemhoff	Andrew Makovicka	Abraham Driewer
SERVER	Volunteer	Nathan Spellman	Leighton Thomas

SERVER	Volunteer	Volunteer	Troy Taylor
MUSIC	Mary Anne Fitzpatrick	Ruth Ann Weitl	Rachel & Chris
MUSIC	Lucille Kuzelka		Chavanu
USHER	Bob Burnham	Knights of	Terry & Elizabeth
USHER	Larry McCall	Columbus	King
GREETER	Rose Kopcho	Knights of	7 & 8 Grade CCD
GREETER	Laura Lea	Columbus	
OFFERTORY	Ben & Mary Gdowski	Knights of Columbus	7 & 8 Grade CCD
ROSARY	Kelly Kirsch	Joe McCarthy	Marcia Erdkampf

News about Fr. Chacko: As many of you know, Fr. Chacko cracked a bone on top of his ankle last Sunday while experiencing sledding for the first time. He underwent surgery to pin the bone together and he will be in a cast and on crutches for at least 4 to 6 weeks. As a result, we will need to cut back on the Masses during the week. Since we currently say additional Masses on Monday at the NCCW, for the godparent groups on Wed., and at the Hearthstone on Friday, we will not offer a 7:00 a.m. Mass at the church on those days, **except on First Fridays. (There will be a 7:00 a.m. this Friday.)** Fr. Chacko is doing well and is in good spirits. We have both been very appreciative of all the offers of assistance, meals being brought in and cards and letters he has received. Thanks to all of you very much. We will all continue to pray for his speedy recovery.

SOUTHERN NEBRASKA REGISTER...February is Catholic Press Month. Please use the envelope in your packets and return your **\$13.00 subscription fee** in the regular collection. Every registered family in the parish as of January 1 should be getting the Register by mail. Please contact the Rectory if you are NOT receiving the Register.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS Before First Friday, on Thursday, February 1 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar at 7:00 p.m. followed by some prayers. Confessions will be available between 8:15 and 8:50 p.m. followed with Benediction at 8:55. Please come spend some time in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord.

Feast of St. Blase: Feb. 3rd is the Feast of St. Blase. Traditionally, St. Blase who is the associated with the healing of throats, is invoked by way of a blessing given with crossed candles with the words: ***Through the intercession of St. Blase, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and every other illness, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*** Those receiving the blessing should make the sign of the cross at the end. We will be blessing throats after all the Mass next weekend and on Friday after Mass at school.

MEETINGS

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

Godparent Classes - Meet on Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Inquiry Class/R.C.I.A. Class...Thursdays, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Mandeville Hall (lower level of the Church).

Altar Society...Regular monthly meeting Friday, February 2 - 9 a.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, February 14.

Food Pantry...Thanks to everyone who has generously contributed to the monthly food drive for Blue Valley. Sacks will be distributed by the greeters after the Masses this weekend and returned on February 3 & 4.

Snow Removal – 1/29 through 2/4 – **Crew #1** Bill Hoffman, Jim Driewer, Gordon Steffen, Matt Leif, Dan Malleck, Allen Heng, Dean Fredericks.

Please Pray For: Roswitha Crissman, Margaret Geiger, Matthew Chmееckle, Mary Cockson, Matthew Leach, Mary Ann Hourigan, Barbara Benjamin, Norma Danahay, Doris Bedford, Ina Fae Homes, Nick Jacketti, Joan Thompson, John Palik, Jacob Budler, Helen O'Brien, Edna Edgerley, Patty Campbell, Jimmy Danahay, Al Boesch, William & Joan Runyan, Rollie Shald, George Zavodny Jr., Tim Devlin, Jodi Weiler, Rosemary Stahr, Tom Lilly, Pam Neville, Myron Johnson, Betty Bradley, Ione Liggett, Rose Marie Nichols, Gene Neville, 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.

Catholic Schools Week - January 28 - February 3, 2007 Check the insert in last weeks bulletin for a complete schedule of activities. Please feel free to attend the activities and help us Celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2007. The St. Joseph Catholic School students want to thank the parish members for their many years of support.

VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to St. Joseph's Athletic Club and Catholic Daughters and their committees for organizing another successful year of Crossroads Basketball Tournaments. Also **THANK YOU** to the many, many parishioners that helped with ticket sales, concessions, etc. Your time and effort is very important & profitable to our Parish and School.

Thank You: On behalf of the whole parish, thanks to all those who helped clear the sidewalks and parking lots early last Sunday morning before the Sunday Masses. It is greatly appreciated. May God bless your gift of time and labor.

2007 Youth Envelopes...have been passed out to St. Joseph School Students pre school through 8th grade. All other boxed envelope sets from age 3 through High School are on the table in the Church narthex. These envelopes are a good way to teach children about expressing gratitude to God for the blessings they receive in their lives. All parents are asked to make sure your children pick up their envelopes and please encourage their use throughout the year.

Knights of Columbus...Members should know that the Knights have a monthly update. To get your monthly update, please email your email address to knights1708@hotmail.com this will help with communications and events the Knights are doing.

Scholarship...Just a reminder the Knights of Columbus offers an annual scholarship to a graduating senior. To Qualify, you need to be a practicing Catholic student and an attending member of St. Joseph's Church and have a C average. Applications are available at the York High School, Church Office and Radio Shack, or contact a Knight.

The Pot O'Gold Committee...would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations: **Charlie's U-Save Pharmacy**– \$25, **York News Times** – three 3 month subscriptions, **Teressa Steffen**– two dozen cinnamon rolls, **Midwest Bank**– \$50 and 2 unframed prints, **York Wholesale**– birthday basket, **Erwins**– Fishing Day, **Henry Doorly Zoo**– 6 admission tickets, **Strategic Air and Space Museum**– 4 admission tickets, **Starbucks**– coffee gift package, **Wagner Decorating**– ceramic bird and metal angel, **Baer-Nelson's Furniture**– \$50 gift certificate, **Schweser's**– \$25 gift card, **NPPD**– Surge protector, **Tammy's Studio**– portrait package, **Howe's Carpet**– 5 gallons exterior paint, **Anonymous**– \$500 towards auditorium rental, **Kopchos Sanitation**– \$100 **Ronco Plumbing**– \$100, **John Burns**– \$50, **Pizza Hut**– 2 large pizzas, **Saathoffs**– alphabet stamps and ink pads

We are accepting donations any time for our February 24 Pot O'Gold event. Contact Lori Haarmann 362-3001. Thank you for your support.

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

2007

Men

March 16 - 18

April 13 - 15

Women

Feb. 2 - 4

March 2 - 4

March 30-Apr 1

May 11 - 12

Women's Retreat Master...Feb. 2 - 4, Msgr. Myron Pleskac.

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.

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 February 9-11, 2007 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, please register by Tuesday, February 6.

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

Creighton Model Fertility Care (NFP) Thursday, February 8 at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information, 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 make take for yourself or someone you know who may benefit from them.

Choose Life...One of the legacies of legalized abortion is the increasing number of abortions of children deemed not "perfect" enough to live. The President's Council on Bioethics recently stated that prenatal testing produces "toxic knowledge" because it so often leads directly to an abortion. (*LifeNews.com, 9/11/06*) According to the Genetics and Public Policy Center, screening of embryos from *in vitro* fertilization procedures in 186 clinics resulted in 66% of couples choosing to screen out (i.e. kill) embryos feared to have chromosomal abnormalities, 9% for the sake of sex selection, and 1% to get a match for a sibling in need of a transplant. In these clinics, 21% of them were "aware" of having made errors in diagnosis. (*The Washington Post, 9/21/06*)

Feast of Love...All married couples are invited to the Feast of Love on Wednesday, February 14. Mass with renewal of marriage vows begins at 6:30 followed by dinner and guest speaker. Cost is \$40.00. Call 488-2040 to register. See Church bulletin board

Stress in Your Marriage? — *There is less than a week left to signup for Retrouvaille.* Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 2-4, 2007 call 1-888-317-5654 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org on the web.

Theology on Tap...for college age and young adults, although everyone is welcome. The original Valentino's 35 & Holdrege, Lincoln, NE. Wednesdays 7 - 9 p.m. Enjoy a beer with some of your favorite priests. Be ready for stimulating theological conversations. **January 31** Fr. Kubat "Stem Cell Research", **February 7** Bishop Fabian W. Bruskewitz "Separation of Church and State". If you have any questions, you can call Fr. Kurz at 402-488-2040.

Marriage Encounter...the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is... February 9-11 in Lincoln, & February 16-18 in Hastings. To register contact: Jeff & Lori McKillop, PO Box 86 Polk, Ne 68654. Phone 402-765-3441 (Days) or 402-366-4005 (Evenings).

Soup Supper in Seward...The St. Vincent de Paul School will be having its annual soup supper. Come enjoy Chili, Chicken Noodle, and Ham & Bean Soups, bread and homemade dessert in the Parish Social Hall, Friday, Feb. 2 from 5 - 8 p.m. Adults \$6.00 and children ages 3 - 12 \$3.00.

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

PRAY THE ROSARY...each Wednesday following the 8:10 a.m. Mass. You are invited to pray the Rosary.

OUR PRAYERS and God's mercy, upon them, are like two buckets in a well; while one ascends, the other descends.
-St. John Neumann