

St. Joseph Catholic Church

505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Father Jesuraj Savarimuthu Assistant Pastor

November 23, 2008

Solemnity of Christ the King

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 November 29/30, 2008

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u>
LECT	Kathy Quinlan	Les Olson	Cathi Murphy
ACOL	Ken Heinz	Ardon Anderson	Matt Leif
ACOL	Tom Walter	Dale Schoening	Tom Schmid
SERV	Michael Heinz	Andrew Makovicka	Cole Johnson
SERV	Nathan Heinz	Jordan Waiz	Ryan Kopsa
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
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MUS	Alex Heinz	Doreen Luethje	Dana Grenfell
MUS	Ruth Ann Weill	Lucille Kuzelka	Gayle Kloewer
USHR	Dean Fredericks	Gary McDaniel	Gary & Joan
USHR	Marlin Hartig	John Budler	Groteluschen
GRET	Marlin & Mary Hartig	Mel & Arlene Smith	Terry & Elizabeth King
GRET	Joe & Sharon Schuller	Jerry & Sue Stahr	Larry & Maggie Kopsa
OFFR	Joe & Sharon Schuller	Ron Saathoff Family	Matt Leif Family
ROSR	John Quinlan	Ruth Ann Weill	Leo Kloewer

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Mon	Nov. 24	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of LeRoy & Estelle Fay
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Eugene C. Neville+
Tues	Nov. 25	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Mary Steffen+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of Dean & Barbara Wilcox
Wed	Nov. 26	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Phoebe McCarthy+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Nadine Fulton+
Thu	Nov. 27	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Marlen & Marian Luber
Thanksgiving		9:00 am	St. Joseph	Lori McLain+
Fri	Nov. 28	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Albert Coffey+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of LeRoy & Joyce Baker
		10:30 am	Hearthstone	Intention of Celebrant
Sat	Nov. 29	8:00 am	Convent	Poor Souls of Kathy Jueden
		5:30 pm	St. Joseph	Richard Weilt+
in Spanish		7:00 pm	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
Sun	Nov. 30	8:00 am	St. Joseph	Carol Kmoch+
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	People of the Parish

INTENTION

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD	
November 16, 2008 were	
Adult Envelopes	\$6,181.50
Electronic Deposit.....	\$1,310.00
Plate	\$221.77
Youth	\$97.50
Mass in Spanish	\$48.59
Sister Support	\$82.00
School Support.....	\$1,040.00
TOTAL	\$8,981.36
CHURCH BUILDING FUND	\$627.50

Pray for the Poor Souls

MEETINGS

CHURCH IMPROVEMENT MEETING: This Sunday November 23rd after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All parishioners are invited to attend.

Parish Council Meeting: Monday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Mandeville Hall

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

Bible StudyNO meeting this Wednesday.

Godparent Classes - will NOT meet this Wednesday.

Catholic Adult Education Classes: No Class this Thursday-Thanksgiving

C.C.D. Classes - No Class next Sunday, Thanksgiving break.

Catholic Daughters.. and families—Christmas Caroling, Sunday, December 7. Meet in Mandeville Hall at 1:30 to go caroling then return for a short meeting and hot chocolate & treats. Mark your calendars, plan to attend.

St Joseph's Pitch Group...Christmas Dinner Sunday, December 7, dinner at 6:30 p.m. - Mandeville Hall. Please make reservations by Monday, December 1 call Jerry & Ardith Hinze 362-2527 or Jim & Lenora Larkin 732-6836.

Please Pray For: Dennis Kear, Larry Bowman Sr., Marites Pascua, Dorothy Kirkpatrick, Joan Mulinix, Viola Suing, Kayley Mae Gregg, Theresia VanOstrand, Cyndi Fagot, Eleanor Haley, Luella Brinker, Michael Runyan, , Susan Obispo, Carmen Beaver, Gina Geiger, Jodi Weiler, Mitch Wambold, Richard Eichmeier, Sonya Charlton, Fr. Larry Gyhra, Diane Thomas, Dennis Scamehorn, Dan Tuttle, Don Olsen, Dave Vasquez, Tim Devlin, Don Neville, Marietta Medinger, Tony Winter, 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, Joan Thompson, Helen O'Brien, Edna Edgerley, Jimmy Danahay, 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: Marlen Luber (father of Carmen McKenny), James Toombs, Gale Fox (father of Gayla Harre), Father Ron Patterson, Robert E. McDonnell, Mike Brink and Janet Rowland.

THANKSGIVING DAY...Our Mass schedule for Thanksgiving day is 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. There will not be a vigil Mass on Wed. evening. The monetary collection taken up for Thanksgiving is to be used to support the cloistered Sisters of our Diocese. We are blessed to have two communities of cloistered contemplative sisters; the Adoration Sisters of Christ the King in Lincoln, (known as the "Pink Sisters" because of their pink habits) and the Carmelite Sisters at the Carmel of Jesus, Mary and Joseph near Valparaiso, NE. In addition to this collection, we want to encourage those who come to Mass on Thanksgiving to bring with them nonperishable food items. After the monetary collection is taken up, we will invite you to bring these items forward to be placed at the foot of the altar. They will later be taken to the Blue Valley food pantry. It will be another opportunity or another way we may share with others, God's blessings to us. Thank you...

CLOISTERED SISTERS COLLECTION.. Please use the envelope inserted in today's bulletin for the annual collection for the Cloistered Sisters in our Diocese (the Pink Sisters in Lincoln and the Carmelite Sisters in Agnew). This offering will be taken up at the Thanksgiving Masses or may be returned in next weekends collection.

COMMITMENT SUNDAYS: With the green booklet mailed to everyone last week and in light of the Ministry Fair conducted in the narthex of the church the first three weekends of November, it is time to encourage everyone to become involved with something in the parish. Enclosed in the green booklet and also in the pews at Mass this weekend is a Time and Talent Sheet that lists the various organizations and activities in the parish and a place for you to check off something that might be of interest for you to join. These will be taken up like a second collection after all the Masses both this weekend and next weekend. Someone from the organization will call and talk to you in the next 30 days or so with more information and meeting times or how you may become involved in the areas that you chose. We would like to thank you in advance for your gift of time and talent to the Lord.

CHARITY AND STEWARDSHIP APPEAL/DDP: We have received a check from the chancery in the amount of \$7,602, which rebate on the payments made for pledges from the CSA/DDP appeal last May. Thanks to the chairpersons Allan and Teresa Heng, all the workers who contacted parishioners, and especially to all the members of the parish who contributed to this appeal. The check is very helpful in meeting the financial obligations of our parish. May God abundantly bless your gift Him.

MINISTRY FAIR: Thanks to everyone involved in the Ministry Fair conducted the first three weekends of November. First of all thanks to the Stewardship committee of the parish for organizing it. Thanks to all the groups in the parish for your displays with information concerning your particular organizations. Thanks to everyone who took a few minutes to look at and become informed about the various activities that are part of our parish. We pray that many will be moved to become part of some activity or group in our parish family.

Food Pantry...grocery sacks for Blue Valley donations will be passed out on the weekend of December 6/7 and returned the weekend of December 13/14.

Flowers for the Christmas Altar...Please use the envelopes in the back of the church for ordering your Christmas flowers.

York Deanery 40 Hours for Life.....Parishioners are invited to participate in a Deanery-wide 40 Hours Devotion at **Sacred Heart Church, Beaver Crossing**, beginning Friday, November 28th, 7 p.m. (conference) until Sunday, November 30th 7 p.m. (conference). Fr. Joseph Stelle will give the conferences. Volunteers from St. Joseph's parish are requested to sign up on the Schedule Sheet on the table in the church vestibule for an hour of adoration.

SCHOOL NEWS

Wendy's Night Out...Monday, November 24—5:00—8:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Vacation...**No School** Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28. **Happy Thanksgiving** to everyone from the Students and Staff of St. Joseph Catholic School. We are truly blessed to have Catholic Education available to our Parish. Thank you for your continued support!

Pre School Openings.....Due to some student transfers, there is now one opening in the Little Angels Pre-school program for each of the classes. 4 year olds Monday, Wednesday, Friday and 3 year olds, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Mrs. Driewer at the school at 362-3021

GIFT OF GRAIN: With the harvest season under way, we want to remind our farmers of the benefits that may be available to them by a donation of grain to the parish. It will not only reduce your tax liability this year, but it would also be a wonderful gift to God for the blessing of the harvest; not to mention the welcomed support for the expenses of our parish. For more information, talk to the person who prepares your taxes or a financial Planner

Without changing your Will,..... you can leave a gift to our parish. Designate our parish or other Diocesan charity as the beneficiary of all or a portion of your IRA or 401K. Your funds have grown tax free in your IRA or 401K, and your heirs could be taxed at a high rate when the funds are distributed. If you donate these funds, the money passes directly to our parish, tax-free. Contact your IRA or 401K plan administrator for a change of beneficiary designation form. Leave your Savings Account or Certificate of Deposit (CD) to our parish or other Diocesan charity. Simply change the beneficiary to make the Savings Account or CD payable upon death to the Diocesan Charity of your choice. The charity will receive the funds when you are deceased. For more information contact your financial institution. Contact me for help and additional options for planned gifts. Les Mach - Planned Giving Officer Diocese of Lincoln les-mach@cdolinc.net or 402-443-3866

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

November

28—30 Fr. Andrew Apostoli Men & Women
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 **Thomas Flamminio**.

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

Creighton Model Fertility Care (NFP) Monday, December 8 and Thursday, December 11 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 may take for yourself or someone you know who may benefit from them.

Choose Life ... “Abortion is the leading cause of death in the black community. People are not aware of that. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control Abortion Surveillance on African-American women, who make up only 12% of the U.S. population.” Beverly Anderson, National Black Catholic Apostolate for Life (*The Southern Cross*, July, 2008)

Divorced, Separated and Widowed...Catholics are invited to a special Mass sponsored by the Family Life Office on Monday, December 1 at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Confessions: 7 p.m.—Mass 7:30 p.m. The presentation after Mass will be “Joy and Hope in Christ”.

A Special Wedding Anniversary Mass and reception for those celebrating their 1,5,10,20,25,40,50 or more years of marriage will be held Sunday, November 30, at 3 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Bishop Bruskewitz will celebrate the Mass for this “Joy and Hope” celebration of marriage. For a registration form, please contact the rectory, or the Family Life Office at (402) 488-2040. Registrations by November 25th.

Bless the Baby Jesus...Saturday, December 13, 2008 10 a.m.! All families are invited to attend a beautiful Advent Service at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ. This service is designed to bring Jesus closer to the hearts of families and children. Families will receive a blessing from Bishop Bruskewitz and are encouraged to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their home nativity set to be blessed. A “swaddling clothes” collection of new or gently used baby items (blankets, sleepers, layette items, diapers, etc.) will be taken and given to Birthright. After the service, there will be a short reception in the church hall. For more information, contact Casie Otte at 420-0749.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS -- Cursillo is an instrument of the Catholic Church, which has been granted canonical recognition by the Holy See, for the revitalization of Christian life. Cursillo involves a restructuring of our everyday lives through an ongoing program of prayer and sharing. The weekend begins on a Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening, and consists of talks given by priests and laity and celebration of the sacraments. Upcoming weekends are January 8-11, 2009, for the men, and January 15-18, 2009, for the women, both being held in Lincoln at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. For more information, contact Mark Pribyl, Lay Director for the Lincoln Diocese (mpribyl@diodecom.net; phone number: 402-641-7199) or your pastor. What a great way to start the new year!

A Holy Land Pilgrimage...to encounter the land Christ walked will take place August 2-13, 2009. Fr. Rand Langhorst will serve as Director in union with the sponsoring agency of Tekton Ministries (www.tektonministries.org). If you have any interest please contact Fr. Rand for a brochure by email at otcerand@hotmail.com or by mail to: Pilgrimage, St. Vincent DePaul Church, 152 Pinewood Ave., Seward, Nebraska 68434. Consider prayerfully this opportunity for your spiritual life.

CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

Pancake Breakfast—Exeter Fire Hall Sunday, November 30th—sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Serving from 7 a.m.—12 noon. Free Will Donation—Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Juice & Coffee.

See the Bulletin Board for more on the above events.

NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE POOR SOULS. Let us continue to remember our departed in our prayers and Masses. “Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.”