

St. Joseph Catholic Church

505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Fr. Mel Rempe, Senior Priest in Residence & Associate

November 29, 2009

First Sunday of Advent

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 Sunday 30 minutes before Mass
Weekdays 15 minutes before Mass
Thursday before First Friday 7-7:50 p.m.
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

Principal: Mrs. Dawn Lewis

Secretary: Gayle Kloewer

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 December 5/6, 2009

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u>
LECT	Bob Weiler	Deb Makovicka	Barb Sylvester
ACOL	Ken Heinz	Dave Geiger	Dave Bartek
ACOL	Tom Huff	Abe Sleddens	Jeff Harlow
SERV	Nathan Heinz	Cody McGowan	Michael Brune
SERV	Quint Wernhoff	Dylan McGowan	Cole Johnson
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
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MUS	Alex Heinz	Laurie Burns	Matt Heng
MUS	Ruth Ann Weittl		Gayle Kloewer
USHR	Allen Fangmeyer	Knights of	Terry & Elizabeth
USHR	Michael Kirsch	Columbus	King
GRET	Dean & Betty Fredericks	Knights of	Terry & Elizabeth King
GRET	Pam Hromadka	Columbus	Laura Lee
OFFR	Dean & Barb Wilcox	Knights of Columbus	Larry & Dorothy McCall
ROSR	Kathy Quinlan	Deb Makovicka	Dave Bartek

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Mon	Nov. 30	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Tues	Dec. 1	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Wed	Dec. 2	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Thurs	Dec. 3	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Fri	Dec. 4	7:00 am	St. Joseph
First Friday		8:10 am	St. Joseph
		10:30 am	Hearthstone
Sat	Dec 5	8:00 am	Church
		5:30 pm	St. Joseph
In Spanish		7:00 pm	St. Joseph
Sun	Dec. 6	8:00 am	St. Joseph
		11:00am	St. Joseph

INTENTION

Margaret Geiger+
Deceased of Richard Loveless
George Cuda+
Deceased of Marie Kramer
Dennis Kear+
Bernice Cook+
Carmen & Jerry Beaver+
Pam Neville+
Kathleen Bedient+
Deceased of Wempe & Huber Families
Intention of Celebrant
Our Lady's Pro-Life Intention
Francis Jueden+
Intention of Celebrant
Ernest Langner+
People of the Parish

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

November 22, 2009 were

Adult Envelopes.....	\$4,891.50
Plate.....	\$288.50
Youth.....	\$30.50
Mass in Spanish.....	\$69.00
Sister Support.....	\$134.00
School Support.....	\$640.00
TOTAL.....	\$6,053.50

Church Building/Debt Retirement \$1,278.73

COME LORD JESUS

SEASON OF ADVENT: Today we begin the Holy Season of Advent. The four Sundays of Advent are not the time when we prepare for Christmas but the time in which **we** are being prepared for Christmas. Advent is a time when the Church stands up in the face of the busyness of life, shopping, parties, cooking, traveling, and decorating and asks us to slow down, be still, and be quiet. We are to keep awake, looking and listening for the God who is always coming to us. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord. We watch and reflect on who we are. We look for the Christ in all the unexpected places – in the stuff of everyday life, in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. We live with expectancy and anticipation of God's presence in our lives. We wait for the angelic messenger that promises us that the womb of our humanity will bear a child named Jesus. The Season of Advent is a penitential time in which the traditional forms of penance, **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**, should be intensified as part of our preparation. If we approach this Holy Season in this manner, we will not necessarily be preparing for Christmas, but **we** will truly be prepared ourselves for Christmas.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS Before First Friday, on Thursday, December 3 from **7:00 - 8:00 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 7:00 and 7:50 p. m. followed with Benediction at 8:00. Please come spend some time in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord.

FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Our 17th Annual Feast Day de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe Celebration sponsored by the Catholic Daughters will be held Sunday, December 13 following the 11 a.m. Mass. A Mexican Dinner will be served in the Mandeville Hall - Adults \$7.00 and Children \$4.00 with proceeds to go to the Matt Talbot Kitchen and the Nebraska S.I.D.S. (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) Foundation in memory of Daniel Jesse Pluta. Plan to attend.

CHURCH CLEANING: Saturday, December 5, is the first Saturday of the month and is the day for volunteers to clean the church. Everyone is encouraged to come and help give the Lord's house a thorough monthly cleaning. Please mark your calendars and make a gift of your time and talent to the Lord by cleaning the church. Thank you.

MEETINGS

LEGION of MARY: Each Monday at 5:30 pm— Mandeville Hall.

GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays, at 6:00 p.m. in the Mandeville Hall.

GODPARENT CLASSES - Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES (RCIA). Thursdays 7 p.m. in the Mandeville Hall

ALTAR SOCIETY.... Regular monthly meeting, Friday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m. in the Mandeville Hall.

CCD CLASSES... Sundays, from 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. in the School

ST. JOSEPH'S PITCH GROUP...will meet Sunday, December 6, for our Christmas party at 5:30 in the Mandeville Hall. Dinner at 6 p.m.

PARISH COFFEE & ROLLS...following the 8 a.m. Mass next Sunday, December 6 in the Mandeville Hall, hosted by the Third Grade Class.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Charles Carter, Lane Mc Daniel, Delores Wittsche, Dan & Dorothy Kirkpatrick, Roger Krumbach, Bob Sylvester, Klayton Thomas, Eleanor Weiler, Louise Thorne, Laura Haller, Jim Pluta, Annie Vieyra, Margie Mata, Jerry Sikes, Scott Baker, Loretta Teinert, Marci Windeshausen, Roberto Obispo, Glynnis Cory, Karla (Thomas) Holmes, Bill Raun, Sid Salzman, Dean Wilcox, Matthew Leach, Larry Bowman Sr., Marites Pascua, Joan Mulinix, Kayley Mae Gregg, Theresia VanOstrand, Luella Brinker, Michael Runyan, Susan Obispo, Gina Geiger, Richard Eichmeier, Sonya Charlton, Diane Thomas, Don Olsen, Tim Devlin, Don Neville, Jerry Olson, Jim Berry, Mary Jo McGowan, Jerry Klein, Rachel Delaney, Lucille Kuzelka, Roswitha Crissman, Matthew Schmeeckle, Mary Ann Hourigan, Ina Fae Homes, Nick Jacketti, Helen O'Brien, Edna Edgerley, William & Joan Runyan, George Zavodny Jr., Ione Liggett, 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: Lacey Anderson, (Great granddaughter of Edna Edgerley), Bill Overbeck (Father of Jackie Meier), Ernest Langner (Brother of Larry Langner), Bernice Cook, (Mother of Sharon Hansen), Doris Kennedy, Dennis Kear.

SNOW REMOVAL – 11/30 through 12/6 – **Crew #2:** Bill Hoffman, Tom Budler, Matt Leif, Steve Taylor, Dan Malleck, Allen Heng, Steve Neujahr.

CHARITY AND STEWARDSHIP APPEAL/DDP: We have recently received a rebate check in the amount of \$7827.50 which represents payments made on pledges from the DDP 2009 campaign last May. We are very grateful to everyone who participated in the campaign, especially those who organized it, the workers, and especially those who contributed monetarily with cash or pledge. It is an enormous help to the parish financially this time of year. Your continued payment on the pledges made is greatly appreciated. May the good Lord bless this gift of your treasure.

CLOISTERED SISTERS COLLECTION. May still be returned, please use one of the envelopes on the table in the church or mark your offering Cloistered Sisters Collection, (the Pink Sisters in Lincoln and the Carmelite Sisters in Agnew). The prayers and sacrifices of these sisters benefit the whole Lincoln Diocese, please be generous gift of your treasure.

Food Pantry ...grocery sacks for Blue Valley donations will be passed out on the weekend of December 5/6 and returned the weekend of December 12/13.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY...Thank You to all who returned their Time and Talent commitment sheets to help out with organizations or activities in our parish. Organizations will be given the list of names of those who indicated an interest and you will be contacted with information about being involved. Thanks to everyone for expressing your interest in giving of your time and talent to the Lord through our parish. You may still return your Time and Talent commitment sheet to the Church office or the collection basket next weekend.

CREATE A CULTURE OF LIFE...This advent, our parish will participate in the statewide *ADVENT BABY SHOWER*, November 29 through Epiphany, January 6. As we anticipate the good news and great joy of our Savior's birth, you are invited to *SHOWER HIS LITTLE ONES*. Gift ideas for newborns through 5 years are posted in the back of church and the items need not be wrapped. Place the items in the crib in the narthex. Gifts will fill the needs of our parish, York Crisis Pregnancy center and Catholic Social Services. "*As often as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me.*" (Mt 25:40).

FLOWERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS ALTAR.....A beautiful way to decorate our Christmas altars is to order a poinsettia to remember your loved ones. To place orders, just find the flower pot in the narthex and fill in the information on the envelope. They are still only \$10 per plant! Turn in the envelopes to the collection basket on Sundays during Advent. Questions? Call Mary Beth Kunze 362-5861.

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

December

Dec. 4—6 Msgr Raymond Hain (Legion of Mary Retreat) Men & Women

Dec. 10-13 Men's Retreat Regnum Christi Men

Dec. 18-20 Fr. Peter Mitchell 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.

SEMINARIANS... Each week everyone in our diocese is asked to pray in a special way for one seminarian. This week will be for **David Gayhart**.

ONE ACT PLAY...December 3rd at 7 p.m., The Christmas Story by Frank Runyeon will be presented at Stone Creek, McCool Jct. Free Will offering.

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE (NFP) Wednesday, December 16 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.

CHOOSE LIFE: If you paid attention to the media, you would think that those who oppose embryonic stem cell research and a host of other laboratory-created life techniques are "anti-science." But this is not a science debate. It's a debate about ethics, morality and what is right and wrong. (Wesley Smith, *NRL News*, June, 2008)

DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED...Catholics are invited to a special Mass sponsored by the Family Life Office on Monday, December 14, at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Confessions: 7:00 P.M. Mass: 7:30 P.M. Presentation: 8:00 P.M.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011...The Family Life Office is hosting a pilgrimage to Madrid Spain, for youth and young adults, ages 16—30. Trip highlights include Barcelona, Lourdes, Avila, Toledo and Madrid. Cost is \$3,600 with a \$250 refundable deposit due December 7. More details are available in the *Southern Nebraska Register*. To register, go to www.dioceseoflincoln.org.

THE MARCH FOR LIFE...is an annual Pro-Life event held in Washington, D.C. Students and chaperones from our Diocese will join students and protestors from throughout the nation for a youth rally, Mass and a march to Capitol Hill and the U.S. Supreme Court. Trip highlights include sightseeing and guided tours to the U.S. Capitol and Pentagon. Trip date is January 18—23, 2010. The \$350.00 cost includes transportation, lodging, some meals and "Nebraskans for Life" gear. To register, go to: www.dioceseoflincoln.org.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: We have signed a contract with a company called "Lifetouch" to put together a new pictorial directory for our parish. The last directory is just over 5 years old and so it is time to take a new "snapshot" of our parish to help us come to know the members of our parish family. I want to thank those who were part of the committee that helped interview and choose Lifetouch and will be organizing the effort: Linda Budler, Lori Haarmann, Donna Sharman, Lynn Vodvarka, Becky Bartek, and Ruth Ann Weitzl. There are others who have also offered to help, which I appreciate very much. Each family who has their picture taken will receive a free portrait and free parish directory. Please mark your calendars to be available with your family to have your picture taken sometime during the following dates: Jan. 12-16; Jan. 19-23; and Jan. 26-30; The times for Tues. through Fri. is 2:30 to 9:00 p.m. and on Saturdays 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thank you...

THE CATHOLIC COFFEE HOUSE...is an adult faith formation series held at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln. The theme for this season is: "Meet the Priest". The next presentation will be December 13, 6:30—8 p.m., with Fr. Thomas Au presenting "Why the Priesthood is Reserved to Men". Each session includes prayer, a presentation, Q & A time, and dessert (with coffee, of course!). There is no fee and no registration is required. Questions? Please call (402) 488-2040.