

St. Joseph Catholic Church

505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Fr. Mel Rempe, Senior Priest in Residence & Associate

December 6, 2009

Second 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 12/13, 2009

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u>
LECT	Joe McCluskey	Joe Morris	Jeff Erickson
ACOL	Ed Larkin	Dale Schoening	Ron Haarmann
ACOL	Jim Larkin	Orval Stahr	Steve Taylor
SERV	Tom Friend	Cody Brown	Chase Woodruff
SERV	Lane Meier	Ryan Kopsa	Blake Woodruff
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
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MUS	Jessica Growney	Dave Hying	Children's Choir
MUS	Ruth Ann Weilt	Lucille Kuzelka	Gayle Kloewer
USHR	Marlin Hartig	Mark Neville	Gary & Joann
USHR	Randy Martin	Scott Walz	Groteluschen
GRET	Mick & Kelly Kirsch	Loy Borowiak	Lynn & Clare Leif
GRET	Rose Kopcho	John & Linda Budler	Mike & Cathi Murphy
OFFR	Joyce & Leander Hamling	Joe & Sharon Schuller	Barb Woodruff Family
ROSR	Ruth Ann Weilt	Aloha Schmid	Leo Kloewer

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Mon	Dec. 7	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Holy Day Vigil	5:30 pm		St. Joseph
Tues	Dec. 8	7:00 am	St. Joseph
Holy Day	8:10 am		St. Joseph
Wed	Dec. 9	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Thurs	Dec. 10	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Fri	Dec. 11	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
		10:30 am	Hearthstone
Sat	Dec 12	8:00 am	Church
		5:30 pm	St. Joseph
In Spanish		7:00 pm	St. Joseph
Sun	Dec. 13	8:00 am	St. Joseph
		11:00am	St. Joseph

INTENTION

Deceased of Tom Walter
 Intention of Celebrant
 Richard Erdkamp Sr.+
 People of the Parish
 Deceased of Mary Ann Hourigan
 Viola Cuda+
 Deceased of Gloria Turnbull
 Lori McLain+
 Deceased of Walt & Blanche Clymer
 Doris Bedford+
 Deceased of Bob & Eleanor Weiler
 Intention of Celebrant
 Dorothy & Arnold Grabowski+
 Deceased of Jerry & Elaine Leininger
 Intention of Celebrant
 Carol Knoch+
 People of the Parish

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD	
November 29, 2009 were	
Adult Envelopes.....	\$7,564.50
Plate.....	\$371.23
Youth.....	\$40.20
Mass in Spanish.....	\$39.00
Sister Support.....	\$150.00
School Support.....	\$1,512.00
TOTAL.....	\$9,676.93
Church Building/Debt Retirement	\$4,132.00

COME LORD JESUS

HOLY DAY - Tuesday, December 8th - the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation which obliges all Catholics to participate in the Mass.

Masses: **Monday 5:30 pm, Tuesday, 7:00 am and 8:10am.** Confessions will be heard 20 minutes before each Mass.

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.

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. Thank you for your generous contributions of \$888.00

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th)	5:30 p.m.
Christmas Day (Dec. 25th)	12:00 midnight
	9:00 a.m.

Mass in Spanish 10:30 a.m.

CONFESSION TIMES

Saturday (Dec. 19) 2:00-5:00 p.m.

Monday (Dec. 21)	12 noon—1 p.m.	4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Tuesday (Dec. 22)	12 noon—1 p.m.	4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Wednesday (Dec. 23)	12 noon—1 p.m.	4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Thursday (Dec.24)	12 noon—1 p.m.	

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD —JANUARY 1, 2010

Thursday, December 31 5:30 p.m. Mass
 Friday, January 1 Masses 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

MEETINGS

ST. JOSEPH'S PITCH GROUP...Christmas party tonight at 5:30 in the Mandeville Hall. Dinner at 6 p.m.

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS...Meeting, Monday, December 7 at 8p.m.

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

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

FOOD PANTRY ...grocery sacks for Blue Valley donations will be passed out this weekend December 5/6 and returned next weekend December 12/13.

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 Schmeackle, 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: Gary Smith, 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 – 12/7 through 12/13 – **Crew #3:** Steve Hannon, David Langner, Ron Skaden, Bill Grenfell, Bill Thomas, Briant Kadavy, John Budler.

FOR SALE: The cemetery is replacing the lawnmower and wanting to sell 1997 John Deere Model F911, which is 22 hp with a 60" inch deck with 1087 hours and includes 3 sets of good blades. The price is \$3800 or best offer. Please call Greg Conrad at 362-2538 for more information.

ALL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEMBERS: You and your family are invited to a Christmas Coffee on Sunday, December 20 after the 8:00 Mass (there will be no Monday meeting this month.) If you are a member of Catholic Daughters, even if you haven't been to a meeting for a while, please come downstairs to enjoy some homemade Christmas treats and celebrate this blessed season with us! And for some extra fun, we'll have a drawing for a \$25.00 Chances R gift certificate to be given to a Catholic Daughter, but you must be present!! *Mark your calendar for Dec. 20 after the 8:00 Mass!!! See you there!*

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 CHRISMAS 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

No School...Tuesday, December 8— Holy Day

Christmas Program...Thursday, December 17 —7 p.m. Cullen Hall

School Christmas Break...Begins at 3:15 Friday December 18

POT O GOLD RAFFLE TICKETS: In anticipation of the upcoming Pot O Gold Event on Sat. March 20, 2010, the major benefit and social for St. Joseph School, raffle tickets are available on the table in the narthex of the church for every household of the parish. The three great prizes on the raffle this year include a \$250 Certificate for Star Ranch Beef, a Gaming Chair, and an i-Touch. It is hoped that members of our parish will take a few moments to pick up their raffle tickets (to save postage) and try to sell them between now and March 20th, perhaps over Christmas at family gatherings. Tickets may be turned in either at the school or rectory office or place them in the collection basket on Sunday. Additional tickets to sell are available at both locations as well. Thank you for your support of the Pot O Gold and St. Joseph School.

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

December

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.

MEALS ON WHEELS...St. Joseph Parish will be delivering meals during the month of January. Volunteers, please call Carmen McKenny 362-5069

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: Writing in the *Michigan Law Review* about Oregon's assisted suicide law, two physicians stated that reasonable sounding safeguards, which proponents said were there to protect patients, do not appear to have achieved that purpose and are easily circumvented. "As a result, Oregon physicians appear to have been given great power without being in a position to exercise it responsibly." (*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 ww.dioceseoflincoln.org.

QUEST: is a retreat for young Catholics between the ages of 14 and 16 who are freshmen and sophomores in high school. The retreat is woven around the theme of the Three Circles of Love: Love of Self, Love of Others, and Love of God. It is designed to bring young people together into community and invites them to search for and seek out a deeper understanding and appreciation of themselves, others, and God. Upcoming Quest retreats: David City: February 20-21; Holdrege: April 10-11. Register at: 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 Weill. 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.

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