

St. Joseph Catholic Church

505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Father Jesuraj Savarimuthu Assistant Pastor

December 7, 2008

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
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 Drierer

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 December 13/14, 2008

| | <u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u> | <u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u> | <u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u> |
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| LECT | Gayle Kloewer | Charlene Dorcey | Barbara Sylvester |
| ACOL | Ken Heinz | Ardon Anderson | Ron Haarmann |
| ACOL | Tom Walter | Mike Murphy | Tom Schmid |
| SERV | Alex Heinz | Troy Taylor | Kyle Haarmann |
| SERV | Nathan Heinz | Kyle Hoff | Leighton Thomas |
| SERV | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer |
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| MUS | Ruth Ann Weill | Laurie Burns | Drierer Family |
| MUS | | | |
| USHR | Randy Martin | Mark Neville | Scott Wieting |
| USHR | Bob Burnham | Scott Walz | Richard Braden |
| GRET | Dean & Betty Fredericks | Lee Svoboda | Janelle Schachenmeyer |
| GRET | Marlin & Mary Hartig | Karolyn Anderson | Gail Staehr |
| OFFR | John & Kathy Quinlan | Maynard & Cathy Ochs | John Kowalski Family |
| ROSR | Ruth Ann Weill | Beverly Langner | Elizabeth King |

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

INTENTION

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| Mon | Dec. 8 | 7:00 am | St. Joseph | Marlen Luber+ |
| Holy Day | | 8:10 am | St. Joseph | People of the Parish |
| Tues | Dec. 9 | 7:00 am | St. Joseph | L&D of Walsh, Cockson, Branigan & Miller Fam. |
| | | 8:10 am | St. Joseph | Poor Souls of Eleanor Haley |
| Wed | Dec. 10 | 7:00 am | St. Joseph | Mary Berryman+ |
| | | 8:10 am | St. Joseph | Deceased of Wempe & Huber Families+ |
| Thu | Dec. 11 | 7:00 am | St. Joseph | Frank Kirkpatrick+ |
| | | 8:10 am | St. Joseph | St. Joseph Staff, Students & Families |
| Fri | Dec. 12 | 7:00 am | St. Joseph | Poor Souls of Ray Kramer |
| | | 8:10 am | St. Joseph | Poor Souls of Teresa & Roger Werth |
| | | 10:30 am | Hearthstone | Intention of Celebrant |
| Sat | Dec. 13 | 8:00 am | Church | Phoebe McCarthy+ |
| | | 5:30 pm | St. Joseph | Rose & Ed Rech+ |
| in Spanish | | 7:00 pm | St. Joseph | Intention of Celebrant |
| Sun | Dec. 14 | 8:00 am | St. Joseph | People of the Parish |
| | | 11:00 am | St. Joseph | Don & Vivian McCall+ |

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

Masses: **Sunday 5:30 pm, Monday, 7:00 am and 8:10am.** Confessions will be heard 20 minutes before each Mass. **Please Note:** The Sunday night 5:30 p.m. Mass does **NOT** fulfill both your Holy Day obligation & your Sunday obligation. A Catholic needs to attend two Masses.

FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Our 16th Annual Feast Day de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe Celebration sponsored by the Catholic Daughters will be held next Sunday, December 14 following the 11 a.m. Mass. A Mexican Dinner will be served in the Mandeville Hall - Adults \$5.00 and Children \$2.00 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.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE...Sunday, December 21 from 4 - 5 pm. Several priests will be here for Confessions. Mark your calendars.

Christmas Mass Schedules

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| Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th) | 5:30 p.m. |
| Christmas Day (Dec. 25th) | 12:00 midnight |
| | 8:00 a.m. |
| | 10:00 a.m. |
| Mass in Spanish | 11:30 a.m. |

Confession Times

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| Saturday (Dec. 20) | 2:00-5:00 p.m. |
| Sunday (Dec. 21) | 4:00-5:00 p.m. Parish Penance Service |
| Monday (Dec. 22) | 12 noon—1 p.m. |
| Tuesday (Dec. 23) | 12 noon—1 p.m. |
| | 4:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday (Dec. 24) | 12 noon—1 p.m. |

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God —January 1, 2009

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

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

November 30, 2008 were

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| Adult Envelopes | \$7,951.50 |
| Plate | \$235.00 |
| Youth | \$37.61 |
| Mass in Spanish | \$29.87 |
| Sister Support | \$380.00 |
| School Support..... | \$735.00 |
| TOTAL | \$9,368.98 |

CHURCH BUILDING FUND \$566.00

COME LORD JESUS

MEETINGS

Catholic Daughters.. and families—Christmas Caroling, Sunday, today. Meet in Mandeville Hall at 1:30 to go caroling then return for a short meeting and hot chocolate & treats.

St Joseph's Pitch Group...will meet Sunday, today, for our Christmas party immediately following the Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass at 5:30.

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

Bible Study: Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.—Mandeville Hall

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

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

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

Food Pantry...grocery sacks for Blue Valley donations will be passed out this weekend, and returned next weekend December 13/14.

4th Degree Knights of Columbus ..Christmas Party, Dec. 14th at the Chances R restaurant. Social hour 5 p.m. with dinner to follow. Please RSVP by December 7th to Dean Fredericks at 362-6905.

Snow Removal – 12/8 through 12/14 – **Crew #3:** Steve Hannon, Dave Langner, Ron Skaden, Bill Thomas, Briant Kadavy and Dan Klein.

Please Pray For: James Rerucha, Dennis Kear, Larry Bowman Sr., Marites Pascua, Joan Mulinix, Viola Suing, Kayley Mae Gregg, Theresia VanOstrand, Cyndi Fagot, 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, Helen O'Brien, Edna Edgerley, William & Joan Runyan, George Zavodny Jr., Ione 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: Bobby E. Wallace (father of April McDaniel), John Paul "Jack" Wallace (father of Deborah Huff), JoAnn Thompson, Marlen Luber (father of Carmen McKenny), James Toombs, Gale Fox (father of Gayla Harre),

THANK YOU: Thanks to everyone who helped with Confirmation on Nov. 20th. We want to especially remember those who helped prepare our young people for the sacrament, those who decorated and cleaned the church, printed and put the programs together, prepared and served the meal for the priests and the Bishop, arranged, prepared and served at the reception following the Confirmation. All of which helped to make it a very special day for those who received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Thank you very much.

Shower Christ's Little Ones... This advent our parish will participate in the statewide **ADVENT BABY SHOWER**, from now through December 24. 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 items in the cradle that is in the narthex area. Gifts will fill the needs of our parish, Catholic Social Services/Charities, Pregnancy Help Centers and Women's Shelters. "As often as you did it for one of My least brothers, you did it for Me." (Mt 25:40).

Welcome... to the family of God through the waters of Baptism On November 29, 2008 Luis Jesus' Acosta, son of Luis and Gipsy (Delgado) Acosta. Congratulations to the parents.

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 \$881.00

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.

Fathers of Mercy Parish Mission—St. Mary Church, Aurora, NE Prepare for Christmas with Father Tony Stephens, December 7 — 11, 2008, 7:00 p.m. Conferences at 7 p.m. each night. Everyone is invited See bulletin board for more information

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Christmas Program... Thursday, December 18 —7 p.m. Cullen Hall

School Christmas Break... Begins at 3:15 Friday December 19

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.

December

11-14 Regnum Christi Men

19-21 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. 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 **David Gayhart**

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

Creighton Model Fertility Care (NFP) Monday, Dec. 8 and Thursday, Dec. 11 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 ... A new book entitled *My Child, My Gift: A Positive Response to a Serious Prenatal Diagnosis* quotes one mother of a child with Down syndrome, "The greatest surprise is this: Our life together has been less about my helping him reach his potential than about him helping me reach mine."

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, (mpribyl@diodecom.net; phone number: 402-641-7199) or your pastor. What a great way to start the new year!

The Catholic Coffee House..is an adult faith formation series held at Blessed John XXIII Diocesan Center in Lincoln. The next presentation will be December 14. Questions? Call (402) 786-2705.

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 20-22, 2009 call 1-888-317-5654 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org

The Catholic Diocese of Lincoln has an immediate opening in the Education Technology Department for a Student Intern. This is a part time position, open to students who will not graduate before May 2009. This person will assist in the repair of and deployment of desktop and notebook computers. Limited evening and weekend hours may be required. The position is paid, and is located in Lincoln. Send resume and letter of interest to: Administrative Coordinator; jobs@cdolinc.net.

NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT? St. Joseph mugs will be on sale after each of the Masses this Saturday and Sunday and next week also. The mugs have a picture of both the old and new church. The mug reads: *St. Joseph Catholic Church, York, NE, est. 1878.*

A Stewardship Moment... Advent reminds us that while we await "new heavens and a new earth," we should make ready a way for the Lord now as John the Baptist proclaims. God's plan for us is not just for the future. It is already with us, urging us to activate it. We are stewards of God's plan. How are we revealing, unveiling, fulfilling God's plan in our daily lives? How are we "preparing the way of the Lord?"