

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

## 505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Fr. Mel Rempe, Senior Priest in Residence & Associate

December 13, 2009

Third 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 19/20, 2009

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u>
LECT	Gayle Kloewer	Rod Garhart	Kathy Quinlan
ACOL	Ken Heinz	Ardon Anderson	Marc Haggadone
ACOL	Tom Walter	Mike Murphy	Dave Langner
SERV	Alex Heinz	Andrew Makovicka	Tristan Dravitzki
SERV	Nathan Heinz	Lane Meier	Zane Dravitzki
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
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MUS	Abby Haarmann	Laurie Burns	Rachel & Chris
MUS	Lucille Kuzelka		Chavanau
USHR	Michael Kirsch	Gene Troutman	John Romohr
USHR	Dean Fredericks	Greg Conrad	Dan Klein
GRET	Muneca Moutray	Kevin & Laurie Burns	Ron & Barb Skaden
GRET	Volunteer	Bill & Sharon Cuda	Brian & Becky Stahr
OFFR	Dean & Barb Wilcox	Ron & Deb Makovicka	Joe Erwin Family
ROSR	Bob Weiler	Joe McCluskey	Maria Olsen

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Mon	Dec. 14	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Kathryn Kirkpatrick+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Deceased of Pam Dumpert
Tues	Dec. 15	7:00 am	St. Joseph	George Liggett+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Deceased of Eleanor Haley
Wed	Dec. 16	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Phoebe McCarthy+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Joe Jueden+
Thurs	Dec. 17	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Deceased of Roger & Teresa Werth
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Deceased of Ruth Ann Weill
Fri	Dec. 18	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Gary Erickson+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Deceased of Tom Neville
		10:30 am	Hearthstone	Intention of Celebrant
Sat	Dec. 19	8:00 am	Convent	Margaret Geiger+
		5:30 pm	St. Joseph	Deceased of Rosie Kopcho
<b>In Spanish</b>		7:00 pm	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
Sun	Dec. 20	8:00 am	St. Joseph	People of the Parish
		11:00am	St. Joseph	Michaela Thomas+

### INTENTION

<b>OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD</b>	
December 6, 2009 were	
Adult Envelopes.....	\$10,699.08
Plate.....	\$213.28
Youth.....	\$120.10
Mass in Spanish.....	\$76.25
Sister Support.....	\$362.00
School Support.....	\$988.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$12,458.71</b>
Church Building/Debt Retirement	\$4,949.50

**COME  
LORD JESUS**

### FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast Day of Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe Celebration sponsored by the Catholic Daughters will be held TODAY, Sunday, 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.

### 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.

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION:** Enclosed as an insert in the bulletin this weekend is a sheet containing a brief biography of the five candidates we have for the upcoming parish council election. I want to thank these five individuals for graciously offering their time and talent to be a part of the council and I know the parish will be well represented regardless of who is elected. Please read over the information provided by the candidates this week and be prepared to vote for four candidates on a ballot that will be placed in the pews next weekend. Thank you.

**CHURCH DECORATING**...Extra hands are invited to help with the Christmas Decorating on Sunday, December 20 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Families-Adults & Youth are invited to help. 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 PENANCE SERVICE:** There will be 3 to 4 priests here this Wednesday (12/16) at 7:30 p.m. for a penance service for the high school students in our Godparent program. All of our high school students are encouraged to attend. Other members of the parish who want to take advantage of this opportunity for confession are welcomed.

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES (RCIA).** Thursdays 6 p.m. (Note Time Change) in the Mandeville Hall

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** William Marken, 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: 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** – 12/14 through 12/20 – **Crew #4:** Jeff Erickson, Scott Wieting, Terry Huff, Greg Conrad, Don Vodvarka, Josh Conrad.

**THANK YOU:** We want to thank SNOW REMOVAL Crew #3 for the snow removal this past week: Steve Hannon, David Langner, Ron Skaden, Bill Grenfell, Bill Thomas, Briant Kadavy, John Budler. We great appreciate your gift of time and talent

**FOR SALE:** The cemetery is replacing the lawnmower and wanting to sell 1997 John Deer 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**

**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. Please take a few moments to pick up your raffle tickets. 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.

**HELP NEEDED:** The Pot Of Gold committee is looking for volunteers to help with thank you notes, basket assembly and labeling, and class craft projects. Contact the school office if you are interested in helping with this major fundraiser for our school.

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

#### **December**

Dec. 18-20 Fr. Peter Mitchell Men & Women

You may call the Retreat House at 402-786-2705 or email [goodcounsel@cdolinc.net](mailto: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

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

## **NEWS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE**

**CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE (NFP)** Wednesday, December 16 and Thursday, January 7 and Tuesday, January 19 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:** Speaking of her Down syndrome baby as a "gift from God," Congresswoman Cathy M. Rodgers stated, "There are tremendous resources, support and early intervention available to families. There are medical Advances and breakthroughs in the realm of education and early learning. I am extremely grateful to those who have walked this path before me." (*NRL News*, May, 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.

**A MASS IN HONOR OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS**...will be celebrated on Monday, December 28, 6:30 p.m. at Blessed John XXIII Chapel, 37th and Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death are invited to attend this special Memorial Mass. If you would like your child's name to be remembered, please call the Family Life Office at 488-2040. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

**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](http://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.