

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Father Jesuraj Savarimuthu Assistant Pastor

December 14, 2008

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  
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 December 20/21, 2008

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u>
LECT	Joe McCluskey	Debbie Makovicka	Jeff Erickson
ACOL	Tom Huff	Dave Geiger	Dave Bartek
ACOL	Tom Walter	Orval Stahr	Jeff Harlow
SERV	Thomas Friend	Cody McGowan	Isaac Driewer
SERV	Lane Meier	Dylan McGowan	Abraham Driewer
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
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MUS	Ken Heinz	Dave Hying	Abby Haarmann
MUS	Ruth Ann Weilt	Lucille Kuzelka	Gayle Kloewer
USHR	Larry McCall	Gene Troutman	Paul Brune
USHR	Eddie Kennedy	Greg Conrad	John Romohr
GRET	Mick & Kelly Kirsch	Loy Borowiak	Bill & Mary Thomas
GRET	Rosie Kopcho	John & Linda Budler	Bob Woodruff Family
OFFR	John & Julie Wilmes	Bill & Sharon Cuda	Bill Thomas Family
ROSR	John Quinlan	Cathy Ochs	Leo Kloewer

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### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### INTENTION

Mon	Dec. 15	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Marlen Luber+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Kathryn Kirkpatrick+
Tues	Dec. 16	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Joe Jueden+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Francis Greenlee+
Wed	Dec. 17	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Amy Dumpert+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Peter Spanjers+
Thu	Dec. 18	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Gary Erickson+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Deceased K.C. Members Council #1708
Fri	Dec. 19	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Gary Erickson+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Dale Hawkes+
		10:30 am	Hearthstone	Intention of Celebrant
Sat	Dec. 20	8:00 am	Convent	Poor Souls of Conrad Family
		5:30 pm	St. Joseph	Special Intention R & M Brouillette Families
in Spanish		7:00 pm	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
Sun	Dec. 21	8:00 am	St. Joseph	People of the Parish
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	Rudy & Gertrude Hakel+

### FEAST of OUR LADY of GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

Our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast Day de Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe Celebration sponsored by the Catholic Daughters this 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**...Next Sunday, December 21 from 4 - 5 pm. Several priests will be here for Confessions. Mark your calendars.

### Christmas Mass Schedules

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

Saturday (Dec. 20)	3:00-5:00 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

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

**Church Decorating.** . . . Extra hands are invited to help with the Christmas Decorating on Sunday Dec. 21 after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Families—Adults & Youth are invited to help. Thank You.

### OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

December 7 & 8, 2008 were

Adult Envelopes .....	\$10,283.00
Plate .....	\$183.72
Youth .....	\$44.60
Mass in Spanish .....	\$37.89
Sister Support .....	\$534.00
School Support.....	\$2,025.00
Immaculate Conception .....	\$1,761.12
TOTAL .....	\$14,869.33

CHURCH BUILDING FUND .....\$4,333.00

# COME LORD JESUS

### MEETINGS

**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.

**Confraternity of Christian Mothers**...Thursday, December 18th at 9 a.m. in the Mandeville Hall.

**Adult Education Classes:** ; **NO CLASS** Thursday, December 18. **Next Class January 8, 2009.**

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

**Snow Removal** – 12/15 through 12/21 – **Crew #4:** Jeff Erickson, Scott Wieting, Tom Budler, Greg Conrad, Don Vodvarka, John Budler.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to all those who were here scooping snow last Tuesday from our first snow fall of the season. It is greatly appreciated. May the good Lord bless your gift of time and talent to him.

**Please Pray For:** Maxine Osentowski, Matthew Leach, 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, Don Olsen, Dave Vasquez, Tim Devlin, Don Neville, Marietta Medinger, 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 Roenser, 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),.

**All St. Joseph Parish Children**...who would like to sing at the 5:30 Mass on Christmas Eve, please contact Lucille Kuzelka 362-3419.

**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 December 6, 2008 to Jasmine Samantha Gonzalez, daughter of Gerardo and Yulinana (Rodriguez) Gonzalez, and to Hector Jonathan Rodriguez-Trejo, infant son of Hector and Sara (Trejo) Rodriguez. Congratulations to the parents.

**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. Deadline for placing orders, Wednesday, December 17.

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**Christmas Program**...Thursday, December 18 at 7 pm in Cullen Hall. Everyone invited. Parents A - E bring 2 dozen cookies to program.

**School Christmas Break**...Begins at 3:15 Friday December 19, school resumes Tuesday, January 6, 2009.

**Wendy's Night**...Monday, December 21 from 5—8 p.m.

**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](mailto: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**

19-21 Fr. Peter Mitchell Men & Women

#### **January**

2-4 Msgr. Raymond Hain 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. 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 **Stephen Graeve**

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

**Creighton Model Fertility Care (NFP)** Thursday, January 8 and Tuesday, January 20 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.

**Healing Hearts**...A Holy Family Mass in Honor of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Sunday, December 28, 2:30 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.

**Choose Life** Despite efforts to downplay abortion's roles in its lucrative business, Planned Parenthood has become responsible for nearly a quarter of all abortions performed in the United States. And while the organization advertises itself as nonprofit, its latest annual report shows America's top abortion chain setting records in revenues—over a billion dollars. (*NRL NEWS*, April, 2008)

**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](mailto: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 today, Sunday, December 14. Questions? Call (402) 786-2705.

**Stress in Your Marriage?**—Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriage. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. 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.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) on the web

**Mosaic Christmas Open House**....Thursday, December 18 7—8 p.m. — 220 W South 21st street (old champion building). Public is invited.

**209 CHURCH CALENDARS**...Compliments of Metz Mortuary are in the Church Narthex. Please one per family.

**Living Faith** booklets for January - March are available on the table in the vestibule of the Church.

**A Stewardship Moment**...St. Paul offers a timely stewardship message: Pray always, live a life of gratitude and seek holiness. During this week of Advent, spend some time in prayer reflecting on what it means to be grateful, compassionate and unselfish. Discover opportunities to say, "Thank you." Go out of your way to do something for someone else.