

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

## 505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Fr. Mel Rempe, Senior Priest in Residence & Associate

December 20, 2009

Fourth 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 26/27, 2009

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u>
LECT	Frank Harre	Joe Morris	Jeff Erickson
ACOL	Dave Dickey	Ardon Anderson	Marc Haggadone
ACOL	Tom Walter	Abe Sleddens	Jeff Harlow
SERV	Jess Gillham	Ryan Kopsa	Jacob Brooke
SERV	Tom Friend	Jason Gloystein	Caleb Brooke
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Evan Neville
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
MUS	Jessica Growney	Dave Hying	Dana Grenfell
MUS	Ruth Ann Weilt	Lucille Kuzelka	Gayle Kloewer
USHR	Bob Burnham	Gary McDaniel	Scott Wieting
USHR	Larry McCall	John Budler	Richard Braden
GRET	Dee Spanjers	Dennis & Granada Dooley	Bob & Barb Woodruff
GRET	Gail Staehr	Kitty Kear	Richard Braden
OFFR	Gail Staehr	Jim Cast Family	Tim Esser Family
ROSR	Betty Kaslon	Arlene Smith	Dave Bartek

# December 20, 2009

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Mon	Dec. 21	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Tues	Dec. 22	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Wed	Dec. 23	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Thurs	Dec. 24	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
<b>VIGIL</b>		<b>5:30 pm</b>	St. Joseph
Fri	Dec. 25	<b>Midnight</b>	St. Joseph
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>		<b>9:00 am</b>	St. Joseph
<b>In Spanish</b>		<b>10:30 am</b>	St. Joseph
Sat	Dec. 26	8:00 am	Convent
		5:30 pm	St. Joseph
<b>In Spanish</b>		7:00 pm	St. Joseph
Sun	Dec. 27	8:00 am	St. Joseph
		11:00am	St. Joseph

### INTENTION

Viola Cuda+  
 Deceased of Dean & Donna Snyder  
 Carmen & Jerry Beaver+  
 Leo & Evelyn Macek+  
 Special Intention J.M.  
 Ernest Langner+  
 Intention of Celebrant  
 Dennis Kear+  
 Lori McLain+  
 People of the Parish  
 Gene Neville  
 Intention of Celebrant  
 Deceased of Helen & Charles Wempe  
 Deceased of Tom Walter  
 Intention of Celebrant  
 People of the Parish  
 Pam Neville+

### 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.

**Music**...Caroling will begin 1/2 hour before the Midnight Mass.

### 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.

**Retired Priests Fund Collection** ... Included in this bulletin is a special envelope for our retired priests. **Please use this to help St. Joseph Parish meet its assessment for the support of the retired priests of our diocese.**

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

### OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

December 13, 2009 were

Adult Envelopes.....	\$7,716.50
Holy Day.....	\$1,112.00
Plate.....	\$197.75
Youth.....	\$41.13
Mass in Spanish.....	\$182.07
Sister Support.....	\$143.00
School Support.....	\$1,270.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$10,662.45</b>

Church Building/Debt Retirement \$3,900.00

# COME LORD JESUS

### MEETINGS

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

**BIBLE STUDY:** January 6, 2010 at 6:00 in the Mandeville Hall

**GODPARENT** Next meeting, Wednesday, January 6, 2010

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES (RCIA).** Next Class January 7, 2010.

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

Next Class, Sunday, January 3, 2010

**SNOW REMOVAL** – 12/21 through 12/27 – **Crew #5:** Tom & Joe Ritzdorf, James Cast, Jed Erickson, Scott Walz, Russ Linhart, Leo Kloewer

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Jane Patterson, Monica Siefried, 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 Schmeekle, 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: Helen O'Brien, 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.

**ALL CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEMBERS** You and your family are invited to a Christmas Coffee today, Sunday, December 20 after the 8 a.m. Mass. 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 425.00 Chances R gift certificate to be given to a Catholic Daughter, but you must be present!!

**THANK YOU:** We have received a number of contributions in the last several weeks, especially this past week, from people coming forward sharing generously the gift of treasure they have received from the Lord. Some have given to help those struggling financially in the parish. Many have taken advantage of the tax free donation from their IRA. Some have contributed generously by giving gifts of grain, and some have just given gifts, even substantial gifts, sharing the blessings the good Lord has given them this year toward the building fund or to help us catch up with large overdue payments of the parish. The spirit of sharing what God has given us, especially during, this season when we celebrate the "Gift of Gifts", God giving us His only Son, is humbling and inspiring to see coming from so many people in our parish. May the good Lord, who is never outdone in generosity, abundantly bless the gifts you have given many times over. Thank you...

**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.

**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).

**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.

#### January 2010

15—17 Fr. James Meysenburg Men's Retreat  
29—31 Fr. Mark Cyza Women's Retreat

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.

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

## NEWS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

**CREIGHTON MODEL FERTILITY CARE (NFP)** 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:** "The Word became flesh and dwelled among us," St. John's Gospel states. Perhaps if we could look at each unborn child as a word from God, we would be less likely to destroy those children who each have a unique message to share with the world.

**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.

**CATHOLIC ATTORNEYS, LEGAL PROFESSIONALS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, AND LAW STUDENTS** are invited to the annual "Red Mass" to be celebrated by Bishop Bruskewitz at St. Thomas Aquinas Church (Newman Center) 16th & Q Streets in Lincoln at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday January 12, 2010. The Mass takes its name from the Red Vestments worn invoking the help of the Holy Spirit for those in the legal profession and legislature (parking is available on the street in the surrounding area). There will be a breakfast following. To RSVP for the Breakfast only, or for information about the Catholic Lawyers' Guild contact [catholiclawyersguild@gmail.com](mailto:catholiclawyersguild@gmail.com) or the Chancery Office at (402) 488-0921.

**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. Please schedule your time today. There is a table in the Church Vestibule. Thank you...

**LIFE LINE SCREENING...**St. Joseph Church will be hosting Life Line Screening on January 21, 2010. These health screenings will be offered for people 40-years-old and older. You must pre-register by calling **1-888-653-6441**. These screenings are completely painless, non-invasive, and require ten minutes or less each to complete. Please see the pink flyer in last weeks bulletin for details or call **1-888-653-6441**.

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

**2010 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...Fourth Sunday of Advent –**

The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she has found favor with the Lord and will give birth to a son and call him Jesus. Mary responds that she is the servant of the Lord and accepts His will for her. As we open our hearts to the gift of the Christ-child, in what ways have we acknowledged that we are stewards of the Lord? Do we know God's will for us? How do we accept it?