

St. Joseph Catholic Church

505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Father Jesuraj Savarimuthu Assistant Pastor

December 21, 2008

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
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 27/28, 2008

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u>
LECT	Bob Weiler	Joe Morris	Elizabeth King
ACOL	Ken Heinz	Dave Geiger	Marc Haggadone
ACOL	Jim Larkin	Dale Schoening	Tom Schmid
SERV	Alex Heinz	Lane Meier	Tristan Dravitzki
SERV	Michael Heinz	Nolan Turek	Zane Dravitzki
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
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MUS	Ruth Ann Weill	Dave Hying	St. Joseph
MUS		Christi Ruhl	Children's Choir
USHR	Tom Ritzdorf	Gary McDaniel	Bill & Mary
USHR	Allen Fang,eyer	John Budler	Thomas
GRET	Laura Lea	Kevin & Laurie Burns	Kappy Bedient
GRET	Karen McCall	Bill & Sharon Cuda	Richard Braden
OFFR	Joe & Elaine McCarthy		
ROSR	Betty Kaslon	Tom Schmid	Marie Olsen

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

INTENTION

Mon	Dec. 22	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Special Intention (J.M.)
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of Jean Monnier
Tues	Dec. 23	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Helen Burrier+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Special Intention Valasia McElhose
Wed	Dec. 24	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Deceased Parents of Abe & Betty Sleddens
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of Pam Dumpert
VIGIL		5:30 pm	St. Joseph	Charles Hourigan+
Tues	Dec. 25	Midnight	St. Joseph	Andy Budler+
Christmas		8:00 am	St. Joseph	People of the Parish
		10:00 am	St. Joseph	George Zavodny+
In Spanish		11:30 am	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
Fri	Dec. 26	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Lori McLain+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Eugene C. Neville+
		10:30 am	Hearthstone	Intention of Celebrant
Sat	Dec. 27	8:00 am	Convent	Special Intention
		5:30 pm	St. Joseph	Lois Rodenbur+
In Spanish		7:00 pm	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
Sun	Dec. 28	8:00 am	St. Joseph	People of the Parish
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	Pam Neville+

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE...THIS AFTERNOON, from 4 - 5 pm. Several priests will be here for Confessions.

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

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.	

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

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.

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 14, 2008 were

Adult Envelopes	\$9,217.50
Electronic Deposit.....	\$1,700.00
Plate	\$185.61
Youth	\$46.00
Mass in Spanish	\$157.08
Sister Support	\$227.00
School Support.....	\$961.00
Immaculate Conception	\$263.00
TOTAL	\$12,427.19
CHURCH BUILDING FUND	\$1,908.50

COME LORD JESUS

MEETINGS

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

Bible Study: January 7, 2009 at 6:00 in the Mandeville Hall

Godparent Classes - Next meeting, Wednesday, January 7, 2009

Adult Education Classes: 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. Next Class, Sunday, January 4, 2009

Snow Removal – 12/22 through 12/28 – **Crew #5:** Tom & Joe Ritzdorf, James Cast, Jed Erickson, Scott Walz, Russ Linhart, Leo Kloewer.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all those who were here moving snow last week . It is greatly appreciated. May the good Lord bless your gift of time and talent to him.

Please Pray For: Marge Lions, 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, 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 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: Carmen Beaver, Howard Olson (father of Christy Monnier), Lillian Evans, 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).

Services for Carmen Beaver...

Rosary— 6:00 p.m. Sunday—St. Joseph Church

Funeral Mass —10:00 a.m. Monday — St. Joseph Church

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe THANK YOU!! I would like to express my deepest appreciation for all the help that was provided for the Our Lady Of Guadalupe Fundraiser Celebration. Special thanks to those who helped bring it all together in preparation, especially: Bill and Lorraine Grenfell (Meat), Mary & Brad Gloystein (Pinatas & Candy), Burger King (juice, use of containers & cups). Special thanks to Mrs. Steffen for letting us use St. Joseph School Kitchen and Mary Gloystein, and Jason and the Catholic Daughters for all of your help, it would have never been such a success without all of you. This is a very special time for me and my family, I cannot Thank You enough for all of your help. God Bless you.

Maria & Don Olsen
Jim & Anna Pluta.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

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

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 (including one couple who each gave \$50 in lieu of a gift they would normally give to each other). 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...

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

January

2-4	Msgr. Raymond Hain	Men & Women
16-18	Msgr. Robert Roth	Men
30-Feb 1	Fr, Thomas Dunavan	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 **Corey Harrison**.

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 The Christmas story chronicling Jesus' life in womb of Mary and the birth in a stable again draws our attention to the humanity of the unborn child and God's great love and plans for each and every human baby, regardless of the circumstances of the child's conception or birth.

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!

Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. 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 on the Web.

2009 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?