

St. Joseph Catholic Church

505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Fr. Mel Rempe, Senior Priest in Residence & Associate

December 27, 2009

Feast of the Holy Family

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 January 2/3, 2010

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u>
LECT	Bob Weiler	Gene Buhman	Cathi Murphy
ACOL	Ken Heinz	Ardon Anderson	Mike Murphy
ACOL	Tom Huff	Abe Sleddens	Tom Schmid
SERV	Alex Heinz	Jordan Walz	Michael Brune
SERV	Nathan Heinz	Michael Dorcey	Michael Powell
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
MUS	Ruth Ann Weitl	Laurie Burns	Montgomery
MUS	Gayle Kloewer		Group
USHR	Eddie Kennedy	Knights of	Richard Brockevelt
USHR	Tom Ritzdorf	Columbus	Paul Brune
GRET	Volunteer	Knights of	Volunteer
GRET	Volunteer	Columbus	Volunteer
OFFR	Volunteer	Knights of Columbus	Paul Brune Family
ROSR	Kelly Kirsch	Ruth Ann Weitl	Elizabeth King

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Mon	Dec. 28	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Tues	Dec. 29	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Wed	Dec. 30	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
Thurs	Dec. 31	7:00 am	St. Joseph
		8:10 am	St. Joseph
VIGIL		5:30 pm	St. Joseph
Fri	Jan. 1	8:00 am	St. Joseph
HOLY DAY		10:00 am	St. Joseph
Sat	Jan. 2	8:00 am	Church
		5:30 pm	St. Joseph
In Spanish		7:00 pm	St. Joseph
Sun	Jan. 3	8:00 am	St. Joseph
		11:00am	St. Joseph

INTENTION

Margaret Geiger+
 Deceased of Marge Ekeler
 Deceased of Roy & Rosalie McLain
 Madeline Jueden+
 Deceased of John & Julie Wilmes
 Jerome Gubbels+
 Deceased of Kim Conrad
 Leo Cunningham+
 Richard Weitl+
 People of the Parish
 Gary Erickson+
 Phoebe McCarthy+
 Deceased of Dean & Barb Wilcox
 Intention of Celebrant
 People of the Parish
 Evelyn I. McCarty+

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

December 20, 2009 were

Adult Envelopes.....	\$15,209.00
Electronic Deposit	\$1,470.00
Plate	\$210.46
Youth.....	\$42.75
Mass in Spanish	\$44.70
Sister Support.....	\$264.00
School Support.....	\$316.00
TOTAL.....	\$17,556.91

Church Building/Debt Retirement \$5,726.00

Come Let Us Adore Him

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.

THANK YOU: Over the last two weeks I have received many cards, presents, gift certificates, baked goods and monetary gifts from members of the parish. I want to say thank you to everyone for your prayers and expressions of support and gratitude during this Christmas Season. It is greatly appreciated. Be assured of my continued prayers for all of you, especially God's blessings to you in the coming year. Fr. Tasler

MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN YORK: You have made room for me in the St. Joseph community and many brought gifts. May the Eternal Christ also treat you to His gifts of kindness and love. Truly, I eagerly look forward to the times when we join in giving thanks to our Great God. And I promise you my best in 2010. Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

Fr. Mel Remppe

FROM SISTERS SOLEDAD & SISTER MAGDALENA... May the Joy of this Christmas Season be with you in every Mass to last throughout the year and always! We are deeply grateful for the gifts of friendship you shared! May God Bless You and reward you Abundantly

THANK YOU: Thanks to everyone who had a part in making the church and Masses special for our celebration of Christmas. We want to mention especially Mary Beth Kunze, Sr. Magdalena, Sr. Soledad and the many people who generously volunteered to help decorate the church after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. We also want to thank the readers, lectors, acolytes, servers, the musicians, the men's choir, gift bearers, ushers and anyone else who contributed to facilitating our worship during all the Masses. With the weather conditions this year, we very much appreciated the flexibility of everyone and the willingness to help out where there was a need in these areas. Special thanks to those who graciously volunteered to play the parts of Mary and Joseph to place the infant Jesus in the nativity set before the Masses of Christmas. The spirit of Christmas was evident in all who helped in any way. May God abundantly bless the gift to Him of your time and talent.

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 10, 2010.

ST. JOSEPH PITCH GROUP ..will meet Sunday, January 3, 2010. NO HOST, bring a snack item for lunch after cards.

ALTAR SOCIETY: NO meeting in January, next meeting Feb. 5, 2010

CHURCH CLEANING Because of the New Year's holiday, there will be NO church cleaning until **Saturday, February 6, 2010**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Kathleen Deprez, Jessica Stahr, Francis Stuchlik, 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 Schmeackle, Mary Ann Hourigan, Ina Fae Homes, Nick Jacketti, 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.

FIRST FRIDAY: January 1st is the First Friday of the month. Usually, we schedule a holy hour at 7:00 p.m. on the Thurs. evening before First Friday. Because of the Vigil Mass for the Holy Day (Mary, Mother of God) at 5:30 p.m. that evening, we are going to expose the Blessed Sacrament at the end of Mass around 6:20 p.m. In effect, we are going to extend the Mass for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration and the final blessing of the Mass will be the Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament beginning around 7:20 p.m. Certainly the obligation to go to Mass on this Holy Day will be satisfied when we expose the Blessed Sacrament and people would be free to leave then, but it would be a wonderful way to begin the new year by spending a few moments if not the whole hour in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord, to thank him for the blessings you have received in the past year and for continued blessing for you and your family, for our country and even the world in the year to come.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION: Congratulations to following parishioners for being elected to the parish council: Jean Gardner, Sue Stahr, Michael Kirsch, and Jason Perdue. We will look forward to their advise and support in making decisions concerning the spiritual and material needs of our parish. We also want to thank the following parishioners for serving on the council, and who have helped me during the transition of becoming the pastor here since June of 2006: Jeanne Huff, Sharon Hansen, Tom Ritzdorf, and Jeff Erickson. I have appreciated very much their dedication to the parish, their support, encouragement and advise they have given me over the last several years. May the good Lord abundantly bless their gift of time and talent to Him.

SNOW REMOVAL – 12/28 through 1/3 – **Crew #1:** Tim Gardner, Ron Haarmann, Josh Gregg, Scott Johnson, John Wilmes, Ed Larkin.

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.

FOOD PANTRY...grocery sacks for Blue Valley donations will be passed out on the weekend of January 2/3 and returned the weekend of January 7 9/10. Special Thank You to al who have supported this project—in December 122 pounds of food were donated to the Blue Valley Food Pantry.

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).

SCHOOL NEWS

WENDY'S NIGHT...Monday, December 28 from 5—8 p.m.

CHRISTMAS VACATION...Classes will resume Tuesday, January 5, 2010.

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 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 **Ricardo Izquierdo**

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: a vision for the future: "By seeking holiness and using the gifts God has given us to accomplish His will in our lives, we are contributing mightily to that kingdom we all long for, where there will be no more crying or pain or death. Certainly no abortion. No euthanasia. No assisted suicide. No deep freezing of embryos as though they were merchandise. And no destruction of human life in the name of science." Cardinal Justin Rigali, 1/21/09.

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 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**.

RETIRED PRIESTS FUND COLLECTION...Envelopes may still be returned in next Sundays collection.

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.