

# St. Joseph Catholic Church

505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Father Jesuraj Savarimuthu Assistant Pastor

December 28, 2008

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  
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 January 3/4, 2009

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u>
LECT	Gayle Kloewer	Les Olson	Mike Murphy
ACOL	Dave Dickey	Abe Sleddens	Mike Murphy
ACOL	Ken Heinz	Dale Schoening	Steve Taylor
SERV	Quint Wemhoff	Jordan Walz	John Erwin
SERV	Ethan Wemhoff	Cody Brown	Troy Taylor
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
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MUS	Abby Haarmann	Doreen Luethje	Chris & Rachel
MUS	Ruth Ann Weitzl	Lucille Kuzelka	Chavanau
USHR	Michael Kirsch	Knights of	Terry & Elizabeth
USHR	Randy Martin	Columbus	King
GRET		Knights of	
GRET		Cloumbus	
OFFR	Joe & Elaine McCarthy	Knights of Columbus	
ROSR	Kathy Quinlan	Debbie Makovicka	Marcia Erdkamp

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## Feast of the Holy Family

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### INTENTION

Mon	Dec. 29	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Madeline Jueden+
Tues	Dec. 30	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Special Intention Diand McElhose+
Wed	Dec. 31	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Special Intention (J.M.)
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
<b>VIGIL</b>		<b>5:30 pm</b>	St. Joseph	Richard Weitl+
Thurs	Jan. 1	<b>8:00 am</b>	St. Joseph	People of the Parish
<b>Holy Day</b>		<b>10:00 am</b>	St. Joseph	Gary Erickson+
Fri	Jan. 2	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Urban Ochs+
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Eugene C. Neville+
		10:30 am	Hearthstone	Intention of Celebrant
Sat	Jan. 3	8:00 am	Church	Dec. Mem. of Wempe & Huber Families
		5:30 pm	St. Joseph	Poor Souls of Jerry & Elaine Leininger
<b>In Spanish</b>		7:00 pm	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
Sun	Jan. 4	8:00 am	St. Joseph	People of the Parish
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	Dec. Of Dravitzki Family

<b>OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD</b>	
December 21, 2008 were	
Adult Envelopes .....	\$8,419.00
Plate .....	\$209.50
Youth .....	\$32.25
Mass in Spanish .....	\$28.13
Sister Support .....	\$155.00
School Support.....	\$825.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$9,668.88</b>
<b>CHURCH BUILDING FUND .....</b>	<b>\$1,352.00</b>

## Come Let Us Adore Him

### MEETINGS

**January 1, 2009: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God** is a holy day of obligation. Masses are:

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

**Eucharistic Adoration And Confessions** before First Friday, on Thursday, January 1 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed the altar at 7:00 p.m. followed by some prayers. Then confessions will heard until 7:50 p.m. then we will close with Benediction at 7:55. Please come spend some time in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord. O Come Let Us Adore Him!

**PARISH MISSION:** Please mark your calendars for January 10-14 to participate in a parish mission here at St. Joseph. Father James Kubicki, S.J., National Director for the Apostleship of Prayer, will lead the Mission having as its theme, "Living a Eucharistic Life." Father Kubicki will develop this theme from the framework of the Apostleship of Prayer. The mission will begin by Fr. Kubicki preaching at all the weekend Masses of January 10-11 and then evening conferences at 7:00 p.m. Sunday through Wednesday evening. The mission will be open to anyone in the parish or surrounding parishes. Please make a note of these dates and make an effort to attend.

**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. Teresita 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. Special thanks to Tristan and Zoe Dravitski and Mary and Abraham Driewer 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.

**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 Class, **Wednesday, January 14, 2009.**

**Adult Education Classes:** Next Class January 8, 2009.

**Altar Society**...Friday, January 4 at 9 am in the Mandeville Hall.

**Church Cleaning**...Next Saturday, January 3, (first Saturday of the Month) - beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Mandeville Hall. Men, women, youth—all are invited to help.

**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

**St. Joseph Pitch Group**...will meet Sunday, January 4th. NO HOST, bring a snack item for lunch after cards.

**Snow Removal** – 12/29 through 1/4 – **Crew #1:** Tim Gardner, Josh Gregg, Ron Haarmann, 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.

**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.

**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

**Dear Friends...**Loving Greetings from Father Jesuraj. My sincere and heartfelt thanks to each one of you for your prayers, love, greetings and the gifts on this Holy and Joyous occasion of Christmas. The Christmas celebration here was truly an enlightening and elevating experience for me. It is indeed great of you all to show of your love and encouragement to me constantly. I highly appreciate it. I assure you of my continued prayers and wishes that all of you in the coming New Year 2009 be filled with peace, joy, fulfillment, success, good health of mind and body, protection and prosperity. God Bless You!! Mary, our mother leads us all!!  
Father Jesuraj Savarimuthu

**FROM SISTER TERESITA & 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

### **SCHOOL NEWS**

**Christmas Vacation...**Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 6, 2009.

**Christmas Program...**Rescheduled date—Wednesday, January 7, at 7:00 p.m. in Cullen Hall. All are invited.

**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](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 **Johnathan Haschke**

**Retired Priests Fund Collection...**Envelopes may still be returned in next Sundays collection.

**Donations to the Retired Priests** received thus far have totaled \$305.00. Thank You!

**The Christmas Collection totaled \$4,123.50  
Thank You!**

## **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** "If abortion is bad for children because it kills them, and we find out through good, solid research that abortion is harming the mental or physical well being of women—and subsequently the fathers of those children as well as members of their extended families—then at some point we will have to ask as a society, 'if abortion is bad for all these people and causing all this damage who is it good for?' We all know the answer: the abortion industry." (Olivia Gans, Director, American Victims of Abortion)

**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!

**Married Singles Lifestyle** – The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. 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

**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...**When Jesus is presented in the Temple, our Blessed Mother formally offers him to God's service without reservation. It is a service that Simeon prophetically foretells: a service to God that will turn the old laws and cultural norms upside down. Are we destined to hold on to old habits and customs tightly or like Jesus, are we willing to serve the Lord and proclaim the Gospel in new and creative ways?