

St. Joseph Catholic Church

505 East Avenue, York, NE 68467

Father Mark A. Tasler, Pastor

Father Chacko C. Mathai, Assistant Pastor

December 30, 2007

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 5/6, 2008

	<u>SATURDAY 5:30 PM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 8:00 AM</u>	<u>SUNDAY 11:00 AM</u>
LECT	Bob Weiler	Maynard Ochs	Barbara Sylvester
ACOL	Ken Heinz	Leo Kloewer	Dave Bartek
ACOL	Tom Huff	Abe Sladdens	Ron Haarmann
SERV	Alex Heinz	Caleb Brooke	Kyle Haarmann
SERV	Michael Heinz	Jacob Brooke	Leighton Thomas
SERV	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
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MUS	Ruth Ann Weill	Laurie Burns	Doreen Luethje
MUS			Gayle Kloewer
USHR	Bob Burnham	Knights of	Terry & Elizabeth
USHR	Larry McCall	Columbus	King
GRET		Knights of	
GRET		Columbus	
OFFR	Jane Blair	Knights of Columbus	Gail Stratman Family
ROSR	Betty Kaslon	Joe McCarthy	Maria Olsen

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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

INTENTION

Mon	Dec. 31	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Special Intention (CB)
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Deceased of Wempe & Huber Families
VIGIL		5:30 pm	St. Joseph	Richard Weilt+
Tues	Jan.. 1	8:00 am	St. Joseph	People of the Parish
Holy Day		10:00 am	St. Joseph	Dr. David Demuth+
Wed	Jan. 2	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Dorothy & Arnold Grabowski+
Thu	Jan. 3	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Poor Souls in Purgatory
		8:10 am	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
Fri	Jan. 4	7:00 am	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
First Friday		8:10 am	St. Joseph	All Souls of Marge Ekeler
		10:30am	Hearthstone	Intention of Celebrant
Sat	Jan. 5	10:00am	Church	Intention of Celebrant
		5:30pm	St. Joseph	Frank Kirkpatrick+
In Spanish		7:00 pm	St. Joseph	Intention of Celebrant
Sun	Jan. 6	8:00 am	St. Joseph	Carol Kmoch+
		11:00 am	St. Joseph	People of the Parish

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

December 23, 2007 were

Adult Envelopes.....	\$21,387.00
Gift of Grain.....	\$389.47
Plate.....	\$178.70
Youth.....	\$28.80
Mass in Spanish	\$38.88
Sister Support.....	\$75.00
School Support	\$50.00
TOTAL.....	\$22,147.85

CHURCH BUILDING FUND.....\$580.00

Come Let Us Adore Him

January 1, 2008: Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a holy day of obligation. Masses are:

Monday, Dec. 31 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, Jan. 1 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration And Confessions before First Friday, on Thursday, January 3 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed the altar at 7:00 p.m. followed by some prayers. Then confessions will heard until 8:50 p.m. then we will close with Benediction at 8:55. Please come spend some time in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord. O Come Let Us Adore Him!

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 Zane and Zoe Dravitski and Samantha Neville and Joseph Miller, 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.

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

Donations to the Retired Priests received thus far have totaled \$341.00. Thank You!

The Christmas Collection totaled \$4,749.30 Thank You!

MEETINGS

Legion of Mary meets in the Mandeville Hall each Monday at 5:30 p.m. Next meeting, January 7, 2008

Bible Study with Father Chacko — Next Class, Wednesday, January 9 from 12 noon—1 p.m. in the Marion Room.

Godparent Classes - Next Class Wednesday, January 9, 2008

Catholic Adult Education Classes: NO CLASS Thursday, December 27 or January 3. **Next Class January 10, 2008.**

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

C.C.D. Classes : Next Class, Sunday, January 6, 2008

Snow Removal – 12/31 through 1/6 – **Crew #5:** Tom Ritzdorf, John Ritzdorf, Joe Ritzdorf, Luke Taylor, Scott Walz, Russ Linhart, Steve Taylor.

Please Pray For: Velma Bartels, Joyce Windeshaussen, Shanon Smith, Marietta Medinger, Talon Carter, Peg Schernikau, Gale Fox, Bonnie Rust, Brad Holmes, Connie Thomas, Joan Mulinix, Janet Rowland, Tony Winter, Jerry Olson, Marlen Luber, Jim Berry, Mary Jo McGowan, Jerry Klein, Rachel Delaney, Bob Sylvester, Lucille Kuzelka, Roswitha Crissman, Margaret Geiger, Matthew Schmeackle, Matthew Leach, Mary Ann Hourigan, Ina Fae Homes, Nick Jacketti, Joan Thompson, Helen O'Brien, Edna Edgerley, Jimmy Danahay, William & Joan Runyan, George Zavodny Jr., Jodi Weiler, Ione Liggett, Rose Marie Nichols, Gene Neville, 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, Zoerita Desch Smith, Ronald Brockevelt, Alaina Hegi, (niece of Tom & Aloha Schmid), Dixie Higgins, Father John Kelly, Hillary Neesen, Alliene Krumbach (mother of Roger Krumbach).

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, Greetings from Fr. Chacko. My sincere and heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your prayers, love, greetings and the gifts for Christmas. This Christmas was an enriching and fulfilling experience for me. It is indeed great of you to be loving and wonderful to me. I appreciate it. Let me pray and wish for each one of you and I ordain that the coming Year 2008 be filled with blessings, peace, joy, fulfillment, success, good health, protection and prosperity. God Bless you! Fr. Chacko Mathai IMS

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.

Advent Baby Shower 2007.... Thank You to all who participated in the Advent Baby Shower!! There were 45 Baby items collected this year. Thank you for your generosity!!

SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Vacation...Classes will resume on Thursday, January 3, 2008.

Preschool: We now have openings in the 4 year old Little Angels Preschool program. Due to students moving, there are 2 spots open on M-W-F. Also, we have 3 openings in the 3 year old program. Please call the school office to register 362-3021.

Spaghetti Feed...spaghetti dinner on Jan 20th 4-7pm Cullen Hall . Desserts will be provided by Altar Society. The cost will be \$5.00 for Adults, \$2.00 for Children or \$25.00 for the family. Plan to attend and bring your family and friends.,

SAVE THE DATE!! –August 1 & 2, 2008

SAINT URSULA / SAINT JOSEPH ALUMNI CELEBRATION in conjunction with.....130TH ANNIVERSARY OF SAINT JOSEPH PARISH—August 3, 2008—more details to follow!

Food Pantry...Sacks will be distributed after Masses on this weekend, December 29 & 30 and returned on January 5 & 6.

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

January

18-20 Fr. Michael McCabe

Men

25-27 Fr. Robert Roh

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.

NEWS FROM THE FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

Creighton Model Fertility Care (NFP) Thursday, January 10 and Tuesday, January 22 at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information 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 fundamental human right, the presupposition of every other right, is the right to life itself. This is true of life from the moment of conception until its natural end. Abortion, consequently, cannot be a human right -- it is the very opposite. It is a deep wound in society,. In stating this, I am not expressing a specifically ecclesial concern. Rather, I am acting as advocate for t profoundly human need, speaking out on behalf of those unborn children who have no voice.” Pope Benedict XVI

4 Stages of Marriage - The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 15-17, 2008 call 1-888-317-5654 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org on the web

The Catholic Coffee House...is an adult faith formation series held at Blessed John XXIII diocesan Center in Lincoln. The theme for this season is: The 2000 Year History of the Catholic Church. The next presentation will be January 13, with Fr. Gary Coulter presenting “The Catholic Church in the United States.” Each session includes prayer, a presentation, Q & A time, and dessert (with coffee, of course!). There is no fee and no registration is required. Questions? Please Call (402) 786-2705.

Seminarians... Each week everyone in our diocese is asked to pray in a special way for one seminarian. This week will be for **Nicholas Miller**.

Thoughts Concerning Planned Giving — By making a planned gift to our endowment, you will be providing, perpetual financial support. It is a wonderful way to demonstrate your stewardship and pass on your faith and love for St. Joseph Parish & School. Contact Michael Henkenius at 488-2142 or Les Mach at 402-443-6180 to learn more. Your faith is worth passing on.

2008 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.

EWTN ...The television programming schedules for January/ February are on the table in the Church vestibule—please take one.