

**JANUARY 13, 2019**  
**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**PARISH NEWS**

**DATES & EVENTS:**



**JANUARY 14-22, 2019, 9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA** - The Knights of Columbus invites everyone to join in 9 Days for Life which is a multi-faceted novena for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a different intention is accompanied by a short reflection, suggested actions, and related information. In the bulletin the weekend of January 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> will be a prayer card to help you in the novena. Or you can download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message, or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com!](http://www.9daysforlife.com!)

**JANUARY 18-20, 2019, LECTOR/ACOLYTE MEN'S RETREAT - AT GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE** - Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly announces a unique retreat for men who are lectors and acolytes, with collaboration by Fr. Eric Clark and the Knights of the Holy Eucharist, Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> entitled "Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross." This retreat is open to all men, especially for those who are Lectors and Acolytes, or who are thinking to become one. The retreat will include practical formation on how to minister at the altar with piety and clarity.



**JANUARY 19, 2019, GIRLS' CHOIR NOTES** - Many thanks to our Girls' Choir

**GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS FOR  
 JANUARY 19-20, 2019**

**Saturday, 5:30 p.m.** ~ Volunteer  
**Sunday, 8:30 a.m.** - Volunteer  
**10:00 a.m.** - Volunteer  
**11:30 a.m.** ~ Volunteer

**Please find a sub if your are unable to come at your appointed time.**



**Mass Intentions**

**Monday**

6:30 A.M. † Robert Eickmeier  
 8:20 A.M. † Fr. Casey Porada

**Tuesday**

6:30 A.M. For Joe & Mary Lockard  
 8:20 A.M. For Special Intention

**Wednesday**

6:30 A.M. For Wallace Podwinski  
 8:20 A.M. † Keith Rokke

**Thursday**

6:30 A.M. † Kathleen Connor  
 8:20 A.M. † Clayton Champoux

**Friday**

6:30 A.M. † Robert Eickmeier  
 8:20 A.M. † Clara Giunta-Tomasino

**Saturday**

8:30 A.M. † Fr. Casey Porada  
 10:00 A.M. † All Souls  
 5:30 P.M. † Melody Heitz

**Sunday**

8:30 A.M. For Regis & Mary Ryan  
 10:00 A.M. † Bill Metz  
 11:30 A.M. For the Parish

**“The soul is regenerated in the  
 sacred waters of baptism and  
 thus becomes God’s child.”**

**St. Maximillian Kolbe**

**SERVERS**

**SAT. JANUARY 19, 5:30 p.m.:** 4 Volunteers Needed; **SUN. JANUARY 20, 8:30 a.m.:** 4 Volunteers Needed; **10:00 a.m.:** 4 Volunteers Needed; **11:30 a.m.:** 4 Volunteers Needed;

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members – your beautiful voices added reverence and joy to our Christmas celebrations! Thanks, too, to the families – we are so grateful for your support! We sing again on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. We'll meet in the choir loft at 4:15 p.m. for rehearsal and stay to sing for the 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass. All 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls are invited to sing with the Girls' Choir -- invite a friend to come along! Watch for a reminder in your email inbox. If you'd like to receive email updates about Girls' Choir, please contact Hannah Jo Smith: [hannahjosmith@yahoo.com](mailto:hannahjosmith@yahoo.com).

Street on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5-8 p.m. We will receive 10% of all sales during those hours. Please tell your friends and family! All proceeds go towards the band trip to Nashville in April! Thanks for always supporting us!



**JANUARY 25, 2019, BSS FAMILY DANCE** -Kick off Catholic Schools Week by attending Blessed Sacrament's Family Dance night! It will be Friday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9 p.m. There will be family friendly music, fellowship, and a 'free-will' hot chocolate and treat bar hosted by The Student Council. NO ADMISSION FEE! Sponsored by Blessed Sacrament PTO.



**JANUARY 20, 2019, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP** - Come test your shooting skills against basketball players of your own age and gender in the *KofC Free Throw Championship*. This year's competition will be held on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> in the Blessed Sacrament Catholic School Gym. Sign-in starts at 1:30 p.m. with the competition starting at 2 p.m. Participants get 15 free throws, attempting to make more shots than the competition. The event is open to all members of the community that fall between the ages of 9 and 14 as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.



**JANUARY 25, 2019, WALK FOR LIFE BAKE SALE ITEMS REQUESTED!** - Bake sale items are being requested for the Nebraska Walk for Life Bake Sale. We need your donations of baked goods to help defray the cost of the walk. Donations will be received in the bride's room on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. and then delivered to the Student Union the day of the event. For more information contact Mary Ryan 402-617-2769.

**JANUARY 22, 2019, DAY OF PRAYER** - Did You Know? This Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. [www.usccb.org/january-22](http://www.usccb.org/january-22)



**JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 8, 2019, VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE CATHOLIC SCHOOL** - Catholic Schools Week is Jan. 27-Feb. 2, 2019. During this time each year, Spirit Catholic Radio promotes the *Superstar Catholic School Contest* to shine a light on Catholic education in our communities. All Catholic elementary and high schools in Nebraska and western Iowa are eligible to receive your vote for the best school. This year's contest will run from Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>-Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Winning schools in each category will receive bigger and better prizes this year,



**JANUARY 22, 2019, PIUS X BAND FUNDRAISER** – Join us for another Pius X Band dine out fundraising night! Join us at Arby's on 56<sup>th</sup> and O

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FOR THE RESPECT OF HUMAN LIFE

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including a grand prize of \$1,000 of free on-air promotion! Support Catholic education by voting online for your favorite Catholic school at [spiritcatholicradio.com/superstar!](http://spiritcatholicradio.com/superstar!)



**FEBRUARY 15-17, 2019, LOTW PARISH RETREAT, SAVE THE DATE**

– No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, the Lord is longing for you - inviting you - waiting for you. This retreat is for you! For more information, or to register, contact Cindy Uhing at (402) 474-4249 or (402) 435-3731 or [cindyuhing@blessedsacramentlincoln.org](mailto:cindyuhing@blessedsacramentlincoln.org).

**Testimonial:** Before we participated in Light of the World retreat, my husband and I just attended Mass on Sundays and went home. After we attended Light of the World, we found ourselves enjoying our Catholic Church and have met wonderful new friends. We try to attend our weekly meetings of the St. Francis community, and by doing this we have learned so much about our faith. Our marriage of 42 years has greatly gotten stronger; we enjoy learning and praying together. Ida and Chester



**MARCH 2, 2019 – TABLE FOR TEN –**

Join us on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Lincoln Firefighters' Reception Hall for an evening of fun that benefits the Blessed Sacrament endowment fund. The event features a catered dinner, open bar, silent auction and a live action "whodunit?" mystery game with improv actors from Farce & Foolery Productions. Tickets are \$75 per person. Visit [www.blessedsacramentlincoln.org](http://www.blessedsacramentlincoln.org) to reserve your seat and to learn more about the event and the endowment fund. If you are unable to attend, but would like to support the endowment fund, you can submit a donation of any size in the collection basket or to the rectory. Checks can be made out to Blessed Sacrament Endowment Fund. Thank you for your support!

**OUR BAPTISM CALLS US TO EMBRACE THE STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE.**

**YOUTH, SCHOOL & CCD NEWS**

**JANUARY 21, 2019, NO SCHOOL** – please plan accordingly.

**JANUARY 23, 2019, MANDATORY PARENT SACRAMENTAL PREP CLASS** – will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the school gym for all parents that have children making their first communion and confirmation in the winter and spring of 2019.

**MARCH 24, 2019, RELIGIOUS AWARD CEREMONY FOR BOYS & GIRLS** - Scout, American Heritage Girl, Schoenstatt Youth and 4-H Leaders--obtain your religious award books early so your group can get started on the requirements for their Catholic Religious Award! Girls' materials are available from the Youth Ministry Office and boys' materials can be purchased from your Local Cornhusker council office. The Diocesan Mass and Award Ceremony is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 2 p.m. with Bishop Finn presenting. Award applications are due to the Youth Ministry Office by Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.lincoldiocese.org/scouting](http://www.lincoldiocese.org/scouting) for more info. If you have any questions, please contact Michele at 402-473-0625.

**USHER SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY ACOLYTES-Sat., 5:30p.m.:** Joe Lockard, Roger Pehrson; **Sun., 8:30a.m.:** Chris Beardslee, Don Cunningham; **10:00a.m.:** Scott Clarke, Mike Steadman; **11:30a.m.:** Kirk McAndrew, James Rokke;

**JANUARY LECTOR/READER-Sat., 5:30p.m.:** Michael Weston **Sun., 8:30a.m.:** Mary Beardslee **10:00a.m.:** Jason Lehr **11:30a.m.:** Sam Bethune

**FEBRUARY ACOLYTES-Sat., 5:30p.m.:** Andy Barry, Chris Border; **Sun., 8:30a.m.:** Lyle Schueth, Scott Uhing; **10:00a.m.:** Kevin Ostdiek, Hai Tran; **11:30a.m.:** Mitchell Lowery, Dan Mulligan;

**FEBRUARY LECTOR/READER-Sat., 5:30p.m.:** Max Wesley **Sun., 8:30a.m.:** Paul Olson

10:00a.m.: Dan Mulligan 11:30a.m.: Matt Richardson

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



### BLESSED SACRAMENT COUNCIL 11001

**JANUARY 20, 2019, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ADMISSIONS DEGREE** – has been moved to January 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January.



### **JANUARY 19-20, 2019, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AED FUNDRAISER**

- Saturday night January 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday morning January 20<sup>th</sup> the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Sloppy Joe Dinner and a French Toast Breakfast! The money raised from these events will be MATCHED up to \$1,500 and used to purchase an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine for the School Gym and if we raise enough, one for the Church as well! There will also be a 50/50 raffle after each of the Masses (Must be Present to Win)!

**JANUARY 2019, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - Men, are you looking to help Fr. Sullivan make Blessed Sacrament an even better parish? Want to find a way to give a couple more hours of service to the parish? Do you want to volunteer with an organization that puts families first? The Knights of Columbus are looking for just the kind of help that you can give! Contact Shawn Wilke at 402-202-3293 for more information.

**ATTENTION - THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** - have a kiosk in the back of the Church with several educational booklets to help strengthen the domestic church (our families). Take a look and feel free to take any booklet(s) of interest.

Save the Date

**SAVE THE DATE - for the Blessed Sacrament's TOTUS TUUS Camp during the week of June 16-21, 2019.**

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the Tabernacle expressly for you, for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart." - St. Therese of Lisieux

Adorers are needed for these open hours: **Sunday** - 2 a.m., 3 a.m., 4 a.m., 5 a.m., 2 p.m., 11 p.m., 12 Midnight; **Monday** - 1 a.m. (three times a month), 2 a.m., 3 a.m.; **Tuesday** - 2 a.m., 3 a.m.; **Wednesday** 2 a.m.; **Thursday** - 2 a.m., 3 a.m.; **Friday** - 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m. (twice a month), 4 a.m., 8 p.m., 12 midnight (twice a month); **Saturday** - 4 a.m., 11 p.m., 12 Midnight

If interested in becoming an adorer or a sub, or for more information, contact one of the coordinators listed below: Lois Korinek- 402-423-1949, Cathy Rokke-402-423-6844, Kathy Wobig-402-423-1883



### **OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL RETREAT HOUSE**

- With the world in such turmoil we all ask, is **MY** heart at rest or is God calling me to "come away to a quiet place and abide with Him". Hear **His** soft & serene voice in the still silence of a retreat. He wants to give you **HIS** Love & **HIS** Mercy and the Peace that only **HE** can give!

#### UPCOMING RETREATS:

- \* "Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross" - **Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, Fr. Eric Clark & Knights of the Holy Eucharist - Men's Acolyte/Lector Retreat (with Training).
- \* Unbound: Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds - **Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**, Fr. William Holoubeck

You can register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) and receive immediate confirmation or call Good Counsel Retreat House at 402-786-2705.



**THE BISHOP'S LAY COMMITTEE FOR VOCATIONS** has produced a Seminarian Prayer Calendar for parishes and Catholic

schools in the Diocese. Each seminarian is given a specific week during which we are encouraged as a parish to pray for that specific seminarian. The following is a list of the seminarians to pray for during Jan. & Feb. 2019:

**Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>:** Scott James Nemeec

**Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>:** James Robert O'Neil

**Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>-Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Liam Sebastian O'Shea-Creal

## PRO-LIFE NEWS



**TUESDAYS PUBLIC WITNESS FOR THE END OF ABORTION** - Abortions are performed at Planned Parenthood on Tuesdays. The Rosary is said at 9:30 a.m. & Mass is celebrated at the Pro-Life Center directly across from Planned Parenthood at 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday. Please join others praying to end the tragedy of abortion anytime between 8 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. even if for 15 minutes. There are many no-shows directly attributed to the witness of people praying outside of the abortion clinic. Planned Parenthood is located at 5631 S. 48<sup>th</sup> St.

## ADDITIONAL NEWS

**JANUARY 13, 2019, THE CATHOLIC COFFEE HOUSE** - is an adult faith formation series held at Gianna Java and Gelato, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30 p.m. The theme for this year is "Navigating the Church Now." The January presentation is entitled "The Necessity of Forgiving and How to Do It" by Ian Butler. This series is oriented towards being in the church in the current climate of scandal. Each session includes prayer, a presentation, and Q&A. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0619 for questions.



**JANUARY 18-27, 2019, S.T.A.G.E. TO PRESENT "THE SELFISH GIANT...AND JACK"** - Can the love of a child transform the stone-cold heart of a friendless giant? Find out in the newest production from S.T.A.G.E. student

theatre, "The Selfish Giant...and Jack," to be held at St. Teresa's Church (Kaczmarek Hall), 735 S. 36th St., in Lincoln. **Performances are at 7 p.m. on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>, and at 2 p.m. on Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.** In this fairytale-like twist on the classic Oscar Wilde short story, the giant's secret garden of statues, plants, and stone walls comes to life with a cast of students' ages 8-15 years from across Lincoln and surrounding communities. To purchase tickets visit [www.stage4kids.com](http://www.stage4kids.com). Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. "The Selfish Giant...and Jack" is an approximate 2-hour show with intermission and concessions, recommended for ages 4 and up.



**JANUARY 25, 2019, THE ANNUAL VILLA MARIE BENEFIT DANCE, SILENT AUCTION, AND RAFFLE** — "55 Years of Angels Among Us" — will be held on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 11 p.m. at Pla Mor Ballroom, 6600 West O Street, Lincoln. Music will be provided by Malpractice and dinner will be catered by Valentino's. There is no ticket price, but free will offerings will be accepted. Please call Jenny at 402-874-0577 or go to our website [www.villamar.ieschool.com](http://www.villamar.ieschool.com) for more info. Villa Marie's Founder, Msgr. James Dawson, Bobby Layne, and the Marian Sisters will be honored at the Dance.

**FEBRUARY 4, 2019, SURVIVING DIVORCE** - Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings. The twelve-week video series & facilitator led Surviving Divorce program begins on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m., at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the Surviving Divorce personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or [catholicflo@cdolinc.net](mailto:catholicflo@cdolinc.net).

**FEBRUARY 7, 2019, INTRODUCTION TO DELIVERANCE** - Have you ever wondered...

exactly what IS deliverance and how does it fit into our Catholic Faith? The Diocesan Office of Evangelization/Unbound Ministry will be hosting an evening consisting of four 20 minute talks. This is open to ALL: laity, religious, clergy, members of the Christian community & anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance and how each person can benefit from it. Join us at Lourdes Elementary School-Nebraska City, NE on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7-8:30 p.m. Questions? Contact Annette at [annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net](mailto:annette-wemhoff@cdolinc.net) or call 402-473-0615.

**FEBRUARY 10, 2019, JOY & HOPE ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION MASS** - and reception for all married couples will be held Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, at the regular 9 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. Bishop James Conley will be the Main Celebrant at the Mass for this celebration of Christian Marriage. Special recognition will be given to those couples celebrating 10, 25, 40 and 50 years or more who have registered. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple appreciated! Family guests are welcome. Registration forms should be available at your parish office or call the Family Life Office, (402) 473-0620.

### SUPPORT GROUPS & EDUCATION

**JANUARY 16, 29, 2019, NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** - Creighton Model Introductory Sessions, Wed. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>, & Tues. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more info. call 402-488-2040 or go online to register or download a registration form at [www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp).

**MARQUETTE MODEL OF NFP** - Bringing technology to NFP for a quick, easy option that can be tailored to women at all stages of fertility! For more info., visit Feminine Genius NFP on Facebook or contact Rebekah Knobloch at [RebekahKnobloch@MarquetteNFP.com](mailto:RebekahKnobloch@MarquetteNFP.com)

**FEBRUARY 15-17, 2019, MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** – will be held at the Lied Center in Nebraska City, NE. Lied Center needs notice a month in advance for reservations. Contact couple Pat & Janelle Benson; at Pat 308-940-0670 or Janelle 308-940-1105 or [pjbben@yahoo.com](mailto:pjbben@yahoo.com).

**FEBRUARY 15-17, 2019, RETROUVAILLE - MARRIAGE SAVING – THE WEEKEND PHASE**- During the weekend phase of Retrouvaille a series of presentations are given by a team of three couples and a priest. The team presents a technique of communication that enables you to take a good look at most areas of your relationship. After each presentation you have time in the privacy of your room to discuss the previous presentation. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Feb 15-17, 2019, call 1-800-470-2230 or [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) on the web. *Feb 5<sup>th</sup> is the last day to sign up for Retrouvaille.*

**MARCH 22-23, 2019, IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA RETREAT** - Come to a weekend retreat to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, March 22<sup>nd</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. Immaculee Ilibagiza, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan Genocide and author of the book "Left to Tell", will bring her message of forgiveness, healing, and hope to all who attend. Give the gift of experiencing her powerful journey and remarkable message. Cost is \$57 for one or \$76 for two. For details, tickets, & registration visit [www.immaculee.com](http://www.immaculee.com), or contact RaNae O'Brien at [ranaebrien1@gmail.com](mailto:ranaebrien1@gmail.com).

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection (January 5-6, 2019)	
Envelopes	\$ 17,763.00
Plate	668.25
Online Giving	9,401.50
<b>Total Stewardship:</b>	<b>\$27,833.25</b>
<b>Total Weekly Parish Need:</b>	<b>\$18,095.00</b>