

DECEMBER 1, 2019
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30 A.M. † All Souls
 8:20 A.M. † Jean & Varro Clarke

Tuesday

6:30 A.M. For Diann McKenzie
 8:20 A.M. For Xavier Tinsley

Wednesday

6:30 A.M. † Clarence Woolman
 8:20 A.M. † Ann Burda

Thursday

6:30 A.M. † Lavon Schwarting
 8:20 A.M. † Joseph Nicolas

Friday

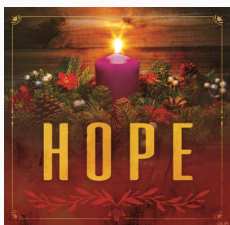
6:30 A.M. For Tom & Deb Cabela
 8:20 A.M. For Victims of Sexual Abuse

Saturday

8:30 A.M. For Tom & Deb Cabela
 10:00 A.M. † All Souls
 5:30 P.M. † Betty Shum

Sunday

8:30 A.M. For the Parish
 10:00 A.M. For Special Intention
 11:30 A.M. For Mindi Jasper



**“THEREFORE, STAY
 AWAKE! FOR YOU DO
 NOT KNOW ON WHICH
 DAY YOUR LORD WILL
 COME.” - (Mt 24:42)**

SERVERS FOR DEC. 7-8, 2019

SAT. Nov. 30th, 5:30 p.m.: Thaddeus Kucera, Zachary Lehr, Jackson McClung, Uriel Meza; **Sun. Dec. 1st, 8:30 a.m.:** Joey & Mason Ramaekers, Jonathan Reeb, Kaleb Schmitz; **10:00 a.m.:** Tyler Diedrichsen, Joseph Hastings, Isaak Hogeland, Isaac Hughes; **11:30 a.m.:** Hunter Anciaux, Gabriel Balderas, Alejandro Luis Bautista; ***Please find a sub if you can't make your appointed time.**

PARISH NEWS

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

~ Holy Day Masses ~

Monday, December 9th, 6:30 a.m.,
 8:20 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

SERVERS: 5:30 P.M. - 4 VOLUNTEERS
 ACOLYTES: 6:30 A.M. BEN MATTERN,
 ERICH BROER; 8:20 A.M. SCOTT
 CLARKE; 5:30 P.M. MARK BARTEK,
 MIKE STEADMAN

LECTORS: 6:30 A.M. PAUL OLSON;
 8:20 A.M. DON DEMARS;
 5:30 P.M. SHEILA STEWART

**THIS IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF
 OBLIGATION**



**GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS FOR
 DEC. 7-8, 2019**

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. ~ Mike & Jill Muff
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - Rena Smith

10:00 a.m. - Josh & Amy Lambert

11:30 a.m. ~ Greg & Joyce Columbe

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



DATES & EVENTS:



DECEMBER 1, 2019, BOY SCOUTS TROOP 44 WREATH SALES - after all Sunday masses, Boy Scouts from Troop 44 will be selling wreaths for \$25 each. Scouts will continue to sell after Sunday masses on following weekends until all wreaths are sold. Last year they were all sold after only a few weeks. Proceeds from this fund raiser will help the Boy Scouts pay for summer camp which is planned to be at Camp Cornhusker this year.

DECEMBER 1, 2019, FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Attention Last Week's Bulletin Stated 1st Sun. was Dec. 8th, it is the 1st of Dec. Come pray before our Lord in the Eucharist. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at **4 p.m. & will conclude at 6 p.m.** Evening Prayer will be at 5:30 p.m., Benediction will be at 5:45 p.m. Questions? Contact the Rectory with questions at 402-474-4249.

DECEMBER 1, 2019, BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASS at 6:30 p.m., in the school music/meeting room. If you have questions please call the rectory at 402-474-4249.

DECEMBER 6, 2019, FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR at 7:15 p.m. will be held at the Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 S. Cotner Blvd.

DECEMBER 7, 2019, FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS: Our Lady promised "to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation" those who make Five First Saturdays of Reparation to Her Immaculate Heart. The conditions of the Five consecutive First Saturday's in a spirit of Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary are: Go to confession; Receive Holy Communion; Say five decades of the Rosary; Keep Our Lady company while meditating for fifteen minutes on the mysteries of the Rosary. Please join us at the 8:30 a.m. Mass next Sat. Come pray the Rosary before Mass. Devotion prayers following Mass. The 15 min. meditation can be done anytime on your own & Confession within a week before or

after the day.



DECEMBER 7, 2019, CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN-UP - We are asking for help with the Church grounds cleanup on Sat. morning, **Dec. 7th** at **9:00 a.m.** We will rake leaves, trimming bushes, & general cleaning of the grounds. If you can, please bring rakes, lawn & leaf bags, gloves, & any others useful items for outdoor cleanup. Thanks in advance for anyone that can help.



DECEMBER 14, 2019, CHURCH CLEAN-UP - We are asking for help with cleaning the Church on Saturday morning, **Dec. 14th** at **9:00 a.m.** We will begin with dusting the high, hard to reach areas and will begin cleaning the pews and floors afterward, (approximately 10:00 a.m.). If you can, please bring cleaning supplies, mops, vacuum cleaners and extension cords. Thanks in advance for anyone that can help.

DECEMBER 15, 2019, ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROLING - Sun., Dec 15th after 11:30 a.m. Mass carolers will be given a light brunch to include egg and sausage casserole, sweet rolls, juice, coffee and hot chocolate. Caroling will begin at 1:00 p.m. Santa Claus is planning to see you there.

DECEMBER 30, 2019, TAX DEDUCTION FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS - those who wish to receive a tax deduction for charitable contributions to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in 2019 must have their donation to the rectory by **12 noon, Mon., Dec. 30, 2019.** Statements on contributions will be mailed to you in January 2020.

THANK YOU - BISHOP APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS - We had great success with this year's Bishop's Appeal for Vocations. We made over our goal of \$19,000, so give yourselves a big pat on the back. The total that we made this year was \$20,123.00, which means the church will not owe anything to the

BLESSED SACRAMENT ALTAR SOCIETY

All women belonging to Blessed Sacrament Parish are cordially invited to participate as a member of Blessed Sacrament Altar Society. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month (next meeting will be January 28, 2020) in the Music/Meeting Room at the School at 6:30 p.m. Please fill out the form & return it with your free will offering in the collection basket or to the rectory. Blessed Sacrament Altar Society funds are used to help pay for church cleaning, altar linens, candles & other items the parish may need. Your support is so very important & appreciated! Thank you for your consideration.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone # : _____ Cell # : _____

Email: _____

Diocese for this appeal. Good work everyone.

SCRIP NEWS: Wow! We had several families sign up for online Scrip using <http://www.MyScripWallet.com> this week! Thank you for earning for Blessed Sacrament! We hope you will love the speed & convenience of ScripNow (instant electronic gift cards). It's the same log-in as <http://www.ShopWithScrip.com>, to keep it simple. Any questions signing up? Call/text Jill at 435-6158.

DROP-IN CHOIR - Prepare your heart for the coming of Christ through music -- sing with the DROP-IN choir for the season of Advent! Join us in the school music/meeting room on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. we learn a simple choral meditation for that day & sing together in the choir loft at 10:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone high-school age or better is welcome to sing with the DROP-IN choir anytime – Advent begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving, Dec. 1st. Questions? Contact hannahjosmith@yahoo.com

THANK YOU - ST. FRANCIS FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Thank you goes out to everyone that has donated to the St. Francis Food Pantry either in Food Donations or in Monetary form.

Many people are very thankful for your generosity. God Bless

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - As we begin Advent we are called to “Be watchful! Be alert” as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. **Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Christmas.**

YOUTH, SCHOOL & CCD NEWS

DECEMBER 6, 2019, BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS - Our Annual Baby Shower for Jesus on Fri., Dec. 6th. If there is anyone in the parish that would like to donate items to Birthright for babies, please bring to the office before the 6th of Dec. so they can be picked up by the volunteers that afternoon.

DECEMBER 13, 2019, SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY in Church at 7 p.m.

ACOLYTE/LECTOR/USHER SCHEDULE

Dec. Ushers - Sat., 5:30 p.m.: Dick Williams, Mike Reeb, **Need 2 Volunteers**; Sun., 8:30 a.m.: Steve Folmer, Wilmer Wilhelm, Jerry Wright,

Ron Miller; **10:00 a.m.:** Perry Demma, Paul Hammel, Mark Fusco, Kurt Ramaekers; **11:30 a.m.:** Pat Lowery, Stephen Lowery, Greg Columbe, Jesse Hines;

Dec. Acolytes - Sat., 5:30p.m.: Volunteer to cover Joe Lockard, Kirk McAndrew; **Sun., 8:30a.m.:** Jerry Poppe, Lyle Schueth; **10:00a.m.:** Chris Border, Don Cunningham; **11:30a.m.:** Rich Lowery, James Rokke;

Dec. Lector/Reader - Sat., 5:30p.m.: Michael Weston; **Sun., 8:30a.m.:** Don Demars; **10:00a.m.:** Paul Olson; **11:30a.m.:** Troy Euse;

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BLESSED SACRAMENT COUNCIL 11001

DECEMBER 4, 2019, K OF C OFFICERS' MEETING - at 8 p.m. in Kraemer Hall.

DECEMBER 11, 2019, K OF C GENERAL MEETING - at 7 p.m. in Kraemer Hall.

DECEMBER 2019 - K OF C POSTER CONTEST - Share your vision of the true meaning of Christmas by creating an original poster for the Knights of Columbus 'Keep Christ in Christmas' Poster Contest. Each poster must reflect the Keep Christ in Christmas theme with a visual image and the size must be 11 x 17 in. The event is open to all members of the parish community that fall between the ages of 5-14 as of Nov. 1st, 2019. Posters are due on or before Wed., Dec. 25th & can be turned into the rectory or school office.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

PERPETUAL ADORATION

As we begin Advent and spiritually prepare for the birth of the Christ Child, please consider a new beginning in your life by giving the Christ Child a very special gift--the gift of a Holy Hour spent alone with Him once a week, semi-monthly, monthly or as a sub. In return He will abundantly enrich your life.

Adorers are needed for these open hours: **Sun.** -1 a.m., 2 a.m., 4 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. (twice a month), 8 p.m., 12 Mid.; **Mon.** --1 a.m. (three times a month), 2 a.m., 3 a.m.; **Tues.** - 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m.; **Wed.** 2 a.m., 12 Mid; **Thurs.** - 1 a.m., 3 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 p.m.; **Fri.** - 1 a.m., 2 a.m., 3 a.m. (twice a month), 12 Mid. (twice a month); **Sat.**- 6 p.m., 11 p.m.,

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 & abide with Him". Hear His soft & serene voice in the still silence of a retreat. He wants to give you HIS Love & HIS Mercy & the Peace that only HE can give!

UPCOMING RETREATS:

*Men & Women - Bishop James D. Conley & Rev. Gary Coulter - **Dec. 6th-8th** - "Keeping Close to Mary"

*Men - Regnum Christi - **Dec. 12th-15^h** - Men's Spiritual Exercises

You can register at www.goodcounselretreat.com & 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 & 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 the month of Dec. 2019:

Dec. 1st-7th: Dale Jonathan Alder

Dec. 8th-14th: Joseph Nicholas Allen

Dec. 15th-21st: James Michael Beran

Dec. 22nd-28th: Jonah Alexander Brox



DECEMBER 7, 2019, HOPE - DAY OF RECOLLECTION - Catholic Business Women will be hosting Hope for Advent & beyond, reflections of Venerable Bruno Lanteri on Sat., Dec. 7th from 8 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Come join us for Hope filled presentation, personal prayer time, coffee & rolls, & lunch included. At John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. The retreat is \$45 per person. To register search Bruno on Eventbrite.com or mail registrations & payment (checks made payable to Catholic Business Women) to Pat Heher at 2840 South 70th Ste. #7-338, Lincoln, NE 68506. For questions call Mary Pat Waite at 402-430-7494 or Krista Kuenning at 402-429-8778.

DECEMBER 7, 2019, BIBLICAL MEDITATIONS FOR A BLESSED ADVENT - Come hear the Emmaus Institute staff discuss how the four Nativity Hymns in Luke can help you enter more richly into the season of Advent. Sat., Dec. 7th, 1-3 p.m. at Gianna's Java & Gelato, in the Guadalupe Center. Free-will donations to benefit Catholic Social Services.

DECEMBER 8, 2019, MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING – at John XXIII Center, 37th & Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln, NE. Please join together to pray for healing for yourself, your family, friends, for our Church & our Nation.

- * Reconciliation, beginning at 1:15 p.m.
- * Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 1:30 p.m.
- * Praise & Worship 1:40 p.m.
- * Blessing of salt / water / religious articles immediately before Mass begins at 2 p.m.
- * Anointing of the Sick after the homily.
- * Eucharistic Exposition & Healing Prayer after the Mass.

Sponsored by St. Benedict Prayer Team.

ADDITIONAL NEWS

DECEMBER 2, 2019, THE EMMAUS INSTITUTE FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES - will offer four new

courses in its winter term, beginning Dec. 2nd. Discover how both Testaments inform our understanding of the Church; explore Genesis 12 through Exodus 40 in our ongoing Journey through the Bible; meet our Blessed Mother as revealed in the Old & New Testaments; or discover the beauty & genius of biblical stories, with special attention to the exquisite story of Ruth. For all the details & to register, please visit www.emmausinstitute.net.

DECEMBER 6, 2019, FEAST OF ST. NICK AT PIUS X - St. Nick is coming to Pius X on the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, Fri. Dec. 6th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Please join us for a Baby Jesus/Nativity Blessing at 5:30 p.m. in the Pius X Chapel. From 6-7:30 p.m. come on down to the Commons & get your picture taken with an authentic looking St. Nick, decorate a sugar cookie, color a St. Nick page, & listen to Christmas Carols! There will be no charge, but free will donations will gladly be accepted. Please RSVP the number of kids attending to Kristin.heath@piusx.net or go to <http://piusx.net/foundation/st-nick-at-nite/> to register & for info.

DECEMBER 7, 2019, LINCOLN MOTHERS ON A MISSION (MOMS) - will be meeting Sat., Dec. 7th, at 8:30 a.m. "Finding Freedom in Surrender" with Dr. Eve Rosno. Lincoln Mothers on a Mission (MOMs) is a group of Catholic mothers searching for fellowship, hope, & joy in our ever-changing vocation. Monthly meetings are held every first Sat., 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Gianna's Java & Gelato, in The Guadalupe Center located at 2241 O St. Contact us at lincolnmomsgroup@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/lincolnmothersonamission.

DECEMBER 8, 2019, ADVENT FAMILY HOLY HOUR - Cathedral Parish is sponsoring a family-friendly holy hour on **Dec. 8th from 4-5 p.m.** All ages welcome (seriously, even the loud ones). Adoration, confession, music, & reflection time will be provided. Spend some time with our Lord in the busy Advent season!

DECEMBER 11, 2019, PATRICIANS - The Patricians is a group dedicated to helping Catholics learn their Faith through a process of open discussion. Members meet once a month. The next meeting will be on Wed, Dec. 11th, 6:30 -8:30 p.m. at the John XXIII Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. Hosted by the Legion of Mary. The topic is the first of the Four Last Things: Death. Come join the conversation!

FEBRUARY 7-9, 2020, MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – will be held in Kearney, NE. Enhancing Couple Love. Contact couple Pat & Janelle Benson; at Pat 308-940-0670 or Janelle 308-940-1105 or pbjbben@yahoo.com.

DECEMBER 8, 2019 – HELP PORTRAIT – ST. THOMAS AQUINAS NEWMAN CENTER AT UNL - From 1-5 p.m., we are hosting an event called Help Portrait. Help-Portrait is about GIVING the pictures, not taking them. These portraits aren't for a portfolio, website, or sale. It's about giving people who otherwise couldn't afford photography, a chance to capture a moment, a memory...& a whole lot more. You don't need to bring anything except for your smile! We will happily do your hair, makeup & give you an outfit change if you want! Then we'll snap some pictures & print them for you on the spot! Contact Payton at 785-643-7430.


DECEMBER 15, 2019, CAROLE FEST - A Benefit for St. Gianna Women's Homes. Sun., Dec. 15th, 2:00 p.m. Come enjoy area choirs perform at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on the UNL campus. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$25 per family. Call (402) 430-5626 or visit www.cssisus.org/carolefest2019 to purchase tickets.

DECEMBER 28, 2019, THE ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS - will be celebrated on **Sat., Dec. 28th**. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass, especially those families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, infant death or abortion.

Reading of names will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with Mass at **7:00 p.m.** at **John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel**, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 **before 5 p.m. on Dec. 19th**. *If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.*

ADVENT REMEMBRANCE TREE ORNAMENT DECORATING AT CALVARY CATHOLIC CEMETERY –Calvary Cemetery has erected our 15 foot Advent Remembrance Tree in the cemetery round-a-bout. Please feel free to stop in the cemetery office to decorate an ornament in memory of your deceased loved ones for the tree. We will wire them on for you & decorate with the past ornaments from previous years. Due to the late Thanksgiving on Nov. 28th & Advent beginning Dec. 1st, Calvary Cemetery will not be holding an Advent Remembrance Tree Lighting Ceremony.

PRO-LIFE NEWS

 **PUBLIC WITNESS FOR THE END OF ABORTION** - Abortions are performed at Planned Parenthood on Tues.. The Rosary is said at 9:30 a.m. & Mass is celebrated at the Pro-Life Center across from Planned Parenthood at 10 a.m. each Tues. Please join others praying to end the tragedy of abortion anytime between 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. even if for 15 min. 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. 48th St.

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| <u>THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP</u> | |
| Sunday Collection (November 24, 2019) | |
| Envelopes | \$ 9,440.87 |
| Plate | 698.66 |
| Online Giving | 5,197.00 |
| Total Stewardship: | \$15,336.53 |
| Total Weekly Parish Need: | \$18,095.00 |