

DECEMBER 15, 2019
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30 A.M. † All Souls
8:20 A.M. † Maria Rokke

Tuesday

6:30 A.M. † Ivory Hollins
8:20 A.M. † Ann Burda

Wednesday

6:30 A.M. † Maryellen Bodell
8:20 A.M. † Ann Burda

Thursday

6:30 A.M. For Rich Lowery
8:20 A.M. For Leanne & John Alles

Friday

6:30 A.M. † All Souls
8:20 A.M. † Ann Burda

Saturday

8:30 A.M. For Ann Ames
10:00 A.M. † All Souls
5:30 P.M. † Ann Burda

Sunday

8:30 A.M. For the Parish
10:00 A.M. For Angie Johnson
11:30 A.M. For Susan Jagoda

**“THIS IS THE ONE ABOUT WHOM IT IS
WRITTEN: BEHOLD, I AM SENDING MY
MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU; HE WILL
PREPARE YOUR WAY BEFORE YOU.”
(MT 11:10)**

SERVERS FOR DEC. 21-22, 2019

SAT. Dec. 21st, 5:30 p.m.: Jack Weston, Bryce Adams, Anthony Bermudez, Wyatt Cunningham;
Sun. Dec. 22nd, 8:30 a.m.: John & Rogan Carey, Sean Carney, Julian de Luna Alvarado; **10:00 a.m.:** Drew & Preston Schwasinger, Matthew & William Muff; **11:30 a.m.:** Cameron Walker, Max Salazar-Ramirez, Josh & Nate Richardson; ***Please find a sub if you can't make your appointed time.**

PARISH NEWS

DATES & EVENTS:

DECEMBER 17, 2019, PTO DINE OUT NIGHT AT RAISING CANES - Our 2nd quarter dine out night will be held on Tues., Dec. 17th at Raising Canes on 58th & Old Cheney from 5-8 p.m. Mention Blessed Sacrament upon ordering, & 15% of your sale comes back to Blessed Sacrament. In addition, if you purchase & use Scrip, Blessed Sacrament receives another ****30%****! Scrip is available after weekend masses & also in the school office. Thank you for participating & helping The Blessed Sacrament PTO!



DECEMBER 22 & 24, 2019, GIRLS' CHOIR -- Don't forget -- we sing for the **5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on Tues., Dec. 24th!** Arrival time on the 24th is **3:45 p.m.** A separate Christmas rehearsal is scheduled for **Sun., Dec. 22nd from 3-5 p.m.**, in the choir loft. All 4th - 8th grade girls are invited to sing with the Girls' Choir. Bring a friend & sing out your joy to the Lord! Any questions, please contact Hannah Jo at hannahjosmith@yahoo.com or (402) 525-2069 (call or text).

DECEMBER 22, & 24, 2019, GIRLS' CHOIR ALUMS -- All former Girls' Choir members are **invited** to sing with us for the **5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on Dec. 24th!** Arrival time that day is **3:45 p.m.** If you can join us, come to our

**GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS FOR
DEC. 21-22, 2019**



Saturday, 5:30 p.m. ~ William & Andrea Peterson
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - Wilmer & Linda Wilhelm
10:00 a.m. - Craig & Laura Meysenburg **11:30 a.m.**
~ **Greeters:** Ken & Lynn Reuter **Gift Bearers:** Sam & Sharon Bethune -**Please find a sub if your are unable to come at your appointed time.**

special rehearsal on **Sun., Dec. 22nd from 3-5 p.m.**, in the choir loft. We'd love to have you share your gift of music for this most sacred celebration!

DECEMBER 22, 2019, CHURCH DECORATING - Please join us in helping decorate Blessed Sacrament for Christmas! We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, December 22nd at 1:00 p.m. There are many things to do in preparation for the holiday, so all the help we can get would be greatly appreciated! Please email Ann at ann_ames@yahoo.com with questions! We hope you can join us!

DECEMBER 30, 2019, TAX DEDUCTION FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS - those who wish to receive a tax deduction for charitable contributions to Blessed Sacrament 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 Jan. 2020.

SCRIP NEWS - A few things..Valentino's has a bonus rebate of 20% right now! Remember to get your Raising Cane's cards for the Dine-Out on the

17th, too! If you're going to stop by Gianna's before they close their doors on the 21st, please help us use up the remaining cards we have left. Thanks! *Please get special orders in ASAP for delivery in time for Christmas! All special orders are due by 10 a.m. Dec. 16th to get here before Christmas break. After that date, we'll still have a variety of in-stock cards while supplies last. We can do orders for local scrip as well (Russ's, Super Saver, Hy-Vee, Scooter's, Runza, Amigo's, Val's, Earl May, Gloria Deo, etc).* You can always order online anytime at <http://www.ShopWithScrip.com> or stop by/call the school office at 402-476-6202, or Jill at 402-435-6158.



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 Sun. mornings at 9:15 a.m. we learn a simple choral meditation for that day & sing together in the choir loft at 10 a.m. Mass. Everyone high-school age or better is welcome to sing with the DROP-IN choir anytime. – Questions? Contact



~ **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE** ~

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th ~ 5:30 P.M.

~ **Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th ~**

12:00 Midnight, 8:30 A.M., 10:00 A.M.

~ **CONFESSION SCHEDULE** ~

Regular confession schedule: Monday-Friday~6:10-6:25 A.M., 8:00-8:15 A.M.

Advent Confession Schedule (in addition to regular schedule):

Friday December 20th ~ 7:00-7:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 21st ~ 8:00-8:20 A.M., 9:00-9:30 A.M., 4:30-5:20 P.M., 7:30-8:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 22nd - 5:00-5:30 P.M., 7:00-7:30 P.M.

Monday, December 23rd - 5:00-5:30 P.M., 7:00-7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, December 24th - 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Christmas Masses - Acolytes

Dec. 24th, 5:30 p.m.: Lyle Schueth, James Rokke **Dec. 25th, Midnight:** Rich Lowery, Lou Gasper **8:30 a.m.:** Mark Bartek, Chris Beardslee **10:00 a.m.:** Sam Bethune, Jerry Poppe

Christmas Masses - Reader/Lector

Dec. 24th, 5:30 p.m.: Matt Richardson **Dec. 25th, Midnight:** Jason Lehr **8:30 a.m.:** Mary Beardslee **10:00 a.m.:** Dan Mulligan



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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.**

THE LIVING ROSARY: "St. Dominic divided up the lives of Our Lord & Our Lady into twenty mysteries which stand for their virtues & their most important actions. These are the twenty fragrant flowers of the Mystical Rose Tree whose every detail must rule & inspire our lives." -St. Louis de Monfort. If you are unable to pray at least a third of the whole rosary daily, join the Living Rosary & together with 19 other persons you will be participating in the praying of the 20 mysteries of the whole rosary & in its many blessings. Call Jan today, 402-438-2506. No meetings & no dues.

THE TRAVELING MADONNA: The Legion of Mary is pleased to make available to you a Fatima Statue, which you can have in your home for a week or two. We know that devotion to Mary will bring us closer to her Son. If you or family members are ill or you have problems of any kind, or have no problems at all but have a desire to grow closer to Jesus through Mary who is better to turn to than the Mother of Jesus? Please call Betty at (402) 423-6236 to make arrangements to have the Fatima statue in your home. There is NO FEE.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PRAYER LINE: Call Lynn at 477-6252 to have parish prayer line members intercede for your intentions.

YOUTH, SCHOOL & CCD NEWS

DECEMBER 18, 2019, CCD - A CEREMONY OF LESSONS AND CAROLS - All are invited to join the Blessed Sacrament CCD Students & Teachers

for "A Ceremony of Lessons and Carols" at 7:15 p.m. on Wed., Dec 18th, at Blessed Sacrament Church. CCD students will join Father Sullivan to read Old Testament prophecies of the Messiah & the Christmas Story. Between readings, our CCD classes will sing traditional Christmas carols. Family, friends, & parishioners are ALL welcome to join with students in celebrating the coming of the Christ child.

DECEMBER 20 – JANUARY 6, 2019, CHRISTMAS BREAK - Our Christmas Break begins at 12 p.m. on Fri., Dec. 20th. Classes resume on Tues., Jan. 7th. With a 12 p.m. dismissal, we will not be serving lunch that day. All students MUST be picked up by 12:10 p.m. Please plan accordingly.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BLESSED SACRAMENT COUNCIL 11001

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.

JANUARY 19, 2020, KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP - Come test your shooting skills against basketball players of your own age & gender in the KofC Free Throw Championship. This year's competition will be held on Sun., Jan. 19th 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 Jan. 1st, 2020.

2019-20 Christmas Wish List

Blessed Sacrament Parish (402-474-4249) & School (402-476-6202)

Reverend John Sullivan,

1720 & 1725 Lake Street, Lincoln, NE 68502



1. 6 Ft Tables - \$100 x 4 = \$400
2. Tuition Assistance – \$1200 x 10 = \$12,000 or any amount
3. Sacristy Mini Refrigerator - \$125
4. Staff Lounge Microwave - \$150
5. Commercial Stand Mixer 20 QT - \$650
6. Double Lab Sink for Science Room - \$600
7. DRA Kit 3rd Edition (Reading) - \$383
8. 6 Ft. White Board on Wheels for RCIA - \$226
9. Small Nurses Cot (\$115 donation has been given) - \$800
10. Refrigerated Drinking Fountain 2nd Floor - \$1,100
11. Art Rails or Bulletin Boards - \$180 x 3 = \$540
12. Recycling Containers - \$10 x 20 = \$200
13. Non-Stick Cooking Pan Set - \$150
14. Door Mats for Rectory - \$150
15. Formed.org Subscription - \$50 x 36 = \$1,800

Please make checks payable directly to the Blessed Sacrament. Online donations may be made at www.blessedsacramentlincoln.org under online giving.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Of St. John of the Cross it is written that the Holy Eucharist was "all his glory, all his happiness, and for him far surpassed all the things of the earth."

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.; **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 - Men Christ chooses YOU...Do you choose Him? - **Jan. 10th-12th** - Deacon James Keating

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. 15th-21st: James Michael Beran

Dec. 22nd-28th: Jonah Alexander Brox

ADDITIONAL NEWS

DECEMBER 15, 2019, CAROLE FEST! A BENEFIT FOR ST. GIANNA WOMEN'S HOMES – Sun. Dec. 15th, at 2 p.m. Come enjoy area choirs perform at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on the UNL campus. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$25 per family. Tickets available at the door.

DECEMBER 18, 2019, ST. NICHOLAS TOY SHOPPE - The Catholic Social Services' St. Nicholas Toy Shoppe will be open Wed., Dec. 18th from 8:00-11 a.m. & Noon-4 p.m. Service Point info. must be updated prior to the event.

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.

JANUARY 14, 2020, THE LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY SERIES - continues with a talk on spiritual intimacy between spouses on Jan. 14th at 7 p.m. at the UNL Newman center. Talks are free & open to anyone, but geared toward married & engaged couples. Come hear Deacon James Keating talk about spousal prayer & its role in building a strong marriage. This talk will also be streamed to Hastings, David City, Nebraska City, & Tecumseh.

JANUARY 19, & FEBRUARY 16, 2020, PERSONAL TESTIMONIES ON HOW AN ENCOUNTER WITH GOD LEADS TO A MISSION - The personal testimonies for Jan. & Feb. will now be at Dawson Hall at John XXIII Building, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30 p.m. The presenters are: Jan. 19th, 2020, Bob Sullivan, Attorney/Apologetist; & Feb. 16th, 2020, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0615 for questions.

JANUARY 21, 2020, SPIRITUAL WARFARE SERIES - A 3-part series will be given by Matt Simmons, Director of Spiritual Formation, on Spiritual Warfare at John XXIII Diocesan Center from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Ephesians 6:12 “For our struggle is not with flesh & blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens.” Series will be Jan. 21st, Our Identity in Christ; Feb. 18th, Battleground of Our Minds; March 24th, Our Weapons for Spiritual Warfare. The workshop is free & registration is kindly requested. For topic details & to register please visit <https://lincoldiocese.regfox.com/03oe-spiritual-warfare>. Questions? Call 402-473-0615 or email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net.

FEBRUARY 7-9, 2020, MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER -

Enhancing our couple-love on Feb. 7th-9th in Kearney, NE. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson at (Pat 308-940-0670) or (Janelle 308-940-1105) or pbjbben@yahoo.com Register right-away as a gift from one to the other.

FEBRUARY 14-16, 2020, RETROUVAILLE - Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, & so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help & offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication build intimacy & heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about a Retrouvaille Weekend program. Feb. 14th-16th to register call 1-800-470-2230 or www.helpourmarriage.org, www.retrovaille.org. The last day to sign up Jan. 31st, 2020.



WARM UP WINTER - Help Spirit 102.7-FM (Spirit Catholic Radio) bring warmth to people in the Lincoln area as we *Warm up Winter!* We're accepting donations of **NEW** socks, coats, mittens, hats and boots for both adults and children. The donated items can be dropped off at our Lincoln studios at 630 N. Cotner Blvd., Ste. 101 or at Catholic Social Services at 2241 O Street in Lincoln. Drop off your new, unwrapped donations of warm, winter gear by Dec. 27th. For more info visit www.SpiritCatholicRadio.com & help us Warm Up Winter!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - CHANCERY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT - The Lincoln Diocesan Chancery is hiring a full-time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. This position provides general office support and a

variety of clerical activities. Candidate must have excellent organization & communication skills & the ability to maintain confidential info. Must be familiar with Microsoft applications & other common office products. Contact Marsha Bartek for full job description & application. Marsha-Bartek@lincolndiocese.org or 402-904-8052. The deadline for applications is Dec. 18, 2019.

A PRAYER FOR AMERICA - Father, we beg Your blessing for the Right to Life, the Unborn, the weak, the sick & the old; all who are finding themselves being targets of the vicious culture of death; that our Lord Jesus bless & protect all who stand up for the Christian dignity of persons. That God enlighten those who are traveling down death's highway by their involvement, in any way, with either the contemporary death culture, selfishness, relativism, or any of the new age errors of our times, that God envelop our culture with His Divine protection & help us both individually & as a nation to true enlightenment, conversion & repentance of ourselves & our culture. Help us to turn from our national sin of abortion, & return to, & once again become a Christian nation, on the narrow road, that is, the path to becoming a nation & culture, under God. Amen.

**Peace - Hope
Joy - Love**

PRO-LIFE NEWS



PUBLIC WITNESS FOR THE END OF ABORTION - Abortions are performed at PP on Tues.. The Rosary is said at 9:30 a.m. & Mass is celebrated at the Pro-Life Center across from PP 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. PP is located at 5631 S. 48th St.