

DECEMBER 2, 2018
1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30 A.M. For Addison Aguilar

8:20 A.M. † Doug Vandervort

Tuesday

6:30 A.M. For Mary Clare Bonkiewicz

8:20 A.M. † Pat Tubman

Wednesday

6:30 A.M. For Linus Bonkiewicz

8:20 A.M. For Susan Sand

Thursday

6:30 A.M. † Fr. Francis Murphy

8:20 A.M. † All Souls in Purgatory

Friday

6:30 A.M. For Tom & Deb Cabela

8:20 A.M. For Robert Rokke

Saturday

8:30 A.M. For Karen Bonkiewicz

5:30 P.M. † Charles "Chick" Burda

Sunday

8:30 A.M. For the Parish

10:00 A.M. For Mary Ryan

11:30 A.M. † Chris Dietz



**AM I LIVING FOR
THE MOMENT OR
FOR THE COMING OF THE
LORD?**

SERVERS

SAT. DECEMBER 8, 5:30 p.m.: John Hudgens, Owen Tucker, Jack Weston, Andrew Wilson;

SUN. DECEMBER 9, 8:30 a.m.: Isaac Barnard, Henry & Will Suelter, Koa White; **10:00 a.m.:** Charlie & Owen May, Colin Meysenburg, Nicholas Payne; **11:30 a.m.:** Hunter Anciaux, Francisco & Gabriel Balderas, Sharon Bi;

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

PARISH NEWS

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

~ Vigil Mass ~

Friday, December 7th, 5:30 p.m.

~ Holy Day Masses ~

Saturday, December 8th, 8:30 a.m. &

10:00 a.m.

SERVERS: 4-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
EACH MASS

ACOLYTES: 2-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR
EACH MASS

LECTORS: 1-VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR
EACH MASS

**THIS IS A HOLY DAY OF
OBLIGATION**

****Saturday 5:30 p.m. evening Mass will be
for the Vigil of the 2nd Sunday of Advent****



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**GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS FOR
DECEMBER 8-9, 2018**

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. ~ James & Rita Kucera

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - Randall & Sherry Kaup

10:00 a.m. - Floyd & LouAnn Abele

11:30 a.m. ~ Greeters: Chris & Amy Champoux

Gift Bearers: Cheryl Wagner & Family

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



DATES & EVENTS:

MINISTRY/MUSIC OPPORTUNITY = DROP-IN CHOIR! You like to sing, but your availability changes from week to week? Drop-in Choir is just for you. Come sing with us on Sundays, if-and-when your schedule permits! Drop-in choir meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the school music room. We warm-up, learn a choir piece for that morning and serve together (in the loft) for Mass at 10:00. All parishioners high-school age or better are welcome: no experience necessary. Try it -- you'll like it! For more information, contact Hannah Jo Smith: hannahjosmith@yahoo.com

DECEMBER 1, 2018, 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 Saturday. Come pray the Rosary before Mass. Devotion prayers following Mass. The 15 minute meditation can be done anytime on your own and Confession within a week before or after the day.

DECEMBER 2, 2018, FIRST SUNDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Come pray before our Lord in the Eucharist. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at **4:00 p.m. and will conclude at 6:00 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 2, 2016, BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASS at 6:30 p.m., in the school meeting room.

DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, & 23, 2018, "WHAT I LEARNED FROM AN EXORCIST", ADVENT SERIES

– Father Beardslee will be giving a series of 4 talks on the topic of Spiritual Warfare - about the spiritual forces of Good and Evil and how to prepare a good defense and offense against them. The series will be from 2-3:30 p.m. on the Sundays of Advent in the School Gym. If you have questions please call the rectory at 402-474-4249.

DECEMBER 7, 2018, FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR at 7:15 p.m. will be held at the Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 S. Cotner Blvd. The singing will be led by North American Martyrs' Choir (Stacy Pfeifer).

DECEMBER 8, 2018, GIRLS' CHOIR NOTES - Many thanks to our Girls' Choir members – your beautiful voices add joy to our celebrations! Thanks, too, to their families – we couldn't do it without you! We sing again on Saturday afternoon, December 8th. 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 4th through 8th 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

DECEMBER 15, 2018, CHURCH CLEAN-UP - We are asking for help with cleaning the Church on Saturday morning, **December 15th 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 16, 2018, ALTAR SOCIETY CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE- held in the Gym from 8:15 a.m. – 2 p.m. Please come and buy your homemade goodies that are baked full of love for all your Christmas gatherings. Free will offering for items and all proceeds go to the Altar Society.

PLEASE DONATE YOUR HOME BAKED GOODIES - Drop off for baked goods would be that Sunday the 16th at the gym, any time after about 8:15 AM. Altar Society Ladies will attend the sale table from right before the first AM Mass thru the end of the party.

- * Homemade goodies only
- * Packaged/wrapped by baker in whatever grouping goods should be sold (i.e. by cake or pie or dozen or half-dozen or individually)
- * Helpful if anything with nuts is marked, for those with allergies



DECEMBER 16, 2018, CHRISTMAS SOUP LUNCHEON, CAROLING & COCOA & SANTA - Sunday, December 16th, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. in Blessed Sacrament school gym. Altar Society will be serving homemade soups before we go caroling, then bundle up the kids, bring the whole family, bring a friend! Meet in the gym at 12:30 p.m. for group carol singing outside around Blessed Sacrament's neighborhood. Then we will come back and you can either have more soup or you can have so cocoa to warm up, then we will have a very special visitor for the children and Fr. Sullivan will be reading stories to the children.



DECEMBER 16, 2018, CHRISTMAS TREE HEAVENLY HOST – Lend your ANGEL and STAR ORNAMENTS to the church's Christmas tree! Any size, material, age, family heirlooms or homemade by your kids. Drop them off after Mass the 3rd weekend in Advent (DECEMBER 16th) in the gym. Please place in a bag or box with your name & phone number. After the tree is taken down, ornaments will be returned to you or stored for next year, whichever you wish. Questions? Anne Winner Anderson 402-499-1660; aew@keatinglaw.com.

DECEMBER 18, 2018, 'EAT OUT' NIGHT AT CHIPOTLE - Blessed Sacrament PTO will be sponsoring 2nd quarter's 'Eat Out' night at CHIPOTLE on 27th and Pine Lake Rd. on Tuesday, December 18th from 5-9 p.m. A

whopping 33% of sales will come directly back to Blessed Sacrament School! You **MUST mention Blessed Sacrament at the time of ordering** for your order to be counted. Also, please purchase Scrip ahead of time! The Scrip rebate for Chipotle is another 10%. Thank you to all who participate in our quarterly fundraising events!

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BLESSED SACRAMENT COUNCIL 11001

DECEMBER 5, 2018, OFFICER'S MEETING, Wednesday, December 5th at 8:00 p.m. Kraemer Hall.

DECEMBER 12, 2018, GENERAL MEETING, Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 p.m. Kraemer Hall.

SUPPORT GROUPS & EDUCATION

DECEMBER 13, 2018, NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING - Creighton Model Introductory Sessions, Thursday, Dec. 13th at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 402-488-2040 or go online to register or download a registration form at www.lincolndiocese.org/nfp.

Peace Hope Joy Love

<u>THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP</u>	
Sunday Collection (November 25, 2018)	
Envelopes	\$ 6,165.00
Plate	617.50
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>3,421.50</u>
Total Stewardship:	\$10,204.00
Total Weekly Parish Need:	\$18,095.00

ACOLYTE/LECTOR SCHEDULE

DECEMBER ACOLYTES-Sat., 5:30p.m.: Collin Aldrich, John Schulte; **Sun., 8:30a.m.:** Kevin Ostdiek, Clem Pella; **10:00a.m.:** Mark Bartek, Kirk McAndrew; **11:30a.m.:** Rich Lowery, Bob Svoboda;

DECEMBER LECTOR/READER-Sat., 5:30p.m.: Mary Lockard **Sun., 8:30a.m.:** Sheila Stewart **10:00a.m.:** Anne Winner Anderson **11:30a.m.:** Mark Gdowski

DECEMBER USHERS - Sat., 5:30 p.m.: Richard Williams, 3 Volunteers; **Sun., 8:30 a.m.:** Steve Folmer, Wilmer Wilhelm, Jerry Wright, Ron Miller; **10:00 a.m.:** Paul Hammel, Perry Demma, Mark Fusco, Kurt Ramaekers; **11:30 a.m.:** Pat Lowery, Stephen Lowery, Greg Colombe, Jesse Hines

JANUARY USHERS - Sat., 5:30 p.m.: Sheri King, Yorlery Sullivan-Diaz, Tim Sullivan, David Bouc; **Sun., 8:30 a.m.:** Lyle Schueth, Mark Tate, Terry Keck, Kevin Ostdiek; **10:00 a.m.:** Mark Tvrdy, Chad Baker, John Larson, Doug Torson; **11:30 a.m.:** Sam Bethune, Marv Evert, Dick Johnson, **Need Volunteer;**

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

PERPETUAL ADORATION

The season of Advent is the perfect opportunity for good resolves and even better results! One of the best ways is to make an hour of adoration a part of your spiritual life from now on.

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** - 1 a.m., 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:

- * Mens’ Spiritual Exercises- **Dec. 6th- 9th** - with Regnum Christi & Fr. Peter Krezalek, LC - Friday Conference and Weekend Retreat
- * "The Mysteries of Christmas" - **Dec. 14th- 16th**, Bishop Conley and Fr. Coulter - Advent Retreat on the True Gifts of Christmas.

You can register at 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 the months of Nov. & Dec. 2018:

Dec. 2nd-8th: Caleb Daniel Hile

Dec. 9th-15th: Santiago Jose Izquierdo

Dec. 16th-22nd: Robert William Johnson

Dec. 23rd-29th: Rev. Mr. Carson Jerome Kain

DECEMBER 9, 2018, 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 and our Nation.

- * Sacrament of Reconciliation, beginning 1:15 p.m.
- * Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 1:30 p.m.

- * Praise and Worship 1:40 p.m.
- * Blessing of salt/water/religious articles immediately before Mass begins at 2:00 p.m.
- * Anointing of the Sick after the homily.
- * Eucharistic Exposition and Healing Prayer after the Mass.

Sponsored by St. Benedict Prayer Team, Please join us. ** Future Mass dates: March 24th, June 9th, Sept. 29th, December 8th, 2019

ADDITIONAL NEWS

DECEMBER 5, 2018, NEWMAN INSTITUTE FOR CATHOLIC THOUGHT AND CULTURE - 2018 REBORN IN WONDER LECTURE SERIES - Please come join the Newman Institute for Catholic Thought and Culture for our final 2018 “Reborn In Wonder” lecture by Dr. David Whalen entitled: “Conscious Communion: Newman, literature and the defense of dialogue.” The event will be held Wednesday, December 5th at the Newman Center (320 N. 16th St., Lincoln, NE 68508) and will begin at 7 p.m. It will conclude with questions and refreshments and is free and open to the public. More information can be found at www.newmaninstitute.com.

DECEMBER 6-16, 2018, ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDY AT ST. TERESA’S - In the Advent story of Matthew 1, we are told that the One who came into the world was called three names or titles: ‘Jesus’, ‘Christ’, and ‘Immanuel’. St. Teresa’s is pleased to announce an Advent scripture study taught by renowned Biblical scholar, Vern Steiner. As a professor of exegetical studies, Dr. Steiner will explore the rich and beautiful light shed by the Old Testament on the meaning and significance of each of these names. An expert in scripture study, Dr. Steiner will help us come to know and love the *Word more* intimately and deeply through this Advent journey.

- * Thursday, December 6th: 7-8:30 “*Christ*: The Anointed Prophet, Priest, and King”
- * Sunday, December 16th: 7-8:30 “*Immanuel*: With Us—God!”

- * All classes are 7-8:30 p.m. and will be in the Church (not the basement).

* Suggested donation: \$15/person or \$25/couple
Free babysitting is available! Please come join for this fantastic opportunity! Click below to register.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054CA4A92CA46-advent>

DECEMBER 6, 2018, PIUS X ST. NICHOLAS FEAST DAY/BABY JESUS/NATIVITY BLESSING - St. Nick is coming to Pius X on the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, Thursday December 6th, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please join us for a Baby Jesus/Nativity Blessing at 5:30 p.m. in the Pius X Chapel. 6-7:30 p.m. come on down to the Commons and get your picture taken with an authentic looking St. Nick, decorate a sugar cookie, color a St. Nick page, and listen to Christmas Carols! Come and show your kids your ale mater, their future high school, or where their big brother or sister attend school each day, and make some new family memories! 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 reg. and for more info.

DECEMBER 7-8, 2018, ST. GIANNA'S ART AND GIFT GALLERY - Looking for interesting Christmas gifts? Come support your local artists and a great cause while you get your Christmas shopping done. Artists will display and sell their unique collection of Christian artwork and gifts on Friday, December 7th from 6 - 9 p.m. and Saturday, December 8th from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the Guadalupe Center by Gianna’s Java & Gelato, 2241 O St, Lincoln, NE. 15% of all proceeds will be donated to benefit St. Gianna’s Women’s Homes in Lincoln.

DECEMBER 9, 2018, CAROLE FEST - A Benefit for St. Gianna Women’s Homes on Sun., Dec. 9th, 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. Call 402-430-5626

or visit www.css.isus.org for more info.

DECEMBER 16, 2018, 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 December

presentation is entitled "Relationship, Transparency and Obedience" by Fr. Sean Kilcawley. 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.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 First Sat. SVDP 9a
2 Advent Series 2 pm 1st Sun. Adoration 4-6p Baptism Class 6:30pm	3 Legion of Mary 9a/5:30pm	4 Cub Scouts Pack Planning	5 K of C Officer's Meeting 8 p CCD 6:30 p	6	7 First Fri Immaculate Conception Vigil 5:30p	8 SVDP 9a Immaculate Conception 8:30a/10a
9 Advent Series 2pm 	10 Legion of Mary 9a/5:30pm 	11 Cub Scouts 7p	12 K of C General Meeting 7 p CCD 6:30 p CCD Mass 7:15 p	13 	14	15 SVDP 9a Church Cleaning 9a KofC Christmas Dinner 6:30p
16 Christmas Party/Bake Sale 8:30a-2p Advent Series 2pm	17 Legion of Mary 9a/5:30pm	18 Cub Scouts 7p	19 CCD 6:30 p	20 Christmas Play 7p	21 12 Noon School Dismissal	22 SVDP 9a
23 Advent Series 2pm Church Decorating 2p	24 Legion of Mary 9a/5:30pm Christmas Eve Masses 5:30p / Midnight	25 Christmas Masses 8:30a / 10a	26 	27 Christmas Break	28	29 SVDP 9a
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