

**DECEMBER 22, 2019**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday**

6:30 A.M. † All Souls  
 8:20 A.M. † Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Waggoner

**Tuesday**

6:30 A.M. † All Souls  
 8:20 A.M. For Joe Lockard  
 5:30 P.M. † Shanna Rurup

**Wednesday**

12:00 Mid † Tom Lowery  
 8:30 A.M. † Bill Ashenfelter  
 10:00 A.M. For the Parish

**Thursday**

6:30 A.M. No Mass  
 8:20 A.M. For Marv Morgan & Family

**Friday**

6:30 A.M. † Melody Heitz  
 8:20 A.M. † Richard Birkel

**Saturday**

8:30 A.M. For Fr. John Sullivan  
 5:30 P.M. † Robert Haeffner

**Sunday**

8:30 A.M. † Deceased Family of Pat Hafer  
 10:00 A.M. † Everett Stegman  
 11:30 A.M. For the Parish

**PARISH NEWS**

**DATES & EVENTS:**



**DECEMBER 22 & 24, 2019, GIRLS' CHOIR** -- Don't forget -- we sing for the **5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on Tues., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**! Arrival time on the 24<sup>th</sup> is **3:45 p.m.** A separate Christmas rehearsal is scheduled for **Sun., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **3-5 p.m.**, in the choir loft. All 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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. 24<sup>th</sup>**! Arrival time that day is **3:45 p.m.** If you can join us, come to our special rehearsal on **Sun., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

Let the Lord enter; he is  
 King of Glory. (Ps 24)

**SERVERS FOR DEC. 28-29, 2019**

**SAT. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.:** Colin Gormley, John Hudgens, Thaddeus Kucera, Zachary Lehr; **Sun. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.:** Blake Guenther, Angel Huerta, Gael Izaguirre-Martinez, Lane Kallhoff; **10:00 a.m.:** Jackson Roberts, Ryan Spieker, Luke Stegman, Grant Torson; **11:30 a.m.:** Hunter Anciaux, Gabriel Balderas, Alejandro Luis Bautista, Anthony Gonzalez; **\*Please find a sub if you can't make your appointed time.**

**GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS FOR  
 DEC. 28-29, 2019**

**Saturday, 5:30 p.m.** ~ Gene & Lana Birkel  
**Sunday, 8:30 a.m.** - Andy Barry & Jennifer Carter  
**10:00 a.m.** - Darwin & Delia Michalski  
**11:30 a.m.** Tom & Ann Safranek  
**Please find a sub if your are unable to come at your appointed time.**



Ann at [ann\\_ames@yahoo.com](mailto:ann_ames@yahoo.com) with questions!  
We hope you can join us!

**SCRIP NEWS:** Scrip will not be available in between the Masses on Sundays over Christmas break, but will be available at the Rectory. It will resume being at the school on Tues., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**DECEMBER 26, 2019, NO MASS** - at 6:30 a.m., there will be the 8:20 a.m.

**DECEMBER 23-27, 2019 & DECEMBER 30, 2019 – JANUARY 3, 2020 - RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**  
– During Christmas break are as follows: Mon. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thurs.-Fri., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, Mon.-Tues., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, Thurs.-Fri., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, Mon., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**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.

**JANUARY 3, 2020, FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** at 7:15 p.m. will be held at the Pink Sisters' Chapel, 1040 S. Cotner Blvd.

**JANUARY 4, 2020, 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.

**JANUARY 5, 2020, 1ST SUNDAY ADORATION** - Come pray before our Lord in the Eucharist. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at



~ CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE ~

Christmas Eve, Tues., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30 P.M.

~ Christmas Day, Wed., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> ~

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):

Sat., Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 7:30-8:00 P.M.

Sun., Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5:00-5:30 P.M., 7:00-7:30 P.M.

Mon., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 5:00-5:30 P.M., 7:00-7:30 P.M.

Tues., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 12:00-1:00 P.M.

Christmas Masses - Acolytes

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.: Lyle Schueth, James Rokke Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, 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. 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m.: Matt Richardson Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>, Midnight: Jason Lehr 8:30 a.m.: Mary Beardslee 10:00 a.m.: Dan Mulligan

**Greeters & Gift Bearers:** Tues., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m. - Susan Brown & Family, Wed. Dec 25<sup>th</sup>, Midnight - Sam & Sharon Bethune, 8:30 a.m. - Volunteers, 10:00 a.m. - Volunteers

**Servers:** Volunteers Needed for all Masses



4:00 p.m. and will conclude at 6:00 p.m. Benediction will be at 5:45 p.m. Questions? Contact Fr. Kennett at 402-474-4249.

**JANUARY 5, 2020, BAPTISM INSTRUCTION CLASS** - Class starts at 6:30 p.m., in the school meeting room. Pre-registration is not required. Contact the Rectory at 402-474-4249 with any questions.

**FEBRUARY 22, 2020, SAVE THE DATE - BLESSED SACRAMENT'S TABLE FOR TEN** – Sat., at the Lincoln Firefighters' Reception Hall at 241 Victory Lane. Table for Ten is a fundraising event to benefit the Blessed Sacrament Endowment fund. It's a fun evening featuring a catered dinner, cash bar, silent auction & a performance by Gayle Becwar, Comedian/Magician. The theme for the 2020 event is "A Night in Wonderland," based on Alice in Wonderland. 6 p.m. • Appetizers & Silent Auction; 7 p.m. • Dinner; 8 p.m. • Gayle Becwar, Comedian/Magician. Tickets are \$75 per person. More info to come in future bulletins. Please contact Kristin Ford at 402-570-0307 if you have any additional questions.

**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

**JANUARY 7, 2020, SCHOOL RESUMES** - Classes resume on Tues., Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>. It is not a noon dismissal that day. Please plan accordingly.

**JANUARY 8, 2020, CCD RESUMES** – at 6:30 p.m. in the school, there will be confessions that evening for the kids.

**JANUARY 22, 2020, 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 & Confirmation in the winter & spring of 2020.

### 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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Posters are due on or before Wed., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & can be turned into the rectory or school office.

**JANUARY 8, 2020, K OF C OFFICERS' & GENERAL MEETING** – Officers' meeting at 7 p.m. and the General meeting at 8 p.m. in Kraemer Hall. This is due the New Year's Holiday and Holy Day.

**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. 19<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 Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

### SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

#### PERPETUAL ADORATION

"Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!"

## 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



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| 1. 6 Ft Tables - \$100 x 4 = \$400                              | been given) - \$800  |
| 2. Tuition Assistance – \$1200 x 10 = \$12,000<br>or any amount | 7 Refrigerated Drinking Fountain 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor - \$1,100 |
| 3. Double Lab Sink for Science Room - \$600                     | 8. Art Rails or Bulletin Boards - \$180 x 3 = \$540              |
| 4. DRA Kit 3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition (Reading) - \$383            | 9. Non-Stick Cooking Pan Set - \$150                             |
| 5. 6 Ft. White Board on Wheels for RCIA - \$226                 | 10. Door Mats for Rectory - \$150                                |
| 6. Small Nurses Cot (\$115 donation has                         | 11. 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](http://www.blessedsacramentlincoln.org) under online giving.

Adorers are needed for these open hours: **Sun.** - 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. 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** - Deacon James Keating
- \*Women - Women’s Spiritual Exercises - **Jan.**

**23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** - Fr. Bruce Wren, LC

\*Men & Women - Unbound, Breaking Free from Spiritual Wounds - **Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>- Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Fr. William Holoubek

You can register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://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. 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>:** Jonah Alexander Brox
- Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>- Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>:** Peter Vincent Foley
- Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Mr. Robert John Froeschl
- Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>:** Rev. Mr. Caleb Daniel Hile
- Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>- 25<sup>th</sup>:** Jonathan R. Inman
- Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>- Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>:** Santiago Jose Izquierdo



## ADDITIONAL NEWS



### 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.

**JANUARY 14, 2020, THE LOVE AND RESPONSIBILITY SERIES** - continues with a talk on spiritual intimacy between spouses on Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 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 17, 19, 24-26, 2020, S.T.A.G.E. STUDENT THEATER** - presents *The Good, The Bad, and The Fuzzy* on Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, & 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. & Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at St. Teresa's Kaczmarek Hall, 36<sup>th</sup> & Randolph St. Performed by students from across the city, this humorous *Musical Melodrama* will take you back to the Wild West, where right is right, & wrong is wrong...that is, until A.M. Biguous comes to town with her book, *Gray Matters*. Then relativism is on the loose & turns the town inside out. Adding to this dilemma, the notorious Seven Deadly Vice Gang are planning a bank robbery, while Vicely Mustache, Dudely Doozright & Victoria Virtue try to save the day. Fun for the entire family...where you can boo, hiss, & even throw popcorn! A 2-hour show with intermission. Tickets are \$8 student, \$10 Adult

(Family-group discount available online only) & go on sale Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.stage4kids.com](http://www.stage4kids.com). Choose your own seat & reserve today! Limited walk-in tickets at the door.

Looking for a unique gift for your child? Try S.T.A.G.E. Theater! *Lil Red and the Cowboy Who Saw the Light* auditions will be held Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. Visit sign up genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4cadae229-lilred2> to register. A schedule of rehearsals & information about this children's musical can be found at [www.stage4kids.com](http://www.stage4kids.com) under Participant Page. Designed for students 7-11 years, this fun musical set in the Wild West, will give kids the opportunity to learn song, dance, & dialogue, along with an element of the faith. Performance dates are set for Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>. Limited roles, so sign up today.

**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. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Bob Sullivan, Attorney/Apologist; & Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>, 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. 21<sup>st</sup>, Our Identity in Christ; Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>, Battleground of Our Minds; March 24<sup>th</sup>, Our Weapons for Spiritual Warfare. The workshop is free & registration is kindly requested. For topic details & to register please visit <https://linc>

[ndiocese.regfox.com/03oe-spiritual-warfare](http://ndiocese.regfox.com/03oe-spiritual-warfare).  
Questions? Call 402-473-0615 or email [Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net](mailto:Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net).

**FEBRUARY 7-9, 2020, MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**  
- Enhancing our couple-love on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> in Kearney, NE. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson at (Pat 308-940-0670) or (Janelle 308-940-1105) or [pjbjben@yahoo.com](mailto:pjbjben@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. 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> to register call 1-800-470-2230 or [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org), [www.retrovaille.org](http://www.retrovaille.org). The last day to sign up Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 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

**Peace - Hope  
Joy - Love**

Services at 2241 O Street in Lincoln. Drop off your new, unwrapped donations of warm, winter gear by Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. For more info visit [www.SpiritCatholicRadio.com](http://www.SpiritCatholicRadio.com) & help us Warm Up Winter!



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS: MATTHEW & JESSICA ROETTGER & FAMILY, SEAN & EMILY DAVIS & FAMILY**  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED: ORION MARK ROHRS**

### 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. 48<sup>th</sup> St.

**PRAYER FOR ADVENT** - God of Life, We rejoice in the promise of your coming. You have sent your Son, born in Bethlehem. He is the Prince of Peace, and the one in whose name all oppression shall cease. May we welcome his coming each day and prepare for his coming at the end of time. May we build a culture that welcomes him by welcoming every child, born and unborn. We pray through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. - Priests for Life

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collections (December 8 & 15, 2019)	
Envelopes	\$ 18,372.00
Plate	1,865.70
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>13,231.82</u>
<b>Total Stewardship:</b>	<b>\$33,469.52</b>
<b>Total Weekly Parish Need:</b>	<b>\$36,190.00</b>