

DECEMBER 23, 2018
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30 A.M. † Fr. Casey Porada
 8:20 A.M. For the Parish
 5:30 P.M. † Shanna Rurup

Tuesday

12:00 A.M. † Tom Lowery
 8:30 A.M. For Fr. Sullivan
 10:00 A.M. † Rose & Anton Benes

Wednesday

6:30 A.M. † All Souls
 8:20 A.M. † Mary & Paul Sand

Thursday

6:30 A.M. † Jerry Vap
 8:20 A.M. † Wallace Podwinski

Friday

6:30 A.M. † Jose Prendes
 8:20 A.M. For Betty Widoe

Saturday

8:30 A.M. † Caroline Butkiewicz
 5:30 P.M. † Charles "Chick" Burda

Sunday

8:30 A.M. For Fr. Barak
 10:00 A.M. † Maria Elena Prendes
 11:30 A.M. For the Parish



**“Mark the season of Advent by
 loving and serving others with
 God’s own love and concern.”
 St. Teresa of Calcutta**

SERVERS

SAT. DECEMBER 22, 5:30 p.m.: Nicholas Payne, Jackson McClung, Jackson Roberts, 1 Volunteer Needed; **SUN. DECEMBER 23, 8:30 a.m.:** Angel Huerta, 3 Volunteer Needed; **10:00 a.m.:** 4 Volunteers Needed; **11:30 a.m.:** 4 Volunteers Needed;
****Please find a sub if you are unable to come at your appointed time.**

PARISH NEWS

DATES & EVENTS:

DECEMBER 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 Sun. of Advent in the School Gym. The talks have been recorded and are on the website if you have missed any of them, you can go and listen to them. If you have questions please call the rectory at 402-474-4249.



DECEMBER 24, 2018, GIRLS' CHOIR -- We sing for the **5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on Monday, Dec. 24th!** Arrival time is **3:45p.m.** All 4th through 8th grade girls are invited to sing with the Girls' Choir. Bring a friend and sing a new song to the Lord! Any questions, please contact Hannah Jo at hannahjosmith@yahoo.com or (402) 525-2069 (call or text).

DECEMBER 24, 2018, GIRLS' CHOIR ALUMS -- All former Girls' Choir members are **invited** to sing with us for the **5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th!** Arrival time that day is **3:45 p.m.** We'd love to have you share your gift of music for this most sacred celebration!

DECEMBER 27, 2018, LDCCW CAROLING -

**GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS FOR
 DECEMBER 29-30, 2018**

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. ~ William & Andrea Peterson
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - Philip & Dee Ann Kaup
10:00 a.m. - Jon & Pat Burkey
11:30 a.m. ~ Rick & Angie Fitzgerald
Please find a sub if your are unable to come at your appointed time.



Ladies and gentlemen, please plan to join Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women members in caroling on Thursday, December 27th in Lincoln. We will begin at Madonna, 5401 South Street at 5:15 p.m. There are 4 retired priests in residence there. We will then go to Bonacum House, 3301 Sheridan Blvd at 6:30 p.m. There are 9 retired priests in residence there. The more voices the merrier. Merry Christmas



JANUARY 5, 2019, LINCOLN MOMS - JOLIE VEGA, NO FOOTPRINT TOO SMALL - Jolie Vega will share general information about pregnancy and infant

loss, her own story involving pregnancy and infant loss, and about No Footprint Too Small's mission. Jolie is the founding executive director of No Footprint Too Small. Her previous work experience includes suicide prevention and bereavement support in hospice care with an educational background in business and clinical counseling. Jolie is constantly striving to obtain more information and training related to pregnancy and infant loss and related subjects such as birth trauma, PTSD, and postpartum mood disorders so she can better support and

companion the bereaved mothers, fathers, and families that No Footprint Too Small serves.

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 Saturday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Gianna's Java & Gelato, in The Guadalupe Center located at 2241 O Street. Your free-will donation helps cover the cost of speakers, reserved babysitting, and coffee/snacks (\$5-10 suggested). Before the meeting, moms and kids are also invited for 8:00 a.m. Mass at the Gianna's Chapel. Let us know in advance if you need babysitting (available after Mass), and please bring a friend! Contact us at lincolnmoms@outlook.com or our Facebook page.

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.

~ **MARY MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE** ~

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Monday, December 31st, 5:30 P.M. Vigil

Tuesday, January 1st, 8:30 A.M., 10:00 A.M.

MARY MOTHER OF GOD Masses - Acolytes

Dec. 31st, 5:30 p.m.: Chris Border, Mark Main **Jan. 1st, 8:30 a.m.:** Shawn Wilke, Joe Lockard
10:00 a.m.: Scott Uhing, Mark Bartek

MARY MOTHER OF GOD Masses - Reader/Lector

Dec. 31st, 5:30 p.m.: Mary Lockard **Jan. 1st, 8:30 a.m.:** Sheila Stewart **10:00 a.m.:** Mary Beardslee

MARY MOTHER OF GOD Masses - Greeters & Gift Bearers

DEC. 31, 2018, Saturday, 5:30 p.m. ~ Volunteers Needed **JAN. 1, 2019, Sunday, 8:30 a.m.** - Volunteers Needed **10:00 a.m.** ~ Volunteers Needed

MARY MOTHER OF GOD Masses - Servers

Volunteers Needed for all Masses



SCRIP will be available for purchase in the rectory office from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., over the break. It will not be available Sunday, Dec. 23rd or Sunday, Dec. 30th. The Rectory will be closed Monday, Dec. 24th, Tuesday, Dec. 25th, Monday, Dec. 31st and Tuesday, Jan. 1st.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED – Someone to set up candles and let parishioners know the candles are ready for lighting before the 10 a.m. Mass on Sundays. If you are interested in doing this please call Nick Fielder at 402-805-9359.

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



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. 28th. For more info visit www.spiritcatholicradio.com and help us Warm Up Winter!

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.



DECEMBER 28, 2018, TAX DEDUCTION FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS -

those who wish to receive a tax deduction for charitable contributions to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in 2018 must have their donation to the rectory by **12 noon, Fri., Dec. 28, 2018**. Statements on contributions will be mailed to you in January 2019.

REPORTING CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT - Nebraska law requires all suspicions of child abuse or neglect to be reported to law enforcement or DHHS (Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-652-1999).

REPORTING MISCONDUCT - Notify the Diocese of Lincoln of any misconduct involving diocesan personnel by calling the misconduct hotline: 1-844-527-0596 (English and Spanish).

YOUTH, SCHOOL & CCD NEWS

JANUARY 8, 2019, SCHOOL RESUMES – at 8:05 a.m. on the 8th school will resume from Christmas vacation.

JANUARY 9, 2019, CCD RESUMES – at 6:30 p.m. in the school, there will be confessions that evening for the kids.

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 24th, at 2 p.m. with Bishop Finn presenting. Award applications are due to the Youth Ministry Office by Feb. 8th. Visit www.lincolndiocese.org/scouting for more info. If you have any questions, please contact Michele at 402-473-0625.

SUPPORT GROUPS & EDUCATION

JANUARY 10, 16, 29, 2019, NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING - Creighton Model Introductory Sessions, Thurs., Jan. 10th, Wed. Jan. 16th, & Tues. Jan. 29th 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.

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

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 pbibben@yahoo.com.

FEBRUARY 15-17, 2019, RETROUVAILLE, 4 STAGES OF MARRIAGE - The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille. For confidential information

about or to register for the Program beginning with a weekend on Feb 15th-17th, call 1-800-470-2230 or www.HelpOurMarriage.org on the web.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BLESSED SACRAMENT COUNCIL 11001

JANUARY 9, 2019, KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS OFFICER'S MEETING - is on January 9th instead of the 2nd.

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

JANUARY 20, 2019, SAVE THE DATE - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP - will be held on Sun., Jan. 20th in the school gym. Sign in will start at 1:30 p.m. with shooting starting at 2 p.m. Look for more info. coming soon.



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

- Saturday night January 19th and Sunday morning January 20th 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)!

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.

DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH -
**Please Pray for the Happy Repose of the
Soul of: Catherine Smith**

PRO-LIFE NEWS



PRAY & MASS ON ABORTION TUESDAYS - Please come to pray on abortion Tuesdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The Rosary is at 9:30 a.m. and Mass is celebrated in the Lincoln Right to Life building directly across from Planned Parenthood every week at 10 a.m. Your prayerful presence at PP does make a difference. Planned Parenthood is located at 5631 S. 48th St.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

PERPETUAL ADORATION

"And the glory of the Lord shone around them: (Lk 2:9) "The swaddling clothes of an infant hid the Son of God in Bethlehem, and the appearance of bread and wine hides the Reality of Christ." - Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

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:

* LDCCW Winter Symposium - **Jan. 11th**-

12th, 2019, Friday-Saturday - Women Only.

* "Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross" - **Jan. 18th-20th, 2019**, Fr. Eric Clark & Knights of the Holy Eucharist - Men's Acolyte/Lector Retreat (with Training).

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 month of Dec. & Jan. 2018-19:

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

Dec. 30th-Jan. 5th: Matthew Connor Kovar

Jan. 6th-Jan. 12th: John William McDonald

ADDITIONAL NEWS

MARCH 22-23, 2019, IMMACULEE ILIBAGIZA RETREAT - Give The Gift Of A Retreat, this Christmas season, give yourself or someone you love tickets to a weekend retreat to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in West Point, March 22-23, 2019. 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, and registration visit www.immaculee.com, or contact RaNae O'Brien at ranaeobrien1@gmail.com.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - The Diocese of Lincoln is accepting applications for the Safe Environment Coordinator position (Permanent – Full-time). This position is responsible for the administration of the Safe Environment Office, curriculum development, training programs and

compliance with the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* for the Diocese of Lincoln. Please submit your cover letter and resume to marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org by December 31, 2018.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN LINCOLN - Catholic Social Services seeks a compassionate, dynamic, and inspirational leader for the position of Regional Director of Social Services - Lincoln. This person will lead and manage our social services operation in the greater Lincoln area. For more info. visit www.cssisus.org/who_we_are/careers.html or send an email to humanresources@cssisus.org.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - ST. THOMAS AQUINAS CHURCH NEWMAN CENTER - is looking to hire a full-time Staff Accountant and Parish Secretary. We are looking for the right candidate to join our team. Ideal candidate has a baccalaureate degree in Accounting (or similar business degree) and three (3) to five (5) years of experience in accounting related fields. If you would like to become part of a growing, faith-centered organization, anchored in the heart of the University of Nebraska - Lincoln, and make a

positive impact on the college community, please send your resume to patti-montgomery@huskercatholic.com. See full job posting on our website huskercatholic.com/jobs.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - CATHEDRAL OF THE RISEN CHRIST SCHOOL – BUS DRIVER - is looking for a bus driver for school field trips and events. A CDL is required and experience driving school-age children is preferred. Please email Cathedral-Info@cdolinc.net or call 402-489-9621 with questions and to request an application.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS: MICHAEL & ERIN COLEMAN & FAMILY, AND NATHAN & SARAH CLARK & FAMILY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection (December 16, 2018)	
Envelopes	\$ 35,711.73
Plate	807.46
Online Giving	3,893.50
Total Stewardship:	\$40,412.69
Total Weekly Parish Need:	\$18,095.00



2018-19 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. Tuition Assistance – \$900 x 10 = \$9,000 or any amount | 6. Office Chair - \$230 |
| 2. Commercial Refrigerator (Hot Lunch) - \$1,200 | 7. Christmas Tree - \$75 |
| 3. Commercial Stand Mixer - 20 QT - \$900 | 8. Recliner for Rectory Study - \$200 |
| 4. Special Education Therapy Aides - \$500 | 9. Formed.org Subscription - \$50 x 36 = \$1,800 |
| 5. Refrigerated Drinking Fountain - \$1,200 | 10. Automatic Garage Door Opener - \$250 |

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