

DECEMBER 8, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Monday

6:30 A.M. † Patrick Deboer
 8:20 A.M. † For the Parish
 5:30 P.M. † All Souls

Tuesday

6:30 A.M. † Alma Schroeder
 8:20 A.M. † All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday

6:30 A.M. † Joannell Koster
 8:20 A.M. For Sue Phillips

Thursday

6:30 A.M. For Colin Wirth
 8:20 A.M. † Edmund Hagedorn

Friday

6:30 A.M. † Dan Schmidt
 8:20 A.M. For Fr. John Sullivan

Saturday

8:30 A.M. † All Souls
 5:30 P.M. † Ann Burda

Sunday

8:30 A.M. † Melody Heitz
 10:00 A.M. † Myra Kouma
 11:30 A.M. For the Parish

PARISH NEWS

DATES & EVENTS:



DECEMBER 8, 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. 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 9, 2019 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS - Mon. at 6:30 a.m., 8:20 a.m., & 5:30 p.m. All are welcome. This is not an obligation this year.



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 14, 22, & 24, 2019, GIRLS' CHOIR -- Sat., Dec. 14th -- Mark your calendars & come celebrate GAUDETE SUNDAY! We meet in the choir loft at 4:15 p.m. to learn new songs & stay to

**JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH IN
 HIS TIME, AND FULLNESS OF
 PEACE FOREVER. (Ps 72)**

SERVERS FOR DEC. 14-15, 2019

SAT. Dec. 14th, 5:30 p.m.: Jackson Peiman, Kashen Schwickerath, Owen Tucker, Zach Uhing; **Sun. Dec. 15th, 8:30 a.m.:** Jean-Luc Billioux, Henry & William Suelter, Koa White; **10:00 a.m.:** Hayden Larson, Zachary Maret, Collin Meysenburg, Nicholas Payne; **11:30 a.m.:** Anthony Gonzalez, Maribaga Maribaga, Michael McGuire, Carter Oliva; ***Please find a sub if you can't make your appointed time.**

**GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS FOR
 DEC. 14-15, 2019**

Saturday, 5:30 p.m. ~ Mary Jo Peiman
Sunday, 8:30 a.m. - Mark Tate

10:00 a.m. - Chester & Ida Lim
11:30 a.m. ~ Marv & Bonnie Evert

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



sing for the 5:30 p.m. Mass. 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 through 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 15, 2019, 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 15th at the gym, any time after about 8:15 a.m. Altar Society Ladies will attend the sale table from right before the first a.m. 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 15, 2019, 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 15th) 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 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 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 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 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

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: _____

will be mailed to you in Jan. 2020.

SCRIP NEWS - Please get special orders in early to ensure delivery in enough time before 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 still 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 hannahjosmith@yahoo.com.



YOUTH, SCHOOL & CCD NEWS

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

DECEMBER 20, 2019, 12 NOON DISMISSAL - for Christmas Break. No Extended Care so please plan accordingly.

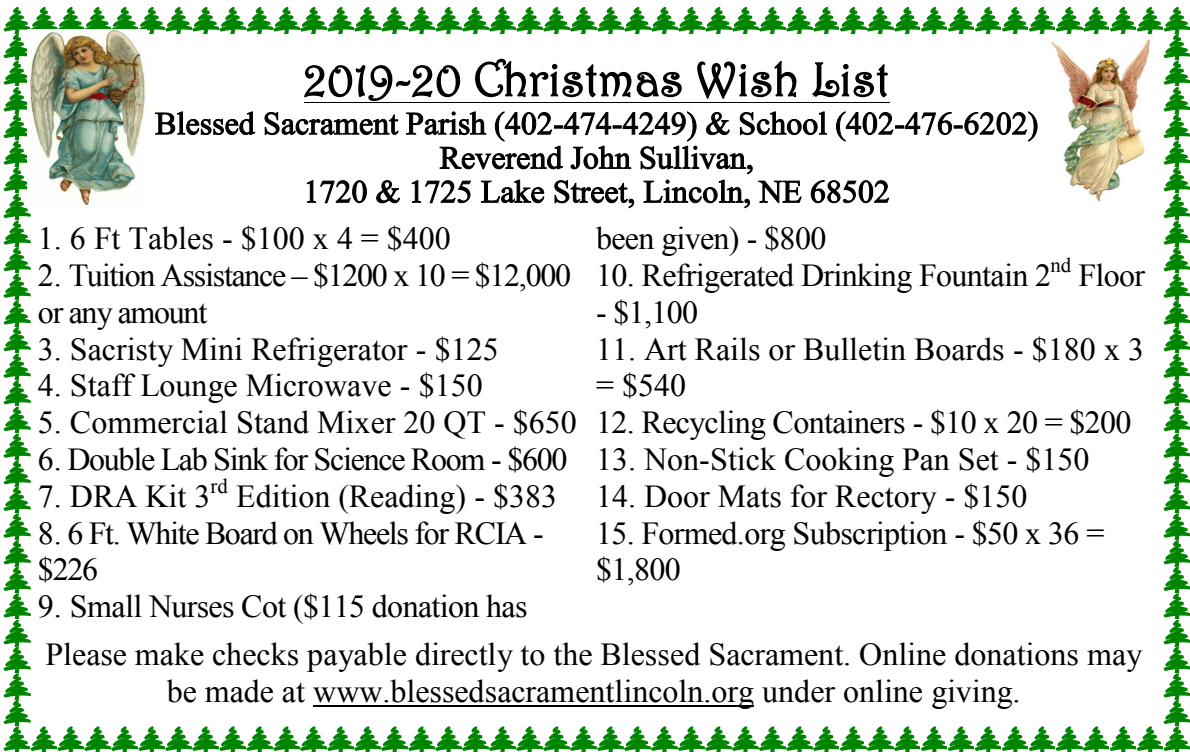
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



BLESSED SACRAMENT COUNCIL 11001

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.



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

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



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS:
 ERIN SHILEY & FAMILY,
 ADAM & AUBREY WASSUNG,
 DAVID & PATRICIA BEHN
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED: MAE MARGARET RASH

Peace - Hope Joy - Love

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

PERPETUAL ADORATION

O Jesus, little child, come into my heart on Christmas morn, to wash away my sins and remain there eternally. O Mary, Mother of my Savior, prepare for Jesus a cradle in my heart. Amen. O Come Let Us Adore Him in The Holy Eucharist!

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

*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. 8th-14th: Joseph Nicholas Allen

Dec. 15th-21st: James Michael Beran

Dec. 22nd-28th: Jonah Alexander Brox

ADDITIONAL NEWS

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 10, 2019, MARIAN MANTLE SILENT STRENGTH PRAYER GROUP - Hope and help for those who hurt because a loved one is no longer a Practicing Catholic. If you feel isolated and believe only a few Catholic families have this problem; are trying to figure out what you did wrong and how to fix it, only to find it gets worse, and others tell you there is nothing to do but accept the situation, come join the Marian Mantle Silent Strength Prayer Group. We meet Tuesday, December 10th at 3:00 p.m. in the Lancaster Room at the Madonna Hospital. For

more information call Kathy at 402-423-3810.

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!

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.csisus.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.

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.

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 pjbiben@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. 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 information. Must be familiar with Microsoft applications & other common office products. Contact Marsha Bartek for full job description & application. MarshaBartek@lincolndiocese.org

ha-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, selfism, 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.

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection (December 1, 2019)

Envelopes \$ 7,549.00

Plate 575.32

Online Giving 4,514.50

Total Stewardship: \$12,638.82

Total Weekly Parish Need: \$18,095.00