

**DECEMBER 9, 2018**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday**

6:30 A.M. For Craig Bonkiewicz  
8:20 A.M. † Christy Fellows, Mary & Paul Sand

**Tuesday**

6:30 A.M. † Dorothy Sullivan  
8:20 A.M. For Sue Phillips

**Wednesday**

6:30 A.M. † Jerry Vap  
8:20 A.M. † Nancy Kemp

**Thursday**

6:30 A.M. † Fr. Francis Murphy  
8:20 A.M. For Bill Bonkiewicz

**Friday**

6:30 A.M. For Craig Bonkiewicz  
8:20 A.M. For Special Intentions, M.J., T.B., A.O., & J.C.

**Saturday**

8:30 A.M. For Special Intentions  
10:00 A.M. † Fr. Casey Porada  
5:30 P.M. † Charles "Chick" Burda

**Sunday**

8:30 A.M. † Melody Heitz  
10:00 A.M. For Jesse Becker  
11:30 A.M. For the Parish

**PARISH NEWS**

**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: [hannah.josmith@yahoo.com](mailto:hannah.josmith@yahoo.com)



**DECEMBER 9 & 16, 2018, CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES - Boy Scout Troop 44**

will be selling Christmas wreaths after all Masses on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Please help the troop by purchasing a wreath or swag. The wreaths are locally sourced and made from fresh greenery. They will be \$20 each. Available till supplies run out.

**DECEMBER 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 Sun. of Advent in the School Gym. If you have questions please call the rectory at 402-474-4249.

**GREETERS/GIFT BEARERS FOR  
DECEMBER 15-16, 2018**

**Saturday, 5:30 p.m.** ~ Mike & Jill Muff  
**Sunday, 8:30 a.m.** - Terry & Vicki Keck  
**10:00 a.m.** - Paul & Sharon Wojtasek  
**11:30 a.m.** ~ Greg & Joyce Columbe  
**Please find a sub if your are unable to come at your appointed time.**



**Advent is the time to allow  
Jesus to change our hearts.**

**SERVERS**

**SAT. DECEMBER 15, 5:30 p.m.:** Chris & Stephen Sullivan, Zach Uhing, Jackson Peiman;  
**SUN. DECEMBER 16, 8:30 a.m.:** Jonathan Reeb, Nate Matulka, Joaquin Noriega, Chris Puentes de Luna; **10:00 a.m.:** Jackson Roberts, Luke Stegman, Matthew & William Muff; **11:30 a.m.:** Josh & Nate Richardson, Justin Beardslee, Mitchell Champoux;  
**\*\*Please find a sub if you are unable to come at your appointed time.**

**DECEMBER 15, 2018, CHURCH CLEAN-UP** - We are asking for help with cleaning the Church on Saturday morning, **December 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in Advent (DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:aew@keatinglaw.com).

**DECEMBER 23, 2018, CHURCH DECORATING** - Please join us in helping decorate Blessed Sacrament for Christmas! We will be decorating on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. to decorate the church. 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](mailto:ann_ames@yahoo.com) with questions! We hope you can join us!

**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.

**ATTENTION - MASS FOR DECEASED CANDLES** - If you are a family member that would like the candle from the mass of deceased members on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> please contact Shawn Wilke at 202-3293.

**ATTENTION ATTENTION!** - We need your help with **recycling**. The green recycling bins on the east side of school are for clean cardboard, empty plastic bottles, and paper. **Do not put glass, Styrofoam, Kleenex, plastic bags, dirty cardboard, or garbage** in the bins. **Aluminum** goes in the cage on the east side of the parking lot. All boxes must be flattened before putting them in the bins. Our recycling service is free as long as we stick to the rules. Thank you for your help.

**THANK YOU - BISHOP APPEAL FOR VOCATIONS**

- We had great success with this year's Bishop's Appeal for Vocations. We made over our goal of \$19,000, so give yourselves a big pat on the back. The total that we made this year was \$21,370.00, which means the church will not owe anything to the Diocese for this appeal. Good work everyone.



**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. 28<sup>th</sup>. For more info visit [www.spiritcatholicradio.com](http://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.

### YOUTH, SCHOOL & CCD NEWS

**DECEMBER 12, 2018, CCD MASS** - will be held at 7:15 p.m. in church, all parishioners are welcome to attend.

**DECEMBER 14, 2018, BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS** - Our Annual Baby Shower for Jesus on

Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. If there is anyone in the parish that would like to donate items to Birthright for babies, please bring to the office before the 14<sup>th</sup> of December so they can be picked up by the volunteers that afternoon.



**DECEMBER 13, 2018, PIUS X BAND FUNDRAISER** - Please join us on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Raising Cane's on North 48<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 p.m. for a fundraiser for the Pius X Band. Please mention you are with the band so we will receive 15% of the sales. Thanks for always supporting our fundraising efforts for our trip to Nashville!



**DECEMBER 16 & 24, 2018, GIRLS' CHOIR** -- We sing for the **5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>**! Arrival time is **3:45 p.m.** A separate Christmas rehearsal is scheduled for **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m.**, in the choir loft. All 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hannahjosmith@yahoo.com) or (402) 525-2069 (call or text).

**DECEMBER 16 & 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 24<sup>th</sup>**! Arrival time that day is **3:45 p.m.** If you can join us, we'll have a special rehearsal on **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m.**, in the choir loft. We'd love to have you share your gift of music for this most sacred celebration!



**DECEMBER 18, 2018, 'EAT OUT' NIGHT AT CHIPOTLE** - Blessed Sacrament PTO will be sponsoring 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter's 'Eat Out' night at CHIPOTLE on 27<sup>th</sup> and Pine Lake Rd. on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 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!

**DECEMBER 20, 2018, SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PLAY** in Church at 7 p.m.

**DECEMBER 21 – JANUARY 7, 2018, CHRISTMAS BREAK** - Our Christmas Break begins at 12 p.m. on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. Classes resume on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

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

### SUPPORT GROUPS & EDUCATION

**DECEMBER 13, 2018, NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING** - Creighton Model Introductory Sessions, Thurs., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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 [pbjbben@yahoo.com](mailto:pbjbben@yahoo.com).

**FEBRUARY 15-17, 2019, REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE – RETROUVAILE** (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, & a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. This is not a spiritual retreat, sensitivity group, seminar, or a social gathering. For confidential info. or to reg. for the program beginning with a weekend on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 call 800-470-2230 or [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org).

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



#### **BLESSED SACRAMENT COUNCIL 11001**

**DECEMBER 12, 2018, K OF C GENERAL MEETING**, Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Kraemer Hall.

**JANUARY 20, 2019, SAVE THE DATE - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP** - will be held on Sun., Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

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

## SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Give Our Lord a special gift this Christmas--a gift of yourself in one hour a week spent in adoring Him in the Eucharist. In eternity you will be so thankful you did.

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:

- \* "The Mysteries of Christmas" - **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>**, **Bishop Conley** and Fr. Coulter - Advent Retreat on the True Gifts of Christmas.
- \* LDCCW Winter Symposium - **Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, Friday-Saturday - Women Only.
- \* “Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross” - **Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**, Fr. Eric Clark &

Knights of the Holy Eucharist - Men’s Acolyte/Lector Retreat (with Training).

You can register at [www.goodcounselretreat.com](http://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. 2018:

**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>**: Santiago Jose Izquierdo

**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**: Robert William Johnson

**Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**: Rev. Mr. Carson Jerome Kain

## ADDITIONAL NEWS



**DECEMBER 9, 2018, CAROLE FEST** - A Benefit for St. Gianna Women’s Homes on Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.css.isus.org) for more info.



**DECEMBER 15, 2018, ADVENT LITURGY WITH BISHOP CONLEY** - Prepare the way for the Christ Child to come into your hearts this Christmas! Join Bishop Conley for a special time of family prayer before Christmas, and receive a blessing upon your family and the baby Jesus from your manger scene... In these hectic days before Christmas, we gather for a very kid-friendly Advent Liturgy to quiet our hearts, hear from our shepherd, and receive his blessing. The short liturgy will be followed by a festive cookie reception. Don't forget to bring your gifts of swaddling clothes to donate to Birthright for babies in need (new or gently used baby clothes, blankets, lotion, soap, and diaper

creams are especially needed). Mark your calendar for Saturday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral!

**DECEMBER 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.

- \* Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>: 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! Go to the signup genius to register. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054CA4A92CA46-advent>



**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.

**DECEMBER 16, 2018, ST. LUKE'S CZECH SHRINE MASS** - Mass will be celebrated in Loma at St. Luke's Czech Catholic Shrine on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 4p.m. The Ostry family will sing Czech Christmas carols beginning at 3:30 p.m.

**DECEMBER 28, 2018, ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS** - 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 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 for this year, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5 p.m. on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. *If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.*

**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](http://www.immaculee.com), or contact RaNae O'Brien at [ranaeobrien1@gmail.com](mailto:ranaeobrien1@gmail.com).

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - PARISH SECRETARY** - St. Patrick Church (Lincoln) is looking to hire a full-time parish secretary. If interested, please submit a resume to Fr. Troy Schweiger, [fr.troy-schweiger@cdolinc.net](mailto:fr.troy-schweiger@cdolinc.net) or call the rectory at 402-466-2752.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP**

Sunday Collection (December 2, 2018)	
Envelopes	\$ 17,786.00
Plate	341.50
<u>Online Giving</u>	<u>6,506.50</u>
<b>Total Stewardship:</b>	<b>\$24,633.00</b>
<b>Total Weekly Parish Need:</b>	<b>\$18,095.00</b>