

Mass Intentions This Week		
16 December	Mon. 7:00 am	Sr. M. Leonida Willenborg+
17 December	Tue. 7:00 am	Special Intention
18 December	Wed. 7:00 am	Lavern Theisen+
19 December	Thur. 7:00 am	Mary Kubat
	8:30 am	Devotion to the Sacraments
20 December	Fri. 7:00 am	Special Intention
	1:00 pm	Residents of Harvard Home
21 December	Sat. 7:00 am	Bishop Conley
	5:30 pm	Ed & Tillie Floren
22 December	Sun. 9:00 am	People of the Parish
	11:30 am	Norma Hart

Collection from 1 December 2019

Total: \$1,043.20

Loose Plate: \$97.00

Envelope: \$868.00

Children's: \$3.20

Immaculate Conception: \$75.00

Daily Gospel Readings

Mon.: Mt. 21:23-27

Tues.: Mt. 1:1-17

Wed.: Mt. 1:18-25

Thurs.: Lk. 1:5-25

Fri.: Lk. 1:26-38

Sat.: Lk. 1:39-45

Sun.: Mt. 1:18-24

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

15 December 2019

3rd Sunday of Advent

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5:00-5:20 pm
 Sunday 8:30-8:50 am, 11:00-11:20 am
 By appointment

DAILY MASSES: Mon.-Sat.: 7:00 am.
 Thur. 8:30 am at CSS
 Fri. 1:00 pm at Harvard Home

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday Vigil—5:30 pm
 Sunday — 9:00 am
 11:30 am (Español)

NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES

-There will be a Penance Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon from 2-3pm. Extra confession times are listed after the Christmas Mass times in the bulletin.

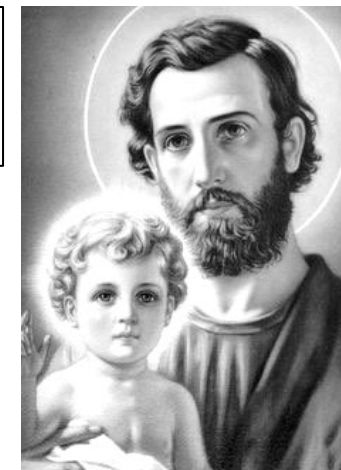
-Please pray for our Seminarian of the Week, Mr. James Beran. He is in 3rd Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Wynnewood, PA studying for the Diocese of Lincoln.

-Please keep Bishop Conley in your prayers! He is taking a temporary medical leave of absence to undergo treatment for depression and anxiety. Pray for his recovery and health and that he can return to us soon!

-If you wish to donate flowers for Advent and/or Christmas, you can either give money to Anne Slater or you can give flowers to Fr. Stoley or a member of the Altar Society.

-You are all asked to think about the holidays coming up and those who are in need. The Ecumenical People's Project will begin collecting gloves, stocking caps, socks, and personal care items for the Christmas Boxes that will go out on Dec. 14th. If you would prefer to make a monetary gift that would go toward these items, you can write a check made out to "People's Project." Thanks for your generosity! You may put your item donations in the Christmas box in the back of Church.

-We will decorate the Church for Christmas on December 21 between Masses. We will get as much as we can done, and during the Spanish Mass there will be fun and fellowship in the parish hall. We can finish after the 11:30 Mass.



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-Knights of Columbus will meet at St. Mary's in Sutton at 5:30 pm tonight (Sunday, Dec. 15).

-**“Personal Testimonies on How an Encounter with God Leads to a Mission”** The personal testimonies for January and February will now be at Dawson Hall at John XXIII Building, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The presenters are: January 19, 2020, Bob Sullivan, Attorney/Apologist; and February 16, 2020, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0615 for questions.

-**Enhancing couple-love:** The upcoming Marriage Encounter Weekend is in Kearney from Feb. 7-9. Contact Pat & Janelle Benson to register. Pat 308-940-0670; Janelle 308-940-1105 or email: pbjbbn@yahoo.com

-St. Joseph Prayer Chain:

- +For all the poor souls in Purgatory
- +For the end to abortion
- +For our Holy Fathers-Pope Francis, bishops, priests, sisters and brothers
- +For all seminarians, especially those at St. Gregory the Great Seminary
- +For our youth to accept and grow in vocations
- +For world peace, and our servicemen and women
- +For the Knights of Columbus prayer requests
- +For fallen away Catholics

For:

Edith Weber	Jack Paulus	Florine Iverson	Delores Leininger
Chuck Preissler	Virginia Miller	Pat Veik	Mary Garvin
Brad Oschner	Juan Slazar	Diane Walz	Dennis Reddick
Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Martel	Jeff Almond	Erica Lauinger
Bill Kerber	Cindy Hemberger	Riley Lewis	Seth Lewis
Jordan Ortmeier	Fr. Allan Phan	Mike Kirwan	Kelem Fabrice

If you have any intentions you would like to add to the prayer chain, call Elaine Almond (402-772-7381) or Ellie Clark (402-762-5008).

-The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Saturday, December 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 and placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 402-473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

-The Love and Responsibility continues with a talk on spiritual intimacy between spouses on January 14th at 7 pm at the UNL Newman center. Talks are free and open to anyone, but geared toward married and engaged couples. Come hear Deacon James Keating talk about spousal prayer and its role in building a strong marriage. This talk will also be streamed to Hastings, David City, Nebraska City, and Tecumseh.

-A couple of announcements from the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office:

Teens Encounter Christ Retreats

An opportunity to personally encounter Christ and build relationship with other high school and college students

- #112 Feb. 15-17 Wahoo
- #113 Apr. 4-6 Camp Kateri
- #114 June 6-8 David City

Open to High School 2nd semester Sophomores through College Freshmen

Cost \$120

To register, go to www.lincolndiocese.org/tec

2020 NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE! ———January 21-26, 2020

Cost: \$450

Chaperone: \$250

Chaperone Couples: \$325 each

To Register, go to: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/M4L>

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Christmas Eve: 5 pm Children's Mass; 10 pm "Midnight" Mass

Christmas Day: 9 am English; 11:30 am Spanish

Misas para la Navidad:

La Noche Buena: 5 pm misa de niños; 10 pm Misa de Medianoche

La Navidad: 9 am en inglés; 11:30 am en español

Confession Times/Horario de Confesiones:

12/19-20: 6-7pm

12/22-23: 6-7 pm

12/24: 4:00-4:50 pm; 9:30-9:50 pm

12/25: 8:30-8:50 am; 10:30-10:50 am

-**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 6:30-8:30pm. Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not with flesh and 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 January 21, Our Identity in Christ; February 18, Battleground of Our Minds; and March 24, Our Weapons for Spiritual Warfare. The workshop is free and registration is kindly requested. For topic details and to register please visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/030e-spiritual-warfare>. Questions? Call 402-473-0615 or email AnnetteWemhoff@cdolinc.net