

Sunday, December 8
 8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish
 10:30 a.m. Henry Gramann
 Monday, December 9
 6:30 a.m. +Marie Bionda
 Tuesday, December 10
 6:30 a.m. +Richard Eickmeier
 Wednesday, December 11
 6:30 a.m. Randy & Colleen Eickmeier
 Thursday, December 12
 6:30 a.m. Bill Eickmeier
 Friday, December 13
 6:30 a.m. Eleanor Eickmeier
 Saturday, December 14
 8:00 a.m. Sr. Eileen Dehner
 Sunday, December 15
 8:00 a.m. +Kyle & Mary Lou Ver Maas
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish

Collection December 1, 2019

Envelopes \$2621.00
 Plate \$88.30
 Youth \$4.00
 Total \$2713.3

Dates to remember:

- February 2nd: First Confession
- April 19th: First Communion
- April 27th: Confirmation @ 7:00pm

Christmas Program/Potluck – Sunday, December 15th.

The program will follow 2nd mass –around 11:45 – followed by a potluck meal in the parish hall. All families are asked to bring a main dish (meat) and a salad or a dessert to share. There’s usually lots of families with lots of extra guests...so bring extra if you can....we want the last people in line to have a good choice too....and not run out of food!!! Santa will follow the dinner so make sure your little ones have lots to tell Santa!!!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE-The Lincoln Catholic Social Services is once again collecting gifts for the needy of our diocese. Please choose an ornament, purchase a new toy for that child (toys without batteries is suggested), put the ornament tag on the gift, and return it unwrapped to the Giving Tree. All gifts will be delivered to Catholic Social Services the week of December 15th.

"That Man Is You" a spiritual series for men of all ages is taking place on Saturday mornings at 6:30 AM in the parish hall. We watch a 45-minute inspirational DVD and then spend 30 minutes in discussion. Everyone is invited and rolls and coffee are provided. We will meet every Saturday thru May.

The family of Willow Marinovich is deeply moved and extremely grateful for the outpouring of love and financial support offered by St. James parish at the recent pancake breakfast fundraiser. The funds raised have gone a long way toward paying medical bills which have accumulated from her condition since she was born last March. Since the fundraiser, she has had another hospitalization and surgery which has helped with her continued fight to grow stronger. We humbly thank all of those who participated to make the event such a success. God bless you all!

"Personal Testimonies on How an Encounter with God Leads to a Mission" is the theme for the Catholic Coffee House on Sunday evenings at Gianna Java and Gelato, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The presenters are: December 15, 2019, Lori Weskamp, Unbound Prayer Team member; January 19, 2020, Bob Sullivan, Attorney/Apologist; and February 16, 2020, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Questions? call 402-473-0615

GIVE YOUR SPOUSE A SPECIAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS:

Sign up for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and receive the gift of a great marriage. Making a weekend will help you put a little Christmas in your marriage every day! For more info, call Pat & Janelle Benson (308) 940-1105 Or visit WWME.org **Upcoming dates:**
February 7-9: Ramada Inn, Kearney, NE
August 28-30: Quality Inn, Ogallala, NE
October 2-4: Immaculate Monastery, Norfolk, NE

Deadline to register is 1 month prior to the date of the weekend

PowerSurge Blanket Delivery Dec 20, 6-8 pm!

Mark your calendars to help deliver the cozy fleece blankets we made to the kids at the Lincoln City Mission. We will be helping with a "Polar Express Night" for the kids there. Let Renee know if you are interested! Reneeandneil@hotmail.com

Holy Hour-Cathedral Parish is sponsoring a family-friendly holy hour on December 8th from 4-5 pm. All ages welcome (seriously, even the loud ones). Adoration, confession, music, and reflection time will be provided. Spend some time with our Lord in the busy Advent season!

PowerSurge (PK - 5th) and PowerUp (6th - 8th)

meet to have FUN with their FAITH!! Meals are provided starting at 5:45pm and fun lasts until 7:00 pm. Mark your calendars: Jan 22, Feb 19, (youth masses Sunday Feb 23), and April 1. Contact Renee with questions reneeandneil@hotmail.com

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 & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

Prayer Request – We pray with special love and concern for all those who are ill, asking the Lord for his consoling grace to strengthen the sick in times of trial: Sandi Sapp, Rod TeKolste, Deborah Hestermann, Doug Parde, Bob Rahorst, Wes Springer, Melanie Frohberg, Dan Benes, Evelyn Yates.

Pray for the Dead– Let us remember in our prayers: Wesley Dorn, David L. Peters, Elvira Seeley, Chad Kohout, Father Zitek, Tawny Zach, Sharon Hudson, Lucille Onisk, Vic Hudson.

Prayers for those serving our country in harm’s way.

		12/8/2019	12/15/2019	12/22/2019
		Second Sunday of Advent	Third Sunday of Advent	Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:00 AM	Reader	Janet Ragland	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton
	Acolyte	Randy Eickmeier	Kurt Larkins	Tony Sullivan
	Server 1	Dawson Burenheide	Eli Van Brocklin	Michael Bean
	Server 2	Hayden Huenink	Zach Van Brocklin	Hayden Nielson
	Greeters	Cam & Jenny Oelke	Cam & Jenny Oelke	Slim & Janet Ragland
	Usher 1	Cam Oelke	Blain Johnson	Blain Johnson
	Usher 2	Robert Braden	John Vrbka	John Vrbka
	Offertory	Robert & Amy Braden Family	Mike & Pat Egger	Oren & Genny Heusinkvelt
10:30 AM	Reader	Shirley Yates	Frank Pytlik	Karl Gramann
	Acolyte	Scott Osterhaus	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth
	Server 1	Marcus Osterhaus	Brady Troxel	Nate Eisenbarth
	Server 2	Connor Price	Wyatt Fortner	Coby Otto
	Greeters	Denise & Scott Clements	Myron & Jeanette Heusinkvelt	Myron & Jeanette Heusinkvelt
	Usher 1	Don Hinds	Don Hinds	Ed Zach
	Usher 2	Karl Gramann	Karl Gramann	Scott Clements
	Offertory	Ron & Mary Boden Family	Jennifer & Robert Brenner Family	Scott & Denise Clements
	Collection	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel	Randy & Colleen E / Amy Argo	Kassie E. / Susan Van Brocklin

Notes from Fr. Walsh

Christmas Masses. I will offer Christmas Masses at 5PM on Christmas Eve, at Midnight and at 9AM on Christmas Day. Note: I am adding the Christmas Midnight Mass!

Over the past few weeks, I have heard feedback on not having the Midnight Mass, and there has been sufficient encouragement to offer this Mass. Last year, it was not offered, but it has been a tradition of the Parish for years, and I am glad to honor that tradition. I anticipate it will be a simple affair, since this late change does not give us a great deal of time for preparations. But, the birth of Jesus was a simple affair too, attended by only a few. Love was the dominant gift that Joseph and Mary shared, joined by the shepherds and angels. Love will be the gift we give on that night too, as we experience the Father's love in the gift of His Son. I'll need an acolyte, a lector/reader and two servers. Let me know if you would like to serve.

Christmas Confession Schedule. The practice of making a Christmas confession is an integral part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas. Please give this gift to your heart this Christmas. I will offer confessions each Thursday night at the Eucharistic Holy Hour (December 5, 12, and 19) from 7:15PM to about 7:50PM.

Other Confession opportunities:

Friday, December 20: 7PM to 8PM

Saturday, December 21: 9AM to 11AM; Noon to 2PM; 4PM to 5PM

Sunday, December 22: 7AM to 7:55AM; 9AM to 10:25AM

Monday, December 23: 7PM to 8PM

Tuesday, December 24: 8AM to 10AM, Noon to 2PM.

God bless you all! I look forward to helping us all prepare for Christmas and sharing this great gift with you on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Confirmation Parent Meeting: There will be an informative meeting for all 5th and 6th grade parents to discuss confirmation on Sunday, December 8th between masses. Please plan to attend.

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.

Poinsettia Donation – Envelopes are on the table in church for donation towards poinsettia's in honor or in memory of a family member. Just drop it in the collection basket

PCCW Meeting – The Christmas meeting will be Wednesday, December 11th. Mass at 6:00 followed by an evening of fun and fellowship. The evening meal will be provided for the ladies. Secret Prayer Pals will be revealed and chosen for next year. If you cannot attend and would like to be included in the Secret Prayer Pal just fill out the form with your information before December 11th and you will be included! Also for the evening of 'entertainment' there will be an ornament exchange. If you would like to participate in the exchange, bring a \$5.00 ornament/gift

SCRIP Is Available Every Sunday – get your shopping done early---no long lines and no stress!!!! –We have lots of gift cards to Target, Barnes & Noble, Walmart, Restaurants, Super Saver, etc. Stop by and purchase as many as you would like. We are considering ending the SCRIP program – so you would be helping us out by depleting our stock! A small percent is earned on each gift card that in turns benefits St. James.



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Mass Schedule

Sundays: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays: 6:30 a.m.

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

30 minutes before Sunday Masses

And Holy Days Masses

20 minutes before daily Masses

And by appointment

CCD

Sundays 9:05-10:20 a.m.

See calendar for dates

December 8, 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

“May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another that you may, with one voice, glorify God.”

Romans 15:4-5

Dec 9 Mon: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Genesis 3: 9-15. 20; Ephesians 1: 3-6. 11-12; Luke 1: 26-38

Dec 10 Tue: Isaiah 40: 1-11; Matthew 18: 12-14

Dec 11 Wed: Isaiah 40: 25-31; Matthew 11: 28-30

Dec 12 Thu: Our Lady of Guadalupe F

Zechariah 2: 14-17 or Revelations 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a 10ab; Luke 1: 26-38

Dec 13 Fri: Lucy, v, mt M

Isaiah 48: 17-19; Matthew 11: 16-19

Dec 14 Sat: John of the Cross, p, dr M

Sirach 48: 1-4. 9-11; Matthew 17: 9a. 10-13

Dec 15 SUN: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 35: 1-6a. 10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11