

Sunday, December 15
 8:00 a.m. +Kyle & Mary Lou VerMaas
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish
 Monday, December 16
 6:30 a.m. Sr. Fiat Marie
 Tuesday, December 17
 6:30 a.m. Rev. Gregory Troklus
 Wednesday, December 18
 6:30 a.m. +Earl & Violette Jocelyn
 Thursday, December 19
 6:30 a.m. +Leo L. Benes
 Friday, December 20
 6:30 a.m. +Frank & Gertrude Benes
 Saturday, December 21
 8:00 a.m. Kayla Troxel
 Sunday, December 22
 8:00 a.m. Tawny Zach
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish

Collection December 8, 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 – TODAY 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. Santa will follow the dinner so make sure your little ones have lots to tell Santa!!!

"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!

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

“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/Apologetist; 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

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.

Retrouvaille Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is peer ministries of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. February 14-16 2020. To register, call 1-800-470-2230 Or www.helpourmarriage.org, www.retrouvaille.org last day to sign up January 31st 2020

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.

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

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.

		12/15/2019	12/22/2019	12/29/2019
		Third Sunday of Advent	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Holy Family
8:00 AM	Reader	Jerry Lentfer	Joe Vinton	Janet Ragland
	Acolyte	Kurt Larkins	Tony Sullivan	Chris Hytrek
	Server 1	Eli Van Brocklin	Michael Bean	Michael Bean
	Server 2	Zach Van Brocklin	Hayden Nielson	Austin Oelke
	Greeters	Cam & Jenny Oelke	Slim & Janet Ragland	Slim & Janet Ragland
	Usher 1	Blain Johnson	Blain Johnson	Mike Egger
	Usher 2	John Vrbka	John Vrbka	Mike Mitchell
	Offertory	Mike & Pat Egger	Oren & Genny Heusinkvelt	Brad & Gail Hochstein
10:30 AM	Reader	Frank Pytlik	Karl Gramann	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Ron Boden
	Server 1	Brady Troxel	Nate Eisenbarth	Trey Yates
	Server 2	Wyatt Fortner	Coby Otto	Connor Price
	Greeters	Myron & Jeanette Heusinkvelt	Myron & Jeanette Heusinkvelt	Don & Julie Hinds
	Usher 1	Don Hinds	Ed Zach	Ed Zach
	Usher 2	Karl Gramann	Scott Clements	Scott Clements
	Offertory	Jennifer & Robert Brenner Family	Scott & Denise Clements	Neil & Renee Dominy
	Collection	Randy & Colleen E / Amy Argo	Kassie E. / Susan Van Brocklin	Julie Pffingsten / Laureen Ehmen

Notes from Fr. Walsh

Christmas Confession Schedule: Confessions will be offered Thursday night at the Eucharistic Holy Hour (December 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.

Christmas Mass Schedule: Mass will be offered on Christmas Eve at 5PM, at Midnight and at 9AM on Christmas Day.

Some Thoughts about our upcoming Celebration- Watching Hallmark Christmas movies has become part of the preparations for Christmas for many of us. I kind of like them too. One fifth grader told me, last year, “Father, they are all the same.” I know. So did she. But they are fun to watch anyway. The plot of these movies typically involves a person who is estranged from family, friends, or their roots and journeys to a rediscover of these things in the celebration of Christmas. Often, the story has only glancing references to the birth of Jesus or to sacred Christmas themes.

Except, this is the story of Jesus’ birth as well. We are the ones in search of family, friends, our roots. We find it in Him, in a little child who brings heaven to earth and us to our heavenly family and homeland. In Him we encounter the one who loves us and learn to love again. I pray that this is your Christmas experience and that it takes lasting root in your heart. Christmas is the Father’s bold demonstration: “I love you!” and our opportunity to do the same.

Date	12/24/2019	12/25/2019	12/25/2019
Time	Christmas Vigil (5:00pm)	Christmas Mass (Midnight)	Christmas Mass (9:00am)
Reader	Larry Etmund	Chris Hytrek	Michelle Milke
Acolyte	Myron Heusinkvelt	Scott Osterhaus	Pat Milke
Server 1	Brady Troxel	Marcus Osterhaus	Eli Van Brocklin
Server 2	Sam Troxel	Grant Ehmén	Zach Van Brocklin
Greeters	Oren & Genny Heusinkvelt	Cam & Jenny Oelke	Ray & JoAnn Vrbka
Usher 1	Mike Egger	Cam Oelke	Blain Johnson
Usher 2	Mike Mitchell	Robert Braden	John Vrbka

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.

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/03oe-spiritual-warfare>. Questions? Call 402-473-0615 or email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net



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December 15, 2019 Third Sunday of Advent

“Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.”

Matthew 11:10

- Dec 16 Mon:** *Numbers 24: 2-7. 15-17a; Matthew 21: 23-27*
- Dec 17 Tue:** **(O Sapientia)** *Genesis 49: 2. 8-10; Matthew 1: 1-17*
- Dec 18 Wed:** **(O Adonai)** *Jeremiah 23: 5-8; Matthew 1: 18-25*
- Dec 19 Thu:** **(O Radix Jesse)** *Judges 13: 2-7. 24-25a; Luke 1: 5-25*
- Dec 20 Fri:** **(O Clavis David)** *Isaiah 7: 10-14; Luke 1: 26-38*
- Dec 21 Sat:** **(O Oriens)** *Sg 2: 8-14 or Zep 3: 14-18a; Luke 1: 39-45*
- Dec 22 SUN:** **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (O Rex Gentium)**
Isaiah 7: 10-14; Romans 1: 1-7; Matthew 1: 18-24

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