

Sunday, December 29	8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish
10:30 a.m. +Jay Burrows	
Monday, December 30	6:30 a.m. David L. Peters
Tuesday, December 31	6:30 a.m. David L. Peters
	5:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish
Wednesday, January 1	8:00 a.m. David L. Peters
	10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish
Thursday, January 2	6:30 a.m. Leonard & Emily Peters
Friday, January 3	6:30 a.m. Father John Perkinton
Saturday, January 4	8:00 a.m. Jim Riley
Sunday, January 5	8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. James Parish
	10:30 a.m. +Alice Vanderhook

**Collection December 22, 2019**

Envelopes	\$2195.00
Plate	\$405.00
Youth	\$7.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2607.00</b>

**"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.

**"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.

**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 \*

**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.

**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](mailto:Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net)

**Dates to remember:**

- February 2<sup>nd</sup>: First Confession
- April 18<sup>th</sup>: First Communion
- April 27<sup>th</sup>: Confirmation @ 7:00pm

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

12/31/2019	1/1/2020	1/1/2020
5:30 p.m. Karl Gramann	8:00 a.m. Joe Vinton	10:00 a.m. Frank Pytlik
Tony Sullivan	Chris Hytrek	Myron Heusinkvelt
Connor Price	Hayden Nielson	Brady Troxel
Grant Ehmen	Austin Oelke	Sam Troxel
Ray & JoAnn Vrbka	Cam & Jenny Oelke	Denise & Scott Clements
Mike Egger	Cam Oelke	Ed Zach
Mike Mitchell	Robert Braden	Scott Clements

**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](http://www.helpourmarriage.org), [www.retrouvaille.org](http://www.retrouvaille.org) last day to sign up January 31st 2020

**SCRIP Is Available Every Sunday** —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](mailto: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.**

		12/29/2019	1/5/2020	1/12/2020
		Holy Family	The Epiphany of the Lord	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
8:00 AM	Reader	Janet Ragland	Jerry Lentfer	Larry Etmund
	Acolyte	Chris Hytrek	Kurt Larkins	Pat Milke
	Server 1	Michael Bean	Dawson Burenheide	Eli Van Brocklin
	Server 2	Austin Oelke	Hayden Huenink	Zach Van Brocklin
	Greeters	Slim & Janet Ragland	Oren & Genny Heusinkvelt	Oren & Genny Heusinkvelt
	Usher 1	Mike Egger	Mike Egger	Cam Oelke
	Usher 2	Mike Mitchell	Mike Mitchell	Robert Braden
	Offertory	Brad & Gail Hochstein	Tim & Molly Holloway	Chris & Staci Hytrek Family
10:30 AM	Reader	Diana McCown	Shirley Yates	Diana McCown
	Acolyte	Ron Boden	Ron Eisenbarth	Scott Osterhaus
	Server 1	Trey Yates	Nate Eisenbarth	Marcus Osterhaus
	Server 2	Connor Price	Wyatt Fortner	Grant Ehmen
	Greeters	Don & Julie Hinds	Don & Julie Hinds	Neil & Renee Dominy
	Usher 1	Ed Zach	Roger Miller	Roger Miller
	Usher 2	Scott Clements	Ron Boden	Ron Boden
	Offertory	Neil & Renee Dominy	Sara Flanagan Family	Karl & Mary Gramann Family
	Collection	Julie Pflingsten / Laureen Ehmen	Jeanne Egger / Grace Benes	Jim Fuhrman / Theron Troxel

### Notes from Fr. Walsh

Thank you all for your kind Christmas cards, greetings and gifts. I like to write thank you letters and hope to finish them in the coming week. In the mean time, know my gratitude for your goodness. God bless you all!

2020 promises to be a big year for our parish. We will start Faith Direct (electronic giving) next month, I will probably be conferring the Sacrament of Confirmation in April, we continue to save money for our future building project, and I am going to formalize the Thursday night 7pm Eucharistic adoration holy hour in the parish. I'm sure there will be many more things, since we have the great fortune to be a young, vibrant, and engaged parish. Let us pray that we will be open to whatever God wills for us, and that we have the courage and trust to walk boldly in His ways.

I've given the Knights of Columbus permission for two second collections in January: a collection called the Tootsie Roll drive for special needs children. We'll take up that collection on Epiphany Sunday (next Sunday). We'll be like the wise men, bringing gifts to the Christ child. I like it. The other collection they will take up will be on the last Sunday of January, called One Rose, One Life. This is to support the K of C's pro-life work. Hope you can help with these two worthy appeals.

As I've mentioned before but want to continue to put before you, we're launching Faith Direct in the parish next weekend. I will speak about it in my homily. You will like this program. The parish will like your participation!

New Year Day Mass is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Mass times will be 5:30PM on December 31, and 8AM and 10AM on New Year's Day. God bless you

**Surviving Divorce program-** Divorced? Come find comfort, counsel, hope and healing consistent with Catholic Church teachings.

The twelve-week video series & facilitator led Surviving Divorce program begins on February 3rd, 7-9pm, at John XXIII Diocesan Center, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. A suggested donation of \$50 covers the cost of the program and includes the Surviving Divorce personal guide and all materials. Classes are kept small and may be registered for by contacting the Family Life Office at 402-473-0620 or catholicflo@cdolinc.net

**Joy & Hope Anniversary Recognition Mass** and reception for all married couples will be held Sunday, February 9, 2020 at the regular 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Risen Christ in Lincoln. We kindly request that all couples register with the Family Life Office, however, special recognition will be given to those couples celebrating 10, 25, 40 and 50 years or more. Suggested donation of \$10 per couple is appreciated! Family guests are welcome. Registration forms should be available at your parish office or call the Family Life Office at (402) 473-0620.



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### December 29, 2019

### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

“Let the peace of Christ control your hearts,  
the peace into which you were also called in one body.  
And be thankful.”

*Colossians 3:15*

**Dec 30 Mon:**

*1 John 2: 12-17; Luke 2: 36-40*

**Dec 31 Tue:**

*1 John 2: 18-21; John 1: 1-18*

**Jan 1 Wed:**

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** Holy Day of Obligation.

*Numbers 6: 22-27; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2: 16-21*

**Jan 2 Thu:**

**Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bps, drs**

*1 John 2: 22-28; John 1: 19-28*

**Jan 3 Fri:**

*1 John 2: 29 – 3: 6; John 1: 29-34*

**Jan 4 Sat:**

**Elizabeth Ann Seton, r**

*1 John 3: 7-10; John 1: 35-42*

**Jan 5 SUN:**

**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

*Isaiah 60: 1-6; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12*

### 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