

DECEMBER 17, 2017
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC
CHURCH

BEATRICE, NEBRASKA

www.stjosephbeatrice.org

Rectory Office: 402-223-2923 (Secretary)
Father Barnhill: 402-806-2821 (cell)
Father McGuire: 402-759-1392 (cell)
School Office: 402-223-5033

Pastor and Chief Administrative Officer Fr. Robert K. Barnhill
Resident Priest Fr. Thomas McGuire

Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30pm; Sunday 8:00am & 10:00am
Weekdays: Monday-Friday at 8:15am & 5:30pm

Confessions

Monday - Friday. 15 minutes before 8:15am daily Mass
Saturday 4:00pm - 5:15pm
Wednesday 5:00pm - 5:20pm.
Any other time by appointment.

Baptism Parents are asked to attend baptism preparation class.
Call the rectory office to schedule.

Anointing/Hospital Visits Please notify the pastor when you go to the hospital.

Matrimony Contact the parish 6 to 12 months ahead of time.

Natural Family Planning (NFP) Jo Langley (402-223-3359)
Melissa Powers (402-228-3856).

St. Vincent DePaul 402-435-7968

Catholic Social Services 1-800-961-6277

Catholic Radio 100.1FM

Willow Center of Beatrice -402- 228-6411

Knights of Columbus Don Ferneding, Grand Knight

St. Joseph Catholic School —420 N 6th Street Grades K-5

Andrew Haake, Principal;

Tammy Zarybnicky, Secretary

Preschool Denise Behrends (3 & 4 year olds)

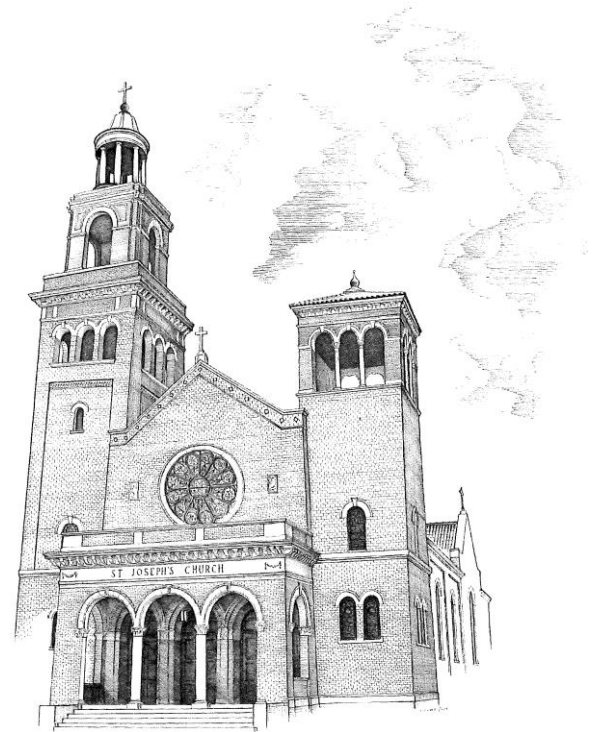
Red Raven Day Care -18 months—up; located in our school building. Call 402-223-5033

Godparent Religion Program—High School Youth Wed., 7:00pm

C.C.D. Program in St. Joseph School,
Grades 1-8, Wed., 6:30-7:45pm

Cemetery Contact Jerry Kempf 402-239-1896

Choir Kate Ratigan at 402-806-0131.



Artwork by: ViLuong – New York Artist

Parish Office: 612 High St. (rectory-office@cdolinc.net)

Shelli Hubka, Secretary.

Monday - Friday, 9:00am–12 noon,

Except Holy Days and holidays.

Bulletin Deadline: noon Thursday.

Eucharistic Ministers: Morehead/Reimer

December 23/24, 2017

| | 5:30pm | 8:00am | 10:00 am |
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| LECT | Rob Ostdiek | Darin Baehr | Ron Lewandowski |
| ACOL | Keefover/Kempf | Oden/Ullsperger | Korus/Volunteer |
| Video | Rob Pinkerton | | |
| SERV | Byron Ostdiek | Parker Witulski | Lucas Lewandowski |
| SERV | Brock Ostdiek | Preston Witulski | Grant Lewandowski |
| USHR | Phil Cook | Mike McLain | Harold Campbell |
| USHR | Dave Hackler | Judy Tejral | Steve Durman |
| USHR | Dennis Schuster | LeRoy Tejral | Dave Fujan |
| USHR | Roger Wattier | Volunteer | Paul Fullmer |
| ROS | Kayla Brewer | Betty Weinman | Judi Knowles |
| Gifts | Please tell an usher if you would like to carry the gifts | | |

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD Dec. 10, 2017

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| Adult Envelopes | \$7,056 .00 |
| Loose Plate | 168 .00 |
| Building | 124.00 |
| School | 196.00 |
| Children | 8.00 |
| Holy Days | 712.00 |
| Online Giving | 2,672.22 |
| Parish Collections: | \$10,936.22 |
| Contemplative Sisters | 5.00 |
| St. Vincent DePaul | 50.00 |
| TOTAL COLLECTION | \$10,991.22 |

**For your heart will always be
where your riches are.**

-Matthew 6:21

3rd Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2017

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| 17th | 18th | 19th | 20th | 21st | 22nd | 23rd |
| Coffee & Rolls after 10am Mass only | | | Confessions 5-5:30pm | | Confessions 5-5:30pm | Confessions 4-5:15pm |
| 24th | 25th | 26th | 27th | 28th | 29th | 30th |
| | 9am Christmas Mass | One Daily Mass this week | | | | Regular weekend Mass schedule |

MASS INTENTIONS: Dec 18th – 24th

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| Monday | 8:15 am | Claudio Correl+ |
| | 5:30 pm | Sherri Svoboda+ |
| Tuesday | 8:15 am | Maxine Farrell+ |
| | 5:30 pm | Jeff Mason+ |
| Wednesday | 8:15 am | Donald Blotzer+ |
| | 5:30 pm | Art Neukirch+ |
| Thursday | 8:15 am | John Barnard+ |
| | 5:30 pm | Norma Vrtiska+ |
| Friday | 8:15 am | Rita Baumel+ & Phil Baumel |
| | 5:30 pm | Margueritte Joan Luers+ |
| Saturday | 9:30 am | At BSDC |
| | 5:30 pm | Bernice Voller+ |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | Maxine Farrell+ |
| | 10:00am | People of Our Parish |
| | 4:00 pm | Intention of the Celebrant |
| | 8:00 pm | Jack & Helen Steele+ |

WE SUPPORT VOCATIONS & PRAY FOR

Sr. Michael Mary of the Cross from Port Angeles, WA is a Novice and Sr. Emma from Midland, TX is a Postulant at Carmel of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

Lane Matthew Barnhill son of Cliff and Linda Barnhill Smith from Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Falls City, NE is in his 4th Year of College at St. Gregory the Great Seminary.

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS: A commendable practice & devotion is going to confession prior to the Christmas Season. A Penance Service is Sunday, December 17th, 3pm to 5:00pm at Saint Joseph Church. Five priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Christmas Eve, Dec 24th, 4:00pm & 8:00pm
 Christmas Day, Dec 25th, 9:00am

CHRISTMAS HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:

Christmas falls on a Monday as a Holy Day of Obligation. "Christmas Mass During the Night" will be celebrated on Sunday evening at 4pm and 8pm. The

Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23 & 24) will be the usual weekend Mass schedule. There are two obligations to attend Mass, one for Sunday and one for Christmas Holy Day. Attending one Mass on Sunday evening does not suffice to fulfill the Mass obligation for both the Sunday and the Holy Day.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Place your order by Monday noon, Dec. 18th. Cost is \$15.00.

CHRISTMAS CARDS The Knights of Columbus will have the display of Keep Christ in Christmas Cards in the back of church until Christmas. The proceeds from sales will go to the Beatrice Food Pantry and Saint Vincent DePaul Society. There is a drop box for your payment or donation. If you need assistance please ask a Knight of Columbus member or call Jerry Kempf @ 402-239-1896. Thank you for your continuous support.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER is at First Baptist Church, 1025 N. 16th St. from 3:00 to 5:00pm. St. Joseph Parish Altar Society is helping to supply pies for this dinner. All are welcome to attend this community dinner. It is helpful to call reservations to the Baptist Church (but not necessary). Volunteers needed on December 25th all day and for cleanup on December 26th First Baptist Church 302-223-2437.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION: The last weekend of December (30th & 31st) will offer a ballot for parish members to vote for three (3) new members of Saint Joseph Parish Council. Those who have agreed to add their names to the ballot are:

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| Ken Czarnick | June Loseman |
| Spencer Hagemeyer | Sharon McVay |
| Dick Kunde | Deb Warneke |

THE MONDAY, JANUARY 1st HOLY DAY (solemnity)

is in honor of Mary, Mother of God. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation in the United States. This solemnity is one of the holy days abrogated when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. The Mass will be Monday, January 1, 9:00a.m.

INTRODUCTION TO DELIVERANCE IN

BEATRICE: Have you ever wondered what exactly deliverance is or how it fits into our Catholic faith? The Diocesan Office of Evangelization will be hosting a free event consisting of four 20 minute talks. The event is open to ALL: laity, religious, clergy, members of the Christian community & anyone who would like a better understanding of the meaning of deliverance, the Unbound ministry & how each person can benefit from it. Join us in **Beatrice at St. Joseph Parish Hall on Thursday, January 4th 7:00–8:30 p.m. No registration needed.** Contact Matt at matthew-simmons@cdolinc.net or 402-805-9668 with questions.



Sweetheart GALA

February 10th at Classics

Dinner tickets will be available to purchase at Cookie/Candy Sales on December 9th & 10th in the Parish Center

OTHER AREA NEWS

THE ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

will be celebrated on Thursday, December 28th. 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 for this year, please call the Family Life Office 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.

UNBOUND Retreat at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House, **January 19-21, 2018** with Fr. William Holoubek. This weekend retreat is geared towards men and women who have already read the book or watched the video series, and will provide opportunities for praying the five keys with a prayer team. Please register at <http://goodcounselretreat.com/>

MARRIED SINGLES LIFESTYLE – The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage

partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the August program beginning with a weekend on Feb 16-18, 2018 call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web

FROM FR. BARNHILL

God bless your family in preparation for the Christmas Season. Children will have religious questions during this time of year. "Keep Christ in Christmas" is the popular slogan now as children hear the world's view about Christmas as opposed to the Scripture story.

Five Religious Points Children Should Know About Christmas:

- Jesus came as the Son of God (Joseph was his foster father)
- Jesus was both God and man
- The real meaning of Christmas is "giving" – like Jesus who gave his life for our sins
- Jesus was born in poverty to show us of God's special love for the poor
- Christmas traditions are important part of family

Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: 'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!' Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment.