

APRIL 8, 2018
DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC
CHURCH

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

BEATRICE, NEBRASKA
www.stjosephbeatrice.org

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)

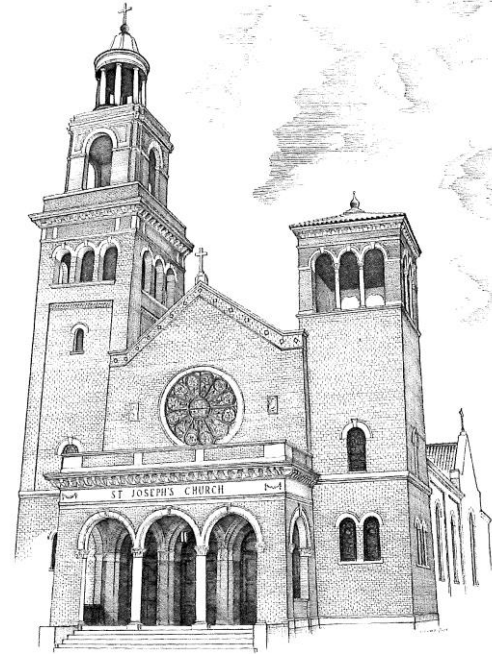
Red Raven Day Care -18 months—up; located in our school building. Call 402-223-5033

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: Nielsen/Oden

April 14/15, 2018

	<i>5:30pm</i>	<i>8:00am</i>	<i>10:00am</i>
LECT	Rod Benson	Jo Langley	Andrew Haake
ACOL	Burenheide/Clark	Koenig/Policky	Korus/Morehead
Video	Dan Divis		
SERV	Callen Behrends	Parker Witulski	Laim Arter
SERV		Preston Witulski	Trey Baehr
USHR	Phil Cook	Dick Kunde	Harold Cambell
USHR	Dave Hackler	John Linenberger	Steve Durman
USHR	Dennis Schuster	Mike McLain	Dave Fujan
USHR	Roger Wattier	Matt Schmitt	Paul Fullmer
ROS	Kayla Brewer	Bernice Clark	Duane Oden
Gifts	<i>Please tell an usher if you would like to carry the gifts</i>		

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD April 1, 2018

Adult Envelopes	\$3,675.00
Loose Plate	329.00
School	265.00
Building	320.00
Spaghetti Dinner	120.00
Debt Reduction	50.00
Holy Days	3,774.00
Online Giving	3,202.22
Parish Collections:	\$11,735.22
Southern NE Register	15.00
Holy Land – Good Friday	516.00
St. Vincent DePaul	375.25
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$12,641.47

Stewardship opens an avenue of thought that allows us to give without always questioning what we will get in return.

April 8, 2018 – Divine Mercy Sunday

8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	14 th
3pm Divine Mercy Hour Prayers					1:00pm Over 55 Club	
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th	20 th	21 st
4-7pm Spaghetti Dinner		7:00 pm Circle 6 Parich Center-Clean	7:00pm Circle 7 Pat Meyers	CSA Dinner with Bishop Conley		

MASS INTENTIONS: April 9th – 15th

Monday	8:15 am	Cole Bergen+
	5:30 pm	In Thanksgiving
Tuesday	8:15 am	Conrad and Amelia Boehler+
	5:30 pm	Intention of the Celebrant
Wednesday	8:15 am	Leonard & May Doebele+
	5:30 pm	Intention of the Celebrant
Thursday	8:15 am	Intention of the Celebrant
	5:30 pm	Betty Davidson+
Friday	8:15 am	Intention of the Celebrant
	No Mass	NO MASS
Saturday	9:30 am	at Samaritan Springs
	8:30 pm	Larry Kovar+
Sunday	8:00 am	Intention of the Celebrant
	10:00am	People of Our Parish

WE SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

Daniel Ronald LeDuc son of Joseph & Margaret LeDuc from St. Joseph Parish in Lincoln, NE is in his 1st year of Theology at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary.

GROUP SUBSCRIPTION TO MAGNIFICAT, a monthly publication containing a short morning, evening, & night prayer. *Magnificat* has a short daily meditation as well as the Scripture readings for daily & Sunday Masses. The annual group subscription rate is \$21.00/each. Please turn in your payment to the rectory office by Tuesday, **April 10th**. The group subscription is from August 2018– July 2019. Those in our Group may also read *Magnificat* either online or on their iphone or ipod.

THE HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY will be today, Sun, Apr 8, 3 pm – 4 pm, the Feast of Divine Mercy. It includes Eucharistic Exposition, Scripture, homily, mercy prayers, silent adoration and Benediction. The Chaplet will of course be said/sung. Bring family, invite neighbors and friends, to celebrate the Divine Mercy that God showers on us.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY will begin mowing season and general clean-up on April 16th. Only decorations in permanent vases or saddles are allowed during mowing season. Flowers may be placed on gravesites for the holidays but must be removed after 10 days. Thank you for your cooperation. – Cemetery Crew

WOMEN'S GAME NIGHT is Sunday, April 22, at Tall Tree Tasting. Sue McClain will be doing a presentation on the history of the bra. This is so exciting and all St. Joseph Parish women are encouraged to attend. It will be so much fun and so much fellowship amongst us women!

SUMMER CCD PROGRAM: June 25-29, 2018 will be the week of religious instruction led by the School Sisters of Christ the King, (not TOTUS TUUS this year). **Four Sisters are coming** to teach those who are entering 2nd Grade and above.

TWO EASTER LILY INTENTIONS WERE ACCIDENTLY OMITTED last week and we want to mention them now, We are sorry for the mistake.

✦ *Marlene Durman, in memory of husband Dorwin Durman, parents Wilbur & Margaret Branek; and Ray and Edith Durman, & other deceased family members & friends*

✦ *Don & Janet Papiernick in memory of Steve & Barbara Papiernik, Elwood & Louise Rasette, and Mary Papiernik*



APRIL 15, 2018 4-7pm

Sign up sheet for helpers will be in the back of church after Masses. Please sign up!
Contact: Denise Behrends (402)520-1330

ROSARY EVENT: Bishop James Conley is inviting every Catholic to join him on Sunday, April 29, from 8-8:30 pm for the HuskerCatholic Candle-lit Rosary for Peace surrounding the border of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln (please be in place by 7:45 pm). It will take 3300+ people to completely surround the 2.5 mile perimeter. Visit www.rosarylincoln.org for a

map with assigned parish locations. [St Joseph, Beatrice will stand south of Memorial Stadium] There will be a parish sign-up after the Masses on April 15th and 22nd

OTHER AREA NEWS

FATHER/SON PROGRAM "In His Image" for boys age 10-14 and their father will be held next Sunday, April 15, from 1:30-4 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center, Lincoln. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$20 per father/son or \$30 per family. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/father-son> Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email jennifer-svagera@cdolinc.net

THE SPRING OPEN DEANERY MEETING will be held on Sunday, April 22, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Michael's, Fairbury. Registration is from 1:30 to 2. Sister Margaret Nacke will be giving a presentation on sex trafficking.

SCHOOL SISTERS SPRING WORKDAY Saturday, May 5, 1:30-4:30 p.m. We will be planting our vegetable garden and cleaning up flowerbeds, as well as cutting down trees. Helpful items to bring include gloves, pruning shears, clippers, wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, pickups, chain saws and energy! Children are also welcome! Contact Sister Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net if you would like to come and help. Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th St., about 2 miles west and south of Pioneers Park.

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF HEALING - Encounter Ministries is offering a conference on Jesus' gift and power of healing on June 1-2. The goal of this conference is to teach and activate Catholics to be effective ministers of Jesus' healing in the world. The event will be led by Fr. Mathias Thelen of Encounter Ministries. For more information and to register please visit www.lincolndiocese.org/event .

HEALING SERVICE - All are invited to Encounter Ministry's healing service on June 2, at 6:30pm at Saint Peter Church, [4500 Duxhall Dr., Lincoln](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/events) led by Fr. Mathias Thelen. There is no cost or registration for this event and it is open to anyone who would like to attend. For more information visit www.lincolndiocese.org/events .

THE STEUBENVILLE MID-AMERICA YOUTH CONFERENCE will be July 13-15. There is an exciting lineup of speakers, musicians and

presenters. For more information or to register: www.lincolndiocese.org/pilgrimages/steubenville-youth-conference.

THE FIRST ANNUAL DIOCESE OF LINCOLN YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE - REVIVE will take place July 13-14, at the Catholic Newman Center on the UNL Campus.. The link to register: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/revivelnk>.

FROM FATHER BARNHILL

Divine Mercy Sunday is now the title of the 2nd Sunday of the Easter Season. Saint Faustina heard Jesus say, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sin and punishment (Diary 699)

A Spiritual Reflection on the Divine Mercy Image: If you look closely, you can see that Jesus' gaze is not directly at the viewer. Rather, while his eyes look toward us, they face downward. This comes across as a deeply humble, non-threatening gesture as anyone who has ever worked with battered animals knows.

Animals that have been abused by their owners are often skittish and ready to run away whenever someone approaches them. Therefore, in order to draw close to them, one must do so slowly and without looking directly at them, so they don't feel threatened. This is how Jesus approaches us in the Vilnius version of the Divine Mercy Image. There, he takes a small step toward us without looking directly at us. Of course, he knows that we've been wounded by original sin, that we're ready to run off and hide. But he doesn't want this. Rather, he wants us to let him approach us, embrace us with the rays of his mercy, and receive his healing grace and blessing. So, his gaze is one of great love but also one of great humility and gentleness.

How do we know that Jesus' gaze in the Divine Mercy Image is one of "great love"? Because he tells us as much. In the *Diary of Saint Faustina*, we read, "My gaze from this image is like My gaze from the Cross." In other words, his gaze is one of the greatest love, for "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends"(Gospel of John 15:13).

Jesus showed this love for us on the Cross, where he laid down his life for us, and we can see this love in his gentle and merciful gaze.

That the Lord's gaze in the Image of Divine Mercy is his gaze *from the Cross* makes this image very special. In fact, it helps make the image sacred art in its fullest sense.

(taken from *The Divine Mercy Image Explained*, by Father Michael Gaitley, MIC. Marian Press: 2015)