

DECEMBER 22 2019
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC
CHURCH

Rectory Office: 402-223-2923
Father Barnhill: 402-806-2821 (cell)
Father Marneni: 402-631-1475 (cell)
School Office: 402-223-5033

BEATRICE, NEBRASKA
www.stjosephbeatrice.org

Pastor and Chief Administrative Officer Fr. Robert K. Barnhill
Parochial Vicar Fr. BalaRaju Marneni

Mass Schedule

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

Confessions

Monday - Friday, 7:50am -8:10 before 8:15am daily Mass
 Saturday 4:30pm - 5:20pm
 Wednesday 6:00pm – 6:20pm.
 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 Duane Oden 402-230-0879

Willow Center of Beatrice -402- 228-6411

Knights of Columbus Joseph Brewer, Grand Knight

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

Marlan Burki, 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: Vi Luong – New York Artist

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

Sara Stedman, Secretary.

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00am–2pm,

Except Holy Days and holidays.

Bulletin Deadline: noon Thursday.

**St Joseph Church, School, and Daycare
December**

Last Week's Offering \$6,154.29

Last Week's Other Income \$8,447.54

Monthly Income to Date \$49,931.82

Monthly Expenses \$65,006.00

Contact the Parish Office for offering envelopes or information to set up online giving

Month of December			
	5:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
SERV	5 th Sunday	5 th Sunday	Nick Loxterkamp
SERV	Volunteers	Volunteers	Brett Powers
USHR	Roger Wattier	John Linenberger	Craig Zarybnicky
USHR	Dave Hackler	Mike McLain	Rosemarie Milke
USHR	Dennis Schuster	Matt Schmitt	Matt Schroeder
USHR		Dick Kunde	Dave Pinkerton
Rosary	Agnes Ullsperger	Kathy Scheer	Judi Knowles

22nd	23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th	28th
3 Penance Service		4pm Mass 8pm Mass	9am Mass	Mass at Good Samaritan	Barnhill gone	
29th	30th	31st	Jan 1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Holy Family Sunday		5pm Holyday Mass	Holyday Mass		First Friday Homebound	

MASS SCHEDULE Dec 23rd – 29th			INTENTIONS	From all the gifts that you receive, and from the best parts, you are to consecrate to the Lord your own full contribution. -Numbers 18:29
Monday	8:15 am	Beatrice	Bobbie Gustafson+	
			Michael Truscott+	
Tuesday	4:00 pm	Beatrice	Marilyn Neukirch+	
	5:00 pm	Odell	John Baumann+	
	6:30 pm	Wymore	Steve Bixenmann+	
	8:00 pm	Beatrice	Mercedes Simmons+	
Wednesday	9:00 am	Odell	People of Our Parishes	
	9:00 am	Beatrice	Donald (Buzz) Blotzer+	
Thursday	8:15 am	Beatrice	Cole Bergen+	
	9:30 am	Good Sam	Lloyd Ullman+	
Friday	8:15 am	Beatrice	Cornelius Wiedel+	
Saturday	5:30 pm	Beatrice	Matthew Camacho-Cook+	
	6:30 pm	Wymore	Living & Deceased Members of St Mary's Altar Society	
Sunday	7:30 am	Barneston	Intention of Celebrant	
	8:00 am	Beatrice	George Pinkerton Sr+	
	9:00 am	Odell	Louis Cumro+	
	10:00 am	Beatrice	People of Our Parishes	
	10:30 am	Wymore	Intention of Celebrant	
WE SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS Jonah Alexander Brox, son of Tim and Melissa Brox from St Teresa Parish in Lincoln, is in his 4 th year of College at St Gregory the Great Seminary.				

PARISH NEWS

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE with 4 priests available for confession is this Sunday, December 22, 3pm until 5pm

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 of the sales go to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. There is a drop box for your payment or donation. If you need assistance, contact Jerry Kempf 239-1896.

SAVE THE DATE: SWEETHEART GALA for Saint Joseph School is February 8, 2020.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday, Dec 24 4:00pm Beatrice
 5:00pm Odell
 6:30pm Wymore
 8:00pm Beatrice
 Wednesday, Dec 25 9:00am Odell
 9:00am Beatrice

BULLETIN ADVERTISING renewals were sent last week. The renewal date is extended to Jan 8th. New

advertisers are welcome as space allows. If you are interested, contact Sara at the rectory, 402-223-2923. Please support those who advertise on the back of this bulletin.

THE PARISH COUNCIL BALLOT to elect 3 new members will be distributed on January 4th & 5th. Candidates for St Joseph Parish Council 2020-2022 (2-year term) are: Jeanine Anderson, Josh Beaudoin, Mike Gilliland, Jerry Kempf, Robert McLellan and Betty Wituski.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER is at First Baptist Church, 1025 N 16th from 3:00 to 5:00pm. All are welcome to attend this community dinner. It is helpful (but not necessary) to call reservations to the Baptist Church at 402-223-2437.

JOY OF THE GOSPEL Capital Campaign is drawing to a close after 5 years. St Joseph, Beatrice, benefited much from your campaign pledge toward paying the operational debt, teacher salaries, and school & church building maintenance. From Joy of the Gospel rebates we received \$210,823 in the last 5 years. The next rebate with your current pledge payments is already scheduled for \$7,711. Please continue to fulfill your Joy of the Gospel pledge.

JANUARY 1 HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Tuesday December 31: 5:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1: 9:00 am

OTHER AREA NEWS

FROM THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY: Thank you for all the food and monetary donations you gave to the Community Food Pantry this past year. If it wasn't for the churches donating every month, the food pantry would not have any food to give to all the needy families. So far this year, we have helped almost 5,000 individuals, and we could not have done it without your help. Your generosity is truly appreciated. God's Blessings to all of you.

THE ANNUAL MASS OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS will be celebrated on Saturday, Dec 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 6:30pm with Mass at 7:00pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln.

THE 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 Jan 21-Our Identity in Christ; Feb 18-Battleground of Our Minds; & March 24-Our Weapons for Spiritual Warfare. The workshop is free and registration is kindly requested. For details and to register please visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/03oe-spiritual-warfare>. Questions? Call 402-473-0615 or email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net

IS YOUR MARRIAGE GOING DOWN THE RIGHT ROAD... or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way?

Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry 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. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. The Retrouvaille Weekend program is Feb 14-16, 2020. For more information or to register call 1-800-470-2230, www.helpourmarriage.org, www.retrouvaille.org Last day to sign up Jan 31 2020.

FROM FATHER BARNHILL

Brenda Davis wrote:

At Christmastime in 2016, Father Barnhill asked if I would create a new nativity scene for the interior of our church. He encouraged me to consider incorporating the arches from the architecture of our church into the new crèche.

In Jesus' time and region, research shows that many who owned animals kept them either in caves or in the lower levels of their residences. The people would sleep above and have their kitchens; storage of grains, oil and wine; and their animals all on the lower level. Often this would be around an enclosed courtyard. People did their work in the courtyard and kept their animals there, too. Exterior stairs and ladders were common to get to the second floor.

Most of the architecture was built from mud brick or stone; wood was used only for long beams, or sometimes for posts. Because the terrain was rocky and dry, olive trees, grapes and grains could grow but there were not rich forests like we have in the United States from which to obtain wood for construction.

The use of arches and stucco matches our church architecture but also reflects a common look from the time of the birth of Jesus. In the future, I will be adding smaller details such as stone, grass, and trees for texture, as well as another stair piece which the Magi can use in their journey to find the King.

I was honored to be asked by Father Barnhill to work on this project. Saint Joseph's Church is such a central part of our lives and it is an honor to provide this new crèche. My prayers of thanks go out to the team it will take to set up and take down this nativity scene each year.