

DATE
DECEMBER 13, 2020

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

Rectory Office: 402-223-2923 (between 8 am-7pm)

School Office: 402-223-5033 (between 8am-4pm)

Serving the communities of Barneston,
Beatrice, Odell, & Wymore
www.stjosephbeatrice.org

Pastor and Chief Administrative Officer Fr. Rand Langhorst

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

Sara Stedman, Secretary.

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00am-2pm,
Except Holy Days and holidays.

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: Barneston 5:00pm, Beatrice 5:30pm
Sunday: Beatrice 8:00am & 10:00am
Odell 8:00am Wymore 10:30am

Weekday Mass Schedule

See Mass Intentions for current schedule

Confessions

Beatrice: Saturday in the cry room 4:30pm-5:15 pm
Barneston, Odell and Wymore: 30 minutes before weekend
Mass for 15 minutes
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 or are homebound and wish a visit.

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

Beatrice Knights of Columbus Frank Pribyl, Grand Knight

Odell Knights of Columbus Allen Klecan, Grand Knight

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

Emily Lohr, Head Teacher;

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

Beatrice Godparent Teen Program Wed., 7:00pm

Beatrice C.C.D. Program Grades 1-8, Wed., 6:30-8:00 pm

Beatrice Cemetery Contact Jerry Kempf 402-239-1896

Beatrice Choir Kate Ratigan at 402-806-0131.

Bulletin Deadline: by noon Wednesday.

Mass Intentions		
Monday 12/14	Beatrice 8:15 am	+John Blotzer
Tuesday 12/15	Beatrice 8:15 am	+Larry Kovar
Wednesday 12/16	Beatrice 8:15 am	+LeRoy Tejral
Thursday 12/17	Beatrice 8:15am	Duane & Darlene Daniel
Friday 12/18	Wymore 7:00 am	+Dale Scheidler
	Beatrice 8:15 am	Right to Life Intentions
Saturday 12/19	Barneston 5:00pm	Poor Souls of Priests
	Beatrice 5:30pm	+Charles Maguire
Sunday 12/20	Beatrice 8:00am	Right to Life Intentions
	Odell 8:00am	Orville Klecan
	Beatrice 10:00am	Missa Pro Populo
	Wymore 10:30am	Benefactors of Fr. Rand

Wymore Weekend of	
	10:30am
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Beatrice Weekend of			
	5:30pm	8:00am	10:00am
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Rosary			

Odell Weekend of	
	8:00am
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**St Joseph Church Beatrice, School, and
Daycare Financials**

Last Week's Offering	\$10,839.33
Last Week's Other Income	\$877.00
December Income to Date	\$23,739.47
December Estimated Expenses	\$57,536.78

St Mary's Church Wymore Financials

Last Week's Offering	\$1,792.00
Last Week's Other Income	\$0.00
December Income to Date	\$2,109.00
December Estimated Expenses	\$2,452.84

St Mary's Church Odell Financials

Last Week's Offering	\$307.00
Last Week's Other Income	\$0.00
December Income to Date	\$743.00
December Estimated Expenses	\$2,162.18

St Joseph Church Barneston Financials

Last Week's Offering	\$10.00
Last Week's Other Income	\$0.00
December Income to Date	\$60.00
December Estimated Expenses	\$504.06

BEATRICE NEWS

We are gaining on the Christmas Challenge to filling in all the numbers—thank you to those using the Christmas envelope mailed out or one of your own. Please consider joining the effort by finding a number right for you and offering it to Jesus as his birthday gift.

Starting December 14, St Joseph Parish will be hosting a “Memory Tree” during the remainder of Advent and the Christmas season. Every household is invited to bring one ornament to represent deceased loved ones, loved ones unable to come home or family or friends. The ornament is to be put on the tree to the right of the pulpit (St. Joseph & St Mary side). Please do not bring a keepsake. We cannot be responsible for lost, stolen or misplaced ornaments. Ornaments need to be removed by January 10 afternoon if the giver wishes to keep it.

If you would like to honor a loved one living or deceased with a Christmas poinsettia the donation per name(s) is \$10.00. Please have names to be honored or remembered living or deceased to the

rectory by the morning of December 16 to be included in the weekend bulletin between Christmas and New Years. The purchased silk flowers remain with the church and any additional proceeds will be used for ongoing church decorations.

Anointing of the Sick will be offered immediately after the children depart from the Mass on Thursday December 17 to anyone 65 years or older and any age with impaired health or upcoming surgery where danger of death is a possibility (if uncertain ask Father). Please use this opportunity to be reassured in case the unexpected happens. It is difficult at best, due to Covid, to be allowed in hospitals, nursing homes, or assisted living centers. Even if you are sheltering in—this might be the opportunity for you before the Christmas season and winter months set in.

Thank you from the Knights of Columbus to all who supported the Breakfast drive Thru last weekend with proceeds going to the local Food Pantry. Over 225 meals were prepared.

Thank you to St. Joseph Grade 5 for providing their services in bringing Christmas decorations from the rectory to the church.

WYMORE/BARNESTON/ODELL NEWS

The Wymore Altar Society will meet Dec 14th at 6:30. There will be a short meeting then we will have our annual Christmas Party. Please feel free to bring your Christmas goodies or your favorite munchies. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Odell St. Marys Altar Society has placed special envelopes in the back of church for the Christmas Flower Offering in memory of a loved one. \$10 donation is requested to the Altar Society (proceeds go towards our flowers and decorating). The names will be listed in front of church near the nativity during the Christmas season and be made available to the bulletin between Christmas and New Years. Please give your donation to Geri Ann or Teresa before December 16th.

There will be no Odell Altar Society meeting this month.

Parishioners of Odell who are homebound or recuperating at home after an illness are now invited to call either Judy Baumann or Teresa Koch who have been trained and certified by the Bishop as Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers to the Sick & Homebound to have Holy Communion brought to them at prescheduled times.

Wymore St Mary's--If anyone wants to donate a poinsettia in honor of a loved one either living or deceased please feel free to do so. They can be put on the altar any time after the weekend of the 18th.

Thank you to all involved in any manner with the preparing and installing of the new statues in the Wymore Catholic cemetery this week. They will be blessed when weather becomes warmer after next Spring when those who wish can gather more comfortably.

GENERAL NEWS.

St. Joseph School will be on break from December 21-January 6.

St Joseph School December night out will be at Scooters on December 16th from 3-close.

Bishop's Appeal for Vocation Stats to Date:

Parish	Pledged to date	Shortfall of Goal
Beatrice	\$8270.00	\$ 890.00
Barneston	\$ 600.00	\$ 0.00
Wymore	\$ 1250.00	\$ 10.00
Odell	\$ 745.00	\$ 295.00

(Any shortage of goal must be paid by the parish) If you didn't receive a pledge card in the mail please look for information at the back of church or ask Fathers. We invite all to be part of this effort by making a check payable to the "Bishop's Appeal for Vocations", which we will send in for you. Or, use Diocesan website, <https://lincolndiocese.aware3.net/give/> Choose your parish, and choose "Bishop's Appeal for Vocations 2020"

During Advent, Nathan thought it would be nice to buy his wife a little gift for Christmas. Always short of money, he thought long and hard about what that present might be. Unable to decide, Nathan entered Debenhams and in the cosmetics section he asked the girl, 'How about some perfume?' She showed him a bottle costing \$150USD 'Too expensive,' muttered Nathan. The young lady returned with a smaller bottle for \$50. 'Oh dear,' Nathan groused, 'still far too much.' Growing annoyed at Nathan's meanness, the sales girl brought out a tiny \$10 bottle and offered it. Nathan became really agitated, 'What I mean', he whined, 'is I'd like to see something really cheap.' The sales girl handed him a mirror.

Carole Fest- a virtual benefit for St Gianna

Women's Homes will be Sunday December 13 at 2 PM by viewing on www.cssisus.org . Featuring Ellen, John and Carolyn Soukup.

The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Monday, 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. This year, the Mass will take place at Cathedral of the Risen Christ Church due to the pandemic and social distancing measures. The Cathedral is located at 3500 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered and placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Fri. Dec. 18th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

Governor Ricketts held a news conference Monday November 30 and indicated that the State Directed Health Measures issued in November have been extended until the end of December. In light of this decision, Bishop Conley is also extending for the Diocese of Lincoln the current diocesan guidelines until the end of December and then we will re-evaluate. They include: Every other pew is to be blocked off in order to help facilitate the 6 feet social distancing requirement. Encourage people to wear masks. Priests and acolytes are to wear masks when distributing Holy Communion. There should be no congregational singing. Parishes may provide organ or other instrumental music. They may have a single cantor sing. Missalettes should not be provided for common use. Continue to clean and disinfect church pews, doors, bathrooms, etc. between Masses.

St Joseph School will be having a virtual Christmas Program this year. Each class will sing their songs and it will be edited

together and will be emailed out as a YouTube link on Dec. 17th at 6:00 pm when the Christmas Program was intended to be. Preschool Christmas Program will be in the same format with the link being emailed out on Dec.17th as well. If you would like to receive this email to listen to the program please contact the school by Dec. 14.

The Beatrice-Crete-Hebron area December 2020
ULTREYA will be in Hebron at Sacred Heart Church Hall Sunday, December 13, 2020 at 2:00 pm. Please come. If you know someone who is interested in Cursillo, or if you are thinking of asking someone to attend a Cursillo weekend when we are able to schedule Cursillos again, bring them along – introduce them to Cursillo.

NOTE – we will SOCIAL DISTANCE. We will not share a meal because of concerns with Covid. There will be coffee and water. If you want to stay after and eat, bring your own food.

Upcoming events (put on your calendars):
January Ultreya – January 10, 2020, Crete, Sacred Heart, 2:00pm. God bless YOU!! John & Kathy Springer, 402-826-2699, cell 402-580-1367 1410 E 15th Street, Crete, NE 68333;
Email: jejspringer@windstream.net

A reminder as we hear more about Covid vaccines and the potential to return to a more familiar way of life that many months have passed and what once was lies in the past and the activity of life with all its changes and perhaps new ways has progressed. Not everything will look as it once did and we should prepare ourselves to live in the present and move forward.

Extra Confession Times to Prepare for Christmas

Barneston Sat Dec 19 4:15 PM
Wymore Sun Dec 20 11:30 AM
Odell Mon Dec 21 6:00 PM
Beatrice Mon Dec 21 9:00 AM
Tue Dec 22 9:00 AM; 5:30 PM; 7:00 PM
Wed Dec 23 Noon and 6 PM
(Father will depart from each after last

person in line is finished)

End of the year donations for tax purposes must be received before December 31, 2020. Thank you to all who support the works and mission of Jesus throughout the year.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OF SOUTHERN NEBRASKA has funds available for rent, utilities, and emergency cash assistance help. We have funds set aside for every region of southern Nebraska, not just the towns where we have offices. So please, if you know of anyone that needs help please have them call in for assistance. There is an application process for those wanting to receive assistance. Lincoln area, please call (402) 327-6211 on Mondays beginning at 9 a.m. We have a bilingual English/Spanish speaker at this number.

Thank you to all who have donated toward Chamber Bucks at St Joseph and the Food Pantries in Beatrice and Wymore with monetary or food donations. God blesses those who sacrifice for the sake of others.

Around Christmas time in Sweden, one of the biggest celebrations is St. Lucia's Day (or St. Lucy's Day) on December 13th. The celebration comes from stories that were told by Monks who first brought Christianity to Sweden.

St Lucia was a young Christian girl who was martyred, killed for her faith, in 304. The most common story told about St Lucia is that she would secretly bring food to the persecuted Christians in Rome, who lived in hiding in the catacombs under the city. She would wear candles on her head so she had both her hands free to carry things. Lucy means 'light'.

Have you remembered your loved ones, neighbors, the lonely your benefactors with Christmas cards or greetings. This simple outreach of letting another know they are in your thoughts and prayers can lift many out of or keep many from the despondency that sometimes occurs around the holidays.

Let us not forget to pray for the deceased!