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FEBRUARY 28, 2021

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

School Office: 402-223-5033 (between 8 am-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 & Friday, 9:00am-2pm,
Except Holy Days, holidays and school 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.

Beatrice Prayer Chain Betty Witulski 402-228-0694

Bulletin Deadline: by noon Wednesday.

Mass Intentions

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Monday 3/1	Beatrice 8:15 am	+Don Freeman
Tuesday 3/2	Beatrice 8:15 am	+Matthew Tapee
Wednesday 3/3	Beatrice 8:15 am	+Donald Blotzer
	Stations at 6:30 pm	
	Wymore 5:30 pm and Stations	+Art Neitfeld
Thursday 3/4	Beatrice 7:00 am	+Larry Kovar
Friday 3/5	Beatrice 8:15 am	+Paul Kreikemeier
	Odell 5:30 pm and Stations	Liv/Dec altar Society
Saturday 3/6	Barneston 5:00pm and Stations	+Mary Lou Hallquist
	Beatrice 5:30pm	+Janice Lampe
Sunday 3/7	Beatrice 8:00am	Duane & Darlene Daniel
	Odell 8:00am	+Don Zarybnicky
	Beatrice 10:00am	Missa Pro Populo
	Wymore 10:30am	+Francis Oligmueller

A novena to Saint Joseph will begin on March 10th through Pray More Novenas online. It will be particularly special to pray this novena this year as Pope Francis declared this year the Year of St. Joseph and he is patron saint of both Barneston and Beatrice! St. Joseph humbly accepted his role as guardian, husband and father in the Holy Family. That's why St. Joseph's intercession has been sought for centuries. You, friends & family can join in praying this novena here: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/st-joseph-novena> St. Joseph pray for us!

Confessions continue to be heard in Beatrice Saturdays in the cry room for those who wish to be conscious of Covid measures. For those who feel more comfortable using the confessional east side despite the inability to follow all covid measures within its confined space, Fr. Rand will be there this Wednesday March 3 after the Stations of the Cross until the last in line is heard.

Donations made during Lent using Rice Bowl containers or for Rice Bowl collections will be split half for local hungry via food pantries and half for world through established organizations. Please make any donation before Holy Week and if you prefer not to use the containers you are welcome to use an envelope with your name on it and "Rice Bowl". Thank you for feeding another!

February Financials
St Joseph Beatrice Church, School, and
Daycare

Last Week's Offering	\$9,255.33
Last Week's Other Income	\$23,969.72
Income to Date	\$75,656.84
Estimated Expenses	\$64,048.56

St Mary's Wymore

Last Week's Offering	\$235.00
Last Week's Other Income	\$0.00
Income to Date	\$1,709.00
Estimated Expenses	\$2,067.52

St Mary's Odell

Last Week's Offering	\$305.00
Last Week's Other Income	\$0.00
Income to Date	\$2,058.05
Estimated Expenses	\$1,779.86

St Joseph Barneston

Last Week's Offering	\$503.00
Last Week's Other Income	\$0.00
Income to Date	\$893.00
Estimated Expenses	\$455.83

Congratulations to Nancy Rohe who received her certificate from Bishop Conley to act as an Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist for St. Joseph parish to the homebound, sick, sheltering-in and in nursing homes.

Altar Society Meeting is Monday March 1 at 7 pm.

KC Meeting and Rosary at 7 pm on Tues. March 2

St. Joseph will not have school on Thursday March 11 and Friday March 12.

Beatrice parishioners are invited to join St. Joseph School Lenten food/household drive for the pantry by leaving items in entryway of the church for the next couple of weeks. Ideas for giving include: cereals, canned fruits or vegetables, laundry and dish soaps, toothpaste and deodorants, canned meats or boxed meals, baking supplies and baby foods. One may also give financially by putting a check in an envelope to St Joseph's in the collection marked in the memo line or with a note "For Food Pantry".

WYMORE/BARNESTON/ODELL NEWS

Odell St Mary's is having a soup supper by parishioners for Fr. Seiker after the Mass and Stations on Friday March 5. Please sign up in the back of church for planning purposes.

Odell Altar Society meeting is March 9 at 5:30 pm.

St Mary's Churches in Wymore and Odell are planning to have a food drive as a Lenten Project for the Wymore Food Pantry. This will start on Ash Wednesday and continue through Lent. There will be a labeled container to put items in. Suggested items would be saltine crackers, soups, spaghetti, noodles, microwave popcorn, cake mixes, ketchup, pastas or rice meals in boxes, peanut butter, cereals and personal care items such as shampoo, detergents, bath soap, deodorant, etc. Any other items will be appreciated also. Please help to feed your neighbors in need. Consider bringing a different item every week.

Wymore St. Mary's Drive thru Pancake Feed Sunday is March 28th 11:30 - 1:00. Serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage & fruit. \$5.00 per meal. Mark your calendars!

Wymore Altar Society Meeting is March 8 at 6:30 pm.

Thank you to all who shared their prayers, kindnesses and cards for my 60th birthday last Sunday. Thank you also to Fr. Coulter for covering for me last weekend as I endured some side effects of my second Covid vaccine shot.

BEATRICE NEWS

Opportunity to be of service: Opening for a Meals on Wheels driver for the St. Joseph's routes that are done on the first Friday of the month. This is sponsored by the Altar Society but anyone can be a volunteer driver. We have several substitutes that can fill in if you have a conflict for that particular day. If you are interested please contact the church office or call Kay Glynn at 402-239-7529 or email kayglynn@yahoo.com. Thank you.

It is doubtful if anyone loses heaven because they are wearing a mask or not, but there is great risk for those lacking love of neighbor in hearts and minds toward those who wear them or not. Don't follow a path of judging another's state of soul before God.

GENERAL NEWS.

Please use your packet envelopes or mark online for the “Register” collection. A minimum of \$15.00 for a year’s subscription is suggested and a bargain and anything above that amount can be considered an effort to help in the local mission of the parish and church. Can you help your parish meet its goal? What doesn’t come via the collection must be taken out of the parish general account to pay the bill.

Parish	Goal	Amount Received
Barneston	\$ 90.00	\$ 0.00
Wymore	\$ 555.00	\$ 30.00
Odell	\$ 345.00	\$ 0.00
Beatrice	\$4,695.00	\$752.00

Change your station. Change your life! This Lent, listen to Catholic Radio for one hour each week. Jesus will change your life! Already a listener? Tell a friend about the life-changing station you’ve been listening to. Visit www.spiritcatholicradio.com for a station near you.

One of our sheltering-in assisted living parishioners, Agnes Billesbach is going to be celebrating a special Birthday (her 95th) on March 18th. Her family is hoping to lift her spirits with Birthday cards if anyone would like to send her one. Her address: Mrs Agnes (Streff) Billesbach 600 S 22nd Room 105 Beatrice , NE 68310

Father Steven Major will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Oct. 10-21. Father Major a former pastor of Beatrice and currently pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Hebron invites anyone interested to journey with him through Jordan and Israel. Mass and confession will be available daily, and Father Major will lead devotions where appropriate. The price for the trip, per person in shared double room is \$3,595. A limited number of single rooms are available at \$4,595, with an additional \$1,425 for airfare. For a full brochure of the itinerary, go to Executivetravel.com and click “escorted tours” under the “vacations” link.

Lenten Meditation:

We cannot become successful followers of Jesus until we understand that we have an enemy who works tirelessly to turn us back to our sinful nature. Scripture has quite a bit to say about Satan, yet most Christians are ignorant about him. God has written some adamant warnings

about our enemy, and we need to heed them carefully. Many Christians are under constant attack by him but have no idea of the battle they’re in. They think their lack of joy, broken relationships, and failures in life originate with them, when in reality their troubles are because they are following the voice of the enemy of their souls but are completely unaware of it. Satan is a liar and murderer. This part of him comes from his true nature, which, according to the Bible, consists of arrogance, vanity, envy, and selfish ambition. When we act in such a manner, we align ourselves with Satan as enemies of God. This is why the mark of a child of God is humility and absolute surrender to our Lord. St. Paul got to the essence of this idea in Philippians 2:3, where he wrote, “Do nothing out of rivalry or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves.” What Does Satan Want? Satan hates God with all of his being. God is perfect and untouchable...but we are not. So Satan goes after God’s children – you and me. He gets us to hurt one another and turn our backs on our Father. Why do we let this happen? Satan is crafty. He disguises his hatred and pretends to be our Father’s friend at first. Once we let him into our lives, we start to hear subtle whispers that appeal to our egos: Why did XXX give YYY (fill in the blank) instead of you? Look at XXX. YYY always has to get all the attention. Look at XXX and how things are being done. Everyone knows that I did better ... You should say something about this to others. The lies start to get more specific as Satan becomes entrenched in our lives, because hatred can’t really take root without self-loathing. Negative self-talk flows. And finally, the leading lie: Why do you go on living? No one likes you anyway. At least if you were dead, they would appreciate you. They would feel bad for how they’d treated you. The Good News: God has already defeated Satan! Sometimes we get this idea, probably from other religions, of an equal duel between good and evil happening in the heavens. This is not the case. Satan was defeated and cast out! The only duel now is for your heart and mind. Satan can’t touch God, so he attacks His children. And he does this by exploiting our sinful nature. He does it by appealing to the pride in each of us. With the Fall, sin became our nature and four great separations occurred, according to Genesis 3: People became hostile to one another. Adam

blamed Eve. People became hostile to nature. Nature became cursed and became a source of labor for him. People became hostile to themselves. Adam felt shame and hid from God. People became hostile to God. When God asked him what had happened, Adam blamed God, saying, "The woman You gave me did it." It's no surprise, then, that Satan exploits these separations. He seeks to push our flesh in its natural direction, toward hatred of one another, nature, ourselves, and God. As St. James wrote, "If you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't brag and deny the truth. Such wisdom does not come from above but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic" (3:14–15). The Spirit of God unifies and makes peace, while Satan divides. When we create unity among others, even at the expense of our own ambition, when we authentically build others up, and when we serve, we display the Spirit of God. When we gossip, slander, act out of jealousy, and create division, we show that we are following the voice of Satan, acting as enemies of our Savior and Creator. What does Satan want? He wants to hurt God by separating Him from His children and by separating His children from one another. How Can We Tell When Satan Is at Work? Satan can perform miracles and cause people to do so (2 Thessalonians 2:9–10; Revelation 13:13–14). Many Christians have been led astray by false teachers who have performed great signs. How do we tell the difference? When the Spirit of God is at work, all the glory goes to Jesus. When Satan is at work, the glory goes to people. The Spirit of God always brings peace. Satan always brings stress and anxiousness. The Spirit of God always brings unity and equality. Satan seeks to divide and elevate some people over others. The Spirit of God always brings clarity. Satan brings complication and confusion. "How can we really understand what truth is?" ask his servants. It's the same lie he told Eve at the beginning. "Did God really say..." (Genesis 3:1). Yes, He did. When the church is divided, the cause is often false leaders in the church who, out of ignorance, laziness, or greed, complicate the gospel, adding some form of works, tradition, or hierarchy. This allows one group of people to elevate themselves over another, selling out the free gospel of Jesus and controlling others. Jesus is not unaware of their schemes. Believers who are walking in obedience to God's Word have nothing to fear

because they are protected by Christ. "He has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son He loves" (Colossians 1:13). However, when we knowingly commit sin, we open ourselves up to Satan's deception. We must exercise patience with those who are not walking with Christ, because their minds are blinded. "Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth. Then they may come to their senses and escape the Devil's trap, having been captured by him to do his will" (2 Timothy 2:25–26). To those who have the truth, the arguments of unbelievers are senseless, but we must not condemn them or curse them but pray for them. Only prayer and patience will unlock the minds of unbelievers so they can see the truth. How Do We Fight Him? As we will see time and again, Scripture calls us to be in a fight. The first call is to fight against Satan. Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil. For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. (Ephesians 6:11–13) Satan is a liar. His power comes through appealing to our pride and our flesh. If we are surrendered to God, Satan has no hold on us because our lives will be shielded by the armor of God. We want to know who he is and what his schemes are so that we can recognize when he is deceiving us or others. We too often engage the lie rather than the liar. Life according to the flesh, which is under perpetual harassment by Satan and his lies, always brings pride, discord, and division. Life according to the Spirit always brings humility, peace, and unity. Satan uses the same tactics he did thousands of years ago because they have always worked. He moves among us, appealing to our pride. These are still his main temptations to God's people. Now we see the immense responsibility that God has given to each of us. We must humble ourselves so that we can fight. Once we know what is wrong with us and who our enemy is, we are ready to become the people God has called us to be. excerpted from Ken Harrison, CEO and chairman of Promise Keepers from an article that appeared in Christians Post.

FATHER/SON PROGRAM “In His Image” for boys age 10-14 and their fathers will be held Sunday, March 21st, 2021 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at John XXIII Diocesan Center and virtually. This program is designed to educate boys on growing up and becoming a man. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per father/son or \$35 per family in person and \$10 virtually. To register, visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/father/son> Questions, please call the NFP Offices 402-473-0630 or email naturalfamilyplanning@cdolinc.net

MOTHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM “Fearfully and Wonderfully Made” for girls age 9-13 and their mothers will be held Sunday, March 28th, 2021 from 1:30-4:30 pm at John XXIII Diocesan Center and virtually. This program is designed to educate girls on growing up and becoming a woman. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$25 per mother/daughter or \$35 per family in person and \$10 virtually. To register: <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/mother/daughter> Questions, please call Jen Davis at 402-261-6375 or email jmdavis17@gmail.com

Marriage Encounter is presenting a Virtual Weekend
April 23-25 'Opening our hearts over to one-another'
Contact Pat & Janelle Benson Pat 308-940-0670
Janelle 308-940-1105 pbjbben@yahoo.com

FISH FRY FRIDAYS! The Beatrice KC Fish Fry will be a drive-thru event this year. Get a great meal to-go and enjoy at home every Friday February 26th until March 26. Cost is \$10 per plate. Serving 5:30pm to 7:00pm or until supplies run out. (Please enter from High Street). Our Knights of Columbus do tremendous works of charity for parish, community and world-wide church. Funds raised go toward these charitable endeavors—please help us support them!

Invest in Kids. The NE Legislature is debating important legislation (LB364) to provide more education scholarship opportunities for low-income families. Every parent should have the ability to choose an educational setting for their children which is best for them. LB364 makes sure this happens. But we need you to contact our State Senator Myron Dorn (mdorn@leg.ne.gov – 402.471.2620). In your charity, let Senator Dorn know you support LB364 and respectfully ask his support for this life changing legislation. Visit

www.InvestInKidsNebraska.org for more information.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House near Waverly offers weekend retreats both in-person and online, see the schedule of retreats at www.goodcounselretreat.com or call 402-786-2705. Upcoming Lent Retreats include nationally known retreat masters: Johnette Benkovic Williams Feb. 26-28, Bishop Robert Finn Mar. 19-21 and Fr. John Anthony Boughton of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal Mar. 26-28.

Are you currently unable to receive communion because you were married in a ceremony outside the Church? Would you like to explore the possibilities of seeking or understanding the process of “annulment” or make an appointment to visit about your situation. Contact Fr. Rand at the rectory. Don’t miss an opportunity for reconciliation to receiving the Holy Eucharist that might be possible for YOU!

This weekend the Nebraska Knights of Columbus are conducting their annual “One Rose One Life” campaign, to support pro-life activities in Nebraska. The One Rose, One Life Campaign is the main source of income for the Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Foundation. Although there are many beneficiaries of these funds, the Knights of Columbus are committed to placing ultrasound machines in qualifying centers utilizing Supreme Councils matching funds. Ultrasounds save lives. Statistics prove that abortion minded women choose life for herself and her child. To date ten ultrasounds have been placed throughout Nebraska. Other worthwhile organizations that are provided with funding include: Right-to-Life and Birthright local chapters, crisis pregnancy-help centers, as well as providing scholarship funds for March for Life pilgrims in all three dioceses. Special envelopes which can be placed in the collection basket are in each church or You can also use your own envelope marking it for One Rose, One Life. Please continue to pray for the end to abortion and a respect for all life.

Stations of the Cross are offered in each parish as a means to grow closer to understanding the Passion of Christ and develop one’s spiritual life. It is a meaningful opportunity for parents to witness their faith to children by attending as a family or for any parishioner to be the source of invitation to those not practicing their faith, those interested in our Catholic faith or those lonely to join with other faithful