

DATE
MARCH 14, 2021

ST. JOSEPH AND ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

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

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

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 Line Betty Witulski 402-228-0694

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

Sara Stedman, Secretary.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00am–2pm,
Except Holy Days, Holidays, and School holidays.

Bulletin information needed by noon on Wednesdays.

When the Heavenly Father sent his Son into the world to save us and make us his children, he selected one saint to represent him on earth: St. Joseph. Jesus, in living under the roof of St. Joseph and being his So, gave us a personal example of total entrustment to St. Joseph Jesus loved, obeyed, and imitated his earthly father. Saint Joseph in the only man that Jesus ever called father; Jesus delighted in being known as the “son of Joseph”. We, too, should consider it an honor to be his children. If according to the plans of the Father, Jesus needed St. Joseph, how much more do we need him, too! --Fr. Calloway-Consecration to St. Joseph

| <i>Mass Intentions</i> | | |
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| Monday 3/15 | Beatrice | +Bev Broadwell |
| Tuesday 3/16 | Beatrice 8:15 am | +Gari Pinkerton |
| Wednesday 3/17 | Beatrice 8:15 am Stations at 6:30 pm | +Harold Bledsaw |
| | Wymore 5:30 pm and Stations | +Art Neitfeld |
| Thursday 3/18 | Beatrice 7:00 am | +Rich Reiber |
| St Joseph Feast Day Friday 3/19 | Beatrice 8:15 am | Integrity of discipleship and growth of our parish |
| | Beatrice 5:30 pm | Josh & Tracy Beaudoin & family |
| | Odell 5:30 pm and Stations | K. Lucille Wallinger |
| Saturday 3/20 | Barneston 5:00pm and Stations | Jim & Marty Safford |
| | Beatrice 5:30pm | +Doris Evers |
| Sunday 3/21 | Beatrice 8:00am | +Steve Mullins |
| | Odell 8:00am | +Eric Conrad |
| | Beatrice 10:00am | +MSM Priests |
| | Wymore 10:30am | +Ray & Hilda Spindler |
| First Communion | Beatrice 11:30 am | Missa Pro Populo |

In Beatrice, Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration on the feast day of St Joseph (Friday March 19) from 10 am-5 pm. Sign up sheet will be in the back of church and every ½ hour slot must be filled with an adorer and preferably several.

**March Financials
St Joseph Beatrice Church, School, and
Daycare**

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| Last Week's Offering | \$10,036.33 |
| Last Week's Other Income | \$2,758.50 |
| Income to Date | \$28,284.02 |
| Estimated Expenses | \$60,039.36 |

St Mary's Wymore

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| Last Week's Offering | \$422.00 |
| Last Week's Other Income | \$0.00 |
| Income to Date | \$1,360.10 |
| Estimated Expenses | \$2,932.17 |

St Mary's Odell

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| Last Week's Offering | \$725.00 |
| Last Week's Other Income | \$0.00 |
| Income to Date | \$1,855.00 |
| Estimated Expenses | \$2,589.51 |

St Joseph Barneston

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| Last Week's Offering | \$85.00 |
| Last Week's Other Income | \$0.00 |
| Income to Date | \$365.00 |
| Estimated Expenses | \$469.16 |

BEATRICE NEWS

Is the Holy Spirit prompting your heart and mind to make a difference, offer an uplifting gift of self to others, make an impact on the communal good. Our parish needs and is looking for those whom the Spirit is calling. Please introduce yourself to Fr. Rand, who has been receiving as pastor a vision for needs within, at or for our St. Joseph family in his own prayers as well as ideas being offered by fellow parishioners from the Holy Spirit but are waiting for support, leadership, efforts and maybe YOU!

Join us to celebrate our Feast Day of St. Joseph Friday March 19 with a Mass at 5:30 PM and then before returning home take a detour to support the KC Fish Fry (enter through High Street)!

Confessions continue to be heard in Beatrice Saturdays in the cry room for those who wish to 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

Wednesdays of Lent after the Stations of the Cross until the last in line is heard.

First Communion will be held Sunday March 21 at a special time 11:30 am to accommodate social distancing for First communicants, family and guests.

Consecration to St. Joseph for those who have read or are in the process of reading Fr. Calloway's book on Consecration to St. Joseph will take place immediately after the Feast Day 8:15 Mass.

If you are homebound or recovering from a surgery or illness and unable to attend the Weekend Mass, please contact the rectory to be added to the Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist list who go out on Wednesday mornings after Mass.

If you would like to honor a loved one living or deceased with an Easter Lily or flower the donation is \$10.00 per name(s). Please have the names to be honored or remembered living or deceased to the rectory by March 22 to be included in the weekend bulletin for Easter. The purchased silk flowers remain with the church and any additional proceeds will be used of ongoing church decorations.

WYMORE/BARNESTON/ODELL NEWS

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

St Mary's Wymore in preparation for the Drive Thru Pancake Feed March 28 is asking that on that Sunday anyone attending the Mass to park on the grass or side streets in order to leave the parking lot free for the drive thru traffic. Thank you.

Wymore Presbyterian Church Chicken BBQ Dinner (with Baked Potato, Beans roll and brownie) is March 14 from 11 am – 1 pm or until gone. \$12 donation.

Odell, St Mary's Altar Society has placed special envelopes in the back of church for the Easter Flower Offering in memory of a loved one. A \$10 donation is requested to the Altar Society with proceeds to go towards our flowers and decorating. The names will be listed in front of church for Easter and be made available to the bulletin. Please give your donation to Geri Ann or Teresa before March 22nd.

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 |
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| Barneston | \$ 90.00 | \$ 45.00 |
| Wymore | \$ 555.00 | \$ 45.00 |
| Odell | \$ 345.00 | \$ 80.00 |
| Beatrice | \$4,695.00 | \$1,182.00 |

Lenten Meditation:

As disturbing as it can be to people of good will, it's an observable state of affairs that the soul of contemporary Western culture is fighting contamination by a toxin of entitlement. It's a poison that harms and weakens the spiritual heart, spreads distrust and suspicion among neighbors, raises tension within the common good, and causes anxiety and animosity toward authority, fraternal correction, and responsibilities. Summarized as a misplaced personal conviction, even obsession, of inherently deserving premature, unmerited, or unrealistic privileges or stature, entitlement feeds a raw narcissism and is the dangerous playground of jealousy, envy, and anger. It inflates our own opinion of ourselves, leads us into a self-delusion as it strips us of objective awareness. Entitlement turns mentors and friends into competitors and enemies. It entraps us within an internal cesspool of arrogance, impropriety, rash judgment, even as it plagues us with a social awkwardness devoid of humor and good times. In short, entitlement is an adulterant that is lethal to the human soul. It kills us from the inside out. So, what are we to do? What is the remedy to such a grave spiritual illness? While not to be confused with true humility, which is a sober opinion of ourselves in terms of talents or weaknesses, or with a healthy ambition, which asks for consideration in terms of privileges or positions, entitlement is best fought with transparent virtues. Three key virtues that are powerful immunizations to entitlement, and which have been recognized by civilized cultures throughout human history for their strength against such an infection, are compassion, gratitude and generosity. Compassion heals us of animosity as we see the humanity of our neighbor, feeling and suffering with her and wishing her the best. Gratitude vaccinates us from self-absorption as we look to God and others as the source and strength of our abilities and achievements. And, lastly, generosity restores us to our better humanity as we desire to share and give to others what has been given to us. These three virtues are the best and most effective triage to entitlement. They disable it and

render it ineffective in our souls or the soul of our culture. In terms of the Christian faith, therefore, it shouldn't surprise us that these three virtues have been especially praised and recommended to believers. Saint Paul warns against entitlement and even places the evil and darkness of the world within its context. As he wrote to the Christian community in Rome: "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness... For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened." And so, it's appropriate that the Lord Jesus, in his saving work on our behalf, would gather his apostles in the Upper Room and begin his Passion by exemplifying a life completely at odds with entitlement: With his intimates around him, the Lord felt the weight of sin and identified himself with it. He didn't run, shrink, or compromise. He willingly accepted his sufferings and walked with the wounded. The Lord also thanked the Father as he offered his Body and Blood under the appearance of bread and wine. Even as he was in pain of heart and later of body, the Lord looked outside of himself. As his soul was wracked with deadly sorrow, he overcame the darkness and consumed himself with gratitude. And then the Lord generously offered himself to his friends. The powerful words, echoed throughout the ages, "Take and eat... this is my Body" and "Take and drink... this is my Blood," are selfless acts that give true nourishment and holistic sustenance to the believer. In pouring out himself unconditionally, the Lord manifested compassion, gratitude, and generosity to the world. He showed us a life freed from entitlement and, therefore, full of wisdom and grace. (Excerpts from Fr Jeffrey Kirby article in *Crux*)

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/motherdaughter> 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 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.

Camp Kateri: Summer Camp Registration

Registration is now open for SKY Camp (rising grades 5th-9th), Catholic Adventure Camp (rising grades 4th-6th) and the Tekakwitha Games (rising grades 5th-9th). For more information, or to register for camp, go to www.campkateri.org.

Jesus said, “If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.” The minimum requirement is one mile; however, we are not to be disciples of minimum requirements and checking off boxes. We are to go the extra mile because that is how we bear witness to the transforming power of Jesus Christ. That is how we change lives and share the grace and love we have received in abundance. Nothing ever changes by doing the minimum. There is no real glory given to God by responding to His call with the minimum. Thank you to those whose choices and actions witness giving of themselves beyond the minimums and simply help, where help is needed, not being tied to receiving praise or recognition, not being bystanders watching others, but getting involved to ease the lives of others. Your witness of stewardship is what makes the positive impact our world needs.

High School Volunteer Counselors Needed For Camp Kateri

Camp Kateri is now accepting applications for volunteer high school counselors for SKY, Catholic Adventure Camp and the Tekakwitha Games. For more information, or to download an application, please go to www.campkateri.org.

Emmaus Biblical Studies “I Believe in the Holy Spirit” will begin April 10 online. Contact <https://www.facebook.com/EmmausBiblicalStudies> for more information.

April Ultreya – April 11, 2021, Crete, Sacred Heart, 1:00pm (note the time change; we will be done by 3pm so we can celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at 3pm – the hour of mercy - in church – all are welcome!) John & Kathy Springer, 402-826-2699, cell 402-580-1367 1410 E 15th Street, Crete, NE 68333; Email: jejspringer@windstream.net Diocese of Lincoln Cursillo website <http://www.seas-np.org/cursillolincoln.html>

Inspired by St. Joseph's faithful witness, may we help mothers welcome, protect, and care for the gift of new life. Please pray *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be* and read the reflection: As Catholics we rightly find inspiration in Mary’s beautiful “fiat”, her “yes” to God’s will at the Annunciation, but we should also recall Joseph’s own faithful “yes” to God’s plan for salvation. Despite the unusual circumstances of Mary’s pregnancy, “Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally” (*Patris corde*, 4). Through a series of dreams, God made his will known to Joseph, and each time Joseph faithfully responded. It is Joseph who welcomed the Christ child as his own son, gave Jesus his name as revealed by the angel, and continually protected and provided for the needs of the Holy Family. When Herod threatened the life of the infant Jesus, Joseph fled with his family from their homeland to Egypt and patiently waited until they could return to Israel. “In every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (*PC*, 3). Through his constant care for both mother and child, Joseph makes a true gift of himself. God chose this humble carpenter of Nazareth to guide the beginnings of our redemption, and it is Joseph “who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (*PC*, 5). Inspired by St. Joseph, may we proactively help mothers welcome and care for the gift of new life. Pope Francis declared December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021 as the Year of St. Joseph. Offer a prayer to St. Joseph for all mothers in need. Or Offer some other sacrifice or prayer that you feel called to do for this intention.

How is your Lenten resolves progressing? If you are doing some form of food fasting—do you feel hunger? If you are fasting from something you enjoy—do you feel deprived? If you are turning to more prayer—are you challenged in the time to commit? If you are almsgiving in some manner—do you feel a sense of authentic sacrifice? Lenten resolves can become empty and meaningless not only because they are left uncompleted, but also because they were never seriously taken up to offer a response of true self-giving and discipline as a means to make the actions and example of Christ a daily reminder in the ordinary routines of living. Taking up one’s cross and following Jesus means a willingness to feel the effects of some sort of suffering in order to grow spiritually and bear resurrection fruit in one’s life.

In the Orthodox and Catholic Churches, Easter eggs are dyed red to represent the blood of Christ, with further symbolism being found in the hard shell of the egg symbolizing the sealed Tomb of Christ — the cracking of which symbolized his resurrection from the dead.

Beginning on or near the fifth Sunday of Lent (formerly known as Judica Sunday after the first words of the introit “Judge me, O Lord”) and throughout Passiontide, a number of churches veil all statues, images and crosses in purple cloth. Many theories exist as to the historical origins of this practice. During the ninth century in Germany, a cloth known as the Hungertuch hid the altar during Lent and was not removed until the reading of the Passion at the words “the veil of the temple was rent in two.” Some people believe the tradition arose from the reading of the Gospel which speaks of Jesus hiding himself from the crowd that was about to stone him (John 8:59). Still others speculate that the custom developed in a period in which crosses were more ornate and covered in precious jewels. Covering these resplendent crosses helped the faithful meditate on the sufferings of Christ. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops noted in 2006, “The veiling of crosses and images is a sort of ‘fasting’ from sacred depictions which represent the paschal glory of our salvation. Just as the Lenten fast concludes with the Paschal feast, so too, our fasting from the cross culminates in a veneration of the holy wood on which the sacrifice of Calvary was offered for our sins. Likewise, a fasting from the glorious images of the mysteries of faith and the saints in glory, culminates on the Easter night with a renewed appreciation of the glorious victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life.”

Revised from a post originally published on “To God, About God” (students.opwest.org)

Old blessed palms may be properly disposed of by burning them or cutting them up and burying in the earth.

Combined Collection is this Weekend For the last several years, a group of ‘national collections’ has been combined into one collection in our Diocese. Envelopes that list the different causes should be in your mailed packets. You can give a total amount which will be divided among these, or you can specify different amounts. You may also give online or make a combined donation in an envelope noting your name and envelope number to be credited and place in the collection or mail. Categories include:

♦ Catholic Relief Services: Provides funding for CRS, USCCB Office or International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees; relief work of the Holy Father; and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. ♦ Catholic Home Missions Appeal: The Appeal strengthens the Catholic Church in the US and its territories in the Caribbean and the Pacific, where resources are thin and priests are few. ♦ Black and Indian Collection: This collection reflects the

Church’s continued concern for evangelizing the Black & Indian peoples of the United States. ♦ The Catholic University of America: Provides funding for academic scholarships at The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. ♦ Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC): Contributes to evangelization through Television, radio, internet, the Catholic press, and other media. ♦ Retirement Fund For Religious: Provides funding to any religious institute in the U.S. that is listed in the Official Catholic Directory.

CATHOLIC COUNSELING: The Immaculate Heart of Mary Counseling Center with Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska has some funding for counseling services to those directly impacted by COVID-19 who are not insured or are vulnerable individuals, including the homebound and elderly. Visit their website at immaculateheartcounseling.org for more information or call 402-489-1834.

ASSISTANCE FOR THOSE IN NEED: Catholic Social Services of Southern Nebraska has funds available for rent, utilities, and emergency cash assistance help. Call (402) 327-6211 on Mondays beginning at 9 a.m. We have a bilingual English/Spanish speaker at this number.

Thanking Jesus after receiving communion, the final prayers, and the dismissal are all essential parts of Mass! “But what if I have a really good reason to leave early?” Of course, if you have a good reason you’re leaving early, you can leave early. Maybe an emergency just came up. But that’s not why the vast majority of Catholics who leave Mass early are doing it. They are leaving early because it’s become their habit. They get the Eucharist, they think they’re done, and they can beat the traffic if they leave early. At best this is a kind of spiritual mediocrity. At worst sin becomes involved. If you see someone leaving please pray that their reason is good enough for walking out on God before He is finished working within us with His grace.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday March 28!