

DATE
MAY 16, 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 east confessional 4:15pm-5:00 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.**

Mass Intentions		
Monday 5/17	Beatrice 8:15 am	+Scott Oden
Tuesday 5/18	Beatrice 8:15 am	+Bonnie Perkins
Wednesday 5/19	Beatrice 8:15 am	+Renny Schuster
	Wymore 7:00 pm	+Patricia Masek
Thursday 5/20	Beatrice 8:15 am	+Bernice Nolte
Friday 5/21	Beatrice 7:00 am	+Steve Mullins
	Odell 5:30 pm	+David Safford
Saturday 5/21	Barneston 5:00pm	Fr. Paul York/Sr. Monica York
	Beatrice 5:30pm	+Wilma Wiedel
Sunday 5/22	Beatrice 8:00am	+Roy Oden
	Odell 8:00am	Poor Souls of Priests
	Beatrice 10:00am	Missa Pro Populo
	Wymore 10:30am	Poor Souls

St. Joseph Three Day Retreat for Children entering grades 1-6 next year will be held in Beatrice but open to all four parishes on May 24-26 from 8 am- Noon each day. The theme for this Summer Religious School will be St. Joseph. Costs for the entire event are \$10 per child or \$25.00 for a family of 3 or more children. Pre-registration will be required by May 21. Forms are available at the St. Joseph School or by contacting the rectory.

Please pray for Rev. Mr. Dale Alder and Rev. Mr. Matt Kovar who will be ordained to the priesthood for our diocese on Saturday May 29 and for Mr. Matthew Hecker, Mr. Liam O'Shea-Creal, Mr. Tony Schukei, Mr. Christians Schwenka and Mr. Dominic Winter who will be ordained as Deacons for our diocese on Friday May 28. Please continue to pray for all being called by God to serve our diocese in the priesthood or religious life.

Obligation to attend Mass is Restored On May 23, the Solemnity of Pentecost in the Dioceses of Nebraska. Visit www.lincolndiocese.org to view the full announcement and to view an article by Fr. Andrew Heaslip on why we have an obligation to attend Mass.

May Financials
St Joseph Beatrice Church, School, and
Daycare

Last Week's Offering	\$8,440.33
Last Week's Other Income	\$1,250.92
Income to Date	\$41,365.82
Estimated Expenses	\$50,175.83

St Mary's Wymore

Last Week's Offering	\$210.00
Last Week's Other Income	\$0.00
Income to Date	\$1,525.00
Estimated Expenses	\$2,345.58

St Mary's Odell

Last Week's Offering	\$180.00
Last Week's Other Income	\$0.00
Income to Date	\$1,610.00
Estimated Expenses	\$2,057.92

St Joseph Barneston

Last Week's Offering	\$65.00
Last Week's Other Income	\$0.00
Income to Date	\$772.00
Estimated Expenses	\$457.67

BEATRICE NEWS

Thank you to Jenny Haddix, Josh Beaudoin, Harold and Peggy Nielsen and Mike Witulski, Preston Witulski and Parker Witulski for their time and talents in outdoor work around the rectory and church.

We are in need of and looking for more willing men or women to take communion to homebound and or nursing homes. This parishioner to parishioner contact is appreciated and helpful. If you feel the Lord moving you to be trained as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist please contact with any questions or interest Fr. Rand.

St Joseph Church General Spring Cleaning: All parishioners are being asked who are able to join together by coming at a time that works best for you to help clean the interior of our church. Instructions and a sign-up list are posted in the entrance to the church. Thank you and God Bless—from the Altar Society.

Our Society of St Vincent de Paul is affiliated with Lincoln's St Vincent de Paul. "Give to Lincoln Day" is Tuesday May 25. Anyone wishing to make a donation is invited to go online at <https://givetolincoln.com/nonprofits/lincoln-council-svdp> Thanks in advance for any generosity.

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!

St Joseph School Kindergarten Graduation will be held Tuesday, May 18 directly following 8:15 Mass. All parents and parishioners are invited to attend. Kindergarteners will be allowed to wear their Sunday Best under their caps, and gowns. They may stay in those clothes or bring their uniform to change into for the remainder of the day. This event will be recorded and sent out to parents to share with family.

St Joseph School 5th-grade Graduation will be on Wednesday, May 19th. They will take up the ministries at the 8:15 am Mass and then the graduation will directly follow. All parents and parishioners are invited to be present at Mass and attend the graduation. This event will be recorded and sent out to parents to share with family.

St. Joseph Preschool Graduation is Wednesday May 19 in the parish center at 5:00 pm. This is limited to immediate family only.

St. Joseph Cemetery Cleanup is looking for volunteers. Meet at the cemetery at 6:30 pm on May 26, June 9, July 14, August 11 and September 8. Please record and plan ahead.

WYMORE/BARNESTON/ODELL NEWS

Wymore St Mary's Altar Society will meet Sunday June 6 after Mass. (No May meeting).

GENERAL NEWS

St. Joseph School will end its academic year on Thursday May 20 with a noon dismissal.

Two 90-year-old women, Rose and Barb, had been friends all of their lives. When it was clear that Rose was dying, Barb visited her every day. One day Barb said, 'Rose, we both loved playing women's softball all our lives, and we played all through High School. Please do me one favor: when you get to Heaven, somehow you must let me know if there's women's softball there.' Rose looked up at Barb from her deathbed and said, 'Barb, you've been my best friend for many years. If it's at all possible, I'll do this favor for you.' Shortly after that, Rose passed on. A few nights later, Barb was awakened from a sound sleep by a blinding flash of white light and a voice calling out to her, 'Barb, Barb.' 'Who is it?' asked Barb, sitting up suddenly, 'Who is it?' 'Barb -- it's me, Rose.' 'You're not Rose. Rose just died.' 'I'm telling you, it's me, Rose,' insisted the voice. 'Rose! Where are you?' 'In Heaven,' replied Rose, 'I have some really good news and a little bad news.' 'Tell me the good news first,' said Barb. 'The good news,' Rose said, 'is that there's softball in Heaven. Better yet all of our old buddies who died before us are here, too. Better than that, we're all young again. Better still, it's always springtime, and it never rains or snows. And best of all, we can play softball all we want, and we never get tired.' 'That's fantastic!,' said Barb, 'It's beyond my wildest dreams! So what's the bad news?' 'You're pitching Tuesday.'

Enjoy a Memorial Day Dinner At the Convent House in Steinauer Sunday, May 30th 11:00 – 1:00 Smothered Steak, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Salad, Roll & Dessert \$12 a meal Dine-in or Carry-out Pre-ordering appreciated but not required Call Marcia at 402-869-2342 or Text 402-806-2176

Please join us for a Date Night Series co-hosted by the Emmaus Institute on Marriage in Scripture These free nights will have appetizers, drinks, a short talk, and time for couples to discuss. May 20th, June 17th, and July 22nd from 7-9 (talk is at 7:30) May 20th will be held at the Newman Center in Lincoln, future locations TBD. No RSVP required.

Are you longing for an encounter with Jesus? Do you need the space to pray and worship the Lord? “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart, and

you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light” Join us as we pour our hearts to the Lord in adoration and worship during International Missionary Foundation nights of prayer and praise. All are welcome to one or more of the nights at John XXIII Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Boulevard in Lincoln. The dates are June 4, July 2 and August 6 from 8:00-9:30pm

On June 5th, 2021, Day of Grace for Moms in Transition from 9-4 at the John XXIII Diocesan Center Lincoln. This day long retreat is for moms of high school juniors and above and will address the spiritual implications of the changes accompanying your children leaving home. Cost is \$35 or \$10 for virtual. More info at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/transitionmoms>

The concept or reality of change can be life-giving or be discomfoting or fearful. Most of the time it depends on perspective, attitude, strength and weakness of character and trust. The relationship between parents and children bear witness as do employer with employee and pastor with parishioner. The question "why" is likely one of the most over used questions in all its forms in the application of life whether verbalized or in thought. Unfortunately many times however no one is really looking for an answer, only a justification of their own opinion. The response to Why can just as easily be offered as "Why not?" Growth necessarily demands an openness to change. Effective parishes never change the mission or the message (those are eternal), but they are open to alter the methods to make sure the parish stays vibrant, the message applied and the tasks completed . And that means change. Change takes people from where they are to where they need to be. This is why Jesus sent us the Advocate-the Holy Spirit- to enable His church to grow and flourish. It is how the Holy Spirit continues to work with parents, employers, pastors and anyone in leadership or authority. We can accept His influence or reject it, but God is continually motivating and inspiring us toward betterment. Awareness, Discussion, Insight is wasted time unless committed action occurs. If all one does is point out why they don't like this or that, the weaknesses or errors of others who are giving their time and effort or just find it easier to criticize and be negative then they join those found in the days of Jesus and every

generation since who chose their own way. Stagnation or diminishment can occur where there is no progress. If every time a new approach, idea or move is raised, that proverbial someone lists at least three reasons it won't work. Perhaps we might ask ourselves if we have a fondness for the past that eclipses a passion for the future. Do we ever let personal preferences override the mission, the purpose, the work of the Holy Spirit? Assessment of the present with an outlook to the future is what keeps any family (parish, work situation, school, organization or household) healthy, pro-active in its needs and hopes and flourishing. The Holy Spirit for those active in a healthy prayer life will illumine the course for the future which may or may not include change. He works to enlighten what one observes, distinguish what one hears, give focus to the present in order to give movement to the future and place within the heart the confidence needed to apply what He inspires. Likely minds have already made a leap to finding names to fit what has been just read, but the reality is that is YOU and ME and everyone. No one is exempt-- it is part of our humanity. The prospect of change makes us face ourselves and determine on which side we lean more-- Why? or Why not?

June Ultreya – Sunday June 13, 2021, 2:00pm, Beatrice St. Joseph. **Cursillo National Encounter** – Virtual (on-line) National Encounter, Friday-Saturday, July 23-24, 2021. Live-stream Masses, talks, fellowship, and breakout Sessions. Registration is on line on the National Cursillo website (www.natl-cursillo.org). You can stay at home and attend the National Encounter! Please consider attending. God bless YOU!! 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>

Unveiled: Discovering the Great Mystery in Your Marriage Now offered in-person AND virtually via livestream! Discover how the great mystery of Christ's love can restore passion, purpose and intimacy in your marriage. In Unveiled, a retreat led by the John Paul II Healing Center, you'll engage topics grounded in Church teaching such as: "Discovering True Love," "A Whole New Look at

Your Wedding Day," "Cultivating Intimacy and Unity in Your Marriage," "Understanding Your Marital Conflict," "Healing and Reconciliation in Your Marriage," and "Restoring Sexual Passion and Intimacy in Your Marriage." This retreat is open to singles discerning marriage, dating and engaged couples, and couples who have been married for many years! The Newman Center – St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church is hosting this Unveiled retreat July 15-17, 2021. Learn more and register for this amazing experience at: www.jp2healingcenter.org Scholarships available. Email Stephanie & Jude Werner at UnveiledLincoln@gmail.com for more information. This event is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Lincoln Office of Family Life.

Catholic Stewardship Appeal has started. No one can force anyone to care for others, their parish or to help Jesus accomplish the works of mercy, but one can choose to love, be generous and to work together for those less fortunate. Goals not met will be taken from parish general fund that pays the bills.

Goals to be met:

Beatrice	\$18,380.00
Odell	\$ 1,750.00
Wymore	\$ 2,160.00
Barneston	\$ 920.00

Everything above our goal comes back to the parish in rebate checks throughout the year as the pledges are paid. Each parish has benefitted greatly by the rebates returned as well as meeting the needs of this appeal. Thank you to those able and willing to help the parish meet and exceed its goal.

Camp Kateri: Summer Camp 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.

Beginning next weekend some of the former Covid restrictions will no longer be in effect with any remainder being evaluated as time goes on. The social distancing “ropes” will be removed, hymnals replaced in the pews, funeral meals possible at the parish center and sanitizing done only in the parish center after any event and after weekend Masses in the church. Please be aware that should any spike or change of direction with Covid or mandates from civil or diocesan leadership, restrictions will be restored or put in place. Everyone has an opinion and Covid has been a polarizing event so please charitable, patient and understanding with each other. With the restoration of the obligation to attend Mass there also comes an informed and healthy conscience whether Covid is still a personal threat or serious concern. As a rule of thumb if you are able to participate and go elsewhere during the week that is not critical such as health care or groceries-you are able to meet your obligation at Mass. If you catch Covid, become exposed or are sick you apply the rule that has always existed—stay home until you are well.

“CELEBRATING ST JOSEPH” We continue through December to celebrate the Year of St Joseph with the universal church. Uniting to that celebration we have several events in the works to Celebrate our local St. Joseph Church by Re-Membering in upcoming months. Our parish plans coincide with efforts nationwide for a Covid recovery plan by the Knights of Columbus. In essence those who have weathered the past year are promoting and finding ways to build or rebuild the sense of community lost. With this in mind a series of events to welcome others to our parish, whether new or returning, increase and build our own family of St. Joseph and new or renewed efforts in many facets of our St. Joseph community will be revealed as the year continues. Thank you to many who have been sharing ideas and stepping up to help make them happen.

Kicking off “Celebrating St. Joseph” will occur on Corpus Christi Sunday June 6 under the sponsorship of our local Knights of Columbus. After both Sunday Masses the Knights of Columbus are providing means to celebrate community and fellowship with each other with a spirit of welcome. They invite and encourage all parishioners to come and help spread the word to our local faithful. Muffins and cupcakes will be provided after Mass with outdoor seating (weather permitting) between the church and the rectory to socialize and become acquainted or reacquainted. In addition there will be a balloon release at 11:30 am and a small gift for the little ones among us. This would be a wonderful means to greet one another and commit another name or two to memory, go a little deeper in knowing someone or being present to others who may just need the smile or contact you have to offer. Please mark it down in your calendars.

Celebrate St. Joseph events for July will include taking advantage of the Big Tent used by the Knights for their fireworks stand with an Outdoor Pulled Pork meal on a weekday (to be determined) after the Fireworks sale and a Biscuit and Gravy Breakfast on Sunday July 11 being sponsored by the Altar Society.

Fr. Rand will be attending the first of the diocesan priest’s retreats May 31 after the morning Mass-June 4. Please pray for all our priests as we seek renewal.

A thank you from some of our parish who are homebound for those making time to visit them or phone them. Very appreciated!