

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
13 December	Mon. 7:00 am	Dominic Tin +
14 December	Tue. 7:00 am	Elaine Lueders +
15 December	Wed. 7:00 am	Theresa Hernandez +
16 December	Thur. 7:00am	Robert Hajny +
17 December	Fri. 7:00 am	Timothy Collard +
18 December	Sat. 7:00 am Sat. 5:30 pm	Special Intention (KR) Robert Kiolbasa
19 December	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am Sun. 4:00pm	People of the Parish Manuel Sanchez + Penance Service

Third Sunday of Advent: (Gaudete Sunday- Joy)

Today we celebrate “Gaudete Sunday,” the Third Sunday of Advent. The Latin word Gaudete means “Rejoice!” On this Sunday, we take a short break from the mostly somber nature of Advent and rejoice in the nearness of the celebration of Christmas. Rose vestments may be worn by the celebrant, instead of the typical violet for Advent. You may also notice that the third candle on the Advent wreath is rose colored. Rose signifies joy!

Today’s first reading calls us to “shout for joy,” “sing joyfully,” and “be glad and exult with all your heart.” What is the reason to rejoice? In today’s first reading we hear that the cause of rejoicing was the salvation that the Lord brought to Israel from their enemies. But, even more so, the cause of rejoicing was that the Lord dwelt in their midst. We also hear in this reading that a time would come when “a mighty savior” would arrive. This “mighty savior” is Jesus, who is Emmanuel, meaning “God with us.” Because God is with us, there is no reason to fear. This gives us great cause to rejoice!

Christian joy goes beyond a mere emotion and, therefore, supersedes circumstances. The joy we have in Christ can remain regardless of what challenges we are facing in life. Therefore, it is possible to “Rejoice in the Lord always.”

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

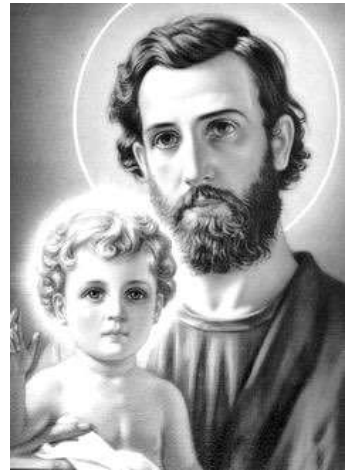
12 December 2021

3rd Sunday of Advent

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 5:00-5:20 pm
Sunday 8:30-8:50 am, 11:00-11:20 am
By appointment

DAILY MASSES: Mon.-Sat.: 7:00 am.

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday Vigil—5:30 pm
Sunday — 9:00 am
11:30 am (Español)



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NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

Harvard People's Project: St. Joseph's will be collecting items for the annual "Christmas box" project for distribution on December 18th. We are collecting hats, gloves, all sizes of socks, boxes of cereal, 1lb packages of rice, cooking oil, bottles of juice, toilet tissue and deodorant. The items may be placed in the box labeled "People's Project" inside the vestibule of the church by December 15th, Thank you for your generosity.

Altar Society News: We will decorate the church for Christmas and have a soup brunch after the 9am Mass on December 19th.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: December 19th from 4pm-5pm. There will be additional times available to go to confession. Fr. Zimmer and Fr. Morris will be here to hear confessions from 4pm to 5pm or until finished.

- St. Joseph Prayer Chain:

- +For all the poor souls in Purgatory
- +For the end to abortion
- +For our Holy Fathers-Pope Francis, bishops, priests, sisters and brothers
- +For all seminarians, especially those at St. Gregory the Great Seminary
- +For our youth to accept and grow in vocations
- +For world peace, and our servicemen and women
- +For the Knights of Columbus prayer requests
- +For fallen away Catholics

Edith Weber	Jack Paulus	Cecilia Meeza	Delores Leininger
Sharon Reasland	Virginia Miller	Teresa Volesky	Mary Garvin
Brad Oschner	Juan Slazar	Diane Walz	Dennis Reddick
Cesaria Gabriel	Cecilia Martel	Jeff Almond	Erica Lauinger
Bill Kerber	Cathy Kamost	Salvador Palas	Lily Mead
Jordan Ortmeier	Fr. Allan Phan	Mike Kirwan	Kelem Fabrice
Doris Henvey +	Marlene Ostdiek	Diane Noak	Garry Veik
Kathy Rathman	Brenda Lang	Angel Valdivia	Randy Schulte

If you have any intentions you would like to add to the prayer chain, call Elaine Almond (402-772-7381) or Shirley Koenig (402-984-0692).

Adult Bible Study: The adult bible study will resume in January on Thursday the 6th at 6:30pm. The topic on January 6th will be chapters 6-7 of the Gospel of Luke.

Advent with Spirit Catholic Radio: This year, Spirit Catholic Radio is focusing on a theme for every week of Advent: Hope, Joyful Expectation, Prayer, and Peace. Follow us on social media, subscribe to our e-newsletter, The Halo, and visit <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/advent/> as we share with you ideas for bringing these themes to life in your own special way either with your family, coworkers, or community. You can also tune in to Spirit Catholic Radio on weekday mornings, during our Spirit Mornings show, to hear inspirational guests discuss what Advent can mean in our lives. Tune in on Sundays for special Advent programming from EWTN. More info at <https://spiritcatholicradio.com/>

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House in Waverly has published its Spring 2022 Schedule of retreats at goodcounselretreat.org - upcoming retreats include:
Dec. 9-12, Regnum Christi Men's Retreat

Dec. 17-18 **24-hour Advent Retreat** with Fr. Gary Coulter.
Or, Join an online **Advent Retreat Series**, Mondays at 7pm Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13, and 20 - come one week or all four: "Learning to Trust in God" with Connie Rossini, free-will offering at goodcounselretreat.org.

Mass of the Holy Innocents: The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Tuesday, 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. at John XXIII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. If you would like your child's name to be remembered & placed on the banner, please call the Office of Family Life at 402- 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 17th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

DATE NIGHT: Make time for your vocation! The Family Life Office invites you to a date night out on **January 11th, 6-9 pm** at UNL Newman Center Rosary Hall with the Emmaus Institute. The topic is "How to Pray with Scripture in Your Family". \$45 for dinner/drinks/apps for two, \$15 for drinks/apps, or come for free to the talk and go out to eat on your own (will also be streamed). More info/registration at <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/jandatenight>

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Friday, December 24

Confessions: 5:30pm -6:00pm

6:00 pm Mass (Bilingual)

9:30pm Mass

Saturday, December 25

Confessions will be the same as on Sundays

9:00am Mass (English)

11:30 am Mass (Spanish)

There will be no 5:30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday December 25th for December 26th.