

<i>Mass Intentions:</i>		
20 December	Mon. 7:00 am	Dick & Betty Chloupek +
21 December	Tue. 7:00 am	Walter R. Sapp Jr. +
22 December	Wed. 7:00 am	Return to the sacraments
23 December	Thur. 7:00am	Sally Kiolbasa (98th b-day)
24 December	Fri. 6:00 pm Fri. 9:30pm	Miguel Gonzalez + For holy families
25 December	Sat. 9:00 am Sat. 11:30 am	Fr. Frantisek Chloupek For those in prison
26 December	Sun. 9:00 am Sun. 11:30 am	People of the Parish Gorge Morales Velasco +

Fourth Sunday of Advent: (Peace)

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the anticipation continues to build for the fast-approaching celebration of Christmas. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, it is fitting to be reminded that God did not have to become man. He did not force Himself into humanity. He did not disrespect our human freedom in order to become incarnate. Rather, He invited Mary to be the mother of the Messiah and because she said 'yes,' God became incarnate and He is "Emmanuel" God-with-us. He chose to become one of us through the Incarnation in order to save us from our sins. God could have let us remain in sin and suffer the consequences. God does not owe us anything. But He freely chose, out of His infinite love, to become man and to die for us. Jesus was born in order to die. He came in order to offer the perfect sacrifice of His own body and blood in order to gain for us forgiveness of our sins. As a result, we can have salvation from our sins through Jesus Christ. He died "once for all" in order to offer all people salvation. The question is, will you receive that salvation that He freely offers you? As we approach the celebration of Christmas, offer thanks to God this week for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ. And, in celebrating Christmas, strive to focus your attention on Jesus. Take time in prayer to give thanks for the blessings you have been given, especially the gift of salvation.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

19 December 2021
4th 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)

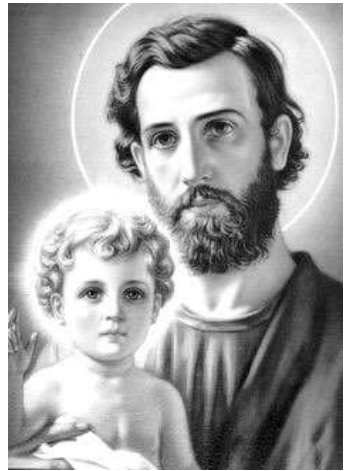
NEWS AND IMPORTANT DATES:

NO 5:30 p.m. Mass Saturday December 25th!

Harvard People's Project: On Saturday December 18th, Christmas Boxes were distributed to 53 families serving 175 people total. Thank you for your generosity in helping to care for those in need in our community. The pantry is now in need of body wash, bar soap and shampoo/conditioners as well as laundry soap.

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.



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- 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: 12pm -12:30pm & 5:30pm -550pm

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.

Additional confession times available by appointment call (402) 772-3511