

This Week's Mass Intentions		
Monday Dec. 17	8:10 AM	The Driscoll Family+
	12:10 PM	Jane Wooten+
	7:00 PM	Gray/Welch Families
Tuesday Dec. 18	8:10 AM	Dan O'Brien
	12:10 PM	Jonathon Rowe+
	7:00 PM	Thomas Tinkham+
Wednesday Dec. 19	8:10 AM	Special Intentions
	12:10 PM	Carolyn Eastman+
	7:00 PM	Friends & Family
Thursday Dec. 20	8:10 AM	Doris Rowe+
	12:10 PM	Lash Drell+
	7:00 PM	Daisy Wilkinsen+
Friday Dec. 21	8:10 AM	Jonathon Rowe+
	12:10 PM	Doris Rowe+
	7:00 PM	Mark & John Kilts
Saturday Dec. 22	12:10 PM	Souls in Purgatory
	4:00 PM	Friends & Family
	8:00 AM	Friends & Family
Sunday Dec. 23	10:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
	12:30 PM	People of the Parish
	5:00 PM	Ashley Kulwicki+

This Week's Scripture Readings	
Today	Zeph 3:14-18; Isa 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18
Monday	Gen 49:2-10; Psa 72:1-17; Matt 1:1-17
Tuesday	Jer 23:5-8; Psa 72:1-19; Matt 1:18-25
Wednesday	Judges 13:2-25; Psa 71:3-17; Luke 1:5-25
Thursday	Isa 7:10-14; Psa 24:1-6; Luke 1:26-38
Friday	Song of Songs 2:8-14; Psa 33:2-21; Luke 1:39-45
Saturday	1 Sam 1:24-28; 1 Sam 2:1-8; Luke 1:46-56
Sunday	Micah 5:1-4; Psa 80:2-19; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Saint Mary's Prayer List
Dianne Elsken, Louise Kulwicki, Teri Pope-Gonzalez, Zarita Hendrichs, Julie Williamsen, Ernie Polivka, Pat Bartels, Sally Williamsen, Bud Gray, Richard Brunner, Nora Kehr, Mary Dang, David Otte, Margaret Scheideler, Boyd Fulmer, Bonnie Zimmerman, Chan Nguyen, Mary Perkins, Jennifer Krupicka

This Week's Activities			
Monday Dec. 17	6:00 pm	Legion Room	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	Flynn Hall	N.A.
Tuesday Dec. 18	7:30pm	Flynn Hall	Parish Council
Wednesday Dec. 19	4:30 pm	School	CCD
	5:30 pm	Church	Exposition & Benediction
Thursday Dec. 20	7:30 pm	Church	Choir practice
Saturday Dec. 22	1:00 pm	Flynn Hall	Food Net
Sunday Dec. 23	9:30 am	Church	Rosary
	11:00am	Choir Loft	Christmas Choir Practice
	3:00pm	Flynn Hall	No RCIA

Next Week's Serving Schedule: Dec. 22/23		
Saturday 4:00 PM	Acolytes	Dave Bauer, Paul Edwards
	Reader	Kathy Johnson
Sunday 8:00 AM	Acolytes	Bill Green
	Reader	Linda Hamik
Sunday 10:00 AM	Acolytes	Ron Grose, John Franssen
	Reader	Bernice Polivka
Sunday 12:30 AM	Acolytes	Marv Ward, Richard Mallam
	Reader	Al Allen
Sunday 5:00 PM	Acolyte	Tim King
	Reader	Mike Neuman
	EME's	Duane Thoene, Marv Ward

Last Week's Church Support: December 9	
Weekly Envelopes	\$8206.10
Loose Plate	\$2093.59
Collection Total	\$10,299.69

Holy Day Support: Immaculate Conception	
Envelopes	\$1581.00
Loose Plate	\$ 805.29
Collection Total	\$2386.29

St. Mary's Parish News

Parish Church Cleaning: Come help get our beautiful church clean and ready for the birth of the Baby Jesus. It will be Dec. 22nd at 9:00 a.m. It usually lasts only an hour but can be done faster with more people present. All supplies are provided. Call Pat @ 402-435-5905 if you have questions.

The deadline to turn in names for this year's flowers is December 20th. Any questions, please call the rectory at 402-435-2125.

Present and past members of Saint Mary's School Schola and Saint Mary's adult choir – and any others with good voices, who would like to sing in the 10am Christmas Mass – are invited to join us for practice Sunday mornings following the 10am Mass beginning December 2nd thru Dec. 23rd. Any questions, contact our music director, Jane Plettner-Nielson, either after Mass or you may text/call 402-440-1895.

St. Mary's Altar Society Christmas Celebration – every January the St. Mary's Altar Society has a Christmas dinner with our active members and Dr. Dietrich. We would like to extend the invitation to all of our St. Mary's ladies for food and fellowship to join us on January 8 @ 6:00 p.m. We each pay for our own meal. There are no gifts to buy, just come and have a good time. If you are interested in coming, please contact Pat Duff @ 402-435-5905 or Margaret Scheideler @ 402-328-9818 by January 4th to ensure a reservation and for more details. In case of bad weather, we will move the date to January 15th.

Area News & Events

Parish Secretary Job Opening St. Patrick Church (Lincoln) is looking to hire a full-time parish secretary. If interested, please submit a resume to fr.troy-schweiger@cdolinc.net or call the rectory at 402-466-2752.

Marriage Encounter Weekend at the Lied Center in Nebraska City February 15-16, 2019. Contact couple Pat

Benson 308-940-0670, Janelle Benson 308-940-1105. pbjbben@yahoo.com
****Need to call well in advance for facility reservation.**

Acolytes and Lectors are invited to a Men's retreat at Good Counsel Retreat House Jan. 18-20, 2019 with Fr. Eric Clark entitled "Discipleship at the Foot of the Cross". The retreat will also include Acolyte/Lector refresher training with the Knights of the Holy Eucharist. Registration and information at www.goodcounselretreat.com or 402-786-2705.

Help Spirit 102.7-FM (Spirit Catholic Radio) bring warmth to people in the Lincoln area as we **Warm up Winter!** We're accepting donations of NEW socks, coats, mittens, hats and boots for both adults and children. The donated items can be dropped off at our Lincoln studios at 630 N. Cotner Blvd., Ste. 101 or at Catholic Social Services at 2241 O Street in Lincoln. Drop off your new, unwrapped donations of warm, winter gear by Dec. 28. For more info visit spiritcatholicradio.com and help us warm Up Winter!

Job Opening: Regional Director of Social Services- Lincoln. Catholic Social Services seeks a compassionate, dynamic, and inspirational leader for the position of Regional Director of Social Services - Lincoln. This person will lead and manage our social services operation in the greater Lincoln area. For more information visit [www.cssisus.org/who we are/careers](http://www.cssisus.org/who-we-are/careers). or send an email to humanresources@cssisus.org

Monthly Meeting for Catholic Daughters Court St. Charles #472 is Tuesday, December 18th, 6:00 PM KC Hall, 60th & South Streets. Annual Christmas potluck. Prayer Partner gift exchange. All women 18 yrs & older invited to join us.

Ladies and gentlemen, please plan to join Lincoln Diocesan Council of Catholic Women members in caroling on Thursday, December 27th in Lincoln. We will begin at Madonna,

5401 South Street at 5:15 p.m. There are 4 retired priests in residence there. We will then go to Bonacum House, 3301 Sheridan Blvd at 6:30. There are 9 retired priests in residence there. The more voices the merrier. Merry Christmas

The Diocese of Lincoln is accepting applications for the Safe Environment Coordinator position (Permanent – Full-time). This position is responsible for the administration of the Safe Environment Office, curriculum development, training programs and compliance with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People for the Diocese of Lincoln. Please submit your cover letter and resume to by December 31, 2018 to marsha-bartek@lincolndiocese.org

Are you in a 12-Step Recovery Program and want to relate the 11th Step to our Catholic Faith? You are invited to join The Calix Society (for those concerned with alcoholism) on Sunday, December 30th at Madonna, 5401 South St., in Ryan Memorial Chapel. Mass is at 5:15 pm, followed by refreshments and discussion. Call Larry at 402-419-9058 with questions.

Marriage Encounter Weekend at Lied Center in Nebraska City, Feb. 15-17 contact Pat Benson 308-940-0670 or Janelle Benson 308-940-1105 or email pbjbben@yahoo.com. Call 30 days ahead to help reserve facility.

The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Friday, 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 for this year, please call the Office of Family Life at 473-0620 before 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 19th. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

