

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

This Week's Mass Intentions		
Monday Dec. 10	8:10 AM	Adrian Blatny+
	12:10 PM	Tillie Buresh Machacek+
	7:00 PM	Maria Ngu Nguyen+
Tuesday Dec. 11	8:10 AM	Jennifer Nguyen+
	12:10 PM	Emilie Osmera+
	7:00 PM	Adrian Blatny+
Wednesday Dec. 12	8:10 AM	Souls in Purgatory
	12:10 PM	Sister Mary Schroer
	7:00 PM	Friends & Family
Thursday Dec. 13	8:10 AM	Jennifer Nguyen
	12:10 PM	Adrian Blatny+
	7:00 PM	Bert McCoy & Children
Friday Dec. 14	8:10 AM	Jadea Welch
	12:10 PM	Souls in Purgatory
	7:00 PM	Adrian Blatny+
Saturday Dec. 15	12:10 PM	Jennifer Nguyen
	4:00 PM	Friends & Family
	8:00 AM	Friends & Family
<b>Sunday Dec. 16</b>	10:00 AM	People of The Parish
	12:30 PM	Lee Miller+
	5:00 PM	Bob & Virgie King+

This Week's Scripture Readings	
Today	Bar 5:1-9; Psa 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-11; Luke 3:1-6
Monday	Isa 35:1-10; Psa 85:9-14; Luke 5:17-26
Tuesday	Isa 40:1-11; Psa 96:1-13; Matt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Rev 11:19-12:10; Judi 13:18-19; Luk 3:1-6
Thursday	Isa 41:13-20; Psa 145:1-13; Matt 11:11-15
Friday	Isa 48:17-19; Psa 1:1-6; Matt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-11; Psa 80:2-19; Matt 17:9-13
Sunday	Zeph 3:14-18; Isa 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

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

Last Week's Church Support: December 2	
Weekly Envelopes	\$11973.97
Loose Plate	\$ 2425.70
Collection Total	\$14399.67

This Week's Activities			
Monday Dec. 10	6:00 pm	Legion Room	Legion of Mary
	7:00 pm	Flynn Hall	N.A.
Tuesday Dec. 11	7:30pm	Flynn Hall	Parish Council
Wednesday Dec. 12	4:30 pm	School	CCD
	5:30 pm	Church	Exposition & Benediction
Thursday Dec. 13	7:30 pm	Church	Choir practice
Saturday Dec. 15	1:00 pm	Flynn Hall	Food Net
Sunday Dec. 16	9:30 am	Church	Rosary
	11:00am	Choir Loft	Christmas Choir Practice
	3:00pm	Flynn Hall	RCIA

Next Week's Serving Schedule: Dec. 15/16		
Saturday 4:00 PM	Acolytes	Dave Bauer, Richard Mallam
	Reader	Pat Walbrecht
Sunday 8:00 AM	Acolytes	Alan Pendleton
	Reader	Rosemary Jones
Sunday 10:00 AM	Acolytes	Randy Ksionzek, Luis Fernandez
	Reader	Mike Neuman
Sunday 12:30 AM	Acolytes	Bill Scheideler, Al Allen
	Reader	Joan Neukirch
Sunday 5:00 PM	Acolyte	Ben Scholz
	Reader	Kadi Lukesh
	EME's	Randy Ksionzek, Steve Daly

**Saint Mary's 2018 Christmas Schedule:**  
Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm  
Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Midnight,  
 7:00 am  
 10:00 am  
 5:00 pm

Christmas Carols by the St. Mary's Choir will begin at 11:30 pm, preceding the Mass at Midnight



### 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. 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Any questions, contact our music director, Jane Plettner-Nielson; either after Mass or you may text/call 402-440-1895.

**Drop and Shop!** If you would like an evening to Christmas shop without your children, this is the event for you! Parents and high school students from St. Mary's school will be providing babysitting services for your children on Friday, Dec. 14 from 5-9p.m. at the school. The fee is \$10 per child for the 1<sup>st</sup> 2 children and \$5 for each additional child. Snacks and drinks will be provided! Please RSVP to the school by Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. 402-476-3987.

### Area News & Events

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House has upcoming weekend retreats of interest to all men and women. Learn more at [goodcounselretreat.com](http://goodcounselretreat.com) or call 402-786-2705. Dec. 14-16, Bishop Conley and Fr. Coulter "The Mysteries of Christmas"

**The Catholic Coffee House** is an adult faith formation series held at Gianna Java and Gelato, 2241 O Street, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The theme for this year is "Navigating the Church Now." The December presentation (December 16) is entitled "Relationship, Transparency and Obedience" by Fr. Sean Kilcawley. This series is oriented towards being in the church in the current climate of scandal. Each session includes prayer, a presentation, and

Q&A. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0619 for questions.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.goodcounselretreat.com) or 402-786-2705.

Mass will be celebrated in Loma at St. Luke's Czech Catholic Shrine on Sunday, December 16, at 4:00. The Ostry family will sing Czech Christmas carols beginning at 3:30.

**Pius X Band Fundraiser** Please join us on Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Raising Cane's on North 48<sup>th</sup> from 5-8pm for a fundraiser for the Pius X Band. Please mention you are with the band so we will receive 15% of the sales. Thanks for always supporting our fundraising efforts for our trip to Nashville!

**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](http://spiritcatholicradio.com) and help us Warm Up Winter!

Prepare the way for the Christ Child to come into your hearts this Christmas! Join Bishop Conley for a special time of family prayer before Christmas, and receive a blessing upon your family and the baby Jesus from your manger scene. In these hectic days before Christmas, we gather for a very kid-friendly Advent Liturgy to quiet our hearts, hear from our shepherd, and receive his blessing. The short liturgy will be followed by a festive cookie reception. Don't forget to bring your gifts of "swaddling clothes" to donate to Birthright for babies in need (new or gently used baby clothes, blankets, lotion, soap, and diaper creams are especially needed). Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 15, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral!

Hope and help for those who hurt because a loved one is no longer a Practicing Catholic. If you feel isolated and believe only a few Catholic families have this problem; are trying to figure out what you did wrong and how to fix it, only to find it gets worse, and others tell you there is nothing to do but accept the situation, come join the Marian Mantle Silent Strength Prayer Group. We meet Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00P.M. in the Lancaster Room at the Madonna Hospital. For more information call Kathy at 402-423-3810 There is a Marian Mantle Meeting at St. Michael's on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> after the 5:30 Mass.

**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](mailto:humanresources@cssisus.org)