

Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

This Weekend's Mass Intentions

Saturday Dec 14	12:10 PM	Casey & Aaron Schultz
	4:00 PM	Gil Trevizo+
Sunday Dec 15	8:00 AM	Stanley & Mildred Masek+
	10:00 AM	Ana Kalin+
	12:30 PM	Andrew Winter
	5:00 PM	People of The Parish

This Week's Mass Intentions

Monday Dec 16	12:10 PM	Lee Miller+
	7:00 PM	Jayden Shum
Tuesday Dec 17	12:10 PM	Jane Wooten+
	7:00 PM	Special Intention
Wednesday Dec 18	12:10 PM	Souls In Purgatory
	7:00 PM	Bud Gray+
Thursday Dec 19	12:10 PM	Anna Nguyen+
	7:00 PM	Bud Gray+
Friday Dec 20	12:10 PM	Lash Drell+
	7:00 PM	Souls In Purgatory
Saturday Dec 21	12:10 PM	Justine Gaul
	4:00 PM	Bud Gray+
Sunday Dec 22	8:00 AM	People of The Parish
	10:00 AM	Cindy Connelly
	12:30 PM	Anna Nguyen+
	5:00 PM	Doris Rowe+

This Week's Scripture Readings

Today	Isa 35:1-10; Psa 146:6-10; James 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11
Monday	Num 24:2-17; Psa 25:4-9; Matt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Gen 49:2-10; Psa 72:1-17; Matt 1:1-17
Wednesday	Jer 23:5-8; Psa 72:1-19; Matt 1:18-25
Thursday	Judges 13:2-25; Psa 71:3-17; Luke 1:5-25
Friday	Isa 7:10-14; Psa 24:1-6; Luke 1:26-38
Saturday	Song 2:8-14; Psa 33:2-21; Luke 1:39-45
Sunday	Isa 7:10-14; Psa 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Matt 1:23

Saint Mary's Prayer List

Dianne Elsen, Louise Kulwicki, Teri Pope-Gonzalez, Zarita Hendrichs, Julie Williamsen, Ernie Polivka, Pat Bartels, Sally Williamsen, Nora Kehr, David Otte, Chan Nguyen, Mary Perkins, Whitney Watson, Jessica Pendleton, Mike Meacham, Christina Powell, Denise Roesler, Dorothy Kalin, Alice Herrera, Alice Ghyra

This Week's Activities

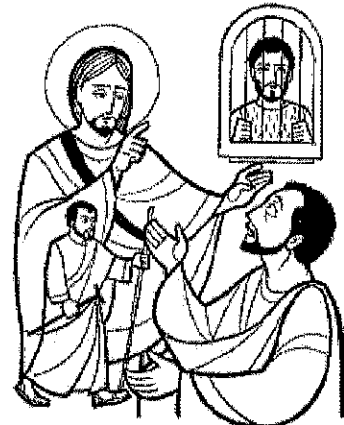
Monday Dec 16	6:00 pm	Legion Room	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	Flynn Hall	N.A.
Tuesday Dec 17	5:30 pm	Church	Adoration & Benediction
Wednesday Dec 18	4:30 pm	School	CCD
	7:00 pm	Flynn Hall	RCIA
Thursday Dec 19	7:30 pm	Choir Loft	Choir
Saturday Dec 21	1:00 pm	Flynn Hall	Food Net
Sunday Dec 22	9:30 am	Church	Rosary
	11:00 am	Church	Practice for Christmas Mass

Next Week Serving Schedule: Dec 21/22

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
	Servers	Marcus Roberts, Raul Lucero, Vincent Werner, Thomas Subiabre
	Reader	Bernice Polivka
Sunday 12:30 AM	Acolytes	Marv Ward, Richard Mallam
	Reader	Joan Neukirch
Sunday 5:00 PM	Acolyte	Tim King
	Reader	Mike Neuman
	EME's	Duane Thoene, Marv Ward

Last Week's Church Support: Dec. 8

Weekly Envelopes	\$8928.07
Loose Plate	\$4493.86
Collection Total	\$13421.93



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 after the 12:10 Mass at 1:00 pm. It usually lasts only an hour but can be done faster with more people present. All supplies are provided. Call Pat at 402-435-5905 if questions.

Love to sing but too busy to commit to a regular weekly choir rehearsal? Consider joining the choir for Christmas Day 10:00 am Mass. We'll rehearse weekly after the 10:00 am Mass, until the 22nd. If you have any questions, contact our Music Director Jane at 402-440-1895 (call or text) or contact Fr. Dietrich at 402-435-2125. Kids and youth are welcome, too!

The Christmas decorating crew is looking for at least two volunteers to help with hanging the garland and wreaths on December 22. Must have some physical dexterity, and mostly, must be comfortable with ladders and with heights. If interested, please see Fr. Dietrich after Mass or at the rectory.

The Christmas morning 10 am Mass will still include the children's procession and participation in certain reading parts. Forms for you to fill out so that your child may be included can be found in the vestibule of the church. We will hold practices after the 10 am and 12:30 pm Masses on Sunday, December 22nd. Any school aged children K-8 are invited to participate, including children who are not members of St. Mary's Church.

Area News & Events

The Catholic Social Services' St. Nicholas Toy Shoppe will be open Wednesday, December 18th from 8:00 AM to 11 AM and Noon-4 PM. Service Point information must be updated prior to the event.

Carole Fest! A Benefit for St. Gianna Women's Homes. Sunday, December 15th, 2:00 PM. Come enjoy area choirs, including **St. Mary's Choir**, perform at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on the UNL campus. Tickets are \$10 per person,

\$25 per family. Call (402) 430-5626 to purchase tickets or visit www.cssisus.org/carolefest2019.

The annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated **Saturday, 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 Family Life Office 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.

We're asking our listeners to bring donations of **new** winter coats, hats, mittens, gloves, socks, boots or any other winter items to donations sites (**Lincoln** – Spirit Catholic Radio Lincoln studios at 630 N. Cotner Blvd., Ste. 101; Catholic Social Services at 2241 O Street) by Dec. 27. Items are needed for men, women and children.

Spiritual Warfare series: A 3-part series will be given by Matt Simmons, Director of Spiritual Formation, on Spiritual Warfare at John XXIII Diocesan Center from 6:30-8:30pm. Ephesians 6:12 "For our struggle is not with flesh and blood but with the principalities, with the powers, with the world rulers of this present darkness, with the evil spirits in the heavens." Series will be January 21, Our Identity in Christ; February 18, Battleground of Our Minds; and March 24, Our Weapons for Spiritual Warfare. The workshop is free and registration is kindly requested. For topic details and to register please visit <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/03oe-spiritual-warfare>. Questions? Call 402-473-0615 or email Annette-Wemhoff@cdolinc.net

Calvary Cemetery has erected our 15 foot Advent Remembrance Tree in the cemetery round-a-bout. Please feel free to stop in the cemetery office to

decorate an ornament in memory of your deceased loved ones for the tree. We will wire them on for you and decorate with the past ornaments from previous years. We will not be holding an Advent Remembrance Tree Lighting Ceremony this year.

Marriage Encounter Weekend in Kearney, Feb. 7-9, 2020. Contact Pat 308-940-0670 or Janelle 308-940-1105. pbjbbn@yahoo.com.

St. Michael Catholic Church is blessed to host a mini-retreat to begin our 75th year as a parish. Dan Burke will lead us **Into the Deep...Finding Peace through Prayer** on Saturday, February 1, 2020 from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Mass will be offered by Bishop James Conley to celebrate our parish's 75th anniversary at 8:00 AM and registration is at 9:00 AM. Lunch will be provided. Address: 715 Creighton Avenue, Hastings, Nebraska 68901. Early bird cost is \$20 until January 1st which includes a gift bag worth \$50 and lunch during the event. January 1st, price is \$25 or \$30 at the door. Reserve your seat today g at <https://avila-institute.org/events>.

The Love and Responsibility continues with a talk on spiritual intimacy between spouses on January 14th at 7 pm at the UNL Newman center. Talks are free and open to anyone, but geared toward married and engaged couples. Come hear Deacon James Keating talk about spousal prayer and its role in building a strong marriage. This talk will also be streamed to David City, Hastings, Nebraska City, and Tecumseh.

"Personal Testimonies on How an Encounter with God Leads to a Mission" The personal testimonies for January and February will now be at Dawson Hall at the John XXIII Building, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The presenters are: January 19, 2020, Bob Sullivan, Attorney and Apologist. February 16, 2020, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0615 for questions.