

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

This Weekend's Mass Intentions		
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 Conelly
	12:30 PM	Anna Nguyen+
	5:00 PM	Doris Rowe+

This Week's Mass Intentions		
Monday Dec 23	12:10 PM	Mary Margaret Winter
	7:00 PM	Jonathon Rowe+
Tuesday Dec 24	12:10 PM	Friends & Family
	4:00 PM	Gina Dunning
Wednesday Dec 25	12:00 AM	Joe Maestas+
	7:00 AM	Karen Welch
	10:00 AM	People of The Parish
	5:00 PM	Rowe Family+
Thursday Dec 26	12:10 PM	Mary & Paul Sand+
	7:00 PM	Rachel Miller
Friday Dec 27	12:10 PM	L. Dee Miller
	7:00 PM	Souls In Purgatory
Saturday Dec 28	12:10 PM	Dain Miller
	4:00 PM	Doris Rowe+
Sunday Dec 29	8:00 AM	Bud Gray+
	10:00 AM	Rowe Family+
	12:30 PM	People of The Parish
	5:00 PM	Harold & Alice Dietrich+

This Week's Scripture Readings	
Today	Isa 7:10-14; Psa 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Matt 1:23
Monday	Mal 3:1-24; Psa 25:4-14; Luke 1:57-66
Tuesday	2 Sam 7:1-16; Psa 89:2-29; Luke 1:67-79
Wednesday	Isa 52:7-10; Psa 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
Thursday	Acts 6:8-59; Psa 31:3-17; Matt 10:17-22
Friday	1 John 1:1-4; Psa 97:1-12; John 20:1-8
Saturday	1 John 1:5-2:2; Psa 124:2-8; Matt 2:13-18
Sunday	Sir 3:2-14; Psa 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Matt 2:13-23

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

## December 22, 2019

This Week's Activities			
Monday Dec 23	6:00 pm	Legion Room	Legion of Mary
	7:30 pm	Flynn Hall	N.A.
Saturday Dec 28	1:00 pm	Flynn Hall	Food Net
Sunday Dec 29	9:30 am	Church	Rosary

Next Week Serving Schedule: Dec 28/29			
Saturday 4:00 PM	Acolytes	Ryan Regnier, John Franssen	
	Reader	Paul Edwards	
Sunday 8:00 AM	Acolytes	Tom Dirkschneider	
	Reader	Pat Walbrecht	
Sunday 10:00 AM	Acolytes	Luis Fernandez, Kevin Aylward	
	Servers	Eddy Ouamba, Bryan Ouamba, Samuel Kwambamba, Vincent Werner	
	Reader	Bernice Polivka	
Sunday 12:30 AM	Acolytes	Marv Ward, Duane Thoene	
	Reader	Steve Daly	
Sunday 5:00 PM	Acolyte	Tim King	
	Reader	Ida Gomes	
	EME's	Al Allen, Paul Edwards	

Last Week's Church Support: Dec. 15	
Weekly Envelopes	\$6202.00
Loose Plate	\$2476.03
Immaculate Conception Envelopes	\$ 780.00
Collection Total	\$9458.03

### Christmas Mass Times:

December 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 pm  
 December 25<sup>th</sup>: Midnight, 7:00 am,  
 10:00 am, and 5:00 pm

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

December 31<sup>st</sup>: 4:00 pm  
 January 1<sup>st</sup>: 8:00am, 12:10 pm, 7:00pm



### 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. 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**End-of-year Giving** Have you given to Saint Mary's Church the support you intended this year? Maybe missed a few weeks of giving because of misplaced envelopes or being on vacation? Or, maybe you are having a better year financially than anticipated, and would like to make a special gift to the church? Christmas is an ideal time to either "catch up" or to make a special gift. ALL of the Christmas collection stays in Saint Mary's Church for operational expenses.

For purposes of recording annual contributions, Saint Mary's "closes the books" at noon on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Donations received before then will be credited to 2019, unless specifically dated for 2020. All envelopes from that point on, even if past-dated, will be credited to 2020, including the collection at the 4 pm Mass on New Year's Eve.

The Christmas morning 10 am Mass will still include the children's procession and participation in certain reading parts. We will hold practices after the 10 am and 12:30 pm Masses on Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated **Saturday, December 28th**. All are invited to attend this Memorial Mass. 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.

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. <https://lincolndiocese.regfox.com/03oe-spiritual-warfare>.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend** in Kearney, Feb. 7-9, 2020. Contact Pat 308-940-0670 or Janelle 308-940-1105. [pbjbbn@yahoo.com](mailto:pbjbbn@yahoo.com).

St. Michael Catholic Church is blessed to host a mini-retreat to begin our 75<sup>th</sup> 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> which includes a gift bag worth \$50 and lunch during the event. January 1<sup>st</sup>, price is \$25 or \$30 at the door. Reserve your seat <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, Neb City, and Tecumseh.

Looking for a unique gift for your child? Try S.T.A.G.E. Theater! **Lil Red and the Cowboy Who Saw the Light** auditions will be held January 31. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4cadae229-lilred2> to register. A schedule of rehearsals and information about this children's musical can be found at [stage4kids.com](http://stage4kids.com) under Participant Page. Designed for students 7-11 years, this fun musical set in the Wild West, will give kids the opportunity to learn song, dance, and dialogue, along with an element of the faith. Performance dates are set for February 29 and March 1. Limited roles, so sign up today.

"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 John XXIII Building, 3700 Sheridan Blvd, Lincoln, NE from 7-8:30pm. The presenters are: January 19, 2020, Bob Sullivan, Attorney and Apologist; and February 16, 2020, Diane Reiber, Artist/Author. There is no fee or registration. Please call 402-473-0615 for questions.

S.T.A.G.E. Student Theater presents *The Good, The Bad, and The Fuzzy* January 17, 24, 25 at 7pm and Jan. 19, 26 at 2pm at St. Teresa's Kaczmarek Hall, 36th and Randolph Streets. This humorous *Musical Melodrama* will take you back to the Wild West, where right is right, and wrong is wrong...that is, until A.M. Biguous comes to town with her book, *Gray Matters*. Then relativism is on the loose and turns the town inside out. Fun for the entire family...where you can boo, hiss, and even throw popcorn! A 2-hour show with intermission. Tickets are \$8 student, \$10 Adult (*Family-group discount available online only*) and go on sale January 1 at [stage4kids.com](http://stage4kids.com). Choose your own seat and reserve today! Limited walk-in tickets at the door.