



**DECEMBER 25, 2011
NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)**



MASS INTENTIONS:

Monday

6:30 A.M. For Dennis & Maureen Carpenter
8:20 A.M. Lillian O'Grady +
5:30 P.M. For Priests of Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday

6:30 A.M. Tim Kopschke +
8:20 A.M. Helen McGarty +
5:30 P.M. All Souls +

Wednesday

6:30 A.M. For Emily Joann Johnson
8:20 A.M. All Souls +
7:15 P.M. For the Parish

Thursday

6:30 A.M. Maria Lap Doan +
8:20 A.M. Bob Harter +
5:30 P.M. All Souls +

Friday

6:30 A.M. Cecilia Luu +
8:20 A.M. For Robert Rokke
5:30 P.M. All Souls +

Saturday

8:30 A.M. Charleen Meehan +
5:30 P.M. Albert Montanez +

Sunday

8:30 A.M. For Fr. Kelly
10:00 A.M. For Donald Smith
11:30 A.M. For the Parish

PARISH NEWS

DATES & EVENTS:

**~ A New Parish Directory ~
Book Your Photo Session Now!**

We are publishing a new parish directory. The photographer, Midwest School Services, will be at Blessed Sacrament on December 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and January 3rd, to take pictures. Parishioners can schedule their photo session themselves online through our parish website <http://blessedsacramentlincoln.com>. If you would prefer, you can have an appointment scheduled for you after Mass in the gym or you can call Jennifer Nottlemann to schedule your appointment over the phone.

All parishioners that participate will receive a copy of the parish directory free of charge.

Special arrangements are available for the photographer to go to the homes of our Shut-ins to take their pictures. To make these arrangements, please call Jennifer Nottlemann.

For any parishioner that cannot make an appointment during any of the scheduled sessions, they may submit their own picture no later than January 3, 2012.

Appointment dates and times are:

Tuesday, Dec. 27th	10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Wednesday, Dec. 28th	10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Thursday, Dec. 29th	10:00 am – 7:00 pm
Friday, Dec. 30th	2:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, Jan. 3rd	10:00 am – 7:00 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Nottlemann at 402-499-4019.

Parish Organization Photos Needed! We would like to include pictures from our parish organizations in our new parish directory. If you

SERVERS

Sat. Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m.: Max Baker, Jose Barrios, Jacob Dimmitt, Chris Hernandez

Sun. Jan. 1, 8:30 a.m.: Jacen Reeb, Carson, Chase, & Clayton Stewart

10:00 a.m.: Andrew Hatch, Isaac Phillips, Ethan Reifert, Wyatt Scott

11:30 a.m.: Matthew Bartek, Jon Blake, Colt & Wyatt Morrison

would like your organization included, please contact Jennifer Nottlemann at 402-499-4019 or tomjennifer@hotmail.com

DECEMBER 30, 2011, Those who wish to receive a tax deduction for charitable contributions to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in 2011 must have their donation to the rectory by **4:00 p.m.** Friday, December 30, 2011. Statements on contributions will be mailed to you in January of 2012.

Blood Drive: The Knights of Columbus Council 11001, is holding a blood drive through the end of the year. During this time of year blood supplies run extremely low. What better gift can be given than the gift of life? Please consider donating by contacting the Community Blood Bank at 402-486-9414 or at www.ncbb.org. Please fill out a "Count Me In" card when you donate. Family, friends, fellow parishioners, and neighbors are all welcome!

Attention Business Owners!

Jessi Sallenbach, will be working on setting up the advertising sponsorships for our bulletin January 3rd-5th. Please consider advertising in our bulletin. Advertisements can be purchased for a business, family, or a sponsor ad can be purchased supporting community service organizations like emergency pregnancy counseling or the battered women's shelter, etc. We need and appreciate your help. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Jessi at the church office at 402-474-4249 Monday thru Thursday, or anytime at 402-850-4950. You may also email her at jsallenbach@4lpi.com.

Funeral Dinners: Please be advised that the funeral dinner calling group needs to have cell phone numbers of those ladies who no longer use land line phones; so please register your cell phone with the parish secretary. **NOTE ALSO** that when we call for food donations or for workers we need an immediate response. It is not feasible for us to leave a message on your answering service. Thank you for your co-operation.

JANUARY 8, 2012, Baptism Instruction Class will be held January 8th instead of January 1st, at 6:30 p.m. in the school meeting room. No pre-registration is necessary.

JANUARY 2012 USHERS

Saturday, 5:30 p.m.: Paul Dion, Merlin Hammond, Mike Montanez

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.: Douglas Tvrdy, Terry Keck, Kevin Ostdiek, Lyle Schueth

10:00 a.m.: John Larson, Mark Tvrdy, Daryl Ramaekers

11:30 a.m.: Tim Sullivan, Josh DeBoer, Dick Johnson, Chad Avers

The St. Vincent de Paul Society submitted its 2010-2011 annual report. We need to thank the Blessed Sacrament parishioners, who donated \$270 from the Poor Box and \$1,400.00 from the Ash Wednesday collection, as well as \$55.00 in the other donations and two generous gifts from the Knights of Columbus. The Society members helped at least 48 families with 155 family members making a home visit to each one and supplying rent and utilities help, food, furniture, car gas and repair, clothing and household and baby items as needed. We would appreciate any help you can give us in our work. The Poor Box is in a doorway under the staircase in the back of the church and is open at all times.

Welcome to our New Parishioners:

Carol Woodard, Michael Rotert, Jason & Jennie Korth, Michael Bruns

Congratulations to our Newly Baptized:

Kaelynn Litchfield

Greeters/Gift Bearers for

DECEMBER 31, 2011-JANUARY 1, 2012

Saturday, 5:30 ~ BJ & Lori Wilson

Sunday, 8:30 ~ Marcia Scott (Greeter), Ron & Roni Miller (Gift Bearers)

10:00 ~ Craig & Laura Meysenburg

11:30 ~ Bob & Paula Svoboda

Please find a sub if you are unable to come at your appointed time.



Introduction to Blessed Sacrament's "Table for Ten" Event Saturday, February 11, 2012 Lincoln Country Club

What is "Table for Ten?"

The "Table for Ten" event is an elegant evening of fellowship, dinner, and dancing for the purpose of coming together as a parish community to raise funds for the Blessed Sacrament School Endowment Fund. The event is held once a year in February at the Lincoln Country Club. The evening begins at 6:00 PM with Social Hour, followed by 7:00 PM Dinner, and dancing from 8:30-Midnight. If you have never attended this parish event, we encourage you to join us in 2012. Past attendees, we need your help in inviting someone who has never attended before.

Will I know anyone? You will see many familiar faces and people you know from the parish. You will also meet new people as well.

What is the cost to attend? The cost is \$75 per person which includes appetizers, dinner, dessert, dancing, and a donation towards the Blessed Sacrament School Endowment Fund. A reservation to attend Table for Ten would be a great Christmas gift or a nice way to celebrate Valentine's day.

What's the significance of the name? Attendees sit at tables seated for 10 people. Seating arrangements are made based on your preferences. If you know others who are attending, you can sit together as a group. However, you do not need to have a group to attend. Individual attendees and couples are assigned to tables where there are open seats. Additionally, each year the event has a theme. The table hosts help with providing table decorations in conjunction with the theme. The theme for 2012 is God Bless America. Each table will be decorated representing the state selected by the table host.

Where do I purchase my ticket or sign up? Paper tickets are not printed for this event; rather reservations are made by contacting Deb Cabela at 402-423-4000 or via email at dcabela@lps.org.

What is appropriate attire for the event? Attendees are encouraged to wear whatever they feel comfortable in, some dress in wedding attire, others dress in business casual, and the creative folks dress up to match the theme of their table.

We hope after reading this you think, "Wow, this sounds like a fun night, I/we should attend!" Watch the bulletin for additional information about the event. If you have any questions feel free to contact the event chair Lori Wilson at 402-420-0679 or 402-770-2663 or any of the planning team members. Team members are Deb Cabela, Ann Kirby, Dan Mulligan, Liz Ring Carlson, Kim Tucker and Angela Davenport. We hope you join us for the 2012 event!

YOUTH & SCHOOL NEWS

JANUARY 2 & 5, 2012, The First Thunderbolt Wrestling Club practices for all wrestlers including first year wrestlers will be January 2nd, and 5th, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Pius X Wrestling Room. Mondays and Thursdays, practice times will stay the same until February. Club goes till the end of March. If you have any questions, please email twc@bccine.com or go to our website <http://www.thunderboltwrestling.info>.

JANUARY 4, 2012: Classes resume.

JANUARY 5, 2012, Baby Shower for Jesus.

Pro Life T-Shirts: The Blessed Sacrament junior high is selling short sleeved Pro Life t-shirts for two reasons: the first to spread the message of life for the unborn and secondly to help support the St Gianna Home run by the Marian Sisters. The Gianna Home is a place where mothers and young children stay when they have no other place to stay. The shirts are \$10 and \$2.50 of each shirt will go to support St. Gianna's. The last day to purchase shirts will be January 13th. If checks are written you may make them out to Blessed Sacrament. Order forms can be found on the website.

JANUARY 14, 2012, Mount Michael Benedictine School Scholarship/Entrance Exam: Mount Michael Benedictine School, an all-male college preparatory school in Elkhorn, Nebraska, will be having its 8th Grade Scholarship Entrance Exam at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2012 and its 6th & 7th Grade Practice Exam at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday January 21, 2012. For more information, or to register your son, please contact, Mr. Eric Crawford at (402) 253-0946, or email ecrawford@mountmichael.org, or visit www.mountmichael.com.



Pray the Rosary Every Day

SUPPORT GROUPS & EDUCATION

DECEMBER 27, 2011, The Marian Mantle Silent Strength Prayer Group will meet Tuesday, December 27th, at the Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital at 3:00 p.m. in the Flanagan Room. We recite the Divine Mercy Chaplet and pray the Rosary, in honor of Our Lady of Sorrows, and other prayers for the return of prodigal children to the church. The meeting is one hour with Mass at 4:00 p.m., in the Chapel, for those who wish to attend. If you have questions call Kathy at 402-423-3810.

JANUARY 5 & 17, 2012, Natural Family Planning Creighton Model Introductory Sessions Thursday, January 5th, and Tuesday, January 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. For more information call 402-488-2040.

FEBRUARY 17-19, 2012, Married Singles Lifestyle –The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the February program beginning with a weekend on February 17-19, 2012 call 1-888-317-5654 or www.retrouvaille.org on the web.

You do not have to suffer any longer from the effects of abortion. **PROJECT RACHEL** provides spiritual and psychological healing and hope. Call 489-2249 for a referral for private, sensitive and confidential counseling and/or reconciliation. More information is available online at www.hopeafterabortion.com

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT



**JANUARY 20-22, 2012,
Save the Date!**

The Light of the World Retreat:

Sometimes insignificant annoyances can actually reveal a small glimpse of where we might be in our own faith journey. Take for instance a pair of socks that just never seem to stay up. You can pull them on and feel how close fitting and secure they are. But over time those socks begin to slowly wiggle their way down, a little bit at a time. Then, the force of gravity steps in to further aid their decent until at some point we reach down to pull them up or we hold out until they end up being bunched up at our ankles. Comparing a journey of faith to a pair of socks admittedly sounds unusual but the challenges in our lives can seem to pull us away from our relationship with Christ. We may question just what our purpose is, if Christ is really present in our lives and we face the obstacles of sin that can pull us down, away from our relationship with Christ even further.

For me personally, the Light of the World Retreats have been that gentle, loving upward pull needed to renew and strengthen my relationship with Christ. The retreats I have attended have reaffirmed that our Lord is ever present, ever near, that he is loving and merciful and all we have to do is be willing to reach out to him and he will pull us up the rest of the way. I have been greatly inspired by the retreats and have

gained a greater knowledge of my faith.

I hope you will prayerfully consider beginning the New Year by attending the Light of the World Retreat and be ready to be renewed and inspired in your own faith journey. Sheri King

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, the Lord is longing for you-inviting you-waiting for you. This retreat is for you! For more information or to register call Sharon at 402-477-0783 you may also register online at blessedsacramentlincoln.com.

Retreats at Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House: God gives us all so very much. Could you give Him one weekend out of the year?

January

13-15: Fr. James Meysenburg...Women

20-22: Fr. Thomas Lux...(LDCCW)

Call Fran Mickelson, 402-420-9789 or Al Zack at the Retreat House at 402-786-2705.

Perpetual Adoration

Come, let us adore Him - not only at Christmas, but throughout the coming year.

Open Hours: Sun: 2 a.m. 3 a.m. 5 a.m. 12 midnight;
Mon: 2 a.m. 3 a.m.; Tues: 2 a.m. 3 a.m.; Wed: 1 a.m.; Thurs: 1 a.m. 2 a.m.; Fri: 1 a.m. 3 a.m. (twice a month), 4 a.m. 6 p.m. (three times a month), 7 p.m. 11 p.m. 12 midnight (twice a month); Sat: 9 p.m.

Call (402) 423-1949 or 423-6844 for an hour, a shared hour or to sub.

The Living Rosary: As a member of the Living Rosary you will pray the rosary better once you learn to exercise your mind and heart as nimbly as your lips and fingers. As the Bible tells us, "Reason must be the beginning of every activity, reflection must come before any undertaking."-Eccl. 37:16. Do this and you will never get tired of the mystery assigned to you for these intentions: that those who have never had the faith may receive it and that those who have abandoned it may return to the faith. Try it and you will discover new meaning every day. Call Jan at 402-438-2506 to become a member.

The Traveling Madonna: The Legion of Mary is pleased to make available to you a Fatima Statue, which you can have in your home for a week or two. We know that devotion to Mary will bring us closer to her Son. If you or family members are ill or you have problems of any kind, who is better to turn to than the Mother of Jesus. Please call Betty at (402) 423-6236 to make arrangements to have the Fatima statue in your home.

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Line: Call Lynn at 402-477-6252 to have parish prayer line members intercede for your intentions.

ADDITIONAL NEWS

DECEMBER 24, 2011-JANUARY 10, 2012, "Christ in Christmas" Cristo Rey Catholic Church, 4221 J Street, Lincoln. Schedule to visit the Nativity scene every day of the week from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. until January 10th. For a guided group presentation call the office 402-488-5087.

DECEMBER 28, 2011, A Mass in Honor of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 28th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Blessed John XXIII Chapel, 37th and Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln. Those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death are invited to attend this special Memorial Mass. If you would like your child's name to be remembered, please call the Family Life Office at 402-488-2040. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

JANUARY 7, 2012, Red Mass: The Catholic Lawyers Guild invites all attorneys, law students, law enforcement, and government officials and their families to join Bishop Bruskewitz in the celebration of the annual Red Mass on Saturday, January 7th, at Blessed John XXIII Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. A complimentary breakfast will follow Mass. Legal education seminars will also be given for MCLE credit afterwards. A twenty dollar fee is requested for those seeking MCLE credit. Please RSVP by January 6th, to catholiclawyersguild@gmail.com.

JANUARY 8, 2012, Catholicism: DVD Series: Please invite your Catholic and non-Catholic friends and family members to view eight one-hour presentations on various aspects of the Catholic Faith. The series will be held on Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:30 p.m., beginning January 8th, at *The Falls* Reception Center, 5925 Adams St., Lincoln. A Q&A period will follow each viewing. Refreshments will be provided and the sessions are free. To reserve seats, call the Office for Evangelization, 402-488-2040, or write to: evangelization@cdolinc.net. More details, such as session topics, can be found at: <http://fb.me/vkPLqY>.

Employment Opportunity: The Education Technology office for the Diocese of Lincoln has a job opening for a college student. This Student-intern position will prepare equipment for deployment to the schools, including assembly, disassembly, configuration and maintenance of various hardware components, as well as installation and configuration of software. Applicants must be full time college students with some knowledge of computer hardware and able to work 15-30 hours a week. Send a letter of intent and resume to jobs@cdolinc.net.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP

Regular Collection (December 18, 2011)

Envelopes	\$ 10,787.00
Children's	5.55
Plate	368.12
Online Giving	4,246.50
Total Stewardship:	\$ 15,407.17

