



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

FROM THE PASTOR

DEC. 5 THRU DEC. 11

Mon.	Richard Novotny +	8:00 a.m.
Tuesday	Rich VanTassell +	6:45 a.m.
Wed.	Loretta DeMarco +	6:45 a.m.
Wed.	People of St. Joseph	6:15 p.m.
Thur.	Paul & Mary Wenzl +	6:45 a.m.
Thur.	Priest's Intention	7:00 p.m.
Friday	John Cronican	6:45 a.m.
Saturday	Steven Kotlarz +	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	People of St. Joseph	9:00 a.m.



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the sick: Sally Leyden, Jerry Martin, Wes Erhart, Marjorie Bauman, Frank Riha, Margaret Wilson, Paul Nitsick, Dennis Folkers

Please let us know if a person needs to be removed from our Prayer List.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., Dec. 4, Live Nativity
 Tues., Dec. 6, WRAP, 5:30 p.m.
 Wed., Dec. 7, Adoration, All Day
 Wed., Dec. 7, RE, 6:15 p.m.
 Thurs., Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception



SATURDAY, DEC. 10 5:00 P.M.

EMHC: Julie Masters
 Lectors: Jim Amerine-Lin Kulm
 Deacon: Dave Krueger
 Greeters: Sharon VanTassell-Steve Murphy
 Singers: St. Columbkille-Candy Connery

SUNDAY DEC. 11, 9:00 A.M.

EMHC: Shelly Cacka
 Lectors: Jeff Needels-Lisa Dierking
 Deacon: Terry Ficencen
 Servers: Sciba Boys
 Greeters: Dan Schram-Rod Jeck
 Singers: Junior Choir—Candy Connery

This Thursday is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is our national feast day. Please note the special Mass times in this bulletin for this holy day of obligation. This is the day when we call to mind that God created Mary to be the mother of His Son, and so she was specially prepared and preserved from all sin from the moment of her conception. She is, to use the words of Elizabeth, "full of grace". This is why she is called by various titles, such as "ark of the covenant", "cause of our joy", "house of Gold", "bearer of God", etc. This also starts the clock, so to speak, since we celebrate her birth on 8 September of next year, nine months from now.

Thanks to everyone who is helping this weekend with the living nativity!

Have a great week!

Father Scott



OFFERING

Weekend of Nov. 27, 2022

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 6643.00
Building Fund	\$ 130.00
All Saints	\$ 25.00
Christmas	\$ 25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 5.00

RCIA for CATHOLICS!

We have grown from 7 who signed up to 19. Five are converts, one who left for years and came back and the rest were born and raised as Catholics. Each Session "stands on its own". Feel free to attend any or all of them if they peak your interest. The Sessions schedule is posted on the entry sidelight. We meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month after the 9 AM Mass. Our next session is November 27th. They typically run from 10:15 to 11:15/30. Coffee is available. Consider this an Open Invitation to "COME AND SEE".

Hope to see you soon. Deacon Terry

Deacon Terry

GUESS WHAT?

The best way to get a front row seat on Christmas Eve? Join the Jr. Choir for this mass! The only requirements are to be in at least grade 2 and to attend our practice at 5:30 on Dec. 14. Questions? Call Candy Connery 402-661-4214.

**COCOA, COOKIES & CAROLING**

Join us on December 17 at 6 p.m. to take a hayride through Springfield and sing some carols to some of our parishioners! We will have cocoa and cookies to help keep your Christmas Spirit up. Bundle up and bring some blankets as we serenade the town of Springfield! Questions contact Ann Kavanaugh 402-679-0659

ADVENT WRAP

The parish is holding an Advent WRAP Series during the four weeks of Advent. Everyone is invited to attend all or part of the four nights. Each week we will read Scripture on the events surrounding Jesus' birth and reflect and share within small groups. Advent WRAP will be the Tuesdays of Nov. 29th, Dec. 6th, 13th, and 20th from 5:30-7:00pm in the church social hall. We will share a potluck dinner from 5:30-6:00pm and then work in WRAP small groups from 6:00-7:00pm. If you are interested in attending, or have questions, please call/text Julie Richards at 402-881-2407. She will create a text group of participants. This is a great way to focus on Christmas scripture as well as share your faith (and food) with your parish! Hope to see you there !

PRAYER REQUESTS**FROM THE MOUTHS OF KIDS**

Holy spirit, Pray for are comitty andpray for no one gets hurt and that everyone stays safe.
Amen.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will have its annual food drive Sunday after the 9 a.m. Mass.

We will go door-to-door in Springfield and Westmont. I also would like to include Louisville, if we have enough volunteers.

We will meet in the Social Hall after Mass Sunday morning, collect food for 90 minutes, then return to the Social Hall for a pizza lunch at noon.

Parishioners are encouraged to leave non-perishable items at their front door Sunday morning. Volunteers will collect the items.

Please let me know if you can assist and spread the word via word of mouth, email and social media.

3RD ANNUAL HEART OF A CHILD MINISTRIES**CHRISTMAS FINE ARTS SHOW AND SALE**

St. Wenceslaus Parish Narthex
15353 Pacific St., Omaha, Ne

Saturday, December 10, After 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday, December 11, 8 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Purchase beautiful Christmas gifts and support the Heart of a Child Ministries' Mission of changing the heart of the child. Proceeds help support live ultrasound education,.

**ANNIVERSARY RETREAT**

Join the Holy Family Shrine as it offers its 20th Anniversary Retreat! Saturday, December 10th, 8:30 AM-4PM. Featuring a variety of speakers sharing their story of how the Holy Spirit called them to their vocation. Feel the Holy Spirit call you! Space is limited. Register today!

The Ladies' Guild is sponsoring their annual Giving Tree project this Christmas season to benefit families in our area. The tree will be displayed in our church lobby from now until December 16th. You will have 2 ways to participate. We will send a Signup Genius out to all parishioners as well as have a paper ornament system.

Instructions for the paper ornament system: Select a 2-part ornament off the tree located in the vestibule. Take the top with the description for yourself and return this copy attached to the gift. Put your name on the bottom copy and put in box located near the tree. This assures us that someone has that ornament. After you have purchased your item, securely attach the top copy of the ornament that you took with you and return the unwrapped gift to the church and place it under the tree by **Friday, December 16th**. It is very important that you do not wrap the gift.

Instructions for the Sign-up Genius: Select your gift item leaving your name and phone number. Attach a note to your unwrapped gift with your name and a brief description of the gift that was listed on the SUG and place under the tree by **Friday, December 16th**. It is very important that you do not wrap the gift.

The SUG link is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AD29A1FA7-stjosephs2>

We will add ornaments daily in both places, so please re-visit the tree or SUG at a later time if you wish to donate more. We will collect items daily in order to prepare them for the wrapping party on Sunday, December 18th, at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to help wrap.

If you would rather give a cash donation, we will shop for you. You can contact Angie Carlson (402)253-2506 or Lois Dalton (402)679-2189 and we will make arrangements with you.

Please consider this project for your charitable contributions. We have made a difference with our compassion for so many people over the years and they are forever grateful.

Thank you for supporting our mission.