

Saint Wenceslaus Catholic Church

501 North Wilson

Wilber, Nebraska

Masses: Saturday 6:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Confessions: Saturday 5:30-5:45 p.m. Sunday 7:30-7:45 a.m. (Anytime by appointment)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

511 North Elm

Tobias, Nebraska

Mass: Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Confessions: Sunday 9:30-9:45 a.m.

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Christ the King Sunday

November 25, 2018

This week's Mass Schedule & Intentions:

Monday	November 26	7:00 am	Special Intention of E. Parde
Tuesday	November 27	7:00 am	Velda Coffey
Wednesday	November 28	7:00 am	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	November 29	7:00 am	+Jack Heckman
Friday	November 30	7:00 am	+Deceased Aunts & Uncles of J & M Safford
Saturday	December 01	6:00 p.m.	+Dich & Bert Kalkwarf
Sunday	December 02	8:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners of St. Wenceslaus & St. Joseph
		10:00 a.m. (Tobias)	+Robert Oliver

Liturgical Minister Schedules

ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH

**denotes Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation*

	Saturday December 1 6:00 p.m.	Sunday December 2 8:00 a.m.	*Friday *December 7 *5:00 p.m.	*Saturday *December 8 *8:00 a.m.	Saturday December 8 6:00 p.m.	Sunday December 9 8:00 a.m.
Acolyte	J. Cox	K. Kiesel	G. Chmelir	K. Kiesel	G. Chmelir	G. Baumann
Reader	R. Kozeal	R. Pryor	M. Keller	E. Parde	A. Brozovsky	L. Baumann
Servers	G. Eschiti C. Radcliff	K. Kiesel T. Moldenhauer	Volunteers	Volunteers	Ga. Vlcan Gr. Vlcan	C. Radcliff E. Orozco
Thurifer		T. Morrissey				
Greeters	J & B Vales	B & J Florian	K & L Muller	S & J Thelen	R & P Kozeal	K & B Kreshel
Organist	J. Vrbka	M. Pryor	L. Hajek	J. Vrbka	M. Pryor	L. Hajek
Cantor	J. Kalkwarf	S. Thelen	R Kozeal	J. Kalkwarf	L. Maly	E. Parde

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

	Sunday December 2 10:00 a.m.	*Friday *December 7 *7:00 p.m.	Sunday December 9 10:00 a.m.
Reader	P. Nolte	G. Baxa	P. Nolte
Server	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Organist/Cantor	J. Rada	J. Rada	J. Rada
Giftbearers	D & S Crays	L. Rohr	P. Bartels

Offerings from November 18

	St. Wenceslaus	St. Joseph
Adults:	\$1015.00	\$670.00
ACH:	\$85.00	
Plate:	\$41.00	\$5.00
TOTALS:	\$1141.00	\$675.00

St. Gianna's Art and Gift Gallery. Are you looking for interesting Christmas gifts? Come support your local artists and a great cause while you get your Christmas shopping done. Artists will display and sell their unique collection of Christian artwork and gifts on Friday, December 7, from 6 - 9 p.m. and Saturday, December 8, from 9 am - 6 pm in the Guadalupe Center by Gianna's Java & Gelato, 2241 O Street in Lincoln. 15% of all proceeds will be donated to benefit St. Gianna's Women's Homes in Lincoln.

"Walking with Mary & Joseph to Bethlehem"--Two Advent Reflections will be offered at St. Wenceslaus Church on Sunday, December 2 and December 9 during a Holy Hour with Exposition beginning at 2 PM and ending with the Divine Mercy chaplet and benediction at approximately 3 PM. The first reflection will host Joseph as our guide, while the second week will host Mary as our guide. Allow "inner peace" a bigger share of your lives through a greater self-awareness and the examples of the Holy Parents of Jesus. Open to anyone to attend.

Laugh for the Week: Two guys are walking through a game park & they come across a lion that has not eaten for days. The lion starts chasing the two men. They run as fast as they can and the one guy starts getting tired and decides to say a prayer, "Please turn this lion into a Christian, Lord." He looks to see if the lion is still chasing them and he sees the lion on its knees. Happy to see his prayer answered, he turns around and heads towards the lion. As he comes closer to the lion, he hears the lion saying a prayer: "Bless us o Lord for these gifts which we are about to receive...."

Thank you to all who are meeting or completed their pledges to Joy of the Gospel! Rebates for Period 15 (July 18-September 18) were issued to St. Wenceslaus for \$4105 and St. Joseph for \$452.40.

Coffee and Rolls at St. Wenceslaus Church will be held after Mass on the following Sundays for the remainder of the year: November 25, December 9 and December 23. All are invited and welcome!

Does your daily schedule allow you to join us for Mass on any or all weekdays? Entering a deeper relationship with the Holy Eucharist may be the spiritual growth to which God is calling you!

Beginning the first weekend of December, all Masses for the season of Advent will be celebrated Ad Orientem (Priest facing with the people to the altar) in both parishes.

Update on the Bishop's Appeal for Vocations: St. Wenceslaus has reached **125%** of its commitment (\$2700) and St. Joseph has reached **67%** of its commitment (\$820). Thank you to all who have turned in a pledge to this point. Please help us achieve or add to the total by joining your fellow parishioners in support of future priests!

Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House has up-coming weekend retreats of interest to all men and women. November 30-December 2, Deacon James Keating "Marriage and Intimacy" Couples' Retreat December 14-16— Bishop Conley and Fr. Coulter, "The Mysteries of Christmas." Info at goodcounselretreat.com or call 402-786-2705

The Annual Mass of the Holy Innocents will be celebrated on Friday, 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 the names will begin at 6:30 pm with Mass at 7:00 pm at John XXII Diocesan Center Chapel, 3700 Sheridan Blvd. If you would like your child's name to be remembered and placed on the banner for this year, please call the Office of Family Life at 402-473-0620 before 5:00 pm on December 19. If you placed your child's name previously, it will remain on the list.

Reporting Child Abuse or Neglect--Nebraska law requires all suspicions of child abuse or neglect to be reported to law enforcement or DHHS (Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-652-1999). Reporting Misconduct--Notify the Diocese of Lincoln of any misconduct involving diocesan personnel by calling the misconduct hotline: 1-844-527-0596 (English and Spanish). If any person has any questions, information, or allegations regarding boundary violations or abuse committed by any Diocesan personnel, you may also contact our Victim's assistant Coordinator at 402-613-2488.

Clip and Save: Masses for the following Holy Days of obligation will be: Immaculate Conception: Vigil Friday December 7 at Wilber 5 PM at Tobias 7 PM On Day Saturday December 8 at Wilber 8 AM Christmas: Vigil Monday December 24 at Wilber 4 PM at Tobias 6 PM On Day Tuesday December 25 at Wilber Midnight at Wilber 10 AM Solemnity of Mary: Vigil Monday December 31 at Wilber 4 PM at Tobias 6 PM On Day January 1 at Wilber 9 AM

CHRIST SPOKE of the talents each one of us has, talents that must not be buried. Our calling is to take those talents, develop them fully, and then use them in establishing His kingdom on earth. Are you using your talents to fulfill your vocation to service? Take some time today to reflect on how you might use your special talents in the service of the Kingdom.

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also may wear rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. This often marks the weekend when churches start decorating the sanctuary. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

From Father's desk,

At the entrance of most churches fonts of Holy Water are placed. An article from Straight Answers elaborates. "This placement and usage corresponds to Old Testament Jewish practices of purification: The Book of Leviticus prescribed various ritual purifications using water to remove the "uncleanness" associated, for instance, with coming into contact with a dead body, menstruation, childbirth, or leprosy (cf. Leviticus 12-15). A person also purified himself with water before entering the Temple precincts, offering prayer and sacrifice, and eating. For this reason, in the Courtyard of the Priests (the area before the actual Temple building) was the Laver, an immense bronze basin filled with water. Here the priests purified their hands and feet before offering sacrifices at the nearby altar, bathed before entering the Temple itself, and also drew water for other purifications prescribed in Jewish rituals. We have fonts filled with Holy Water for blessings for three reasons: as a sign of repentance of sin, for protection from evil, and as a reminder of our Baptism. The repentance of sin symbolized in the washing with water is reflected in Psalm 50: "Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. Cleanse me of sin with hyssop that I may be purified; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow" (3-4, 9). (Hyssop is a small bush used for sprinkling water). These actions have been incorporated into our own Mass. In the Penitential Rite, one of the options is the Asperges, which includes the Rite of Blessing and Sprinkling with Holy Water. Second, the Holy Water protects us against evil. In the prayer of blessing of water in the Sacramentary, we read: "Lord, God Almighty, creator of all life, of body and soul, we ask you to bless this water: as we use it in faith forgive our sins and save us from all illness and the power of evil. Lord, in your mercy give us living water, always springing up as a fountain of salvation; free us, body and soul, from every danger, and admit us to your presence in purity of heart." Finally, Holy Water reminds us of our Baptism, when by the invocation of the Holy Trinity and the pouring of Holy Water, we were set free from Original Sin and all sin, infused with sanctifying grace, incorporated into the Church, and given the title Son or Daughter of God. In making the sign of the cross with the Holy Water, we are mindful that we are called to renew those baptismal promises of rejecting Satan, all His works, and all his empty promises, and to profess our creedal faith. Once again, we repent of sin, so that we can offer our prayers and worship to God with pure and contrite hearts. Just as water and blood flowed from the Sacred Heart of our Lord as He hung upon the cross—signifying the great sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist, the taking of Holy Water and making the sign of the cross remind us of our Baptism in preparation for the reception of the Holy Eucharist. " Everyone is encouraged to take Holy Water to their own homes to fill a family font for daily blessing. Wouldn't it be wonderful to see at the doorway of every home such a font to give quiet witness to the power and beauty of our faith!

God Bless,

Fr. Rand