

## 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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Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

### **This week's Mass Schedule & Intentions:**

Monday	December 17	7:00 am	+Dora Creel
Tuesday	December 18	7:00 am	+Deceased Members of K of C
		8:45 am (WCC)	+Deceased Priests of our diocese
Wednesday	December 19	7:00 am	+Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	December 20	7:00 am	+ Deceased Friends of <i>J &amp; M Safford</i>
		9:00 am (Tobias)	+Robert Oliver
Friday	December 21	7:00 am	Special Intention of <i>E. Parde</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 22</b>	<b>6:00 pm.</b>	+Don Rehm and Dorothy Rehm
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 23</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	For the Parishioners of St. Wenceslaus & St Joseph
		<b>10:00 a.m. (Tobias)</b>	+Seth McKay

### **Liturgical Minister Schedules**

#### **ST. WENCESLAUS CHURCH**

*\*denotes the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas), a Holy Day of Obligation*

	Saturday December 22 6:00 p.m.	Sunday December 23 8:00 a.m.	*Monday *December 24 *4:00 p.m.	*Tuesday *December 25 *Midnight	*Tuesday *December 25 *10:00 a.m.	Saturday December 29 6:00 p.m.	Sunday December 30 8:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>	G. Chmelir	G. Baumann	J. Cox	K. Kiesel	G. Chmelir	J. Cox	G. Baumann
<b>Reader</b>	R. Kozeal	E. Parde	R. Pryor	A. Brozovsky	L. Baumann	M. Keller	K. Muller
<b>Servers</b>	Ga. Vlcan Gr. Vlcan	C. Radcliff K. Kiesel	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Thurifer</b>			J. Cox	K. Kiesel	T. Morrissey		
<b>Greeters</b>	T & B Watson	S & J Thelen	K & L Muller	R & P Kozeal	K & B Kreshel	D & C Kalkwarf	B & J Florian
<b>Organist</b>	J. Vrbka	L. Hajek	M. Pryor	L. Hajek	J. Vrbka	M. Pryor	L. Hajek
<b>Cantor</b>	J. Vrbka	L. Maly	Choir	Choir	Choir	R. Kozeal	Sa. Thelen

#### **ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

	Sunday December 23 10:00 a.m.	*Monday *December 24 *6:00 p.m.	Sunday December 30 6:00 p.m.
<b>Reader</b>	P. Nolte	G. Baxa	P. Nolte
<b>Server</b>	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
<b>Organist/Cantor</b>	J. Rada	J. Rada	J. Rada
<b>Giftbearers</b>	T&D Schelbitzki	D. Henkel	B & L Endorf

#### **Offerings from December 8 & 9**

	St. Wenceslaus	St. Joseph
Adults:	\$1605.00	\$237.00
Plate:	\$69.00	\$12.00
Children:	\$1.00	
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$1675.00</b>	<b>\$249.00</b>
Cloistered Sisters	\$70.00	

**Extra Confession times:** Wednesday December 19 at 8 pm Wilber; Thursday December 20 at 6:15 am-6:45 am Wilber and 9:30 am Tobias; Friday December 21 at 8:00 am- 8:30 am and 5:30 pm- 6:15 pm Wilber; Saturday December 22 at 5:00 pm-5:40 pm Wilber; Sunday December 23 at 11 am until last heard Tobias and 2:00 pm until last heard Wilber. Other times or face-to-face by appointment.

**Fr. Rand is exploring an extended Bible or some instructional study** to begin sometime after the New Year and last through the Lenten season with approximately 1 hourly session per week if there is enough interest. If this is something you personally would be interested in doing, please let Fr. Rand know before January 1 by email, text or a note in the collection basket. Possibilities include a Wilber morning group after a daily Mass or morning, A Wilber weekday early evening group or either a morning or early evening group in Tobias. Minimum number of six for a group. If there appears to be enough interest Fr. Rand will set up topic, times and dates at which point all interested would sign up. Thanks!!

**Christmas Flower Offering Envelopes** are available at the entry of each church. Please be sure to include your name and that of the person or family you are remembering by your gift. Envelopes need to be returned by December 17 to be included in the bulletin of December 23.

**St. Wenceslaus is responsible** for hosting the Monday Night Community Meals at the Methodist church in January on the 7th, 14th, and 28th. (January 21 is a holiday so it will be potluck that night.) Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the front entrance of church. For those who cannot host a meal, please consider signing up to bring a side dish (veggie or dessert) to help out those who are 'hosting' the meal, or sign up to help serve and clean up. And as a reminder: If school is closed on a Monday due to the weather, then there will be no Monday night meal. This is a meaningful way to give the gift of one's talent or time to help a neighbor.

**St. Joseph:** Mark January 13 for the Parish Christmas Party at the Firehall after the 10 am Mass. Potluck style.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE** at St. Stephen, Exeter with 4 priests present: THURS, 12/20, at 7PM until last in line heard.

**Parish Christmas Program/Dinner:** Wednesday, December 19. Dinner starts at 6:00pm, followed by the Christmas Program. PCCW ladies will furnish fried chicken and drinks. Please bring 2 sides (vegetable, salad or dessert). Confessions available after the program.

**Your help needed! Sheyenne Kiesel** was baptized and received all of her sacraments at St Wenceslaus Church in Wilber. She is currently a Junior at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. She is active in the Newman Center where she is a Eucharistic Minister and a Greeter as well as covering a late night time slot as part of the weekly Eucharistic Adoration. Sheyenne is planning to spend her spring break on a FOCUS mission trip to Ecuador. During her trip she will, through a combination of manual labor and relationship with the community, work and live in solidarity with the people of Ecuador and share the word of God. The total cost of the trip will be approximately \$2200. She is looking for prayers of support and also any financial gifts to help her meet the cost of the mission trip. If you would like to help with a gift of any amount, please place it in an envelope marked for Sheyenne and her Focus missionary trip and put it in the collection basket or send it to the rectory or the Kiesel family directly by Christmas. May God bless all those able and moved to share in her missionary journey.

**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.

**Please note: First Communion** will be held at St Wenceslaus on Sunday, March 31, and Confirmation for both parishes is **scheduled for Friday, May 3**. Please note that in both cases, not attending Mass on a regular basis on Sundays and Holy Days or receiving instruction will mean a postponement of any child/youth to receive the sacrament involved until the integrity of faith and practice is observed. Sadly, there are some in the danger zone for lack of attendance. Sacraments are not to be understood or seen as a social rite of passage but are in reality the building of a relationship with Christ and his Church.

**Your talents needed!** Any man over age of 21 interested in becoming an acolyte or lector in either parish or any man or woman over the age of 18 interested in becoming a reader in either parish, please let Fr. Rand know.

**Please let Fr. Rand know the names and contact information** for any Catholics who may be confined to their homes but would like holy communion or anointing of the sick. Do not presume Father is aware of your neighbor or family member and let them fall through the cracks. This would be most helpful in compiling a list for visits.

**If anyone has any soft-bound or paperback** books or materials of a spiritual nature that they are willing to pass along for another to be enriched, please drop them by the church or rectory. Fr. Rand is trying to collect reading materials to give away through the prison ministry.

**YEAR-END GIVING**-- For tax purposes you need proof that any donation was made before year's end (December 31). Please consider if the Spirit may be moving you to make an additional Christmas gift by including the parish along with family and friends in your holiday giving. God will bless any sacrifices made from a giving heart and will not be outdone in generosity. Thank you to all the faithful who are living the tenets of stewardship!

**The Calix Society**—Are you in a 12-Step Recovery Program and want to relate the 11th Step to our Catholic Faith? You are invited to join The Calix Society (for those concerned with alcoholism) on Sunday, December 30th at Madonna, 5401 South St., Lincoln in Ryan Memorial Chapel. Mass is at 5:15 pm, followed by refreshments and discussion. Call Larry at 402-419-9058 with questions.

**Warm up Winter**—Help Spirit 102.7-FM (Spirit Catholic Radio) bring warmth to people in the Lincoln area as we Warm up Winter! Accepting donations of NEW socks, coats, mittens, hats and boots for both adults and children. The donated items can be dropped off at our Lincoln studios at 630 N. Cotner Blvd., Ste. 101 or at Catholic Social Services at 2241 O Street in Lincoln. Drop off your new, unwrapped donations of warm, winter gear by Dec. 28. For more info visit spiritcatholicradio.com and help us Warm Up Winter

**The new teacher** stood at the school door greeting the students and parents as they left the meeting. Most of the people were very generous telling the new instructor how much they liked his message, except for one student who said, "That was a very dull and boring speech. A few minutes later, the same student again appeared in line and said, "I don't think you did much preparation for your message." Once again, the student appeared, this time muttering, "You really blew it. You didn't have a thing to say." Finally, the teacher could stand it no longer. He went to one of the other teachers and inquired about this student. Oh, don't let him bother you," said the friend. "He's a little slow. All he does is go around repeating whatever he hears other people saying."

How can we sincerely pass on to another what we do not know from our own experience?

**Come and express our Christmas wishes and gratitude as a parish community to many who need to be remembered. Anyone wishing to share some social time and each other's company is invited today (December 16) to join a Cocoa, Coffee and Christmas card signing at 3 pm in the St. Wenceslaus Church basement with Fr. Rand.**

**God called down** to Moses and said, "I've got good news and bad news. Which do you want first? Moses replied, "Most merciful Lord, please give me the good news first." "Well, Moses, the good news is that I've chosen you to deliver my people from bondage," God answered. "I will force Pharaoh to release my children by causing years of pestilence in Egypt. There will be plagues of locusts and frogs and inconceivable devastation upon the land. Pharaoh's armies will chase you as you try to leave, but do not fear because I will part the waters of the Red Sea to aid in your escape." "And the bad news, Lord?" Moses inquired. God answered, "You will have to prepare the environmental impact statement."